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Hampton Resident Turns to God in Midst of Addiction

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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Kimberly Jobe's story is one of trauma and then triumph.

Kim, who was born and raised in Hampton, had a rough start to life. She ran with a bad crowd, smoking weed and drinking at a young age. And her father was never in the picture.

And then everything got exponentially worse when her mother passed away. Kim was only 14 years old at the time, and it devastated her. She numbed the pain with drugs on a daily basis and began skipping school. Her drug of choice: meth.

"The first time I tried it, I loved it," she said. "There was nothing like it."

She eventually dropped out of school and would give birth to three children, one of whom was stillborn. Due to her addiction, she lost custody of one child while losing rights to the other. For years, she would battle with her meth addiction, going to a total of 17 rehabilitation centers.

Meth left her life in ruins.

Finally, one day, she got down on her knees and prayed to God for help, she said. After praying, she looked outside of her window and saw cardinals in her yard. She took it as a sign. That was one year and four months ago, and she has been clean and on the mend ever since.

Over the last sixteen months, she's done everything in her power to turn her life around, starting with holding down a full-time job at the McDonald's in Hampton, where she works as a manager. She takes pride in her work and said she knows the food order of half the people in Hampton. For her, it's all about the customers.

She's also looking for an apartment and working to regain custody of one of her children.

"I keep praying every single day," she said. "The more I pray, the more God works through people. And the more I pray, the more self-worth I have."

Kim believes addicts are judged too

harshly, and she encourages people to consider what they've been through to get to that point.

"If you get to know some of them, you will realize there is trauma behind their pain," she said. "If an addict wants help, we should give that to them. God wants us to help people, and I won't forget where I came from. When I was in addiction, that was the closest thing to hell I ever experienced."

Kim, who attends Hampton Church of Christ, said her life is significantly better these days, and that her goal is to have a relationship with her two children once again. She also has a boyfriend, Kris, who's supportive of her recovery and goals.

Kim wanted to thank the community for everything they've done for her.

"I am very grateful for the support of the people in Hampton," she said. "They have all been a huge part of my recovery and I'm truly grateful for them all."



Kimberly Jobe at the Hampton Chronicle office on Friday, March 28

Police Department Wraps up Citizens Academy

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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Iowa Falls Police Officer David Frank and Hampton Police Captain Mike Halsne showing students how to use the imitation firearms when going through the virtual scenarios

The students of the 2025 Hampton Police Citizens Academy had their final class at Ellsworth Community College on Wednesday evening, March 26, where they went through a gun simulator course called "MILO."

The course was led by Mike Emerson, who serves as the Mayor of Iowa Falls and the Dean of Student Affairs at Ellsworth Community College. Emerson told the Chronicle that he's always happy to offer the class to citizens' academies, as it gives civilians insight into how police officers are trained and why they make the decisions that they make.

The class started with Emerson giving students an overview of how the MILO program works. He explained that while county attorneys and others may have the time to analyze whether a person should have been shot at, police officers only have

seconds to react in many situations. According to MILO's website, "Immersive, emotionally vivid MILO simulations prepare officers to identify, process, and comprehend information about how to respond to any situation, whether it requires the use of their firearm or not."

Hampton Police Captain Mike Halsne and Iowa Falls Police Officer David Frank showed students how they would handle different use-of-force scenarios, which were displayed on a large screen with a projector. Students took turns going through the different scenarios, giving verbal commands before eventually "shooting" at the suspects.

Student Andrea DeGroote told the Chronicle this was her favorite class, as it gave her an idea of what police officers go through in use-of-force situations.

"It made me realize that officers have to respond instantly," she said. "You don't think of that. That would be hard. Even

standing up there and trying to do it, you hesitate. And they can't."

DeGroote, who works as a sexual assault advocate for Crisis Intervention Service (CIS), said she enjoyed the four-week academy, in general, and would recommend it to others.

Captain Halsne, who coordinated the citizens academy, said he was pleased with how it went. He said the students always enjoy the gun simulator class, so he was glad they could make it happen. (It had to be rescheduled due to bad weather.) Halsne thanked the students for taking the time to attend and County Attorney Andrea Miller for being there.

"It's nice to have the county attorney with us at these classes, because she can maybe answer some questions that we can't," he said. "It adds to the experience."

A brief graduation ceremony will be held for the students at the April 10 Hampton City Council meeting.

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Former Postmaster Appointed as New Ward 3 City Councilor

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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Bill Holmstrom, who formerly served as the postmaster for Hampton, was appointed as the new Ward 3 City Councilor during last Thursday's city council meeting.

The appointment came after the recent resignation of Kevin Blanford.

The motion to appoint him was made by Councilor Barry Lamos and seconded by Councilor Bill Hodge. Affirmative roll call votes were cast by Lamos, Hodge and Davies, with Palmer and Greff dissenting. Holmstrom will serve until the canvassing of the November 2025 election.

After he was appointed to the council, he was immediately sworn in by Mayor Steve Birdsall and sat down at the designated chair for the Ward 3 position. At the end of the meeting, he said the following: "First I would like to thank the mayor and council for this honor of representing Ward 3, and most importantly I want to thank my fellow candidates that went through this process with me. It's no fun to do something like this alone, and it was great to have you alongside, together, as we went through this process. I should tell you a little secret. I doubt if you realize that I pray for you guys every night,

that at, not only at the local level, but (for) the state and federal leaders that we have. I always ask that, and pray that, wisdom will be provided to the leaders, and that all their decisions will be pleasing in God's sight. And I guess that I'm asking you, and the citizens of Ward 3, to pray for me too, that any decisions that I make are the right decisions, and good for the citizens of Hampton and Ward 3. Thank you."

City Councilor Holmstrom moved to Hampton for a job as the USPS postmaster in 2000 with his wife, Sheree. The two met in their hometown of Fort Dodge years ago, before getting married in 1973. They have two daughters, Erin and Lauren, and four grandchildren — and they're expecting their first great grandchild in July.

Holmstrom had a variety of jobs over the years, working in a number of cities, but he spent the majority of his career with the U.S. Postal Service. He got his start at a post office in Fort Dodge, where he worked his way up to city carrier. He would go on to work as the postmaster in Farnhamville — his first gig as a postmaster — before returning to Fort Dodge, taking a job as a superintendent. He took similar roles in other cities, including Greenfield and Atlantic, before finally



Incoming Councilor Bill Holmstrom, left, gets a welcome from Hampton Mayor Steve Birdsall March 27, 2025.

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Grassroots Resistance

How a Local is Leading the Rise of the 50501 Movement in Iowa

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In a time when politics often feels divisive and discouraging a passionate group of Iowans is proving that ordinary people can create real change.

The 50501 Movement is a national effort and has roots in Clarion. The movement is uniting people to stand against policies they believe harm the country, and they're doing it one protest at a time, regardless of party affiliation.

"We are a group of Iowans from all over the state who have come together to discuss and make plans for direct action against policies that are harmful to the people and our country," says Shannon, a local activist who helped build the Iowa offshoot of 50501, The Iowa Coalition.

The message is clear: "50 protests. 50 states. 1 day. Join us in the fight to uphold the Constitution and end executive overreach."

In the United States, the right to protest is protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This amendment guarantees freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, and the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

These protections are fundamental to American democracy, allowing citizens to voice their opinions, advocate for change, and criticize the government without fear of censorship or retaliation. However, Shannon requested only her first name to be used in this article, as she fears retaliation due to her beliefs.

Shannon didn't always see herself as an activist, and maybe still doesn't but "The current political environment has reignited my passion and desire to act", she shared.

After researching general strikes, she stumbled on a Discord thread, where she discovered the 50501 Movement. "One thing led to another, and I became a main organizer for the Iowa Coalition. I'm also involved in the national 50501 Movement," said Shannon.

The movement's first major action on February 5th was a decentralized,



People stood in the rain for hours, completely soaked," Shannon recalled of her experience at the "March Forth Against Fascism" event at the Iowa Statehouse last month. (Photo Provided)

grassroots response to what they saw as attacks on democracy. In just days, people organized more than 80 peaceful protests in all 50 states, with no budget, no official backing, just a shared belief in standing up for what they felt was right.

Shannon was also involved in the February 5th protest at the Iowa Statehouse, where participants urged lawmakers to reject Project 2025, a nearly 1,000-page conservative roadmap critics argue threatens personal freedoms. The protest escalated when law enforcement allegedly pushed demonstrators outside, arresting four, including two friends of Shannon's.

Despite the tension, Shannon insisted, "We're about peacefully protesting. All discussions before, during, and since February 5th have emphasized non-violence and not getting arrested."

On March 4th, the group gathered again for "March Forth Against Fascism." Undeterred by rain, they stood drenched and determined. "People stood in the rain for hours, completely soaked," Shannon recalled to The

Wright County Monitor.

The theme for the next event on April 5th is Remove, Reverse, Reclaim, and will gather together against executive overreach. "The goal is to remove corrupt politicians, reverse the damage from executive overreach, and reclaim our democracy. The reason for wearing red is to reclaim the color," Shannon explained. "We're trying to be a neutral, all-inclusive group because this isn't left versus right—it's up versus down."

The 50501 Movement isn't about party lines, it's about finding common ground. "Not everyone who voted for this administration supports everything they're doing," said Shannon.

As the group continues to speak out, the 50501 Movement and the Iowa offshoot, the Iowa Coalition, is determined to show that the power to protect democracy rests with everyday Americans, including those who call Wright County home, regardless of party affiliation. Their story is a reminder that change starts when people decide to stand up and speak out together.



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Cribbage Tournament Brings in More than \$1K for Local Relay for Life Chapter

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Cribbage players from near and far played at the New Hope United Methodist Church of Aredale on Saturday morning, March 29 — raising money for the local Relay for Life chapter.

Relay for Life Franklin County Event Chair Lisa Rodriguez said the event went very well, and she was overwhelmed by the support from everyone in the area. They received donated prizes from residents in Hampton, Dumont and Bristow, and members of the church donated baked goods, beef burgers, dips and appetizers.

According to Rodriguez, they raised a total of \$1,298 and 36 players showed up for the event.

"I appreciate everyone, from the sponsors to the players," said Rodriguez. "Today was simply amazing."

Photo Gallery on B9

Bridge of Hope Holds 14th Annual Trivia Night

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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Community members filled the gym of Church of the Living Word for Bridge of Hope's 14 annual trivia night on Saturday, March 29.

Leon Kuehner led the questions for the trivia game that night. The competition was fierce, but the Retz family came out on top. In between each round, Kuehner announced the numbers of the winning tickets for door prizes.

Proceeds from the event will go towards helping homeless single parents in Franklin County, said Hujron Hofer, Bridge of Hope North Central Iowa Director.

According to materials provided by Bridge of Hope, people can help families facing homelessness in the following ways: learning about and gaining a new perspective on the issues surrounding family homelessness; giving support, offering encouragement and building a relationship with a family facing homelessness; offering tangible, practical support, such as helping families find housing or childcare; and using your personal and/or professional networks to support a family's long-term success.

As noted on one of their handouts from trivia night, Bridge of Hope believes that the Church has a unique opportunity and role in ending family homelessness. The handout states: "No one should face homelessness alone. Help us build a support system for a family facing homelessness. We call this a Neighborhood of Support — a 3-way partnership between a family, a case manager and a group of 6-10 Neighboring Volunteers from a Christian family or faith community."

If interested in becoming a volunteer or to learn more about the organization, contact Hujron Hofer at 641-456-8644.

Photo Gallery on B10

Car Detailing Business Opens in Hampton

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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There's a new car detailing company in town, and it goes by the name of "Wise Choice Detailing."

The man behind the operations: Ron Wise.

Sheffield resident Wise originally opened his auto detailing company in 2021 in Mason City but he knew it

was time to look elsewhere when the market became overly saturated with other detailers. So he closed down shop and took a break, before finding his latest place in Hampton. His new location is headquartered at 1014 4th St NE in Hampton.

Wise has worked in auto restoration and painting for more than twenty years.

"I've always worked to make things pretty," he said. "When detailing became popular in 2020, I did it to make extra money and I thought it was something I could seriously get into."

Wise said that he found the Hampton location on a whim, and that it was everything he was looking for.

"My intent is to be a part of the community," Wise said. "I want to be helpful. I do coaching and scouts. I wanted my business to stay local."

While Wise Choice Detailing isn't full-time as of yet, Wise said that is the goal.

"I'm chasing my dream," he said. "I want to be my own boss and do this for a living."

Wise said the entire family is involved with the business, including his wife, who helps with book-keeping, and his children, who help with detailing.

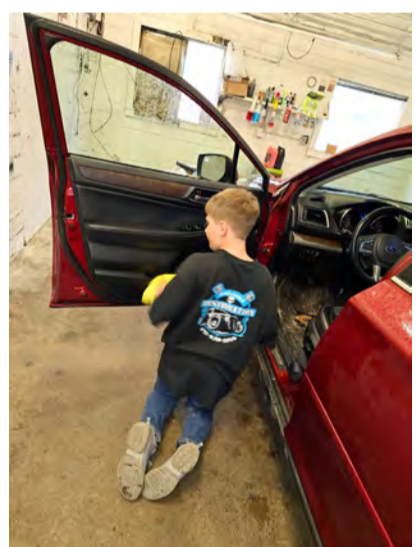


Ron Wise detailing a car at his new location

"My younger two are looking forward to working weekends with me," he said.

To schedule an appointment with Wise, call him at 641-531-9211. They offer everything from hand washes to ceramic coating and color correction. Hand washes start at 35 bucks.

Wise has planned a grand opening celebration for May 3 as a way for the community to check out his new place and services.



Ron's son, Dominic, helping detail a car. Dominic is excited to help Dad detail on the weekends

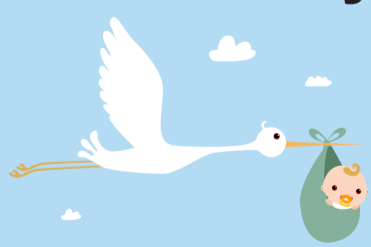
Family Welcomes Baby Boy

Ramiro and Dawn Yanez announce the birth of her son, Jack Antonio Yanez

Jack was born on March 28, 2025, at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion.

He weighed 7 pounds and 4.4 ounces.

His Grandparents are Juanita Diaz of Latimer. Jose Yanez, Lloyd & Angel Nicholson of Alexander.



90th Birthday Celebration

Dorothy Abbas will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 11.

A card shower is being held in her honor.

Birthday cards and well wishes may be sent to her at:

Franklin General Assisted Living Apt 7, 1724 Central Ave E, Hampton, IA 50441.



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Sukup Manufacturing Co. Board of Directors Announce CEO Transition

PRESS RELEASE
SUKUP MANUFACTURING CO

Sheffield — From humble beginnings in 1963, Sukup Manufacturing Co. has experienced impressive success. As we grow, to ensure that top quality products and a commitment to the success of our customers remains our hallmark, we continue to focus on the development of our professional management team.

As part of an extensive succession planning process, the Sukup Manufacturing Co. Board of Directors have selected current Chief Financial Officer, Tom Mangan, to serve as the Company's next President & Chief Executive Officer. Current President & CEO, Steve Sukup, will begin his transition to the Chairman role in late October of this year. Tom will work alongside Steve in the coming months to ensure a smooth transition and continued execution of the Company's strategic initiatives and corporate values. Steve will then transition to Co-Chairman of the Board alongside Charles Sukup, before ultimately assuming full Chairman duties during 2026.

Charles Sukup, Chairman of the Board, said, "Tom Mangan is a proven leader and an important part of Sukup Manufacturing Co. growing to a higher level in the past several years under Steve's leadership. Tom has worked closely with the Sukup family and executive team. The Sukup family and the Board of Directors have great confidence in Tom and his leadership ability."



Steve Sukup



Tom Mangan

"Sukup Manufacturing remains a family-owned and operated company with three generations and nine family members (including Mom, our co-founder) actively involved in the business and will continue serving the community. We look forward to supporting Tom as he works closely with Sukup customers and employees to lead Sukup Manufacturing in excellence, quality, and integrity," said Charles.

Tom is an Iowa native and brings an impressive background to the role. His career has largely been dedicated to the success of family business whether in a client service role or in the various leadership positions he has held with midwestern family-owned businesses. When Tom joined the Company as CFO in April 2020, he became the first non-family executive in company history. In his

current CFO role, Tom leads the finance, IT, and supply chain functions. All of which have grown and developed greater capabilities under his leadership.

"It's difficult to put into words how excited I am to be appointed as the next leader of Sukup Manufacturing Co. I am very appreciative for the trust the Sukup Family has placed in me to lead our growing organization", said Tom. "The strategic opportunities that lie ahead combined with our talented team of employees and dealers make this an exciting time to lead this company into the future."

He also shares his excitement about the continuity and cohesiveness of an executive team that he describes as "dynamic," which includes third generation family members Emily Schmitt (Chief Administrative Officer) and Matt Koch (Chief Marketing Officer),

along with current Chief Innovation Officer, Hank Norem. Tom added, "Under Steve's leadership, this exceptionally talented team has presided over several of the most successful years in the company's more than 60-year history. I'm excited to lead this team that will no doubt be instrumental in the continued growth and success of Sukup Manufacturing Co. for many years to come."

Hank Norem will work alongside Tom in the coming months to transition into the CFO role, with the full replacement of Tom's duties becoming effective in October. Hank's extensive financial background and successful development and leadership of the Company's innovation portfolio make him an ideal candidate to lead the Company's finance function into the future.

Steve transitions to the Board Chairman role after five successful years as President & CEO. "This fall, I will leave day-to-day operations of the Company in Tom's and the Executive Team's very capable hands. I look forward to continuing my leadership journey in the boardroom as Chairman," said Steve.

Steve added, "It's been a privilege to lead the company to tremendous growth and success during a time of great change and uncertainty for our industry and the world. I have the utmost confidence in Tom and this great team that was assembled during my tenure. I am confident that the business is on the right path and in the right hands going forward."

CITY COUNCIL: FROM COVER

making his way to Hampton in 2000.

As the postmaster in Hampton, he oversaw the entire operation, from the custodians to the carriers. A big part of his job was dealing with customers, he said. In 2010, he took the postmaster position in Sheffield, which eventually merged with Rockwell, Swaledale and Thornton. He finally left for a job with Hy-Vee until he ended up retiring in 2020. He joked that he started with a job at Hyvee and retired while at Hy-Vee — both times on his birthday.

Holmstrom said he's eager to do his part for the community through his new role as city councilor, and that from the looks of it, the city is currently in good shape.

"I just want to contribute to the betterment of Hampton," he said. "It's been a great city."

Holmstrom was one of four candidates to be interviewed by city

council earlier in the week, during the Monday night workshop.

County Supervisor Dick Lukensmeyer advocated for the appointment of Holmstrom during the public comment portion of the March 27 meeting. After the meeting, Lukensmeyer told the Chronicle that he thought all four candidates had made good points, but that he was most impressed with Holmstrom's understanding of finances and his ability to work with the public.

"Right now, with the restraints we're going to be seeing from the state on our budgets, we need someone who's had a lot of business experience," Lukensmeyer said. "We've got a lot of hard choices to make. Sometimes the choices don't align with what some people want, so you have to do your research, and make the best decision for the community, and I think Bill can do that."



Bill Holmstrom being sworn in by Mayor Steve Birdsall on Thursday, March 27.

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PRO RACING THIS WEEK
Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: Goodyear 400

Race Details		Race Preview	
Location: Darlington, S.C.	Date: Sunday, April 6, 3:00 p.m.	The Goodyear 400 marks the 126th Cup race hosted by Darlington Raceway in the Series' history. The 1.33-mile oval located in Darlington, South Carolina has an asphalt racing surface with 25 degrees of banking in turns 1 and 2, and 23 degrees of banking in turns 3 and 4. This track has unique characteristics that require drivers to race against the wall. As a result, drivers will earn their "Darlington Stripes" from grazing the wall through the infamous turns. The track first opened in 1950 and Johnny Mantz won the inaugural Cup Series race. FS1 will broadcast the race with radio coverage from MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.	
Last Year's Pole: Tyler Reddick	Last Year's Winner: Brad Keselowski		

Darlington Raceway

Shape: Oval
Distance: 1.33 miles
Turns (1-2) / (3-4): 25 / 23 degrees

Last Weekend's Race: Denny Hamlin won at Martinsville

Denny Hamlin grabbed the lead on Lap 126 of 400 in Sunday's Cook Out 400 at Martinsville Speedway and never looked back. With flawless work from his pit crew, the driver of the No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota led 274 of the last 275 laps, with the only exception a lap credited to pole winner Christopher Bell, who raced side-by-side with Hamlin after the final restart on Lap 326. The victory was Hamlin's sixth at the 0.526-mile short track, most among full-time active drivers, but his first at Martinsville since 2015.

Denny Hamlin
Born: Nov. 18, 1980
Crew Chief: Chris Gayle
Car: Toyota

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2025	1	4	12.0
2024	3	18	13.9

2025 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten				Xfinity Series Top Ten			
Drivers	Points	Top 10s	Drivers	Points	Top 10s		
1) William Byron	259	4	1) Justin Allgaier	293	5		
2) Kyle Larson	242	5	2) Sam Mayer	252	6		
3) Chase Elliott	226	4	3) Austin Hill	246	5		
4) Christopher Bell	224	4	4) Sheldon Creed	222	4		
5) Alex Bowman	223	5	5) Jesse Love	219	5		
6) Denny Hamlin	217	4	6) Sammy Smith	215	2		
7) Tyler Reddick	218	3	7) Connor Zilisch	193	2		
8) Bubba Wallace	203	3	8) Aric Almirola	186	3		
9) Joey Logano	199	1	9) Ryan Sieg	185	3		
10) Ryan Blaney	193	2	10) Carson Kvatil	176	2		

Top News Stories

Steve Phelps named Commissioner of NASCAR. Steve O'Donnell elevated to President

NASCAR announced the appointment of Steve Phelps as Commissioner of NASCAR, the first to be named to this newly created role overseeing all aspects of America's top motorsport, including the International Motorsports Association (IMSA) and all 15 NASCAR-owned or operated tracks. Additionally, Steve O'Donnell, long-time industry leader and current Chief Operating Officer, will succeed Phelps in the critical role of NASCAR President with day-to-day leadership of all three NASCAR National Series and all NASCAR commercial, media and track operations, as well as its four international series and multiple local and grassroots properties. Both roles are effective immediately and will be based in Daytona Beach, Fla. Currently in his 20th season in NASCAR, Phelps will lead all functions of the sport with a specific focus on strategic growth and international expansion while continuing to work directly with NASCAR owners, Jim France and Lesa France Kennedy. Commissioner Phelps will work across the NASCAR ecosystem to provide value to all stakeholders while increasing global fan engagement. Phelps joined NASCAR in 2005 and has served as the fifth president in the sport's 77-year history since taking the position in 2018.

Racing Trivia

What was the longest distance covered in a single Daytona 500?

a) 510 c) 500
b) 520 d) 530

ANSWER: (b) The 2010 Daytona 500 covered a distance of 520 miles (208 laps), due to finishing two green-white-checker efforts to finish the race.

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- If a son or daughter receives scholastic honors.
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- If a former resident passes away.
- If you entertain at a dinner or a party.
- If your club meets.
- If your class holds or plans a reunion.
- If you're celebrating a wedding anniversary.
- If you move out of town.
- If someone moves into your neighborhood.
- If someone enters a hospital.
- If a business is opening or closing.
- If something interesting is happening.

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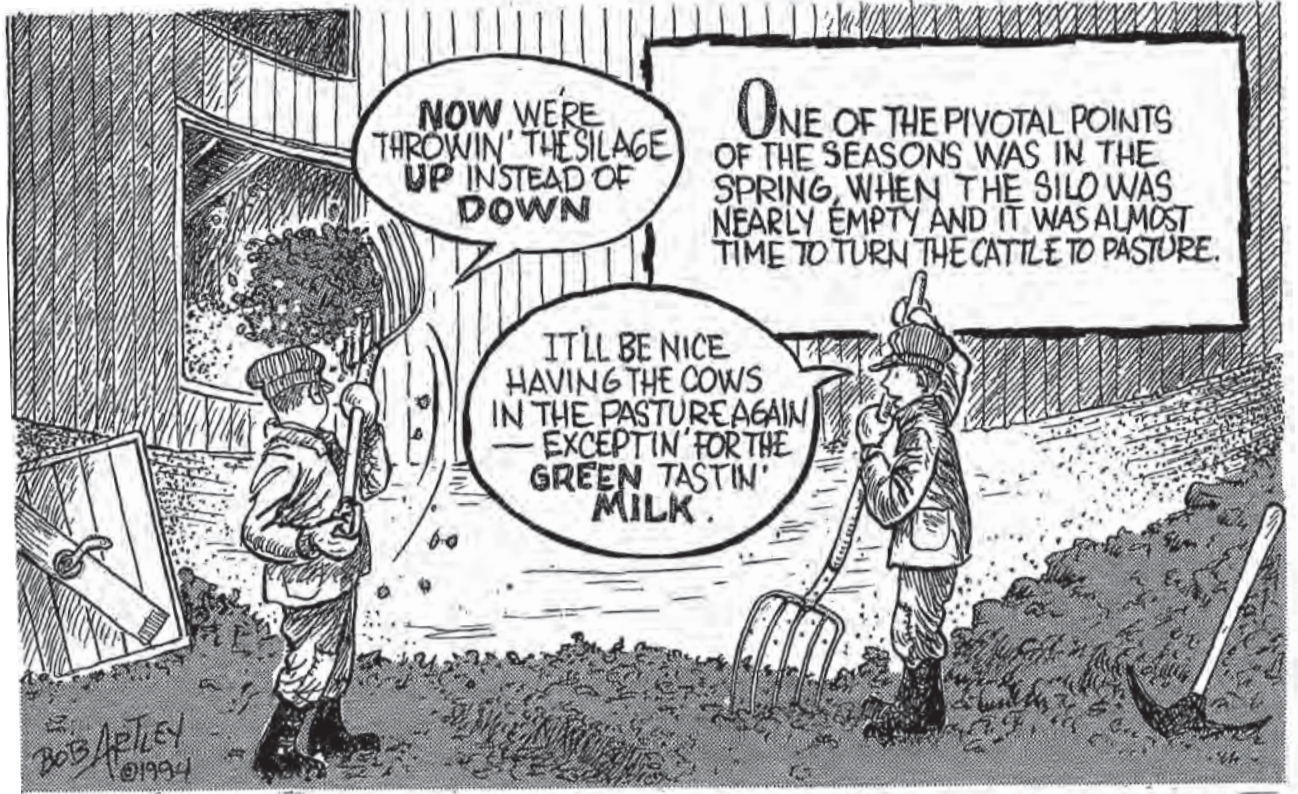
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Protecting our communities from severe weather



REP. RANDY FEENSTRA
 COLUMNIST

Beginning on March 24th, we observed Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa. Every year, this week serves as an important reminder of the precautions that we should all take to keep ourselves and our families safe. Stocking up on bottled water, keeping flashlights and batteries in accessible areas, and having an emergency plan are just a few examples of common safety measures. Prioritizing safety plans and procedures today will help mitigate the impacts of tomorrow's severe weather challenges that we will undoubtedly face.

From tornadoes and floods to high winds and blizzards, Iowans know severe weather. Last summer alone, our communities in Western Iowa were hit by catastrophic floods and destructive tornadoes that devastated homes, businesses, hospitals, farms,

schools, and other structures. Iowans are resilient, but the rebuilding process is time-consuming and expensive. It's why I'm working to implement proactive and cost-effective strategies that help protect our communities, homes, farmland, and infrastructure from flooding.

While we need rapid emergency response to floods, we also need to take proactive measures to protect farmland and our rural communities from devastation and equip our producers with the tools that they need to safeguard their land from excessive water damage. From 1980 to 2024, there have been more than 8 flooding events in Iowa with losses exceeding \$1 billion and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimates that the total costs of these events reach anywhere between \$20 billion and \$50 billion. Iowa agriculture alone sees crop losses, on average, of \$230 million a year due to flooding.

The Flooding Prevention, Assessment, and Restoration Act – which I introduced at the beginning of March – would improve the Emergency Watershed Protection program so that the USDA has greater flexibility to repair aging flood infrastructure, help cover the costs of needed improvements, and support farmers and rural landown-

ers with protecting their land from flooding. By acting before floods strike, we can keep our farmland in production, save money in the long run, and help our rural communities mitigate and respond to flooding.

I was also recently recognized as a Federal Champion by the American Flood Coalition – an organization that works at the local, state, and federal levels to encourage meaningful flood resiliency and response efforts – for my work to give our families and communities the tools and resources that they need to not only recover from disasters but also invest in safeguards that protect our land and property. Born and raised in rural Iowa, I will continue to support policies that help our communities prepare for and respond to flooding and other destructive storms.

Alongside this legislation to invest in flood mitigation efforts and help protect Iowa farmland and rural communities from flooding, I additionally led two pieces of legislation to improve our nation's weather radar and communications networks. On the one hand, my National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act would modernize the National Weather Service's (NWS) outdated communications network – NWS

Chat – which disseminates critical, time-sensitive information to broadcasters, emergency managers, and the general public during severe weather events. On the other hand, my Weather Innovation for the Next Generation Act would require NWS to coordinate with the Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research and establish an R&D program to improve weather radar detection and prediction capabilities when physical structures like wind turbines obstruct radar line of sight. These two bills will help deliver accurate forecasts and quick warnings for Iowans all while protecting our families, supporting our farmers, safeguarding property, and saving lives.

As a father of four and a former storm watcher during my time as City Administrator in my hometown of Hull, keeping our families safe is personal and important to me. By helping our farmers protect their farmland from the devastating consequences of flooding and ensuring that our communities receive timely and accurate weather information from trusted sources, we can stay safe, appropriately prepare for severe weather, and respond to Mother Nature's unpredictable actions.

National Change of Address – Voter Registration Updates



By Katy Fiint
 Franklin County Auditor

You may receive important mailers in the coming weeks as part of the annual voter registration list maintenance and ongoing audit process. Recently notices from the Iowa Secretary of State's office were sent as part of the National Change of Address (NCOA) process as well as 'No Activity' notices. Both mailers are expected to reach affected Iowa vot-

ers in late March or early April.

As part of the annual NCOA process, voters who have filed a change of address with the U.S. Postal Service will receive notices to update their voter registration. I encourage you to respond to these mail cards quickly, confirm your correct address, and return them to our office.

This mailing establishes compliance with the National Voter Registration Act, which requires periodic contact with voters to confirm the most accurate information is on file.

A separate mailer regarding voter activity may also be sent to voters in Franklin County. Registered Iowa voters who did not participate in the 2024 General Election have been

transferred to an "inactive" status and will receive a notice in the mail to confirm their current residential address. Voters can reactivate their activity status by simply responding to this notice—voters who do not respond will remain in "inactive" status.

Registered voters who are "inactive" can also return to "active" status by requesting an absentee ballot, voting in an election, submitting a new registration, or updating their voter registration. This procedure is part of the Secretary of State's ongoing voter registration list audits and maintenance processes and is required under a state law passed in 2021.

The Iowa Secretary of State, Paul Pate, organizes these mailers and states

"Ongoing voter registration list audits and maintenance processes are critical to keeping Iowa voter rolls clean and accurate. While we encourage Iowans to keep their voter registrations up-to-date, Iowa's Same-Day Voter Registration safeguard ensures Iowans can register and vote on Election Day—ensuring every eligible voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot."

If you have any questions regarding their voter registration status, please do not shoot us a message via email auditor@co.franklin.ia.us or call the office at 641-456-5622

Iowa voters can check or update their voter registration status at any time at VoterReady.Iowa.Gov. Until next time...

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Enhanced Election Security



REP. SHANNON LATHAM
COLUMNIST

The second bill we passed this week regarding election security is House File 954. This bill outlines efforts to verify the citizenship status of voters in advance of Election Day. In the 2024 election cycle, Iowa's Secretary of State was stonewalled by the Biden Administration in his attempts to verify that Iowans registered to vote in the upcoming election were U.S. citizens.

Distracted Driving

This week the Iowa House passed **Senate File 22** changes Iowa's texting-while-driving ban into a ban on using electronic devices while driving. Drivers can use their device hands-free. There also are several necessary exemptions to the ban. For example, drivers can use their phones to receive safety-related information or to report an emergency.

Law enforcement officers are to issue warnings to anyone in violation of this law from July 1 until January 1, 2026. Beginning on January 1, 2026, Law enforcement will be issuing tickets for what will be considered a moving violation. Drivers who violate this law will be guilty of a simple misdemeanor and must pay a \$100 fine.

Expanding Access to Quality, Affordable Health Care

This week we passed

numerous health care bills worth to ensure that Iowans have access to quality health care:

- House File 972, known as the Governor's Rural Health Care bill, helps establish regional collaboration between health care providers and improve health care delivery in rural areas. This bill repeals existing residency and fellowship programs with transition provisions and converts them to Medicaid graduate medical education efforts for underserved communities. It also streamlines the process for certificate of need decisions and increases funding to address health care shortages in rural Iowa.

- House File 887 removes the requirement that birth centers must obtain a certificate of need prior to opening or expanding their services. With birthing centers closing in rural Iowa hospitals, this bill removes regulatory obstacles, enhancing support and access to care for mothers and their newborns.

- House File 919 establishes a children's specialty hospital designation for ChildServe. This change



Rep. Shannon Latham with Mary Amsbaugh, Executive Director of the Franklin County Development Association (FCDA), at the Professional Developers of Iowa legislative reception on March 25

allows them to be federally certified and participate in federal reimbursement programs.

Other bills of interest that passed this week off the House floor include:

- **HF 872:** Increases the maximum annual gross income a Targeted Small Business can have to qualify for TSB incentives.

- **HF 933:** Licenses pediatric palliative care centers in Iowa provide care to individuals under 21 years of age with life-threatening illness and likely will not survive past 21 years of age.

- **HF 924:** Allows a person 18, 19 or 20 to purchase, possess, and carry firearms, including pistols and revolvers.

SUDOKU

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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

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

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
THE ALTERNATIVE

We know this young man, and contrary to a lot of public opinion about young folks today, he is ambitious and trustworthy. One day when he was in high school he stopped by on his way to prom to introduce us to his date. He had worked for us in the past but I was a little surprised and honored that he would take the time to do this.

Now he's a grown man with a wonderful wife and

kids. He balances his work with a love and dedication to his family that his kids will see and emulate someday.

Meanwhile, the higher echelons of the spenders and wasters we support in Washington continue their frivolous and deadly games. Jeffrey Goldberg, editor in chief of The Atlantic, was included in a chat on Signal describing sequencing and targeting attacks on residences in Yemen. Signal is a secure, encrypted, public online messaging service. You might remember that The Atlantic is the magazine that broke the story about Donald Trump calling the soldiers lost in World War II "losers" and "suckers." The Atlantic printed the story with no collaboration. But other media ran with it and it was deemed true

through repetition.

I wouldn't doubt that he did say it, though. The guy is a walking, talking Mad Lib game. (Mad Lib was a game where we filled in blanks in a story with verbs and nouns and then read it back. We used to play it in the way-back of the station wagon on road trips.) But the fact that it was reported widely as news only because The Atlantic printed it, shows that "the news" might not be news at all. And the fact that The Atlantic then released a transcript of our rulers' digital conversation on Signal shows that either Goldberg doesn't consider the leak to be serious or that he is as flippant about "national security" as those officials who blabbed it.

There's speculation that Jeffrey Goldberg, having the same initials as US

Trade Representative Jamieson Greer and member of the National Security Council, was mistakenly included in the chat. If those two were possible participants, why not John Galt?

As I use the tractor to feed the cattle, I listen to NPR. They often stay on topic for extended periods which I like but is inconvenient when I need to open a gate right in the middle of an interesting story. In their discussion of the Signal debacle I have yet to hear a word about the people being bombed in Yemen. I've heard that it is another catastrophic failure of the Trump administration. I've heard it puts servicemen at risk, but nothing about a tiny spark of sanity from JD Vance that quickly faded.

Vance questioned the

wisdom of the strike. He mentioned the fact that 40% of the shipping subject to a Houthi attack is with Europe as opposed to 3% with the US, and that oil prices could spike in reaction to resumed hostilities there. He caved and celebrated with the others, though, as our bombs demolished an apartment building where the Houthis' "top missile guy" was visiting his girlfriend.

The Houthis had halted attacks in the Gulf of Aden and Red Sea during the ceasefire in Gaza. But when Israel violated that cease fire, they resumed. The United States is doing Europe's and Israel's dirty work using US taxpayers' dollars.

Yemen, one of the poorest countries on Earth, has a few of those young men like I mentioned to start

this article. But those buffoons in Washington have unlimited play money and no moral character. They don't care about a young man in love with his wife and kids. The rivers evaporate before they reach the sea in a country of 33 million people. You'd think that life would have some value to NPR and the American people in general. Could it be that a future leader lay in that rubble who could have found a way for peace?

I need to say that my wife, Dawn, proofreads this column every week. I couldn't do it without her.

Any comments are always appreciated through a letter to the editor or directly to me at: 4selfgovernment@gmail.com

Letters to the Editor

To the editor

\$50 is an awful lot to pay for hate. Those who bought tickets to hear the Franklin County Republicans' guest speaker could have used that \$50 to actually make an impact that would benefit our community instead of lining the pockets of a multi-millionaire who is spewing hate across the country.

This is touted as "for the kids," but none of it is actually going toward the kids of Franklin County. Kids learn more and behave better in school when they aren't hungry. According to the Iowa DOE website, <55% of HD-CAL students qualify for free & reduced-price meals at school. (That doesn't in-

clude those who qualify but did not apply or those who are just above the income cap but are food insecure.) Imagine what an impact would have been made if even a fraction of the attendees had each used their \$50 to pay down accumulated meal debt for students in Franklin County. Each ticket holder could have paid for 16 lunches or 25 breakfasts.

This is "for the kids", but it is targeting just 1% of youth, according to CDC.org, or just 0.00002% of NCAA athletes according to PBS.org. Transgender youth already struggle with the additional obstacles of bullying, anxiety, and depression as well as higher

rates of poverty and homelessness from family rejection. The Trevor Project (a non-profit organization focused on suicide prevention of nonheterosexual youth) reported that 90% of LGBTQ+ youth said their overall well-being was negatively impacted by recent politics...and events like this are surely politics. It's no wonder twice as many transgender youth attempted suicide last year compared to their peers.

\$50 could have done so much toward making kids' lives better...but instead, \$50 is an awful lot to pay for hate.

—Joslyn Stock
Hampton, IA

Response to Fritz Groszkruger's column last week:

Full disclosure: I am a veteran, a passionate golfer, and a steadfast supporter of the United States military. During my service, I was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and commanded a nuclear launch control center. I understand firsthand the meaning of "being ready at a moment's notice." Throughout my career, the daily operational tempo and state of readiness demanded that I perform at my absolute best when it mattered most.

The morale, welfare, and readiness of our military are critical to maintaining our global strategic advantage and ensuring rapid, effective responses from our uniformed members. As Gene Hackman's character in *Crimson Tide* famously said, "All I ask is that you keep up with me, and if you can't... that strange sensa-

tion you'll be feeling in the seat of your pants..."—you know the rest. The point is clear: military excellence requires resilience, and that resilience is strengthened by opportunities to decompress. Recreational facilities—golf courses, bowling alleys, tennis courts, and fitness centers—are essential outlets that allow service members to recover and reset outside of the operational environment.

Financially, military golf courses are not the burden critics claim them to be. Many operate under self-sustaining revenue models, funded by fees rather than taxpayer dollars. In fact, they often generate income that supports other military welfare and recreational programs. Eliminating them wouldn't necessarily save money—but it would undeniably diminish the quality of life

for those who serve and have served.

Beyond their recreational value, military golf courses serve as vital community assets; open to veterans, retirees, and even the general public, fostering stronger connections between military and civilian populations. These courses also provide employment opportunities for military dependents and others connected to the armed forces, creating a support network for those who have sacrificed for their country.

As a veteran, I know firsthand the value of these facilities. They are more than just golf courses; they are sanctuaries that contribute to the health, morale, and cohesion of the military community.

—Tyson Mollenbeck,
Captain USAF

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Chamber-Main Street News and Knows—Clean Up Days

BY JIM DAVIES
INTERIM DIRECTOR

Ready for Spring? Hampton Clean Up Days have been set: April 25, 26, 28, 30, and May 2 and 3.

This is for Hampton residents only. No businesses.

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and City of Hampton coordinate a Hampton Clean Up event, with extra efforts made to help residents during spring cleaning.

The Hampton Compost Site, 1399 Olive Ave., will be open from 8am-6:30pm on those days for Hampton residents to bring unwanted junk and yard waste.

Items accepted for free: appliances, furniture, windows, junk/trash, yard waste, and tree branches up to eight inches wide.

Items not accepted: hazardous ma-



terials, LP cylinders, water softeners, commercial tires, construction debris, hot water heaters, and branches over eight inches wide.

There is a \$25 fee for TVs and monitors. All TVs and monitors must have a sticker.

There is a \$12 fee on tires without rims. There is a limit of four tires. Tires with rims will not be accepted.

April 25 and May 2 will be the two residential pickup days this year.

Contact Center 1 at 641-456-5668, starting April 1st, to schedule

a pickup.

Stickers must be purchased at Center 1, 5 1st St. SW (downtown Hampton) before pickup/dropping off items.

List of items accepted for pick up: large toys, grills, windows, appliances (must be emptied of any food/liquids).

The city crew will not be picking up any small items or loose garbage. Those items can be dropped off at the compost site.

We are hoping to have a Goodwill donation truck available again this year. There is no confirmed date yet.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Center 1, at 641-456-5668 or email mainstreet@hamptoniowa.org.

This service is provided by the City of Hampton to assist residents with property cleanup.

The City of Latimer Spring Clean Up dates are April 25-26.

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

In the TV sitcom "Seinfeld", what was Kramer's first name? Answer: Cosmo.

In the TV sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond", what were the names of Raymond's parents?

Answer: Frank and Marie Barone.

This week's trivia questions:

What singer's greatest hit songs include "Tiny Dancer", "Rocket Man", and "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road"?

What singer's greatest hit songs include "You May Be Right", "Piano Man", and "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me"?

April is National Pickleball Month, National Brunch Month, National Alcohol Awareness Month, Parkinson's Awareness Month, English Language Month, National Month of Hope, National Volunteer Month, Distracted Driving Awareness Month, National Landscape Architecture Month, Occupational Therapy Month, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, National Welding Month, National Poetry Month, National Garden Month, National Decorating Month, Stress Awareness Month, National Lawn and Garden Month, and National Autism Awareness Month.

April 2 is National Walking Day, National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day, and Nature Day; April 3 is Burrito Day, April 4 is National School Librarian Day; April 5 is National Caramel Day; April 6 is National Student Athlete Day, and National Library Day; April 7 is National Coffee Cake Day, and World Health Day; April 8 is National Zoo Lovers Day.

"The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in him."

– Nahum 1:7

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

– Matthew 11:28-30

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

– Romans 8:38-39

"I" before "E", except when your foreign neighbor Keith receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from weird feisty caffeinated weightlifters.

A man addicted to drinking brake fluid claims he can stop anytime he wants.

I was gonna tell a time traveling joke, but you guys didn't like it.

The thief who stole my iPhone could face time.

My wife asked me to put ketchup on the shopping list I was making, and now I can't read anything.

Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.

The man who survived both mustard gas and pepper spray is a seasoned veteran now.

So what if I don't know what "Armageddon" means? It's not the end of the world.

The lowest seeded team to ever reach the NCAA college basketball tournament Final Four is a No. 11 seed, which has happened six times in tournament history - LSU in 1986, George Mason in 2006, Virginia Commonwealth in 2011, Loyola Chicago in 2018, UCLA in 2021, and North Carolina State in 2024. However, a No. 11 has never advanced to the championship game.

The lowest seeded team to win the NCAA college basketball championship is Villanova. In the 1985 NCAA Tournament, Villanova was a No. 8 seed and defeated the one-seeded Georgetown Hoyas 66-64. Three other eight seeds have made the title game, but failed to bring home the trophy.

Code Counsel: Ward III Council Vacancy Appointment

BY JIM DAVIES
MEMBER AT LARGE,
HAMPTON CITY
COUNCIL

The most recent regular session of the Hampton City Council could not have been scripted any better than a reality TV show: showcasing an unscripted appointment of a city council member resulting in dramatic or humorous (depending on your prospective) social media responses.

Those attending the meeting, in person or on YouTube, got two meetings for the price of one.

The first meeting was for a special session on the proposed property tax levy for Fiscal Year 2026. There was no public comment.

Next followed a public hearing on the Fiscal Year Proposed Property Tax Levy. City Manager Ron Dunt gave a summary statement.

The FY26 tax levy will be \$15.91/\$1,000 up 4.8% from last fiscal year's \$15.17/\$1,000. The levy would have gone down \$.64/\$1,000 but the new levy includes the money to pay off the loan needed for the renovation of the former downtown pharmacy building.

The public hearing, one of the critical items of the upcoming year's budgeting process, lasted for a total of five minutes. The entire special session lasted seven minutes.

After a three minute break, the regular session of the Hampton City Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Birdsall.

Following the reading of the City Leadership Statement, the presentation of the Council Workshop Report, and a Proclamation declaring April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, Public Comment was next on the agenda.

Three citizens spoke during the Public Comment period in support of candidates for the Ward III vacancy.

As there was no Public Hearing nor Old Business to discuss and act on, the next item, under New Business, was the appointment to the Ward III Council vacancy to serve until the canvassing of the November 2025 election.

A motion was made by Barry Lamos, seconded by Bill Hodge, to appoint Bill Holmstrom to fill the Ward III vacancy. Those voting "Aye" were Lamos, Hodge, and me. Those

voting "Nay" were Jerre Grefe and Pat Palmer. The appointment of Bill Holmstrom passed three to two. Holmstrom immediately was given the Oath of Office and took his seat with the council.

I want to thank the three others who applied for the position of Ward III councilor, Jeanne Fay, Justin Lieth, and Crystal Wolvers. They all presented themselves well at the interviews held on Monday, March 24.

Contrary to some statements made on social media following the meeting, I did not decide my vote for Bill Holmstrom based on a "good old boy mentality" or an "old man's club mentality."

I studied each candidate's application and took detailed notes during the interviews. I did online research of each candidate and received phone calls as well as personal input from constituents giving their opinions on whom they would like to represent them. I also considered the demographic make-up of the council.

As Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds stated when she signed Senate File 2096, repealing gender-balance

requirements for boards into law on April 3, 2024, "...our focus should always be on appointing the most qualified people."

In the end, I voted for Bill Holmstrom based on his work and life experiences as well as me being intrigued by his serving in other Iowa communities and how that knowledge and experience might help make Hampton better.

Council demographics, such as age, race, and gender, were an implicit subtext to this appointment process. FYI, of the five council members voting on the council vacancy, all are over age 60, and three out of four were men.

So, do we need "young blood" on the council? Does gender really make a difference in how city council decisions should be made? I did hope someone from our Hispanic/Latino citizenship would have applied.

I truly care about Hampton and everyone who lives here. Yes, I am in the twilight years of my life, but I believe I still have much to objectively offer to our community, our home that needs everyone to work together to be the best that we can be.

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What's At The Windsor

**BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER**

A Minecraft Movie opens nationally at the Windsor Theatre on Friday, April 4 and will play for two weeks. Franklin County Family Focus is the sponsor of this movie.

Showtimes are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm with a Sunday afternoon matinee at 1 pm.

A Minecraft Movie is a live-action movie based on the extremely popular sandbox game Minecraft

A sandbox game is a video game with a gameplay element that provides players with a great degree of creativity to interact with, usually without any predetermined goal, or with a goal that the players set for themselves. Such games may lack any objective and are sometimes referred to as non-games or software toys.

Minecraft is the best-selling video game of all time, with over 300 million copies sold and nearly 170 million monthly active players as of 2024. In addition, it has received critical acclaim, winning several awards and being cited as

one of the greatest video games of all time.

A Minecraft Movie takes place in the world of the game, focusing on four misfits who must learn to work together when they're pulled into a mysterious, other-worldly portal.

The stars headlining this adventure movie include Jason Momoa, Jack Black, Emma Myers, and Danielle Brooks -- likely with some fun cameos by other big names mixed in, too.

Expect some action violence and thematic tension, but it will probably be most appropriate for the game's many tween and teen fans

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$4 for youth aged 16 and under. Seniors aged 60 and over are \$4 each on Sunday. All tickets are \$4 on Thursdays.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.windsortheatre.com. Credit cards are accepted.

The next scheduled Hoedown will be held at the Windsor Theatre from 6-9



pm on Monday, 4/7/24.

Kiwanis Club of Hampton is hosting an Easter Egg hunt for children on Saturday, April 19 at 1pm at Hampton Band Shell Park. After the Easter Egg hunt, everyone is invited to a free showing of the 2018 movie Peter Rabbit, sponsored by the Hampton Kiwanis, to be shown at the Windsor Theatre starting at 1:30 pm.

The Windsor Theatre is available for birthday parties. Email windsortheatre@msn.com for more information.

For \$100, a person will receive a card entitling them to one free popcorn and one free refill each day, ending

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The King of Kings, April 18
The Day the Earth Blew Up: A Looney Toons Story, April 25
The Amateur, May 2
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Journey, May 9 (2 weeks)
Lilo & Stitch, May 23 (2 weeks)
Thunderbolts, June 6
How To Train Your Dragon, June 13 (3 weeks?)
Jurassic World Rebirth, July 2 (2 weeks)

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The King of Kings 4/18
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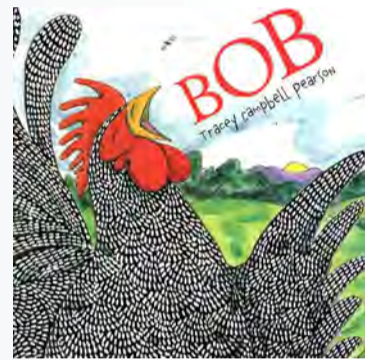
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Readers of the Week at the Hampton Public Library



BY BRENDA VAN WERT
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

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<p>ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING: DETAILS: Second Tuesday</p>	<p>ALEXANDER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Alexander Library, 409 Harriman St City Council meetings on the First Tuesday of every month</p>	<p>COULTER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Wednesday of the month, 6:30 PM</p>	<p>DOWS CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: First Monday of every month 6:00 PM</p>	<p>DUMONT CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Thursday 7:00 PM At EMS Center Dumont</p>
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<p>ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS: Third Wednesday of every month</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS: Dumont Public Library Second Wednesday of every month</p>	<p>HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: Fourth Monday of the month 6:00 PM</p>	<p>WEST FORK SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: Third Monday of the Month, 5:00 PM, West Fork High School Sheffield</p>
<p>CAL SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM</p>	<p>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: DETAILS: 5:30 PM City Council Chambers</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: DETAILS: First Wednesday of month, 7:00 PM Franklin County Law Enforcement Center</p>	<p>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</p>

Counselor Accused of Sexual Harassing Client is Deemed an 'Immediate Danger' to Public

BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

A former social worker for Four Oaks Family & Children's Services in Cedar Rapids sexually harassed a client and poses an "immediate danger" to the public, a state licensing board has ruled.

The Iowa Board of Behavioral Health Professionals recently issued an emergency order suspending the social

work license of Dennis Dozier. The board has charged Dozier with unethical conduct by taking unfair advantage of a professional relationship, or exploiting others, to further his personal or business interests; unethical conduct by engaging in physical contact with a client; unethical conduct by sexually harassing a client; and failure to comply with a board order.

The publicly available board documents give no indication as to where or when

the alleged conduct took place, but state that Dozier is a licensed social worker who practiced at Four Oaks between 2018 and 2021 as a mental health counselor.

According to the board, Dozier at some point provided counseling to a client who later reported that Dozier had disclosed his own mental health struggles to them, after which the client grew concerned Dozier might commit suicide. The same client also reported that Dozier pres-

sured them into selling a car to another client.

The board alleges that in October 2024, it ordered Dozier to undergo a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation and that he has so far failed to comply with that order.

"There were additional reports that (Dozier) made sexual advances" toward a client, the board alleges. "The board finds that (Dozier) sexually harassed a client and that (his) behavior has caused

psychological harm to the client."

The available public records provide no information as to the age of the alleged victim.

After ruling that Dozier posed "an immediate danger to the public health, safety and welfare," the board indefinitely suspended Dozier's license through an undated order that was recently made public. A hearing on the license suspension is scheduled for April 24, 2025.

State records indicate Dozier was subject to a separate emergency order issued by the board on Jan. 28, 2025, but that order is not publicly accessible.

Read more from Clark Kauffman online at IowaCapitalDispatch.com

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SPORTS

Season Approaches For Bulldog Girls Tennis

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The first meet for the Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs' girls tennis team was on April 1 at Clear Lake. Heading into the season co-head coach Chad Johnson said that the number one goal for the team is to get better every day.

"In practice or when we have meets as well," Johnson said.

The team lost only one senior after last year so Jonson said most of last year's team is returning and that this year the team has 18 players. With having most of the team back this year, Johnson said that you could tell that the team has experience with being in their system of coaching.

"Practice wise they look better hitting the ball and they know what to expect drill wise," Johnson said.

Co-head coach Staci Johnson said that the returning players seem more comfortable and are understanding the game a little better.

When it comes to focusing for the early meets, Staci said they have focused on serving.

"We have focused on getting our serves in and possibly a little bit harder on the first serve so it is a little challenging for our opponent and making sure we got our second serve in," Staci said.

The team has also worked on their forehand and backhand.

During the first couple of matches, one thing the coaches would like to see

is that they are looking for some of the kids to step up as the team will be missing a few players at first.

"They might be in different spots in the first match and we are looking for everyone to step up and play their best tennis," Chad said.

As the season moves along, the coaches said one thing they would like to see from the team is to get a few wins.

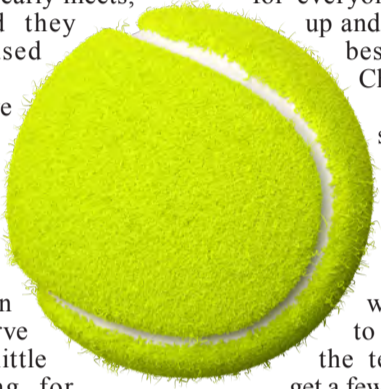
"We came close several times last year," Staci said. "So just locking down and getting that win."

There are a few players that the coaches said can have a strong season this year.

"We have a new girl

out in Abby Drier and she is a really good athlete and she covers the court really well so I am looking for big things from her," Chad said. "Epecially later on when she gets comfortable with the game and I think her and Jade Johnson as our number one doubles team eventually can be really good. We have other seniors that can step up, Lauren Hill has been playing really good in practice these last few days, Ashley Chipahua has been really solid for us, and Chloe Craighton another senior has been with the program for several years now and she is looking better. And then the last one Yesenia Valenzuela really came on last year and she is continuing to grow for us this year."

The team's next meet is at Charles City on April 3 at 4:15 p.m.



Weekly Recap

West Fork:

March 25. Boys track and field took 18th place out of 26 teams with a score of nine points at the Wartburg HS Meet #3. In the 55-meter dash, Blaine Schulz took 19th place with a time of 7.02. In the 200-meter dash, Brett Behr took 26th place with a time of 25.49 and Caden Stanbrough took 39th place with a time of 26.59. In the 400-meter dash, Trevor Despenas took fourth place with a time of 53.03 and Cale Payton took 46th place with a time of 1:06.20.

In the 800-meter run, Eli Muhlenbruch took 40th place with a time of 2:44.01. In the 1600-meter run, Aaron Ihrke took 16th place with a time of 5:24.81 and Kaden Graf took 30th place with a time of 5:55.42. In the 3200-meter run, Eli Muhlenbruch took 17th place with a time of 12:23.26 and Graf took 18th place with a time of 12:23.45. In the 4x200-meter relay, the team of Tyler Fessler, Connor Swenson, Landon Rother, and Kelton Pedersen took 22nd place with a time of 1:50.94. In the 4x400-meter relay, the team of Dax Suntken, Kyler Harley, Levi Thompkins, and Caleb Kruger took 22nd place with a time of 4:11.10. In the 4x800-meter relay, the team of Ihrke, Xavier Haller, Swenson, and Harley took 11th place with a time of 9:37.75.

In the shot put, Braydon Smit took 36th place with a throw of 33;0.25. In the high jump, Haller took fifth place with a jump of 6;0 and Levi Tompkins took 30th place with a jump of 5'0. In the long jump, Zander Hansen took 12th place with a jump of 18'7.25 and Rylan Dorenkamp took 27th place with a jump of 16'7.25.

March 25. Girls track and field finished in a tie for 13th place out of 26 teams with a score of 16.5 points at the Wartburg HS Meet #3. In the 55-meter dash, Aizley Winfrey took 34th place with a time of 8.69 and Hudson Butler took 50th place with a time of 9.33. In the 200-meter dash, Karma McMorris took 19th place with a time of 29.54 and Jojo Schmidt took 45th place with a time of 32.45. In the 400-meter dash, Cadence Eddy took 33rd place with a time of 1:13.70 and Nehir Kanat took 41st place with a time of 1:17.31. In the 800-meter run, Evelyn Hitzhusen took sixth place with a time of 2:36.64 and McMorris took 20th place with a time of 2:55.04.

In the 1500-meter run, Ellie Harms took 26th place with a time of 6:38.01 and Jana Harms took 29th place with a time of 6:42.06. In the 3000-meter run, Tarah Ruckdassel took 16th place with a time of 14:41.75 and Autumn Schilling took 19th place with a time of 16:16.10. In the 55-meter hurdles, Abby Schoning took 18th place with a time of 10.13. In the 4x200-meter relay, the team of Malaina Martinez, Alyssa Wood, Addi Wentz, and Zada Huff took 19th place with a time of 2:04.46. In the 4x400-meter relay, the team of Evelyn Hitzhusen, Hoanna Wallace, Maya Marzen, and Preslee Dickman took fourth place with a time of 4:25.71. In the 4x800-meter relay, the team of Maesy Mayland, Addy Moellers, Lily Baker, and Jenny Ramirez took 20th place with a time of 12:30.12.

In the shot put, Brylee Dickman took sixth place with a throw of 34'9.25 and Libby Trewin took 11th place with a throw of 30'11. In the high jump, Keara Wood took third place with a jump of 5'0.

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Bulldog Track And Field Teams Compete At North Iowa Indoor Championships

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

CLEAR LAKE— Both the boys and girls track teams competed at the North Iowa Indoor Championships at Clear Lake on March 27 and March 28 for Hampton-Dumont-CAL. The girls team took 14th place out of 15 teams with a score of 17.25. For the girls team, in the 200-meter dash, Drew Horton took 38th place with a time of 32.39 and Abigail Flores took 41st place with a time of 32.98 and Noel Hansen took 47th place with a time of 33.81 and Alisenne Storr took 52nd place with a time 39.00. In the 4x200-meter relay, the Bulldogs took eighth place with a time of 2:01.38. In the 800-meter run, Marlee Maas took 21st place with a time of 3:03.25. In the 1500-meter run, MacKenzy Valley took seventh place with a time of 5:40.04. In the long jump, Addison Aalbers took 14th place with a jump of 13-07.75 and Adelee Gronewold took 16th place with a jump of 13-03.50. In the high-jump, Lily Hambly took 11th place with a jump of 4-08.00. In the shot put, Charlee Morton took first place with a throw of 45-00.00.

The boys team took 12th place out of 15 teams with a score of 13 points. In the 200-meter dash, Bayden Wrich took 21st place with a time of 25.11 and Joseph Powers took 35th place with a time of 26.56 and Jory Angstman finished in a tie for 44th place with a time of 27.81 and Luke Showalter finished in 47th place with a time of 28.11. In the 400-meter dash, Will Warneke took 21st place with a time of 1:04.87 and Ryne Magner took 23rd place with a time of 1:07.61. In the 4x200-meter relay, the Bulldogs took eighth place with a time of 1:40.35. In the 800-meter run, Arnold Guevara took 26th place with a time of 2:29.28 and James Chambers took 32nd place with a time of 2:32.74 and Rem Powers took 38th place with a time of 2:40.38.



Hampton track/ The Bulldog boys' shuttle hurdle relay team took third place at the North Iowa Indoor Championships on March 27. The team consists of (from left to right) Colin Bird, Carter Arends, Jacob Donnenwerth, and Aaden Keehn. Photo by Molly Bird

In the 4x400-meter relay, the team took 10th place with a time of 3:55.56. In the 4x800-meter relay, the team took 16th place with a time of 10:21.33. In the long jump, Carter Arends took 15th place with a time of 18-05.25 and Jory Angstman took 32nd place with a jump of 15-05.50 and Mathew Hartkoop took 34th place with a jump of 15-01.00 and Wyatt Dean took 38th place with a jump of 12-05.50. In the high jump, Bayden Wrich took 16th place with a jump of 5-04.00 and Brody Peters finished in a tie for 25th place with a jump of 5-00.00. In the shot put, Beau Morton took seventh place with a throw of 45-01.25, Brady Harr took 26th place with a throw of 37-09.00, and Emmitt Elling took 47th place with a throw of 34-03.00.

Both teams' next meet is on April 4 at Roland-Story at 4:30 p.m.



Charlee Morton took first place in the shot put at the North Iowa Indoor Championship on March 27. Photo by Molly Bird

Bulldog Boys Golf Ready for New Season

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The season is approaching for the Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldog boys golf team. The first meet of the season is on April 15 at Ridge Stone Golf Club at 4:15 p.m. Head coach Trevor Eiklenborg said that a goal for the team is for the seniors to be leaders for the team this year.

"Not only when we start meets but at practice on the course and off the course," Eiklenborg said. "Those three seniors are Sean Heiskov, Connor Miller, and Charlie Showalter. Really looking for those guys to shine and we have a lot of new faces as well so I am excited to see what they can do as well."

During the first couple of meets of the season, Eiklenborg said that he would like to see the team stay level headed throughout the meets regardless of circumstances.

"Golf can be a frustrating sport, so don't let one hole ruin your whole round and collapse from there," Eiklenborg said. "Mistakes are going to happen, no one hits every shot exactly the way they want to. Realizing that is going to happen and if you do hit a bad shot reduce the damage as much as possible and clear your head in the next hole and try to get a par." As the season moves

along and the team gets past the halfway point, Eiklenborg said he would like to see the team gain confidence as they go.

"The weather can be interesting at first but by the time we get to the end it can be pretty nice, so just understanding that they are going to get better as the season progresses and that is what I am looking for. Each and every day in practice just progress a little bit."

There are only three seniors with varsity experience on the team and Eiklenborg said that besides those three the rest of the starting roster is not set.

"It is hard to predict until we actually can get out on the course and some of them I haven't seen them putt yet unless we are indoors. Which isn't the best," E said.

One area of the game that Eiklenborg said he thinks the team has to work on is their fundamentals as the course is not open yet.

"When we do eventually get to the putting green, that is our big focus because a lot of golfers can hit it a long way but it doesn't matter if you can't hit your approach shot or chip around the green," Eiklenborg said. "Taht is a message I try to give to the players often that the short game is really where you make your money in golf. If you can chip and putt you are going to score well."



All Star Basketball



West Fork's Xavier Haller and Ashyr Wiseman warm up before the 2025 NIACC High School Boys All-Star Basketball Game on March 30. Photo by Kevin Labotka



Hampton-Dumont-CAL's Lily Hambly gets a rebound during the three-point shooting contest after the 2025 NIACC High School Girls All-Star Basketball Game on March 30. Photo by Kevin Labotka



Hampton-Dumont-CAL's Brooklyn Valley and Jordan Valley shoot around after the 2025 NIACC High School Girls All-Star Basketball game on March 30. Photo by Kevin Labotka

Upcoming Sports Events

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

- April 3: Boys soccer vs Iowa Falls-Alden, 7:30 p.m.
- April 3: Boys tennis vs St. Edmond at Progress Park, 4:30 p.m.
- April 3: Girls soccer vs Iowa Falls-Alden, 5:30 p.m.
- April 3: Girls tennis at Charles City, 4:15 p.m.
- April 4: Boys tennis at Oelwein, 4:15 p.m.
- April 4: Boys track and field at Roland-Story, 4:30 p.m.
- April 7: Boys soccer vs Belmond-Klemme 5:30 p.m.
- April 8: Boys track and field at Gilbert, 4:30 p.m.
- April 8: Boys tennis at Iowa Falls-Alden, 4:30 p.m.
- April 8: Girls tennis vs Iowa Falls-Alden, 4:30 p.m.

West Fork

- April 3: Girls track and field at CS COED Relays at Central Springs, 4:30 p.m.
- April 3: Boys track and field at CS COED Relays at Central Springs, 4:30 p.m.
- April 7: Girls golf at Rice Lake Golf and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.
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- April 8: Girls track and field at Osage, 4 p.m.
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READY FOR FISHING?



BY RICK JANSSEN

Almost everywhere I go lately people ask me “have you been out fishing yet?” I am assuming they mean open water fishing because if you are a loyal reader to this column, you KNOW that I have been out ice fishing during the first months of this year.

This time when the ice has gone off the lakes, but the water is still warming up is a difficult time for me. It is not warm enough for me to enjoy open water fishing, but with no ice I just have to be patient. Waiting to fish is hard for me. I go through this same transition in the fall when I have put away my open water gear and wait for the ice to harden enough for me to go out ice fishing.

So, what do I do during this

time, waiting to fish? I do watch plenty of fishing videos to keep my blood going. I also plan some trips that I will take in the summer. One of the best things that I recommend that people do at this time of the year is to go through and check their gear. This is a very useful task, and it can help pass the time.

The first thing I do is go through my tackle box and make a list of some tackle I need to replace. These are normally things like sinkers, bobbers, and small jigs which I seem to lose often. If I have lost some of my bigger lures, I determine what type I need to replace. Since big lures can be expensive, I try to replace them one at a time to avoid sticker shock. I also check all the lures to make sure the hooks are still in good condition and sharpen any hooks that need it.

The next thing I do to prepare for fishing is to put new line on my reels. This is a step that very few people consider. If you are not a regular fisher, and your rod and reels don't get used often, the line should be replaced. This is especially true if using the common monofilament line that comes on many reels. During storage the

monofilament line on the reel will get compressed into circles. The line has a memory and will hold these circles making it more difficult to cast and reel. Also, the line will deteriorate over time. You may not think that the line is worn out, but it is. I never want to risk breaking my line when catching a fish, so I replace my line often.

On some of my reels I use a line that is braided. Braided line does not have the same memory issues and does not deteriorate like mono line. I still check over my braided line for nicks that would mean replacing my line. I have some braided line on a reel that I have

had on for over 4 years. Now if some of you are thinking, “what is the big deal, I have some line that has been on for 20 years” you have missed the point. That line is bad and needs to be replaced. Too often I hear people say that they got out some old rod and reels that have been hanging in the garage for years to take some kids out fishing. I would guess the line will be very difficult to cast and very brittle. Take the time to put on new line. It is worth the effort.

Since I always clean my reels before I store them for winter, I normally just check them over again to be sure they are still in good shape.

A little reel oil on the inside goes a long way to making those reels turn smoothly. Once again this is especially true if you are taking some young people out fishing. Make sure your gear is in good condition. Nothing will spoil their day faster than equipment that does not work properly.

So that is what I am working on to get ready for spring fishing. I know some people have been out already for open water fishing and hopefully I will be joining them soon. I can't wait for that first cast of the new season. One last thing. Don't forget to buy your new fishing license for the year.



Celebrate ISU Extension and Outreach Week in Franklin County

PRESS RELEASE FRANKLIN COUNTY ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH

HAMPTON — Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week is April 7-10th. Iowa's 100 county extension offices will host activities and educational events throughout the week to thank Iowans for their support of ISU Extension and Outreach throughout the state.

“This celebration is one way we show our appreciation for the people who participate in our educational programs, as well as the many volunteers, community leaders, organizations, agencies and other partners who support our work in Franklin County,” said Missy Crawford, County Director.

Monday April 7 th to April 12 th : Coloring Contest- Pick up coloring page at Franklin County Extension Office or print it from our Facebook Page and join the coloring contest!

Tuesday April 8 th : Partner Appreciation Day

Wednesday April 9 th : Staff Highlights on Facebook
Thursday April 10 th : Seed Giveaway at Franklin County Extension Office (8-4:30 p.m.) and Flower Garden workshop (sign-up ahead of time)

*April 7-11 th Extension Week stickers will be featured on different coffee and other drinks all over Franklin County! If you get one bring it in to our office for a small surprise!

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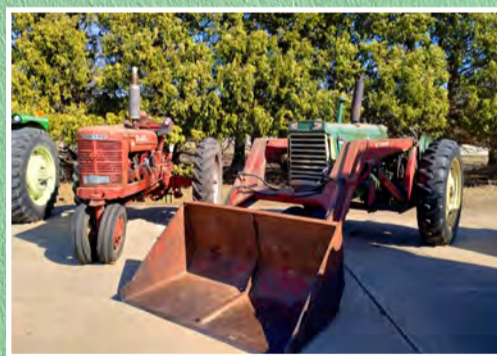
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Drive Your Tractor to School Day

A dozen H-D-CAL students drove their family tractors — new and old — to school last Friday, March 28 for “Drive Your Tractor to School” Day. The tradition has been a favorite among students for decades now.



Candidates Now Being Accepted for 2025 Franklin County Fair Queen Contest

PRESS RELEASE
FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR
ASSOCIATION & CONVENTION
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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 cfair35@yahoo.com. Nominations must be made or postmarked by April 11th, 2025.

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 2025 Franklin County Fair runs July 9 through 13, 2025. The queen will be crowned on Thursday, July 10th 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, as well as gift certificates and other gifts from small businesses within the community.

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

All State Speech



Six Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School speech students performed at the Iowa High School Speech Association's 48th Annual Individual Events All-State Festival held at the University of Northern Iowa on Monday, March 31. Front row, left to right, Kinlee Chaplin, America Dominguez Rincon, James Chambers, and Chloe Craighton. Back row, Jaxson Rew and Elian Trevino. Photo by Wendy Buseman

Parents Organize Day of Football Games for Youth in Hampton

BY JENNIFER
BURNHAM
HAMPTON
CHRONICLE

A group of Hampton parents have pulled together a series of youth football games for Sunday, April 27 — and they would like for you to be there!

Parents Sarah Keehn, Jeremy Keehn and Todd Miller teamed up with the local Youth Sports Foundation program to recruit enough fifth and sixth grade players for an afternoon of seven-on-seven games. This will be a first for seven-on-seven ball for the youth players in the area.

"This is a new adventure. We hope it stays in the community for a long time," said Sarah. "It's a great way for the kids to learn what the upperclassmen are doing in practice. It's about understanding the game and finding yourself in the



Coach Jeremy Keehn with his three children, junior Aaden, 16; sixth grader Easton, 11; and senior Rachel, 18

sport. It's about teamwork, sportsmanship, and above all positivity."

The series of games will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. at Church of the Living Word

in Hampton on Sunday, April 27. The young players will be coached by the high school's varsity defensive coordinator, Jeremy Keehn. Sarah said Jeremy has

over 20 years of coaching experience.

"To say that Jeremy has devotion to the sport is a huge understatement," his wife, Sarah, said. "He's loved football for as long as I can remember. He is always there to help and as a teacher, he's more than willing to help these kids learn about every position that's on that field. He wants them to be able to understand and grasp what it's about and make sure that they have a future in the sport."

The event will be free to all.

"This is a great way for people to come and see the next group of high school Bulldogs play!" said Sarah. "We hope you join us."

The parents are still looking for a team sponsor and businesses who can donate baked goods or other items to the concession stand. If interested, contact ysffootball2025@gmail.com.

Hampton Hoedown

The next Hampton Old Time Country Hoedown will be held on Monday, April 7th, from 6-9 pm at the historic Windsor Theatre in downtown Hampton, IA. The Hoedown is a music jam open to all levels of musicians and music lovers. The theater seats are ideal for the audience to sit and enjoy some good old time country, bluegrass, and gospel songs you are sure to know and enjoy. We invite all in the area to come enjoy this always entertaining event. Admission is free with a free will donation accepted. All proceeds are given to the Windsor Theatre. Concessions are open, smell that popcorn. Feel free to check out our Facebook page for pictures, videos, and updates. Contact event organizer Don Wrolson 641-425-0909 with any questions. We hope to see you and some friends on Monday, April 7th for a fun music filled evening. THANK YOU so much for continuing to support our efforts to bring live music to our area! We appreciate each and everyone one of you!

Coca Cola Scholar



Last Wednesday, March 26, H-D-CAL senior Isaac Vosburg was named one of 150 Coca Cola Scholars — earning a \$20,000 scholarship. Photo by Christi Weiser.

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 • Wednesday, April 2, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer; 4:30 p.m. Pathfinders K-6; 6:30 p.m. SWAG 7-12
 • Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.
Women's Testimonial Brunch
 • Sunday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service & Communion; 11 a.m. Sunday School Classes
 • Tuesday, April 8, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer
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 • Thursday, April 3, 2 p.m. **West Fork Food Pantry**
 • Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. **West**

Fork Food Pantry

• Sunday, April 6, 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship & Sunday School
 • Monday, April 7, 6 p.m. **Rebekah Bible Study**
 • Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m. **Bible Study**; Video available
 • Wednesday, April 9, 8:30 a.m. ZSJ Piecemakers; 5:15 p.m. **Lenten Supper** & 7-12 Youth Group; 6 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal; 7 p.m. Midweek Worship Service; 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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St. Paul's Lutheran

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 • Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m. **Wednesday Lenten Service**

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 • Sunday, April 6, 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice; 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion; 11 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

First Lutheran Church - Dows

206 W Ellsworth St, Dows
 • Sunday, April 6, 9 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation, & Coffee; 10 a.m. Worship Service

METHODIST

Ackley United Methodist

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

First United Methodist

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

Geneva United Methodist

603 Front St., Geneva
Pastor Jon Montgomery
 • Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship

Hampton United Methodist

100 Central Ave. E, Hampton
Pastor Dennis Burns
 • Wednesday, April 2, 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal & Wacky Wednesday
 • Thursday, April 3, 9:30 a.m. BeFriends; 10:30 a.m. **Chapel at Franklin General Hospital**
 • Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. **CleanUp Closet**; 5 p.m. Worship Service with Communion
 • Sunday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. Adults Bible Study; 11 a.m. Worship Service with Communion; 11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 12 p.m. Fellowship; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast
 • Monday, April 7, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK
 • Tuesday, April 8, 1:30 p.m. Faithful Stitchers
 • Wednesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. Wacky Wednesday

West Fork United Methodist

2200 Tulip Ave., Sheffield
Pastor Wendy Johannessen

New Hope United Methodist Parish: Aredale, Bristow, Dumont

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

United Methodist Church

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

United Methodist

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

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109 N Eskridge St., Dows
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.
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 • Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Morning Café; 10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering

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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

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Dumont Reformed

912 Third St., Dumont
Pastor Chris Meester
 • Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship (nursery care provided each week)
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First Reformed

214 Brown St., Alexander
 • Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Kids Choir & PreK-HS Sunday School; **Sunday School Children Sing during Worship Service**

Zion Reformed Church

2029 Jonquil Ave., Sheffield
Rev. Petri van Rooyen, Pastor
 Office Hours: M,W, Th: 8-Noon
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 • Wednesday, April 2, 7 p.m. **Hope Circle** & RCYF
 • Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m. **Journey Circle**
 • Sunday, April 6, 8:30 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**; 9:15 a.m. **Youth Sunday**; 10:45 a.m. Sunday School; **Food Pantry**
 • Wednesday, April 9, 9 a.m. **Sunrise Circle**; 7 p.m. RCYF

Hampton Seventh Day Adventist Church

605 4th St. NE, Hampton
Pastor Steven Shafer
 Phone: 641-424-3055
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 • Sabbath School Saturday 9:30
 • Worship 11:00

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Pastor Karen Koening and Pastor Peggy Allison
 • Sunday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

Immanuel U.C.C.

204 E. South St., Latimer
Pastor Joe Dunwald
 • Sunday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ - Geneva

496 Raven Ave # B, Geneva, IA 50633
 • Sunday, April 6, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with James Koop

In loving memory of Chad Burmester 1972-2025



Chad Burmester, 53, of Newton and formerly of Hampton, passed away on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at Mercy One Newton Medical Center from a short illness consisting of pneumonia, influenza A and sepsis. Chad was born January 12, 1972, in Ft. Collins, Colorado to David and Vicky (Johnson) Burmester. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 5th at First Congregational UCC in Hampton with family visitation one hour before the service. Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to First Congregational UCC or the family for further distribution. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton. Chad graduated from Hampton-Dumont High School in 1990 and continued his education at Hamilton College where he earned four separate computer degrees, Computer Systems Technician, Computer Information Systems/Programming, Computer Information Systems with Emphasis in Web Design, and Computer Information Systems with Emphasis in Programing and a Legal Assistant/Paralegal degree. Chad was very involved with music in high school and was a member of band and was on multiple jazz bands. Even though he was not real athletic, his passion was the individual/team involvement in bowling from Jr bowling into adult league bowling and also 11 years of participation in the USBC national amateur bowling tournament. Some of his accomplishments while incarcerated are the following: graduated from Master Gardener program, hospice volunteer, worked as Suicide Self Injury Prevention (SSIP) watcher, education tutor for last 2 years at IMCC and member of Inside/Outside Choir for 3 years, graduated from Stephen Minister training program, graduated from Victory Bible College International, completed 2 of 3 phases of The Ultimate Journey program, helped run the Story Tellers program, sound engineer for the weekly Church of Damascus Road (CoDR) church services, also playing bass guitar in the Praise and Worship band, member of CoDR inside church council for 8 years, 7 as secretary and half year as Vice President, Chapel library clerk for 3 years, involved with Brothers in Blue weekend retreats, with outside people participating, for several years, dog sitter for dog program, worked in braille department for 2 years and earned his braille transcriber certification from the U.S. Library of Congress. Chad was involved with many church groups and bible studies. His faith was important to him and carried him through many rough times. Chad is survived by his parents, David & Vicky, brother Ryan (Molly), niece Mabel, aunt Diana Holden, aunt Sharon Lubkeman and several cousins. He was preceded in death by grandparents Reuben & Margaret Burmester and Lawrence & Arloine Johnson, 4 uncles and two aunts.

Death Notices

DeAnn DeVries

DeAnn DeVries, 60, of Waterloo and formerly of Ackley, passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at MercyOne Waterloo Medical Center. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025 at the Austinville Christian Reformed Church with burial in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in rural Ackley. Visitation will be an hour before the service. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema Funeral Home in Ackley.

Michael Scallon

Michael Scallon, 81, of Ackley, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at Grand Jivante in Ackley. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Monday at the Sietsema Funeral Home in Ackley. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema Funeral Home in Ackley.

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 2 Peter 3:8 NIV

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Franklin County

Traffic: Bradley R Kosner, of Deerfield, Illinois, speeding;

Edwin Arrey Agbor, of Blaine, Minnesota, speeding;

Lee Allen Webber, of Burleson, Texas, speeding;

Cameron James Marr, of Des Moines, speeding;

Justin L Swaggert, of Chaska, Minnesota, no valid driver's license;

Maghan Anne Moslander, of Waverly, speeding;

Cody Lee Turner, of Coulter, failure to yield upon entering through highway;

Leona Jean Hudson, of Norwalk, registration violation and speeding;

Jude Guillaume Akassap, of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, speeding;

Liliana Grace McNutt, of Alexander, speeding;

Ronald Keith Clark Sr., of Springfield, Minnesota, failure to comply with safety regulations rules;

Civil: Bertin Rojas Rincon, of Hampton, versus Elvira Romero Soto, of Hampton, order setting trial; order setting trial, May 7, 9 a.m.;

State of Iowa Ex Rel, of Des Moines, versus Jonatan Isai Bellocalles, of Ankeny, Caitlin Jo Ryan, final support order;

OWI: Gunner Ray Martin, of Hampton, order of disposition; found guilty for contempt of Court, serving 14 days jail time;

Rafael Partida Jr., of Coulter, order of disposition; pled guilty for possession of a controlled substance – second offense, 30 days jail time, 28 days jail time suspended, \$430 fine, and serving 1 year probation time;

Abril Ramirez Santos, of Latimer, order for arraignment; arraignment, April 14, 8:45 a.m.;

Jermaine Eugene Taylor, of Hampton, order for arraignment; arraignment, April 21, 8:45 a.m.;

Travis Jon Doyle, of Story City, order for arraignment; arraignment, April 14, 8:45 a.m.;

Small Claims: HRS LLC, of New Hampton, versus Cody Shreves, of Pella, dismissed without prejudice;

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Ciara M Spradlin, of Hampton, original notice;

Orange 712 Residential Trust, of Mason City, versus Flavio Valderrabano Aguilar, of Ackley, Angela Valderrabano, of Hampton, original notice;

Criminal: Ray Anthony Mendez, of Hampton, order of arraignment; order setting trial, May 22, 9 a.m.;

Richard Fermin Martinez, of Hampton, order for arraignment; arraignment, April 14, 8:45 a.m.;

Justin Albert Heiserman, of Latimer, probation revocation and order for probation revocation hearing;

Cody Randall Schroeder, of Cedar Rapids, order setting trial; order setting trial, April 29, 9 a.m.;

Kaden James Dokken, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, order setting trial; order setting trial, April 29, 9 a.m.;

Tasha Elnora McKittrick, of Iowa Falls, order of disposition; pled guilty for possession of a controlled substance – third offense, 5 years prison time, 5 years prison time suspended, \$1,025 fine, \$1,025 fine suspended, serving 3 years probation time;

Allen James Barnhart, of Hampton, order of dismissal;

Brandon Scott Smith, of Hampton, order setting trial; order setting trial, April 8, 9 a.m.;

Tasha Elnora McKittrick, of Iowa Falls, motion to dismiss;

Daniel Solano Sanchez, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for domestic abuse assault, serving 2 days jail time;

Angel Gustavo Ramirez, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for assault causing bodily injury, 14 days jail time, 14 days jail time suspended, \$430 fine, and serving 1 year probation time;

Morgan Lindsey Zeka, of Geneva, criminal complaint;

Police & Sheriff Reports 3/24-3/30 Hampton Police

Reports

Monday, March 24: Officers received three general calls.

7:56 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

8:03 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 300 block of 3rd Ave SW, Hampton.

9:50 a.m.: Report of a school bus violation in the area of 12th Ave and Hwy 65, Hampton.

10:45 a.m.: Report of harassment in the area of the swimming pool, Hampton.

10:52 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of the Hampton-Dumont High School, Hampton.

10:53 a.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the 100 block of 8th St. NW, Hampton.

11:31 a.m.: Report of vandalism in the 300 block of 2nd St. SE, Hampton.

11:42 a.m.: Report of vandalism in the 1300 block of N Federal St., Hampton.

12:45 p.m.: Report of vandalism in the 200 block of 3rd St. SW, Hampton.

5:27 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Olive Ave and the tracks, Hampton.

7:11 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 1300 block of N Federal St., Hampton.

8:05 p.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 400 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

Tuesday, March 25: Officers assisted with one medical call and received three general calls.

8:52 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in an unknown area, Hampton.

8:53 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 100 block of 2nd Ave SW, Hampton.

9:07 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 600 block of 12th Ave NE, Hampton.

11:02 a.m.: Report of harassment in the 100 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

12:42 p.m.: Report of vandalism in the 10 block of N Federal St., Hampton.

4:50 p.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 10 block of 2nd St. NW, Hampton.

4:58 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 300 block of 3rd St. SE, Hampton.

5:43 p.m.: Report of a family dispute in the 300 block of 9th St. NW, Hampton.

9:01 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of 7th Ave SW, Hampton.

Wednesday, March 26: Officers assisted with one medical call and received one general call.

4:06 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in an unlisted area, Hampton.

8:11 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 800 block of 2nd St. SE, Hampton.

2:16 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 100 block of 2nd Ave SE, Hampton.

2:18 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 300 block of 1st St. SW, Hampton.

3:54 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 10 block of 2nd St. NW, Hampton.

3:57 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 10 block of 2nd St. NW, Hampton.

6:54 p.m.: Report of vandalism in the 1300 block of N Federal St., Hampton.

6:57 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 400 block of 4th Ave SE, Hampton.

7:11 p.m.: Report of vandalism

in the 20 block of 6th Ave NW, Hampton.

Thursday, March 27: Officers assisted with two medical calls and received one general call.

7:55 a.m.: Officers responded to an open door in the area of Hwy 3, Hampton.

4:24 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the area of Hwy 65 and Casey's, Hampton.

6:33 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 600 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

9:29 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 300 block of 5th St. SE, Hampton.

Friday, March 28: Officers assisted with one medical call and received three general calls.

8:39 a.m.: Officers responded to an open door in the 1000 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

10:05 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 500 block of 2nd Ave SE, Hampton.

11:18 a.m.: Report of juveniles in the 100 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

3:29 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the 300 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

4:07 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 100 block of N Federal St., Hampton.

7:09 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 800 block of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

7:54 p.m.: Officers assisted with traffic control in the area of Hwy 3 and the railroad tracks, Hampton.

Saturday, March 29: 1:38 a.m.: Report of a no contact order violation in the 00 block of 4th Ave NW, Hampton.

6:21 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 100 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.

9:53 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 1300 block of N Federal St., Hampton.

Sunday, March 30: Officers assisted with one medical call and received one general call.

2:21 p.m.: Report of theft/larceny in an unlisted area, Hampton.

6:41 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of A to Z Liquor, Hampton.

10:06 p.m.: Report of vandalism in the 800 block of 4th St. SE, Hampton.

10:46 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

Franklin County Sheriff Reports

Monday, March 24: Officers executed one traffic stop, received a report for six controlled burns, and received three general calls.

8:23 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the 1100 block of 14th Ave, Eldora.

10:30 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 and mile marks 162-163 southbound, Latimer.

12:19 p.m.: Report of located property in the area of Hansell Corner, Hansell.

2:03 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 eastbound, Alexander.

3:58 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of the Hardin County Jail, Eldora.

Tuesday, March 25: Officers assisted with one medical call, assisted one motorist, received a report for 11

controlled burns, and received four general calls.

5:14 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of the tower location, Franklin County.

9:41 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of Quail Ave, Hampton.

3:22 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in an unknown area, Franklin County.

3:39 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the area of 195th St., Aredale.

Wednesday, March 26: Officers executed three traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, received a report for 13 controlled burns, and received four general calls.

12:31 a.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of I-35 and mile mark 161 southbound, Latimer.

5:21 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and mile mark 190 northbound, Chapin.

6:57 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the area of Franklin St., Ackley.

8:04 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and 110th St., Sheffield.

8:38 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Killdeer Ave, Hampton.

9:54 a.m.: Report of a weather issue in an unlisted area, Hampton.

10:55 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the area of Hansell Corner, Hansell.

12:00 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of 110th St., Coulter.

2:10 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 173 northbound, Sheffield.

4:48 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of Beeds Lake, Hampton.

7:01 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in an unlisted area of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

9:09 p.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the area of 160th St., Latimer.

10:11 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the area of I-35 and mile mark 168 northbound, Latimer.

Thursday, March 27: Officers executed five traffic stops, assisted one motorist, received a report for 14 controlled burns, and received two general calls.

8:44 a.m.: Report of found articles in the area of Hwy 65 and Maynes Grove, Hampton.

9:24 a.m.: Report of a garbage complaint in the 1600 block of Yarrow Ave, Hampton.

9:50 a.m.: Report of fraud in the area of Hwy 3, Hampton.

11:17 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

11:17 a.m.: Alahn Demetrius Holland, 28, Trotwood, Ohio, arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia; jailed.

11:53 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 northbound and mile mark 176, Sheffield.

12:04 p.m.: Report of located property in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

8:01 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Jonquil Ave, Hampton.

9:25 p.m.: Report of disturbance in the 300 block of Van Kirk St., Latimer.

Friday, March 28: Officers received a report for one controlled burn.

12:31 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 northbound and mile mark 164, Coulter.

7:06 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of

Thompson St., Sheffield.

8:08 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of 190th St. and Balsam Ave, Alexander.

8:10 a.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of I-35 and mile mark 170 southbound and mile mark 165 southbound, Franklin.

1:48 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in an unlisted area, Humboldt.

3:16 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of 220th St., Alexander.

3:34 p.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of Raven Ave and Hwy 3, Hampton.

4:46 p.m.: Report of located property in the area of Webber St., Bradford.

5:42 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of E Gilman St., Sheffield.

5:47 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in an unlisted area, Rockwell.

6:00 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Timber Ave and Hwy 3, Hansell.

7:47 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 159 southbound, Dow City.

8:25 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of Hwy 3 and Balsam Ave, Alexander.

8:46 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and Nuthatch Ave, Iowa Falls.

Saturday, March 29: Officers assisted one motorist, received a report for four controlled burns, and received one general call.

8:05 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

11:47 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 200 block of Brown St., Alexander.

2:13 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 170 northbound, Latimer.

6:33 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 400 block of S Jefferson Ave, Dows.

9:18 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 2000 block of Lark Ave, Sheffield.

Sunday, March 30: Officers executed two traffic stops.

11:33 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 900 block of Mallory Dr, Hampton.

1:32 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the 2400 block of Cardinal Ave, Meservey.

3:44 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 500 block of Harriman St., Alexander.

4:10 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in an unlisted area of Polk County, Des Moines.

Butler County Sheriff Reports

Monday March, 24:

Officers executed 12 traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, assisted one motorist, received a report for five controlled burns and received eight general calls.

7:50 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Howard St and Hwy 57.

9:24 a.m.: report of a phone scam in the 300 block of S Main St.

12:01 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

1:23 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 20300 block of Hickory Ave.

2:33 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 300 block of Main St.

2:39 p.m.: Report of property damage in the 16400 block of

Hwy 57.

3:21 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.

3:35 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 800 block of 4th St.

4:12 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 500 block of W Traer St.

4:29 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of 310th St and Hwy 14.

11:16 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 1200 block of Hwy 14.

11:40 p.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 20400 block of Floyd Line St.

Tuesday March, 25:

Officers executed seven traffic stops, assisted with four medical calls, assisted three motorists, received a report for 12 controlled burns and received four general calls.

12:26 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:15 p.m.: Report of theft in the 500 block of Hwy 57.

2:42 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 200 block of W South St.

3:20 p.m.: Report of trespass in the 29000 block of Newell Ave.

3:30 p.m.: Report of a burglary in the 32000block of 302nd St.

3:44 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of Hwy 3 and Sinclair Ave.

4:06 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of Hwy 3 and N Public Rd.

9:33 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 700 block of N Public Rd.

10:05 p.m.: Report of property damage in the 700 block of N PublicRd.

10:48 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 33800 block of Grand Ave.

Wednesday March, 26:

Officers executed six traffic stops, assisted with four medical calls, assisted two motorists, and received a report for 18 controlled burns.

8:06 a.m.: Report of the veterans van in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:47 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 27800 block of Sinclair Ave.

9:04 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 1300 block of Wemple St.

9:30 a.m.: Report of a test in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:00 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:29 p.m.: Report of power outage in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:32 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:45 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:46 p.m.: Report of a grass.field/ditchfire in the 22400 block of Terrace Ave.

2:32 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 900 block of Gray St.

3:35 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 600 block of Oak St.

3:52 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of N Cherry St and E Water St.

4:52 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the area of 170th St and Oak Ave.

5:08 p.m.: Report of road debris in the area of Hwy 3 and Vintage Ln.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Warranty Deed: William F Groszkruger Jr., Fritz Groszkruger, Dawn J Groszkruger to William F Groszkruger Jr. Trustee, Dawn J Groszkruger Trustee, Dawn J Groszkruger Revocable Trust, William F Groszkruger Jr. Revocable Trust; 3-92-19 SE Parts, 2-92-19 NE SW Undiv 1/2 Int, 2-92-19 SE Part Undiv 1/2 Int
CT Officer Deed: Raymond G Loux Estate, Allen Loux Executor to Kristin Loux; Shef Sheffield Gilman's 2nd Blk 15

Lot 4
Quit Claim Deed: Nicholas Ramos to Nicholas Ramos, Eloy Ramos, Vanessa Y Ramos; 30-91-22 SW SW Lots 12-16
Warranty Deed: William F Groszkruger Jr., Fritz Groszkruger, Dawn J Groszkruger to William F Groszkruger Jr. Trustee, Dawn J Groszkruger Trustee, William F Groszkruger Jr. Revocable Trust, Dawn J Groszkruger Revocable Trust; 3-92-19 SE Parts, 2-92-19 SW

Parts, 2-92-19 NE SW Undiv 1/2 Int, 2-92-19 SE Undiv 1/2 Int
Warranty Deed: Christian Larsen, Ashley Larsen to Virgil Larsen, Kimberly Larsen; 5-92-22 W2 SW Platd Subdiv Blk 3 Lot 14 Part
Change of Title: Grijalva Jose A Gomez Estate, Jose A Gomez Grijalva Estate, Grijalva Jose A Gomez Estate, Jose A Grijalva Gomez Estate to Antonio Hernandez Castillo, Antonio Castillo Hernandez; Lati Latimer Original Town Blk 4 Lot 3-4

Part
Quit Claim Deed: Antonio Hernandez Castillo, Antonio Castillo Hernandez to Genoveva Castillo, Ana Gomez, Maria Gomez, Gabriela Gomez; Lati Latimer Original Town Blk 4 Lot 3-4 Part
Warranty Deed: Joel W Rodemeyer, Amanda K Rodemeyer to Rob McCormick, Sheila McCormick, Kyle McCormick, Shelby McCormick, Travis McCormick, Whitney McCormick; 31-93-21 SE NE Part

Warranty Deed: Marcelo Contreras Flores, Marcelo Flores Contreras to Francisco Abel Jimenez Hernandez, Francisco Abel Hernandez Jimenez; Hamp Kingm Blk 20 Lot 7-8 Part
Warranty Deed: Phyllis J Wesenberg to Phyllis J Wesenberg Trustee, Phyllis J Wesenberg Revocable Trust; 3-90-22 E2 Parcel B
Warranty Deed: Keith A Nichols, Michele M Nichols, Michele M McClenahan to Chris-

tian L Larsen, Ashley M Larsen; 8-92-22 NW NW Tract
Quit Claim Deed: Mary Margaret Berglund, Kurt A Berglund to Mary M Berglund Trustee, Mary M Berglund Revocable Trust; 26-93-20 NE
Warranty Deed: Aaron J Becker, Amy E Becker to Uptower INC; Hamp Gally Lot 2
Quit Claim Deed: Corrine Kessler to Karl Kessler; 28-92-20 SW SE Part, Hamp Origt Blk 1 Lt 8 Part, Hamp Hamil Blk 2 Lot 2 Part

FROM THE LOG

ture fire in the 11600 block of 180th St.

8:25 p.m.: Report of electrical fire in the area of 300th St and Ivy Ave.

11:45 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 500 block of Packwaukee St.

Thursday March, 27:

Officers executed six traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, assisted two motorists, received a report for 14 controlled burns and received five general calls.

1:46 a.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 400 block of 6th St.

7:08 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 200 block of 3rd St.

9:30 p.m.: Report of a road closed in the area of Ridge and Tanner Rd.

1:09 p.m.: Report of school threat in the 500 block of Birch St.

1:40 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

3:51 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the 33700 block of Terrace Ave.

4:30 p.m.: Report of vandalism in the 15800 block of Kilpatrick St.

4:48 p.m.: Report of dog/

deer/livestock in the area of 7th St and Spruce St.

5:38 p.m.: Report of natural gas in the 400 block of Parriott St.

5:42 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 21600 block of Yale Ave.

7:16 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 33800 block of Grand Ave.

7:22 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 200 block of Elm St.

9:16 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of Ellio Ave and Lozmar Ln.

9:19 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 200 block of N 3rd St.

10:48 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 27100 block of 150th St.

11:41 p.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 1300 block of Hwy 57.

Friday March, 28:

Officers executed 17 traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, assisted five motorists, received a report for one controlled burn and received two general calls.

12:45 a.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the area of 280th St and Temple Ave.

1:36 a.m.: Officers conduct-

ed a house check in the 32000 block of 302nd St.

4:22 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 33800 block of Grand Ave.

9:30 a.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:46 a.m.: Report of road debris in the area of Grand Ave and Hwy 57.

12:55 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:57 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 500 block of W Traer St.

1:21 p.m.: Report of fraud/identity theft in the 21900 block of 135hSt.

1:51 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6thSt.

3:04 p.m.: Report of road debris in the 26800 block of Hwy 14.

3:41 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

3:55 p.m.: Brandon James Quario, 33 of Allison, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed

4:37 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.

6:33 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 900 block of Center St.

8:11 p.m.: Officers conducted a house check in the 400 block of N High St.

10:27 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle person/activity in the 300 block of 9th St.

Saturday March, 29

Officers executed five traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, received a report for and 16 controlled burns.

7:17 a.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock in the 20900 block of Hwy 3.

7:48 a.m.: Shelley Marie Nicholson, 39 of Hampton, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.

8:38 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of 110th St and Ivy Ave.

9:30 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

9:54 a.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the 33200 block of Terrace Ave.

10:16 a.m.: Jason Randal Rolling, 38 of Sheffield, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.

12:41 p.m.: Report of a domestic/family matter in the 100 block of Saratoga St.

1:03 p.m.: Report of a domestic/family matter in the 300 block of Water St.

1:33 p.m.: Report of a runaway in the 600 block of 4th St.

2:04 p.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Main

St and Packwaukee St.

2:27 p.m.: Report of a fire alarm in the 100 block of N Hilton St.

6:05 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 100 block of N Main St.

6:22 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 11100 block of Ridge Ave.

6:44 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 32900 block of Wayland Pl.

7:02 p.m.: Report of a chase in progress in the 2300 block of Jessup Ave.

8:07 p.m.: Report of lost/located property in the 100 block of S Main, Charles City.

9:07 p.m.: Report of vandalism/criminal mischief in the area of N Cherry St and E Grove St.

9:38 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 100 block of N Hilton St.

Sunday March, 30:

Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with two medical calls, assisted one motorists, and received three general calls.

10:09 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:38 a.m.: Report of theft in the 500 block of Rock Island, Olwein.

11:00 a.m.: Report of theft in the 900 block of Grant St.

11:02 a.m.: Report of a power outage in the 31500 block of Ridge Ave.

12:08 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 200 block of 6th St.

1:38 p.m.: Officers responded to an assault/fight in the 900 block of N Cherry St.

5:30 p.m.: Report of the Sunday night test page in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:41 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Hwy 3 and Sinclair Ave.

6:32 p.m.: Officers conducted a transfer in the 400 block of N 4th St.

6:45 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 800 block of Main St.

8:07 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person.activity in the 00 block of High School BLVD.

8:10 p.m.: Report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Nash St.

8:17 p.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Hwy 57 and Main St.

9:18 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 200 block of N Johnson St.

10:40 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 100 block of S Main St.

Proposed Budget FY26 Public Hearing: Coulter

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

City of: COULTER

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Coulter City Hall 108 Main Street Meeting Date: 4/16/2025 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals.

Table with columns: Budget FY 2026, Re-estimated FY 2025, Actual FY 2024. Rows include Revenues & Other Financing Sources, Expenditures & Other Financing Uses, and Total Government Activities Expenditures.

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Hampton Council Special Session 3.27.25

HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL SESSION ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR FY2026

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

The Hampton City Council Special Session Meeting was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Steve Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Jerre Grefe, Bill Hodge, Barry Lamos and Patrick Palmer. Ward III is vacant. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Public Works Director Doug Tarr, and Police Chief Mark Morrison. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. Mayor Birdsall called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Palmer seconded by Hodge to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

There was no Council Workshop Report. Public Comment : None.

Public Hearing: Public Hearing on the FY26 Proposed Property Tax Levy. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:02 pm. City Manager Dunt reviewed the details. No written or oral objections were made. Mayor Birdsall closed the public hearing at 6:07 pm.

Motion to adjourn the Special Session of the Hampton City Council by Hodge, seconded by Lamos at 6:07 pm. Motion approved unanimously. Attest: Ron Dunt, City Manager Mayor Steve Birdsall

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SRF Loan Notice

SRF Public Notice Example PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Terrace Hill Sanitary District (THSD) will be holding a Public Hearing to review an application for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and to make available to the public the contents of an environmental information document and the project plan. These documents include design and environmental information related to the proposed improvements to the THSD's wastewater treatment plant.

The project scope includes the construction of a new primary lagoon cell north of the existing; the existing primary cell would then be split into two secondary cells, converting the system to a 3-celled controlled discharge lagoon. New influent, effluent, connecting structures and utility connections are also included in this work to allow for proper operation.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform area residents served by the THSD of this proposed action, discuss the actual cost and user fees associated with this project, and to address citizen's concerns, if any, with the plan. The Public Hearing location and time are as follows:

JUNE 2, 2025 AT 10:00 am
First Security Bank
100 1 st St NW
Hampton, IA

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this hearing. Written comments on this proposal may also be submitted prior to the hearing. Questions regarding this hearing or the availability of documentation may be directed to the Project Contact Toni Dean at (760)-6723525. Additionally, public comments can be sent to SRF-PC@dnr.iowa.gov .

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 3/31/2025

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS March 31st, 2025
A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSupervisors
The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, March 31st, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer and Vanness present. McVicker was absent. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Vanness to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion. carried. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Vanness to approve the regular minutes & special session minutes from 3/24/2025. All ayes. Motion carried. Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Lukensmeyer attended CICS. All three Supervisors attended a Conference Board meeting. Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on his department. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Vanness to approve a proclamation designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month & ordering the clock

tower to teal for the first half of April. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Vanness to approve a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month & ordering the clock tower to blue for the second half of April. All ayes. Motion carried. Russell Wood, the Executive Director of CICS, met with the Supervisors about a variety of topics regarding the future of CICS. They are transitioning July 1st to provide the disability service contract for three regions across the state. No action was taken, but directions were given on several topics including Rent & leases at the Community Resource Center, Employer of Record agreement, Fiscal Agent agreement, Employee Transitions, and IT Support. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Vanness to approve claims as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Vanness to set April 14th at 10:00AM in the Supervisors meeting room of the Courthouse as the date, time, & location for the FY2026 Budget Adoption Public Hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Vanness to approve a proclamation

designating January 2025 as Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Vanness, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a request from Prairie Ridge for \$12,649.38 to be used as start up funds for an Opioid Treatment Clinic. The funds shall come from the County's Opioid Settlement fund. All ayes. Motion carried. Acting as drainage trustees, Lukensmeyer motioned and Vanness seconded to approve drainage minutes from 3/24/2025. All ayes. Motion carried. Acting as drainage trustees, Lukensmeyer motioned and Vanness seconded to approve drainage claims as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:26AM until Monday, April 7th, 2025, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a special session. Chris Vanness, Chairman ATTEST: Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

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CAL 2nd Budget Hearing Notice FY26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed CAL School Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

Table with columns: Location of Public Hearing, Date of Hearing, Time of Hearing, Budget 2026, Re-est. 2025, Actual 2024, Avg % 24-26. Rows include Taxes Levied on Property, Utility Replacement Excise Tax, Income Surtaxes, Tuition/Transportation Received, etc.

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Assessor Budget Publication 2025-2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 Assessing Jurisdiction: FRANKLIN COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows: Meeting Date: 4/14/2025 Meeting Time: 12:00 PM Meeting Location: Franklin County LEC 105 5th St SW Hampton, Iowa

Table with columns: Assessment Expense, FICA, IPERS, Emergency, Unemployment Comp., Tort Liability, TOTAL. Rows show budget details for various categories.

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.67487 Virtual Meeting Information:

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CAL FY26 1st Budget Hearing Minutes 3/20/25

CAL BUDGET HEARING MEETING MINUTES 3/20/2025

- 1. The CAL Board of Education held a Budget Hearing on March 20, 2025, in the CAL CELL. President Beth Podolan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members Beth Podolan, Cathy Carlson, Joe Campbell and Shon Osborn were present. Board member Brad Wessels was absent. Also present were Superintendent Todd Lettow, Principal Abby Meyer, Curriculum Coordinator Jen Koenen, Human Resources Manager Anne Lewis and Secretary Amanda Heiden.

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Alliant Energy Golden Plains Battery Meeting

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Interstate Power and Light Company, Alliant Energy's Iowa energy company, is proposing to construct a battery energy storage system in Franklin County, Iowa (the "project"). In Iowa, Alliant Energy serves approximately 500,000 electric customers and 230,000 natural gas customers.

A public informational meeting regarding the project will be held with the Iowa Utilities Commission. At the meeting, the company will provide project details. Time will be allotted for answering attendees' questions.

Details of the public informational meeting are as follows:

When: April 11 at 12 p.m. Where: Latimer Community Center, 104 N Akir St., Latimer, IA 50452.

In the event of inclement weather, the informational meeting will be rescheduled for April 14 at the same time and location. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Iowa Utilities Commission at (515) 725-7300 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

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West Fork CSD Board Special Meeting 3.24.25

West Fork Community School District Board Minutes Official Proceedings - Special Meeting - March 24, 2025 - unapproved

The West Fork Board of Education met for a special meeting in the Media Center in Sheffield. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Board President, Holly Henricks. Board members present: Grant Petersen, Erin Suntken, Travis Butler and Amber Marzen (via Google Meet). Also present were Superintendent Mike Kruger, and West Fork Board Secretary Lacey Pueggel.

New Business: The West Fork Education Association presented their initial proposal for Collective Bargaining for the 25-26 School Year. The WFEA's proposal was for a 10% overall package increase. The WF Board of Education shared their initial proposal with the WFEA. The board's proposal was for a 2.03% overall package increase.

Board President - Holly Henricks Board Secretary - Lacey Pueggel

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Dumont Special Meeting 3.27.25 #2

SPECIAL MEETING Dumont City Council, Dumont EMS Building 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2025 Mayor Moww called the meeting to order. Council members Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear and Tyrrell were present.

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Probate: Patty R. Whipple

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATTY R. Whipple, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR502016 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Patty R. Whipple, Deceased, who died on or about March 11, 2025: You are hereby notified that on March 19, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate. Notice is hereby 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 four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

/s/ Mark Whipple Mark Whipple, Administrator of the Estate 1147 130th Street Hampton, IA 50441

Richard A. Allbee, ICIS#: AT0000417 Attorney for the Administrator Allbee Law Office 1320 4th Street NE Hampton, IA 50441

Probate Code Section 230

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Probate: Bruce A. Whipple

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE A. Whipple, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR502015 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Bruce A. Whipple, Deceased, who died on or about July 8, 2023: You are hereby notified that on March 19, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate. Notice is hereby 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 four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

/s/ Mark Whipple Mark Whipple, Administrator of the Estate 1147 130th Street Hampton, IA 50441

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West Fork CSD Public Hearing Budget 3.24.25

West Fork Community School District Board Minutes Official Proceedings - Public Hearing Preliminary Budget - March 24, 2025 - unapproved

The West Fork Board of Education met for a Public Hearing in the Media Center in Sheffield. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President, Holly Henricks. Board members present: Grant Petersen, Erin Suntken, Travis Butler and Amber Marzen. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kruger, and West Fork Board Secretary Lacey Pueggel.

New Business: Petersen moved to enter into a Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Butler, Marzen, Petersen, Suntken, Henricks. Nays: N/A.

Board President Henricks, thanked the visitors for coming and stated that the public hearing is required as part of the district's certified budget. All visitors will be allowed 2 minutes, and your public comments will be considered part of the district's final budget decisions. Supt. Kruger shared a video explaining the Tax notice all district residents received. Mr. Bonner expressed his concerns with budget cuts and asked for the district's plan to cut costs, before they choose to raise taxes and create inflation.

Board President - Holly Henricks Board Secretary - Lacey Pueggel

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 3/24/25-Special Sess

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 24th, 2025 - Special Session A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSupervisors/videos The Board of Supervisors met at 1:00PM on Monday, March 24th, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present for a special session. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Notice of Public Hrg Ordinance 405

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: The Hampton City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding a request to change the zoning of property identified on Franklin County records as parcel 0733476004, also known as 1013 4 th St SE legally described as all that part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4) lying South of the former Railroad Right of Way of Section 33, Township 92 North, Range 20 West of the 5th P.M., Franklin County, Iowa, EXCEPT the North 250 feet of the South 263 feet of the West 600 feet of the East 660 feet thereof, AND EXCEPT the North 206 feet of the West 489 feet of the West 200 feet of the East 260 feet thereof, AND EXCEPT the North 326.7 feet of the South 609.7 feet of the West 400 feet thereof and subject to Easement for Highway recorded in Book 66, Page 5 records of Franklin County, Iowa; AND the East 516.1 feet of the former railroad located in the E 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 92 North, Range 20 West of the 5th P.M., Franklin County, Iowa. The effected area is currently zoned L-1 (Light Industrial), R-2 (Two Family Residential), and RIC (Restricted Industrial Commercial). The zoning change application requests the property be rezoned to A-T (Arterial Transitional). All members of the public are invited to make comment at the public hearing to be held Thursday, April 10th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., at Hampton City Council Chambers.

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H-D 1st Budget Hearing Minutes 3/24/25

HAMPTON-DUMONT BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING MEETING MINUTES 3/24/2025

- 1. The Hampton-Dumont Board of Education met in a Budget Hearing on March 24, 2025, in the District Boardroom. President Erran Miller called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Board members Erran Miller, Steve Severson, Matt Showalter, Brent Hansen and Elisa Van Wert were present in person and board member Stephanie Powers was present via Zoom. Board member Mark Morrison was absent. Also present were Superintendent Aaron Becker; Principal Beth Frenchick; Curriculum Coordinator Jen Koenen; Maintenance Director Marlin Smith; Technology Director Jeromy Keehn; Business Manager Lisa Lewis; Human Resources Manager Anne Lewis and Secretary Amanda Heiden.

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Dumont Special Meeting 3.27.25 #1

SPECIAL MEETING Dumont City Council, Dumont EMS Building 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2025

The Dumont City Council met in special session on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Edwin L. Moww presiding. Those present were Council Members Mike Day, Diane Gronewold, Wayne Pecha, David Shear and Mary Tyrrell. There were no visitors. Mayor Moww opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy for the City of Dumont, Iowa. Said Notice of the City Council's intent to conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy was published in the Hampton Chronicle on March 12, 2026. As no one appeared to comment on the Proposed Property Tax Levy, and there were no written objections filed at City Hall, Shear moved to close the Public Hearing. Day seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

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H-D Minutes & Claims 3/24/25

HAMPTON-DUMONT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 3/24/2025

1. The Hampton-Dumont Board of Education met in a Regular Meeting on March 24, 2025, in the District Boardroom. President Erran Miller called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm. Board members Erran Miller, Matt Showalter, Elisa Van Wert, Brent Hansen and Steve Severs were present in person and board member Stephanie Powers was present via Zoom. Board member Mark Morrison arrived late to the meeting. Also present were: Superintendent Aaron Becker; Principals Matt Trosky and Beth Frenchick; Curriculum Coordinator Jen Koenen; Maintenance Director Marlin Smith; Technology Director Jeremy Keehn; Business Manager Lisa Lewis; Human Resources Manager Anne Lewis and Secretary Amanda Heiden.

Visitors included Cynthia Krull, Kari Subbert, Michelle Peters, Alexis Vosburg, Nichole Prantner and Dan Aalbers.

2. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Hansen, to approve the agenda with a change to move item 11 Review District Career Academic Plan to under communication as item 4b. All ayes. Morrison was not present at time of vote

3. There were no recognitions, awards or donations for the month.

4. Jen Koenen, Cythia Krull and Kari Subbert gave a presentation on the District Career Academic Plan. Board member Mark Morrison arrived at 4:36 during the District Career Academic Plan presentation.

Alexis Vosburg and Dan Aalbers presented the Hampton-Dumont Education Association's initial proposal for negotiations, the proposal asked for a \$4,800 universal increase to all certified staff salaries and \$1,350 increase to the Generator Base Salary on Schedule D for 2025-2026. The proposed total package increase was 6.88%.

5. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Van Wert, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes. The minutes of the February 24, 2025, Regular Meeting and minutes of the February 25, 2025, Joint Meeting with CAL were approved.

Contracts were approved for: Brian Folkerts as Activities/Athletics & Substitute Bus Driver; Hannah Freerks as Preschool Teacher pending background check; Kayla Hagenow as Second Grade Teacher; Shelley Hillton as Boys Track Paraeducator; Rana Janes as Substitute Teacher; Melissa Simmons as Basketball Cheerleading Coach; Melissa Simmons as Wrestling Cheerleading Coach; Rebekah Simmons as Substitute Teacher; and Liz Soderberg as Girls Tennis Paraeducator.

Transfers were approved for the following: Noah Bishop from Second Grade Teacher to Fourth Grade Teacher; Bridget Meyer from North Side Cook to North Side Head Cook; Trinity Valenzuela from Kindergarten Prep Teacher to Kindergarten Teacher; and Sarah Westhoff from Preschool Teacher to High School Special Education Teacher.

Resignations/retirements were accepted from: Susan Bender as Summer Custodian; Kyle Donnenwerth as High School Industrial Technology Teacher, Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Varsity Assistant Girls Track Coach, Middle School Assistant Baseball Coach and Skills Iowa Advisor; Nicole Donnenwerth as High School English Language Arts Teacher, High School Yearbook Sponsor, High School Newspaper Sponsor, Assistant Bulldog TV Sponsor and Head Girls Track Coach; Kelly Meader as Summer Mower; Samantha Schirmer as North Side Elementary Associate; and Christi Weiser as High School Student Advocate.

The board approved the treasurer's reports and to allow for payment of the bills listed.

The board approved three open enrollment applications into the district from Clarion-Goldfield-Dows for 2025-2026 and one in from West Fork for 2025-2026. The board also reviewed one open enrollment application out of the district to CAM 's Iowa Connections Academy for 2024-2025, one out to North Butler for 2025-2026 and nine out to CAL for 2025-2026.

The board approved the following fundraisers: Raffle fundraiser for Drama Program.

6. There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

7. The board reviewed reports on activities, transportation, nursing and the High School before hearing the following updates:

Technology: Jeremy Keehn gave updates on the student content filter and a wireless wi-fi for the press box.

Maintenance & Facilities: Marlin Smith provided updates on the Middle School's gym heating system and the High School construction project.

Curriculum: Jen Koenen gave updates on ELPA testing and upcoming ISASP testing. She also asked the board to consider philosophical changes to both science and math curriculum at both the Middle School and High School later in the meeting.

Elementary: Beth Frenchick reported on recent elementary activities including Read Across America week and elementary concerts. She also informed the board the elementary received a donation of bilingual books.

Middle School: Jen Koenen informed the board the Middle School art department would be working to create an art piece that will be placed at the Peace Plaza through a grant received by the district.

Superintendent: Aaron Becker gave updates on facilities and construction projects.

8. There was no old business.

9. New Business

a. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Van Wert, to set a second public hearing on the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget for April 28, 2025, at 4:30 pm in the District Boardroom. All ayes.

b. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Powers, to set a public hearing to amend the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget for April 28, 2025, at 4:30 pm in the District Boardroom. All ayes.

c. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Van Wert, to set a public hearing on the 2025-2026 school calendar for April 28, 2025, at 4:30 pm in the District Boardroom. All ayes.

d. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Showalter, to approve the purchase of Xello Software Program for Career Counseling. All ayes.

e. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Severs, to approve a three-year lease for iPads and a four-year lease for computers including Apple Care for all devices. All ayes.

f. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Showalter, to approve the purchase of the new Crexendo phone system as presented. All ayes.

g. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Van Wert, to approve the programs for Food, Small Wares and Ware Wash of the AEA Purchasing Agreement for 2025-2026. All ayes.

h. Motion was made by Showalter, seconded by Van Wert, to approve the agreement with Morningside for Teacher Education Clinical Experience Placement for 2025-2026 as presented. All ayes.

i. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Severs, to approve the adoption of OpenSciEd Secondary Science curriculum as proposed. All ayes.

j. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Van Wert, to approve the adoption of Illustrative Mathematics curriculum for grades 6-12 as proposed. All ayes.

k. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Morrison to approve the proposed amendment to the 2024-2025 school calendar. All ayes. The approved proposal includes:

- Forgiving the student days for the snow days on February 12th and March 7th and converting them to teacher professional development days on June 3rd and 4th.
- If the district were to have another no school day due to weather the student day would be made up on June 2nd or an e-learning day would be used.
- If the district has any further late starts or early dismissals due to weather the district would make the final Wednesdays full days (May 14th, May 21st and May 28th as needed).

l. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Severs to call for mowing bids at the Dumont Bus Barn for summer/fall of 2025. All ayes.

m. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Morrison, to call for milk and bread bids for 2025-2026. All ayes.

n. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Van Wert, to call for cleaning supply bids for 2025-2026. All ayes.

10. There were no discussion items.

11. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the District Boardroom. The board will also hold public hearings for to amend the 2024-2025 budget, for the 2025-2026 budget and for the 2025-2026 school calendar.

12. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Severs to adjourn. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

13. The board held an exempt session for negotiations.

Hampton-Dumont CSD
 Claims for Presentation
 Board Meeting Date: 3/24/25
 General, Management, SAVE, PPEL,
 Child Nutrition and Activity Funds
 Vendor

Anderson Erickson Dairy
 EMS Detergent Services Co.
 Fareway Stores
 Martin Bros Dist Co
 Fareway Stores
 EMS Detergent Services Co.
 Martin Bros Dist Co
 Bimbo Bakeries USA
 AgVantage FS
 Jill R Burmester
 Cambium Assessment
 Carlin Horticultural Supplies
 Franklin Co Extension
 KendallHunt Publishing
 Marshalltown Comm School District
 Mediacom
 Pit and Septic Cleaners
 Rochester 100 INC.
 West Music Co
 Woodrver Energy LLC
 A & M Electric
 Batteries Plus Bulbs
 Iowa Falls CSD
 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY
 Richard Mock
 Reliable1
 Reliable1
 CENTURYLINK
 CITY OF HAMPTON
 Column Software PBC
 Hampton Hardware
 Lincoln Electric Company
 Marco Technologies LLC
 Rockwell Cooperative Telephone
 School Bus Sales Co
 Shred-It USA
 Taylor Music Inc
 U S Cellular
 Cam Community School District
 Capital Sanitary Supply
 Central Iowa Distributing Inc
 Clayton Ridge CSD
 Column Software PBC
 Culver-Hahn Electric Supply
 Fareway Stores
 Fareway Stores
 Hampton Hardware
 Mort's Water Co INC.
 North Central Building Supply, INC.
 One Source The Background

Check Company
 Protegis Fire & Safety
 Shred-It USA
 Swart Snow Removal
 Airgas Usa LLC
 Auto Parts Whse Inc
 Dale Howard Auto Center
 E & E Repair
 Fareway Stores
 Iowa Communications Network
 Iowa Testing Programs
 Jostens Inc
 Koenen & Collins Chiropractic Clinic
 Martin Bros Dist Co
 Medical Enterprises, Inc
 MP Backhoe LLC
 Murphy Heating & Plumbing
 Napa Auto Parts
 PPG Architectural Finishes
 R Comm Wireless
 TRANE U.S. INC
 Waverly-Shell Rock CSD
 Waco Construction Co., Inc
 EMERGENT ARCHITECTS
 Powerschool Group LLC
 School Bus Sales Co
 Marco
 Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company
 Central Rivers AEA
 Bob Dreckman
 Fareway Stores
 24-25 Concessions
 Dale Johnson
 Ethan Lambert
 Bob McLaughlin
 Drew Mourlam
 Mark Nalan
 Troy O'Hern
 Alex Pearson
 Scott J Whitehill
 Hollie R Carr
 Anthony D Dahle
 Dan Dingman
 Ryder Fair
 Iowa High School Music Association
 Dale Johnson
 Matt Lang
 All-Iowa Honor Dance Team
 Hollie R Carr
 Decker Sporting Goods
 East Iowa Speech & Debate
 Everbloom Flower Co LLC
 IHSSA
 Dale Johnson
 Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company
 Fareway Stores
 IHSSA
 Wood Vision Clinic Inc
 Fareway Stores
 Total Claims Approved

Description	Paid
Milk	\$8,020.78
Supplies	\$733.60
Supplies - GF Bread	\$9.99
Food	\$42,097.94
Purchased food	\$52.60
Supplies	\$551.50
Purchased Food	\$33,355.25
Purchased food - bread	\$3,723.36
Route Diesel	\$7,131.39
Mileage	\$71.02
ELPA	\$7,398.00
Greenhouse Supplies	\$832.20
spraying recirt	\$45.00
Sci Manuals	\$67.00
HS Level 1 Tuition	\$5,799.84
Monthly phone	\$156.64
clean kitchen grease trap	\$310.00
Folders	\$503.75
Shipping	\$45.00
HS Natural Gas	\$7,463.56
parking lot lights repair	\$1,151.88
scrubber batteries	\$801.28
SPED Tuition 1st Half Bill	\$5,597.94
HS Elec	\$19,368.19
MS Choir Piano Tuning	\$435.00
ERV Repair	\$4,860.33
gym heater and installation	\$8,745.59
District Wide Tele	\$942.55
HS Water	\$2,453.86
MINUTES 11/25/24 MTG PUBLICATIONS	\$384.61
softner salt	\$634.44
Welding Equipment and Supplies	\$361.12
copier staples	\$106.75
Transp Internet	\$104.95
Bus 18-2 Radio roof antenna	\$90.56
District Shredding	\$264.53
Resale reads & oil	\$456.84
District Cell	\$742.79
CAM 1ST SEM MS OE TUITION	\$11,103.94
new carpet vac.	\$523.78
vac parts	\$284.00
CR 1ST SEM HS OE TUITION	\$5,110.60
MINUTES & CLAIMS PUBLICATIONS 2/24/25	\$613.93
lot bulbs	\$238.20
Life Skills Class	\$484.36
Level 3 Supplies	\$6.98
Paint	\$185.26
drain cleaning in kitchen	\$381.50
plywood, screws	\$156.46
Feb 2025 Background Checks	\$240.00
return shipping on fire unit	\$22.19
District Shredding	\$284.08
Snow Removal - D	\$150.00
Welding PPE	\$206.29
Washer fluid/cleaner	\$135.87
Backup alarms new vehicles	\$771.00
Bus 18-2 repair	\$252.07
ProStart Parent Preview Night	\$1,298.29
Long Distance	\$72.61
ISASP	\$3,268.00
high school senior diploma covers	\$2,422.25
Driver Physical	\$110.00
Bulldog Cafe	\$974.31
BATS DOT	\$21.00
sanding lots	\$700.00
replaced broken urinal	\$1,804.33
truck wipers	\$34.98
line painter parts	\$70.26
CB repeater fee	\$425.00
thermostat kit	\$332.75
SPED Services Lied Cntr	\$10,372.32
HS Project-Pay App 6	\$779,449.47
High School Project-Inv 10461	\$12,111.21
Messenger	\$2,272.16
New Bus	\$129,899.00
EQUIP_COPIER LEASE	\$1,786.28
24-25 Concessions	\$3,397.72
24-25 Speech	\$135.10
2/8 HS Event	\$225.00
24-25 Concessions	\$4,692.72
24-25 Concessions	\$4,425.37
MS 2/13/25	\$95.00
2/8 HS Event	\$225.00
2/8 HS Event	\$225.00
MS 2/10/25	\$95.00
MS 2/10/25, 2/13/25	\$190.00
2/8 HS Event	\$225.00
MS 2/11/25	\$90.00
MS 2/11/25	\$90.00
MS 2/20/25	\$95.00
2/17 HS Event	\$150.00
2/17 HS Event	\$150.00
MS 2/20/25	\$175.00
Solo/Ensemble Registration Fees	\$885.00
2/17 HS Event	\$80.00
2/17 HS Event	\$150.00
24-25 Dance	\$678.00
MS 2/24/25	\$95.00
24-25 BBSKB	\$158.05
24-25 Debate	\$30.00
24-25 StuCo	\$581.00
24-25 Speech	\$576.00
MS 2/24/25	\$95.00
24-25 Concessions	\$173.39
24-25 Concessions	\$2,034.50
24-25 Speech	\$95.00
Supplies	\$35.00
Meal Giveaway	\$104.54
TOTAL	\$1,155,488.65

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CAL Minutes & Claims 3/20/25

CAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 3/20/2025

1. The CAL Board of Education held its Regular on March 20, 2025, in the CAL CELL. President Beth Podolan called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Board members Beth Podolan, Cathy Carlson, Joe Campbell and Shon Osborn were present. Board member Brad Wessels was absent. Also present were Superintendent Todd Lettow, Principal Abby Meyer, Curriculum Coordinator Jen Koenen, Human Resources Manager Anne Lewis and Secretary Amanda Heiden.

2. Motion was made by Osborn, seconded by Campbell, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes.

3. Visitors included Heather Koenen, Becca Kaefring, Krista State and Ciana Peil.

4. Krista State and Ciana Peil presented the CAL Education Association's initial proposal for 2025-2026 negotiations. The proposal asked for no changes to the base wage except for what is mandated by the state. The proposal also asked for a few language changes to the Master Contract.

5. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. Minutes of the February 25, 2025, Regular Meeting were approved. Financial reports for the month were reviewed. The summary listing of bills was approved. Resignation of Tiana Hilgenberg as Cub Cadet Childcare was accepted. The board approved eight open enrollment applications into the district from Hampton-Dumont for the 2025-2026 school year.

6. There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

7. The board reviewed the transportation report and heard the following reports: Curriculum: Jen Koenen informed the board that ELPA testing is complete and reviewed the proposal to purchase the Imagine Math platform. Principal: Abby Meyer informed the board of upcoming events that include Prospective Parent Night and PTO's Carnival. She reviewed the proposal to continue the Happy Numbers subscription and let the board know the school was designated as a heart safe school by Project ADAM. Superintendent: Todd Lettow reviewed the transportation and meal programs the district provides for St Pauls and the direction for the programs in the future.

8. Old Business

a. Motion was made by Osborn, seconded by Carlson, to not approve the Northern Iowa Consortium Service Agreement for 2025-2026. All ayes.

b. Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Campbell, to approve the 28E Agreement with Belmond-Klemme Community School District for Transportation Director for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. All ayes.

9. New Business

a. Motion was made by Osborn, seconded by Carlson, to award the audit request for Proposal to Barr & Company LLC, who submitted the lower bid over the three-year period. All ayes.

b. Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Osborn, to approve a change of audit firm for fiscal year 2025 to Barr & Company, LLC, should the district be allowed to break the current contract. All ayes.

c. Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Carlson, to set the second public hearing on the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget to April 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the CAL CELL. All ayes.

d. Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Osborn, to set a public hearing to amend the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget for April 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the CAL CELL. All ayes.

e. Motion was made by Osborn, seconded by Campbell, to set a public hearing for the 2025-2026 Calendar for a date to be determined and published. All ayes.

f. Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Osborn, to approve the Happy Numbers subscription for 2025-2026 in the amount of \$3,145 as presented. All ayes.

g. Motion was made by Osborn, seconded by Carlson, to approve the purchase of Imagine Math Curriculum in the amount \$7,112 as presented. All ayes.

h. Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Carlson, to discontinue the Mechanical Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Baker Group. All ayes.

i. Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Osborn, to approve the Food, Small Wares and Ware Wash programs of the AEA Purchasing Agreement for 2025-2026. All ayes.

j. Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Campbell, to approve the agreement with Morningside for Teacher Education Clinical Experience Placements for 2025-2026 as presented. All ayes.

k. Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Osborn, to call for mowing bids for the Summer/Fall of 2025. All ayes.

l. Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Osborn, to call for milk and bread bids for the 2025-2026 school year. All ayes.

10. There were no discussion items.

11. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the CAL CELL. The second budget hearing and a budget amendment hearing will also be held on April 15th.

12. Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Advantage Administrators
 Advantage Fs, Inc
 Ainers & Conroy, P.c.
 Amazon Capital Services
 Barkers Tree Service
 CAL Child Nutrition Fund
 Centurylink Qcc
 City Of Latimer
 Column Software Pbc
 De Lage Landen Financial Services Inc
 Empower
 Franklin Rural Electric Coop.
 Frontier Communications
 Hampton Dumont Insurance Fund
 Hampton Hardware
 Hampton-Dumont Comm. School
 Howard Technology Solutions
 Internal Revenue Service
 Iowa Department of Revenue
 Iowa Public Employees Ret Sys
 Iseba
 Midamerican Energy Company
 Midwest Alarm Services
 Mort's Water Company, Inc
 Nolte, Corrman & Johnson P.c. Corp
 Orkin LLC
 Reliable1 Heating/Ac/Plumbing
 Riemann Music East
 Schrader Construction
 Sphero
 Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC
 Timberline Billing Service LLC
 Us Cellular
 Visa (M)
 Waverly-Shell Rock CSD

ACTIVITY FUND
 VENDOR
 Amazon Capital Services

CHILD NUTRITION FUND
 VENDOR
 Amazon Capital Services
 Anderson Erickson Dairy Co.
 CAL General Fund
 Hampton Hardware
 Martin Brothers Dist. Co., Inc

CHILDCARE FUND
 VENDOR
 Tuition Express - Procure
 Cal General Fund
 Amazon Capital Services
 Rockwell Cooperative Telephone
 CAL Child Nutrition Fund
 Cast, LLC
 Franklin Rural Electric Coop.
 Hampton Hardware
 Martin Brothers Dist. Co., Inc
 Mcl
 Visa (M)

STUDENT IN NEED FUND
 VENDOR
 Visa (M)

Description	Amount Paid
Payroll	\$ 358.33
Fuel	\$ 1,984.39
Legal Services	\$ 103.50
Tree Removal	\$ 4,100.00
Payroll	\$ 155.00
Telephone Long Distance	\$ 53.38
Garbage	\$ 252.16
Publications	\$ 147.67
Copier Lease	\$ 833.34
Payroll	\$ 467.47
Electric	\$ 3,895.31
Telephone	\$ 407.82
Medical Insurance	\$ 419.55
Supplies	\$ 36.84
Hansen Sub Reimb	\$ 349.17
Network Equipment	\$ 958.96
FICA Payable	\$ 34,758.18
SWT Payable	\$ 3,821.54
IFERS Payable	\$ 27,022.23
Medical Insurance	\$ 30,479.78
Bus Barn Electric	\$ 235.67
Service Call	\$ 755.12
Service Call	\$ 85.00
Audit Work	\$ 5,600.00
Pest Control	\$ 287.99
Gym HVAC Repairs	\$ 2,482.86
Band Repair	\$ 80.00
Child Care Construction Project	\$ 86,047.00
Supplies	\$ 4,136.32
Natural Gas	\$ 3,529.42
February 2025 Billing	\$ 422.67
Cell Phones	\$ 181.89
Supplies	\$ 478.13
Special Education Tuition	\$ 10,372.32
TOTAL	\$ 226,270.21

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT PAID
Supplies	\$ 184.20
TOTAL	\$ 184.20

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT PAID
Supplies	\$ 139.96
Milk	\$ 1,202.78
CN March 2025 Payroll	\$ 9,342.22
Supplies	\$ 11.99
Food Supplies	\$ 8,800.60
TOTAL	\$ 19,497.55

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT PAID
FEB 2025 TUITION EXPRESS FEES	\$ 262.52
CC March 2025 Payroll	\$ 56,141.48
Supplies	\$ 78.53
Childcare Phone	\$ 34.95
Childcare Meals-January	\$ 14,250.00
CPR Training	\$ 240.00
Cub Cadet Electric	\$ 495.28
Supplies	\$ 8.97
Childcare Food	\$ 775.11
Cub Cadet Long Distance	\$ 52.35
Procure Software Subscription	\$ 104.00
TOTAL	\$ 72,443.19

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT PAID
Prescription	\$ 12.99
TOTAL	\$ 12.99

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Got a Legal Notice to Submit?
 Deadline for legal notice submissions is Monday at noon

CAL FY25 Budget Amendment Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
CAL School District
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
The CAL School District will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025

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Dumont: Budget Hearing FY26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
City of: DUMONT

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: (Dumont EMS Building, 630 First Street, Dumont, IA 50625
Meeting Date: 4/17/2025 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

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.
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property 22.90580
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is 3.00375
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

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FY26 Budget Adoption Public Notice: Franklin

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
County Name: FRANKLIN COUNTY County Number: 35

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/14/2025 Meeting Time: 10:00 AM Meeting Location: Supervisors Meeting Room at the Franklin County Courthouse
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
Taxes Levied on Property 1 10,252,436 9,782,498 9,138,317 5.92
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year 2 750 750 0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers 3 290,883 290,883 284,264
Net Current Property Taxes 4 9,960,803 9,490,865 8,854,053
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue 5 165 165 399
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes 6 0 0 47,940
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues 7 970,922 1,134,107 1,196,225 -9.91
Intergovernmental 8 9,035,374 9,045,999 9,286,547
Licenses & Permits 9 36,450 30,100 49,199
Charges for Service 10 505,665 487,669 481,617
Use of Money & Property 11 370,585 383,860 422,724
Miscellaneous 12 90,360 82,994 326,485
Subtotal Revenues 13 20,970,324 20,655,759 20,665,189
Other Financing Sources:
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds 14 0 0 0
Operating Transfers In 15 3,653,740 3,462,207 3,524,035
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales 16 35,000 42,000 136,079
Total Revenues & Other Sources 17 24,659,064 24,159,966 24,325,303
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES
Operating:
Public Safety and Legal Services 18 2,660,046 2,413,470 2,345,918 6.48
Physical Health and Social Services 19 1,522,575 1,402,722 1,323,152 7.27
County Environment and Education 21 951,174 1,102,498 1,119,071 -7.81
Roads & Transportation 22 7,650,500 7,730,500 7,071,402 4.01
Government Services to Residents 23 866,609 774,446 723,975 9.41
Administration 24 6,331,572 6,350,364 5,817,433 4.33
Nonprogram Current 25 0 0 424,757
Debt Service 26 0 0 26,471
Capital Projects 27 480,000 400,000 576,558 -8.76
Subtotal Expenditures 28 20,462,476 20,174,000 19,428,737
Other Financing Uses:
Operating Transfers Out 29 3,653,740 3,462,207 3,524,035
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow 30 0 0 0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses 31 24,116,216 23,636,207 22,952,772
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses 32 542,848 523,759 1,372,531
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 33 14,831,094 14,307,335 12,934,804
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting) 34 0 0 0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable 35 0 0 0
Fund Balance - Restricted 36 8,848,951 8,535,105 8,587,313
Fund Balance - Committed 37 0 0 0
Fund Balance - Assigned 38 1,630,861 1,697,949 1,718,662
Fund Balance - Unassigned 39 4,894,130 4,598,040 4,001,360
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 40 15,373,942 14,831,094 14,307,335
Proposed property taxation by type:
Countywide Levies*: 6,363,464
Rural Only Levies*: 3,888,972
Special District Levies*: 0
TIF Tax Revenues: 0
Utility Replacement Excise Tax: 440,922
Proposed tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation:
Urban Areas: 5.81409
Rural Areas: 10.20071
Any special district tax rates not included.

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Hampton Council Regular Session 3.27.25

HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025, at 6:10 P.M.
(Followed a Special Session)

The Hampton City Council Regular Session Meeting was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Steve Birdsall at 6:10 p.m. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Jerre Grefe, Bill Hodge, Barry Lamos and Patrick Palmer. Ward III is vacant. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Public Works Director Doug Tarr, and Police Chief Mark Morrison. Mayor Birdsall called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Lamos second by Davies to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

The Mayor read the City Leadership Statement. Council Workshop Report: Mayor Birdsall presented minutes from the March 24, 2025 Council Workshop and read a Proclamation declaring April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Public Comment: Don Warneke updated the council on a demo project at the corner of Hwy 65 and 140th Street. Marilyn Moser spoke in support of Jeanne Fay for the Ward III vacancy. Dick Lukensmeyer spoke in support of Bill Holmstrom for the Ward III vacancy. Joslyn Stock voiced support for Crystal Wolvers and Jeanne Fay for the Ward III vacancy. Public Hearing: None. Old Business: None.

New Business: The next item of business was to appoint to the Ward III Council vacancy to serve until the canvassing of the November 2025 election. Motion by Lamos, second by Hodge to appoint Bill Holmstrom to fill the Ward III vacancy until the canvassing of the November 2025 Election. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lamos, Davies, Hodge; Nays: Palmer and Grefe. The appointment passed 3 to 2. Holmstrom immediately was given the Oath of Office and took his seat with the council. The council considered Pay Estimate #6 from Henkel Construction in the amount of \$813,152.50 for Water Treatment Plant Improvements. Mike Shoup from V & K provided details. Motion by Grefe, second by Lamos to approve Pay Estimate #6 from Henkel Construction in the amount of \$813,152.50. Motion approved unanimously.

Consider the final draft of the FY26 Budget, set hearing for April 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the city council chambers and authorize city staff to publish notice in the April 9, 2025 edition of Hampton Chronicle. Motion by Davies, second by Palmer to approve the final draft of FY26 Budget, set public hearing for April 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm in city Council Chambers and authorize city staff to publish notice in the April 9, 2025 edition of the Hampton Chronicle. Motion approved unanimously. Approval of claims. Motion by Hodge, second by Lamos to approve the claims as submitted by Staff in the amount of \$957,419.33. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions: City Manager Dunt presented the first reading of Ordinance 405 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, IOWA, CHAPTER 165, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 2 TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY (First Reading). A public hearing will be held at the council meeting on Thursday, April 10. Motion by Palmer, second by Grefe to approve the first reading of Ordinance 405. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Palmer, Hodge, Lamos, Grefe, Davies, Holmstrom; Nays: None. Motion approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda. Motion by Grefe, second by Lamos to approve the previous minutes as drafted from Thursday, March 13, 2025 Regular Session, schedule the next Regular Session for Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; and cancel the April 7, 2025 workshop. Motion approved unanimously. Staff Reports given by Police Chief Mark Morrison, Public Works Director Doug Tarr, and City Manager Ron Dunt. Council Reports given by Davies, Grefe, Hodge, Holmstrom, Lamos, and Palmer.

Mayor's Report given by Mayor Birdsall. Motion to adjourn by Grefe, seconded by Palmer at 7:00 pm. Motion approved unanimously. Attest: Ron Dunt, City Manager Mayor Steve Birdsall

CITY OF HAMPTON FINANCIAL REPORT CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL
VENDOR DESCRIPTION AMOUNT
AGSOURCE LABORATORIES TESTING..... \$86.00
AGVANTAGE FS INC FUEL..... \$832.49
AHLERS & COONEY PC ATTY FEES..... \$679.00
AUDITOR STATE OF IOWA AUDIT FEES..... \$425.00
BOUND TO STAY BOUND BOOKS..... \$379.86
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN MAINT..... \$2,576.22
CANO, MAYRA SHELTER DEP..... \$100.00
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT BOOKS..... \$94.68
COUNTRY HOME MAGAZINE PERIODICAL..... \$25.00
CULLIGAN WATER LIBRARY MAINT..... \$40.00
D&L SANITATION INC GARBAGE..... \$501.85
E&E REPAIR GRASS TRUCK..... \$38.50
EBS - CITY'S PORTION DENTAL CLAIM..... \$836.00
EFTPS FED WH FED/FICA TAX..... \$13,999.39
ENVIRONMENTAL EQUIP & SVC EQUIPMENT..... \$16,450.00
FAREWAY STORES INC SUPPLY..... \$53.87
FRANKLIN REC UTILITIES..... \$802.05
GALLS LLC UNIFORMS..... \$392.36
GIT-N-GO CONVENIENCE STORE FUEL..... \$2,167.49
GLOBAL HYDRAULICS & SUPP REPAIR..... \$80.57
HAWKINS, INC. CHEMICALS..... \$30.00
HEILSKOV, CAIDEN PROF FEES..... \$120.00
HENKEL CONSTRUCTION CO WATER SRF..... \$813,152.50
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES BOOKS..... \$484.27
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT AC01 TRAINING..... \$20.00
IPERS IPERS- PROTECTN..... \$18,175.78
K&W ELECTRIC, INC. REPAIR..... \$725.00
KIRKWOOD COMM COLLEGE TRAINING..... \$1,120.00
KNIPFEL, SUZY REIMBURSE..... \$12.04
KWIK TRIP INC / KWIK STAR FUEL..... \$654.14
LEAF LIBRARY MAINT..... \$183.96
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS INC PROF FEES..... \$915.00
MANURE MOVERS LLC STREET..... \$740.00
MASSEE, HOLLY SHELTER DEP..... \$100.00
MICROBAC LABS INC TESTING..... \$17.50
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING PERIODICAL..... \$74.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO ELECTRIC..... \$466.19
MILLER'S ALIGNMENT REPAIR..... \$25.00
MORT'S WATER CO REPAIR..... \$1,669.56
MURPHY'S HTG & PLMBG EQUIPMENT..... \$6,800.00
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS SUPPLY..... \$54.17
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE LIFE INSURANCE..... \$268.02
SCHUMANN AVIATION CONTRACT FEES..... \$3,168.67
SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS SHRED..... \$54.00
STATE WH STATE TAX..... \$3,005.05
SUNTKEN, ALLI SHELTER DEP..... \$100.00
TAYLOR, JOSHUA REIMBURSEMENT..... \$54.33
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL SUPPLY..... \$1,026.50
THOMPSON, RACHELLE CPA, AUDIT..... \$15,500.00
TURNER, NICHOLAS TRAINING..... \$385.00
UNUMPROVIDENT CORPORATION DISABILITY INS..... \$927.68
USA TODAY PERIODICAL..... \$398.78
VAN WALL EQUIP HAMPTON REPAIR..... \$71.96
VISA SUPPLY..... \$2,799.49
PAYROLL CHECKS TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS..... \$43,562.41
CLAIMS TOTAL..... \$957,419.33

CLAIMS BY FUND:
GENERAL FUND..... \$63,279.19
GENERAL - LOST/POOL FUND..... \$1,210.99
LIBRARY FUND..... \$9,490.19
ROAD USE TAX FUND..... \$29,787.57
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND..... \$1,413.16
WATER OPERATING FUND..... \$16,229.39
WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND..... \$813,152.50
SEWER FUND..... \$22,856.34
CLAIMS TOTAL..... \$957,419.33

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Franklin Co Claims, 3/31/2025

Publication List by Vendor/Description				
Ahlers & Cooney PC Svcs	1695.18	1	Electronic Engineering Svcs	675.00 1
AireSpring File 1422 Svcs	533.30	1	Katy Flint Reimb	197.01 1
City of Alexander Frm to Mkt	205.35	1	Floyd & Leonard Auto Elec Rep/Parts	132.12 1
Brad Allen Beaver Tail Bounty	70.00	1	Franklin Co Sheriff's Office Svcs	245.30 3
Alliant Energy Util	344.78	2	Franklin General Hospital Rent/Svcs	1540.00 5
Amazon Capital Services Sup	112.59	2	Franklin REC Util	851.15 2
Auto Parts Rep/Parts	65.35	1	City of Geneva Frm to Mkt	263.33 1
Mary Barnhart Mileage	144.90	1	Travis Gerrish Mileage	118.50 1
Shanda M Boehnke Reimb	104.30	1	Hampton Hardware Sup	62.32 1
Brenda Boyington Mileage	124.60	1	City of Hansell Frm to Mkt	243.74 1
Brents Ag & Auto Repair Rep/Parts	41.99	1	Hawkeye West Pest Cntrl Svcs	238.00 3
Heather A Bushbaum Mileage	173.00	1	Heartland Tire Equip	878.68 1
Carefacient Inc Software	1789.66	1	Holiday Inn Ed/Trng	257.60 1
Central IA Detention JV Detention	3360.00	1	ICEOO District II Attn: Stacy meetings	40.00 1
Central Iowa Distributing Sup	724.00	1	ICAA Trng	393.00 1
Chemsearch Shop Sup	230.95	1	ILEA Trng	125.00 1
Cintas Sup	963.26	1	Iowa One Call Dues	50.00 1
Cintas First Aid Srv/Sup	104.27	2	ISAC Trng	240.00 1
Ashley Claussen Mileage	62.19	1	ISACA Dues/Trng	250.00 1
Column Software PBC Svcs	168.85	1	John Deere Financial Rep/Parts	147.16 1
City of Coulter Frm to Mkt	323.33	1	Elaina Johns Mileage	15.28 1
D&L Sanitation Svcs	450.40	8	Deb Jones Reimb	50.00 1
Dale Howard Auto Rep/Parts	593.61	1	Lance Studer Custom Auto Svcs	1134.24 4
DD 30 Lat 10 Fund 51043 DD	3002.00	1	City of Latimer Util	1667.59 1
Dept of Inspections, Appeals Svcs	175.00	1	Lawson Products Parts/Sup	896.46 1
Casey Ditch Mileage	45.95	1	Martin Marietta Road Stone	2299.23 1
Craig Eckhardt Svcs	70.00	1	McDowell & Sons Svcs	25861.00 1
Eldora Family Dentistry LLC Svcs	623.00	1	Gary McVicker Reimb	437.48 1
			Microbac Laboratories, Inc c/o Water Testing	17.50 1
			Mid American Energy Util	610.84 5
			Midland Power Util	14.71 1
			Millers Alignment Rep/Parts	135.00 2
			Chad Murray Mileage	133.00 1
			NIACC Ed/Trng	536.25 1
			N Central Bldg Sup Sup	192.72 2
			Todd Nosbisch Blank Record	56.00 1
			OnTrack Svcs	383.00 1
			City of Popejoy Frm to Mkt	139.57 1
			Professional Office Services Publications/Notices/Adve	3570.32 1
			Quill Corp Sup	53.75 1
			Reminder Printing Ads	146.40 1
			Ashley Roberts Mileage	50.50 1
			Sadler Power Train Blank Record	408.00 1
			The Shanda Shop, LLC Wrk Aprl	234.22 1
			Solutions Support	42853.23 4
			Street Cop Trng Trng	299.00 1
			Taylor Brothers Door Lock, LLC Sup	1341.55 1
			Kit D Thomas Reimb	39.20 1
			Timber Mgmt LLC Sup	1292.17 1
			Top Quality Mfg Gloves	15.85 1
			US Cellular Svcs	2043.25 3
			Verizon Svcs	463.79 3
			Visual Edge IT Maint	182.99 6
			Kya K Watson Reimb	44.10 1
			Chase H Weinandy Reimb	36.36 1
			Grand Total	110904.27
			Approved 3/31/25 to be paid 4/2/25.	

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West Fork CSD Public Hearing Budget FY26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed WEST FORK School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

Location of Public Hearing: West Fork CSD Rockwell Campus - Supt. Office 210 2nd St. S. Rockwell, IA 50469 Date of Hearing: 04/21/2025 Time of Hearing: 05:00 PM

The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 25/26 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

	Budget 2026	Re-est. 2025	Actual 2024	Avg % 24-26
Taxes Levied on Property	1	6,298,111	5,340,402	5,206,463 % 10.0
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	102,743	93,717	98,141 % 2.3
Income Surtaxes	3	55,960	52,974	248,066 % -52.5
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	425,000	400,000	475,889
Earnings on Investments	5	57,100	74,500	175,587
Nutrition Program Sales	6	250,000	250,000	219,406
Student Activities and Sales	7	285,100	285,200	265,419
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	1,075,500	243,500	259,076
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0
State Foundation Aid	10	5,274,811	5,118,533	5,032,573
Instructional Support State Aid	11	14,412	0	0
Other State Sources	12	203,700	1,018,800	1,313,538
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	68,192	68,192	63,686
Title I Grants	14	120,000	110,000	111,600
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	280,000	300,000	2,018,317
Total Revenues	16	14,510,629	13,355,818	15,487,761
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	10,000,000	0	0
Transfers In	18	2,000,000	0	1,204,304
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	10,500	11,565
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	26,510,629	13,366,318	16,703,630
Beginning Fund Balance	22	3,909,820	4,714,185	10,360,880
Total Resources	23	30,420,449	18,080,503	27,064,510
*Instruction	24	8,619,000	7,965,000	8,249,740 % 2.2
Student Support Services	25	470,000	450,000	373,660
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	410,000	106,000	63,818
General Administration	27	720,000	665,000	617,285
School Administration	28	520,000	500,000	499,407
Business & Central Administration	29	590,300	570,000	663,481
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	2,965,350	1,155,000	2,717,894
Student Transportation	31	895,000	875,000	773,998
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	6,570,650	4,321,000	5,709,543 % 7.3
*Noninstructional Programs	32	551,000	410,000	555,990 % -0.4
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	900,000	1,150,000	5,025,761
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	65,000	0	797,468
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	294,761	324,683	384,818
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	1,259,761	1,474,683	6,208,047 % -55.0
Total Expenditures	36	17,000,411	14,170,683	20,723,320
Transfers Out	37	2,000,000	0	1,204,303
Other Uses	38	0	0	422,702
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	19,000,411	14,170,683	22,350,325
Ending Fund Balance	40	11,420,038	3,909,820	4,714,185
Total Requirements	41	30,420,449	18,080,503	27,064,510
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		12.83285		

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Betty Harken Estate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Betty L. Harken, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR502017
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Betty L. Harken, Deceased, who died on or about December 11, 2020:
You are hereby notified that on March 25, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Betty L. Harken, deceased, bearing date of December 19, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Laurie Greimann 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 28, 2025.

Laurie Greimann, Executor of Estate
1392 Highway 3
Hampton, IA 50441

G. A. Cady III, ICIS#: AT0001386
Attorney for Executor
Cady & Rosenberg Law Firm, P.L.C.
9 First Street SW
PO Box 456
Hampton, IA 50441

Probate Code Section 304

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Got a Legal Notice to Submit?

Deadline for legal notice submissions is Monday at noon

Cribbage Tournament

Cribbage players from near and far played at the New Hope United Methodist Church of Aredale on Saturday morning, March 29 — raising money for the local Relay for Life chapter.



Bridge of Hope Trivia Night

Bridge of Hope held their 14th annual trivia night on Saturday night, March 29 at Church of the Living Word.



McKinley Jones and Emma Behn take a break from serving sodas and water for a quick photo.



Janae Eisentrager, Kim Hershey, Linda Wharton and Linda Kuehner were tasked with tallying up the points of the trivia sheets.



Community members ready to play some trivia at Church of the Living Word on Saturday, March 29.



The Retz family took first place at Bridge of Hope's 14th annual trivia night on Saturday, March 29. From left to right, Diane Wills, Nancy Retz, Kim Wills, Fred Retz, Leah Cruz and Brianne Engleman.



Meghan Freie, Joe Jorgensen, Beth Eddy, Dyanne Pralle, Suzy Knipfel and Jim Davies ready to play some trivia.



Leon Kuehner emceeding the annual trivia night.

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