



Russ Gibson Named 2025 Franklin County Fair Grand Marshal

Longtime Christensen Jewelry Owner Honored for Decades of Community Service

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Russ Gibson, owner of Christensen Jewelry in Hampton, has been named the Grand Marshal for the 166th Franklin County Fair, which kicks off this July. A dedicated small business owner and proud community supporter, Gibson has operated his downtown jewelry store for the past 37 years — and has spent much of that time giving back to the place he calls home.

“I’m honored — truly humbled — to be selected,” Gibson said. “This community has given me so much, and I’ve always believed in giving back whenever we can.”

Gibson and his team at Christensen Jewelry have long supported the Franklin County Fair. For roughly 25 years — “maybe even longer,” Gibson noted — the store has donated the fair queen crown. The business has given charm bracelets for the fair queen candidate longer than Gibson has owned the business. Over the last 15 years or so, they’ve added donating the fair queen trophy and “Little Miss” contest necklaces to their list of contributions.

“We try to make Franklin County and Northern Iowa the best place it can be,” Gibson said. “If we’re able to help, we do. That’s just how we try to live — following God’s plan.”

When the call comes from the fairgrounds each year, Gibson says they waste no time. His team begins crafting each donation with care, ensuring every piece is personally engraved for its recipient.

“Everybody loves the fair,” he said. “It’s a tradition for so many families. Just look at how many people come back every year. 4-H is still going strong — and that says a lot about this community.”

Beyond his work at the store, Gibson is also a proud father of two. His son Elias is a mechanical engineer living in La Crosse, Wisconsin. His younger son, Kian, is a certified tool maker who recently joined the team at Christensen Jewelry. Gibson lives just west of Hampton.

As Grand Marshal, he will lead the fair parade on Tuesday, July 8 — a well-earned honor for a man who has helped shape and support Franklin County for decades.



From left to right, Russ Gibson, former owner Helen Christensen and Kian Gibson on Monday morning, June 9, at Christensen Jewelry.



Oz Guerrero in his hospital room in Iowa City on Friday, June 6. Photo provided by the Guerrero family

Relay for Life Honoree Fights for Life like Superhero

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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Oz Guerrero, 5, was recently named the honorary cancer survivor for the 2025 Franklin County Relay for Life event, which is set for this coming September in Hampton.

The plan was for him to attend, but the young Mason City boy — who’s been battling cancer for the last two years — was recently diagnosed with yet another form of cancer. A one-centimeter tumor in the frontal lobe of his brain. And his doctors at the Children’s Hospital in Iowa City have said he only has weeks to live.

Oz is a big fan of superheroes. And just like these superheroes, he has been fighting for a long time. He was first diagnosed with liver cancer in November of 2023. After that, he was diagnosed with lung cancer. Since his first diagnosis, he’s gone through 71 rounds of chemotherapy, four lung surgeries and a liver surgery. Through it all, his spirits have remained high, his mother, Whitney Hubert, told

the Chronicle Friday afternoon.

“He is amazing,” she said of Oz. “Nothing gets him down. Right now he is still playful. He still likes to get up and draw and play with his toys. But he has slowed down. He is usually like Sonic the Hedgehog. His body is worn out but his spirit is amazing. It’s inspiring.”

Whitney said that Oz understands he’s sick, but he doesn’t know he’s dying, and that’s something they are working on with the hospital psychiatrists.

“This is the hardest thing you could ever imagine as a parent,” she said. “Some days I just put one foot in front of the other. Oz has shown me strength that I didn’t know I have.”

Whitney said she was speechless when she found out Oz was being recognized by the Franklin County Relay for Life.

“I feel like Oz was put on this earth to change lives,” she said. “We were speechless when Lisa Rodriguez got a hold of us. She was so moved by Oz because he just has this way about him. He lights up a room. We were like ‘absolutely, we would

love that.’ He has been through so much. Guerrero means warrior and that is what he is. A warrior.”

When asked why he was selected for this honor, Franklin County Relay for Life Chair Lisa Rodriguez said that Oz has been a warrior throughout his journey.

“He is a true inspiration,” she said. “No matter how bad or rough things are in his little world, I would have never guessed him to be ill, let alone that ill. He does not complain about anything and if he does it is because it needs to be addressed.”

Whitney said that they started a GoFundMe to help cover their costs of living at the moment, so she and Oz’s father, David Guerrero, can remain by Oz’s side during the end of his life. Donate here: <https://gofund.me/de460c75>.

Whitney tries not to think about life after Oz, but she does have a plan, she said. She wants to go to California, after giving herself time to grieve, to write a book. She wants his life and death to inspire others.

“I’m going to tell his story,” she said.

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Football Players Help Spruce Up Daycare

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Thursday morning, a group of H-D-CAL football players put their muscles to use at Hampton Community Christian Daycare, where they helped distribute sand around the playgrounds.

Hampton Community Christian Daycare Board member Tina Reynolds said they had recently learned they needed more sand at the base of their playgrounds to keep their fall protection barriers at standards. Tina and her husband donated the sand and their daughter delivered it to the daycare the previous weekend.

The only problem: they needed someone to help distribute the sand. After mentioning this to Franklin Wellness Center Director Chad Johnson, Reynolds was told H-D-CAL football coach Cole Miller and seven of his players would be there on Thursday morning to do the work — skid loader and all.

“We have been struggling to

get this done, as we don’t have that kind of staffing to do the work,” Reynolds said. “I’m su-

per excited to get this project done and to have them volunteer to do the muscle work is

just a huge blessing for sure! We appreciate the community support of the daycare.”



Coach Eiklenborg, Joe Powers, Jacob Mahler, Luke Showalter, Beau Morton, Aaden Keehn, Carter Arends, Jory Angstman and Coach Miller at Hampton Community Christian Daycare on Thursday, June 5. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

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The city band performing last summer at Band Shell Park. Photo by Matt Grohe.

City Band to Perform June 10

The Hampton Municipal Band will continue its 104th season of performances with its 3rd concert of the summer on Tuesday, June 10. The concert will be held in the Band Shell and will begin at 8 p.m. The concert will feature a variety of selections including medleys from the musicals “Seussical” and “West Side Story.”

The Hampton Municipal Band is under the direction of Chris Sauke and is comprised of approximately

fifty area musicians of all ages. America, arranged by Conley Strike Up the Band, Conrad Prestissimo, King The Cowboys, arranged by Bocook Seussical: The Musical, arranged by Story Quality Plus, Jewell Abracadabra, Ticheli West Side Story, arranged by Duthoit

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Grave marker thief pleads guilty

BY MICHAEL HOHENBRINK
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING

One of four people charged with stealing both historical site markers and grave markers has entered a plea of guilty.

Brandon Smith, 43, of Hampton, was charged back in January with theft - first degree and criminal mischief - first degree, both Class “C” felonies.

Now, Smith has entered a written plea of guilty with a sentencing hearing scheduled for June 23 at 9 a.m.

The Franklin County Sheriff’s Office had been alerted in late December just before Christmas about a missing historical plaque near 210th Street and Mallard Avenue with an investigation finding plaques were missing from other historical sites as well as from veterans headstones form half of a dozen cemeteries throughout the area.

Authorities determined a Sheffield-based salvage yard had received “a large and suspicious amount of bronze plaques,” according to a sworn statement for Deputy Joshua Einspahr with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office.

While Smith has entered a guilty plea, the three other defendants in the case, including Lauren Johnson, 34, of Dumont; Rachel Card, 31, of Hampton; and Joshua Sellers, 41, of Manly, remain scheduled for trial starting July 15.



Brandon Smith

County Youth Coordinator Graduates Magna Cum Laude from Buena Vista University

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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Laela Ragsdale, born and raised in Hampton, recently graduated magna cum laude with a BA in elementary education from Buena Vista University. But she didn’t wait to get started on her career. She’s been working as the County Youth Coordinator at the Franklin County Iowa State

University’s Extension and Outreach Office since May of 2023.

Ragsdale has been involved with the Franklin County’s Extension program for most of her life. As a child, she participated in the county fair, project workshops, youth council, live stock quiz bowl and more. And then in high school and college, she served as a year-round intern at the Extension’s office, eventually joining

the Franklin County Extension Council in January of 2023. Then when the County Youth Coordinator job opened up, she went for it, and she got it.

Ragsdale said she enjoys coming up with new program ideas while also respecting the traditions of Franklin County 4-H. She added that she enjoys working with all ages of youth from K-12th grade throughout Franklin County.



Laela Ragsdale

Sports Writer Knocks it Out of the Park!

Last week’s appreciation post was for our “new” sports writer, Evan Pharr. He’s been with us for a couple months and he’s been knocking it out of the park! You’ve probably seen his stories in the paper and updates on Facebook. He’s been very busy.

I asked him if he’s been enjoying the job so far and he said “yes! I love it.” Evan comes off as serious at first, but he lights up the second he starts talking about sports. He said he’s always looking for story ideas for the sports section, so if you have any, send them to sports@hamptonchronicle.com. And if you see him around town, or at a game, make sure to say hello!

Great job, Evan!

—News Editor Jennifer Burnham



Meet the Candidates for the 2025 Miss Dumont Contest

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The 2025 Miss Dumont contest will take place on Saturday, June 14, at the Dumont Library in the Brown Building. Meet the two candidates below.

Name: Mikenzi Davis
Parents: Luke and Amanda Davis
Hometown: Dumont
Grade (Fall 2025): Senior in high school

School: North Butler
Extracurricular activities: Dance team, football cheer, large group speech (fall), National Honor Society, Clarksville Child Development

Community involvement: Dumont Bible School; Adopt-a-Highway for FFA; National Honor Society Clean-up for Wilder’s Park in Allison, Bristow, Greene; meals for the Heartland at State FFA Conference, help mow laws in Dumont, Little Hands on the Farm at Butler County Fair



Mikenzi Davis

Awards/achievements: Academic Awards; FFA degrees; Greenhand Chapter; varsity letters in track, cheer, speech softball and dance



Lyllie Niedert

Leadership roles: Captain of the dance team and speech captain

Skills/hobbies: Skills are people skills; communication; critical thinking; leadership; time management. Hobbies are shopping, hanging out with friends and family; kayaking; baking; recycling; and exercise.

Future plans: My future plans are to attend NIACC in the vet tech program in Calmar, Iowa.

Why do you think you would be a good Miss Dumont? I think I would be a good Miss Dumont because I represent Dumont with pride! It’s a great chance to show off my personality, get involved in the community and be a role model for others. It’s also a great opportunity to gain confidence and make new friends!

Name: Lyllie Niedert
Parents: Danah Stock and Trent Landers
Hometown: Dumont
Grade (Fall 2025): Freshman in college
School: North Butler
Extracurricular activities: FFA, choir, variety

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KE0BIT Invites Public to Field Day

Iowa Wireless Amateur Radio Network (IWARN) is a group of ham radio operators from Butler, Franklin, Hardin, Grundy, Marshall and Tama Counties. We would like to invite you to join us in our annual Field Day event. Field Day is an exercise we use to help improve amateur radio operators’ emergency communication skills and demonstrate to the public what we do.

When: Operating from 1:00 PM Saturday, June 28th until 1:00 PM Sunday, June 29th.

Where: Prairie Bridges Park in Ackley, Iowa (near the bandshell)

Who: Everybody! Families and youth groups welcome

The ARRL Field Organization has been effective in establishing emergency communications nets during floods, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, terrorist attacks, and other major disasters, whether they be local, regional, or national in scope. This ability is entirely due to the willingness to volunteer and the readiness of amateurs across the country. Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Services (RACES) members regularly participate in Field Day so they will be ready when called.

Any questions can be directed to Jennifer Strohehn (KE0BIT), IWARN Public Information Officer at jstrohbeh@gmail.com.

Heartland Museum to Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Clarion – Heartland Museum is pleased to announce a special event celebrating their 25th anniversary. On Saturday, June 21, the museum is hosting an open house with free admittance from 5 pm – 7 pm. “Thru the Decades” is the theme for the evening, with food and beverages that were introduced in the USA since 1860. Feel free to come out in your favorite decade outfit. There will be drawings for several prizes. Call 515-602-6000 for more information. Heartland is located at 119 9th St. SW in Clarion.

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Chamber Members Share Exciting Updates at Quarterly Coffee

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Members of the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce attended their latest quarterly coffee on Friday morning, June 6, in the basement of First Bank Hampton.

New Chamber members

The meeting started with the announcement of new Chamber members: the City of Latimer, Chris' Kettlecorn, Robbins Lawn & Tree Service, Siblings Roofing and Wise Choice Detailing.

Employee highlights

First Bank Hampton CEO Tyler Heeren introduced Lauren Meaner, who is interning at First Bank Hampton for the summer. She is a Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School graduate and is currently studying finance at Iowa State University.

Heeren also announced that Carol Sandersfield, who works at their Latimer Branch, will soon be retiring. "She's been with First Bank Hampton since Day 1, since we've been in Latimer, and we are going to miss her." Her last day will be July 18.

Heeren shared that he'll be taking over as CEO of First Bank Hampton, for Dave Heuberger, who will remain active on the bank board. He thanked Heu-

berger for his years of service to the bank and to the community.

"It's my honor and my pleasure to take the role of CEO here and to carry on the great tradition of First Bank Hampton, serving our community and our customers," Heeren said. "I'm looking forward to that. So thank you."

Franklin County Fairground's Cary Treanor introduced Elizabeth Vogel, who will be helping with marketing and renting out the convention center.

Brian Rihner was announced as the new pastor of Church of the Living Word. He's been with the church since February, but they missed the last quarterly coffee.

Hunter Dietz was announced as the new digital content creator for OnTheGoMedia Inc.

Chamber Highlights

The Franklin Rural Electric Cooperative is offering a gravity rental wagon for free.

Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Promotions Committee member Holly Narber said that the flower baskets downtown look great and that they still need volunteers to help water them throughout the summer. To sign up to water flowers, call Jerre Greffe at 515-851-0518. The Chamber is also selling 50/50 raffle tickets for five bucks. The winner will be announced at the last Tuesday on the Town

event. All proceeds will go towards the annual Chamber celebration. "Because we had so much fun this year, we want to do it next year as well."

Franklin County ISU Extension and Outreach Office employee Lili Velasco reminded everyone about the community garden that they have behind St. Patrick Catholic Church. Produce from part of the garden will go towards local food pantries, while there are 21 other raised beds, which are available to community members. All of the raised beds are currently occupied and they plan on adding a fence on June 23 to keep out the deer. They are also raising funds for a picnic table.

Hampton Aquatic Center Manager Emileigh Eilderts said they are open every day, weather-permitting, and that they've been very busy. She added that they offer swimming lessons of all levels. To learn more about lessons, call 641-373-2523.

Renee Zirbel spoke about the AEA H-D-CAL work-based learning program. She said the program is open to every single high student, starting this coming fall. She said her job is to work with employers in the community to help them find a student who can learn from them. "You would treat them as any new employee," she said. "The word 'internship' sometimes throws people

... They have an academic portion that they'll do at the high school with me. Reflections and that kind of thing. But at the job, they're doing what your job is. You're just training them. Teaching them. And exposing them." Call the high school to connect with Zirbel to learn more about the program.

Kathy Zobrist shared that free meals would be served to H-D-CAL students throughout the summer. Hampton meals will be served Monday and Wednesday at Progress Park and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Band Shell Park, now until July 31. Lunch will be served from noon to 12:30 p.m. and grab and go meals will be available for pick-up from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Dumont meals will be served 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at Dumont Community Library, from June 4 to July 31.

The H-D-CAL Esports team made an appearance at the meeting to share their recent wins, including winning second place in class 1A for Valorant at their state competition in May.

Franklin General Hospital CEO Kim Price shared that the hospital has been named a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital in the nation for a second year in a row. "We're excited about that and we're working each day to be even better."

Franklin General Hospital CNO Rebekah Ault then introduced Will Finn as the

new marketing director for FGH.

Kayleigh Bass noted that Long-term Medical Supply is the newest member of Hampton Specialty Shops. You can also pick up a punch card from any of the specialty shops by Sept. 30 to be entered into a drawing.

Lisa Rodriguez shared that the Franklin County Relay for Life is working with a local business who makes customized stainless steel mugs, as a way to honor their honorary cancer survivor, Oz Guerrero. People can order the mugs now and they'll be ready to be picked up at the annual Franklin County Relay for Life event, which is scheduled for Sept. 13 at the Franklin Wellness Center.

Events
June 4-7, 10th Annual Bluegrass & Country Music Festival
June 6, 8/13, 15, Iowa River Players presenting "Leaving Iowa"
June 7, Outdoor fun at Maynes Grove
June 7, Gran Festival
June 10, O.W. L. S. Paddle Paddle & Debbie
June 10, First Bank Hampton, Tuesday on Town
June 11, 12, FGH Lobby Shoppe \$6 Vendor Show
June 12, Franklin Wellness Center Community Appreciation
June 12-14, Sheffield Garage Sales/Munchie

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City Council Interviews Four Candidates for Ward 1 Seat

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton City Council interviewed four candidates for the Ward 1 opening during their Monday night workshop.

The following people were interviewed Monday night, after submitting applications for the opening: Aviana Rodriguez Nolte, Marlene Tapp, Kristin Roode and Elizabeth Welker.

Candidates were asked about their leadership qual-

ities, volunteer experience, how they handle criticism and more.

The council will vote on a new councilor for Ward 1 Thursday evening, June 12. The selected person will begin July 1.

The ward opened up after city councilor Bill Hodge announced his resignation, effective July 1, 2025, during the May 19 city council workshop. His term was set to run until 2027.

You can watch the entire meeting on the city's YouTube page, @CityofHamptonIowa.



Ward 1 candidates during the June 9 city council workshop.

Latimer News

CAL OVER 60'S met at noon on Tuesday, June 3 in the Latimer Community Center. Lois welcomed everyone and Pastor Petri Van Royen of Zion Reformed Church had devotions and table prayer. Jean Mollenbeck and Ann Lupkes served the tables. Jolene had prepared beefy noodles, mashed potatoes, carrots and chocolate cream pudding desert.

The June 21st birthday of Maggie Hopkey was recognized and the group sang to her.

Tom Tegatz presented the program on his attendance with his daughter Patricia at the president inaugural ball in Washington DC.

The next meal will be on Tuesday, 17. Everyone is welcome to attend and invite guests.



We feel blessed to have so many friends & family that helped us when we needed help. Thank you to all our friends & family, our church family, Vicar Caitlen Tauro, FGH Staff & EMT's, Mercy One Cancer Center, & Mayo Clinic doctors & nurses, Woodley Funeral Home, also to the Franklin Co Veterans Affairs.

Arvin is now with his loving family in Heaven.

Thank you.

-The family of Arvin Stadlander

THANK YOU for the cards, telephone calls, notes, and flowers you gave me for my 90th birthday! I had the BEST birthday EVER! Also, a special thank you to my family for my birthday party, and to my daughter-in-law and grandson who traveled from California and Ohio to celebrate with me. You all made my day VERY special!! Thank you, thank you!

- Dorothy Abbas

The Hampton Senior Citizens Center extends a huge THANK YOU to everyone that made the Ice Cream Social a SWEET success! Thank you to those who came to dine, to the volunteers, to those who donated food or money, and to the businesses that displayed flyers in their windows. We sure do appreciate YOU!

PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: Viva Mexico 250

Race Details
Location: Mexico City, Mexico
Date: Sunday, June 15, 3:00 p.m.

Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez

Race Preview

The Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez is a 2.674 mi motorsport race track in Mexico City, Mexico, named after the racing drivers Ricardo Rodríguez (1942–1962) and Pedro Rodríguez (1940–1971). The circuit got its name shortly after it opened when Ricardo Rodríguez died in practice for the non-Championship 1962 Mexican Grand Prix. Ricardo's brother Pedro was also killed behind the wheel nine years later. The circuit is located within the public park of the Magdalena Mixhuca Sports City in southeast Mexico City. Amazon Prime will broadcast the race with radio coverage from MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Last Weekend's Race: Denny Hamlin won at Michigan

Denny Hamlin's No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota had just enough fuel to claim the checkered flag at Michigan International Speedway and do one celebratory series of burnouts in front of the huge grandstand crowd before running out of gas on his encore celebration and needing a tow to his ultimate destination in Victory Lane. The 44-year-old put on a master class in fuel saving and end-of-race pressure at the two-mile oval, taking his third win of the season and 57th of his career.

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

| Year | Wins | Top 10s | Avg. Finish |
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| 2025 | 3 | 8 | 13.5 |
| 2024 | 3 | 18 | 13.9 |

2025 Standings

| Cup Series Top Ten | | | | Xfinity Series Top Ten | | | |
|---------------------|--------|---------|--|------------------------|--------|---------|--|
| Drivers | Points | Top 10s | | Drivers | Points | Top 10s | |
| 1) William Byron | 576 | 9 | | 1) Justin Allgaier | 583 | 10 | |
| 2) Kyle Larson | 535 | 11 | | 2) Austin Hill | 491 | 10 | |
| 3) Denny Hamlin | 494 | 8 | | 3) Sam Mayer | 472 | 8 | |
| 4) Christopher Bell | 480 | 10 | | 4) Jesse Love | 432 | 9 | |
| 5) Chase Elliott | 464 | 7 | | 5) Connor Zilisch | 394 | 5 | |
| 6) Tyler Reddick | 460 | 5 | | 6) Sheldon Creed | 380 | 8 | |
| 7) Ryan Blaney | 427 | 7 | | 7) Carson Kvatil | 378 | 5 | |
| 8) Ross Chastain | 414 | 8 | | 8) Brandon Jones | 377 | 6 | |
| 9) Joey Logano | 395 | 4 | | 9) Jeb Burton | 364 | 4 | |
| 10) Bubba Wallace | 383 | 6 | | 10) Ryan Sieg | 364 | 5 | |

Racing Trivia

Which NASCAR driver died on the final lap of the 43rd Daytona 500?

a) Rodney Orr c) Dale Earnhardt
b) Neil Bonnett d) Billy Wade

Who's the only driver to have won the 500s with both teams?
The streaking contact with Sterling Marlin and hit Earnhardt (c) Hall of Fame driver Dale

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Iowa families will benefit from President Trump's "One, Big, Beautiful Bill"



REP. RANDY FEENSTRA
COLUMNIST

In the 1800s, American settlements began appearing across Iowa's sprawling prairies. Families, young and old, ventured out West, braving terrifying prairie fires, tornadoes, and uncertainty, in search of a better life. Early communities were often built around families coexisting and growing together. In 2025, Iowa's landscape is dotted with small towns occupied by family names dating back generations. This is one of the things that I love most about Iowa.

That's why I'm using my voice in Congress—in both the Ways and Means and Agriculture Commit-

tees—to stick up for our families and work for the generations of farmers who have tilled the land over and over again. The other week, my Republican colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and I passed President Trump's "One, Big, Beautiful Bill." This legislation contains numerous provisions to put more money back in the pockets of Iowa families.

In Iowa, family households make up nearly 65% of total households and about 30% of Iowa households have children under the age of 18. During the Biden administration, these families were crushed by rapidly rising costs on everyday goods and persistent inflation that ate away at paychecks. Insurance, childcare costs, and even packages of diapers and baby wipes became items that could cause a family financial stress. This is absolutely unacceptable if we want young families to continue to grow and invest in our communities.

President Trump's "One, Big, Beautiful Bill" will finally give our families room to breathe again. Estimates suggest that families could see up to

\$13,300 more in take-home pay, with workers potentially gaining up to \$11,600 in higher wages over four years. With provisions that end taxes on tips, overtime, and auto loan interest for American-made cars, working parents can be certain that the extra effort they're putting in for their families will pay off.

Also included in this legislation is an expansion of the child tax credit, an increased standard deduction, and a partially refundable adoption tax credit up to \$5,000. Biden-era inflation dramatically raised the cost of starting and raising a family. The increased child tax credit—raised to \$2,500—and the increased standard deduction—raised to \$16,000 for individuals and \$32,000 for married couples—leave families with more money to spend on household necessities. This legislation also includes my legislation to help small businesses on Main Street offer paid family and medical leave to their employees at a more affordable cost.

Additionally, provisions in this legislation establish savings accounts—known as Trump Accounts—for

newborns, with a \$1,000 federal contribution. Families can add up to \$5,000 annually, with funds accessible at age 18 for education, training, or home purchases, and fully accessible at age 30. Similarly, it expands 529 accounts to include qualified elementary, secondary, and homeschool costs, enhancing educational savings options and giving parents the ability to choose the best education option for their children.

Make no mistake. We will pass President Trump's agenda to strengthen our communities and reward parents for starting families—not punish them. Unfortunately, Democrats voted in favor of the largest tax increase in American history on families, workers, and small businesses. This disconnect is what drove more than 77 million Americans to deliver a historic mandate for the Republican Party, demanding real change and real results. I am proud to say that we are delivering for American families, and I will continue to work to get President Trump's "One, Big, Beautiful Bill" across the finish line and signed into law.

Baby Carriers and Tractors... The Real Influencers at Home



*reading
between
the lines*

AMANDA RINK

"Fathering is not something perfect men do, but something that perfects the man." - Frank Pittman

Last spring, I was driving down my gravel road and saw a familiar sight. A great big green tractor. Before I could even put on that Aldean song (sorry, Dad), I caught a sight that gave me pause. In the cab, you could see something, someone, rather, pressed close to the chest of the operator. I soon realized that I was seeing a baby strapped to who I assume was their father, grandfather, or even uncle, riding along in the cab of a routine farm day.

I shared a quick social media update, just highlighting how fatherhood has changed from even twenty years ago. But the image has stuck with me, especially as Father's Day rolls around. I don't think it is just because it was adorable, but because it was a portrait of a man, a caretaker, that we didn't see often when I was growing up.

We saw the one where the man worked sunup until sundown, came home, sat down, and you knew damn well not to interrupt him unless something was on fire. We saw men fumbling through parenthood in comical ways, like Tim the Toolman Taylor.

Now, before you gather your pitchforks from the barn, those dads were probably doing the best they could. Many of them, my own included, were heroic in their own way. They were changing standards in their own way, too. But today's dads? They're showing up differently. They're showing up present, and it is changing the next generation in a drastic sense.

As I've touched on before, small towns are often thought of as the

last to evolve (again, an Aldean song comes to mind), but as I've proven before, that isn't always true. Sure, we're stuck in our ways for some things, an example is that I am totally capable of changing my own tires or oil, but that is a "Dad Job" at our house. But women aren't the only ones behind the scenes at homes, men aren't always the breadwinners or oil changers for the family.

My own husband is proof of that. I've written (bragged) before about the way he breaks stereotypes. He is just as likely to be brushing the tangles out of the girls' hair before bedtime or cooking dinner as he is to be in the garage or lifting something heavy. He shows love not just in what he provides but in how he participates.

This new generation of dads is doing it all... and yes, wearing their babies like chest badges of honor in tractor cabs or along family hikes. Heck, some Dads are even doing it completely alone. And they're not doing it for a gold star but because they realize it is worth it to be an equal contributor in a household, and they see the value in fatherhood. But even as we celebrate the evolution, there is another conversation that we should sit down for.

There is a troubling trend, especially in the media that our sons (and daughters) are consuming. Podcasts, YouTube channels, and social media "influencers" who package traditional masculinity in dramatic soundbites, only to push ideas that are anything but healthy.

There is talk of "alpha males," stoic detachment, and rigid gender roles. Even darker, anti-feminist rhetoric, male supremacy, incel ideology. It is regressive, loud, and worst of all... it is gaining traction.

One of the most troubling figures in this space is Andrew Tate, a former kickboxer turned online influencer who has gained massive popularity among boys for his aggressive "alpha male" persona. Tate preaches dominance, emotional suppression, and extreme views on gender roles, many of which are blatantly misogynistic. I mean, there really aren't any other

ways to describe it, because he has made statements suggesting women are inherently inferior and has encouraged controlling behavior in relationships.

Despite being banned from several platforms, his content still circulates widely through clips and fan accounts. Middle and high school teachers across the U.S., U.K., and Canada have reported students parroting his language, mocking female classmates, refusing to listen to female teachers, or dismissing empathy as weak.

Tate was arrested and charged in Romania on human trafficking, rape, and organized crime charges. Many young boys still idolize him, unaware of or indifferent to these allegations, because the "tough guy" image he projects has been so powerfully marketed.

So, dads, brothers, uncles, grandpas, all who we're celebrating this coming Sunday? This is where you come in. Your sons are watching. Not just what you say, but how you treat people. How you handle anger. How you talk about women. How you love your partner. How you respond to stress, failure, or hurt. And your girls are watching, too. They're learning what to accept from a significant other.

They're learning what it means to be a man not from that guy with a viral soundbite and a sponsorship deal, but from you. Whether you like it or not, you're the real influencer in the house.

Show them that being a "man" means having integrity, empathy, and courage, that being a caretaker doesn't need dominance over a household, but a caring heart and a kind hand.

Because being a good dad isn't about proving you're "the man." It's about becoming a man your children are proud to follow in real life.

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Ode to Dad (And Mom. They Go Together.)



THE ALTERNATIVE
FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
THE ALTERNATIVE

With Father's Day coming up you'd think I'd write about mine. But no.

Dawn's folks were, let me say, skeptical. Surfer turned logger from the sinful state of California. But they reluctantly trusted her judgement. "It's your life."

Eventually we moved into the old farmhouse that Grandpa owned. The tenant had emphysema and never admitted it but couldn't do it anymore.

Once Grandpa told me that Murphy didn't count the endrows from which he chopped silage in the 50/50 share arrangement but he didn't care. Charity was different then. Grandpa was frugal. Some would have called him a tiny slumlord. The slum was tiny. Several people mentioned that Grandpa helped them save their farms during the Great Depression.

Dawn was raised Catholic and "natural family planning" worked well. It didn't take long either. Hans was born before the move to the farm. We sold

our \$11,000 house on a half block in Bristow for \$10,000 after living there for a year. We scraped and painted it with the help of Dawn's family and now it's gone.

Life would have been pretty tough without the help of Mom and Dad. Mom looked after Hans then two more while we farmed. Dad fixed all the stuff that had been ignored but tolerated for years. He had thousands of parts and hardware in hundreds of Velveeta boxes. What we had to buy we got at Hampton Distributing, the ultimate hardware store. Toys were upstairs and the kids would zoom up there while we shopped for farming essentials.

The kitchen carpet was a history book but unreadable. The bathroom had red velvet wallpaper. I made it nicer by buying a door for it with a window at a sale. If I had a Dubuque Star, Mom would wipe the counter off around the bottle to avoid touching it. She had lost three sisters to drunk drivers.

The door to the house was on the south and the driveway was on the north. We could watch visitors come around after parking. Mom was a real pro at taking care of kids and that freed-up Dawn to help with the pigs (mortgage lifters). I think she secretly liked it when Sis came over and gave her a hard time. He'd

walk right in, "Hi Gerry!"

We were just talking about Dad today. One of his famous sayings was "It's not necessary." Dawn remembers being shocked when I said the same thing as her Dad. But I pointed out that it was probably because it wasn't necessary.

Once in a while a brother or two would be around and this family is not happy if not helping with a project. Dawn's family would ruin the welfare state. Three of the brothers were Navy corpsmen. The fourth served on a submarine, like Dad. When we went to vaccinate sows, David wanted to scrub the site with alcohol. But chasing a sow with a cotton ball wasn't part of the program.

Our windbreak was planted in mud (it used to rain more back then). On some of it we laid boards down so we could get through and keep our boots on. We selected arbor vitae (white cedar) for their tolerance of wet soil. In 2012 they almost all died because the roots were too shallow for the drought. Now the ash trees are dead from the borer that I recently heard was a bioterrorism attack from China. Ah those Chinese. Always up to no good.

When Dad retired from his job as school superintendent, he still had a job. We bought a tractor with a cab just for Dad. It was big enough that it didn't need

duals. We never tilled the fields but planted in the same rows year after year. I had noticed a pattern of short corn every so often. When we ditched the duals all the rows were even. Compaction between the dual tires had inhibited the corn growth.

We bought an old planter with dry fertilizer boxes and modified it to place fertilizer six inches below the surface where the seeds would go the next spring. We could reduce our fertilizer cost with the precision placement. We used this following soybean harvest. Dad would drive the tractor and Mom would sit on a little platform I built and hang her feet out the back window. They were pretty cute.

Anyway, sometimes a pin would shear or the bean straw would bunch up and Mom watched for any problems. I'd keep an eye on them (no hanky panky) while I hauled loads of corn and if they were stopped very long I would help fix something. It was pretty handy farming where we could see each other. Now, people are fooled into paying thousands more for a strip-till machine that disturbs more soil. They aren't necessary. But moms and dads are.

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So Much for Iowa Nice

Brass Tacks from Rural Iowa

BY BARBARA KALBACH

I've disagreed with Senator Joni Ernst and her policies before. But I've never felt more insulted and embarrassed for Iowa by her actions than I was on May 31 by her non-apology for saying "we all are going to die" at a town hall in Parkersburg.

Saying we're all going to die is something you might say in casual conversation (but hopefully not often!) or a philosophy class. But Ernst wasn't in a

philosophy class or having a casual conversation. She knew exactly where she was, who she was talking with (her constituents), and the topic at hand (not one of musings on life and the universe).

That's why her "apology" is tone deaf. It's also insulting to Iowans of all political stripes. Instead of showing empathy to the real concerns of the constituents in her town hall, she thought it would be funny

to sarcastically claim that some of them didn't know life would eventually cease to exist. Well, it is not funny. But it does seem to show that Ernst feels her constituents, the people she is supposed to represent, are beneath her or unintelligent simpletons.

Maybe Joni has spent too much time away from Iowa in D.C. with billionaires like Elon Musk and other wealthy elites who don't need to worry about going to the doctor, the cost of prescription drugs, or how they'll be able to feed their family. I don't know what else would lead her to abandon Iowa values of lending a helping hand, being kind to one another,

and certainly not calling each other stupid.

Republicans, Democrats, Independents... all of us have reason to be concerned with what is shaping up to be a "big, terrible, no good" bill out of D.C. Estimates point that this bill, as currently written, will result in anywhere from 57,000 to 94,000 Iowans losing their healthcare coverage. These are real people. They're folks in between jobs or working part-time, caring for a loved one, in a nursing home. These people are our neighbors.

Despite what Joni Ernst implies, we're not simple-minded, and we know when a crisis is brewing.

And there's trouble on the horizon for our healthcare system. Private equity groups are buying up nursing homes. Medicare Advantage promises the moon then drives us into the ground. Health insurance companies deny our claims at an alarming rate. It's not a pretty picture. Kicking people off Medicaid would only make it worse.

Ernst's job is to engage her constituents on their concerns, and ideally pass policies that improve our quality of life. Yes, we're all going to die. But dying after living a full life while receiving good healthcare coverage is different than dying because you can't access basic care.

Too many elected officials these days say and do things that don't make a lick of sense. I didn't expect Senator Ernst to be a staunch defender of Medicaid, SNAP, and other safety net programs that lift people and our communities up. But I sure didn't expect her to insult and demean Iowans who simply want to know how our government is working for us instead of corporations and billionaire interests.

Barb Kalbach is a 4th generation family farmer, retired registered nurse, and board member of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement. Barb can be reached at barbneal-kalbach@gmail.com.

I had the pleasure of having dinner at the West Fork Wharf, and I'm impressed!

I opted for a turkey panini. It had all the right fixings: turkey, bacon, onion, gouda cheese and seedless raspberry jam. The jam took it to next level — the perfect hint of sweet. It reminded me of a sandwich you'd make the day after Thanksgiving. Pure perfection. And the fries were equally good. (I don't want to get carried away here, but they may have stolen the show. They were the right amount of crispy and they weren't too salty. 10/10.)

My boss, Matt, went with the BBQ brisket pizza. I had a few pieces, and it was pretty darn good. It had a thin crispy



Photo by Matt Grohe

crust (which I prefer), and it wasn't overwhelmingly sweet, like some BBQ pizzas. Matt said it's become his go-to order at the Wharf, and I can see why.

Not only was the food good, but so was the service. We were waited on

by owner Amy Stevens. She was polite, personable and ready to answer my random questions at the drop of a hat. While we ate, she zipped from table to table, taking care of customers with a smile on her face. That's how you



The Wharf is located at 116 W Gilman St. in Sheffield. Photo by Matt Grohe

know she's a pro: when she makes it look easy.

Perhaps, most importantly, this place gives off some serious small-town vibes. We saw plenty of

familiar faces while there, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

So if you're looking for good food and good vibes, stop by the Wharf. Highly

recommend!

The Wharf is located at 116 W Gilman St. in Sheffield.

—News Editor Jennifer Burnham

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Chamber-Main Street News and Knows: MSI Orientation

BY JIM DAVIES
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Main Street Iowa (MSI) Orientation is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Main Street Iowa program, partnership, and resources.

I attended an MSI Orientation held Tuesday, June 3 at the Main Street Iowa Office at 1963 Bell Avenue, Des Moines. After coffee and introductions, the first topic was the Main Street Approach.

The Main Street Approach is a comprehensive, community-driven strategy for revitalizing and preserving historic downtowns and commercial districts. Developed by the National Main Street Center (a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation), it focuses on economic vitality, historic preservation, and community involvement. The Four Points of the Main Street Approach were each discussed:

Economic Vitality (EV)-- Focuses on strengthening and diversifying the economic base of the downtown. This includes supporting existing businesses, attracting new ones, and fostering entrepreneurship. Traditional EV activities are:

- Collecting and analyzing market information, data, and opportunities
- Inventorying Main Street district buildings and businesses
- Visiting businesses to build relationships
- Advocating for funding sources to support building and business development
- Educating the Main Street District & Community
- Promoting retail events with Promotion/program



Design--Enhances the physical and visual elements of the downtown. This includes preserving historic buildings, improving storefronts, and creating an inviting streetscape. Main Street Design Coordinator and Keegan Hall, Downtown Building Rehabilitation Specialist, who both have been to Hampton, spoke.

Promotion--Positions downtown as a center of activity through marketing, events, and branding. It's about creating a positive image and encouraging people to visit and invest.

Organization--Builds a strong foundation for sustainable revitalization by cultivating partnerships, community involvement, and effective leadership.

The Main Street Approach applies a transformation strategy that aligns a community's vision and market knowledge with its Four-Point Approach, leading to both measurable and meaningful outcomes.

Guiding principles include a comprehensive approach, an incremental process, self-directed, public/private partnerships, focusing on existing assets, quality, changing attitudes, and implementation focused.

Main Street Iowa is a program of the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). IEDA tools and resources were reviewed.

Agency partners gave 15-minute

presentations. The presenters were:

- Laura Friest, Tourism Liaison from Travel Iowa.
- Sacha Wise, Empower Rural Iowa Director from Rural Revitalization
- Allison Archambo, Certified Local Government Coordinator from the State Historical Preservation Office.
- David Schmitz, Iowa Arts Council Director and Jon Berg, Creative Community Development & Infrastructure Program Manager from the Iowa Arts Council.
- Amy Kuhlers from Iowa Source Link.

The freshly printed 2025 edition of the Main Street Program Leadership Guidebook was distributed, along with several valuable resource materials, including the Downtown Design Guide. I also received Hampton's updated Market Snapshot for 2024 and an information sheet on the upcoming Main Street Iowa Challenge Grants, with applications set to open on June 23.

Hampton's Market Snapshot features comprehensive data, including 2024 demographics, drive-time analysis, housing unit summaries, diversity index, per capita income, median age, employment statistics, workforce trends, retail demand projections, and tourism insights.

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

On the TV sitcom "Cheers", what was Cliff Clavin's occupation? Answer: Mailman.

On the TV sitcom "The Cosby Show", what was Cliff Huxtable's occupation? Answer: Doctor.

This week's trivia questions:

What country music singer had hit songs in the 1980s with "Ocean Front Property in Arizona", "All My Ex's Live in Texas", and "Amarillo by Morning"?

What country music singer had hit songs in the 1990s with "Don't Rock the Jukebox", "Chasin' That Neon Rainbow", and "Chattahoochee"?

June 11 is National German Chocolate Cake Day, and National Corn on the Cob Day; June 12 is Democracy Day, National Peanut Butter Cookie Day, and Red Rose Day; June 13 is World Softball Day, and National Sewing Machine Day; June 14 is World Blood Donor Day, and National Strawberry Shortcake Day; June 15 is Father's Day, and Nature Photography Day; June 16 is Fresh Veggies Day, World Sea Turtle Day, and International Waterfall Day; June 17 is National Mascot Day, and Global Garbage Man Day.

This week is National Week of the Ocean, Flag Week, Superman Week, and National Little League Week.

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

– Psalm 46:10

"For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."

– Isaiah 41:13

"Cast all your anxiety on Him, because he cares for you."

– 1 Peter 5:7

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

– John 11:25

Lawyer jokes

My partner told me I'm a horrible lawyer. I couldn't defend myself.

What's the difference between a lawyer and a herd of buffalo? The lawyer charges more.

A man asks his lawyer, "If I give you \$400, will you answer a couple questions for me?" The lawyer says, "Absolutely! What's your second question?"

Did you hear about the lawyer who sued an airline company after they misplaced his luggage? Sadly, they lost the case.

What's the difference between a good lawyer and a great lawyer? A good lawyer knows the law. A great lawyer knows the judge.

What did the lawyer say to the dentist? "Do you promise to take the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth?"

Otters "hold hands" while sleeping, so they don't float away from each other.

Hummingbirds are the only birds that can also fly backwards. They often do this when retreating away from flowers.

Koala bears are known for sleeping for more than 20 hours a day, which is necessary for them to conserve energy and digest their low-energy diet of eucalyptus leaves.

Code Counsel: Preserve Iowa Summit

BY JIM DAVIES
MEMBER AT LARGE,
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As a member of the Hampton Historic Preservation Commission, I attended the Preserve Iowa Summit held June 5-7 in Muscatine. This conference serves as a required training event for commission members.

I arrived on the morning of Thursday, June 5, to attend a meeting of the Preservation Iowa Board of Directors, on which I serve. Following the board meeting, I attended the welcome session and keynote address delivered by Elizabeth Rosin, Senior Vice President of Business Strategy at Heritage Consulting Group. Afterward, I had the honor of presenting Preservation Iowa's Preservation at its Best Awards during the awards ceremony.

Five awards were given this year:

- Adaptive/Mixed Reuse Award—Willard-Hopkins Rehabilitation, Marshalltown
- Maurice Losely Sacred Place Award—3750 on Grand, Des Moines
- Residential Award—Historic Winterset High School Apartments
- Rural Preservation Award—Hotel Stuart
- Martha Hayes Preservationist of the Year—Molly Myers Naumann, Ottumwa

A reception was held early in the evening at the Muscatine Art Center and the newly rehabilitated Japanese Garden, which was awarded a 2024 Preservation at its Best Award. The Muscatine Art Center showcases the 1908 Musser Mansion and the contemporary Stanley Gallery.

The first presentation I attended on Friday, June 6, was titled De-bunking the Myth of "Jumping Through Hoops" When It Comes to Restoration, presented by Angela Harrington, Owner, Operator, and

Developer at Catalyst Hospitality. Angela shared her journey restoring two iconic Iowa properties: Hotel Grinnell and the Highlander Hotel in Iowa City.

Hotel Grinnell, originally built in 1921 as a junior high school, served the community until the 1970s before being repurposed into a unique hotel. The Highlander Hotel began as the Highlander Supper Club in 1967 and expanded in the early 1970s to include a grand ballroom, lounge, and a 90-room hotel. It became a popular entertainment destination, hosting celebrities like Mickey Mantle, Joan Baez, and Arnold Palmer. After years of decline, the property was purchased in 2019 and transformed into a stylish boutique hotel, now recognized as a local landmark.

Another session I attended was Insurance 101 – What You Need to Know About Insuring Your Property, presented by Sonya Sellmeyer, Consumer Advocate with the Iowa Insurance Division. The session covered key information about different types of property insurance, important terms and conditions to understand, and tips for making sure your policy provides adequate protection. Sonya will be a valuable resource for any future questions or guidance I may need regarding insurance matters.

The third session I attended was Partners in Preservation: Working with Your Project Consultant, presented by Chris Happ Olson, Assistant Planner for the City of Dubuque. In her role, Chris supports the Historic Preservation Commission and conducts historic reviews for the city. She provided valuable insights into the role of a project consultant, outlining their responsibilities and clarifying what information and collaboration they need from property owners to ensure a successful preservation project.

I then toured the former McKee Button Company building, a historic rehabilitation project completed between 2022 and 2025 by KENT Worldwide. The project repurposed the former factory into office space for the company's Consumer Brands division, utilizing historic preservation tax credits. The transformation both accommodated the company's growth and preserved one of Muscatine's most significant historic landmarks.

Constructed in 1907, the three-story brick building is located southwest of downtown Muscatine, between the Mississippi River and Hershey Avenue. In its prime, the McKee Button Company was one of the largest freshwater pearl button manufacturers in the United States. This facility was once considered the largest freshwater pearl button factory in the world.

A Certified Local Government roundtable was held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 7. This day of training included the topics of:

- The Underground Railroad, Emancipation, and Anti-Slavery Themes in Muscatine County
- Iowa's Third Generation Bridge Survey

Following historic themes to explore and document the development of Muscatine County

- Preservation is Climate Action
- Historic Resource Needs Assessment: Valuable Tools for Preservation
- CLG Grants

Overall, the Summit offered valuable insights into rehabilitation projects and provided excellent networking opportunities with commission members from other communities, historic preservation professionals, and staff from the State Historic Preservation Office at the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

MISS DUMONT: FROM PAGE 2

choir, softball cheer, choir council

Community involvement: Tending to the high school's garden, passed out food at local church on Wednesday, adopted a highway, been in the Dumont parade every year, helped with fundraisers church and helped out at local fair

Awards/achievements: Academic awards all four years of high school for a GPA of 3.5 or higher, honorable mentions, first place awards for photography, athletic varsity awards for softball, varsity letters in choir, schol-

arship award in DDA, acceptance letter for Hawkeye, bronze at state for AG FFA, silver at districts for public speaking

Leadership roles: I led my team to state for FFA!

Skills/hobbies: Cooking, photography, horseback riding, dirt bikes, ATVs, racing and sports

Future plans: Attend Hawkeye Community College for two years in their liberal arts transfer program and then transfer to university for two years to get my bachelor's degree in

business management.

Why do you think you would be a good Miss Dumont? I feel like I would be a good Miss Dumont because I'm involved in my community, along with my surrounding communities. As far as talking about myself goes, I'm not very good at it. I hate to sound like a try-hard, but I see myself as a very kind, determined and sociable person. I love helping people in my community and I feel as though these are some great qualities a Miss Dumont should have!

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What's At The Windsor

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER

How To Train Your Dragon will open nationally and be shown at the Windsor Theatre starting Friday, June 13 through Thursday, June 26.

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

How To Train Your Dragon is distributed by Universal Pictures and the run time is 125 minutes. It is rated PG due to sequences of intense action and peril.

Parents need to know that How to Train Your Dragon is a live-action remake of the same-named 2010 film; both are based on the children's book by Cressida Cowell.

The story follows a Viking named Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III (Mason Thames), the wise but overlooked son of chieftain Stoick the Vast (Gerard Butler) on

the isle of Berk. When Hiccup defies typical Viking behavior and befriends a Night Fury dragon named Toothless rather than destroy it, the pair's bond challenges Viking society.

When an ancient threat emerges that endangers both species, Hiccup's friendship with Toothless becomes the key to forging a new future. Together, they must navigate the delicate path toward peace, soaring beyond the boundaries of their worlds and redefining what it means to be a hero and a leader.

Given that it's live action instead of animated, it could feel a bit more intense than the original, with battles and perilous situations that may be too scary for younger kids. Regular movie ticket prices



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

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

Gift certificates (Windsor

Bucks), punch cards good for a discount on admission, and movie sponsorship opportunities are available.

Upcoming movies: Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning, June 27, Jurassic World Rebirth, July 2 (2 weeks), Elio, July 18, and Superman: Legacy, July 25.

The Franklin County Arts Council will present "A Cabaret Night" at the Windsor Theatre on Tuesday, July 22 starting at 7:00 pm.

Doors open at 6:30 PM. Performers from Cedar Summerstock Theatre will be singing, acting and dancing on stage. This hour-long family friendly show has a casual atmosphere featuring a variety of musical selections. The public are invited to attend. A free will donation will be taken at the door. Concessions will be available.



CHAMBERS: FROM PAGE 3

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| <p>Mondays July 3, Fireworks July 7, Hampton Senior Center Veterans Meal July 9-13, Franklin County Fair July 12, Farm Bureau Cookout Contest July 18-20, Hampton Summer Market July 18, 19, Christian Motorcycle Association Rally July 22, Windsor Theatre Summer Stock July 23, RAGBRAI Latimer</p> | <p>July 25, J@M 2025 July 26, Latimer Fun Day. Cribbage tournament registration at 11 a.m. at UCC Church. August 1, 2, Immanuel Community VBS August 3, St. Paul Lutheran School 100th Celebration August 3, Zion St. John 150th Anniversary August 5, National Night Out August 22, Car Cruise August 23, Sheffield People in the Park</p> | <p>August 23, RadioOnTheGo Tractor Ride August 23, Iowa Military Veterans Band August 24, Hampton Car Show. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Band Shell Park. Car show registration is from 9 to 11 a.m. that morning. \$15 registration fee. August 28-30, Highway 3 Corridor Yard Sales</p> |
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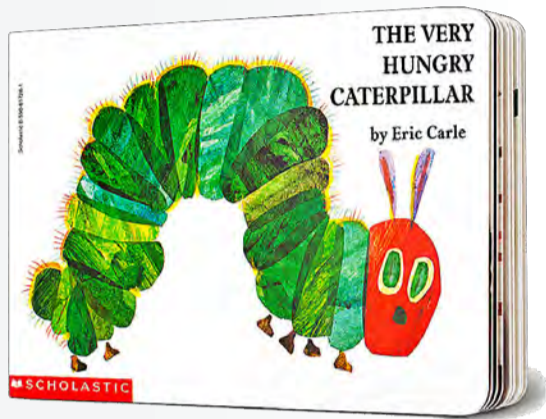
Readers of the Week at the Hampton Public Library



BY BRENDA VAN WERT
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

The Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is Henry Rusin, age 3. Henry is the son of Mike and Cassie Rusin.

His favorite book is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle.



Senior Golf

To start the ball rolling (no pun) do you know what is orange and sounds like a parrot? Answer later! The boys were grinning ear to ear as they felt the warmth and pang of summer. They could hardly believe it, sunshine, super temp and no wind. They wondered if they weren't in Hawaii instead of Sheffield. Twenty-five of the finest (well something like that) old duffers showed up to make war. Old Franky shouted out the instructions for the day, "Men (ha-ha) today we shall play the real game of golf, no foot wedges, no teeing the ball up in the rough, no gimme putts and finally no erasers on the scorecards."

Now that brought the house down with laughter as those instructions would diminish everyone's game. Mark Kramer, DelRay McKee and Kim Wills left the groups in the dust. They fired a solid, very solid 65 for the championship. DelRay said if it wasn't for his never missing a putt they would have finished last. However, have you ever known a McKee to tell a straight up story?

They won themselves free tickets to the Masters Golf Tourney but they have to ride bikes to get there. Second on the list was the squad of Denny Campbell, Rick Schmitt and Nick Mulford. They were so close to winning with a 68 but they missed too many putts. Now guys that is one excuse we will not tolerate anymore come up with the real reason, no talent! The third unit and four other units all tied with 69's. You should have heard the excuses there, it sounded like a bee hive.

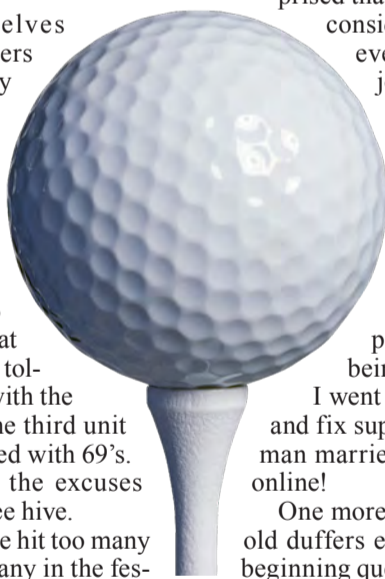
Oh we missed putts, we hit too many in the pond, we hit too many in the fes-

cue, we were standing too close to our ball after we hit. Weeping, sobbing and nose running goes out to them. Those teams were, third-Dougy Hahn, Mikey Paine and Nicky Mulford—fourth Ed painless Hert, Doug Erbe and Don Greimann. They won, but a free ride on the Greimann train--fifth was Bobby (diamond) Long, Tommy Severe and Les (not more) Hurd. That finish in the tie- breaker won them free tickets to the driven theater in Mason City. The six place tie-breaking team was Phil (stranded) Strand, FrankO Schnoes and Larry Fanny. They of course couldn't absorb not winning and sulked in the corner of the club house. The seventh team in that long list of ties was Brad Mulford, Steve Birdsall and Al Menning. They did win \$\$\$\$\$\$ minus a few.

You know there always has to be a team limping in on crutches and that unit was so far back they got lost. They fired a 78, yup that many which is hard to believe. Jim Allen, Steve Heeren and Russ Morgan comprised that golf team, but it is hard to consider them as such. Oh well everybody finished and enjoyed a nice meal where the stories flew like a hawk diving for a mouse.

Les asked me what has five toes but isn't your foot. He laughed a belly one and said, "My foot!" DelRay said a pig that practices karate is a pork chop. He would know being an old hogger. Finally as I went up to scrub the toilet bowl and fix supper, Brad told me a fisherman married a mermaid---he met her online!

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| <p>GENEVA CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Tuesday of every month 6:30 PM</p> | <p>HANSELL CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Wednesday every month, Community Center 7:00 PM</p> | <p>LATIMER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Wednesday, 6:30 PM</p> | <p>SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Every second Monday of the month at 6 PM</p> | <p>FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS: DETAILS: First Tuesday of the Month 4:00 PM, Franklin County Veterans Affairs Office</p> |
| <p>ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS: Third Wednesday of every month</p> | <p>HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS: Board meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:15 PM-6:15 PM Library board meets to discuss library business, budgeting, funding and happenings.</p> | <p>DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS: Dumont Public Library Second Wednesday of every month</p> | <p>HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: Fourth Monday of the month 6:00 PM</p> | <p>WEST FORK SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: Third Monday of the Month, 5:00 PM, West Fork High School Sheffield</p> |
| <p>CAL SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM</p> | <p>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: DETAILS: 5:30 PM City Council Chambers</p> | <p>HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Hampton City Council meets in Regular Session on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers. Workshops are held on the Mondays preceding the 2nd and 4th Thursday Regular Sessions at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers.</p> | <p>FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: DETAILS: First Wednesday of month, 7:00 PM Franklin County Law Enforcement Center</p> | <p>FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL : DETAILS: Franklin County Extension Council ISU Extension & Outreach 6 2nd St. NW, Hampton 50441 Council members help determine local priorities for agricultural, youth (4-H), health and human science, and community/economic development program areas.</p> |

Warhawk Baseball has Successful Week

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The West Fork baseball team has gotten hot, winning three of their four games they played last week and having won four of their last five games. They took down the North Butler Bearcats 2-0 on Monday, June 2, the Central Springs Panthers 4-3 on Wednesday, June 4, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Cowboys 11-1 on Thursday, June 5 before losing to the Saints Ansgar Saints 10-2 on Friday, June 6.

Their game on Monday versus North Butler was a pitchers duel. The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fifth inning when the Warhawks scored their first run on an RBI fielder's choice from sophomore Braylon Shreckengost. The Warhawks would add another run in the bottom of the sixth inning when sophomore Brett Behr scored on a throwing error to put the Warhawks up 2-0. Warhawks starting pitcher senior Trevor Despanses had a stellar outing, pitching a complete game shutout, tossing seven innings allowing three hits and walking one while striking out five batters. Despanses talked about what was working well for him throughout the outing.

"Throwing strikes, my team did everything else for me," said Despases "I didn't have to do too much. I threw good curveballs and good fastballs and let them put it in play for my defense or struck them out."

The Warhawks would win the game despite not recording a hit. Head coach

of the Warhawks Kayden Ames spoke on the importance of playing in close games even this early in the season.

"It's huge to be able to play in a game like this," said Ames. "It's not always going to be pretty and it's rare you see a low scoring game like that in Iowa 1A baseball. I knew once we got to about the third inning both pitchers were throwing well and it was going to be one or two runs that won the game."

On Wednesday, the Warhawks would be in another tight battle with Central Springs. The Panthers would jump out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the third inning but the Warhawks responded with three runs of their own in the bottom of the third inning. The Warhawks would add another run in the bottom of the fourth inning. The Panthers would make it interesting, scoring a run in the top of the seventh, but the Warhawks would hold on for a 4-3 victory. Sophomore Zander Hansen had two RBIs while Despanses and Behr each drove in a run of their own.

The Warhawks would get a more decisive win on Thursday over Clarion-Goldfield-Dows. The Warhawks would win the game in six innings after enforcing the 10-run mercy rule. The Warhawks would score early and often, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first inning, one in the bottom of the third inning, six in the bottom of the fourth inning and one in the bottom of the sixth inning. Sophomore Zander Hansen drove in three runs, while Braylon Shreckengost and Despanses each drove in two runs. Braylon Shreck-



Trevor Despanses delivers a pitch to the plate on Monday, June 2. Photo By Evan Pharr.

engost would also have three hits on the day. Nolan Shreckengost would pitch a solid game, tossing six innings and allowing only one run on three hits and three walks while striking out eight batters.

The Warhawks dropped their last game of the week versus Saint Ansgar. The Saints offense would break out scoring 10 runs, while the Warhawks were only able to push across two runs in the top of the fourth inning. Hansen would be the lone Warhawk with an RBI with a run-scoring

double. Hansen would be the Warhawks starting pitcher and would pitch one inning and allow three runs on three hits and did not strike out anyone.

Despite the loss to end the week it was a good week for the Warhawks with a 3-1 record. This moves the Warhawks overall record on the season to 4-4 as they will look to get over the .500 mark next week. The Warhawks will play four games again next week (see upcoming events at the bottom of the page).

Warhawks Softball Continues Undefeated Start to Season

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The West Fork Warhawks softball team had another undefeated week to continue their hot start to the season. The Warhawks came into the week ranked number seven in the IHSAA 2A state rankings. They won all four games they played over the week. They defeated the North Butler Bearcats 10-2 on Monday, June 2, the Central Springs Panthers 6-1

on Wednesday, June 4, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Cowgirls 8-0 on Thursday, June 5 and the Saint Ansgar Saints 8-0 on Friday, June 6.

In their game versus North Butler on Monday, the Bearcats would jump out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The Warhawks responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the second inning to tie the game 1-1. The game would remain that score until the fifth inning when the Bearcats

would retake the lead in the top of the inning. The Warhawks offense would explode for six runs in the bottom half of the inning to take a 7-2 lead. The Warhawks added three more runs in the bottom of the sixth, including a home run from senior Preslee Dickman that would enforce the run rule and end the game 10-2. Senior Libby Trewin would continue her dominance on the mound, pitching a complete game, tossing six innings and allowing only two runs on four hits while striking out nine batters.

On Wednesday, the Warhawks took on the number nine ranked team in the 2A state rankings, the Central Springs Panthers. The Warhawks would again fall behind 1-0 in the first inning. They would take the lead after a two run bottom of the second inning to put them up 2-1. The Warhawks would add four more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to stretch the lead to 6-1. Eighth grader Keyahna Peterson hit the first home run of her career and drove in two runs. Trewin had another great outing, pitching a complete game on seven innings pitched, allowing just one run on four hits while striking out 13 batters.

On Thursday the Warhawks would score two runs in the bottom of the

second inning, three runs in the bottom of the third inning and three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to solidify their 8-0 win. Junior Abby Schoning would have a good day at the plate going two for three with two singles and two RBIs. Senior JoAnna Wallace would be the other Warhawk with a multi-hit day with a single and a double. Trewin once again had a stellar outing, pitching all five innings and only allowing one base runner while striking out 11 batters.

The Warhawks would pick up their second straight 8-0 win on Friday when they took down Saint Ansgar. The Warhawks would score four runs in both the top of the first inning and in the top of the fourth inning. Wallace and Trewin would each have two hits, score two runs and drive in two RBIs while sophomore Brook Rother would hit a grand slam for her team leading third home run of the season. As no surprise to anyone, Trewin would once again have a dominant performance in the circle, pitching all five innings and allowing only one base runner while striking out eight batters. Head coach of the Warhawks, Sadie Winfrey, discussed how it's not just Trewin's pitching that has led to success this season.



Libby Trewin delivers a pitch to home plate on Monday, June 2. Photo by Evan Pharr.

"Libby does a great job in the circle and helps our defensive side tremendously, but I'm pretty proud of how the girls have responded with their bats this year," said Winfrey. "It helps take all of the pressure off of Libby knowing that her teammates will do their jobs and score runs."

The 4-0 week moves the Warhawks record to a perfect 7-0 on the season. They will look to continue their undefeated run next week with five games

throughout the week (see upcoming events at the bottom of the page). Coach Winfrey talked about how she has kept her team focused and not let the undefeated record get into their heads.

"Knowing to just take one game at a time is important," said Winfrey. "They know in order to be successful they have to continue to do the little things each game and that's what they are doing."

Baseball won their game versus Clarion-Goldfield-Dows 11-1. Sophomore Zander Hansen drove in three runs, while Braylon Shreckengost and Despanses each drove in two runs. Braylon Shreckengost would also have three hits on the day. Nolan Shreckengost tossed six innings and allowed only one run on three hits and three walks while striking out eight batters.

June 6. Softball won their game versus Saint Ansgar 8-0. Wallace and Trewin would each have two hits, score two runs and drive in two RBIs while sophomore Brook Rother would hit a grand slam for her team leading third home run of the season. Trewin pitched all five innings and allowed only one base runner while striking out eight batters.



Keyahna Petersen fields a grounder and throws to first base on Monday, June 2. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Upcoming Sports Events

Hampton-Dumont-CAL:

- June 13. Softball at Humboldt 7:30 p.m.
- June 16. Baseball doubleheader versus Algona 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.
- June 16. Softball versus Algona 7:30 p.m.
- June 17. Baseball at Janesville 5:00 p.m.
- June 17. Softball at Janesville 5:00 p.m.
- June 18. Baseball versus West Marshall at Field of Dreams Movie Site 4:00 p.m.
- June 18. Softball at Clear Lake 7:30 p.m.

West Fork

- June 12. Baseball at Clarksville 7:30 p.m.
- June 13. Softball versus Nashua-Plainfield 6:00 p.m.
- June 13. Baseball versus Nashua-Plainfield 7:30 p.m.
- June 14. Softball versus Keokuk at Jefferson Softball Field 4:00 p.m.
- June 14 Softball versus Cedar Rapids Jefferson at Jefferson Softball Field 5:45 p.m.
- June 16. Softball at Nashua-Plainfield 6:00 p.m.
- June 16. Baseball at Nashua-Plainfield 7:30 p.m.
- June 18. Baseball doubleheader at Newman-Catholic 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Weekly Recap:

Hampton-Dumont-CAL:

June 2. Baseball split double header versus Humboldt. The Bulldogs lost game one 8-3 and won game two 4-3. Game two went into extra innings and the Bulldogs won in the ninth to capture their first win of the season.

June 3. Softball lost their game vs AGWSR 7-2. Senior Mallor Rieken and eighth grader Aliyah Swieter would score the two Bulldog's runs.

June 4. Softball lost their game versus St. Edmond 9-3. Rieken, senior Charlee Morton and sophomore Payton Hinders each had one RBI.

June 6. Softball won their game versus Iowa Falls-Alden 10-8. The Bulldogs would jump out to a 7-2 lead, but the Cadets would come back with a five run bottom of the seventh inning to tie the game and force extra innings.

In the top of the eight the Bulldogs would score three more runs and hold the Cadets to just one run in the bottom half of the inning.

June 7. Baseball lost both games of a doubleheader versus Saint Ansgar. The Saints would win game one 11-0 and game two 8-0. Game two would end after the pitching mound was too wet from rain.

West Fork:

June 2. Softball won their game versus North Butler 10-2. Senior Libby Trewin pitched a complete game, tossing six innings and allowing only two runs on four hits while striking out nine batters.

Baseball won their game versus North Butler 2-0. Senior Trevor Despanses pitched a complete game shutout, tossing seven innings allowing three hits and walking one while striking out five batters.

June 4. Softball won their game versus Central Springs 6-1. Eighth grader Keyahna Peterson hit the first home run of her career and drove in two runs. Trewin had another great outing, pitching a complete game on seven innings pitched, allowing just one run on four hits while striking out 13 batters.

Baseball won their game versus Central Springs 4-3. Sophomore Zander Hansen had two RBIs while Despanses and sophomore Brett Behr each drove in a run of their own.

June 5. Softball won their game versus Clarion-Goldfield-Dows 8-0. Junior Abby Schoning had two singles and two RBIs. Senior JoAnna Wallace would be the other Warhawk with a multi-hit day with a single and a double. Trewin pitched all five innings and only allowed one base runner while striking out 11 batters.

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Bulldogs Collect First Win of Season in Last Weeks Games

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton-Dumont-CAL baseball was able to pick up their first win of the season as part of a 1-3 week overall. The Bulldogs split a double header with the Humboldt Wildcats, losing game one 8-3 and winning game two 4-3 on Monday, June 2, before losing both games of a double header to the Saint Ansgar Saints 11-0 and 7-0 on Saturday, June 7.

In game one of the double header versus Humboldt on Monday, the Wildcats offense would score runs early to put the game out of reach for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs would score one run in the bottom of the third inning and two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning in the 8-3 loss. Sophomores Carson Helmke and Brody Peters each had an RBI and senior Taylor Mahler led the Bulldogs offense with two hits. Jaxon Moats was the Bulldogs starting pitcher and he would pitch a complete game, going seven innings and allowing seven runs on 13 hits while striking out three batters.

The Bulldogs would get their first win of the season in game two of the double header 4-3. The Wildcats would jump out to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning but the Bulldogs would respond with one run in the bottom of the second inning and two runs in the bottom of the third inning to take a 3-2 lead. The Wildcats would tie the game in the top of the sixth inning and the game would go into extra innings before the Bulldogs would win on a walk off in the bottom of the ninth inning. Senior Dawson Wikert, senior Brody Robertson and sophomore Hunter Rieken each drove in one run. Mahler would lead the Bulldogs with three hits

in the game. Robertson started the game, pitching seven and one thirds innings and allowed just three runs on seven hits and one walk while striking out eight batters before senior Camden Peil would finish the last one and two thirds innings for the Bulldogs and pick up the win. Head coach of the Bulldogs Mike Lokenvitz discussed the performance from the two pitchers.

"Both of them pitched well," said Lokenvitz. "They were effective because they had their off speed pitches working as well as their fastball. Anytime you can keep hitters off balance, you will have a chance to

win the game."

In game one of the double header versus Saint Ansgar on Saturday, the Bulldogs would lose to the Saints 11-0. The game would end in a 10-run mercy rule after four and a half innings. Wikert would record the only Bulldogs hit. William Vosberg was the Bulldogs starting pitcher and he would pitch two and two-thirds innings and allow nine runs on two hits and eight walks and did not record a strikeout.

In game two of the double header, the Bulldogs would lose a rain shortened game 7-0. The game would be called after the

pitching mound was too wet to pitch on in the bottom of the fifth inning. Vosburg and senior Jaymes Stevens would collect the two Bulldogs hits in the game. Freshman Blak Burmester was the Bulldogs starting pitcher, and he pitched three and one thirds innings allowing seven runs on seven hits and five walks while striking out two batters.

The 1-3 week moved the Bulldogs record to 1-10. The Bulldogs will have four games this week (see upcoming schedule on page 11) and will try to build momentum after picking up their first win.



Blak Burmester delivers a pitch to home plate on Saturday, June 7. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Brody Robertson waits for a pitch as a batter on Saturday, June 7. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Bulldog Softball Picks up One Win Last Week

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL softball team went 1-2 in the three games they played last week. They would drop their first two games of the week, losing to the AGWSR Cougars 7-2 on Tuesday, June 3 and to the St. Edmond Gaels 9-9 on Wednesday, June 4, before beating the Iowa Falls-Alden Cadets 10-8 on Friday, June 6.

On Tuesday the Bulldogs dropped their game versus AGWSR. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 2-1 lead, scoring a run in the top of the second inning and in the top of the sixth inning, before the Cougars would score six in the bottom of the sixth inning to steal the game. Senior Mallor Rieken and eighth grader Aliyah Swieter would score the two Bulldog's runs. Eighth grader Kendall Eilderts would be the starting pitcher for the Bulldogs and she would

pitch five and one-thirds innings allowing five runs on seven hits and two walks while striking out seven batters.

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs would lose to St. Edmond after the Gaels offense put up a strong performance. The Bulldogs would score one run in the bottom of the first inning, the bottom of the fifth inning and the bottom of the seventh inning. Rieken, senior Charlee Morton and sophomore Payton Hinders each had one RBI. Morton had a big day, going three for four at the plate including a home run. Eilderts was the Bulldogs starter and would toss five and two-thirds innings pitched allowing eight runs on 11 hits and three walks while striking out four batters.

The Bulldogs would pick up a win to close out the week on Friday, June 6 with a tight extra inning victory over Iowa Falls-Alden. The Bulldogs would jump out to a 7-2 lead, after

scoring one run in the top of the first inning, thanks to a Morton home run and scored three runs in both the top of the fifth and sixth innings. The Cadets would storm back with a five run bottom of the seventh inning to tie the game and force extra innings. In the top of the eighth the Bulldogs would score three more runs and hold the Cadets to just one run in the bottom half of the inning to capture the 10-8 victory. Rieken, Swieter and Morton set the tone at the top of lineup, with each collecting three hits while freshman Keeley Moorehead led the Bulldogs collecting four hits. Eilderts was once again the Bulldogs starter and she pitched a complete game tossing eight innings, allowing eight runs on 14 hits and six walks while striking out nine batters. While she gave up the lead in the bottom of the seventh, she was able to reel herself back in and close out the game in the bottom

of the eighth. Head coach of the Bulldogs Kelsey Enslin praised her team's ability to not let blowing the lead late discourage them and still walk away with the victory.

"I told the girls that this was a huge growth game for us," said Enslin. "We are very young overall, so to be able to lock back in and get the outs we had to get was huge. I think it also helps the girls gain confidence moving forward."

Enslin also talked about how the top of the lineup was able to set the tone for the offense on Friday night.

"It was a huge offensive explosion for us, which was something we had talked about needing and we have been focusing on that so that was great to see," she said. "I can't say enough about Mallory and Charlee specifically at the top of the lineup as senior leaders. They keep calm under pressure, never get too high or too low and they model the trust and belief the girls



Charlee Morton touches home to score a run on Friday, June 6. Photo by Evan Pharr.

have to have in each other." The Bulldogs 1-2 week pushed their season record to 2-4. They will compete

in four games this week (see upcoming events on page 11) and will look to get to .500.



Bridget Brocka throws the ball to first base after fielding a grounder. Photo by Evan Pharr.





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BLUE BILL FISHING



BY RICK JANSEN

My wife and I went fishing at the Blue Bill Pond last Thursday. We have not fished in this pond for three years. At one time it was one of our favorite places to fish and we would always catch fish. The last couple of times we fished there we did not catch much.

Blue Bill Pond is a Cerro Gordo County park. It is one of the bar-

row pits that were made during the construction of the Avenue of the Saints Road around Mason City. The pond is 42 acres and located just east of the exit from the Avenue of the Saints onto Interstate 35. One of the reasons we like fishing at this pond is the clarity of the water. The water is so clear you can see down at least 13 feet. This allows the sun to get down to the weeds. It always reminded me of fishing in Minnesota.

We noticed right away when we put the boat in that the weeds had grown a lot since our last fishing trip. Weeds are good for the fish but make it hard for the fishermen. There is a dock and two fishing jetties for shore fishermen to use, but with the weeds so thick around

these areas it would be hard to fish from those locations. There is no walkway around the pond, so shore fishing is impossible.

We started fishing right away trying to figure out how to fish the weeds. The weeds were so thick it was frustrating. I put on a lure that would go over the tops of the weeds and attached one for my wife also. I caught a nice bass right away and lost another. At this point I was hopeful that I had figured something out. It was not to be.

We spent the next hours trying to find the fish, but we just could not get anything to happen. We stopped for lunch in the boat during this time at a spot that we used to fish for bluegills. The weeds had grown too much in this area also.

I tried fishing deeper but again the weeds were causing problems.

We started fishing along the north shore when I spotted some bluegill spawning beds. I stopped the boat and told my wife to try to catch bluegills. While she was fishing for bluegills, I spotted a bass swimming close to the shore in thinner weeds. I tied on a big plastic worm and cast it toward the shore. I caught a bass right away. I kept fishing for bass while she caught some nice bluegill. I caught two more bass on the plastic worm, so I figured I was on to something.

I put a big worm on for my wife, and we continued down the shore. I caught more bass as we went along the shoreline. Every so often we would come across some

more bluegill nest and we would stop to fish for them. We did not catch many, but the ones we caught were big. My wife finally managed to catch a bass along the shore with the big plastic worm. That one hit her worm so hard it about pulled the pole out of her hand.

It had taken me hours to figure out how to catch the bass, but once I did we caught enough fish to keep the day interesting. Bluebill pond is still a pretty place to fish because of the clear water and the rushes along the shore. I don't think I will wait three years to fish this pond again. As a true fisherman I always have hope for better things to come.



Conservation Drainage School to Teach Subsurface Drainage Practices in August

Three-day program offers resources for in-field and edge-of-field drainage water quality improvement practices

PRESS RELEASE
ISU EXTENSION AND
OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – Nutrient loss from tiled fields has prompted the creation of sub-surface drainage designs that include practices to protect downstream water quality. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will cover the planning, design and installation of drainage water quality improvement practices at the Conservation Drainage School.

The Conservation Drainage School will take place Aug. 26–28 at the Borlaug Learning Center on ISU's Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm near Nashua, Iowa.

“Conservation Drainage School provides educational opportunities for all interested in drainage, whether they are contractors, farmers, consulting engineers, watershed coordinators, county officials or others,” said Matt Helmers, professor and agricultural engineering specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “The school focuses on the fundamentals of planning and design of oxbows, saturated buffers, controlled drainage, wetlands, alternative intakes, drainage water recycling, woodchip bioreactors and two-stage ditches, including ACPF and Batch and Build programs.”



The three-day school features classroom lectures and discussions combined with team problem-solving and field exercises. Student teams will plan and design drainage practices using concepts learned during classroom discussions. By attending this school, participants will be able to plan and lay out water quality improvement practices. Farm visits to sites where some of these practices have been installed, along with panel discussions with contractors already involved in constructing such practices, are planned.

Water quality improvement prac-

tices also provide opportunities for additional drainage work during times when regular tiling work may not be feasible. Drainage contractors, professional engineers and consultants, NRCS professionals, watershed coordinators, county administrators, landowners, drainage district officials and anyone interested in subsurface drainage water quality improvement practices are invited to attend and learn new practices.

The cost to register is \$475 per person before midnight, Aug. 11. Late registration is \$525 and must be received by midnight, Aug. 18. Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required. Registration includes meals indicated on the agenda, refreshments, a course notebook and reference materials.

Professional Development Hours and Certified Crop Advisor continuing education units are available for this school.

Additional program information and online registration is available on the Conservation Drainage School website. For registration assistance, contact Registration Services at 515-294-6222 or registrations@iastate.edu.

For more information, visit the Conservation Drainage School website at <https://www.regyctes.extension.iastate.edu/cds/>.



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Earned Income Tax Credit: Helping Iowans for 50 Years

PRESS RELEASE
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AMES – For 50 years the Earned Income Tax Credit has been providing a financial boost for U.S. taxpayers with low to moderate income. The EITC reduces their taxes, leaving them with more money to cover basic needs, pay debts, save for emergencies or invest, says Jeannette Mukayisire, a health and human sciences educator with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

In 1975 the Tax Reduction Act introduced EITC as a temporary program with a maximum credit of \$400 for working families with children. Through legislative measures over the years, the credit was increased, various requirements were added and the provision became permanent, Mukayisire said.

According to the IRS, in Iowa 81% of tax filers who are eligible for EITC receive the credit. However, 19% of those who are eligible do not take the opportunity to claim EITC they earned.

Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, ISU Extension and Outreach educators train and support community volunteers who complete IRS certification and then provide free tax preparation to Iowans with low or moderate income.

“Our VITA volunteers help Iowans save money on tax preparation and access the EITC if they qualify,” Mukayisire said.

In 2025, ISU Extension and Outreach's VITA volunteers helped 552 Iowans access the EITC. The average EITC refund was approximately \$1,981, totaling \$1.1 million.

“EITC refunds are important because they contribute to family financial security. However, the EITC also improves the local economy as families use their refunds. Every EITC dollar earned and circulated through the local economy creates a ripple effect that exceeds the size of the original refund. This strengthens communities, assists small businesses and spurs local economic development,” Mukayisire said.

VITA provides free and accurate income tax assistance to qualifying low-to-moderate-income individuals and working families, older adults, limited English speakers, and people with disabilities. Certified community volunteers prepare taxes with computer software and help with special tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or Disabled.

“As you plan ahead for filing next year's tax return, keep VITA in mind. This program can make a difference for you, your family and your community,” Mukayisire said.

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Tenth Annual Hampton Bluegrass and Country Music Fest

The 10th Annual Hampton Bluegrass & Country Music Festival took place at the Franklin County Fairgrounds last week. Presented by Lori King Productions, the festival featured bluegrass and country music performances, workshops, jamming sessions and family-friendly activities. The festival kicked off on Wednesday, June 4, with a community potluck dinner. The Hampton Bluegrass & Country Music Festival is sponsored by Lori King Productions, along with the Franklin County Fairgrounds, Franklin County Tourism, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and local businesses.

Photos by Jennifer Burnham



The festival featured bluegrass and country music performances throughout the week.



Festival goers enjoying live music on Friday, June 6.



The concession stand sold everything from potatoe salads to pies. Lori King told the Chronicle that she helped make 30 pies before the festival kicked off this year.



Judy Wrolson works the bluegrass festival every year.



Lori King, who spent months preparing for the festival, told the Chronicle that it went well this year, and that she enjoys getting to see the same people every year



Some of Lori King's merchandise available for sale at the festival.



Addie and William Lawson were a couple of the performers at the festival.

Family Welcomes Baby Girl

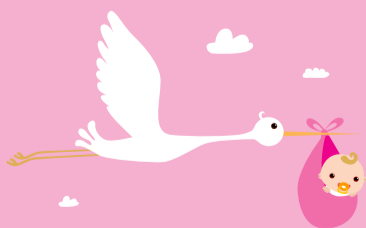
Fausto and Alysa Sanchez announce the birth of their daughter,

Arcelia Aravela Ann Sanchez

Fausto was born on June 9, 2025, at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion.

She weighed 6 pounds and 3.4 ounces.

She joins siblings Jesus Weiss, Amareli Valerio, Andriana Prado, Araceli Prado, Josiah & Elijah Echeverria, Amari Echeverria and Ariela Echeverria
Her Grandparent is Penny Caruth of Iowa Falls



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 Website: faith-hampton.com
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 • Wednesday, June 11, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer; 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
VBS at CLW
 • Thursday, June 12, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **VBS at CLW**
 • Friday, June 13, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **VBS at CLW**
 • Sunday, June 15, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 11 a.m. **Father's Day Car Show; Happy Father's Day**
 • Tuesday, June 17, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer
 • Wednesday, June 18, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's Catholic
 611 Sherman Ave., Ackley
Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest
 • Sunday, 8 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic
 1405 N. Federal St., Hampton
Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest
 • Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 AM
 • Sunday 10:30 AM English
 5:30 PM Spanish

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

First Christian Church
 605 Fourth St. NE, Hampton
 • Saturday, June 14, 8 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 • Sunday, June 15, 10 a.m. Worship Service

LATTER DAY SAINTS

The Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints
 Hampton / Miguel Sosa Garcia, Branch President
 • Sunday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Food Pantry Sunday

LUTHERAN

Our Savior's Lutheran
 121 Prospect, Ackley
 • Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Divine Service (Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th); 11 a.m. Fellowship
 • Tuesdays, 4 p.m. Tuesday School

Richland Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELS/WELS)
 300 Elm St., Thornton
 952-607-1293
Pastor Caleb Helmen
 • February - July 8:30 a.m. church and 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.
 • August - January 10:30 a.m. Church and 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.
 • Bible class Tuesday 10:00 a.m. September through May.

St. John's Lutheran
 1207 Indigo Ave., Hampton
 • 11 a.m. Worship - 2nd and 4th Sundays

Zion St. John Lutheran
Sheffield
 422 Sherman St, Sheffield, IA 50475
 • Wednesday, June 11, 2 p.m. Summer JAM
 • Thursday, June 12, 2 p.m. West Fork Food Pantry
 • Saturday, June 14, **Flag Day**

• Sunday, June 15, 9 a.m. Worship Service; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship & Sundaes with Dads; **Father's Day**
 • Monday, June 16, 1 p.m. **Cardian Angels**
 • Wednesday, June 18, 2 p.m. Summer JAM

St. Paul Lutheran Church
 17 Second St. NE, Hampton
Caitlyn Tauro
 Sunday Worship: 9:00 am.
 Sunday School 10:15 am
 Adult Sunday School 10:15 am

St. Paul's Lutheran
 304 W Main, Latimer
Reverend Joel Peter Wagner
 • Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m. Youth Group & Marriage Book Study
 • Sunday, June 15, 9 a.m. Divine Service with **Common Cup Communion**; 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
 • Wednesday, June 18, 5:15 p.m. Catechesis

St. Paul's Church
 400 Larch St., Thornton

St. Peter Lutheran Church
 502 2nd St. S, Rockwell

Trinity Lutheran Church
 16 12th Ave. NE, Hampton
 www.trinityhampton.com
Vicar - Jacob Stefaneec, Rev. Carl C. Bollhagen, Pastor
 • Sunday, June 15, 8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 • Sunday Radio Broadcasts: 7:30 a.m. Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 10:15 a.m. Radio Worship Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar
Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor
 • Sunday, June 15, 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice; 10 a.m. Worship Service; 11 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

First Lutheran Church - Dows
 206 W Ellsworth St, Dows
 • Wednesday, June 11, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Summer School**
 • Sunday, June 15, 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion
 • Wednesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Community Meal served at Park Gazebo**

METHODIST

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

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

Geneva United Methodist
 603 Front St., Geneva
 • Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship

Hampton United Methodist
 100 Central Ave. E, Hampton
Pastor Dennis Burns
 • Thursday, June 12, 9:30 a.m. BeFriendsers
 • Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. **Cans/Bottles Redemption; 9 a.m. Men's Fellowship**
 • Sunday, 5 p.m. Worship

Service
 • Sunday, June 15, 9:30 a.m. Adults Bible Study; 11 a.m. Worship Service; 11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 12 p.m. Fellowship; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast
 • Monday, June 16, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK
 • Tuesday, June 17, 1:30 p.m. Faithful Stitches
 • Wednesday, June 18, 2 p.m. **NAOMI Circle**; 6:30 p.m. **LEAH Circle**

West Fork United Methodist
 2200 Tulip Ave., Sheffield
Pastor Wendy Johannessen

New Hope United Methodist Parish: Aredale, Bristow, Dumont
Pastor Dennis Burns
 • Aredale: Worship, 8:15 a.m.
 • Dumont: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Church of the Living Word
 420 First Ave. NE, Hampton
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Pastor Brian Rihner
 www.clw-hampton.org
 • Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship
 • Sunday: 9AM - Adult Sunday school
 • Wednesday: 5:30PM- PK - Grade 6 WOW! and Adult Bible Study, 6:30PM: MS & HS Youth, 7:00PM - Adult Bible Study.
 • Wee Ones Christian Preschool: Mon., Tues., Thurs.; Mary Mollenbeck, Director, 641-456-8471

Living Well Fellowship
 917 Howard St. (First Presbyterian Church), Aplington
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 • Mondays, 7 p.m., Contemporary Worship Exploring Redemption and Healing. Come early for hot chocolate or cappuccino.

Sovereign Grace Church
 109 N Eskridge St., Dows
Pastor Doug Holmes
 www.sgcdows.com
 • Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; 11:15 a.m. Worship at First Presbyterian in Dows

Hampton Church of Christ
 811 4th St. NE, Hampton, IA.
 hamptonchurchofchrist.com
Pastor Joe Peter
 • Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Morning Café; 10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering

Sixth Street Church of Christ (Acappella)
 909 Sixth St. SW, Hampton
Minister Jim Zacharias
 • Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship; 4:30 p.m. Worship
 •Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. Bible Study

PRESBYTERIAN

Aplington Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 917 Howard St., Aplington
Rev. Michael McLane
 • Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with fellowship following services

REFORMED

Dumont Reformed
 912 Third St., Dumont
Pastor Chris Meester
 •Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship (nursery care provided each week)
 • First Monday of the month, 1 p.m. Reformed Church Women (RCW)
 • Wednesdays, 7 p.m. RCYF (High School youth group from 8-12 grade)
 • All times and schedules are subject to change due to pandemic. You can join us online Youtube and Facebook: **Dumont Reformed Church**, website: dumontreformed.com, and Dumont Cable 1000

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

Zion Reformed Church
 2029 Jonquil Ave., Sheffield
Rev. Petri van Rooyen, Pastor
 Office Hours: M,W, Th: 8-Noon * Bad Weather KLMJ*
 • Wednesday, June 11, 9 a.m. **Sunrise Circle**
 • Friday, June 13, **Flag Day!**
 • Sunday, June 15, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service with **VBS Program**; 10:30 a.m. **RCYF serving Beef burgers & Ice Cream - Freewill offering; Happy Father's Day**
 • Monday, June 16, 1:30 p.m. **Vesper Circle**
 • Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m. **Family Ministry**

Hampton Seventh Day Adventist Church
 605 4th St. NE, Hampton
Pastor Steven Shafer
 Phone: 641-424-3055
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 • Sunday, June 1, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

Immanuel U.C.C.
 204 E. South St., Latimer
Pastor Joe Dunnwald
 • Sunday, June 15, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Congregational U.C.C.
 22 First Ave. SW, Hampton
 (641) 456-2192
Pastor Karen Koenig and Pastor Peggy Allison
 • Sunday, June 15, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ - Geneva
 496 Raven Ave # B, Geneva, IA 50633
 • Saturday, June 14, 5 p.m. **Worship Service with Sheryl Arends**
 • Sunday, June 15, **NO WORSHIP SERVICE**

In loving memory of
Ronald Hanson
 1936-2025



Ronald Hanson, 89, of Coralville, Iowa, passed away on June 1, 2025 at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics.
 Ron was born on March 16, 1936 in Mason City, Iowa to Alvin and Elvina (Peterson) Hanson. After graduating from Mason City High School, Ron received an Associates of Art degree from North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City before attending two years at Iowa Tech and IBM Schools. Ron worked for more than 32 years as a computer analyst.
 In early 1955, Ron met Sharon Henson (Yes, Henson met Hanson) at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake. On December 26, 1955, the couple married at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mason City and to this union, four children were born.

The family moved to Hampton and raised their four children. The Hansons were active in St. Paul Lutheran church, school activities, community, and sporting events at all levels. Ron and Sharon were also active in their childrens' sports activities as fans and boosters.
 He continued his sports passion following his grandkids through Little League, middle school, high school, and college.

In 1985, Ron and Sharon moved to Coralville and Sharon and Ron became active members of Lutheran Campus Ministry and Zion Lutheran Church. He was involved with Thrivent and was one of the 2005 National Retired Volunteers of the Year. Ron was an avid Hawkeye fan, having only missed two home basketball games and two football games since 1985.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Sharon; children: Elizabeth Austin (Dana), Jeffrey Hanson, Jennifer Mertuka (Gene) and Paul (Yumi Ahn); grandkids: Megan, Jordan (Tague), Kristin (Kyle), Julian, Nicolas, and Isabel; and Ron's sister, Beverly Long. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers LeRoy and Burnell Geving, and sisters June and June Geving, as well as his sisters-in-law, Donna and Yvonne Geving, and brother-in-law Ray Long.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at Zion Lutheran Church in Iowa City. A light lunch and time to greet the family will follow. Private interment will be held at a later date at Memorial Park Cemetery in Mason City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family c/o Sharon Hanson and online condolences may be shared at www.lensingfuneral.com

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Traffic: James Arnold Gayken, of Dougherty, turning at intersection violation;

Mohamed Osm Abdelfa Fa Babikir, of Ames, operation without registration card or plate;

Brandon Luane Pirrone, of Iowa Falls, speeding;

Mackenzie Renee Major, of Waukee, no valid driver's license;

Kasie Marie Christensen, of Belmond, speeding;

Delmy Anabella Geronimo Lopez, of Worthington, Minnesota, speeding;

Carly Rae Utzka, of Mapleton, Minnesota, speeding;

Madeline Elizabeth Parr, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, failure to maintain control;

Josic Julian Negrete, of Mission, Texas, no valid driver's license and speeding;

Nicole Mewes, of Belmond, speeding;

Sergio Evaristo Tetzaguic Zamora, of Hampton, speeding;

Shane David Murray, of Muscatine, use of electronic communication device – restriction;

Mateo Joseph Ross, of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, speeding;

Owen Richard Rodamaker, of Hampton, speeding;

Jason Robert Allen, of Saint Francis, Minnesota, speeding;

Breanna Lee Koehler, of Omaha, Nebraska, speeding;

Sherrylyn Maly, of Polk City, speeding;

Ethan James Marzen, of Alexander, trespass 1st offense;

Aaron Christopher Gillespie, of Iowa Falls, boat personal flotation devices – equipment;

Michael Brian Anderson, of Ankeny, speeding;

Randall Charles McDougall, of Cedar Falls, speeding;

Victor Alexis Sanchez, of Hampton, violation of conditions of restricted license;

Civil: Kristine Kay Noling, of Mason City, versus Tony Conroy, of Clear Lake, order of dismissal;

Credit Corp Solutions INC versus Neal Johnson, petition filed;

OWI: Antonio Jose Ybarra, of Baker, Florida, order of arraignment; order setting trial, August 14, 9 a.m.;

Small Claims: Travis Gene Hines, of Dumont, versus Jessica Hinders, of Meservey, Charles Kane Smith, of Meservey, original notice;

Quad Corporation INC, of Davenport, versus Donna Peyton, of Latimer, original notice;

Capital One NA, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Scott Dickson, of Sheffield, original notice;

Criminal: Gregory Ray Eyanon, of Alexander, order for arraignment; arraignment, June 16, 8:45 a.m.;

Nicholas David Koebrick, of Eldora, probation revocation;

Brandon Scott Smith, of Hampton, guilty plea and order of arraignment; order setting trial, July 24, 1:15 p.m.;

Gabriel Gaytan, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for theft 5th degree, \$105 fine;

Dulce C Rodriguez, of Hampton, criminal complaint, hearing for initial appearance, and order setting trial; order setting trial, July 17, 9:30 a.m.;

Eriq Daniel Anneberg, of Omaha, Nebraska, criminal complaint;

Cody Layne Maas, of Britt, criminal complaint, hearing for initial appearance, and no contact order;

Felipe Antonio Velica Bunston, of Hampton, criminal complaint;

Abel Hernandez Sanchez, of Eldora, order of arraignment; order setting trial, July 17, 9 a.m.;

James Donald Wentzel, of Fort Dodge, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance;

Red Box Cutter Knife Used Any Items Clothing, search warrant;

Lisbeth Garcia Flores, of Hampton, motion to dismiss;

Trisha Vega, of Hampton, order of dismissal

Police & Sheriff report 6-2 to 6-8 Hampton Police Reports

Monday, June 2:

Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, and received two general calls.

9:01 a.m.: Officers conducted

a welfare check in the 100 block of S Federal St., Hampton.

10:33 a.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the 800 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

12:05 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 100 block of 3rd Ave SE, Hampton.

2:06 p.m.: Report of found articles in the 100 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

5:04 p.m.: Officers executed a search warrant in the 20 block of 3rd St. NE, Hampton.

8:00 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 300 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

Tuesday, June 3:

Officers assisted with two medical calls and received one general call.

8:17 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 100 block of N Federal St., Hampton.

10:59 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in an unknown area, Hampton.

12:56 p.m.: Report of juveniles in the 100 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

1:29 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 1600 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

3:40 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 1700 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

5:39 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 300 block of 2nd St. SE, Hampton.

7:00 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 100 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

Wednesday, June 4:

Officers executed one traffic stop, received a report for one controlled burn, and received two general calls.

1:49 a.m.: Report of theft/larceny in the 100 block of 6th St. NW, Hampton.

2:40 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 10 block of 2nd Ave NE, Hampton.

7:38 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the area of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

9:57 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 300 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

10:49 a.m.: Report of civil disputes in the 700 block of 7th Ave SW, Hampton.

10:59 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 400 block of 1st St. SE, Hampton.

2:37 p.m.: Report of a stolen property offense in the 600 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

4:04 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 300 block of 11th St. SE, Hampton.

7:12 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 900 block of Glendale Park Dr, Hampton.

7:21 p.m.: Report of a simple assault in the 1700 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

7:50 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 600 block of 6th St. NW, Hampton.

10:25 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the 1500 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

11:37 p.m.: Report of located property in the 300 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

Thursday, June 5:

Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, and received two general calls.

12:15 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

3:10 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the 300 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

3:38 a.m.: Officers assisted the county department with an issue in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

12:35 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 600 block of S Federal St., Hampton.

5:32 p.m.: Report of traffic

complaints in the area of McDonalds, Hampton.

6:54 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and Hwy 65 eastbound, Hampton.

9:19 p.m.: Report of disturbance in the 00 block of 4th Ave NW, Hampton.

10:40 p.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

Friday, June 6:

Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, and received one general call.

5:59 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 00 block of 3rd St. SE, Hampton.

6:00 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 900 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

8:13 a.m.: Report of suspicious noise/fireworks in the 400 block of S Federal St., Hampton.

4:06 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 300 block of 11th St. SE, Hampton.

4:11 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 500 block of 2nd Ave SE, Hampton.

4:18 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 200 block of 2nd St. SE, Hampton.

4:21 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 300 block of 2nd St. SE, Hampton.

4:24 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and 210th St. southbound, Chapin.

4:33 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 100 block of 2nd St. SE, Hampton.

4:53 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 300 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

9:30 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of 140th St., Hwy 65, and Olive Ave, Hampton.

9:59 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the 300 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

10:00 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

10:07 p.m.: Report of lost articles in the 400 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

Saturday, June 7:

Officers executed one traffic stop and received three general calls.

12:22 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 900 block of Glendale Park Dr, Hampton.

7:55 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 200 block of 3rd Ave SW, Hampton.

8:20 p.m.: Report of disorderly conduct in the area of Band Shell Park, Hampton.

10:16 p.m.: Report of disturbance in the 600 block of 1st Ave SE, Hampton.

Sunday, June 8:

Officers executed three traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, and received two general calls.

12:24 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 200 block of 7th St. NW, Hampton.

3:21 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 10 block of 1st Ave NE, Hampton.

3:21 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 10 block of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

3:22 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 100 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

3:23 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 200 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

3:24 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 200 block of 2nd St. NW, Hampton.

3:54 a.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 300 block of 7th St.

SE, Hampton.

5:42 a.m.: Report of disturbance in the 1600 block of Terrace Blvd, Hampton.

7:14 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 100 block of 6th St. NW, Hampton.

7:41 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

11:24 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of Quail Ave and Hwy 3, Hampton.

12:59 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 600 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

1:21 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 300 block of 1st St. SE, Hampton.

6:15 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

9:14 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 20 block of 3rd Ave SW, Hampton.

10:36 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 100 block of 2nd St. SW, Hampton.

Franklin County Sheriff Reports

Monday, June 2:

Officers executed one traffic stop and assisted with one medical call.

4:57 a.m.: Report of suspicious activity in an unlisted area, Ackley.

5:36 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the area of Front St., Geneva.

7:39 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of Nut-hatch Ave and Beeds Lake, Hampton.

10:06 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the area of Indigo Ave, Latimer.

10:12 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 westbound, Hampton.

1:02 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton.

4:52 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of 70th St., Dows.

5:13 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Cardinal Ave and 70th St. eastbound, Dows.

9:25 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of 12th Ave northbound and Olive Ave, Hampton.

Tuesday, June 3:

Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with two medical calls, received a report for one controlled burn, and received two general calls.

7:07 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the 1100 block of 14th Ave, Eldora.

7:44 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the area of 165th St., Hampton.

5:28 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of I-35 southbound, Batavia.

Wednesday, June 4: Officers executed four traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, assisted one motorist, received a report for two controlled burns, and received one general call.

7:27 a.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of Hwy 3 and Timber Ave, Hansell.

3:23 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of Splash Pad, Latimer.

7:33 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of I-35 and mile mark 156 northbound, Dows.

11:21 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 149 northbound, Dows.

Thursday, June 5:

Officers executed three traffic stops, received a report for one controlled burn, and received one general call.

2:49 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of I-35 and mile mark 163 southbound, Latimer.

3:06 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

10:35 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of Van Kirk St., Latimer.

10:36 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

10:52 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Beeds Lake Dr, Hampton.

1:11 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Oakwood Dr, Sheffield.

1:19 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 163, Latimer.

2:22 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Hwy 65 and 30th St., Iowa Falls.

4:05 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Mallard Ave, Iowa Falls.

4:27 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the area of Indigo Ave, Latimer.

Friday, June 6:

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

1:04 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the area of Gold Key, Hampton.

4:09 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of Franklin General Hospital, Hampton.

8:39 a.m.: Report of an abandoned vehicle in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

4:00 p.m.: Report of located property in an unlisted area, Coulter.

4:14 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 194 southbound, Sheffield.

4:22 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and 210th St. southbound, Chapin.

6:53 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 161 southbound, Dows.

7:53 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 200 block of Mallard Ave, Iowa Falls.

Saturday, June 7: Officers executed four traffic stops and received a report for two controlled burns.

2:29 a.m.: Officers executed an arrest in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

7:29 a.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the area of 255th St. and Hwy 65, Sheffield.

12:17 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 300 block of Akir St., Alexander.

1:10 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

5:18 p.m.: Report of sexual assault in the 100 block of Bennett Dr, Sheffield.

9:19 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of I-35 northbound and the Hwy 3 overpass, Latimer.

Sunday, June 8: Officers assisted with one medical call, received a report for three controlled burns, and received two general calls.

12:11 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of Hwy 65, Sheffield.

5:42 a.m.: Report of disturbance in the 1600 block of Terrace Blvd, Hampton.

8:19 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

9:14 a.m.: Report of vandalism in the 2000 block of S Lark Ave, Sheffield.

10:48 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 1900 block of Yarrow Ave, Aredale.

10:50 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 southbound, Alexander.

12:54 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 southbound, Dows.

3:51 p.m.: Officers assisted with traffic control in the 1100 block of Hwy 3, Hampton.

8:16 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of 255th St. and Raven Ave, Sheffield.

Butler County Sheriff Reports

Monday, June 2:

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

4:58 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of 320th St and Sinclair Ave.

10:34 a.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 1300 block of S B Ave, Nevada.

10:40 a.m.: Report of funeral traffic in the 400 block of N Main St.

12:03 p.m.: Officers conducted fingerprints for the public in the 400 block of 6th St.

1:27 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

1:30 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of Parriott St.

1:54 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 200 block of E Vine St.

3:27 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 22100 block of 110th St.

4:42 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 800 block of Nash St.

6:09 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 700 block of 7th St.

6:14 p.m.: Report of theft in the area of 280th St and Quail Ave.

6:46 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 25200 block of Hwy 57.

6:47 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 600 block of Pine St.

6:56 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 21800 block of Hwy 3.

7:11 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 800 block of 4th St.

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9:14 a.m.: Report of probation calls in the 400 block of 6th St.
9:24 a.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 200 block of Wemple St.
9:48 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 21000 block of Woodridge LN.
10:27 a.m.: Officers responded to juvenile problems in the 400 block of Elm St.
10:39 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 900 block of 7th St.
11:02 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.
11:35 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 600 block of 10th St.
12:08 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 20300 block of Yale Ave.
12:19 p.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 400 block of 6th St.
3:42 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
5:00 p.m.: Report of phone scam in the 30200 block of 170th St.
5:42 p.m.: Officers conducted a vehicle inspection in the 600 block of Riverview Dr.
6:30 p.m.: Report of a domestic/family matter in the 700 block of Gray St.
7:20 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 800 block of Elm St.
8:04 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 22500 block of W Main St.
8:11 p.m.: Report of a property exchange in the 600 block of S James St.

8:40 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area Butler Ave and Hwy 3.
Wednesday, June 4:
Officers executed eight traffic stops, assisted with three medical calls, assisted seven motorists, received a report for four controlled burns and received two general calls.
4:41 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of Birch Ave and Hwy 3.
6:32 a.m.: Report of theft in the 800 block of Walnut St.
7:21 a.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of E Adair St and N Cherry St.
7:36 a.m.: Report of the veterans van in the 400 block of 6th St.
8:48 a.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 400 block of 6th St.
8:54 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
9:22 p.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 500 block of Hwy 57.
10:04 p.m.: Report of probation calls in the 400 block of 6th St.
10:08 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 600 block of Pine St.
10:34 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 8th St.
10:37 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.
10:45 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 1200 block of Howard St.
10:52 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 26800 block of 110th

St.
12:12 p.m.: Officers conducted fingerprints for the public in the 400 block of 6th St.
1:36 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 21900 block of Logistics Park Dr.
3:32 p.m.: Report of trespass in the 33000 block of 110th St.
4:23 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 200 block of Locust St.
6:52 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of Church St.
7:06 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 800 block of 4th St
7:37 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the area of N Main St and E Poisal St.
8:12 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 300 block of Pine St.
8:32 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 200 block of Locust St.
9:41 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 800 block of 4th St.
Thursday, June 5:
Officers executed eight traffic stops, assisted with six medical calls, assisted three motorists, received a report for four controlled burns and received four general calls.
12:46 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 200 block of Locust St.
6:59 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 2020 block of Keystone Ave.
7:13 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of 210th St and Yale Ave.

8:05 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.
8:37 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 400 block of N Main St.
9:19 p.m.: Officers conducted fingerprints for the public in the 400 block of 6th St.
10:54 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of S Church St and E Oakland St.
11:39 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
2:52 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 25200 block of 280th St.
3:14 p.m.: Report of maintenance in the 100 block of W Superior St.
3:37 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
4:59 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of 220th St and Hwy 3.
5:43 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 25100 block of Pioneer PL.
7:17 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 20100 block of Newell Ave.
9:19 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 400 block of 3rd St.
Friday, June 6:
Officers executed three traffic stops, assisted two motorists, received a report for five controlled burns and received one general call.
7:38 a.m.: Report of property damage in the 900 block of 3rd

St.
9:58 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 29300 block of Superior Rd.
1:41 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
2:21 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St.
3:46 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Hwy 188 and Hwy 3.
4:42 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 700 block of Parriott St.
4:49 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 26800 block of 110th St.
6:09 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 100 block of N Water St.
6:36 p.m.: Officers responded to a burglary in the 700 block of 11th St.
7:28 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of Church St.
7:45 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 11200 block of Lodge Ave.
7:47 p.m.: Robert Joseph Bloker, 41 of Shell Rock, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.
11:40 p.m.: Report of a disturbance in the 200 block of W South St.
Saturday, June 7:
No reports received
Sunday, June 8:
Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted two motorists, and received four general calls.
12:14 a.m.: Report of a suspi-

cious vehicle/person/activity in the 32700 block of 255th St.
1:23 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check on the area of 4th St and Wemple St.
3:00 a.m.: Report of maintenance in the 400block of 6th St.
5:39 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Hwy 57 and Newell Ave.
6:58 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.
9:47 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 14600 block of Elm Ave.
10:11 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
10:25 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
10:48 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 100 block of 5th St SW, Hampton.
1:47 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
4:48 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 17400 block of Willow Ave.
5:30 p.m.: Report of the Sunday night test page in the 400 block of 6th St.
8:43 p.m.: Report of flooding in the 200 block of Brookside Dr.
9:18 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 600 block of 3rd St.
10:27 p.m.: Officers responded to a burglary in the 100 block of S Main St.
10:45 p.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 20900 block of Hwy 3.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Warranty Deed: Patricia K Awe to Patricia K Awe Life Use, Heath B Miller; 28-90-19 E2 NE
Warranty Deed: Ronald Schachterle, Karen Schachterle, to Ronald Schachterle Life Use, Karen Schachterle Life Use, John Schachterle, Machel Eichmeier; 28-90-19 E2 NE
Warranty Deed: Marguerite S Brocka Tidman, Marguerite

S Tidman Brocka to DT Pralle Enterprise INC; Hamp Holdn Blk 3 Part
Quit Claim Deed: Kayleen Eavenson, Ronald Eavenson to Amy McKee, Kaci Harper; Shef Sheffield Gilman's 2nd Blk 14 Lot 1-2 Part
Warranty Deed: Franklin Farms LC to Madison Industries LLC; 24-93-22 SW Parcel

A, 14-93-22 SE Parcel A, 22-93-22 NW Parcel A
Warranty Deed: Charles H Svendsen, Joan M Svendsen to Hayley Montes; Hamp Mott1 Blk 4 Lot 1
Warranty Deed: Hayley Montes, Reyes Montes to Gabriela M Garcia Sanchez, Gabriela M Sanchez Garcia; Hamp Mott1 Blk 4 Lot 1

Warranty Deed: Thielenn Farms INC to Landon C Mutschler, Melinda L Mutschler; 27-91-20 S2 S2 NE Parcel 2025 01
Contract: Lynn Ray Nagel, Mary B Nagel to Nicolette Jo Nagel, Ben Lee Nagel; 18-93-19 NE SW Part
Warranty Deed: Bryce K Dorenkamp, Kali A Dorenkamp to

Bryce K Dorenkamp, Kali A Dorenkamp; 4-93-21 N2 NE Part
Warranty Deed: Karen Hovenga, Reggie Hovenga to Peter J Freymark Trustee, Sally J Freymark Trustee, Sally J Freymark Revocable Trust, Peter J Freymark Revocable Trust; 27-92-20 NW SW Tract, Hamp Victp Blk 4 Lot 20
Warranty Deed: Desloover

Rentals LLC to Nestor Rigoberto Rafael, Nestor Rigoberto Rivera, Vanessa Marie Rafael; Hamp Holdn Blk 3 Tract
CT Officer Deed: Darlene Mae Meints Estate, Marlin D Meints Executor to Jeffrey N Meints Trustee, Jeffrey N Meints Revocable Trust; 25-93-21 W2 NW, 25-93-21 SW Part

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Elle Sheppard, 22, Dumont, to Carson Miller, 23, Dumont.
Rebekah Mahan, 27, Alden, to Todd Raisch, 26, Iowa Falls.

Hannah Murray, 25, Hampton, to Joshua Kew, 25, Hampton.

Advertisement for custom printing services featuring three owls and text: 'Guess WHOOD does Custom Printing?', 'Your local newspaper!', 'Make the WISE decision: SHOP LOCAL!'. Includes 'Free Quotes • Fast Service • Free Local Delivery' and a list of services like Business Cards, Posters/Banners, Invites, etc.

Advertisement for 'Reliable Service • Outstanding Quality' featuring various printed items: FLYER (Kiron Fire Department), BUSINESS CARD (Precision Towing), INVITE (Shower of Blessings), POSTCARD (Healthy Hooves Farrier Service), PUNCH CARD (Brewery), GIFT CERTIFICATE (Gift Certificates), and POSTER (Baby Lopez, Owned).

Advertisement for iowanotices.org: 'Without public notices, you're left guessing'. Public notices in our newspaper let everyone know what is happening that might affect them. Since knowing is so important, we joined the other newspapers in Iowa and also publish our public notices online at www.iowanotices.org.

Large advertisement for DeBour Electric Inc. 'LATIMER... A Progressive Community'. 'DeBour Electric Inc. RADIO DISPATCHED FOR FAST SERVICE'. '204 S. Akir 641-579-6199'. Also features Mort's Water and Well Systems/Plumbing services.

24008.1 Notice of Trust

NOTICE TO CREDITORS, HEIRS, AND BENEFICIARIES OF CARL GULDAGER, DECEASED, AND THE CARL GULDAGER AND JANICE GULDAGER REVOCABLE TRUST

To: All persons regarding Carl Guldager, deceased, who died on or about the 9th day of March 2025. You are hereby notified that Janice Guldager and Brenda Torsky are serving as Trustees of the Carl Guldager and Janice Guldager Revocable Trust under agreement dated February 17, 2010, as amended and restated.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the Decedent or to the Trust are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned Trustee. Creditors who have claims against the Trust must mail them to the Trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested.

By: Janice Guldager, Trustee 272 Wren Ave Ackley, IA 50601

Brenda Torsky, Trustee 205 N Apache St Polk City, IA 50226

Ann C. Spellman, AT0007467 Brown, Winick, Graves, Gross & Baskerville, PLC 666 Grand Avenue, Suite 2000 Des Moines, IA 50309 Attorney for Said Trust and Trustee

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Ziesman Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY A. ZIESMAN, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR502025

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dorothy A. Ziesman, Deceased, who died on or about May 9, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 21, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Dorothy A. Ziesman, deceased, bearing date of September 17, 2014, and First Codicil to Last Will and Testament of Dorothy A. Ziesman, deceased, bearing the date of October 15, 2015, were admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Marie A. Spora was appointed Executor of the Estate.

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 to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated May 27, 2025. MARIE A. SPORAA, Executor 1210 30th St., Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Daniel L. Stockdale, ICIS#: AT0007535 Attorney for Executor Stockdale Law, PLC 412 Washington Avenue Iowa Falls, IA 50126

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24008.1 Probate WPA Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL GULDAGER, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR502024

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Carl Guldager, Deceased, who died on or about March 9, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 21, 2025, the last will and testament of Carl Guldager, deceased, bearing date of February 9, 2015, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the District Court of the 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.

Dated on May 28, 2025.

Brenda Torsky, Proponent 205 N Apache St Polk City, IA 50226

Attorney for estate: Ann C. Spellman, ICIS#: AT0007467 666 Grand Avenue, Suite 2000 Des Moines, IA 50309 ann.spellman@brownwinick.com

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Public Notice: Storm Water Discharge

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Henkel Construction and NIACC plan to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities". The storm water discharge will be from construction of a new Career Education Training Center located in the NE Quarter of Section 5, Township 91 North, Range 20 West of the 5th P.M., Franklin County, Iowa. This PPP covers 3.2 acres with an estimated 3.2 acres being disturbed through excavation, grading, building construction and paving.

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Dumont Council Meeting 5.22.25

May 22, 2025

The Dumont City Council met on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Edwin L. Mouw presiding. Those present were Council Members Mike Day, Diane Gronewold, Wayne Pecha, David Shear and Mary Tyrrell.

Day/Tyrrell moved to distribute Attorney Prendergast's "warning nuisance letter" to the list of properties viewed and approved by Attorney Prendergast and City Council. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Edwin L. Mouw, Mayor Rhonda L. Schmidt, Attest Jodi L. Angstman, Attest

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2025 Sheffield EMS Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 SHEFFIELD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Board of Directors of SHEFFIELD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed budget as follows: Meeting Date: 6/12/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Sheffield EMS Building 121 N 3rd St Sheffield, IA 50475

Table with 7 columns: FUND, FYE June 30, 2024 Actual Expenditures, FYE June 30, 2025 Re-estimated Expenditures, FYE June 30, 2026 Proposed Expenditures, Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026, Estimated July 1, 2025 Beg. Balance and All Other Receipts, Estimated Amount To Be Raised by Taxation. Rows include General, Debt Service, and TOTAL.

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.30000

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Notice Public Hrg FY25 Budget Amend#2

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET City of HAMPTON Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

The City of HAMPTON will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025

Table with 3 columns: Meeting Date/Time: 6/26/2025 06:00 PM, Contact: Ron Dunt, Phone: (641) 456-4853

Meeting Location: Hampton City Council Chambers 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.

Table with 4 columns: REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES, Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended, Current Amendment, Total Budget After Current Amendment. Rows include Taxes Levied on Property, Net Current Property Tax, TIF Revenues, etc.

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NPH 25-26 Street Rehab

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE

2025-2026 Street Rehabilitation Program Hampton, Iowa

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: The City of Hampton, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the 2025-2026 Street Rehabilitation Program project.

The scope of the project is as follows:

Project Name: 2025-2026 Street Rehabilitation Program

Project Description: This project will include pavement scarification, curb and gutter removal and replacement, sidewalk removal and replacement, storm sewer intakes, HMA Overlay and miscellaneous related work.

This Notice is given by authority of the City of Hampton, Iowa

Ron Dunt, City Manager

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 6/9/25-Special

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 6th 2025

A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSupervisors/streams

The Board of Supervisors met for a special session at 8:30AM on Friday June 6th, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to enter a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(c) To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 8:31AM. Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:02AM until Monday, June 9th, 2025, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for the regular session.

Chris Vanness, Chairman ATTEST: Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

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Franklin Co Claims, 6/9/25

Publication List by Vendor/Description

Table with 3 columns: Vendor/Description, Amount, and Unit. Lists various vendors and their claims for services like fuel, maintenance, and supplies.

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Dumont Council Meeting/Claims 5.15.25

May 15, 2025

The Dumont City Council met on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Edwin L. Mouw presiding. Those present were Council Members Mike Day, Diane Gronewold, Wayne Pecha, David Shear and Mary Tyrrell. Interim Public Works Director Dennis Burkett and Fire Chief Zach Lewis were also in attendance. Visitors present were Roger Kregel representing the Revitalize Dumont group, Tyler Swart from the Dumont Community Club, Roy Alden, John Bierbrodt, Zach Burnett, Amy Davis and Jaxten and Matt Tuft.

Mayor Mouw opened the Public Hearing on the Amendment to 2024-2025 Current Budget for the City of Dumont, Iowa. Said Notice of the City Council's intent to conduct a Public Hearing was published in the Hampton Chronicle on April 30, 2025. As no one appeared to comment on the Amendment, and there were no written objections filed at City Hall, Pecha moved to close the Public Hearing. Shear seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell presented **RESOLUTION 2025-5 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 2025** and moved for its passage. Day seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes. A copy of Resolution 2025-5 can be viewed at City Hall.

In time for public comment, Roger Kregel gave an update on the electronic City Sign west of the Dumont EMS Building.

Day/Gronewold moved to approve the minutes from April 17, 2025 as published and April 29, 2025 as presented. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Shear/Tyrrell moved to approve the Dumont Revitalization Group's request to use the hydrant closest to the former school property for maintenance and cleanup. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Shear/Tyrrell moved for the Community Club of Tyler & Jenni Swart and Darcy Smith to determine the fate of the former popcorn stand. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

The Council held the second reading of Ordinance No. 297 amending provisions pertaining to water rates and tower maintenance (changing the water/sewer rates from \$5.00/1000 gallons to \$8.00/1000 gallons and adding an additional \$1.50 to the tower maintenance fee. Sewer charges being 100% of water rates. The third and final reading will be at our June 12, 2025 meeting.

The Council also held the second reading of Ordinance No. 298 amending provisions pertaining to collection of solid waste (increasing each garbage container by \$3.00). The third and final reading will also be at our June 12, 2025 meeting.

Tyrrell/Day moved to no longer provide dust oil treatments. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Shear/Gronewold moved to clean the ditch adjacent to 220 Main Street from the County Shed to Highway 3. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Mayor Mouw opened the sealed bids for the hay at the lagoon and the area behind the former elevator. The bids were as follows: 1. Bronz and Blake Helmke-\$390.00; 2. Marlin Smith-\$250.00. Tyrrell/Pecha moved to accept the higher bid of \$390 from the Helmke's. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Shear/Tyrrell moved to return the \$500 payment made by Doug Muhlenbruch for a cemetery space since he has one available to him on a family lot. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Pecha moved not to establish a city website at this time. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Building/deck/fence permits approved this month was a fence permit at 619 Pine Street.

Tyrrell/Shear moved to approve this month's City Clerk's Report. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Day moved to approve the opening of a savings account for the Dumont Volunteer Fire Department for proceeds obtained for a new fire truck. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Day moved to approve having a Fireworks display on Sandbaggin' Day (June 21st) beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Day moved to pay this month's bills. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried. The bills are as follows:

GENERAL

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| Access Systems maintenance contract-copier | 180.43 |
| Baker & Taylor books | 213.70 |
| Butler Co. Emergency Management "I Am Responding" subscription 300.00 | |
| Column Software PBC legals-Budget Amendment PH | 159.96 |
| Debra J. Eisenstrager reimb. for DVDs | 221.53 |
| Demco, Inc. book supplies/bookmarks | 120.36 |
| Diane Gronewold contract mowing-cemetery | 1000.00 |
| Dumont Harken Lumber caulk/bit | 18.42 |
| Dumont Telephone Company phone/fax/internet/router | 325.37 |
| First Security Bank & Trust two safety deposit box rentals | 90.00 |
| Hanigan Writing Service speaker fee-Barkema 2023 | 50.00 |
| HawkeyeCommunication/Fandel annual billing FY26-State \$ | 564.00 |

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| IPERS IPERS | 729.00 |
| Internal Revenue Service Fed/FICA taxes | 864.01 |
| J&C Grocery batteries | 15.54 |
| Kwik Trip, Inc. fuel | 133.51 |
| MidAmerican Books books | 73.90 |
| Office Express FY26 folders/case of paper | 131.09 |
| Rhonda L. Schmidt reimb. for plant at city hall | 44.94 |
| Schrock Concrete, Inc. BCCFG 2023 handicap slopes | 7000.00 |
| Toyne, Inc. service fire trucks | 1173.41 |
| Tucker Pecha Eagle Project Tucker's Eagle Scout project | 1000.00 |
| U.S. Cellular cell phone | 43.79 |
| Wellmark insurance-payroll | 526.22 |

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| GENERAL FUND | 14979.18 |
| GENERAL FUND PAYROLL/4-2025 | 3830.12 |
| TOTAL GENERAL | 18809.30 |

ROAD USE TAX

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| AGCO Finance LLC rubber strap | 12.77 |
| Airgas USA, LLC cylinder rental | 59.80 |
| Dumont Harken Lumber, Inc. bulbs/roller/paint/steel wool | 44.48 |
| IPERS IPERS | 263.87 |
| Internal Revenue Service Fed/FICA taxes | 265.96 |
| Kwik Trip, Inc. fuel | 358.22 |

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| RUT FUND | 1005.10 |
| RUT FUND PAYROLL/4-2025 | 1508.69 |
| TOTAL RUT | 2513.79 |

WATER

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| AgSource Cooperative Services water analysis | 93.50 |
| Dakota Supply Group repair sleeve-main breaks | 129.74 |
| Hawkins, Inc. phosphate | 465.87 |
| IPERS IPERS | 497.31 |
| Internal Revenue Service Fed/FICA taxes | 655.07 |
| PeopleService, Inc. monthly service-May 2025 | 990.00 |
| Treasurer-State of IA wet tax-March 2025 | 300.73 |
| Wellmark insurance-payroll | 387.40 |

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| WATER FUND | 3519.62 |
| WATER FUND PAYROLL/4-2025 | 2494.42 |
| TOTAL WATER FUND | 6014.04 |

SEWER

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| A & M Electric, Inc. electric repair-lift station 145.06 | |
| AgSource Cooperative Services wastewater analysis | 510.75 |
| Dumont Harken Lumber, Inc. screws/clamp/outlet | 23.92 |
| Dumont Post Office 4-30-25 billing postage | 157.92 |
| Dumont Telephone Company phone | 39.17 |
| IPERS IPERS | 734.76 |
| Internal Revenue Service Fed/FICA taxes | 980.55 |
| Mid-American Research Chemical penetrating oil | 719.00 |
| PeopleService, Inc. monthly service-May 2025 | 990.00 |
| Wellmark insurance-payroll | 642.04 |

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| SEWER FUND | 4943.17 |
| SEWER FUND PAYROLL/4-2025 | 3674.24 |
| TOTAL SEWER FUND | 8617.41 |

LANDFILL/GARBAGE

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| Butler Co. Engineer's Office diesel fuel-brush pile 14.73 | |
| Butler Co. Solid Waste Comm. disposal fee-May 2025 | 2694.50 |
| IPERS IPERS | 73.45 |
| Internal Revenue Service Fed/FICA taxes | 99.55 |
| Jendro Sanitation Services April 2025 collection | 2466.82 |
| Wellmark insurance-payroll | 95.68 |

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| LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND | 5444.73 |
| LANDFILL/GARBAGE PAYROLL-4-2025 | 372.94 |
| TOTAL LANDFILL/GARBAGE | 5817.67 |

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| TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 29891.80 |
| PAYROLL-APRIL 2025 | 11880.41 |
| TOTAL | 41772.21 |
| DEPOSIT REFUNDS | 300.00 |
| TOTAL | 42072.21 |

SANDBAGGIN' DAYS-APRIL 2025

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| Amazon Capital Services | 644.34 |
| Amazon Capital Services 134.97 | |
| TOTAL SANDBAGGIN' DAYS | 779.31 |
| EXPENSES GRAND TOTAL | 42,851.52 |

Shear/Day moved to adjourn. Motion carried, ayes all.
Edwin L. Mouw, Mayor
Rhonda L. Schmidt, Attest
Jodi L. Angstman, Attest

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 6/9/25

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS June 9th 2025

A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSupervisors/streams
The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, June 9th, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness 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 minutes from 6/2/2025 and the special session minutes from 6/6/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: None
Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on his department.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the hiring of Dennis Knipfel and Wayne Riggins for Seasonal Work and setting their wage at \$26.06 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a proposal from Kimley Horn for preparation of FY25 Safe Streets & Roads (S4A) Funding Application to be jointly submitted with 7 other counties. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the Iowa Dept. of Transportation Federal-Aid Agreement for County Highway Bridge Program Project, Agreement No 2-25-HBP-S-029 for Rail Ave bridge replacement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to open a public hearing pertaining to an application from NEW Cooperative Inc to expand Anhydrous Ammonia storage & pumping facility at 1389 Wright Ave Rowan, Iowa at 9:15AM. All ayes. Motion carried. No public was present and no comment had been received prior to the meeting. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to close the public hearing at 9:17AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the application by NEW Cooperative Inc to expand anhydrous ammonia storage & pumping at 1389 Wright Ave Rowan, Iowa. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors recessed at 9:30 for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 9:55AM. Minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the county website. The drainage meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve an amendment of the Compensatory Time for Road Crew Employee policy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution amending the Franklin County Employee Handbook 2.6 "Hiring Policy and Process". Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted. The resolution includes updating the portion of the policy that talks about post-offer physical exams based on recommendations on the provider about testing physical requirements for jobs that are rated at a level 3 or higher. Due to the length of the resolution, the full resolution may be found on the County website or by contacting the Auditor's office.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve claims as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors held discussion in regard to FY2026 appropriations. After the discussion, the Supervisors directed the Auditor to prepare the resolution for 100% appropriations.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve front loading all qualified Public Health & Home Care employees transitioning from Franklin County to Franklin General Hospital one paid holiday to be used for Labor Day 2025 (September 1st). All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve releasing all Public Health & Home Care furniture to Franklin General Hospital as part of the transition of services & departments. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the Franklin County Courthouse Roof & Tuckpointing Design Partnership Agreement with Bergland & Cram. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve an ABD License for Backpacket Brewing LLC at 692 Heather Ave for RAGBRAI. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by McVicker to approve a fireworks permit for 4G's Pyrotechnics on behalf of Thomas Pals. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding which Supervisor would complete the petty cash count on June 30th this year. Supervisor Lukensmeyer will complete the petty cash count on June 30th.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:02AM until Monday, June 16th, 2025, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

ATTEST:
Chris Vanness, Chairman
Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

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Deadline for legal notice submissions is Monday at noon

NEWS

DMU Graduates Recognized at Spring 2025 Award Ceremonies

WEST DES MOINES, IA (06/04/2025)-- Talia Rowe of Sheffield, IA, graduated from Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree on May 30, 2025.

Rowe received the following honors:

Alpha Eta Honor Society, a national scholastic honor society for the allied health professions. Its purpose is to promote and recognize scholarship, leadership and contributions to the allied health professions.

Located in West Des Moines, part of Iowa's capital metro, Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences

offers 10 graduate-level professional degree programs in anatomy, biomedical sciences, health care administration, occupational therapy, osteopathic medicine, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, podiatric medicine and public health. Founded in 1898, the institution offers superior academics in a collaborative environment. DMU students' scores on national examinations, pass rates on board certifications and match rates for medical residency programs are consistently higher than national averages and rates at peer institutions.

Kirkwood Community College announces Dean's List honors

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (June 4, 2025) - Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Kirkwood students from the area earning this distinction are listed below.

HOMETOWN, STATE; NAME, COUNTY

- Allison, IA — Kiya Johnson
- Aredale, IA — Kylie Eckenrod
- Dumont, IA — Carli Franke



57 people attended Thunderbolts at the Windsor Theatre last weekend. Three more showings at 1 & 7 pm Wednesday and 7 pm Thursday.

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Ninth Annual Gran Festival

The ninth annual Gran Festival drew hundreds of people to Band Shell Park on Saturday, June 7. The event featured vendors, food from local restaurants, booths with helpful resources from local businesses, live music, bounce houses and more.

"I'm so happy with how it went. Everyone had so much fun," said La Luz Centro Cultural Director Jannette Flores Acolt. "Next year is going to be our tenth anniversary of the event, and we've already got some exciting plans."

Photos by Jennifer Burnham



Aitana Dominguez taking a whack at a piñata.



Hampton Mayor Steve Birdsall was one of many volunteers who helped work the event. He was tasked with monitoring a few of the bounce houses.



La Frontera employees ready to cook for the crowd.



Grupo Comando Norteño before performing at Gran Festival.



The Whalen family watching some live music.



The Dominguez family donated a chest freezer for the raffle.



The ninth annual Gran Festival was held from noon to 10 p.m. at Band Shell Park on Saturday, June 7.



El Chavo del Ocho and La Chilindrina with a couple fans.



La Chozita owner Niece Martinez handed out free watermelon slices at the festival. They were served with free bottles of tajin (sponsored by NIACC).



A group of elders helped man the bounce houses throughout the day. Here are two of them in front of one of the four bounce houses.



The Garcia family taking a break after the bounce houses.

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