

THE RISE OR FALL OF THE OLD STONE HOUSE

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
 HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Franklin County Historical Society board member Kendra Johnson wants to try something new with the Old Stone House — Franklin County's oldest house.

The structure, which was built in 1854, has gone through many renovations over the years, and now a group of concerned citizens, who call themselves the "New Friends of the Old Stone House" are considering turning it into an Airbnb. Johnson is one of the "New Friends of the Old Stone House."

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Franklin County Historical Society board member Kendra Johnson takes a break from cleaning the house. Johnson grew up spending time at the house, which her grandparents helped maintain. *Photo by Jennifer Burnham.*



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Hampton Police Department Holds First Session of Citizens Academy

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison was happy with the first session of their citizens academy, which kicked off Wednesday evening, April 1.

Twelve members of the community showed up for their first class, which ran from 6 to 9 p.m. in the meeting room of City Hall. As an introduction, Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison shared a few words with students.

"I want to welcome everyone to the Hampton Police Department's first Citizens Academy," Morrison said. "We at the Hampton Police Department believe in providing quality and professional services, in partnership with the community of Hampton, to ensure the highest quality of life for our residents, visitors and businesses."

After his introduction, Hampton Captain Michael Halsne gave students an overview of the basic technology that they use, including: emergency lights, push bars, reflective decals, mobile radios, in-car cameras, stop sticks, patrol shotguns, medical bags, fire extinguishers for their cars and handcuffs, expandable batons, portable radios, duty weapons and more for individual officers. According to Halsne, the



Hampton Police Captain Michael Halsne talking about the technology used in their cars. *Photo by Jennifer Burnham*

challenges faced by their police department are vehicle searches vs. inventories, new court rulings, hiring and retention of good officers and technology. As noted in his presentation, the police department continues to see an uptick in calls year to year. The department received 4,315 calls in 2020, 4,507 calls in 2021, 4,630 calls in 2022 and 4,960 calls in 2023. Halsne said a lot of this has to do with the increase in

mental health issues.

As illustrated in his presentation, traffic stops are the most common way that the public makes contact with law enforcement officers.

"Traffic stops are a vital area of pub-

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STONE HOUSE: FROM COVER

A farmer from Ohio named Leander Reeve traveled to Franklin County from Ashtabula County, Ohio in 1853, and the following year, he returned to build the house for his wife, who didn't like it and they eventually left three years later. Many believe the bricks for the house came from Maynes Creek. The two-story, brick structure in Geneva has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1979, and its maintenance has been overseen by the Franklin County Historical Society since 1982.

Johnson's grandparents, Lavonne and Hap Grice, are a couple of the people who helped renovate the house in the late '70s and early '80s. Johnson said she has fond memories of hanging out at the house while they cleaned, even pointing out a place in the upstairs bedroom where her sister kicked a hole through a weak floorboard.

According to Johnson, the house currently has geothermal air conditioning and heating and electricity but no running water, but she did mention that the house is near a well that they could draw water from. This, however, would require digging to get access to that water. She also said that the house has a new roof that's about 10 years old.

"This house has been through so much," Johnson said. "My grandparents are a part of the original restoration in 1979. So we're just trying to save it again."

Johnson explained that she was brought on board to help the Franklin History Society figure out what their next step is: should they tear it down and create a smaller replica to display at the Historical Museum at the fairgrounds? Or should they hand it over to the New Friends of the Old Stone House, who would then turn it into an Airbnb, which would bring in money to help sustain the structure?



Kendra Johnson, who hopes to turn the Old Stone House into an Airbnb, takes a break from cleaning the house on Thursday, April 9. Photos by Jennifer Burnham.

there's a mold problem that needs to be addressed. But Johnson said they would redo

the inside walls, as there's currently no insulation, which would help take care of the rest of the mold.

"It's a long, extensive list to get it back to the point where it could last another generation," Brown said. "It came to our attention last summer that the house was in pretty poor repair. It wasn't as if it was a big surprise, but what are we gonna do about it? You can't go on endlessly and not have some sort of attention or some sort of a decision. Should it be preserved? There is some sentiment that it should be. Or do we build a replica of it, along with all the stories and pictures of it, and preserve the history in a written and pictorial form?"

Brown, who grew up on a farm in Franklin County, said he isn't opposed to the idea of turning the house into an Airbnb, but that he thinks it would be a big job and better funded and managed by the "New Friends" group rather than the Historical Society.

"The Airbnb was unexpected and something that none of us really ever thought about," Brown said. "So now we need time to evaluate it ... It was brought to us at our last Board meeting. We want to make sure that it's credible and it's doable."

Brown said that maintenance of the house has been funded by grants and donors from the community over the years.

The Franklin County Historical Society Board, which meets monthly at the Historical Museum in Hampton, oversees the happenings and projects at the Franklin County Historical Museum, the Old Stone House and the Harriman-Nielsen properties, among other entities.

At the end of the month, the Franklin County Histor-

“This house has been through so much”

She was first approached at her job at Fareway by one of the Historical Society Board members, who knew that she grew up around the house and that her family had been involved with renovating it in the '70s.

According to Johnson, if the house were to be torn down, and a replica was made for the museum, the Franklin County Historical Society would oversee the project.



Paul Wullbrandt preparing to vacuum the downstairs of the Old Stone House on Thursday, April 9.

"Either way, it's great. I just don't want to see it fall down here," Johnson said. "So I started going around, about a year ago, and seeing who still cares about this house. I couldn't believe how many people were like 'yeah!' We got a pretty solid group of about 11 people and we've been meeting here once a month all winter long and kind of made it our little clubhouse ... the heat runs really well even with this big gap in the wall."

Franklin County Historical Society Board President Charlie Brown, who's been involved with the society for the last 20 years, shared thoughts on the state of the house.

"Their group, which Kendra has been coordinating, was tasked with coming up with ideas for saving the Old Stone House, because it's in disrepair," he said. "We've gone through that process and have learned that it's expensive, and that it's going to take a lot of renovation just to get it back to being safe and somewhat usable, and then recently this notion of an Airbnb popped up."

According to both Brown and Johnson, the building needs a lot of work before it'd be considered "safe" to reside in. For starters, the floors and one of the walls need to be fixed, and



A "mystery" loom at the Old Stone House. "Nobody really knows where it came from," Johnson said.



One of the downstairs bedrooms at the Old Stone House.

ical Society Board will vote on whether they will turn the Old Stone House over to the "New Friends of the Old Stone House" committee, who would take over the restoration and manage the Airbnb project.

During the weekend of the Geneva Market, Johnson could be seen sitting in front of the house with a sign reading "vote here," encouraging members of the community to weigh in.

"It is going to take a lot of money to make it safe and usable, so just to make it a museum is silly," Johnson said. "Why not go all in and make it liveable and self-supportive? Yes, the Airbnb is a lofty goal, but let's go all in and do it instead of little band-aids til the next thing falls apart."

When it comes to the possibility of turning the place into an Airbnb, Johnson is excited.

"It still has to be voted on, so we're trying not to decorate it in our heads," she said. "I just love it. I think it's very possible to keep this house open for 200 years"

The Old Stone House is currently 178 years old.

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HD-CAL Bulldog Cafe Closed for Summer

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton-Dumont High School's Bulldog Cafe hosted its last cafe for the semester, featuring Indian cuisine. Throughout the school year, the Bulldog Cafe holds numerous cafes for community members. This year, the students focused on a different country for each cafe. According to Bulldog Cafe and ProStart instructor Leslie Pralle Osborn, a total of 22 students were involved with the cafe this semester.

"We spent this semester focusing on global cuisine that was going to push and stretch us in new ways," Osborn said. "We learned a lot of new techniques, experienced a ton of new flavors and had fun learning about other cultures along the way. I think it was a great way to end my and our Bulldog Cafe experience!"

The Bulldog Cafe was started by Jane Hoegh more than 20 years ago. Osborn obtained an emergency certification from the state and took charge of the program after Hoegh retired last year. Osborn also oversees the ProStart program, a more rigorous culinary program for students who are seriously considering careers in the food service industry. The ProStart team recently went to nationals in Baltimore, Maryland.

Osborn will not be returning next year as the culinary teacher, as her license for it expires in June. School administrators have yet to announce who her replacement will be.

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lic safety," the presentation read. "A traffic stop can not only correct poor driving behavior of the person stopped but also of the other motorist as they observe a law enforcement action. Many other crimes are solved or discovered by traffic stops, not just traffic laws or OWI. Examples of those are theft, narcotics, violations and arrest warrants."

Halsne described how and why police officers pull over drivers and how drivers should respond to ensure the safety of both the driver and the officer. He showed several videos, including one that showed a police officer being dragged by a car, as an example of why officers shouldn't reach into cars during traffic stops. Halsne took the students outside to look at the equipment in his car.

After Halsne's portion of the class, students took a break for pizza, before settling back into their seats for the second part of the class, which was led by Franklin County Magistrate Andrea Miller — who was voted in as the county attorney on April 29 — spoke about search and seizure for the next hour.

And to wrap things up, Hampton Police Officer Joe Metz spent the last hour of the class discussing how he conducts field sobriety tests, showing videos of testimonies from people who'd be affected by drunk driving.

According to Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison, all the officers with the department will be involved with the five-week course at some point, and each officer will focus on different areas.

"This is a 15-hour block of instruction designed to give the community a working knowledge of the practices, policies and procedures governing the Hampton Police Department," Morrison said. "It's supposed to be an interactive experience with the officers so [the community] can get to know us and we can get to know the community."

The class will be held every Wednesday, from 6 to 9 p.m., for the next four weeks. The class is meant to serve as an informative way for students and police officers to get to know one another and learn. Community members who participate in the class will not be certified to patrol the community.

There are currently twelve people in the class.

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Each year since 1979, the Franklin General Hospital Auxiliary has awarded scholarships to some of the graduating high school seniors in Franklin County who plan to enter a health-related field. Application forms are sent out in February to high school counselors and distributed to any interested students. A committee of Auxiliary members then selects the recipients from qualified applicants. The scholarships, varying in amount each year, are funded by money raised by the Auxiliary in various fund-raising events held during the year such as the mum sale, the Tree of Hope, and bridge tournaments. Students receive their scholarship dollars after completion of their first year of college. In 2024, the Auxiliary awarded \$3000 in scholarships.

This year's recipients, each receiving \$500, are listed below:

• **Kera Anderson**, daughter of Sandy Johnson and from Hampton, plans to attend the University of Iowa to become a registered nurse.

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Congratulations to all the FGH Auxiliary scholarship winners for 2024!

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Auditor Calls For Lowering Degree Requirements For Some State Jobs

BY ROBIN OPSAHL
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

Auditor Rob Sand called for Iowa to remove four-year degree requirements from certain state jobs as a way to address workforce shortages.

Sand released a report with Opportunity@Work, a nonprofit group focused on increasing skilled labor opportunities for people without traditional higher education. The report recommended removing four-year degree requirements or recommendations from 28 state positions, including information technology administrators and specialists, administrative assistants and disability examiners. People with relevant two-year degrees, certifications, military service or prior job experience could fill these roles, the report found.

In a news conference Tuesday, Sand said the change could help fill open roles, in addition to giving Iowans job opportunities without the cost and time commitments of a bachelor's degree.

"We think that once these jobs are opened up, and more people feel welcome to apply, we're going to get a broader cross-section of Iowans applying for this work, including a lot of people who are value-focused, (practicality)-focused, who have made those career decisions for those reasons," Sand said. "And I think that's a good kind of mindset to have working for the taxpayers of the state of Iowa."

Job listings and hiring processes are typically

conducted through the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. Sand said he has sent the report to the department for further consideration.

Gov. Kim Reynolds directed the department to review the state's 807 job classifications within state government and to allow for "alternative alternative requirements for employment whenever possible," Kollin Crompton, spokesman for the governor's office, said.

"Today, only 10.2 percent of state job classifications require a bachelor's degree," Crompton said in a statement. "We continue to look for opportunities to update job requirements, making state government employment as accessible as possible to Iowans."

The governor has also pursued other avenues for expanding alternative career pathways in Iowa, he said, including the Registered Apprenticeship Programs for teachers, paraeducators, health care careers and other skilled trade positions.

Other states have also moved to change degree requirements for state jobs. Maryland, under former Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, waived four-year degree requirements from many state positions in 2022 in an effort to recruit workers following shortages left after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sand said the auditor's office revised its own hiring requirements in 2022 to accept people with associate degrees in accounting to fill needed positions.

In the past two years, 10% of the office's hires has been people with two-year degrees, he said, but he expects to see a more people with associate's degrees or alternative education filling these positions in the future. The auditor's office is working with Iowa community colleges on recruitment efforts, Sand said.

Building out the "pipeline" for recruitment and wider opportunities with people outside of traditional university education systems is one way of addressing problems with workforce shortages in Iowa, he said. A February Iowa Business Council report concluded that with a 2.9% 12-month unemployment average and 68.1% labor force participation rate, population growth and retention are pressing factors that needed to address the state's need for workers in both the private and public sectors.

"It's hard for us to grow as a state or even to sustain our population if you don't have more working-age people in the state," Sand said. "... So what we're doing today is talking about finding one, a particular way to make sure that we can match our workforce with the jobs that are available."

Read more from Robin Opsahl online at Iowa-CapitalDispatch.com

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County Meets with Employees Who Would be Affected by Possible Merger

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Franklin County Board of Supervisors called a 1 p.m. special meeting at the Franklin County Courthouse on Monday, April 6, to discuss the possible merger with Franklin General Hospital in regards to Public Health & Home Care Services.

As reported by KLMJ Radio, Franklin County Board of Supervisors Chairman Chris Vanness says he began meeting with hospital CEO Kim Price several months ago.

The meeting was opened with a statement by Vanness, who ex-

plained that after he spoke, Franklin County HR Director Audrey Emery would go over more details of possible merger with the hospital. In attendance at the meeting were the county healthcare workers who would be affected if the merger were to happen.

"I don't know if it came off clear the other night. But if at any time, when Kim and I were meeting, [I] felt that they were trying to eliminate a program or eliminate people, I would have walked away at that time," Vanness said. "I think it's important for me to look at this and then present it, whether we go forward with it or not or stay the course,

and that's up to the full board of the supervisors and input from you."

Vanness said that he didn't "like being backed into a corner," where he was forced to make a decision.

"Ideally, if we had the exact same benefits, I want it to look like if you ended your employment today with Franklin County and started with Franklin General tomorrow, there is absolutely no change. Your pay is going to be the same. If you've worked for Franklin County for 40 years, you've worked for Franklin General Hospital for 40 years."

After Vanness and Emery spoke, the county employees in attendance brought up the following concerns,

as noted in the minutes from the meeting: Will Public Health & Home Care continue to function and provide the same services it always has? What does the organizational structure look like regarding the employees, Board of Health and those who work at the hospital? What kind of support can the hospital provide to Public Health & Home Care? Will the cost of the Home Care services on the sliding scale remain the same?

As one county employee pointed out, their jobs would change, regardless of what they were promised, as she believed it was inevitable.

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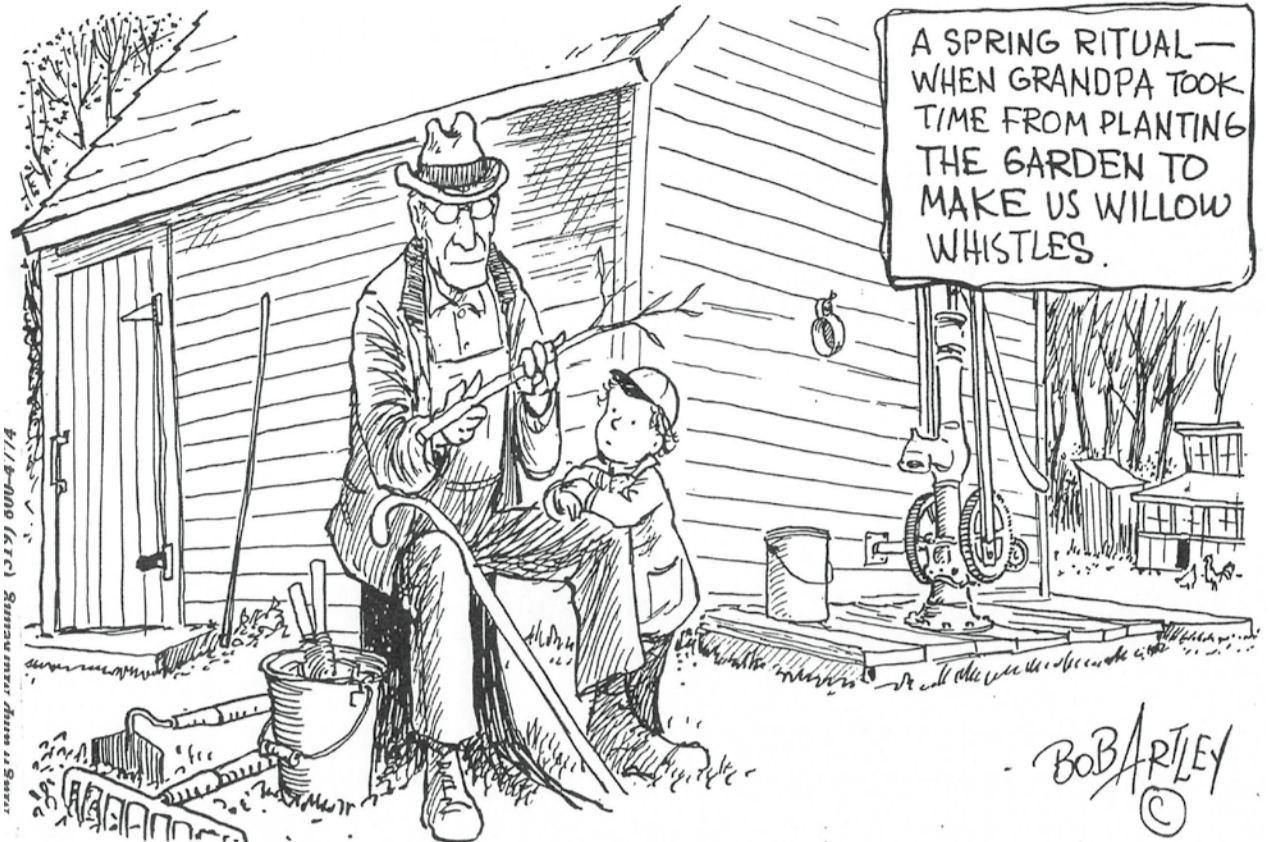
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Memories Of A Former Kid.



THE ALTERNATIVE

FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
THE ALTERNATIVE

We went to see my stepmom in Lincoln, Nebraska. She stays informed. We had Fox News and CNN on the TV a lot of the time and it seemed to be a loop about unpopular protesters on college campuses.

I read my news or use a broad range of other sources. We ditched TV when it went digital because we found ourselves planning our lives around it. My liberal friends have told me that Fox News is "far right." I sure don't see any difference between the two networks. Although it shouldn't have been, the narrow focus was surprising. There was no sign of bodies or rubble in Gaza.

The protesters were not depicted as anti-war, only anti-Semitic or anti-Israel. They had tents that were remarkably similar, which seemed odd. I can't imagine that many viewers were encouraged to sympathize with those great unwashed. One bit I saw online said

Those Campus Protests

that the protesters would run away if approached with a deodorant.

I've got to admit, I was a protester. We carried a casket through Oakland labeled "Earth" on the first Earth Day in 1970 when the concern was for the coming Ice Age. Also, I marched with 400,000 others in San Francisco to protest the Vietnam War. The first issue has proven to be a hoax. On the second, we were right.

I just read in the War Street Journal that these modern day protesters are "trained." Some say George Soros is behind a lot of it; a Jew promoting anti-Semitic protests. How about that? A consensus has formed hating the protesters. I remember a similar situation when I opposed the Vietnam War. But the draft made the body-count less selective then. More and more middle and upper class kids showed up in the obituaries. Our minority turned into the majority.

Today the consensus is that the war was a mistake. Robert McNamara

admitted that the North Vietnamese did not attack the Turner Joy in the Gulf of Tonkin. That lie cost 3.8 million people their lives including 58,220 Americans. After President John F. Kennedy was killed, Lyndon Johnson signed legislation that moved the US radically closer to communism while at the same time he escalated the war that was supposed to be against communism.

According to the Israeli newspaper, Haaretz, Benjamin Netanyahu supported the strength of Hamas to counter the Palestinian Authority, with Hamas eventually winning an election. Netanyahu had been losing popularity because of his support for abolishing Supreme Court authority and now for the slaughter being perpetrated in Gaza. Although you wouldn't know it from the media here, there have been massive protests in Israel against Israel's bombing of Gaza.

Actually being pro-life can put us in a tiny minority. Trump's support for the "forgivable loan" foreign

aid bill helped turncoat Mike Johnson rip off US taxpayers again while the job of our government to protect our own borders was ignored. The root of our situation today is explained by the most decorated and ignored Marine Corps officer in history: "War is a racket. A racket is... something that is not what it seems to the majority of the people. Only a small 'inside' group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few at the expense of the very many. Out of war a few people make huge fortunes." —Major General Smedley Butler

Whether Israel or Hamas, Russia or Ukraine, who is in the right can be debated. But the Constitution specifically forbids our government from supporting any of them. However, it protects the rights of US citizens to support them personally.

Any reply to my column is always welcome through a letter to the editor or an email to 4selfgovernment@gmail.com

Letter to the Editor:

The Common Nurse and the Beauty Within

To see this spectacular display, one must live under their care. For those who have never lived under the care of a nurse won't know that the common nurse is so much more than common.

About the beauty within. There is much to consider, let's take depth of commitment. Do you wish to be on toilet detail? The nurse probably doesn't but do it all in stride. One gets a very humble feeling during this event but so thankful that they are there to help. The nurse will make your condition more bearable. Overtime, it is not the beauty you see but rather the beauty within to behold.

On to therapy: Therapy is a process of great expertise, one has to learn before it can be taught. It is a strenuous process. It takes devotion to deliver the best of quality.

Credit where credit is due. I think about these people every day. With their help and time, maybe the shackles can be removed and I can return to the life I have been beguiled from.

I know because I was there. May God reward them with inspiration, pride and happiness.

Gary R. Robb,
 Clarion

Editor's note: In our last issue, we ran a different version of this article, in which certain parts of the letter had accidentally been removed (and some words had been added). The above version is the original version submitted by the reader.

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THE IDYLIC LIFE
By Sara Middleton

Pest or Pleasure?

It's fully feeling like springtime now in the Midwest, and we're thinking more about our outside spaces. We're watching our perennial plants grow again after a season of dormancy, and we're deciding what to plant in our vegetable gardens. We're arranging our decorative pots of annuals to adorn our porches, patios, and decks. We're seeing and smelling trees budding and blooming, and grass is becoming greener and longer, seemingly by the hour. It's the season of growth, now, and we yearn to surround ourselves with vibrant, beautiful, new life.

We get excited for the green things we plant and tend to. But what about the stuff that grows, wild, free, with no care or encouragement, and whenever it pleases, no matter what we had planned? I am talking, now, about weeds. Actually, for the purpose of this column, I am talking about dandelions—or rather what they represent to people.

To a person who prides themselves on a perfectly manicured lawn, with

no crabgrass or bald spots, a dandelion is an unwelcome sight. And since dandelions show up in groups, whether on the sides of a garden plot, in the cracks of the concrete, or smack in the middle of a lawn, if you don't want them there, diligence is required to remove them and keep them gone. Lots of folks really dislike dandelions.

There's also another take on dandelions. Many people see them as food and refuge for pollinators, as beautiful golden flowers with which to make crowns and bouquets, as symbols of freedom and floating where the breeze goes, or as a completely powerful natural medicine that is edible and useful from root to flower. To these people, a dandelion is a precious natural resource, and the sight of them is welcome and valued.

Perspective is everything, and the dandelion is just one example. A non-venomous spider is a gross home invader to one person, but a welcome roommate with a job to minimize flies to another. To some, jazz

music is rambling and boring and to others it is an adventure for the ears and spirit. RV's can serve as camping vehicles and as dwellings, and are simultaneously symbols of true freedom to some and gas gobbling home bases to others.

My point in this is not to change anyone's perspective, whether on weeds or bugs or anything else. I'm not so bold as to think this little column can do that. But, maybe reading this can help us remember, before we yuck someone else's yum or judge their way of life, especially if it has no real effect on our own, that it's just different ways of seeing the world. A nuisance weed to some is a plant medicine to others. One person's pest is another person's pleasure.

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It's Time for Gov. Reynolds and her Statehouse Cronies to Take a Break

Brass Tacks from Rural Iowa

BY BARBARA KALBACH

Our state legislative session finished up towards the end of April, and I'm glad it's over! From further de-funding and privatizing our public education system to turning a blind eye to pipelines and polluters, it's time for Governor Kim Reynolds and her statehouse cronies to take a break. While family farmers are in the thick of planting season, let's take stock of what Reynolds and company did to us and what they didn't do.

First and foremost, the Reynolds Administration continued its assault on our public school system by de-funding our Area Education Agencies,

which have lost more than 340 employees just this year. That matters a great deal in rural Iowa, where supplemental support and services matter so much due to limited school district resources. Those cuts, and lost human resources, will be nearly impossible to replace.

Reynolds also appointed McKenzie Snow as the head of Iowa's Department of Education. We'll be keeping an eye on her because she's a vocal advocate for privatizing and de-funding public schools. Snow has previously worked for former Trump Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

Reynolds' anti-public education crusade also targeted libraries this year, even though

proposed legislation attacking them was not approved. Librarians and their proponents remain steadfast in support of these anchor institutions in our communities, but they'll likely face renewed threats next year. Who on Earth attacks libraries and literacy?

Reynolds, Iowa Senate President Amy Sinclair (R-Allerton), Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver (R-Grimes), and House Speaker Pat Grassley (R-New Hartford) also spent time during the session trafficking in attacks on migrants and culture war conspiracy theories.

The list of things Reynolds and company didn't do is long. They didn't do anything to address Iowa's water pollution crisis caused by factory farms and corporate ag. They didn't do anything to prevent Bruce Rastet-

ter's CO2 pipelines from using eminent domain for private gain. They didn't do anything to address the continued loss of rural health care services -- from giving birth close to home, to protecting and caring for our grandparents and elders. A recent report ranks Iowa 49th out of 50 states in nursing home inspectors. That's shameful.

Our elected officials also failed to take action on Iowa CCI's ethics complaint against Representative Dean Fisher (R-Montour). He campaigned on private school vouchers in 2022, voted for them in 2023, and now wants to cash in on them -- to the tune of nearly \$1 million every year -- by establishing his own private school, the Tama-Toledo Christian School.

What's going on? Are

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Reynolds and her statehouse allies using public resources to benefit their political donors and friends? Is Reynolds trying to raise her national profile for a potential appointment to higher office? It looks like she'll stop at nothing to keep following out Iowa's public institutions and rural communities.

We can't just sit back and let this happen. Iowa CCI members like me are organizing 24/7 for local control, grassroots democracy, clean water, healthy rural communities, and accountable government that is of, by and for the people.

We know it's up to us to make change happen in our communities and across the state. And we know this takes time; it's step by step work that's based on relationships. We've got plenty to do between now and November 5. So let's get busy, and let's remember that elections matter.

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HD-CAL Track Star Makes Guest Appearance at South Side Elementary



Charlee Morton with her brother's class

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Charlee Morton, who won first place in the shot put and discus throw at the Drake Relays once again, made a special appearance at South Side Elementary School on Monday, April 29, after her brother, Rocco, had to miss her big competition the previous Friday.

According to Rocco's teacher, Lacey Peters, Rocco was sad about not getting to watch his sister compete in the Drake Relays, so she put the results page up on the projector to watch while the students were doing math.

"Well the whole class got really into it and we had a lot of discussion about what the shot put and discus were, and how the whole competition worked," Peters said. "By the end, the

whole class was cheering her on because it came down to her last throw."

By that point, Peters said the students had questions for Morton, and they wanted her to come visit their classroom, so they made it happen.

"That was when we began planning the party, complete with spherical and discus shaped foods, such as grapes, oreos, Lindor chocolates, suckers and donuts," Peters said. "We brainstormed questions before she came in on Monday and were able to have a little meet and greet. The kids all signed the back of the track poster and gave it to her as well. They had some great questions and were surprised at how much work it took for her to get to that point. It was a great experience for all the kids to get involved in Bulldog athletics!"

Essential Worker Seeks Workers' Comp Over Vaccine Side Effects

BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

A Cedar Rapids city employee is seeking workers' compensation benefits for injuries he attributes to the city's repeated promotion of the COVID-19 vaccine.

State and court records indicate that in April 2021, the City of Cedar Rapids began hosting vaccine clinics and sending out emails and newsletters encouraging, but not requiring, city employees to get the vaccine.

One such newsletter stated, "It takes everyone. We all need to step up to beat COVID-19. We ask you to join us in protecting your community by getting vaccinated."

A subsequent email stated, "THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS ENCOURAGES YOU TO GET VACCINATED!"

Larry Driscoll, then a 51-year-old manager for the city's public works department, decided to get the Johnson & Johnson vaccine against COVID-19.

"I felt that it was the proper things to do since we're all essential workers," Driscoll said later in a deposition. "I just felt that it was a good option for me to lead the department to just ensure that my guys didn't get sick from me."

After suffering from side effects allegedly caused by the vaccine — including fatigue, facial drooping, loss of balance, and weakness or numbness throughout his body — Driscoll filed a workers' compensation claim, arguing his issues stemmed from his work for the city.

The city didn't dispute Driscoll's injuries or his account of its efforts to get city workers vaccinated, but it did argue that the vaccine and Driscoll's resulting health issues didn't arise from his employment with the city.

In January, Workers' Compensation Commissioner Joseph Cortese II reviewed the matter and ruled that while the city had clearly encouraged workers to get vaccinated, it did not require workers to do so, and he denied Driscoll's application for benefits.

Cortese noted that the city offered workers no financial incentives for getting vaccinated and did not penalize those who opted to refrain from being vaccinated. Instead, Cortese found, the city pursued a policy that was generally in the best interests of the workers and the community.

"If an employer strongly urged its employees to eat healthy and consume green vegetables, it would seem



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strange to conclude that an employee who choked on some broccoli at home would have sustained an injury that arose out of his employment," Cortese stated in his ruling.

Driscoll is now appealing that decision by taking the case to Polk County District Court, where he's seeking judicial review of the matter. In court filings, Driscoll's attorneys note that their client scheduled his vaccination appointment using a work computer, during work hours, through a city-provided link. In addition, they say, city employees were told they could use up to two hours of pay under the city's "healthy workplace leave policy" to get the vaccine during work hours.

They also argue the case should be treated in the same manner as a college professor who died of a heart attack during an intramural softball game. In that case, benefits were awarded on the basis of the game being staged to further the school's goal of improved relations between faculty and students.

Driscoll's situation, his lawyers have told the court, "is analogous to recreational or social activities, where injuries are compensable when an employee engages in an activity that provides a substantial benefit to the employer beyond the intangible value of improvement in employee health and morale."

Oral arguments in the case are scheduled for May 17.

School districts penalized for late payments Among the other recent workers' compensation cases in Iowa are two in which school districts have been penalized for delayed workers' comp payments to employees.

In the first case, Graciela de Maldonado sought a penalty against the Waterloo Community School District and United Wisconsin Insurance Company, arguing they had unreasonably delayed paying out her weekly workers' compensation benefits for a 2017 workplace injury.

In 2019, the district and the insurer were ordered to pay 325 weeks of permanent partial disability benefits, backdated to December 2018 and continuing through February 2025.

Erin Pals, deputy workers' compensation commissioner for the state, recently reviewed the matter and concluded that on several occasions, the district delayed the payment of weekly benefits that total \$5,785, with the delays ranging from one to four weeks.

In her decision, Pals wrote that the district and its insurer "offered varying theories on what may have happened to cause the delays," blaming de Maldonado's attorney or the U.S. Postal Service without offering any evidence to support those claims.

Pals wrote that it appeared the district and its insurer "do not know, or will not say, why the payments were stopped."

Pals imposed a penalty of \$2,892 — an amount equal to half the total of all delayed payments, which is typically considered the maximum allowable penalty in such cases. She also imposed a sanction against the district and the insurer for failure to adequately respond to information requests in the case, awarding de Maldonado an additional \$900 for attorneys' fees.

In the second case, the Johnston Community School District, which is self-insured, appealed a September 2023 arbitration decision in a case involving district employee Nijaz Ikeljic.

Ikeljic had been awarded 250 weeks of workers' compensation benefits related to a partial disability caused by workplace injuries to his neck and left arm. As part of the arbitration decision, the school district was also ordered to pay a \$500 penalty for unreasonable delays in paying benefits and pay for Ikeljic's expenses in arbitration.

Workers' Compensation Commissioner Joseph Cortese II recently upheld the arbitration decision in its entirety, awarding Ikeljic 250 weeks of benefits at \$519 per week, plus the \$500 penalty and arbitration expenses.

State records indicate Ikeljic continues to work for the district and is now employed in a position that pays higher wages than the job he held at the time of his injury.

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WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

How many horses race each year in the Kentucky Derby? Answer: 20.

What age are the horses that race in the Kentucky Derby? Answer: 3 years old.

This week's trivia questions:

In 1914, which U.S. President officially made Mother's Day a national holiday, to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in May?

This Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day, which is always held on the second Sunday of May. What day is Father's Day always held on?

May 8 is National Student Nurses Day, and National Bike to School Day; May 9 is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, and National Home Front Heroes Day; May 10 is National Golf Day, and National Small Business Day; May 11 is National Windmill Day, and National Technology Day; May 12 is Mother's Day, and National Hospital Day; May 13 is National Apple Pie Day, and Tulip Day; May 14 is The Stars and Stripes Forever day.

This week is National Nurses Week, National Wildflower Week, and National Teacher Appreciation Week.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

— Isaiah 41:10

"You win some, you lose some, and some get rained out, but you gotta suit up for them all."

— J. Askenberg

"I've learned that something constructive comes from every defeat."

— Tom Landry

"One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than 50 preaching it."

— Knute Rockne

"There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do."

— Derek Jeter

"The only way to prove that you're a good sport is to lose."

— Ernie Banks

"Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow."

— Jeff Valdez

"It seems I have spent a lifetime of mouthing mechanically, 'Say thank you. Sit up straight. Use your napkin. Close your mouth when you chew. Don't lean back in your chair.' Just when I finally got my husband squared away, the kids came along."

— Erma Bombeck

"When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them."

— Rodney Dangerfield

"Kids are expensive. I didn't even realize how broke I was until last year, when someone stole my identity and it ruined her life."

— Kate Davis

"Just be good and kind to your children. Not only are they the future of the world, they're the ones who can sign you into a home."

— Dennis Miller

"Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight."

— Phyllis Diller

Three major league baseball teams are tied for the most consecutive wins to start a season. The 1982 Atlanta Braves, 1987 Milwaukee Brewers, and 2023 Tampa Bay Rays all started off 13-0 before finally losing.

The 1988 Baltimore Orioles hold the record for most losses to start a baseball season, getting off to an 0-21 start before finally winning.

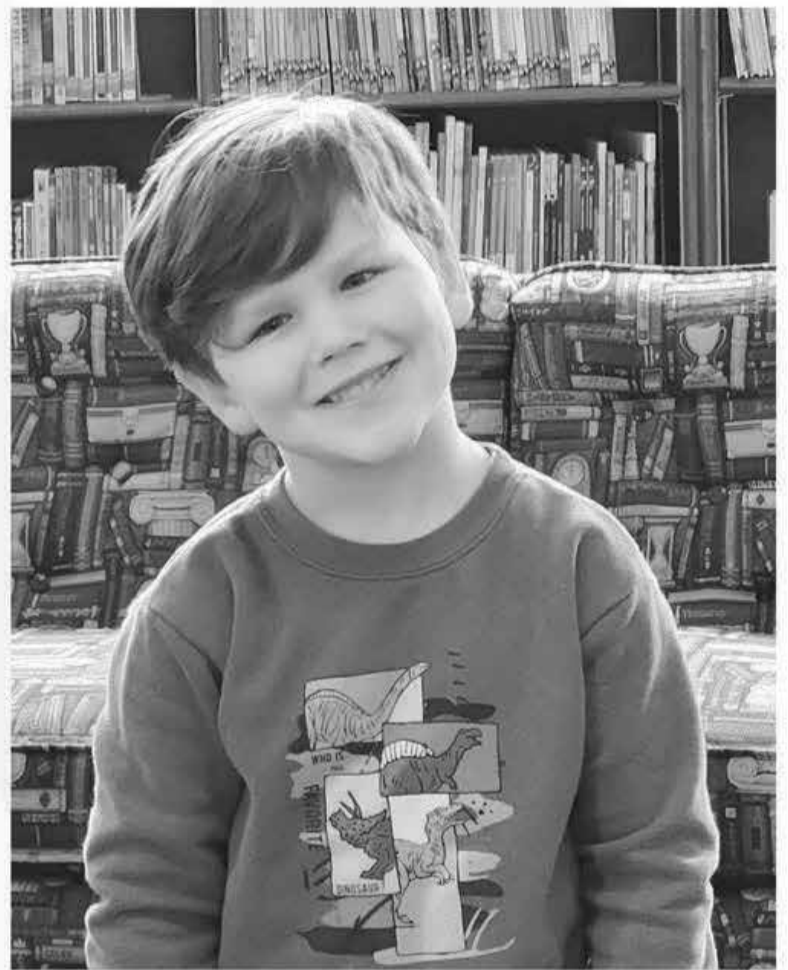
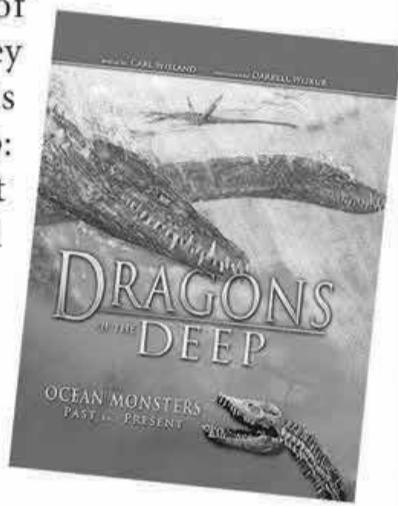
Reader of the Week

at the Hampton Public Library



BY SUZY KNIPFEL
INTERIM DIRECTOR

Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is Raine Kinney, 4, who is in pre-school. Raine is the son of Mariah and Beau Kinney and his favorite book is "Dragons of the Deep: Ocean Monsters Past and Present," by Carl Wieland.



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DNR Adjusts Water Restrictions Again To Prevent River From Going Dry

BY JARED STRONG
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

A rural northwest Iowa water utility will be required to shut down its wells near the Ocheyedan River when its flow is very low, according to a permit recently issued by state regulators.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has determined that several wells operated by the Osceola County Rural Water System have contributed to the river running dry near May City. That has happened five times in eight years.

The DNR put more-restrictive conditions on the operation of the wells last year that did not prevent the river from drying out again in September.

New conditions that were finalized in April are similar but use different triggers. Specifically, when stream flow in the area

is less than one-half cubic feet per second, the wells must be idled.

Previously, the wells were required to be shut down separately as their levels dropped.

"That one-half cubic feet per second seems pretty low," said Ed Jones, an Osceola County supervisor who lives near the sometimes dry section of the river.

Downstream from the area, near Spencer, the river has been flowing at hundreds of cubic feet per second, according to U.S. Geological Survey data.

The DNR did not immediately respond to requests to comment for this article.

The water utility has opposed the re-



strictions, claiming that other factors are responsible.

Indeed, the DNR determined that Osceola County was partly responsible for a 2022 dry-up, when it pumped water from a quarry near the river. That can reduce the amount of water in the ground and draw water from the river. But the county had not dewatered its quarry when another incident happened last year.

The county has agreed to avoid pumping water from the quarry in July, August and September, when the river is typically at its lowest.

The latest permit conditions for the water utility — which serves about 8,000

people and also sells water to a Minnesota utility — require it to photograph the river and document its pumping rates when one of the well levels drops to a certain elevation.

Then the wells must be idled when the river flow is too low at the Verdin Avenue bridge, just northwest of May City. The special permit conditions are not effective if the river is dry upstream of the well fields, nor if the river is frozen.

Osceola County Rural Water System did not immediately respond to a request to comment for this article.

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PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: Goodyear 400

Location: Darlington, S.C.
Date: Sunday, May 12, 3:00 p.m.
Last Year's Pole: Martin Truex Jr
Last Year's Winner: William Byron

Darlington Raceway

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

Top News Stories

Erik Jones cleared to race by doctors; returning to race at Darlington
Erik Jones has been cleared to race by NASCAR, but out of an abundance of caution, LEGACY MOTOR CLUB opted for Jones to rest for the AdventHealth 400. Corey Heim drove the No. 43 Dollar Tree Toyota Camry XSE at Kansas Speedway in his place. Jones attended the race at Kansas Speedway to support crew chief Dave Elenz and the No. 43 team and is set to return to the driver's seat this weekend at Darlington Raceway. Jones has two NASCAR Cup Series victories at Darlington Raceway.

Cautions down so far in 2024
After 11 Cup races this season, cautions are down 27% compared to the same time two years ago, the first season of the Next Gen car. Cautions were up that season as drivers struggled to handle the new car. Cautions are down 8.75% compared to this time last year. The cautions are down this year even with 16 at Texas last month, the most cautions in a 400-mile race on a 1.5-mile speedway.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr signs contract extension with JTG Daugherty Racing
A multi-year contract extension has been signed between DAYTONA 500 Champion Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and JTG Daugherty Racing.

Last Weekend's Race: Kyle Larson won at Kansas

In the closest finish in NASCAR history, Kyle Larson beat Chris Buescher to the checkered flag by roughly one inch to win Sunday night's AdventHealth 400 at Kansas Speedway. Larson's No. 5 Chevrolet and Buescher's No. 17 Ford banged doors twice coming to the finish line. Buescher held the edge a foot from the stripe, but Larson surged ahead to win in a photo finish, with timing and scoring showing a margin of 0.001 seconds. The victory was Larson's second of the season, his second at Kansas and the 25th of his career.

Kyle Larson

Born: July 31, 1992
Crew Chief: Oliver Daniels
Car: Chevrolet

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2024	2	6	10.8
2023	4	18	14.6

2024 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten			Xfinity Series Top Ten		
Drivers	Points	Top 10s	Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) Kyle Larson	467	6	1) Chandler Smith	394	8
2) Martin Truex Jr	438	7	2) Cole Custer	393	8
3) Chase Elliott	412	6	3) Austin Hill	377	7
4) Denny Hamlin	411	5	4) Jesse Love	337	6
5) Tyler Reddick	374	7	5) Justin Allgaier	313	4
6) Ryan Blaney	367	5	6) Riley Herbst	303	3
7) William Byron	362	7	7) AJ Allmendinger	295	5
8) Ty Gibbs	338	6	8) Sheldon Creed	277	6
9) Alex Bowman	336	7	9) Parker Kligerman	261	3
10) Ross Chastain	331	4	10) Anthony Alfredo	247	5

Racing Trivia

Which NASCAR Hall of Fame team owner had at least one Cup Series start as a driver?

a) Joe Gibbs c) Roger Penske
b) Rick Hendrick d) Jack Roush

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May 26 Cemetery Walk Stops Announced



STOCK PHOTO

BY LEE NELSON

The Friends of the Hampton Cemetery will be holding their sixth cemetery walk on Sunday, May 26, 2024. The walks start at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. A \$10 admission fee is charged with all proceeds going to cemetery improvements.

A cemetery walk is a route through the cemetery with stops at gravesites. At each site, a person tells the story of the deceased, often dressed in period clothing. Members of the Franklin County Arts Council volunteer as storytellers.

The walk starts at the north entrance. Parking is avail-

able in the First Christian Church parking lot or on the street. Refreshments will be served.

This year's cemetery walk will have five stops and take approximately one hour to complete. Those attending the walk may opt to ride on one of the trolleys provided.

Historical encounters will feature the following five individuals: Frances "Fran" Wullbrandt (1921-2017), Leil "Deke" Walker (1892-1957), Blanche Paine (1893-1975), Judge Harvey Uhlenhopp (1915-1986) and Lt. Wendell "Dixie" Hicks (1918-1945).

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FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM BOARD MEETING



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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

DETAILS:
 Monday 8:30 AM
 Franklin County Courthouse

ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

DETAILS:
 Second Tuesday

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 Second Tuesday of every month
 6:30 PM

ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD:

DETAILS:
 Third Wednesday of every month

CAL SCHOOL BOARD:

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM BOARD:

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

ALEXANDER CITY COUNCIL:

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

HANSELL CITY COUNCIL:

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

HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:

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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

DETAILS:
 5:30 PM
 City Council Chambers

FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD:

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

COULTER CITY COUNCIL:

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

LATIMER CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 Second Wednesday,
 6:30 PM

DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD:

DETAILS:
 Dumont Public Library
 Second Wednesday of every month

HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL:

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

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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

DOWS CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 First Monday of every month
 6:00 PM

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 Every second Monday
 of the month at 7 PM

HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD:

DETAILS:
 Fourth Monday of the month
 6:00 PM

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION:

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

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

DUMONT CITY COUNCIL:

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS:

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

WEST FORK SCHOOL BOARD:

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

ISU EXTENSION COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 ISU Extension and Outreach Office
 6 2nd St NW, Hampton, IA 50441
 Regional Coordinators meeting
 every Third Monday of the month at
 6:00 PM
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 meet to discuss items of interest to
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*In celebration of
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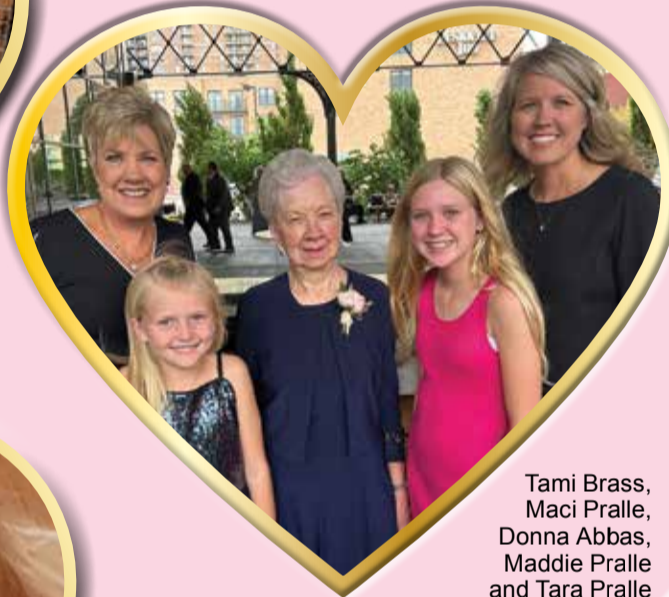
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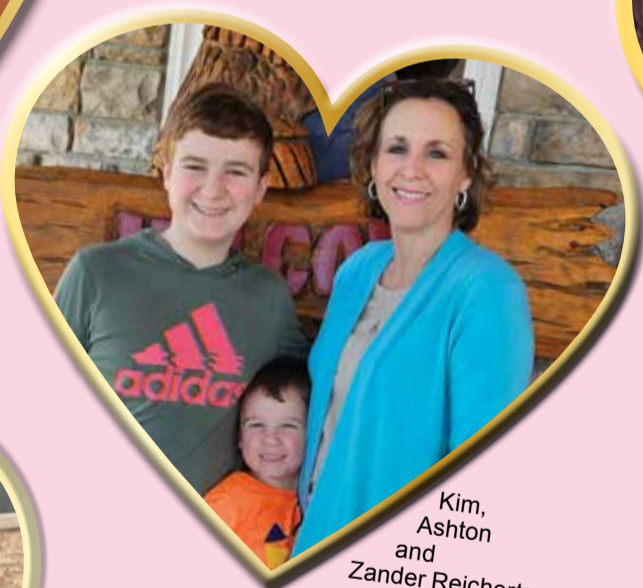
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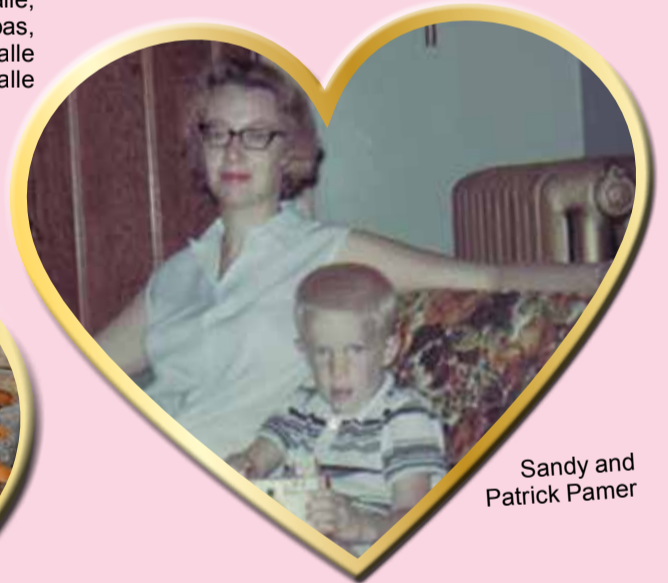
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Around 200 Vendors Work Geneva Market

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Once again, the annual Geneva Market was a success, with attendees checking out the nearly 200 vendors on May 3 and 4. From containers to front porch decor, there was something for everyone. The Geneva Community Betterment group oversaw the concessions at the two-day event.

Just down the road, around 20 vendors displayed their best stuff at the Maynes Grove Spring Vendor Show on the same two days. Both events were well-attended.

OUT And ABOUT It's ABOUT TIME

BY RICK JANSSEN

So, if you have been a regular reader of this column, you have noticed that my turkey hunting success is abysmal at best. The first and last turkey I shot was with another guy and that was over a decade ago. This is my fourth year of trying to get a turkey on my own and the motto has been, "I really don't know what I am doing." I think I have tried several things and it just seemed like no matter what I did, I was not having any success.

The other part of this is that I have heard numerous stories from other hunters about how they would just go sit under a tree and make a few calls and the tom turkey would just come running in. I have watched countless videos on calling, decoys, etc trying to find out what I am doing wrong.

I did hunt the first turkey season and as you readers might remember, I did not have any luck then either. The fourth turkey season started on April 24, and I did not even buy a license. The landowner kept sending me photos of turkeys in the area, but my heart was just not up to another failed attempt. Friday evening, April 26, and I still had not purchased a license. My wife was going to work on Saturday so I told her I would make up my mind in the morning.

Now normally I get up very early to go turkey hunting because I would want to be out and set up before the sun came up. Well, Saturday I slept in until 7:30 and I woke up and I decided I would go give it another try. I bought my license at 8:10 and it is about a 15-minute drive to the hunting area. Then I walk for about 10 minutes to get to the stand I hunted out of. I put out two decoys and then climbed up into the stand and the first thing I did was get out my call and let loose with a yelp call. I then set

down the call and proceeded to get my stuff together. I arranged my chair, got out my water bottle, set out my binoculars, and finally loaded my shotgun. Suddenly I hear a loud gobble coming from the west and sure enough I peek out the window and there is a tom coming right at me.

I think I went into a panic and dunked down below the window and just sat there. Is this really happening? What do I do now? I grabbed my call and made a few putt calls and a purr call and then just waited. I could look out a small crack by the window that I could look out of without putting my head up. This is so cool; I can watch the turkey coming down the land just outside the tree line. He was probably 70 yards away when I first saw him, but he was coming fast. He would stop and strut and call. I am pretty sure he saw my hen decoy and was trying to get the hen to come to him. He kept this up for what seemed like in my head like an hour, but in reality, it was most likely about 10 minutes.

Next, he walked into the edge of the tree line still coming towards my decoys. Once he got about 40 yards away, he just kept strutting and gobbling, again trying to get the hen to come to him. I am frantic with excitement, gun in hand, just waiting to see if he will come closer.

His next move is to turn, and it looks like he is going to go back out and walk off. It is time and I take my shot. TURKEY DOWN!! My heart is beating out my chest, as I can't really believe that I finally got this down.

I climbed down from the stand and went to pick up my trophy turkey. For those of you that care, here are the turkey details that hunters care about. The beard was a whopping 11 inches long, with spurs of 1 1/4 inches! I did not have a scale, but I am estimating he weighed some-



Photo by Rick Janssen

where around 40 pounds. I took the breast out, saved the tail feathers, the beard, and a foot. Sunday night I made some yummy turkey nuggets, and my wife is using the rest for another meal soon. Yep, I am now a successful turkey hunter. It's about time.



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Hampton Historic Preservation Commission to Host Scavenger Hunt

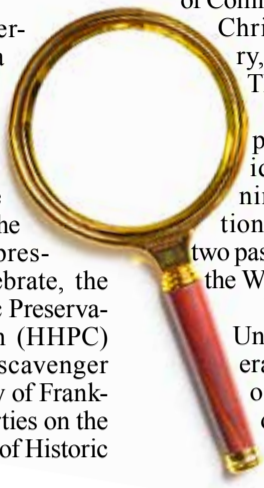
BY LEE NELSON

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce (Center 1), Christensen Jewelry, or the Windsor Theatre.

May is Preservation Month – a nationally recognized celebration of historic places and an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of preservation. To celebrate, the Hampton Historic Preservation Commission (HHPC) has planned a scavenger hunt and a display of Franklin County properties on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

This year the HHPC is again holding a historic architecture scavenger hunt where participants are challenged to identify nine buildings or structures in Hampton's downtown main street area from a smaller, close-up photo of an architectural feature of that building or structure. Buildings can be identified by a business located in the building.

To take part, pick up a Historic Architecture Scavenger Hunt form from one of the following downtown Hampton locations: Greater



Each participant successfully identifying all nine photo locations will receive two passes to a movie at the Windsor Theatre.

NRHP is the United States federal government's official list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects

deemed worthy of preservation for their historical significance of "great artistic value" Franklin County has eleven properties and one district on the list. An informational poster display of Hampton and other Franklin County listings are available to the public to view during the month of May at the historic Windsor Theatre on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. or Sunday afternoon from noon to 2:30 p.m.

In loving memory of Tyler Scott Johnson 1986-2024



Tyler Scott Johnson, 37, of Marion passed away on April 29, 2024. A Celebration of Life Open House will be held on Friday May 10th at the Beach Lodge at Backbone State Park from 3 to 7 PM. Tyler was born on August 17, 1986, in Mason City, IA. His parents were Tony Johnson and Kim (Mulford) Johnson-Peltier. Tyler graduated from Hampton-Dumont High School in 2005 and attended Kirkwood Community College for one year. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 2006-2009. Tyler was united in marriage to Leah Vander Hart on February 29, 2020, in St. Augustine, FL.

Tyler loved the outdoors. Some of his favorite outdoor activities were camping, hiking, paddle boarding, swimming, making fires, and playing horseshoes. Tyler also enjoyed going to Kernels games, watching any Iowa Hawkeye game, and attending county fairs, where he especially loved going on rides, winning prizes, and the food. He was a talented artist and liked painting. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family, friends, and pets, especially his beloved dog Barb, Carl the Cat, and the countless strays he has brought in.

Survivors include his wife Leah of Marion; mother Kim Johnson-Peltier (Alex) of Burnsville, MN; brother Seth Johnson (Camie) of Cottage Grove, MN and their children Evelyn, Lincoln, and Indy; Aunt Coney Dearing (Keven) of Buffalo Center, IA; and Aunt Angie Sanchez (Rich) of Hampton, IA.

Preceding him in death was his father, Tony Johnson. Cards and donations can be sent to Leah Johnson at 555 W Ninth Ave, Marion, IA 52302 or through Go Fund Me @ <https://gofund.me/07b2d84a>

A special thank you to the staff at Backbone State Park, Pulpit Rock in Decorah, Lake Macbride and the DNR who takes care of Tyler's favorite places. The family also expresses gratitude to the Veterans and their families who have served and those who continue to serve.

In loving memory of Lucille F. (Pray) Dawson 1933-2024



Lucille F. (Pray) Dawson, 90, of Dows, went home to the Lord on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at Hansen Family Hospital in Iowa Falls.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at First Lutheran Church, 206 West Ellsworth Street in Dows, with Pastor Anita Nuetzman. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Dows.

Visitation was from 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM on Monday, May 6, 2024 at Ewing Funeral Home, 1801 Central Avenue East in Clarion.

Lucille Fern, daughter of Ronald and Ethel (Christopher) Pray, was born on October 24, 1933 in Hampton. She grew up in the Popejoy area and graduated from Popejoy High School in 1952.

On May 16, 1952, Lucille was united in marriage to George Dawson at The Little Brown Church in Nashua. They made their home on a farm outside of Dows where they raised their three children: Gregory, Roger, and Debra.

George and Lucille farmed for many years around the Dows area. She worked alongside George in the fields and driving tractors. Over the years, she enjoyed raising a big garden.

Lucille was an active member of First Lutheran Church in Dows. Her family was most important to her, she loved spending time with her children and especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children Gregory Dawson, Roger Dawson, and Debra (Mark) Roberts; grandchildren Amy (Shaun) Bennett, Lauren (Kyle) Brinkman, Matthew (Laura) Roberts, Kourtney Roberts, Jessica (LaShae) Young, Kira Dawson, and Christopher Dawson; great-grandchildren Gianna Bennett, Kalaya Bennett, Audrey Wojtasiak, Miles Wojtasiak, Cohen Roberts, Henry Roberts, Charles Roberts, and Xavion Young; sister Carol Christensen; and many nieces, nephews and other family.

She is preceded in death by her husband George in 1995; parents Ronald and Ethel Pray; and brother Verl Pray.

Woodley Funeral Home Director Qualifies as Certified Funeral Service Practitioner

PRESS RELEASE
WOODLEY FUNERAL HOME

Alyssa N. Fullerton-Carrier, CFSP, IA, has recently qualified for the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP), by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

Alyssa is a funeral director with Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, serving several communities in Franklin, Butler, Cerro Gordo, and Hardin Counties.

A number of professions grant special recognition to members upon completion of specified academic and professional programs and "CFSP" is funeral service's national individual recognition.

The Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, since its 1975 founding, has had as its goals: 1) to recognize those practitioners who have voluntarily entered into a program of personal and professional growth, 2) to raise and improve the standards of funeral service and 3) to encourage practitioners to make continuing education a life-long process in their own self-interest, the interest of the families they serve, and the community in which they serve.

To initially receive this award, the practitioner must complete a 180-hour program of continuing education activities and events. In addition, the practitioner is required to accumulate 20 hours per year to recertify. Credits are awarded by the Academy for work leading to personal and/or professional growth in four areas: Academic Activities, Professional Activities, Career Review (for retroactive credit), and Community and Civic Activities. Certified Practitioners may use the CFSP designation with their names for business letterheads, professional cards, and other appropriate uses. Certification is for individuals only and is not used to imply certification of a firm.

Information about Academy membership and certification may be obtained by contacting

Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, Christie Ward, Executive Director, at 866-431-2377.



Alyssa N. Fullerton-Carrier, CFSP

In loving memory of Ronald Bruce Core 1936-2024



The Earthly journey of Ronald Bruce Core ended on April 26, 2024.

"Ronnie" was born during the depths of the Great Depression to Clyde and Wilma Core who were farming near the small and now underwater town of Red Rock, Iowa at the time of his birth on December 30, 1936. During the first chapters of his life, he was the consummate Iowa farm boy. He would rise before the sun to get started milking the herd of Hereford cows and doing chores before heading off to school only to return home in the afternoon to repeat the never-ending cycle of work. In addition to his parents, Ron was joined growing up by an older brother Richard and younger sister Nancy. High school sports offered a bit of a respite from the routine of farm labor. "Moose" Core was a member of a state championship indoor track team and was a medalist in the two-mile relay. He was also an interior lineman on the Pleasantville Trojans High School football team back in the days before face masks and as a result left several of his teeth behind on Marion County gridirons. Many years later, Ronnie was inducted into the Pleasantville High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

After brief stints in both college and the United States Army, Ron began his lifelong quest to always be his own boss. Very fortunately for him, his sister set him up on a blind date with a cute girl from the nearby town of Hartford. After a brief fling with Janet Meyer, the two were married in her hometown on an extremely foggy day on the Saturday after Thanksgiving 1960. Legend has it that after the minister pronounced them husband and wife, the kiss was so prolonged and passionate that more than a few gasps emanated from the congregation.

Their honeymoon was courtesy of Uncle Sam as Ron had been called back into military service and ordered to report to Fort Ord, California. Jan went with him and after pulling his tour of duty, he began his career in business. After a couple of fun and carefree years in the Bay Area, Ron and Jan made the highly dubious decision to move from northern California to back to Iowa. Shortly thereafter, sons Mark and Michael joined the family while Ron and Jan began as partners in a series of highly successful proprietary enterprises, highlighted by 32 years in Hampton, IA.

Ron was an attentive husband, loving father, community and church leader, and businessman known for the highest level of integrity. More or less coinciding with retirement came the addition of several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Along with his desire to be his own boss, his often repeated mantra was that he wanted to retire to a place where he would never see snow again. Ron and Jan fulfilled that desire by enjoying a long, active and happy retirement in rural Central Florida. It was during their last few years in Florida that Ron's greatest act of service occurred. As a result of Jan's debilitating illness, he became her 24/7 caregiver. He never relented in his devotion to her care right up until the minute of her death the day after Christmas 2019. This extraordinary act of love was despite his worsening condition due to Alzheimer's which ultimately required one last return to Iowa in the summer of 2020.

Ronald was preceded in death by his wife Janet, parents Clyde and Wilma, parents-in-law Frank and Velma, sister Nancy, brother-in-law Jerry, and sister-in-law Judith. He is survived by brother Richard (Judy) Core, sister-in-law Jo Suzanne (Scott) Deffenbaugh, sons Mark (Mary) and Michael (Simone), grandchildren Claire, Elizabeth, Jacob, Emily, Nicholas and Lucas as well as a large number of great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. Ron will be laid to rest near his parents in the Pleasant Gove Cemetery in Pleasantville.

Death Notices

Michael Leroy White

Michael Leroy White, 68, of Eldora, Iowa, passed away Monday, April 29, 2024 at his home in Eldora. Funeral Services for Mike White were held 10.00 am Friday, May 3, 2024 at Linn's Funeral Home Chapel, 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126. The Linn's Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial may be directed to the family c/o Mike White Memorial, Linn's Funeral Home, 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126.

Death Notices

James Allen Gilbertson

James Allen Gilbertson, age 83, of Cedar Falls, formerly of Ackley, died Thursday, May 2nd, while staying at the Hospice Suite at UnityPoint Allen Hospital. He passed just 3 days shy of his 84th birthday. Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, with visitation at 10:00 a.m., and the service to follow at 11:30 a.m. at the Ackley United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema Funeral Home in Ackley.



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PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF HAMPTON AMMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET

Table with columns: REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES, EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES, and various sub-categories like Taxes Levied on Property, Public Safety, etc.

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PROBATE DALE ROBERT HEITLAND ESPR501942

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DALE ROBERT HEITLAND, Deceased

Case NO. ESPR501942 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ably 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.

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY LOAN DEPOT V. MEINTS FN236359

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY LoanDepot.com, LLC Plaintiff,

NOTICE The plaintiff has elected foreclosure without redemption. This means that the sale of the mortgaged property will occur promptly after entry of judgment unless you file a written demand with the court to delay the sale.

EQUITY NO: EQCV502125 ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of this court naming you as a defendant in this action. The petition was filed on February 12, 2024, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiffs Mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described in this notice and judgment for the unpaid principal amount of \$65,793.17, with 4.5% per annum interest thereon from July 1, 2023, together with late charges, advances and the costs of the action including (but not limited to) title costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as well as a request that said sums be declared a lien upon the following described premises from October 28, 2019, located in Franklin county, Iowa:

The North 124 feet of Lot 3, Block 8, in Borst's Second Addition to Sheffield, Iowa, according to the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 428 N 2nd St, Sheffield, IA 50475 (the "Property")

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in a court action because of a disability, immediately call your District ADA Coordinator at 641-494-3611. If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942. This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You may find more information and general rules governing electronic filing in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16. You may find information concerning protection of personal information in court filings in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, Division VI. IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

2023 WATER QUALITY REPORT HAMPTON MUNI WATER WORKS

2023 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR HAMPTON MUNI WATER WORKS

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

Table with columns: CONTAMINANT, MCL - (MCLG), Compliance, Date, Violation, Source. Lists various contaminants like Total Trihalomethanes, Lead, Copper, etc.

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations. Our water system participated in the EPS Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5, which required us to collect samples for lithium and PFAS.

Table with columns: Analyte, Collection Date, Result. Shows Lithium at 11 ug/l on 12/6/2023.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the buried sand and gravel of the Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer. The Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide little protection from contamination at the land surface.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact HAMPTON MUNI WATER WORKS at 641-456-2124. Decisions are made at the city council meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and are open to the public.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APRIL 29TH 2024

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The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday April 29th 2024 at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Vanness, McVicker, and Lukensmeyer present.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the Agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the regular board minutes dated 4/22/2024. All ayes. Motion carried.
Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Lukensmeyer attended CICS. McVicker attended Central Iowa Juvenile Detention. Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, met with the Board to provide them an update on his department.
Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the Application to Perform Work Within Franklin County Highway Right of Way for Mid-American Energy Company to replace overhead electric along Grouse Ave. from 180 th Street to 220th Street. All ayes. Motion carried.
Deb Jones, Home Care Director, met with the Board to provide them an update on her department.
Ned Parker, Conservation Director, gave the Board an update on his department.
Andrea Miller interviewed with the Board as a candidate for the appointment of County Attorney. Prior to the interview, she rescinded her request for a closed session.
Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to enter into a closed session at 10:30AM pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(i) to interview County Attorney Applicant B. To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to exit the closed session at 10:50AM. All ayes. Motion carried.
Brian Miller, Attorney, met with the Board regarding some concerns he has regarding procedures at the Sheriff's office.
The Board held discussion regarding the two applicants for County Attorney. After discussion, motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Vanness to appoint Andrea Miller as the Franklin County Attorney effective 7/8/2024. Roll call vote was as follows: Lukensmeyer - Aye, McVicker - Nay, Vanness - Aye. Motion carried.
Julie Pralle, General Assistance Director, met with the Board regarding a request from Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in regards to services rendered. After discussion, the Board asked Pralle to set up a meeting with Todd Sietsema.
Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve claims as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried. The Board held discussion regarding the draft of the new lease for entities renting from the County at the Community Resource Building. After discussion the Board directed the Auditor to have some revisions made. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a Fireworks Permit for 4G's Pyrotechnics for 178th 180th Street, Alexander. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve an Agreement with FY2025 Funding with Healthy Harvest of North Iowa. All ayes. Motion carried.
Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 11:54AM until Monday April 29th 2024, at 5:00PM at the Franklin County Law Enforcement Center for a special session.
ATTEST:
Chris Vanness, Chairman
Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board
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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD/ COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Franklin County Board/Commission Applications

Applications are now being accepted for appointments that will be made June 2024. The Franklin County Board of Supervisors will be considering appointments to:

Board of Adjustments – 5 Year Term
Veterans Affairs Commission – 3 Year Term
State law requires the Supervisors to make a good faith effort to balance most appointive boards, commissions, committees, and councils according to gender. Applications for Board or Commission appointments may be filed at any time with the Board of Supervisors. A separate form must be filed for each Board or Commission on which you would consider serving. Please be advised that this application is a public document and may be reproduced and distributed to the public upon request. You may attach additional sheets if more space is needed.

The membership of some boards is also regulated by state law and may impact who can serve on certain boards on the basis of location of residence, veteran status, occupation, or other lawful criteria. All applications should be turned into the Auditor's Office by Friday June 14th, 2023

Questions may be directed to the Franklin County Auditor's Office at 641-456-5622. Forms to fill out and more information can be found at www.franklincountyia.gov.

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PUBLIC HEARING WESTFORK SCHOOL DISTRICT AMMENDMENT CURRENT BUDGET

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
WEST FORK School District
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

The WEST FORK School District will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

Meeting Date/Time: 5/20/2024 05:00 PM Contact: Lacey Pueggel Phone: (641) 822-3234 ext: 5813
Meeting Location: West Fork CSD - Rockwell Campus
Band Room
210 2nd St. S.
Rockwell, IA 50469

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments 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-gov-appeals.

Table with 5 columns: EXPENDITURES, Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended, Amendment Increase, Total Budget After Current Amendment, Reason. Rows include Instruction, Total Support Services, Noninstructional Programs, Total Other Expenditures, and Total.

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PROBATE GERALDINE HANSON ESPR501943

G. A. Cady III
THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FRANKLIN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE HANSON, Deceased.

Probate No. ESPR501943
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of GERALDINE HANSON, Deceased, who died on or about April 3, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of May, 2024, the last will and testament of GERALDINE HANSON, deceased, bearing date of the 14th day of August, 2013, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that SUSAN HANSON and DOUGLAS HANSON

were appointed executors 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 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 this 3rd day of May, 2024.
SUSAN HANSON
8408 200 th Street, SW
Edmonds, WA 98026
DOUGLAS HANSON
Box 709
Seabeck, WA 98380
Executors of estate
G. A. Cady III, ICIS PIN No: AT0001386
Attorney for Executors
Cady & Rosenberg Law Firm, PLC
9 First Street, SW
PO Box 456
Hampton, IA 50441
Phone: 641-456-2555
Probate Code Section 304

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PROBATE ARTHUR R. WAGNER ESPR501937

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR R. WAGNER, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR501937
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Arthur R. Wagner, Deceased, who died on or about December 24, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on March 29, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Arthur R. Wagner, deceased, bearing date of June 30, 2014, was admitted to probate in the above named court and thot Jade Wagner was appointed Exec-

utor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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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 April 29, 2024.

Jade Wagner
Executor of Estate
1750 13 5th St.
Hampton, IA 50441
John E. Coonley, ICIS#: 00007542
Attorney for Executor
Coonley & Coonley
121 First Ave. N.W.
P.O. Box 397
Hampton, IA 50441
Date of second publication May 8, 2024

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Franklin General Hospital Quarterly Checks Oct./Nov./Dec. FY24

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Table with 2 columns: P/R (EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING) SERVICE, Amount. Lists various services and their costs, such as FRANKLIN GENERAL HOSP-Payroll Withhold, FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES, etc.

Table with 2 columns: SUBSCRIPTIONS, Amount. Lists various services and their costs, such as MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY UTILITIES, MIDWEST ACUTECH LLC SERVICE, etc.

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Nursing Home Administrator Surrenders Her License Facility Has Been Cited For 114 Violations In 19 Months

BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

The former administrator at one of Iowa's most troubled nursing homes has agreed to surrender her license.

In a rare disciplinary action, the Iowa Board of Nursing Home Administrators earlier this month charged Tara Behrendsen of Eagle Grove, who ran the Aspire of Gowrie care facility in Webster County in 2022, with violating the standards of her profession. At the same time the charges were publicly filed, the board agreed to accept Behrendsen's decision to resolve the case by voluntarily surrendering her license.

The board action has no immediate practical effect as Behrendsen's license expired in December 2023. However, in order to have her license reinstated, Behrendsen will now have to show that such action would be in the public interest.

The board's charges were based in part on an October 2022 state inspection at the 46-bed Aspire of Gowrie. That inspection resulted in citations for failing to provide residents with a safe environment; failure to prevent inappropriate sexual activity between residents; failure to ensure the staff was trained spotting and reporting dependent adult abuse; and failing to ensure all workers were subjected to a background check; failure to ensure the staff was skilled and competent; and failure to ensure a nurse was on duty at least eight hours per day.

Two months later, the facility was cited for additional violations, including failure to correct the previously cited deficiencies and failure to provide the staff with personal protective equipment as they cared for residents diagnosed with COVID-19.

Between January 2017 and March 2023, the Iowa Board of Nursing Home Administrators publicly sanctioned only three administrators, despite state inspectors citing care facilities for numerous violations tied directly to the administrators' actions. The violations were tied to physical abuse, unwarranted evictions, falsification of records and patient dumping.

Facility cited for death, fined \$197,230 Since Behrendsen's departure from Aspire of Gowrie in January 2023, the home has continued to be cited for violations.

Currently, it is one of two Iowa nursing homes on the federal government's list of "special-focus facilities," which are some of the worst care facilities in the nation. Aspire of Gowrie has been on the list for seven months.

The most recent incident at the Gowrie home involves a resident who choked to death on his dinner in early January. The staff at the home was aware the man was at risk of choking and had given him the Heimlich maneuver on three prior occasions.

In addition to being cited for the resident's death, Aspire of Gowrie was cited for numerous other violations, including a

"strong, offensive urine odor" in one area of the building. A maintenance worker told inspectors he was aware of the smell but "the facility did not have the budget to buy the cleansers to get the smell out."

The home was also cited for a failure to ensure all residents were seen by a physician once every 60 days; failure to ensure residents were given at least two showers per week; failure to respond appropriately to residents injured in falls; failure to respond appropriately to residents' weight loss; and failure to offer or provide residents with their full meals and their nighttime snacks.

Since October 2022, Aspire of Gowrie has been cited for 114 quality-of-care violations and been the focus of 26 complaints. Federal records indicate that in the past three years, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has fined Aspire of Gowrie a total of \$197,230.

On several occasions in the past two years, Aspire of Gowrie has been cited for the same serious, Class I violation: failing to provide a safe environment for residents. The safety violations were tied to a failure to protect residents from sexual abuse; squirting glue, rather than eye drops, into a resident's eye; inoperable door alarms; and the Jan. 5 choking death.

Last year, Aspire of Gowrie had CMS' lowest possible rating for overall quality, health care inspections and staffing levels. Currently, the home has no CMS ratings at all due to its status as a special-focus facility.

Federal records indicate the home is a for-profit venture owned by Black Hawk Healthcare, a limited liability corporation, and that Bruce Wertheim of Beacon Health Management in Tampa, Florida, owns 100% of the company, and exerts managerial and operational control of the home.

Court records indicate that in 2021, Beacon purchased the 10-facility Pearl Valley chain of Iowa nursing homes for \$24.2 million. The entity that brokered the deal said the homes were generating \$35 million in annual revenue, with cash profits totaling \$3.5 million per year.

At the time, a state nursing home regulator named Todd Frank was recruited by Beacon to head the company's Iowa operations. Court records indicate Frank then left his \$89,000-per-year job as deputy administrator of the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals' Health Facilities Division to join Beacon at an annual salary of \$150,000.

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Improving Weather Radar and Communications



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COLUMNIST

The powerful tornadoes that struck parts of Southwest Iowa were devastating, especially for communities in Pottawattamie County and Shelby County that bore the brunt of the destruction.

According to some reports, there were roughly 24 tornadoes that touched down in Iowa with winds reaching as high as 165 mph. Our prayers remain with those impacted as we work to rebuild.

The day after the tornadoes, I traveled to Minden – a community of about 600 people – with Governor Reynolds and Senator Ernst to meet with local officials and law enforcement, thank volunteers on the ground, speak with community members, and assess the damage.

Minden faced the worst of the storms. Mayor Kevin Zimmerman – a man who cares deeply about his community – told us that about 180 homes and businesses were either damaged or destroyed.

Tragically, we later learned that a man who was injured during the storms passed away.

I also had the chance to meet a wonderful family whose home suffered

significant damage. But, even in the face of devastation, they found reasons to smile as the community came together to help, clean up, and reassure one another. Iowans are resilient, and as I made clear in my conversations with local residents, we would use every tool available to help our communities recover and rebuild.

Iowans are no strangers to severe weather, which is why I've been working on legislation to help keep our families out of harm's way when storms and tornadoes strike. Fortunately, just the other week, two bills that I introduced to improve weather radar and communications recently passed the U.S. House of Representatives as part of a larger weather package. In Iowa, we know that when it comes to dangerous storms, every second matters and can be the difference between life and death. This fact further underscores the urgent need for modern and reliable emergency notifications and communications during tornadoes and other storms.

My bills – the National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act and the Weather Innovation for the Next Generation (WING) Act – help ensure that our weather radar can better detect inclement weather, especially low-hanging tornadoes, and modernize the National Weather Service's outdated communications network to disseminate time-sensitive information more quickly. These reforms will save lives, keep Iowans informed, and deliver accurate and

timely updates during storms.

More specifically, the National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act would direct the NWS Director to review and select an off-the-shelf commercial alternative to NWS Chat – like Microsoft Teams or Slack – that prioritizes reliability and security, and delivers critical, time-sensitive information to broadcasters, emergency managers, and the general public in a timely manner. At the same time, the WING Act would require the National Weather Service 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 obstruct radar line of sight.

These two pieces of legislation will help modernize our weather radar and communications to keep our families and communities safe. As a father of four and former storm watcher during my time as City Administrator of Hull, I will continue to support policies that help our rural communities detect and respond to severe weather. I look forward to seeing these two vital bills signed into law.

We are government together, and your thoughts and opinions matter to me. Please contact my office at Feenstra.House.Gov or by phone at 202-225-4426 if I can ever be of assistance. I am proud to represent our families, farmers, main street businesses,

Judge: Iowa Woman Stole From And Abused Her Disabled Clients

BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
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A worker at a Davenport home for people with disabilities cannot collect jobless benefits after being fired for abusing and stealing from the home's residents, a judge has ruled.

State records indicate Tavita Smith-Williams, 56, of Bettendorf, was employed by REM Iowa Community Services of Davenport as a full-time direct support professional from 2020 until she was fired on March 11, 2024. As part of her job, Smith-Williams worked three 13-hour shifts per week in a small, residential group home in Davenport, assisting three adult women with disabilities.

At a recent state hearing, REM managers alleged that in February 2024, one of the three resident clients complained that Smith-Williams had been hostile and had yelled at her; had called her a lesbian for occasionally sleeping in the room of another resident; had been unable at times to assist her with medications; was taking baths in the home; and was walking around the home in her bra and underwear.

The resident also alleged Smith-Williams had been cooking and eating the residents' food without their permission and was occasionally on her phone and swerving through traffic while driving the residents on errands.

In addition, Smith-Williams had allegedly used a resident's food-stamp benefits to purchase items for herself and was having her personal mail delivered to the home while instructing the residents to watch for the deliveries.

The two other residents of the home allegedly corroborated the complainant's version of events, saying Smith-Williams was hostile, verbally abusive and had used the residents' money to purchase a phone charger for her own use. They also alleged there was some sort of transfer of funds between one resident and Smith-Williams in connection with a gasoline purchase, and said Smith-Williams

was keeping a basket of her own clothes inside a closet at the home.

When interviewed by REM management, Smith-Williams allegedly denied many, but not all, of the allegations, saying she was having her mail delivered to the home because she was in the process of moving. She denied being hostile, but reportedly confirmed using a resident's money to purchase a phone charger. She allegedly confirmed she had used a resident's money to purchase food for herself, but asserted she had repaid the resident for the expense.

REM fired Smith-Williams, citing dependent-adult abuse laws that pertain to financial exploitation and verbal abuse.

Smith-Williams subsequently collected \$4,074 in unemployment benefits. REM appealed the decision to pay benefits, which led to a hearing before Administrative Law Judge James Timberland. The judge recently ruled that Smith-Williams was ineligible for jobless benefits and ordered her to repay what she had already collected.

"The weight of the evidence establishes that (Smith-Williams) knowingly violated several reasonable and uniformly enforced employer policies," Timberland ruled. "These include stealing food, money, and supplemental food benefits from the clients (and) verbally abusing one or more of the clients in her care."

Smith-Williams could not be reached for comment. Court records indicate no criminal charges have been filed in the case.

In 2015, prior to working for REM, Smith-Williams was convicted of theft for stealing \$579 worth of merchandise from a JC Penney store.

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Franklin County Community Foundation's Impacts Highlighted in 2023 Annual Report

PRESS RELEASE

The Franklin County Community Foundation's 2023 annual report is now available on the Community Foundation's website at www.franklinccf.org. The report highlights key impacts made and lists funds held with the Community Foundation along with grant-funded projects.

In 2023, a total of \$154,444 in grants from all charitable giving funds of the Foundation were awarded to organizations benefiting Franklin County residents and communities. Since the Foundation's establishment in 2005, \$1.8 million in grants have been awarded.

Charitable, community-minded people who

want to do good in their community to support the causes they care about can do so with the Franklin County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. The Foundation helps meet the county's needs through funds held with the Foundation and by increasing connections between people and the organizations that serve them. The Foundation also provides grants in its core program areas of arts and culture, community betterment, education and youth development, environment and animal welfare, health and human service.

The Franklin County Community Foundation is

a local organization making grants to organizations creating a stronger and more vibrant quality of life in Franklin County and helps people establish permanent funds for the causes they care about in their community. The Franklin County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, a non-profit committed to creating long-term impact in 20 counties in Iowa. For more information, contact 319-287-9106 or visit www.cfneia.org. CFNEIA is confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

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What's at the Windsor?

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE MANAGER

The Fall Guy will play at the Windsor Theater for one more week continuing Friday, May 10 through Thursday, May 16. Showtimes are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Thursday at 7:00 pm with a 1:00 pm matinee on Sunday. Tickets are available in advance at www.windsortheatre.com.

The film stars Ryan Gosling as stuntman Colt Seavers and Emily Blunt, a film director who happens to be Colt's ex-girlfriend.

The Fall Guy is rated PG-13 for action and violence, drug content and some strong language. The run time is 126 minutes.

Upcoming movies at the Windsor Theatre: Godzilla vs. Kong: The New Empire--May 17-23; Unsung Hero--May 24-30; Epic Tails--May 31-June 6; Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes--June 7-13; If--June 14-20; and Garfield--June 21-27. Please note, the schedule may change.

Who selects movies shown?

As manager, I work with a booking agent, Joe Garel of Western Film Services, Newhall, CA to book movies. Prior to Joe, I had worked with Bill Barstow of Main Street Theatres, Inc. of Omaha, NE since the Windsor reopened Memorial Day weekend of 1999. Joe is paid \$55/week for his services.

Joe emails me his suggestions for movies in a spreadsheet arranged by date, feature, studio, rating, minutes, format (scope or flat), projected terms (estimated advance/guarantee and % terms), studio account rep name and studio rep email and phone. I may make changes and eventually approve all movies to be scheduled. I often email Joe with requests for movies and possible dates to show them. Joe helps resolve any issues and is a valuable source of cinema information.

The movie week runs from Friday to Thursday. A movie is usually booked the Monday before the first showing on Friday. To book a movie, Joe prepares an agreement/contract that is given to and approved by the studio rep. I mail a check to the studio for the advance of \$250 or \$300, if required.

To book a movie, to first play at the Windsor the same day it opens nationally in other theaters, requires a commitment to show it for two, sometimes three weeks. It is more expensive to open a movie with terms for payment of 57-64% of ticket sales (after tax-

es). Waiting 3 to 4 weeks to book a movie after it opens nationally drops the cost to 35-50% of ticket sales.

Once financial obligations are met, the studio rep orders a hard drive copy of the movie to be shipped, usually UPS, from the Deluxe Media Inc. terminal in Ohio. The hard drive arrives by Wednesday. A separate hard drive of movie trailers is received weekly.

Building the Presentation

A digital copy of the movie is ingested (downloaded) from the hard drive to the digital cinema system software taking 1.5 to 2 hours depending on the length of the movie. The presentation is then built—a copy of the movie is moved to a scope or flat template along with three trailer previews and the on-screen advertising program created by Marketplace Media Company, of Rockford, IA.

The credit start time is then added to the movie. The template includes the capability to turn on the projector lamp, open the dows-er (lens cover), and dim and brighten auditorium lighting. Once the presentation (ads, trailers, and movie) is built and saved, it is put on the scheduler (calendar). The presentation will then automatically start at the scheduled time(s) on the days selected.

A "key" is also emailed which provides .xml files to allow the movie to play the dates booked. When downloaded, the key attaches to the movie version ingested. The key defines a start and end day and times, before and after which the movie is "locked" and will not play.

Daily box office reports are emailed to Rentrak Comscore. A weekly box office report is submitted online with a copy emailed to the studio representative. Any payment due is then mailed to the studio or the studio's distributor.

Scope vs. Flat

Cinemas are set up to support only two aspect ratios. The "scope" aspect ratio, which is 2.39:1, is the maximum width. The "flat" aspect ratio, which is 1.85:1, is the maximum height. Flat is slightly smaller than 2 times wide and 1 times tall. Scope is slightly wider than 2 times wide and 1 times tall.

CinemaScope is an anamorphic lens series used, from 1953 to 1967, and less often



later, for shooting widescreen films. Utilizing anamorphic lenses for filming allows for a wider field of view and produces a more immersive aspect ratio of 2.39:1. These lenses compress the image horizontally, meaning that filmmakers can capture wide-angle

shots with standard-sized-sensors while still achieving a unique and distinct look. Whether a film is shot in scope or flat is more a director's artistic choice rather than a financial one.

Craig Harris to receive Honorary Doctorate Degree at Ellsworth Community College

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA VALLEY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT

Craig R. Harris of Iowa Falls has had a profound impact on Ellsworth Community College and the community of Iowa Falls. Craig has been nominated to receive an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Business from the Ellsworth College Board of Trustees during the commencement ceremony on Friday, May 10th, 2024.

Craig grew up in Iowa Falls. After graduating from high school, he traveled to Illinois and then Virginia. However, at the age of 25, Craig found himself drawn back to Iowa Falls. Throughout his life, Craig has always had a passion for wildlife. He had the opportunity

to work alongside Homer Calkins before it evolved into the Calkins Nature Area. His work involved caring for a variety of wildlife, including owls, eagles, and more, fostering a sense of fulfillment and purpose.

Reflecting on the evolution of the Calkins Nature Area, Craig is filled with happiness and pride, knowing that it has become a hub for wildlife education and conservation, a testament to Homer's dedication and the collective efforts of the community.

Craig's connection to Ellsworth dates back to 1966-67. However, his involvement with the college didn't end after his time as a student. Craig became involved in the local community, and engaged in various activities, from running his own business to serving on multiple boards and actively participating in the chamber of commerce.

Given his involvement and deep roots within the community, when he was approached to serve on the Board of Trustees at Ellsworth, it felt like a natural progression for Craig. It was almost instinctive for him to say yes, considering that Ellsworth had been a part of his life for so long.

As a trustee, Craig found himself engaged in various committees, each offering unique

opportunities to contribute to the college's growth and development. Despite his diverse experiences, he admits that none were as enjoyable and fulfilling as his role on the board.

For Craig, his time spent serving on the Board of Trustees isn't defined by personal accomplishments but rather by the collective success of the group and the institution they serve.

Instead of focusing on individual achievements, Craig sees his role as a facilitator, working to foster an environment where the board can thrive and contribute to Ellsworth's success.

Craig was fortunate enough to be mentored by Gary Hoffman, Jerry Welden, and Don Henrich, individuals whose guidance and wisdom left an enduring impression on him. Through their mentorship, they not only imparted valuable knowledge and skills but also served as models of integrity, dedication, and passion.

For Craig, the core values of human kindness and honesty are paramount in his life. Craig acknowledges that while we, as a society, may not be able to single-handedly change the world, we can always choose to be decent and helpful. Whether it's through small gestures of kindness or acts of honesty, Craig seeks to leave a positive imprint on the lives of those around him. Craig's advice for graduating students is simple yet profound: cultivate a lifelong sense of curiosity and never stop learning. Craig mentioned that learning is not only fun, but it will serve you well in your lifetime.

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

The District serves a broad range of students and businesses throughout Central Iowa. For more information, check out the website at ecc.iavalley.edu.



Craig Harris

Code Counsel: Review of Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance

BY JIM DAVIES
MEMBER AT LARGE,
HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

A draft of a mobile food vendor ordinance was reviewed at the Monday, May 6 Hampton City Council workshop meeting. The ordinance will amend the city code of ordinances by adding a new Chapter 122A titled "Mobile Food Vendors."

The new ordinance starts out defining a mobile food vendor in section 122A.01 as a retail food establishment that is a wheeled vehicle (such as a mobile truck or mobile trailer) that is readily moveable and designed for the service of food from the interior of the unit.

122A.02 requires the mobile food unit to obtain a license from the city before selling food or beverages. Each unit shall be licensed separately with no transferring of licenses allowed. Each unit shall comply with State of Iowa inspection requirements and display the state license in full view of the public.

There are some exemptions allowed, such as vendors participating in chamber of commerce organized community events, residents selling at the farmers market, or H-D-CAL students conducting projects sponsored by the school.

122A.03 addresses the licensing application and what needs to be provided with it: applicant's full name, contact information, copy of all workers driver's licenses, vehicle/trailer information, a valid Iowa Food License, and proof of private property owner consent, if applicable.

122A.04 specifies where the mobile food unit can be located and standards of performance. Parking on public property, streets, or a city park requires prior consent from the city council. The owner of the private property a unit will operate on needs to provide written consent.

Persons conducting business from a mobile food unit must follow specific guidelines listed in 122A.04: when and where unit is located, patron queue line, seating, vehicle parking, trash receptacles,

and keep the area around the unit clear of litter. Music and sound making devices are prohibited unless allowed as part of an approved event.

122A.05 states the private property owner/lessee who permits a mobile food unit on their property is responsible for compliance with the ordinance to ensure safety of pedestrians and access of emergency vehicles.

122A.06 calls for a license fee to be paid. A fee schedule is set separately by resolution of the council.

122A.07 requires each mobile food unit vendor comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules.

122A.08 outlines how a license may be suspended or revoked. Examples include making fraudulent statements, conducting business in an unlawful manner, or endangering public welfare, safety, order, or morals. The city clerk or the city clerk's designee shall cause notice of the license revocation to be served in person or by mail. An appeal process is included in this section of the ordinance.

If passed, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed. The ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage, approval, and publication by law.

State law (Iowa Code Chapter 380.3) requires proposed ordinances must be considered and voted on for the passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed, unless this requirement is suspended by a recorded vote of not less than three-fourths of all the members of the council.

If you have any comments you would like to share, you are encouraged to attend a council workshop or meeting. Call Hampton City Hall at 641-456-4853 to put on the agenda under "Public Comment." You can also contact the mayor or any council person via the City of Hampton's website, www.hamptonia.us.

Youth Showcase Skills and Knowledge at Inaugural 4-H Livestock Triathlon



Franklin 4-H members Klayton Plagge, Madden Abbas, Michael Elphic, and Matthew Dohlman get ready to the quiz bowl competition (not pictured: Bryar Van Hove)

**PRESS RELEASE
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION AND OUTREACH**

Nearly 200 youth from across the state participated in the inaugural Iowa 4-H Livestock Triathlon April 13

and 14. The youth demonstrated their proficiency in three key areas: livestock judging, skillathon and quiz bowl. Participants engaged in rigorous competition, demonstrating their understanding of animal science, husbandry practices and industry knowledge.

The event occurred at the Hansen Agricultural Student Learning Center and Kildee Hall on the Iowa State University campus. In the livestock judging segment, participants evaluated 10 various classes of livestock, including cattle, swine, sheep, and meat goats, based on specific criteria such as conformation, muscling and structural correctness. Their keen eye for detail and ability to discern quality were on full display as they carefully analyzed each animal presented to them.

The skillathon portion of the event tested participants' practical knowledge and quality assurance practices through a series of hands-on tasks and activities. From identifying different breeds and meat cuts to wool judging and beef pricing, participants showcased their expertise and versatility in livestock management.

The livestock quiz bowl challenged participants' understanding of livestock-related topics through a series of rapid-fire questions covering topics such as nutrition, genetics and industry trends. Quick thinking, teamwork and comprehensive knowledge were essential as teams competed head-to-head in a battle of wits and expertise.

The senior winning teams in all three contests are invited to represent Iowa at the National 4-H Contests in Louisville, Kentucky, this November.

"While state contests in Iowa are not new, we are excited with the results of this new format," said Celine Beggs-Shoemaker, Iowa 4-H animal science program specialist. "The Livestock Triathlon allowed us to expand our contest and create experiences appropriate for each age group participating."

Beggs-Shoemaker added,

"Following an intense competition showcasing the talent and dedication of Iowa's youth in livestock management, the Iowa 4-H Livestock Triathlon winners have emerged triumphant. These exceptional individuals have not only demonstrated remarkable skill and knowledge across various aspects of livestock handling but have also exemplified the values of sportsmanship and commitment upheld by the 4-H organization."

Forty-six youth competed in all three contests, marking themselves as elite Livestock Triathletes. Senior division points were tallied through each contest to name an overall high point and reserve high point triathlete. They were recognized alongside the team and individual contest winners during Sunday evening's awards ceremony. The results are listed below.

Mixed Division - Franklin Feeders: Klayton Plagge,

Madden Abbas, Bryar Van Hove, Matthew Dohlman and Michael Elphic. This team placed fifth out of nine teams in the quiz bowl competition.

Junior Division - Franklin Foragers: Gracelyn Abbas, Aubrey Elphic, Brylee Kline and Piper Abbas. This team placed second in the junior quiz bowl division.

Klayton Plagge placed first in the intermediate mixed quiz bowl individual competition.



Klayton Plagge (right) placed first in the intermediate mixed quiz bowl individual competition.



Franklin 4-H members Gracelyn Abbas, Piper Abbas, and Aubrey Elphic show off their second place plaques from livestock quiz bowl (not pictured: Brylee Kline).

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