

Hampton City Councilor Ramps Up Car Detailing Company

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton City Councilor Kevin Blanford, 52, has been busy juggling his day job as a health, safety and environmental specialist for AgVantage FS with his car detailing company, Beyond Spotless Auto Detailing, which has been thriving.

Since last spring, he has cleaned more than 300 cars.

Blanford is a pro when it comes to car detailing. He started his first car detailing company in 1997 in Illinois, before selling it ten years later when he moved to Iowa.

"In the past year, I've seen the need for car detailing in the area, so I reached out to some friends, and told them I'd be doing it, and started in March of last year, and I've done about 315 vehicles since then," he said.

Blanford said the cost of his services depends on the state of the car, and that he once spent up to 12 hours cleaning a car that was in really rough shape. He said interior details and exterior details start at around \$160 and that full details (interior and exterior) start at about \$300. He cleans all types of cars, from work trucks that are caked with dirt and pebbles to vans that are filled with cheerios and other crumbs left behind by kiddos.

While some people will do anything to get out of cleaning their car, Blanford said he loves it. He's got a lot of the latest gad-

gets and potions to get even the dirtiest of vehicles back in tip top shape. He steams, vacuums, adjusts seats, wipes down and waxes until he feels that the vehicles are up to his standards.

Blanford, whose company is licensed through the state of Iowa, is big on little details. He said he remembered that one of his customers had named her car "Lola," so when her keep was cleaned up and ready to return, he messaged the customer saying "Lola" was ready.

That customer was local Lori Craighton, who said her car looked like it came off the showroom floor after he was done with it.

"It's evident that Kevin takes great pride in his work," Craighton said.

Blanford said he's promoted his business in two ways: word of mouth and on social media. He said that a lot of times, people will send him a private message on Facebook and then they will coordinate from there.

To keep up with inflation, Blanford said his prices will increase in July due the fact that he's spending more money on products, which have become more expensive.

To reach him about his car detailing services, email beyondspotless2023@gmail.com or call 641-456-7002. You can also send him a private message on Facebook. His business is located out of his house in Hampton at 454 11th Ave. NE Hampton, IA 50441.



Blanford with some of the products he uses for his car detailing company. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

Blanford will serve as the city councilor for Ward III until 2027. He encourages citizens in his ward to reach out to him with any questions or concerns they may have about the area by calling 641-456-7002 or by sending him a message through the

email forum portion on the city council page on the city's website.

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HD-CAL Senior Represents Hampton in Washington, D.C. on Iowa Youth Tour

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Hampton-Dumont High School senior Stephanie Terrones represented Hampton in Washington, D.C., last week on the Iowa Youth Tour.

Each year, Iowa's electric cooperatives select deserving students in their communities to send to Washington, DC for a weeklong trip in June. Around 40 students from Iowa are selected each year. The annual Youth Trip is attended by nearly 2,000 students from around the country, with all expenses covered for the students. Students apply for the program through their local electric cooperatives.

While in Washington, D.C., the students learned about electric cooperatives and the history of the Capitol. They had the chance to visit monuments and explore museums, like the National Museum of African American History and Culture, along with meet-

ing with members of Congress.

The students saw the following last week: Washington Monument, World War II Memorial, Albert Einstein Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The National Mall, Boat cruise on the Potomac River, Holocaust Memorial, Ford's Theater, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington National Cathedral, the White House and the U.S. Capitol.

Terrones told the Chronicle that she had a great time on her trip.

"One of my favorite parts of the trip was going to the National Museum of African American History. It was a huge museum with so much to see and learn. There was a sports section where you could see different artifacts of famous African-American athletes," she said. "I also enjoyed visiting the Holocaust Museum. It was a sorrowful place but you get to learn so much more

about the time and see so many things like videos of that time — including stories of survivors."

The students also tried well-known restaurants like Ben's Chili Bowl, Crystal City Sport's Pub and Carmine's Italian Restaurant.

Terrones found out about the scholarship program through a coworker at Fareway, where she worked after school last year. To apply for the program, she submitted an application to the Franklin REC office, before completing a written test and in-person interview on Wednesday, March 6. Judges quickly decided she was the most deserving applicant and she was contacted the next morning with the good news.

"I learned how united America really is while on this trip," she said of her experience in Washington, D.C. "You can put a bunch of different cultures, different re-



Stephanie Terrones on the Iowa Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., last week.

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Rooneys Celebrate 15 Years as Owners of Pit Row

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Jennifer and Tom Rooney celebrated 15 years as the owners of Pit Row bar last week.

The two celebrated with some of their favorite customers and community members at their anniversary celebration on Saturday, June 22.

That afternoon, an area was taped off in front of the bar, where people could sit and enjoy their adult beverages and play cornhole. The bar was packed with friends, family and customers while live music played. A group got together for a photo in front of the bar earlier that afternoon. And they started bean bag toss at 12:30 a.m. The band was scheduled to play outside, but they moved inside to the bar, because of the rain.

Jennifer explained she and her husband had bought the bar 15 years ago from Kevin and Vicky Pralle, whom she was working for at the time.

"I talked to my husband and he said 'let's do it!'" she said. "My step-father gave me a little bit of a loan to get started up. It's been wonderful. And I am blessed with the best bartenders ever."

When asked about the biggest challenges they've faced, she said they've lost a few bartenders along the way and that's always tough. She said they currently have around eight bartenders who work for them.



Jennifer and Tom Rooney at their 15th anniversary celebration. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

"Coming here is the highlight of our day," Jennifer said. "It's like a hobby. We have a lot of fun with the drag queens and pool tournaments every year, too."

Jennifer's absolute favorite part of owning the bar is getting to host benefits and memorial rides.

The bar is open Monday to Friday from 3 p.m. to around 9 or 10 p.m. and then Saturday from noon to around 2 a.m. Hours depend on the crowd.

"The Rooneys are great people," Pit

Row bartender Britt Lumley said. "They love Hampton and are always willing to do anything for anyone, whether it's donating and hosting a benefit for a special cause or helping raise money. The bar prices are fantastic and the cheese pizza and fries are amazing and we have great bartenders."

The bar is located at 63-99 N Federal St, Hampton, IA 50441.

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YOUTH TOUR: FROM COVER

ligions and different races into a room and people will strive to start a conversation. I met so many different people with different stories and it was an incredible experience that I'll always be thankful for. I learned on this trip that Americans don't just do everything for the money or for the thanks

but just for their country and I think that is truly a beautiful thing."

While at home, Terrones works at Fareway and she's a certified nursing assistant (a CNA), which she said on her application that she worked very hard for.

In her recommendation letter for Terrones, Kendra

Johnson, who worked with her at Fareway, wrote that she watched Terrones evolve from "a shy girl, who only spoke when spoken to into a confident young woman balancing two jobs and school."

Next year, Terrones will be completing her senior year of high school.

"As nervous as I am for

it, I know I will do fine," she said. "Next year, I want to focus on school and take as many college classes as I can without overdoing it. I'm still undecided as to what I will major in, but I do believe I'll choose something in the medical field."

Hampton's Zachary Welsher is one of 550 spring grads at University of Iowa to earn two degrees

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Zachary Welsher, 21, of Hampton, was one of the 550 graduates at the University of Iowa to earn two degrees this spring semester.

In May, more than 6,500 students at the University of Iowa received their degrees.

Welsher earned two bachelor's degrees in May — one in mathematics and another in mathematics education. Welsher was a student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and College of Education.

"Throughout the four years, there were some highs and lows, so knowing that it's done and that I did it is the greatest feeling in the world," he said.

Welsher said he's always enjoyed doing math. "Math has always come natural to me," he said. "But I also enjoy the challenge of mathematics. When you sit down to do a problem and it takes a couple tries but when you get it, it's so refreshing and so rewarding to finally crack it."

Welsher said he also met a very special person while in school.

"Natalie and I met at the University of Iowa and we got engaged about a month after we graduated. She is also a double major in English and English Education," Welsher said. "Meeting her and all the time we spent together is truly the best part about my experience at the University of Iowa."

Welsher, who graduated from Hampton-Dumont High School in 2020, explained that the past several generations of his family are from Hampton, and that his mom graduated from Hampton High School in 1991. He said his younger sister, who graduated from Hampton-Dumont High School in 2022, is currently studying at North Iowa Area Community College, and that she works at the Dollar Fresh and 7-Stars Restaurant in Hampton.

"I am a third generation Hamptonite," he said. "My grandparents moved there when they were about my age. My family is very much a Hampton family."

For now, Welsher said he is staying busy looking for a job in education. He and Natalie live in the Quad Cities area.

When asked where he saw himself in five years, he said he hopes to be doing a job that he truly enjoys.

"Whatever that may look like," he said. "And beyond just my job, being a part of a family with my fiancee."



Lunch at Ben's Chili Bowl.



Breakfast crew.



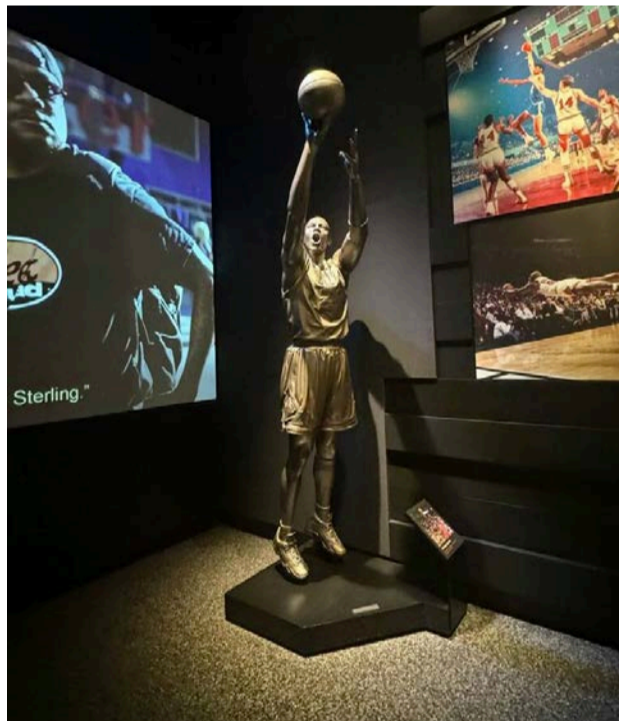
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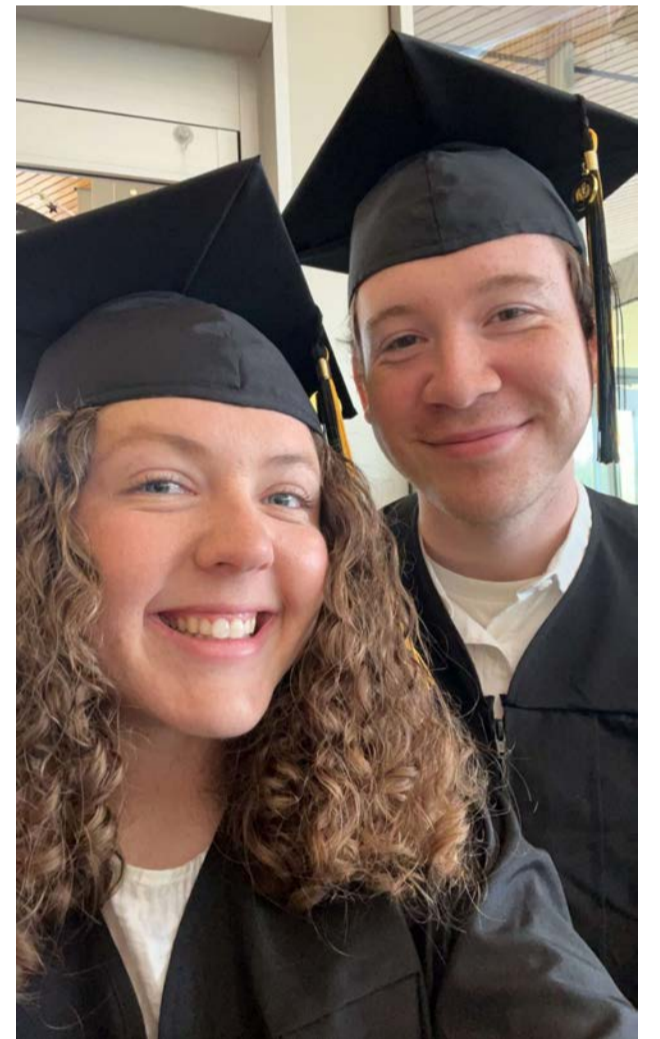
Her view from the carousel ride at the National Harbor.



Posing in front of the White House. Stephanie is in the second row.



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PIT ROW FROM COVER



(Left) Pit Row patrons enjoying the party. (Right) Bartender Britt Lumley enjoying the festivities before starting her shift. (Bottom right) Locals participating in cornhole at the Pit Row party. (Bottom left) A few of the party goers



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Next DAR Meeting on July 9

The Candle-Stick Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at the Hampton United Methodist Church Library with six DAR Members and one Prospective DAR Member present. Pat Sackville along with Kim Bosch served as Hostess for the Meeting. Pat served a delicious lunch following the business meeting.

The next Candle-Stick Chapter DAR meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at the Franklin

County Fair Parade line-up site in Hampton. All Candle-Stick Chapter DAR Members will serve as Hostess for the meeting. The Program will be for Candle-Stick Chapter DAR Members and Patrick Henry Society Children of the American Revolution Members to decorate and participate in the Franklin County Fair Parade.

Kim Bosch, Secretary
Candle-Stick Chapter DAR



District Judge Gregg Rosenblatt swears in new County Attorney Andrea Miller. Miller takes office July 8th 2024. Photo provided by Franklin County representative.

New Franklin County Attorney Sworn In

City of Hampton Wants to Remind Citizens of Firework Ban

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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City of Hampton officials want to remind citizens that there is a fireworks ban in place within city limits.

“Although state law allows fireworks sales statewide, individual communities may have local regulations that ban the use of fireworks within their cities,” said Hampton City Manager Ron Dunt.

The city’s fireworks ban was passed in 2017. According to the city’s firework ordinance, “the term ‘fireworks’ includes any explosive composition, or combination of explosive substances, or articles prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion,

deflagration or detonation, and specifically includes blank cartridges, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrocketes, roman candles, or other fireworks of like construction and any fireworks containing any explosive or flammable compound, or other device containing any explosive substance.”

Fireworks were brought up during city council’s June 24 workshop, where councilor Patrick Palmer asked Police Chief Mark Morrison about the possibility of charging homeowners when fireworks are set off at their property.

Morrison said he would look into it and report back. Morrison said that he hadn’t received any fireworks complaints yet this year.

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Weston Charles Morey

Weston was born on June 17, 2024, at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion. He weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces.

His grandparents are Autumn and Chris Dillavou of Clear Lake, Denise and Cory Trousdale of Nora Springs, and Brian and Heather Morey of Algona. He joins his big sister Hadley, age 1.

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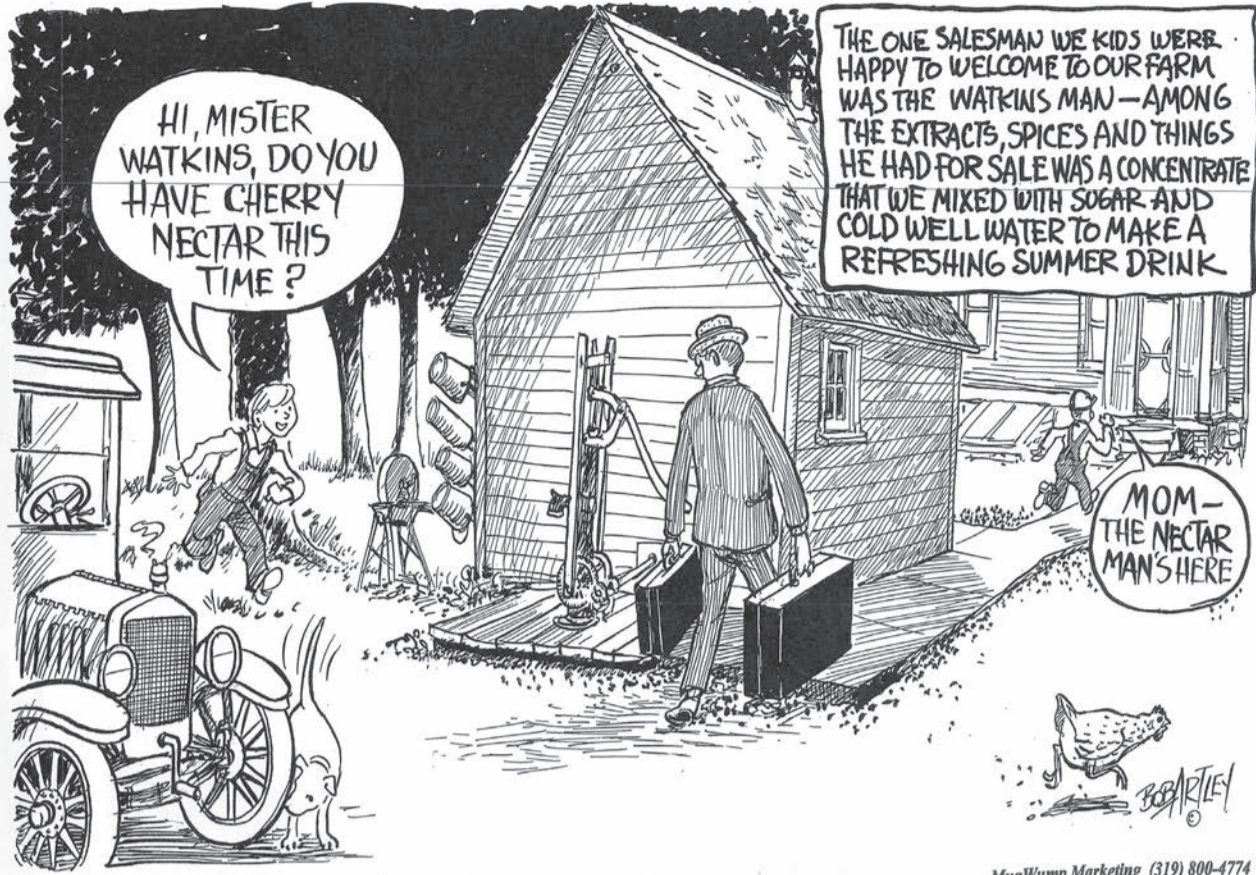
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Somewhere somebody was laid off from their job at a factory because Trump's steel tariffs made costs exceed returns. Suppose this somebody noticed there were not many options downtown for lunch. Our somebody found a hot dog stand online. Being a personable fellow he saw the hot dog stand as a way to meet people and provide their lunch while making a living. As he ran the numbers he found his dollars had shrunk in value enough that the hot dog stand was barely affordable, but not the supplies.

The concept of a strong country has changed from mutual cooperation through trade based on self interest to Randy Feenstra's vision of, "... the world's strongest and most feared fighting force" (no mat-

ter what the cost). I voted for Trump based on his question regarding Russia, "Why can't we just be friends?" Now Trump, catering to the ignorant masses, helped pass the \$95 billion "aid package" by calling it a "loan."

In last week's paper Randy Feenstra bragged about his support of massive amounts of government spending in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Where does the money come from?

Both halves of the Uni-party never mention where the money comes from because if any emphasis was placed on that, nobody paying attention would be on-board with such outright theft. We spend 3 times what the Chinese do on the military and 10 times what the Russians do.

The headline of Feenstra's column mentioned a 19.5% raise for junior troops. Worldwide less men are enlisting because of increased awareness that they will be used as tools in a giant wealth transfer from common working folk to an elite that has little regard for them or the poor souls

caught up in these manufactured conflicts. Will an additional 19.5% overcome the fact that their service has nothing to do with the defense of their country?

In a classic example of the "pot calling the kettle black" Feenstra cites China's "increasingly brazen aggression" and Iran's "blatant bankrolling of terrorism." We shouldn't stop thinking when we read that.

The US has 750 military bases in 80 countries around the world with US soldiers occupying 159 countries. China has a base in the United Arab Emirates and Djibouti, both in the Middle East. Both countries also have US bases. If we are to count the number of people around the world who are terrorized by US bombs, missiles, and drones, no other country even comes close. This terrorism helps recruit enemies.

That US taxpayers have an exclusive responsibility to fund all this aggressive activity, assumes that peaceful coexistence with the rest of the world couldn't be achieved any

other way. When Somali Pirates were taking freighters hostage for ransom the government failed to protect them. When the shipping companies armed themselves, the piracy stopped. Self preservation is a powerful incentive. The shipping companies passed the cost of their defense on as a business expense. When the entire cost of a product is reflected in the price, scarce resources are allocated to their best use, making the country as a whole wealthier and stronger.

Feenstra claims the wage hikes for service members are to "account for out-of-control inflation." The \$883.7 billion NDAA is the perfect poster child for the cause of out-of-control inflation. Inflation is not caused by some mysterious force like weather. It is caused by increased money supply printed by The Fed and "loaned" to the US government, then put into circulation by exorbitant spending with industries who support representatives like Randy Feenstra.

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Our debt crisis is a ticking time bomb



REP. RANDY FEENSTRA
COLUMNIST

On June 18th, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) – the government agency tasked with monitoring our nation’s fiscal health – confirmed my serious concerns with President Biden’s reckless spending agenda. His administration’s fiscal policies have not only caused cumulative inflation to skyrocket by over 20% since he took office, but they have also accelerated our accumulation of debt to levels that are beyond unsustainable. Instead of changing course, he recently released his budget for Fiscal Year 2025, which has a \$7.3-trillion price tag and looks to raise taxes on our families, farmers, and businesses to

the tune of \$5.5 trillion. Serving on the House Ways and Means Committee, it remains my mission to stop wasteful government spending, enact a balanced federal budget, and get our fiscal house in order for the sake of future generations.

According to the CBO’s analysis, our national debt will surpass \$50 trillion in a decade, the debt will equal approximately 122% of our annual economic output, and federal deficits will eclipse \$24 trillion over the next ten years. This report also found that our budget deficit for this fiscal year will swell to nearly \$2 trillion – up from about the \$1.6 trillion figure that the CBO projected just four months ago – and we will pay roughly \$892 billion just to finance the interest obligations on our national debt. Similarly, government spending in general is set to grow to 23.9% of GDP this year, which is a significant increase from the 20.9% in Fiscal Year 2019. In short, government spending is growing, and our interest payments are growing with it – wasting precious tax dollars on financing interest instead of investing in priorities vital

to our families, farmers, and businesses.

While many of President Biden’s trillion-dollar spending packages certainly contributed to our deteriorating fiscal health, his unconstitutional student-loan bailouts have also fueled this raging fire. The CBO estimates that his debt “cancellation” policies will cost taxpayers nearly \$400 billion over the next ten years. I strongly oppose these bailouts. Iowans who never attended college, entered the workforce early, or helped put their kids through school should not be forced to pick up the tab for President Biden’s costly and unfair executive orders. Students who took out a loan to go to college are contractually obligated to repay it. It’s as simple as that.

As a strong, fiscal conservative, I’ve been vocal about my opposition to trillions of dollars in reckless government spending and crushing regulations that saddle our families, farmers, and businesses with higher costs. I’ve also called for a balanced federal budget so that we can begin to reduce our nearly \$35-trillion national debt in a meaningful and fiscally

responsible way without raising taxes on Americans. In addition to a balanced budget amendment, the first place that I believe we need to start to address our debt crisis is by requesting that the President of the United States delivers a balanced budget proposal to Congress. That’s why I introduced legislation to explicitly require the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress so that we aren’t spending money that we don’t have.

This report by the CBO is a warning sign for our economy and the long-term stability of our country. Our foreign adversaries – like China – will happily exploit our debt crisis to secure beneficial financial concessions down the road and cripple our status as the world’s strongest superpower. As a father of four, I also refuse to leave my kids with mountains of debt that will spell disaster for our economic prosperity today and in the future. As Iowa’s voice in Congress, I promise that I will continue to do my part to oppose reckless spending, stop burdensome regulations, call for a balanced federal budget, and put our country on a path towards fiscal sanity.

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Don't Sleep on the AmericInn in Hampton

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

I know I usually review restaurants, but my family is in town and we've been staying at the AmericInn in Hampton and wow. Just wow. What a great hotel. This place deserves some kudos. From the friendly staff to the MANY amenities, this place is well worth the money. Super-clean rooms and shared spaces. Not only do they have a nice pool and hot tub, but they also have a sauna. Every morning, they offer an impressive breakfast buffet with the works. This morning they had biscuits and gravy, sausage and egg pat-

ties and fresh fruit and waffles. During the day, they leave out plenty of snacks for guests, including boiled eggs, oatmeal and yogurts. A family favorite: the coffee station, which can be found in the front lobby. It's stocked with syrups and creamers and more.

If you're looking for lodging with Midwestern charm and close proximity to downtown restaurants, this is it. We walked to the Windsor Theatre and Subway one night and we had just as much fun on the walk as we did at the destinations.

Hampton's AmericInn is located at 702 Central Ave W, Hampton, IA 50441. Hotel employees can be reached at 641-456-5559.



Jennifer Burnham is the news editor at the Hampton Chronicle. Before working at the Chronicle, she worked at a newspaper in New Mexico for several years. And before that, she worked at The Saturday Evening Post for six years. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Indiana University.

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BY JIM DAVIES
MEMBER AT LARGE,
HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

A formal complaint was filed with the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) on November 19, 2023, alleging the Hampton Public Library violated Iowa Code Chapter 22 on November 14, 2023. At the April 18, 2024 IPIB meeting, the board was briefed and took action on this case.

The IPIB is an independent agency that was established by Iowa Code Chapter 23. The agency is governed by a nine-member board appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

No more than three members of the board shall represent the media, and not more than three represent counties, cities or other local governments. The members serve staggered four-year terms and are balanced by political party and gender. The board elects a chair and vice chair from among its members. The current members are:

- Dan Breitbarth, Des Moines - Government Representative

- Joan Corbin, Pella - Government Representative
- E. J. Giovannetti, Urbandale - Public Representative
- Barry Lindahl, Dubuque - Government Representative
- Joel McCrea, Pleasant Hill - Media Representative
- Monica McHugh, Zwingle - Public Representative
- Luke Martz, Ames - Public Representative
- Jackie Schmillen, Urbandale - Media Representative
- vacant - Public Representative

The board's staff consists of an Executive Director Erika Eckley, Deputy Director Brett Toresdahl, and a legal counsel.

The IPIB provides an official, efficient and free legal resource for citizens and government officials with questions about Iowa open meetings and records laws, and for citizens with complaints about alleged violations of the laws. The board is also one of the few such agencies in the nation with the authority not only to advise, but to enforce the state sunshine laws.

The Sunshine Law in Iowa, Chapters 21 and 22 of the Iowa Code — the open meetings and records or “sunshine” laws — attempt to ensure that Iowa government at all levels is as transparent and accountable to the public as possible. Public records are all records, in any form, “of or belonging to” a government body or official.

The board is authorized by statute to issue advice, or declaratory orders with the force of law, regarding the applicability of the open records and open meetings laws.

It can receive and investigate complaints alleging violations of the laws and seek resolution through informal assistance, mediation and settlement. If a complaint cannot be resolved informally, and the board has probable cause to believe the law has been violated, the board may prosecute the government body or official in a contested case proceeding under the Administrative Procedures Act. The board can issue subpoenas to investigate complaints and prosecute cases,

and it can also issue orders with the force of law to require compliance with the sunshine laws.

The board also will offer training in Chapters 21 and 22 to government bodies, disseminate information to the public, and submit an annual report to the governor and Legislature, making recommendations relating to access to government information.

The board does not have jurisdiction over the judicial or legislative branches, or over the governor and governor's office. A complaint must be filed within 60 days from the time the alleged violation occurred, or the complainant could have become aware of the violation with reasonable diligence.

The board can assess damages, void action taken in violation of the open meetings law and require a government body or official to take any appropriate remedial action. The board does not have the authority to unilaterally remove a person from office, but it may file an action to remove someone under Chapters

21 or 22, which include “two strikes and you're out” provisions that direct the court to order the removal of an official upon his or her second violation during a term.

Most of the files, documents, and recordings sent to or maintained by the IPIB are public records subject to release upon request. Some records could be considered confidential under Iowa Code section 22.7 or section 23.6(6).

The mailing address of the board is: Iowa Public Information Board, Wallace Building, Third Floor, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319; Email: IPIB@iowa.gov ; Phone: 515-725-1781; Website: <https://ipib.iowa.gov/>.

2024 board meeting agendas and minutes can be found at ipib.iowa.gov/2024-board-meetings. The next board meeting is June 27, 2024 (June 20 meeting rescheduled to this date). Use the following link to watch the next IPIB live meeting as well as past meetings: <https://youtube.com/@IowaPublicInformationBoard>.

Cemetery Walk Accepting Names

BY LEE NELSON

The Friends of the Hampton Cemetery will be holding their seventh cemetery walk on Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 25, 2025.

The Hampton Cemetery Walk committee is now accepting names to include for stops on next year's walk. Provide as much information as possible about the person including full name, date of birth, date of death, birthplace, and noteworthy accomplishments. Names of family members, occupation and obituary are also very helpful in putting together information for the story to be told.

Please email name(s) with information to Jim Davies at jim@coachdavies.net or drop off at Christensen Jewelry, downtown Hampton. Final names selected are based on the location of a grave in proximity to other stops to keep travel time and distance to a reasonable minimum.

A cemetery walk is a route through

the cemetery with stops at grave sites. At the site, a person tells the story of the deceased, often dressed in period clothing. Hampton cemetery walks have five stops and take approximately one hour to complete. Those attending the walk may opt to ride in one of the trollies provided.

The first cemetery walk held at the Hampton Cemetery was October 15, 2017. Since then, 35 historical encounters have been presented over the years.

This year's walk was held on Sunday, May 26 with members of the Franklin County Arts Council telling the stories of Frances "Fran" Wullbrandt (1921-2017), Leil "Deke" Walker (1892-1957), Blanche Paine (1893-1975), Judge Harvey Uhlenhopp (1915-1986), and Lt. Wendell "Dixie" Hicks (1918- 1945).

Over 80 people attended the 2024 walk despite the weather with close to \$1,000 raised for cemetery improvements.

Interested in a collection of short stories about the settling and growth of rural



Northwest entrance to Hampton Cemetery on Highway 65. Photo by Jim Davies.

Franklin County? Nuggets of History by Birdell Paine Butson is available for sale at Fireside Gifts, downtown Hampton or at the Franklin County Historical Museum. Birdell Paine Butson was the daughter

of Blanche Paine, one of the five stops on this year's cemetery walk. Stop by the museum at the fairgrounds and purchase a copy during the upcoming Franklin County Fair.

Season's Third 'Tuesday on the Town' Artist Inspired by Love and Loss

BY JENNIFER
BURNHAM
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CHRONICLE

Rising rock-country star Joe Hermes, of Illinois, wowed the crowd at the Band Shell Park for the season's third “Tuesday on the Town” on June 19.

Hermes and his guitarist, Jerry Prater, took to the stage and performed for an hour on stage in the drizzling rain, which didn't seem to stop the crowd from leaving. As the two played, the crowd listened closely, clapping between songs and snapping photos from their phones.

Hermes spoke with the Chronicle after his concert, sharing how love and loss has inspired much of his work, including his song titled the “Otherside.” He explained that the loss of his daughter in 2013 left a hole in his and his wife's heart, and that it inspired him to write this song.

Hermes didn't always want to play country music. While he's always loved music, he started off with rock. Growing up, he was inspired by the greats — Metallica, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Aerosmith, Pantera and Bon Jovi. He even played in a rock band as a teen.

And then he met his wife and that all changed. Hermes said that he played a song for her, early on in their relationship, and that she encouraged him to pursue a career in music. So he did.

“When I got out of playing in the rock band during my teenage years, I put down the guitar for about ten years, after riding hard and fast with the rock lifestyle,” he said. “So after getting some life under my belt, I met my future wife and I sang her a song on my acoustic and she pushed me into going to an

open mic in town and then I started doing open mics and song writing more and then all of a sudden country music started making more sense.”

In 2020, during the height of the pandemic, Hermes made his debut in country music by recording an EP titled “Souls with Stones” and in 2023, he released his full-length CD titled “Rockin' a Country Town,” which featured songs like “Stronger Than Whiskey,” “SkyFall” and “Used To Be Me,” which landed at No. 46 on the MusicRow Country Breakout Chart.

Hermes said he didn't come from a musical family, but that's not the case for his son.

“My son has quickly taken to wanting to learn guitar and drums and the keyboard,” Hermes said. “He loves showing me old rock songs he finds on YouTube.”

He said his son also loves football just as much as he did growing up.

Hermes said he thoroughly enjoyed his visit in Hampton this year and that he was glad he could come back for another “Tuesday on the Town” performance.

“I've enjoyed coming to Hampton the last two years,” Hermes said. “The community is very friendly and has made me feel very welcomed. I wasn't sure how I would be received, being more rock, but there has definitely been some positive feedback and experiences going there.”

While in Hampton, Hermes spent some time with the folks at KLMJ Radio before going around to visit all of the sponsors for the event. He had lunch at Rustic Brew, which he said was great.

That night, volunteers with First Security Bank served up barbecue pulled pork sandwiches, cookies



The Hampton Municipal Band performing at Band Shell Park on June 19. Photo by Matt Grohe



Joe Hermes and his accompanist performing at the season's third “Tuesday on the Town” on June 18. Photo by Matt Grohe

and chips at Band Shell Park that night. The bank sponsored the free will donation dinner, which was served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The proceeds went towards the Hampton Public Library.

After Hermes and his accompanist performed, the city's municipal band performed the following songs:

“America,” “Strike up the Band,” “Torch of Liberty,” “Garlandstone Overture,” “Dazzling Drums,” “At The Movies with John Williams,” “A Hymn for Band,” “Classic Rock and Roll,” “March Militaire,” “The Church's One Foundation,” “El Capitan Sousa,” “America the Beautiful” and “Star Spangled

Banner.”

“The Olde Creamery” ice cream truck was parked at Band Shell Park for “Tuesday on the Town” as well. Mandi Neal, who's been with the company for the last year, said she started out as a loyal customer, stopping by for ice cream on a daily basis, before eventually signing on as

an employee. Neal said they have almost 90 flavors of ice cream that they currently serve. Her favorite is usually whatever seasonal flavor they are promoting. She said all of their ice creams are churned to perfection at their Garner location.

What's At The Windsor

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga will be shown at the Windsor Theatre starting Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30. Showtimes are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7:00 PM with a 1:00 PM matinee on Sunday. Please note it will be showing only for three days.

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga is a 2024 Australian post-apocalyptic action film directed and produced by George Miller, who wrote the screenplay with Nico Lathouris.

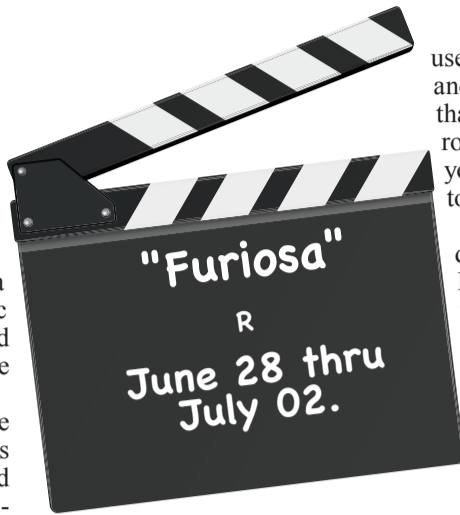
It is the fifth installment in the Mad Max franchise, serving as both a prequel and spin-off to Mad Max: Fury Road (2015), and focuses on the Fury Road character Imperator Furiosa.

The film stars Anya Taylor-Joy and Ayla Browne as younger versions of Furiosa (originally portrayed by Charlize Theron), alongside Chris Hemsworth and Tom Burke.

Furiosa is rated R by the MPAA for sequences of strong violence and grisly images. Violence: People are shot, stabbed, burned, blown up, torn apart, fed to dogs, dragged behind vehicles, and tortured. A character's arm is torn off, and maggots are seen on the stump.

Here are reviews after a Google Search:

Rotten Tomatoes: All critics give it a 90% and a 7.9 out of 10 rating. The verified audience score is 89% and a 4.3 out of 5 rating. "Snatched from the Green Place of Many Mothers, young Furiosa falls into the hands of a great biker horde led by the warlord Dementus. Sweeping through the



Language is limited to a few uses of "bastard," "bollocks," etc., and there's only one relationship that could also be interpreted as romantic, but it never crosses beyond deep affection and forehead touching.

While there's little racial diversity in the primary cast, Furiosa is a determined, courageous, and strong woman who's selfless even in the face of nearly impossible odds. And despite all the violence, the movie does promote teamwork and finding ways to resist oppressive authority.

Upcoming movies at the Windsor Theatre: Despicable Me 4—July 3-18; Inside Out 2—July 19-25; A Quiet Place: Day One—July 26-Aug. 1; Twisters—Aug. 2-8. Please note, the schedule may change.

Both Adult and Youth price is \$5 for an R rated movie. Youth under age 17 require a parent or adult guardian to accompany them during the movie. \$3 is the price for seniors (age 50 and over) on Sundays. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at www.windsortheatre.com.

Save 20% on admission by purchasing a punch card for \$20. Each punch card has 25 punches with each punch worth \$1. Windsor bucks make great gifts and can be used for admission or concessions. Windsor bucks come in denominations of \$5 and \$1.

Windsor History—The Windsor Theatre is located on Block Twelve of Gillette's Lots Five and Six which is northeast of the Franklin County Courthouse. The



Windsor Theatre is built on the site of the old Phoenix Hotel. The heavy lumber used to construct the Phoenix Hotel was hewn from surrounding timber. The Phoenix Hotel served as a stopping place for stagecoaches. The Hotel was

operated by E.S. Stiles lasting until the spring of 1912 when it gave way to the Windsor Theatre.

Look for the Phoenix Hotel's sign at the Franklin County Historical Museum during the upcoming Franklin County Fair.

DETAILING: FROM COVER



Blanford and his two buddies, Charlie and Lily. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Kevin Blanford cleaning his jet ski with some of his new products. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

Latimer News

Climbing Kites, a Polk County beverage anufCAL Over 60's met in the Latimer Community Center at noon on Tuesday, June 18 with a nice group in attendance. Lois welcomed everyone and in the absence of a pastor Lois gave devotions and table prayer.

Jolene had prepared pork loin, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, mixed fruit and cake with pineapple topping for dessert. Zion Reformed Church provided the servers Jean Mollenbeck, Jeanine Butson and McKayla Bales.

Maggie Hopkey was the only June birthday and the birthday song was sung to her. Lois gave a reading about Fathers' Day. Evy Fink showed pictures of the quilt to be raffled for veterans benefit. Tickets are available for the upcoming raffle. The group was informed about ABCM and Franklin Home Health services combining.

The next CAL Over 60's dinner will be held on Tuesday, July 2 at noon. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and invite guests.



81 patrons attended "The Garfield Movie" last weekend at the Windsor Theatre. Three more showings to catch/ Wednesday at 1 p.m. and 7 pm. and Thursday at 7 pm.

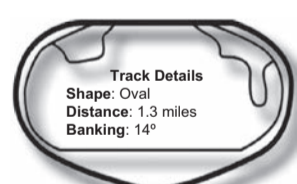
PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: Ally 400

Race Details
Location: Lebanon, Tenn.
Date: Sunday, June 30, 3:30 p.m.

Nashville Superspeedway



Track Details
Shape: Oval
Distance: 1.3 miles
Banking: 14°

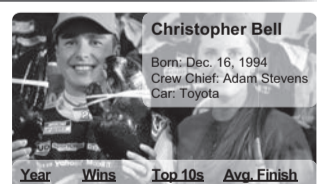
Race Preview
The Ally 400 marks the 4th trip for the NASCAR Cup Series to the 1.3-mile oval in Lebanon, Tenn. Opening in 2001, Nashville Superspeedway began hosting the NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck series events in 2001. The track last hosted events in 2011, and saw racing return to the facility in 2021 when all three NASCAR series returned. To celebrate the culture of the music city, the winner of the race receives a custom guitar as a trophy. Ross Chastain is the defending winner of this race. NBC will broadcast the race with radio coverage from PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Top News Stories

NASCAR says wet weather racing at New Hampshire was "very successful!"
NASCAR waited out a nearly two-hour, 15-minute rain delay in the final stage Sunday and mandated teams run the final 77 competitive laps on wet weather tires. Twice under caution, NASCAR allowed teams to put on new sets of wets with non-competitive pit stops but never felt the track dried enough to allow teams to return to slick tires. Although Christopher Bell led the final 64 of 305 laps, the racing on the track was wild and entertaining as drivers searched for the best lines as the track began to dry out. "I think the way we started this whole wet weather tire process was basically we wanted to get our races started on time and it really played into our hand Saturday to get the Xfinity race started on time and to get our races back to green as quick as possible if we had a delay like today," said Eldon Sawyer, NASCAR's senior vice president of competition. "Kudos to Goodyear. This was NASCAR Chairman Jim France's vision of what wet weather tires could do. We ran 301-plus laps today. So, with the overtime, our fans got the whole ticket and they got to see some great exciting racing." Sawyer insisted NASCAR does not want to be in the "tire business", dictating when teams can pit and what tires they must utilize. "There's still some things that we're learning through this process and in all honesty, we'd like to be out of the tire business," he said. "We'd like to just turn that over to the teams."

Last Week's Race: Christopher Bell won at New Hampshire

Christopher Bell continued his dominance at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, claiming a sweep of the NASCAR race weekend. The 29-year-old Oklahoman beat Stewart-Haas Racing's Chase Briscoe to the finish line by 1.104-seconds in overtime in a race that lasted six hours including a two-hour-plus rain delay and ultimately ended with the field on damp surface tires. It was only the second time in NASCAR history a points-paying race used the newly-developed tires. Bell's No. 20 JGR Toyota led a race best 149 of the 305 laps Sunday.



Christopher Bell
Born: Dec. 16, 1994
Crew Chief: Adam Stevens
Car: Toyota

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2024	3	11	14.1
2023	2	10	12.9

2024 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten			Xfinity Series Top Ten		
Drivers	Points	Top 10s	Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) Kyle Larson	620	9	1) Cole Custer	589	13
2) Chase Elliott	620	9	2) Chandler Smith	574	10
3) Denny Hamlin	580	8	3) Justin Allgaier	547	8
4) Martin Truex Jr	572	8	4) Austin Hill	521	9
5) Tyler Reddick	560	11	5) Sheldon Creed	484	10
6) Christopher Bell	555	11	6) Riley Herbst	478	7
7) William Byron	548	10	7) Jesse Love	466	7
8) Ryan Blaney	526	7	8) AJ Allmendinger	443	7
9) Ross Chastain	510	7	9) Parker Kligerman	436	7
10) Brad Keselowski	507	9	10) Sam Mayer	424	8

Racing Trivia

Which driver holds the record for consecutive victories in the Southern 500?

a) David Pearson c) Dale Earnhardt
b) Cale Yarborough d) Jeff Gordon

ANSWER: d) From 1995-1998, Gordon won the Southern 500 four times in a row. No one else has won it more than three times.

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Adams and Jefferson Died Exactly 50 Years After Independence

Death Date of July 4, 1826 a Remarkable American Coincidence

BY TOM EMERY

Few dates in American history have been so profound.

On July 4, 1826, as the nation celebrated the 50th anniversary of its independence, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died. The loss of two of the first three Presidents, as well as two of its founding fathers, is one of the most remarkable coincidences in the history of the nation.

The two men are inextricably linked to the Revolution. Both were among the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, and Adams and Jefferson were on the Continental Congress' Committee of Five to compose the document.

Both debated who should take the lead, and Adams finally persuaded Jefferson, claiming that a Virginian "ought to appear at the head of this business."

Adams also assessed himself as "obnoxious, suspected, and unpopular," while adding that Jefferson "can write ten times better than I can." Jefferson then drafted the document.

Despite their mutual efforts for independence, Adams and Jefferson later became political rivals.

The short-tempered, prickly Adams clashed with Jefferson's laid-back approach, and Adams' Federalist devotion was also at odds with Jefferson, who believed the states should have more power.

The two former friends met in the 1796 Presidential election, which became a mud-slinging affair of polarizing political views, largely on foreign affairs. The outcome, however, was razor-thin, as Adams edged Jefferson in electoral votes, 71-68.

As was custom in the day, the loser became the Vice-President, and Jefferson soon opposed Adams on a host of issues. Among them was the controversial Alien and Sedition Act of 1798, which induced Jefferson to forego Washington in favor of his Monticello home.

They again squared off in the 1800 Presidential election, and this time, Federalism vs. states' rights was the dominant theme. The rematch was even more bitter than the 1796 campaign, and is considered one of the dirtiest elections in American history. Jefferson tied Aaron Burr with 73 electoral votes, while Adams, with 65, went down in defeat.

Adams, stung by the



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loss, proceeded to reel off a succession of "midnight appointments" of Federalists to judicial offices and in his last hours in office, designed to leave his mark against Jefferson.

He then slipped out of town early in the morning of the inauguration, choosing not to welcome the incoming President, as is tradition.

The relationship remained frigid for many years until intervention by a mutual friend, Benjamin Rush, a Philadelphia doctor who had also signed the Declaration. Though Adams was noncommittal to Rush's efforts, he took the initiative, and on Jan.

1, 1812, wrote a note with well-wishes to Jefferson.

On January 21, Jefferson responded in kind, recalling when "we were fellow laborers in the same cause" of independence and extending "my sincere esteem for you...I salute you with unchanged affections and respect."

Thus renewed a friendship of decades past, and Adams and Jefferson continued to send respectful, thoughtful letters to each other, a source of great mutual satisfaction. Jefferson, who suffered from rheumatism and an enlarged prostate, was forced to decline an offer to attend the 50th anniversary celebrations

that July 4 in Washington. By July 2, he was barely lucid, and died at Monticello around 12:50 on the Fourth.

At his Quincy, Mass. home, Adams had also declined an invitation to a 50th anniversary extravaganza in Boston due to poor health. Early on July 4, he lost consciousness. He recovered slightly near mid-day, and according to most accounts, his final words were some form of the words "Thomas Jefferson still survives."

The irony is that Jefferson had just died, though modern researchers cite no proof that Adams made such an utterance. He died around 6 p.m. that evening.

Incredibly, Adams and Jefferson were not the only early Presidents to die on July 4. Five years later in 1831, James Monroe passed away at age 73, marking the third of the first five chief executives to die on the date of the nation's birth.

One President, Calvin Coolidge, was born on the Fourth of July holiday in 1872, though most historians rate him among the weakest of chief executives, unlike Adams and Jefferson.

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The History of the Franklin County Courthouse



By Katy Flint
Franklin County Auditor

One of my many duties as Auditor is to be the tour guide of the Courthouse. It doesn't happen often, but a couple times of year we either have visitors pop in and want a formal tour or we have a class from one of the schools in Franklin County come for a tour. Because of this duty, I've learned a lot about the history of the Courthouse and I thought it would be fun to share that with you today!

The very first Courthouse in Franklin Coun-

ty was built in 1857 using lumber that was sawed at the Maysville steam mill. It was a rougher courthouse as it was a one-room frame building only measuring 18'x20' and only lasted nine years when it was condemned in 1866.

The second courthouse was built in Hampton on the same location as our current Courthouse in 1866. It was constructed of limestone and only stood until 1890.

Our current Courthouse was opened in 1891 and only cost \$60,000.00 to build.

While this doesn't seem like much, it came in about \$18,000 over budget and they actually didn't have enough money to complete the clocktower until the graduating class of 1892 donated it. The clock itself was originally hand cranked and I'm quite posi-

tive that our Facilities team is glad they don't have to do that anymore.

About 81 years after the courthouse opened, it was showing signs of wear and tear and it was no longer big enough to house all the government operations. The Board of Supervisors, at that time, appointed a committee to work through a study and make recommendations in regards to renovations or a replacement. I'm forever grateful, they opted to renovate and keep our beautiful building. The county then undertook a \$1.25 million project to renovate the courthouse to better utilize the space adding the third-floor courtroom and storage as well as adding the elevator and other modern conveniences.

The courthouse has undergone several other structural repairs and ren-



Second Franklin County Courthouse. Photo provided by Flint.

ovations since that time. As you can imagine, maintaining a building 133 years old is not cheap or easy, but

our facilities team does an exceptional job with the support of the Supervisors. If you're ever curious about

learning more about the Courthouse, I invite you to stop by my office! Until next time...

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West Fork baseball looks to finish season strong

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The season has had its ups and downs for the West Fork Warhawks baseball team as the team is 9-9 on the year and is in fourth place in the Top of Iowa East conference. The team has seen an increase of wins from last year as in the previous season the Warhawks had only five wins. Head coach Kayden Ames said that so far he would view the season as a success but noted that the team is not done yet.

“We have grown from where we were last year,” Ames said. “We have had our ups and downs but we have grown throughout the year.”

Heading towards the final games of the regular season Ames said he would like to see the team work on putting everything together.

“We have had games where we hit the ball really well but we are rough in the field kind of like what happened at Hampton on Tuesday. We were hitting the ball well but we had eight errors. We gave up nine runs and seven of them were unearned,” Ames said. “We’ve got to put everything together, we have to throw strikes, we have to make plays, we have to hit the ball hard and put it in play so that is what I am looking to get going into the playoffs.”

With the team being at .500, Ames said the players are reacting fine to the ups and downs of the year so far.

“Last year we had a five win season and this year we are a real threat,” Ames said. “When we play well we can compete with anybody. We realize it is baseball and you can’t be on every night but with it being baseball you get to play again the next night. So we are doing a great job of bouncing back.”

One of the positives for the Warhawks this season is the growth of the team according to Ames.

“I knew that we were better than five wins last year and we should have had more than five,” Ames said. “I was looking for growth and not for people to bat .400 but to just grow on what we had last year and be better. I think we have done a good job of being better than we were last year and we have gotten better every day since.”

Heading into the final regular season games and the postseason, Ames said he thinks the team is capable of making a run but that the players are going to have to lock in and focus on executing what they need to do on a nightly basis in order for that to happen.

There have been a couple of players that have caught Ames’ eyes so far with how they are playing.

“Obviously Nolan Shreckengost, coming into this year I knew what I was going to get from him,” Ames said. “I knew he was going to hit well and be huge for us at the plate and he was going to be huge for us on the field. He is a great leader by example. I think Edison Maske has done a fantastic job in everything. At the plate he has been rolling, he has put the ball in the play, singles, doubles, triples, all of it. He has been solid on the field as he has been solid at first base and is yet to make an error not that I want to jinx it. He is solid over there.”

To help the Warhawks put it all together at the plate and on the field at the same time, Ames said that the players have to move on from a negative at bat or an error or a bad inning.

“We have to accept that it happened and we have to move past it,” Ames said. “We have had some struggles with that. A guy makes an error and then he makes another error because he is clearing it you have to wipe it and move on.”

The team’s next game is at home vs Nashua-Plainfield on June 26 at 7:30 p.m.



Nolan Shreckengost pitches during the Warhawks win on June 5. Photo by Kevin Labotka.



Trevor Despenas waits for a pitch during an at bat on June 5. Photo by Kevin Labotka.

Weekly Recap

Hampton-Dumont-CAL:

June 17. Softball won vs Clarion-Goldfield-Dows 10-0. The Bulldogs led 3-0 after the first inning and added two runs in the third inning, two runs in the fourth inning, and three runs in the fifth inning. The Bulldogs had eight hits in the game, Malie Ott led the team with two hits, Emma Ott, Teaghan Bird, Aspen Harlan, Keely Moorehead, Mallory Rieken, and Madison Arends all had one hit each. Malie Ott, Emma Ott, Harlan, Moorehead, and Rieken all had one RBI each. Pitching wise, Malie Ott pitched five innings and struck out nine batters while giving up two hits and one walk.

June 18. Softball lost to West Fork 6-2. West Fork took a 3-0 lead in the second inning and added three runs in the fourth inning to make it 6-0. The Bulldogs added two runs in the sixth inning. The Bulldogs had five hits in the game, Teaghan Bird, Charlee Morton, Malie Ott, Aspen Harlan, and Madison Arends all had one hit each. Moorehead and Arends had one RBI each.

June 19. Softball won vs Algona 5-3. Algona led 1-0 after scoring one run in the second inning, but Hampton-Dumont-CAL took the lead at 3-1 in the third inning when the team scored three runs. Algona made it 3-2 in the top of the fifth inning, but Hampton-Dumont-CAL added one run in the bottom of the fifth to make it 4-2. Algona made it 4-3 in the sixth inning but Hampton-Dumont-CAL scored one more run in the seventh. Hampton-Dumont-CAL had nine hits in the game, Emma Ott, Charlee Morton, and Mallory Rieken all had two hits each. Malie Ott, Aspen Harlan, and Keely Moorehead added one hit each. Harlan and Rieken led the team with two RBIs each. Morton had a home run and one RBI in the game.

June 19. Softball won vs Algona 4-3. Hampton-Dumont-CAL took a 3-0 lead in the top of the third inning. Algona scored one run in the bottom of the third to make it 3-1, but Hampton-Dumont-CAL scored another run in the fourth to make it 4-1. Algona scored one run in the fifth inning and one run in the sixth inning.

West Fork:

June 17. Softball lost to Newman Catholic 5-1.

June 18. Softball won vs Hampton-Dumont-CAL 6-2. The Warhawks had seven hits in the game, Brooke Rother, Breea Weaver, and Preslee Dickman all had two hits in the game. JoAnna Wallace added one hit. Rother and Dickman led the team with two RBIs each. Pitching wise, Libby Trewin pitched seven innings and struck out eight batters while giving up two runs on five hits and two walks.

June 18. Baseball lost to Hampton-Dumont-CAL: 9-6. The team is 9-8 on the year. The team had 11 hits in the game. Eidson Maske led the team with three hits, Trevor Despenas and Nolan Shreckengost both had two hits each. Sage Suntken, Ashyr Wiseman, Wyatt Bonnema, and Braylon Shreckengost all had one hit each. Maske led the team with two RBIs, and Braylon Shreckengost and Nolan Shreckengost both had one RBI in the game.

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Hampton-Dumont-CAL

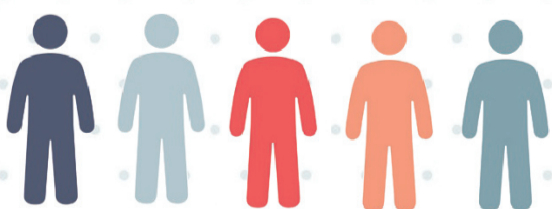
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- June 27. Baseball at Saydel, 7:30 p.m.
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- June 28. Baseball vs Webster City, 7:30 p.m.
- July 1. Baseball at Forest City, 7:30 p.m.
- July 2. Softball vs Grundy Center, 7:30 p.m.
- July 2. Baseball vs Grundy Center, 7:30 p.m.
- July 3. Softball at Ballard, 7 p.m.
- July 3. Baseball at Ballard, 7 p.m.

West Fork

- June 26. Baseball vs Nashua-Plainfield, 7:30 p.m.
- June 27. Baseball at Clear Lake, 1 p.m.
- June 27. Softball at Clear Lake, 1 p.m.
- June 28. Softball at AGWSR, 7 p.m.
- July 1. Softball vs West Hancock, 6 p.m.
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Bulldogs fall to St. Ansgar

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

ST. ANSGAR— The Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs softball team was not able to keep up with St. Ansgar as the Bulldogs fell to the Saints 10-1 on the road on June 20. The Bulldogs dropped to 7-11 on the year.

The Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but St. Ansgar tied the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the first. The Saints then took the lead in the third inning when they scored five runs to make it 6-1. The Saints took advantage of a couple of errors to add some runs as the Saints scored three times in the fifth inning and once in the sixth inning.

Head coach Kelsey Enslin said that she felt the team was a little sluggish coming off a double-header against Algona the day before where both games were very close. Enslin said that things like errors kind of helped things snowball as things did not go the Bulldogs way.

"We just didn't execute the things we needed to do that could have led to other things and I think it let it affect our hitting," Enslin said. "Josie Juhl is a good pitcher for St. Ansgar and she has a lot of

strikeouts so for us to put the ball in play several times was good to see."

The Bulldogs had only three hits in the game but the team was able to get the ball in play often as the batters struck out only three times in the game. Charlee Morton led the team with two hits and Emma Ott had one hit. Malie Ott led the team with one RBI. The Bulldogs forced two walks in the game, Keely Moorehead and Malloory Rieken both had one walk in the game.

When things do start to go wrong for the team and it looks like the game is starting to snowball, Enslin said that one thing she told the team to focus on the little things.

"You know you can execute them and walk out and have high energy and refocus and make the plays," Enslin said.

It was the fifth game of the week for the Bulldogs and Enslin said that with playing so many games in a short period of time that one positive besides the lack of strikeouts at the plate was the hits the team was able to get when they found the holes in the defense.

"So putting the ball in play and being disciplined and not letting Juhl control our at bats," Enslin said.

Being able to put the ball in play does



Malie Ott swings at a pitch during the Bulldogs game against St. Ansgar. Photo by Kevin Labotka.

help the team's confidence at the plate.

"If they strike out you will hear them sometimes be like 'I can't hit it.' Or this and this and at least they can be like ok I put in play and seeing the ball and making

contact can get them to go in there and hit it better next time."

The team's next game is on the road on June 26 at Clear Lake at 7:30 p.m.



Mallory Rieken throws a pitch during the Bulldogs game on June 20. Photo by Kevin Labotka.



Maren Subbert runs after making contact with the ball during the Bulldogs game on June 20. Photo by Kevin Labotka.

Young Bulldogs aim to keep building

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs baseball team hopes to keep building as the team nears the end of the regular season. The Bulldogs are currently 7-16 on the year after going 3-2 this past week with a 5-2 win over Clarion-Goldfield-Dows on June 17, a 9-6 win over West Fork on June 18, a 7-3 loss to Algona on June 19, a 11-3 loss to Algona on June 19, and a 11-6 win over Iowa Falls-Alden on June 21.

Bulldogs head coach Matt Lokenvitz said that so far the season has been good so far for the young and inexperienced Bulldogs.

"We had to grow and get some innings in and see how well our younger players can develop," Lokenvitz said. "We have

been trending up and are playing some really good baseball right now."

With getting experience throughout the year, Lokenvitz said that it helps build the team's confidence especially as they get closer to the playoffs and play some tough teams.

"It gives them confidence that they can play with anybody. We are seeing a lot of good pitching and so they can go into games knowing it doesn't matter who they pitch as we have seen some good pitching and that confidence is going to help them," Lokenvitz said.

Heading into the final regular season games, Lokenvitz said that one thing he would like to see from the Bulldogs is to see the team continue to grow and to continue to play in close games.

"We went from early on in the season

where we were getting 10 runs scored on us and we were getting beat up pretty bad by some teams," Lokenvitz said. "And now we are competing in every game that we play. So I want to keep taking steps forward and playing in these tight games. If you keep playing in tight games you are going to start winning a few of them and start having some of that success."

One strength for the Bulldogs throughout this year has been the growth in the team's confidence according to Lokenvitz. Another strength for the team is how the level of play by the team's seniors has been motivating the younger players to try to get to that level as well.

An area that Lokenvitz said he wants the team to improve on and clean up on is to cut down the amount of walks their pitchers give up.

"We've got to cut down on our walks as a pitching staff," Lokenvitz said. "We were not very good at it at the beginning of the season. We are getting better at it but we are still not great. So we need to continue to cut down on that and trust the defense to play behind them. I think it is trending up and is getting better and I think we are going to continue to see improvement in that. If you mix that with how I would really like us to play a full game together. We are having four or five innings stretches of really good baseball and we will have one or two innings where they are not really high energy and we are not showing that confidence level. So if we could really work on those two things I think we are going to be pretty good towards the end of the year."

The team's next game is on the road on June 26 at Clear Lake at 7:30 p.m.

Ridgestone senior golf

BY NED BOHACH

Finally mama nature died out the swamp and the boys could do battle. If they had played Wednesday it would have been like a herd of mudders plowing down the fairways kicking up mud on the foe. Hark but as it turned out Thursday afternoon worked just fine for the boys, I'm sure some of them had social obligations. Oh yes, and the rain never goes up! A pair of dugs, whoops Doug Erbe and Doug Hahn coupled with Frankie Schnoes carded an awesome 66 and dried out the course with their on fire shots. Doug E. went left, Doug

H. went down the middle and they didn't know where Frank went.

That torrid score won them each a free banana split at the Peppermint Inn. The second unit was the retired General Severe, Phillie Strand and Les (not more) Hurd and they carded 71 not even close but hey they finished! Tom blamed Phil and Phil blamed Les so it goes round and round but sorry boys no nanners today. Maybe the sun will shine upon thee and you'se will do better next week, maybe! Oh by the way you won a big fat ZERO! The third unit and in the winners circle as 1st & 3rd were paid, Don Greimann, Mike (back from the

wounded) Paine, and Al Menning.

They carded a 74 and won via plane, ship and hiking however they must find the plane and ship! They claimed they could have won it all if (yup you got it) they could have made those liper putts. The 4th unit and the last was Ed (hurt) Hert, Jerry Nels Nelson and Denny me man

Foss with a horrid 75. Ed was hurting because he just couldn't get more than 250 out of his drives, Jerry was hurting because he couldn't hit his irons spot on and Fossy just couldn't get a putt to go in. If we had another page we could print all the excuses but hey it is what it is. Thus

ends another adventure for the old boys on the links including jabs, put downs and of course hugs! Ya sure and the snow is now upon the ground! It's time for me to get the vacuum out,

clean the biffy and make lunch. Well then again maybe not, so until we meet again figure these

out. Iowa towns...a fruit and the sharp end of something.

A type of tree and water running down over the rocks. Finally a direction and a labor group. Adios for this week and may the sun make your garden grow and the rain keep it from being thirsty!

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Yard and Garden: Summer Perennial Garden Tasks

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Summer is a great time to enjoy the perennial garden. Summer bloomers like daylily, yarrow, butterfly weed, blanket flower and purple coneflower brighten the garden in June and July. Keeping perennials healthy and attractive all season long requires some care during the summer months. In this article, horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach answer common questions about the care and maintenance of your perennial garden in the summer.

How often and what time of the day is best to water the garden?

The watering frequency is determined by soil characteristics, weather conditions, type of plant and other factors. Generally, a deep watering once a week in dry weather should be adequate for most flower gardens. When watering gardens, water slowly and deeply.

Early morning (5-9 a.m.) is the best time to water the garden when using a sprinkler, garden hose or any other device that wets the plant foliage. When watering is completed, the plant foliage dries quickly. The rapid drying of plant foliage helps guard against the development of fungal diseases. Additionally, a morning application allows the water to soak deeply into the soil with little water lost to evaporation.

Watering at midday is less efficient because of rapid evaporation. Watering in the evening with a sprinkler or garden hose can lead to greater disease problems as the plant foliage will likely remain wet throughout the night.

Mornings and evenings are excellent times to water gardens when using a drip irrigation system or soaker hose. Watering in the evening isn't a problem as these methods don't wet plant foliage.

What perennials benefit from deadheading?

Deadheading is the removal of spent or faded flowers. Deadheading improves the appearance of plants, may encourage a second flush of bloom, and prevents self-seeding.

Perennials that improve appearance with deadheading include bearded iris (Iris), peony (Paeonia), lamb's ear (Stachys byzantina), perennial geranium (Geranium), daylily (Hemerocallis), hosta (Hosta), and coralbells (Heuchera).

Several perennials benefit from deadheading to prolong the bloom or promote a rebloom, including yarrow (Achillea), tickseed (Coreopsis), blanket flower (Gailardia), daylily (Hemerocallis), garden

phlox (Phlox), perennial salvia (Salvia) and spiked speedwell (Veronica).

Perennials that readily reseed benefit from deadheading to prevent seed set in other areas of the garden. These perennials include columbine (Aquilegia), blackberry lily (Iris domestica), bellflower (Campanula), purple coneflower (Echinacea), garden phlox (Phlox paniculata), campion (Lynchnis) and goldenrod (Solidago).

How do I control weeds in my garden beds?

Keeping ahead of weeds and controlling them when they are small is essential for good weed management. This requires persistence throughout the entire growing season to remove weeds as they emerge. There are essentially two types of weeds in the garden: annuals and perennials.

Annual weeds grow rapidly, flower, set seed and die in a single season. New annual weeds, such as crabgrass, purslane, knotweed, lambsquarter and foxtail, germinate from seeds each year. Perennial weeds die back to ground level in fall but send up new growth in spring. Perennial weeds, such as dandelions, quackgrass, thistle, pokeweed and plantain, reproduce by seeds and may spread by creeping above or below ground stems or spreading root systems.

Cultivation, hand pulling, mulches, and herbicides are the primary means to control weeds in the home garden. Annual weeds can be effectively controlled by cultivating, hand pulling, mulching and using pre or post-emergent herbicides. Perennial weeds are best controlled by hand pulling or spot treating with a non-selective herbicide.

Which perennials can be pinched or cut back?

Some perennials benefit from pruning in early summer. Cutting back removes anywhere from 25 to 75% of the total plant. When done after flowering to spring blooming perennials, it can promote fresh regrowth that is more attractive, and potentially a rebloom later in the season. Perennials that benefit from a cutback after flowering include lady's mantle (Alchemilla), columbine (Aquilegia), pinks (Dianthus), silvermound (Artemisia), threadleaf coreopsis (Coreopsis verticillata), perennial geranium (Geranium), catmint (Nepeta) and perennial salvia (Salvia).

Summer and fall-blooming perennials can be pinched in late spring to early summer to produce sturdy, compact growth that is less likely to become lanky or flop over. Pinching removes the stem's upper 1 to 2 inches to promote branching. It may delay bloom by a week or two but can promote more flowers in certain spe-



cially. Perennials to pinch before flowering for height control include aster (Symphyotrichum), mums (Chrysanthemum), Joe-Pye weed (Eutrochium), false sunflower (Helianthus helianthoides), bee balm (Monarda), tall sedum (Hylotelephium), and balloon flower (Platycodon grandiflorus).

Should I stake floppy plants?

Some species of perennials, such as peony (Paeonia), delphinium (Delphinium), and dahlia (Dahlia), may require staking, especially as they begin to bloom. Staking materials include wooden, bamboo, metal, or plastic stakes or rings. A grid-work of wire, bamboo or string placed above young plants allows stems to grow up through and receive support. Similarly, twiggly branches can be set in the ground

to provide a more natural-looking support material.

Ideally, support materials are placed early in the growing season, and the plant can grow through it.

When sized appropriately, the staking material is masked by the plant's foliage once it reaches its mature size. If perennials need staking after they've reached their mature size, then a few stakes around the perimeter of the plant surrounded by an unobtrusive twine or string at various heights can help hold stems upright and still allow movement of the plant. Individual stems can be supported with stakes carefully placed at the base of the stem. As it grows, tie the stem loosely to the stake with string every 10 to 15 inches, leaving a little slack so it can still move in the wind.

BIRD SONGS



BY RICK JANSSEN

I was standing out in my backyard the other day and was amazed at all the different bird songs I could hear. It is amazing how loud those birds are and how their songs cut

through the air. Even a guy like me that has hearing loss could hear them.

Now I can recognize a few of the common songs that I hear. I heard two cardinals calling back and forth. I heard the robin calling from the top of my tree. Somewhere in the distance I heard a wren, and I could even hear some type of woodpecker knocking on a tree. I wish I knew other bird songs.

One of the lakes that I fish in springtime has large clumps of reeds growing in the lake.

Whenever I go there, I

see and hear some birds that I haven't seen anywhere else. These birds are the yellow winged blackbird and the yellow headed blackbird. The yellow winged blackbird is just like the red winged blackbird I see everywhere, but has a yellow stripe on its wing instead of a red one. The yellow headed blackbird is just like the name implies a blackbird with a bright yellow head.

These birds are so vocal when I am fishing in the area. I am pretty sure they nest down in

those water reeds, and they don't like me being around their nesting areas. They constantly "yell" at me for being in their area. I really like hearing that song because it is not one that I hear around my house. Very loud and very strong.

I mentioned in one of my first columns that I truly enjoy being out in the woods when the sun is coming up. That is when the birds first start with their morning songs. There is a natural progression for the birds as they wake up and start calling.

From the early owls to the wrens, to the robins, to the cooing of the morning doves. What a great melody can be heard out in nature.

On one of the podcasts that I listen to, they have been talking about the apps you can

get on your phone to identify the different bird songs. You just open the app and hold your phone out to capture the call. The app will then identify the bird making that call. I think I would really like to try one of those apps. I will need to upgrade my

phone first as my phone is too old for the app I want to try. I know there are apps that help you identify different plants in the woods also. Gotta love the new technology.

So, the next time you are outside, just take a moment to stop and listen to those birds.

Right after a rain is a particularly good time to hear the birds. Wish I could sing like that.

PS – I am taking a week off from this column because I am going on vacation. I will report back when I get home.

Following Flooding: Managing Additional Stress

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AMES – Iowans are now managing another round of local disasters as several communities have been greatly impacted by flooding. Flooding can have a profound effect on people's mental health and wellbeing, said David Brown, behavioral health state specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Distress is a common reaction for people following a flood. However, this distress is usually temporary since most people are resilient and cope with being flooded despite being challenged by it, Brown said.

"How do you keep resilient in the face of these challenges? Fortunately, there are several actions recommended by the American Psychological Association that a person can take to maintain their emotion-

al wellbeing and increase their resilience," Brown explained.

Brown offered the following suggestions:

- It's easy to feel alone in your worries and other reactions, so connect with close family members, friends and neighbors.

- Helping others in the clean-up effort can give you a sense of accomplishment and self-worth.

- You can't stop the flood waters, but you can change how you interpret and respond to them. Try to see beyond the current crisis to how future circumstances may be a little better.

- Take a break from the news and social media. All those pictures and videos of flooding can make your stress even greater.

- Act on adverse situations as much as you can. Take decisive actions, rather than avoiding the problems and stresses and wishing they would just go away.

- Remember other hardships you managed well during different times in your life and tap into those same skills.

- Engage in healthy behaviors that will enhance your ability to cope with excessive stress. Eat well-balanced meals and get plenty of rest.

- If you experience difficulties sleeping, you may be able to find some relief through relaxation techniques, such as deep breathing, prayer or mindfulness.

- Avoid alcohol and drugs because these can increase feelings of sadness or distress and hamper your progress in successfully managing current circumstances.

Other resources

Iowa Concern, offered by ISU Extension and Outreach, provides confidential access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics. With a toll-free phone number, live chat capabilities and a website, Iowa

Concern services are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge. To reach Iowa Concern, call 800-447-1985; language interpretation services are available. Or visit the website, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/>, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment. Or email an expert regarding legal, finance, stress, or crisis and disaster issues.

The Disaster Distress Helpline, 800-985-5990, is a national hotline dedicated to providing year-round disaster crisis counseling. This toll-free, multilingual, crisis support service is available 24/7 to all residents in the U.S. and its territories who are experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters.

Visit ISU Extension and Outreach's Disaster and Crisis Recovery website, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/disasterrecovery/>, for educational resources to reduce the personal impact of natural disasters and other crises.

Minding the Debate: What's Happening to Our Brains During Election Season

BY MELINDA BURRELL

Some of us are convening watch parties and others deliberately will not tune in.

Either way, the June 27 presidential debate is the real start of the election season, when more Americans start to pay attention. It's when partisan rhetoric runs hot and emotions run high.

It's also a chance for us, as members of a democratic republic. How? By setting expectations for ourselves and our leaders. A peek at our neurobiology can help us make this debate something we learn from rather than something that divides us further.

As humans, we're wired to pay close attention to what others say and do, because we want to know how well we fit into our group. But it's mostly our subconscious that does the listening. We're rarely consciously aware of what we're absorbing.

We can change that a bit by learning how we're primed to hear the "other side," and then challenge ourselves to understand the election rationally rather than only emotionally.

We're so susceptible to priming that even someone else's word choice can influence our behavior without our knowing. One

study found that exposing people to rude or aggressive words before having a conversation (words like "power" and "fierce") makes people interrupt. But if you offer words like "help," "harmony," and "fair," people behave politely. Just hearing a

that help us process information more quickly. One blindspot is the fact that, essentially, we're hardwired to have double standards. When the guy from the other team is caught taking bribes, we're outraged by this person's evilness (cue the moral e mo -

language of our leaders. Some countries have "keep it clean" pledges in which both candidates agree not to use hate-filled language about the other side. What if we asked our candidates, at all levels, to do that?

Another idea is confirmed by a 2021 study. Simply seeing leaders treat each other warmly across a divide (laughing together, parting with a hug) increases our own feeling of warmth towards members of the other party. Utah Governor Spencer Cox launched the Disagree Better initiative, featuring videos of governors from both parties talking together. We can support (and vote for) officials who build relationships across the aisle.

Wouldn't it be a relief if we saw our leaders simply getting along from time to time?

Melinda Burrell, PhD, @MelindaCBurrell, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is a former humanitarian aid worker and now trains on the neuroscience of communication and conflict. She is with the National Association for Community Mediation, which offers resources for community approaches to difficult issues.



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few words can shape our behavior for good or bad.

Some words are particularly contagious because they capture our attention – moral emotional words like shame, disgust, and empathy that help us make ethical judgments. As psychologist Jay Van Bavel and his team found, tweets that contain moral emotional language ("Check out this statement from the debate – he should be ashamed!") get retweeted much more than neutral or even positive moral emotional language.

Also at play in election season are blindspots built into our brains – shortcuts

tional retweets!). When the guy from our side does the same thing, we make all sorts of excuses for why it was a one-off and not so bad.

So how can we use this understanding of our neurobiology?

At a minimum, we can be aware of the effect of candidates' negative moral emotional language on us and not repost it. We can also make sure we hold our guy to the same standards we hold the other guy.

More constructively, we can demand better

In loving memory of Michael Dombrowski 1971-2024



Michael "Mike" Lee Dombrowski, 53, entered into eternal life on June 18, 2024 at Bishop Drumm Care Center in Johnston, while under the care of Mercy One Hospice.

Mike was born on March 19, 1971 in Falls City, NE to Edward "Frenchie" and Joan (nee Peterson) Dombrowski. At the age of 3 Mike and his family moved to Webster City, IA. Then two years later to Hampton, IA. Mike attended Hampton Elementary, Junior High and graduated from Hampton High School in 1990. He went on to attend Iowa State University on a full wrestling scholarship. He went on to a career in construction working at Ames Home Improvement in Iowa from 1995 to 2004, and then again from 2017-2019. While living in Illinois, he worked at Cadbury in construction with his good friends Steve Pinkerton and Dan Medina.

Mike was always athletic. He was introduced to wrestling at the age of 6 by his uncle, Ron Peterson, who was a college wrestling coach. He wrestled, played football and baseball. He was Hampton High School's Wrestling State Champion in 1990 and is the last state wrestling champion Hampton High School has had to date. In 1993 while attending Iowa State he met his first wife Sylvia. They married in May of 1999. Together they had their daughter Isabelle in January of 2004. In 2004 they also moved to Illinois. Their marriage ended in divorce in 2009. In October 2011 he met his current wife Amy. They began dating in March 2012 and were later married on December 26, 2015. Together they had four children and four grandchildren.

Mike was an avid fisherman, golfer, Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan. He preferred fishing by himself, as he felt that it was "his time". He golfed with many friends including his bonus dad, Clark Moriarty. Mike lived in Illinois from 2004 until 2017 when he and Amy moved to Ames, IA.

Mike is survived by his wife, Amy Dombrowski (nee Anderson) of Ames, IA; daughter, Isabelle Dombrowski (Conner Bleck) of Eau Claire, WI; and her mother, Sylvia Dombrowski of Eau Claire, WI; stepdaughter, Amanda Weteska of Rockford, IL; stepson, Robert (Shayla) Weteska of Rockford, IL; stepdaughter, Jennifer Weteska of Rockford, IL; stepfather and mother; Jerry and Joan Hammond of Union, IA; sister, Tammy (Todd) Lewis of Omaha, NE; brother, Greg (Corey) Dombrowski of Hampton, IL; grandsons, Jeffery and Oliver; granddaughter, Eleanore and nieces Caitlin (Mario) Pena, Hailey Dombrowski, Jaymie Argotsinger and Cydnie Argotsinger and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He is preceded in death by his bonus dad, Clark Moriarty; dear friend, Dan Medina; grandson, Zaid Isic; brother-in-law, Bruce Argotsinger; grandmother, Lida Peterson and biological father, Edward "Frenchie" Dombrowski.

A Celebration of Mike's Life was held at the Ames United Church of Christ (217 6th St, Ames) on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. A remembrance visitation was from 11:00 a.m. until the service time. A luncheon followed the Celebration of Life in the Fellowship Hall, and all are welcome to attend.

In memory of Mike please wear blue (his favorite color) Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears or ISU attire. Mike's family would like to thank Mary Greeley Medical Center 4th floor staff, Bishop Drumm Care Center and Mercy One Hospice for the care they provided Mike in his last 6 weeks. There are no words that can express how special they are and how grateful we are for their care and support. Ames Monument & Cremation Center (515-233-3449) is caring for Mike and his family. Online condolences may be made at AmesCremation.com.

Death Notice

Royce Harms

Royce Harms, 87, of Wellsburg, Iowa, passed away Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the Franklin Country View Nursing Home in Hampton, Iowa. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at the Wellsburg Reformed Church with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday at the Wellsburg Reformed Church. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

Death Notice

Darrell Speck

Darrell Speck, 79, of Waterloo, passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at UnityPoint Health - Allen Hospital in Waterloo. Funeral services are pending with the Surls Funeral Home in Iowa Falls.

Backyard chefs invited to compete at the Franklin County Cookout Contest

FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Hampton, IA – June 24, 2024— The Franklin County Farm Bureau is partnering with the Franklin County Fair to host a new event this year at the Fair. The Cookout Contest will be held on Sunday, July 14 at the Franklin County Fair.

The contest is open to any Iowan who is passionate about backyard cook-

ing, whether that involves a grill or a smoker. Contestants can compete in the following categories: beef, pork, lamb, poultry and turkey. Entries are judged on taste, product knowledge, appearance and originality.

The Grand Champion will receive \$300 and an automatic spot to compete in the state Cookout Contest held during the Iowa State Fair on Farm Bureau Day, Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Second and third place will also receive cash prizes.

"Iowa farmers are passionate about being excellent caretakers of the land and animals," says Franklin County Farm Bureau Vice President Tanner Brass. "Our goal is to create a high-quality product people trust and feel confident feeding their families. The Cookout Contest is a celebration of those efforts and a fun way to see how people put their own

spin and creativity on Iowa-raised meat."

To register, contact Anna at the Franklin County Farm Bureau office at 641-456-4767 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/FranklinCookout2024> to register. Full details of the cookout contest rules can be found at <https://www.iowafarmbureau.com/News/Iowa-Farm-Bureau-Cookout-Contest>.

Family Focus to Provide Backpacks

BY LEE NELSON

For the second year, Franklin County Family Focus is providing backpacks and school supplies for families. This project began last year to replace a program no longer provided by the Hampton-Dumont Community School District.

The Family Focus group is seeking monetary donations from individuals, local businesses, and community organizations to make bulk purchases of backpacks and supplies to be distributed on August

6th during the National Night Out event hosted by local law enforcement and community organizations.

Please consider helping families in need with a donation no later than July 24. Make checks out to Franklin County Family Focus and mail to Franklin County Family Focus, PO Box 95, Hampton, IA 50441.

Donations may also be dropped off at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1405 N. Federal, Hampton (Monday thru Thursday 9am to 1pm) or taken to the Windsor Theatre, 103 N. Federal, Hampton (Wednesday

thru Sunday 6pm to 9pm or Wednesday and Sunday noon to 3pm).

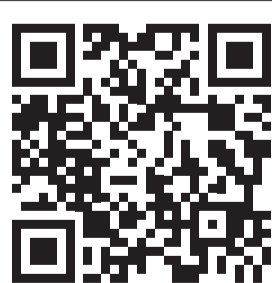
For more information, contact Jim Davies at 641-425-4707 or email jim@coachdavies.net.

Franklin County Family Focus is a collabora-

tive effort of community organizations to provide programs and services to positively impact residents and families of Franklin County promoting child health and safety, family stability, quality child-care, and school readiness.



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 • Wednesday, June 26, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
 • Sunday, June 30, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 10:45 a.m. Table Talk
 • Tuesday, July 2, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer
 • Wednesday, July 3, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's Catholic
 611 Sherman Ave., Ackley
Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest
 • Sunday, 8 a.m. - English; 5:30 p.m. - Spanish
 • Weekday Masses: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic
 1405 N. Federal St., Hampton
Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest
 • Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - English; 5:30 p.m. - Spanish
 • Weekday Mass: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
 • Food Pantry: Wednesday, 10 a.m. - Noon

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

First Christian Church
 605 Fourth St. NE, Hampton
 • Sunday, June 30, 10 a.m. Worship Service; 11 a.m. Fifth Sunday Potluck Dinner

LATTER DAY SAINTS

The Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints
 Hampton / Miguel Sosa Garcia, Branch President
 • Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship Service; Spanish Activities

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
 • Thursday, June 27, 2 p.m. West Fork Food Pantry
 • Sunday, June 30, 9 a.m. Worship

Service; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship

St. Paul Lutheran Church
 17 Second St. NE, Hampton
Nikoli Falenscheck, Interim Pastor

St. Paul's Lutheran
 304 W Main, Latimer
Reverend Joel Peter Wagner
 • Wednesday, June 26, 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. VBS
 • Thursday, June 27, 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. VBS
 • Friday, June 28, 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. VBS
 • Sunday, June 30, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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

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

Trinity Lutheran Church
 16 12th Ave. NE, Hampton
 www.trinityhampton.com
Vicar - Jacob Shepard,
Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen, Pastor
 • Sunday, June 30, 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 10:15 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; 7:30 p.m. Spanish Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar
Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor
 • Thursday, June 27, 5 p.m. Walk with God
 • Friday, June 28, 5 p.m. Walk with God
 • Saturday, June 29, 7 a.m. Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home
 • Sunday, June 30, 9 a.m. Worship Service with Hope Sunday & Singspiration; 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 • Tuesday, July 2, 5 p.m. Walk with God

First Lutheran Church - Dows
 • Sunday, June 30, 9 a.m. Worship Service

METHODIST

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

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

Geneva United Methodist
 603 Front St., Geneva
Pastor Jon Montgomery
 641-903-3214
 • 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 27, 9:30 a.m. BeFrienders
 • Saturday, June 29, 5 p.m. Worship Service
 • Sunday, June 30, 9:30 a.m. Adults Bible Study; 11 a.m.

Worship Service; 11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 12:00 p.m. Fellowship; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast
 • Monday, July 1, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK
 • Tuesday, July 2, 1:30 p.m. Sewing Ministry

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

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

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

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 Dows
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 • Discipleship class - Sunday @8:30am
 • Worship Service @ 10:00am

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 420 First Ave. NE, Hampton
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Pastor Pat Thompson
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 109 N Eskridge St., Dows
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 • Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; 11:15 a.m. Worship at First Presbyterian in Dows

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

REFORMED

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

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 214 Brown St., Alexander
 • Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Worship; 10:30 a.m., Coffee and fellowship

Zion Reformed Church
 2029 Jonquil Ave., Sheffield
Rev. Petri van Rooyen, Pastor
 Office Hours: M,W,Th: 8-Noon * Bad Weather KLMJ*
 • Thursday, June 27, 7 p.m. Faith Circle & Journey Circle
 • Sunday, June 30, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service - Kentucky Ministry

Hampton Seventh Day Adventist Church
 605 4th St. NE, Hampton
Pastor Steven Shafer
 Phone: 641-424-3055
 Email: SDAHamptonIA@gmail.com
 • Sabbath School Saturday 9:30
 • Worship 11:00

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Congregational U.C.C.
 22 First Ave. SW, Hampton
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Pastor Karen Koenig and Pastor Peggy Allison

• Thursday, June 27, Pastor Peggy will provide a worship service for Sheffield Care Center
 • Sunday, June 30, 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
 • Wednesday, July 3, Pastor Peggy will provide a morning worship service at Leahy Grove Assisted Living

Immanuel U.C.C.
 204 E. South St., Latimer
Pastor Joe Dunwald
 • Sunday, June 30, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; Mid Year Meeting following Service; All Church Birthday Party following meeting

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ - Geneva
 • Sunday, June 30, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship

In loving memory of
Eugene Jorgensen
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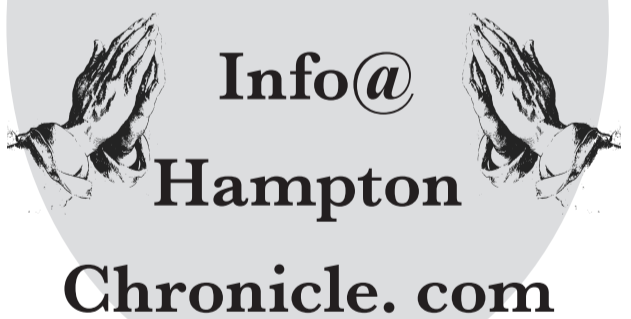
Eugene H. Jorgensen, 85, of Latimer, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday evening, June 16, 2024 at Franklin General Hospital in Hampton. He was born April 9, 1939, at home near Beeds Lake, Hampton, Iowa, the son of Alfred and Leona (Pralle) Jorgensen. He grew up on a farm south of Coulter and attended country school, later St. Paul's Lutheran School then graduated from Franklin Consolidated in 1957. He enlisted in the National Guard and following his discharge returned home to work on the family farm. He was united in marriage to Mardell M. Stadlander on August 31, 1963 in Meservey. The couple made their home in Coulter for a short time and then moved to a farm south of Coulter, then the family farm. While farming, Gene also worked at Omnium in Hampton, , opened cemetery graves, sold seed corn and measured bins for the ASCS. In retirement he and his wife moved to Latimer where he enjoyed playing cards with friends, playing cribbage and doing word find puzzles. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton. He is survived by his wife Mardell of Latimer, his children Darla (John) Griffiths of Waukee, Douglas (Melinda) Jorgensen of Hampton and Deanne (Matt) Sallee of Hudson, his grandchildren Emma, Jacob (Amanda), Lisa (Michael), Anne (Zach), Alan, Paula (Nicholas), Madison (Zach), Kylee, Thomas (Whitney) and Krista (Anthony), his great-grandchildren Dexter, Lyndy, Deklen, Stetson, Landon and Waverley, his brothers Charles (Joyce) Jorgensen of Clive and LeRoy (Janice) Jorgensen of Humboldt, also several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 21st at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton and visitation was held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20th also at the church. Burial will be in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Latimer. The Mason-Lindhart Funeral & Cremation Service of Humboldt is in charge of the arrangements. www.masonlindhart.com

Death Notice

Delores Benning

Delores Benning, 89, of Hampton, passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Franklin General Hospital in Hampton. Funeral services are pending with the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

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Self-Restraint
"Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control."
 Proverbs 25:28 NIV

Self-Restraint in all its forms is for the most part a learned behavior. Babies cry instinctively when they are hungry or tired, or just deprived of something they want. Children must be taught to be patient and learn to delay gratification, and to not throw temper tantrums when they don't get their way. But modern technology has allowed us to gratify so many of our desires so quickly that we seem to have unlearned self-restraint. A moment of boredom is all it takes for people to start scrolling on their phones or looking for something else to do. The ability to just sit and do nothing may not seem like a terribly worthy goal until we realize that it allows us to get in touch with ourselves and our true feelings. Another benefit of self-restraint is that we allow ourselves to genuinely experience hunger and thirst, rather than going to the refrigerator at the first pangs of desire. A childish lack of restraint is also responsible for such problems as overeating and addictions, whether to drugs and alcohol or to sex and gambling, or even compulsive shopping. Life need not be a demolition derby, but without self-restraint it usually is.
 -Christopher Simon

Sunday, June 30, 2024 First Reading 2 Samuel 11, 17-27 Psalm Lamentations 2, 20-33 Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 Gospel Mark 9:21-43

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Franklin County

Traffic: Matthew Wade Kerr, of Dumont, operation by unqualified driver

Fred Leonard Smith, of Gladstone, Missouri, speeding

Nicholas Alan Reich, of Fertile, speeding

Anna Kathryn Eisenlauer, of Webster City, speeding

Imanol Marin Sanchez, of Iowa Falls, no valid driver's license

Rylee Pals, of Alexander, speeding

Jordan Thomas Brown, of Vinton, speeding

Jonathan Garcia Gonzalez, of Hampton, speeding

Jackson Howard Dugan, of Princeton, Minnesota, speeding

Alayna Nicole Lashbrook, of Aplington, fishing and hunting

— no license under \$10

Cheyene Aurora Petersen, of Sheffield, speeding

Samuel Lee Perry, of Mason City, speeding

Santos Hernandez Ruiz, of Hampton, no valid driver's license

Lilianna Moreno Dohman, of Hampton, speeding

William Henry Scheidecker, of Hampton, failure to maintain or use safety belts

Megan Dona Vanhorn, of Rockwell City, operation without registration card or plate

Carmine Arthur Bolland, of Hampton, speeding

Troy Joseph Tischler, of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, speeding

Brook Nicole Bruce, of Grimes, speeding

Kory Michael Plagge, of Clear Lake, speeding

Feliciano Martinez, of Hampton, annoyance or disturbance

and failure to license dog

Civil: State of Iowa Ex Rel, of Des Moines, versus Brittni Anne Hernandez, of Hampton,

Melvin Omar Sandoval Montes, of Hampton, final support order

Idaho Housing and Finance Association versus Christopher M Brady, parties in possession, unknown spouse of Christopher Brady, petition filed

First Security Bank & Trust Company versus Chad David Uhlenhopp, Stacey J Uhlenhopp, order for judgment, \$19,000 jointly and severally, and \$20,000 for Chad David Uhlenhopp individually with an interest of \$1,192.50, and \$522 attorney's fees jointly and severally

First National Bank of Omaha versus Carla A Mahler, order for judgment, \$9,574.77 fine

OWI: Murtaza Ahmed, of Eldora, order for continuance

Brandie Sue Hennick, of Hampton, guilty plea

Darwin Sosa Martinez Sosa, of Hampton, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance

Small Claims: LVNV Funding LLC, of Plymouth, Minnesota, versus Heather Leann Holm, of Hampton, original notice

Credit Bureau Services of IA INC, of Oskaloosa, versus Melissa Eileen Egertson, of Coulter, Dallas E Paris, of Coulter, original notice

Midland Credit Management INC, of West Des Moines, versus Travis Lynn Chaney, of Hampton, original notice

Credit Bureau Services of IA INC, of Oskaloosa, versus Travis John Degroote, of Ackley, Josalyn Renae Sanders, of Hampton, original notice

Credit Bureau Services of IA INC, of Oskaloosa, versus Justin Blake Bochmann, of Hampton, Shannon Louise Bochmann, of Hampton, original notice

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, of Des Moines, versus Zachariah Joseph Hawley, of Hampton, original notice

Criminal: Jared Michael

Kropf, of Mason City, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance

Blake Michael Walrod, of Latimer, arrest warrant, criminal complaint, hearing for initial appearance, and no contact order

Derek Andrew Loffer, of Cedar Rapids, hearing for initial appearance

Michael Robert Korth, of Dows, criminal complaint

Wayne Hal Woltjer, of Hampton, criminal complaint

Mariana Palma, of Hampton, order for judgment, \$150 civil penalty fine, \$95 court costs, and \$65 additional fees

Police & Sheriff Reports June 17 - June 23 Hampton Police Reports

Monday, June 17:

Officers assisted with four medical calls and received three general calls.

10:57 a.m.: Report of an aggravated assault in the 00 block of 4th St. NW, Hampton.

12:28 p.m.: Report of a hit and run accident in the 800 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

12:33 p.m.: Report of lost articles in an unknown area, Hampton.

12:52 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

1:09 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

1:21 p.m.: Report of theft from vehicle in the 200 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

2:01 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of 1st St. NE and 5th Ave NE, Hampton.

2:11 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of 5th St. SW and 7th Ave, Hampton.

2:13 p.m.: Report of theft from vehicle in the 400 block of 3rd Ave SW, Hampton.

Tuesday, June 18:

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

2:17 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the 1600 block of Dorrell Dr, Hampton.

6:43 a.m.: Report of juveniles in the 1000 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

8:32 a.m.: Report of theft from building in the 800 block of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

9:14 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of 1st St. NW and 6th Ave NW, Hampton.

1:11 p.m.: Report of theft/larceny in the area of Olive Ave, Hampton.

4:28 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 200 block of 10th PL NW, Hampton.

4:57 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 200 block of 5th St. NW, Hampton.

5:35 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 100 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.

5:55 p.m.: Report of other animal complaints in the 400 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

6:50 p.m.: Report of trespass in the 200 block of 1st St. SW, Hampton.

7:27 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

8:55 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 200 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

Wednesday, June 19:

Officers executed three traffic stops and received two general calls.

2:31 p.m.: Officers assisted with traffic control services in the 600 block of 3rd Ave SE, Hampton.

6:36 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Central Ave and 1st St. NW, Hampton.

Thursday, June 20:

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

9:52 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 400 block of 1st St. SW, Hampton.

11:20 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 500 block of 6th St. SW, Hampton.

2:11 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the area of Wize Bize, Hampton.

3:01 p.m.: Report of a stolen property offense in the 200 block of 4th St. SW, Hampton.

5:47 p.m.: Report of an environmental issue in the area of Harriman's Park, Hampton.

11:34 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 100 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

Friday, June 21:

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

2:58 a.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

9:47 a.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the 10 block of 12th Ave NE, Hampton.

11:46 a.m.: Report of burglary in the 1700 block of Nettle Ave, Hampton.

6:17 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 500 block of 9th Ave SW, Hampton.

8:16 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and McDonalds, Hampton.

8:47 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 500 block of 9th Ave SW, Hampton.

9:05 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of 2nd Ave NW and 10th St. NW, Hampton.

Saturday, June 22:

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

3:58 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 400 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.

11:06 a.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 10 block of 2nd Ave SE, Hampton.

1:19 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Olive Ave, Hampton.

7:16 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 400 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

11:21 p.m.: Report of suspicious noise/fireworks in the area of the fairgrounds, Hampton.

11:38 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

Sunday, June 23: Officers received one gener-

al call.

12:24 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of the Iowa Falls Police Department, Iowa Falls.

4:18 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 400 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

7:45 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.

Franklin County Sheriff Reports

Monday, June 17:

Officers assisted with one medical call, received a report for one controlled burn, and received six general calls.

3:29 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Beeds Lake, Hampton.

8:31 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of N Chestnut St. , New Hampton.

10:23 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of West Forest Ave, Dows.

11:37 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of 3rd St. , Meservey.

1:07 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

2:01 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of 1st Ave NE and 5th St. NE, Hampton.

3:35 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of Central Ave E, Hampton.

11:08 p.m.: Report of an accident with personal injury in the area of Balsam Ave and Hwy 3, Dows.

11:23 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of Hwy 3 and Killdeer Ave, Latimer.

Tuesday, June 18:

Officers received one general call.

1:30 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the area of I-35 and mile marks 177-178 southbound, Thornton.

1:33 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the area of I-35 and mile mark 158 northbound, Dows.

9:09 a.m.: Report of a garbage complaint in the area of 200th St. , Alexander.

9:16 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Hwy 65, Sheffield.

10:38 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of 4th St. , Chapin.

2:14 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of Hwy 3 and Mallard Ave, Hampton.

5:44 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Lark Ave and C13, Latimer.

7:27 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the area of Hwy 65 and 180th St. , Hampton.

8:40 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of 200th St. , Alexander.

9:19 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of I-35 and mile mark 169 northbound, Latimer.

Wednesday, June 19:

Officers executed eight traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, and received a report for two controlled burns.

9:56 a.m.: Report of an accident with personal injury in the area of I-35 and mile mark 175 southbound, Sheffield.

9:57 a.m.: Report of an accident with personal injury in the area of I-35 and the Sheffield exit, Sheffield.

11:51 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in an unlisted area of Hwy 3, Franklin County.

2:16 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the 1300 block of Mallard Ave, Hampton.

2:59 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the area of the Hardin County Jail, Eldora.

3:06 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the 1100 block of 14th Ave, Eldora.

3:49 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Balsam Ave, Alexander.

5:57 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 170, Coulter.

8:39 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 174, Sheffield.

9:38 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 northbound and mile mark 142, Williams.

11:31 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of 140th St. and Quail Ave, Hampton.

Thursday, June 20:

Officers executed six traffic stops, received a report for six controlled burns, and received one general call.

12:03 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Beeds Lake, Hampton.

10:37 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 and the Sheffield exit, Sheffield.

2:08 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the 200 block of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

6:30 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the area of Clock St. , Geneva.

6:55 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Finch Ave, Dows.

9:58 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of 190th St. and Hwy 65, Hampton.

10:50 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the 300 block of Hwy 3, Latimer.

Friday, June 21:

Officers executed four traffic stops, assisted two motorists, received a report for two controlled burns, and received two general calls.

1:40 p.m.: Report of theft from vehicle in the area of Nettle Ave, Hampton.

2:35 p.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the area of Lark Ave, Hampton.

5:30 p.m.: Report of an operating while intoxicated issue in the area of Hwy 3 and Timber Ave, Hansell.

6:51 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

8:21 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and McDonalds, Hampton.

9:25 p.m.: Report of harassment in the area of Eagle Ave, Alexander.

10:39 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the area of Willy's, Hampton.

11:02 p.m.: Report of family offenses in the area of Grant St. , Coulter.

Saturday, June 22:

Officers received a report for three controlled burns and received two general calls.

10:20 a.m.: Officers assisted with traffic control in an unlisted area, Coulter.

10:39 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of 250th St. and Grouse Ave, Latimer.

11:19 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of I-35 and mile mark 176, Latimer.

11:26 a.m.: Report of property exchange in the 2400 block of 80th St. , Ackley.

11:34 a.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 2400 block of 80th St. , Ackley.

11:43 a.m.: Report of theft from building in the 1700 block of Quail Ave, Hampton.

12:32 p.m.: Report of disturbance in the 2400 block of 80th St. , Ackley.

1:16 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in an unknown area of Iowa.

1:55 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of the Methodist Church, Hampton.

3:21 p.m.: Report of a weather issue in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

3:33 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 200 block of Marston St. , Coulter.

5:11 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of I-35 northbound and mile mark 176, Swaledale.

6:05 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 2000 block of 125th St. , Geneva.

8:21 p.m.: Report of lost articles in the area of Winnebago County, Rockford, Illinois.

9:03 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 1000 block of Youngblood Ave, Meservey.

Sunday, June 23:

Officers assisted one motorist, received a report for two controlled burns, and received three general calls.

9:29 a.m.: Officers executed other warrants in the area of the Dows Rest Stop, Dows.

9:31 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

9:32 a.m.: Officers executed other warrants in the area of the Dows Rest Stop, Dows.

9:34 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

1:10 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 400 block of Villa Ave, Alexander.

3:49 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 156, Dows.

4:50 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the 2100 block of 175th St. , Hansell.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Change of Title: Virginia M Rodgers Affiant, Virginia M Rodgers Estate to Dick T Rodgers; Hamp Beed1 Blk 14 Lot 1-2 W2

Quit Claim Deed: Dick T Rodgers to Debbie Collins, Debra Collins; Hamp Beed1 Blk 14 Lot 1-2 W2

Quit Claim Deed: Kevin Collins to Debbie Collins, Debra Collins; Hamp Beed1 Blk 14 Lot 1-2 W2

Quit Claim Deed: Marilianne Mathilda Brooks, Tosha Ann Brooks to Marilianne Mathilda Brooks Trust, Marilianne Mathilda Brooks Trustee; 24-91-22 NW Parts, 24-91-22 Part, 24-91-22 NW NE Part, 24-91-22 SW NE Part

CT Officer Deed: Franklin D Honold Estate to Chei L Hanig; 15-92-20 Subdiv Terrace Hill Lot 1, Hamp Terrace Hill Lot 1

Affidavit of Transfer: Elvera

R Dodd Life Estate to Donald Dodd, Dale Dodd, Kenneth Dodd; 26-93-19 SE SE Undiv ½ Int

CT Officer Deed: Glenn Lee Freie Estate, Curtis Freie Executor to Jeanette Freie; 21-93-21 SE Part Undiv ½ Int

Warranty Deed: Emma Jean Christensen Trustee, Emma Jean Christensen Revocable Trust to Franklin County Iowa; Hamp Beed1 Blk 13 Lot 5-6

Change of Title: Charles D Nolte Estate to Judith L Nolte; Shef Sheffield Whisperingoaks1Stsub Lot 21

CT Officer Deed: Mary Margaret Struthoff Estate, Jenna Struthoff Executor to Jenna Struthoff, Scott Struthoff, Karin Harrington, Sara Heerwald; 14-90-19 SW Parts Undiv 1/8 Int

Warranty Deed: LM Investments LLC to Topher McGee

LLC; 15-92-20 SW SW Tract

Warranty Deed: Patrick Sietsema, Maurita Sietsema to Jesse Mollenbeck, Megan Mollenbeck; 15-92-20 Terrace Hill Subdiv Lot 16

Warranty Deed: Randy Sietsema, Debbie Sietsema to Jesse Mollenbeck, Megan Mollenbeck; 15-92-20 Terrace Hill Subdiv Lot 16

Quit Claim Deed: Carl D Benning, Wanda K Benning

to Carl D Benning, Wanda K Benning; 16090-19 NW Part

Warranty Deed: Eugene N Heilskov Trustee, Heilskov Family Trust to Gerald Dean Heilskov, Sarah Jane Heilskov; 13-91-21 N2 NW Part

Warranty Deed: Lois M Crabtree Trustee, Jason Michael Edward Dannen Trustee, Lois M Crabtree Trust to Kathleen Marie Koudelka; 25-93-19 NW NE Parcel 2024-20

FROM THE LOG

5:25 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of 110th St., Hampton.

9:01 p.m.: Report of found articles in the area of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Hampton.

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Thursday, June 20:

Officers assisted one motorist, assisted with five medical calls, received a report for six controlled burns, and received one general call.

4:31 a.m.: Report of a power outage in the 200 block of Elm St.

5:54 a.m.: Officers assisted with a citizen assist issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

7:26 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

9:14 a.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

9:20 a.m.: Report of vandalism/criminal mischief in the 26600 block of Cedar Ave.

9:24 a.m.: Report of veteran's van issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

9:51 a.m.: Report of an assault/fight issue in the 500 block of Cherry St.

10:11 a.m.: Accidental 9-1-1 call in the 700 block of Hwy 57.

11:02 a.m.: Report of a civil department request in the 1100 block of Water St.

11:38 a.m.: Report of theft in the 600 block of Hwy 57.

11:51 a.m.: Report of an assault/fight issue in the 600 block of E Washington St.

12:28 p.m.: Officers conducted a wellness check in the 300 block of Locust St.

2:10 p.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the 100 block of Main Street.

2:51 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

3:21 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 800 block of Main St.

3:38 p.m.: Report of an accidental 9-1-1 call in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:29 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

7:41 p.m.: Report of parade traffic in the 100 block of Main St.

9:30 p.m.: Officers assisted another agency with an issue

in the 200 block of W Washington St.

10:11 p.m.: Report of weather-spotters in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:24 p.m.: Report of disorderly conduct in the 100 block of E Washington St

10:42 p.m.: Report of theft in the 600 block of Hwy 57.

11:48 p.m.: Report of vehicle theft in the 18200 block of Up-land Ave.

Friday, June 21.:

Officers assisted with two medical calls, assisted one motorist, received a report for four controlled burns and received one general call

5:06 a.m.: Report of theft in the 600 block of Hwy 57.

5:47 a.m.: Report of located property in the 100 block of Main St.

6:48 a.m.: Report of an accidental 9-1-1 call in the 30200 block of 220th St.

7:05 a.m.: Edward Jayden Berg, 18, Ackley arrested for theft in the 5th degree; jailed.

7:54 a.m.: Officers assisted with transport in the 400 block of 6th St.

9:30 a.m.: Report of a civil department request in the 1100 block of Water St.

10:04 a.m.: Report of theft in

the 31500 block of Hwy D55

3:21 p.m.: Officers assisted with a citizen issue in the 500 block of N 5th St

4:00 p.m.: Esmeralda Ramirez, 42, Hampton arrested on a court order hold; jailed.

4:04 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 29500 block of Union Ave.

6:06 p.m.: Report of a domestic/family issue in the 600 block of Maple St.

6:56 p.m.: Report of burglary in the 900 block of McManus St

7:43 p.m.: Report of parade traffic in the 100 block of Main St.

8:03 p.m.: Report of an accidental 9-1-1 call in the 100 block of N Main St.

8:05 p.m.: Report of an accidental 9-1-1 call in the 300 block of Main St.

8:34 p.m.: Brandon James Quario, 32, Allison arrested for operating while intoxicated, 1st offense; jailed.

8:50 p.m.: Report of a chase in the 290th block of Hwy 14.

8:55 p.m.: Officers assisted with a citizen issue in the 600 block of Hwy 57.

9:17 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 225th block of Hickory Ave.

9:44 p.m.: Report of an as-

sault/fight issue in the 100 block of N Main St.

10:33 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of 6th St and Railroad St.

10:50 p.m.: Zachary Dale Bond, 26, Allison arrested for simple assault; jailed.

Saturday, June 22.:

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

7:15 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

7:38 a.m.: Report of flooding in the area of 185th St and Marsh Ave.

2:38 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 30300 block of 310th St.

3:48 p.m.: Report of theft in the 27900 block of 290th St.

4:38 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 300 block of E South St.

8:32 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 200 block of Bickford St.

11:17 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 15600 block of 265th St.

11:37 p.m.: Report of a noise complaint in the 22300 block of Hwy 3.

Sunday, June 23rd.:

12:38 p.m.: Report of flooding in the 15600 block of 230th St.

3: 03 p.m.: Report of an accidental 9-1-1 call in the 100 block of Main St.

3:46 p.m.: Officers assisted with a citizen issue in the 19400 block of Marsh Ave.

4:05 p.m.: Report of parade traffic in the 100 block of N Main St.

4:17 p.m.: Officers conducted fingerprints for the public in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:54 p.m.: Report of an accidental 9-1-1 call in the 900 block of Grant St.

5:13 p.m.: Officers assisted with a citizen issue in the 19200 block of Vail Ave.

9:50 p.m.: Report of an assault/fight issue in the 100 block of N Main St.

9:54 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 16200 block of Birch Ave.

9:55 p.m.: Report of an assault/fight issue in the 100 block of N Main St.

10:07 p.m.: Report of an accidental 9-1-1 call in the 100 block of N Main St.

11:42 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 100 block of S Main St, Charles City.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Becky Miller, 44, Hampton, to Jacobo Hernandez Martinez, 32.
Donald Goldsberry, 67, Hampton, to Shelley Brundage, 60, Hampton.
Elizabeth Sunken, 29, Hampton, to Joshua Davidson, 34, Hampton.
Katie Quintus, 30, Mason City, to Matthew Tull, 29, Mason City.

Melvin Ramirez Rivera, 25, Hampton, to Jessica Kothenbeutel, 37, Hampton.
Tanner Hoegh, 32, Bondurant, to Mackenzie Baack, 32, Bondurant.
Blake Miller, 24, Latimer, to McKayla Bales, 25.

Bank Teams Up with Make-A-Wish Foundation for Youth Football Camp

GREEN BELT BANK & TRUST

Green Belt Bank & Trust will be teaming up with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa and the We Will Collective to host the first We Wish – We Trust – We Will Youth Football Clinic for participants headed into 4th – 8th grade, on July 14th in Iowa Falls at Cadet Field/Dale Howard Stadium.

Ten to fifteen players from the Iowa State University Cyclone football team roster will be there to assist kids in honing their football skills during a two-hour clinic, which is set to start at 1 pm and end at 3 pm.

Check-in will begin at noon and all participants will be expected to be registered and ready to head onto Cadet Field no later than 12:50 pm. The cost of registration is \$25/participant.

This event will serve as a kickoff to celebrate the new partnership between Green Belt Bank & Trust, an Iowa Falls based community bank owned by the Weaver Family, and The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa, a not-for-profit organization that grants life changing wishes for children in Iowa who are fighting critical illnesses.

“When we spoke to the leadership at Make-A-Wish Foundation about what they do and saw their passion for helping

families helping their child fight a critical illness. This seemed like a great fit for us,” said Chris Weaver, owner, and board chairman of Green Belt Bank & Trust.

“This effort is really focused on making a direct and meaningful impact on the life of families we know or that live close by, and helping those in need in the communities we serve. Done right, we will be able to continue this effort and create a sustainable ‘Wish’ to be granted in each of the counties we serve.”

“The team at Green Belt Bank & Trust was surprised to learn about the families in their own community who have already received a wish and of those families who are

waiting.” Sara Kurovski, CEO & President of Make-A-Wish Iowa said. “They have stepped up and said we must do something about it, and they are! They have showed up with passion and energy for the mission and there is no slowing them down!”

While the football clinic will end at 3 PM, from 3-4 PM each participant will have the opportunity to receive a football, provided with registration, signed by all ten ISU Cyclone football players after the clinic is over. There will be an option for non-participants to get autographs in exchange for a donation of \$10 to Make-A-Wish Iowa.

Police: Therapist Charged with Sex Abuse Has a ‘Long History of Complaints’

BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

A therapist charged with sexually abusing a 13-year-old patient allegedly has a “long history” of complaints related to his conduct, despite there being no public record of any licensing sanctions against him.

On May 30, O’Brien County prosecutors charged therapist Martin W. Wallace, 75, of Sibley with two felonies: sexual abuse in the second degree, and sexual exploitation by a therapist. Wallace was also charged with the misdemeanor offense of lascivious acts with a child.

According to police, Wallace had improper contact with a 13-year-old male patient on multiple occasions inside his Sheldon office – placing a vibrating toothbrush in the child’s pants, kissing the youth, and pulling down the child’s pants and underwear.

Sheldon police also allege that during a May 16 search of the office, Wallace was asked to provide records related to the alleged victim’s care and steered police to a different set of records pertaining to the

alleged victim’s brother.

During the search, police said, they left Wallace unattended in a therapy room, then heard the sound of a shredder running inside the room. Officers intervened and asked Wallace what he had just shredded, and he allegedly replied, “I don’t know, it was just a paper from the desk.”

Days later, a former intern at the therapy office allegedly told police about records that were stored on a computer that was different from the one Wallace had given to police. The intern also reported that Wallace used video cameras in the office – something Wallace had allegedly denied during the course of their initial search.

Based on the new information, police conducted a second search of the office and discovered two cameras, including one that officers described as a “very small, magnetic hidden camera stuck to a lamp in the corner of the patient room.”

During that same search, officers asked Wallace for his cell phone, which he allegedly claimed to have left at home. Court records indicate Wallace then left the building and approached his vehicle,

which was parked outside the office. Police reported they saw Wallace retrieve his phone, at which point they seized the device, which was displaying messages that appeared to be of a sexual nature.

Police records indicate Wallace has been accused of misconduct in the past, although there’s no public record of state licensing officials taking any action against him prior to his arrest.

In a written communication with the court, one Sheldon police officer involved in the investigation asserted that he had reviewed an “investigative report” from the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing, which administers the state’s licensing boards. The report dealt with past complaints about Wallace’s conduct.

“Wallace has a long history of complaints about boundary issues with clients,” Sheldon Police Sgt. Eric Meinecke told the court. “Some notable complaints involved an intern in 2012 seeing an image of two naked men on Wallace’s work computer at the Creative Living Center; Wallace and a client being seen lying on the floor together

in 2017; numerous complaints about Wallace’s communication with clients outside of business hours; and a report of Wallace using cameras in the Creative Living Center, hidden and without permission.”

Prior to working at the Creative Living Center, Wallace spent 13 years working as a school counselor for the Sibley-Ocheyedan School District.

On June 6, one week after the criminal charges were filed against Wallace, the Iowa Board of Behavioral Science issued an emergency order suspending Wallace’s license and charging him with engaging in sexual activity with a patient.

A hearing on the board charges is scheduled for July 30. In the criminal case, Wallace recently entered a plea of not guilty. A trial date has yet to be scheduled.

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Dumont Council Meeting/Claims 5.16.24

May 16, 2024

The Dumont City Council met on Thursday May 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Edwin L. Mouw presiding. Those present were Council Members Mike Day, Wayne Pecha, David Shear, and Mary Tyrrell. Visitors in attendance were Jade and Mindy Pecha, representing the American Legion were Al Buseman, Pastor Jack Ritsema and Otto Tjaden, Dane Nolte from KBS Remodeling & Restoration and Shelly Zimmerman.

Mayor Mouw opened the Public Hearing on the Amendment to 2023-2024 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 May 1, 2024. As no one appeared to comment on the Amendment, and there were no written objections filed at City Hall, Day moved to close the Public Hearing. Shear seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell presented RESOLUTION 2024-8 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 2024 and moved for its passage. Shear seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, 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 2024-8 can be viewed at City Hall.

Mindy and Jade Pecha presented Trager Pecha's Eagle Scout project. They would like to extend the roof to the east of the Park & Rec Building for a shaded seating area. Tyrrell/Day moved to donate \$1000 towards this project with the possibility of more funding later on. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Pecha moved to approve the minutes from our April 16, 2024 and April 24, 2024 minutes as published. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Mayor Mouw opened the Public Hearing on the Proposal to Lease to the Dumont American Legion, Post #360 the West Sixty (60) feet of Lot 148. Said Notice of the City Council's intent to conduct a Public Hearing was published in the Hampton Chronicle on May 1, 2024. As no one appeared to comment on the proposal, and there were no written objections filed at City Hall, Tyrrell moved to close the Public Hearing. Day seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Day moved to approve the Lease Agreement with the Dumont American Legion, Post #360. The Tenant (Dumont American Legion Post #360) shall use the premises only for the operation of a popcorn stand and a Dumont Military Memorial display. The Tenant agrees to pay the City of Dumont (Landlord) as rent \$1.00 per 10 years. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell presented RESOLUTION 2024-9 as follows:

WHEREAS, Council Member Dennis Burkett resigned his position effective April 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is required by Section 3 72.13 of the Code of Iowa that a vacancy in elective City office be filled by special election not more than 90 days after it occurs or be filled by appointment not more than 60 days after it occurs;

WHEREAS, it is required by Section 3 72.13 of the Code of Iowa to publish notice before filling a vacancy in an elective City office by appointment; and WHEREAS, this notice states the Council intends to fill the vacancy by appointment; and

WHEREAS, if Council fills the vacancy by appointment, the electors of the City have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUMONT, IOWA, that the City Clerk be directed to publish notice that the City Council intends to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dennis Burkett by appointment.

and moved for its passage. Day seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Naysnone. Motion carried.

Day presented and moved to approve the second readings of ORDINANCE NO. 294 NUISANCE ABATEMENT PROCEDURE, ORDINANCE NO. 295 JUNK AND JUNK VEICLES AND ORDINANCE NO. 296 PERTAINING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE and moved to dispense of the third and final readings. Shear seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 294, Ordinance No. 295 and Ordinance No. 296 adopted. The Ordinances will go into effect after publication of these minutes. The complete Ordinances can be viewed at the Dumont City Hall during normal business hours.

Pecha/Shear moved to approve the fences over 4' at 216 Second St. and 818 N. Elm St. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Shear moved to approve the Agreement for Services with People-Service, Inc. for the operation and maintenance of our water/wastewater utility systems beginning June 1, 2024 and continuing until May 31, 2027 as follows:

- From June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025: \$1980 per month
• From June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026: \$2,060 per month
• From June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027: \$2,140 per month

Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Mayor open the sealed bids for the hay at the lagoon and the area behind the former elevator. We had one bid from Marlin Smith for \$325.00. Shear/Day moved to accept Marlin Smith's bid. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Dane Nolte with K.B.S Remodeling & Restoration discussed with the Council his quote for the roof repairs at the City Hall/Public Works building. After hearing the requests of the Council, Dane will make some changes and submit a revised bid for the project. The Clerk was instructed to place this on the agenda for our June 13th City Council meeting.

Shear/Day moved to approve Cummins Planned 3-Year Maintenance Agreement for our generators. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

The Clerk was asked to contact Butler County Engineer, John Riherd, requesting his presence at our June 13th meeting to discuss the T16 resurfacing project. The Council has concerns on ADA upgrades.

With the resignations of Levi Schriber and Chris Schriber, Tyrrell/Shear moved to advertise for the Public Works Director position at a starting wage of \$20 to \$24 depending on qualifications. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

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Coulter Council Minutes 6.12.24

City of Coulter

Unapproved Minutes of June 12, 2024 Council Meeting

City of Coulter Council Meeting at Coulter City Hall called to order at 6:30pm on June 12, 2024 by Mayor Myron Lawler. Council members present: Lon Allan, Carrie Cruz Covington, Alan Larsen, and Machele Raska. Absent: Cheryl Engels. Raska motioned to approve the Agenda, Cruz Covington second. All ayes, motion carried. Mayor Lawler called to public hearing on FY24 Budget Amendment #2 to order at 6:30pm. Raska motioned, Larsen second to open the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. No written or public comments received or presented. Raska motioned, Allan second to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. Larsen motioned, Allan second to adopt Resolution 2024-11; FY24 Budget Amendment #2. All ayes, motion carried. The second reading of Ordinance Amendment 2024-54 which amends Title VI Physical Environment, Chapter 5 Utilities - Billing Charges; 6-5-8 Water Rates was held. This amendment increases the base water rate from \$15.00 to \$17.00 and increases the rate of all over 2,000 gallons from \$6.00 to \$7.00. No written or public comments received or presented. Cruz Covington motioned, Larsen second to approve the second reading of Ordinance Amendment 2024-54. All ayes, motion carried. Raska motioned, Cruz Covington second to waive the third reading. All ayes, motion carried. Larsen motioned, Cruz Covington second to approve Ordinance Amendment 2024-54. New rates will be effective with July 2024 utility billing. The sale of the City lot at 117 2nd street was discussed. No sealed bids were received. No action taken. Next topic was Off-Road Vehicles and Ordinance Amendment 2023-55. Topic was first discussed at the October 11, 2023 Council Meeting and revisited at the May 10, 2024 meeting with no action taken. Mayor Lawler asked the Council to review and edit the amendment to address the handling of Off-Road Vehicles. No action taken. Council opting to reevaluate at the July 10, 2024 Council meeting. Mayor Lawler presented a draft of an Ordinance Amendment regarding the parking of trailers, campers, or mobile homes. No action taken. Council will revisit at the July 10, 2024 Council meeting. Upon further suggestions from the Council, the Ordinance Amendment draft will be sent to Attorney Simonson prior to it being presented for Council approval. Resolution 2024-12; Hourly Wages for Library was presented. Allan suggested adding a section stating the Library Board sets the hourly wages. Revised Resolution to be presented at the July 10, 2024 Council Meeting. Allan motioned, Larsen second, to adopt Resolution 2027-13; Yearly Salary for City employees. All ayes, motion carried. The new resident at 1350 Gull Ave asked about having fireworks at the property on July 4th. Being within the allowed dates for fireworks, this will not be an issue. The Council appreciated the inquiry. Raska motioned, Cruz Covington second, to change the days/hours of City Hall from Mon-Thur/8:00am-1:00pm to Mon, Wed-Fri/8:00am-1:00pm. All ayes, motion carried. Raska motioned, Cruz Covington second, to approve the May 8, 2024 Council Meeting minutes as written. All ayes, motion carried. Allan motioned, Raska second, to approve the June 5, 2024 Special Council Meeting minutes as written. Ayes: Allan, Larsen, Raska. Absent: Engels, Abstain: Cruz Covington. Raska motioned, Cruz Covington second, to approve the claims presented for payment totaling \$105,666.81. All ayes, motion carried. Raska motioned to adjourn, Larsen second. Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Myron Lawler, Mayor
ATTEST:
Janet Neubauer, City Clerk

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West Fork CSD Meeting 6.17.24

West Fork Community School District Board Minutes Official Proceedings - Regular Meeting - June 17, 2024 - unapproved

The West Fork Board of Education met for its regular meeting in the Media Center in Sheffield. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President, Grant Petersen. Board members present: Holly Henricks, Erin Suntken, Amber Marzen, and Travis Butler. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kruger, MS Principal Lance Thompson, HS Principal Daren Huisenga, Elementary Principal Ashley Flatebo, and West Fork Board Secretary Lacey Pueggel.

Visitors: Jeff and Sharon with SiteLogiQ, Mary Schlichting, Meagan Wentz, Lauren Heuberger, Elyse Fredin via Google Meet, Jacob Hall with Iowa Standard via Google Meet.

Henricks made a motion to approve the Agenda, Minutes from May 20th, June 2024 bills, Open Enrollment requests, and May 2024 Financials; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Principals Report:

- 1. FEMA Operations/Maintenance plan was reviewed
2. Update on the Softball/Baseball Field Improvements
3. Still some Para Educator positions to fill in each building Superintendent's Report

- 1. Meeting with NIACC for Academy updates
2. Working with other North Iowa School Districts to utilize hard to fill positions and behavior school consortium(s)
3. Had an Admin Team retreat last week Buildings and Grounds

- 1. Summer maintenance is ahead of schedule, with a great/productive team in place
2. Painting, carpet updates, and annual summer cleaning Athletic Report

- 1. Safety Nets installed at the Softball/Baseball complex
2. Other improvements to the Softball/Baseball field are complete Technology Report

- 1. All old devices have been recycled
2. New Chromebooks have been enrolled and labeled for the start of school
3. AEA Technology services will begin July 1 in place of NGT Jacob Hall left the meeting at 5:27pm

Old Business:

Mr. Kruger updated the board on the Summer Projects taking place. Jacob Hall joined the meeting at 5:29pm

New Business:

Jeff and Sharon of SiteLogiQ reviewed the potential scope of the phase II project as recommended by the Task Force Committee. The next steps would include working with Piper Jaffrey on final costs and financial need, amend contracts, begin the process of receiving signatures for the petition to file for a Bond Referendum. Following discussion, Suntken moved to approve the scope of the project as presented by SiteLogiQ and the Task Force Committee to proceed with a Bond Referendum for the Phase II project; seconded by Henricks. Motion carried 5-0. Thank you again to the Task Force Committee and SiteLogiQ for their work on this.

Jeff, Sharon, Meagan, Lauren left the meeting at 5:54pm. Board Secretary Pueggel read the nominations for the Reconsideration Committee. Eleven Community members were nominated to serve. A reconsideration committee ballot with all eleven individuals was distributed to the school board members. Votes were read and the top three individuals will be contacted to serve on the reconsideration committee. If any of the individuals decline to serve on the committee, we will ask the next highest person receiving votes. Henricks moved to approve the reconsideration committee as voted on; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Mary Schlichting left the meeting at 6:13pm. Elyse Fredin and Jacob Hall left the meeting at 6:14pm. Marzen moved to approve the 28E Contract for Educational Services for Provision of an Industrial Technology Academy Program for 2024-2025; seconded by Henricks. Motion carried 5-0.

Henricks moved to approve the 28E Contract for Educational Services for Concurrent Enrollment Career Link Programs & Courses; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve the following; RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of West Fork CSD, will transfer expenditures from the Activity Fund to the General Fund for FY 2023-2024 to help cover cost for safety equipment in the amount of \$5,100.53 as allowed under section 280.13, Code of Iowa; seconded by Suntken. Ayes: Butler, Suntken, Marzen, Henricks, Petersen. Nays: N/A Motion carried 5-0.

Marzen moved to enter into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(i) for the Superintendent Evaluation; seconded by Henricks. Ayes: Butler, Suntken, Marzen, Henricks, Petersen. Nays: N/A Motion carried 5-0.

Closed Session for Superintendent Evaluation entered at 6:17pm. Marzen moved to exit Closed Session at 6:57pm; seconded by Butler. Ayes: Butler, Suntken, Marzen, Henricks, Petersen. Nays: N/A. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Henricks moved to approve a three-year contract to Superintendent Kruger with a 3.4% increase in wages; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 5-0.

Suntken moved to approve a contract to Camron Jimenez to serve as a 75TE Baseball coach for 23-24 season; seconded by Henricks. Motion carried 5-0.

Suntken moved to approve a contract to Pam Simpson to serve as a Para Educator at the Sheffield Campus for 24-25; seconded by Henricks. Motion carried 5-0.

Suntken moved to approve a contract to Sierra Craighton to serve as a Para Educator at the Rockwell Campus for 24-25; seconded by Henricks. Motion carried 5-0.

Marzen moved to approve the resignation of Michelle Thompson, Long Term Sub and Para Educator; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Next Regular Board Meeting is July 15, 2024 in Rockwell in the Band Room at 5:00pm.

Suntken moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Board President - Lacey Pueggel
Board Secretary - Grant Petersen

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West Fork CSD June Bills 2024

West Fork Community School District June Bills 2024 Vendor Description Amount

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name/Description, Amount. Lists various vendors and their bills for 2024, including 210TH STREET BAKERY RETIREMENT, AGWSR CSD OPEN ENROLLMENT, etc.

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LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name/Description, Amount. Lists various vendors and their bills for 2024, including HENKEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, UMB BANK N.A. BOND FEES, etc.

PEEL FUND

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name/Description, Amount. Lists various vendors and their bills for 2024, including BLICK ART MATERIALS KILN, CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC. SUMMER FLOOR WAX, etc.

Got a Legal Notice to Submit?

Deadline for legal notice submissions is Mondays at noon

Latimer City Council Meeting/Claims 6.12.24

The Latimer City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at Latimer City Hall. Mayor Mark Johansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the following council members answering roll call: Randy DeBour, Catherine Crooks, Deon Juhl, Eric Bruns and Elizabeth Symens.

The Director of Maintenance reported that Quality Pump had to come and remove the pumps at the lift station and had to remove the blockages. The Clerk reported they turned water off for non-payment on one account this month and have sent a letter to the property owner regarding the tenants past due balance.

The Council reviewed the Budget Report, Revenue Report and Fund Balance Reports with questions for the clerk. Michelle and Jason with Latimer Fun Day Committee were present to request some road closures. Parade route and some activities are using Donovan Street, West Andrews Street, North Akir Street.

Under routine maintenance issues, Wayne requested a change to the garbage rules. After some discussion, the council instructed Wayne and Larry to leave garbage that is too heavy and the clerk will send letters to the ones that are bigger issues.

The tobacco permit for Latimer Grocery pending submission of application was approved with a motion made by Bruns and seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

A request from Latimer Development for a sidewalk variance for 121 South Akir Street on the south side of the property was received and reviewed by the council. DeBour made a motion to approve the request and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

A request from Frontier to do some work at the corner of South Street and South Akir Street was reviewed by the council and was approved with a motion made by Juhl and seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

An estimate for sidewalk replacement at the water treatment plant was received from #1 Construction for \$4,260. A motion was made by Symens and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

The Council reviewed the utility rates for increase effective 7/1/24 with the automatic 3% increase in the ordinances and also include several other. DeBour made a motion to approve the increases and Bruns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-04 approving the FYE transfers after all expenses have been paid for FY 24 was approved with a motion made by Bruns and seconded by Juhl. Resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:35 pm Crooks made a motion to go into closed session and was seconded by Symens. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:55 pm DeBour made a motion to open the meeting and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Crooks made a motion to approve the mayor to sign the development agreement and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8 pm, Bruns made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Johansen, Mayor
ATTEST:
Melissa Simmons, City Clerk

Table with columns for General, Water, Sewer, and Garbage categories, listing various services and their associated costs.

Table showing Total payroll (\$7,185.55) and May Receipts (General, Road Use, Employee Benefits, etc.)

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City of Coulter Claims 6.12.24

Table titled 'City of Coulter Claims Approved for Payment 6/12/2024' listing various vendors and their claim amounts.

Table titled 'June Expenditures by Fund' and 'May Revenues by Fund' showing financial data for various departments.

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Franklin County Vendor List 6.26.24

Table titled 'Franklin County Vendor List 6.26.24' listing vendors and their invoice amounts.

Approved 6/24/24 to be paid 6/26/24

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NOTICE: Sheriff's Sale No. EQCV502124-1

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Court No. EQCV502124-1
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STAFONIA L. BAMRICK; SPOUSE OF STAFONIA L. BAMRICK, IF ANY; AND: PARTIES IN POSSESSION, IF ANY - ET AL, IN REM

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s) rights, title, and interest in Real Estate Property to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: Lot Three (3), Block Fourteen (14) in Gilman's Second Addition to Sheffield, Franklin County, Iowa (locally known as 415 Thompson Street, Sheffield, IA 50475; Parcel No. 0304358002) Street Address 415 Thompson Street, Sheffield, IA 50475

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows: Date of Sale: 07/31/2024 Time of Sale: 10:00 AM Place of Sale: FRONT LOBBY OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE This sale not subject to redemption.

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Attorney Brad Slotter, Charles City, IA 641-228-4533 Date 06/11/2024 Sheriff Deputy Aaron Dodd Heidi Hilton, Civil Clerk FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

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Franklin Co. BOS Minutes 6.24.24

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS June 24th, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, June 24th 2024 at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Vanness, McVicker, and Lukensmeyer present.

The Board began their meeting by witnessing the Oath of Office being administered to Future County Attorney, Andrea Miller (effective July 8th, 2024). Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the Agenda with the removal of New Business item #7. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the minutes from the 6/17/2024 regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Lukensmeyer attended CICS. McVicker attended Second Judicial District and NIACOG Housing Trust Fund.

Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on his department.

A drainage meeting pertaining to JDD 1-31-86 Main Open Ditch was held. Full minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the county website.

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

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution authorizing appropriations to County Officers & Departments for FY24/25. The resolution reads as follows: RESOLUTION #2024-35

Authorizing Appropriations to County Officers and Departments for FY24/25 WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors shall appropriate dollars for all budgetary departments based on Iowa Code 331.433(6); WHEREAS, appropriations on Budgetary Funds/Departments for FY24/25 are based on the Notice of Public Hearing-Proposed Budget published on April 3, 2024. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors agree to appropriate 100% of the budgeted amounts for expenditures for all remaining budgetary departments.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve FY2025 wages as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution amending Franklin County Employee Handbook Section Four: Time Off Benefits. The resolution reads as follows: RESOLUTION #2024-33

AMENDING FRANKLIN COUNTY HANDBOOK SECTION FOUR: TIME OFF BENEFITS

WHEREAS, the updated Franklin County Employee Handbook final copy was presented and approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 19th, 2019; WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors are adding Section 4.17 "Precinct Election Official Leave" Precinct Election Office Leave 4.17

Franklin County encourages community involvement and civic responsibility when it comes to recognizing the importance of protecting and promoting the right to vote.

As a strategy to better support employees who wish to volunteer to serve as non-partisan poll workers, each regular full-time employee shall be granted two (2) paid administrative leave days to serve as a PEO (Precinct Election Official) for Franklin County, including training periods.

Department Heads and Elected Officials are encouraged to accommodate their employees' request for time off to serve as a PEO for any election event. However, scheduling of administrative leave for the above- described purpose is subject to the discretion of the requesting employee's Department Head or Elected Official without significantly impairing mission-essential operations.

Leave time will be verified with the Franklin County Auditor. Administrative leave time may only be used during the employee's regular scheduled hours and will not count work hours for the purpose of calculating overtime. If PEO duties require the employee to be absent for a longer period of time than as allowed in this policy, the employee must use accrued leave or earned comp time to cover the absence. THEREFORE, the added section is effective upon the passing of this resolution.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #2024-34 APPROVING THE AMENDED CAFETERIA PLAN INCLUDING A HEALTH FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT & DEPENDENT CARE FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the undersigned authorized representative of Franklin County (the Employer) hereby certifies that the following resolutions were duly adopted by the Employer on February 16, 2016, and that such resolutions have not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the form of amended Cafeteria Plan including a Health Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account effective January 1, 2024, presented to this meeting is hereby approved and adopted and that an authorized representative of the Employer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan. The undersigned further certifies that attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, respectively, are true copies of Franklin County Flexible Benefits Plan as amended and restated, and the Summary Plan Description approved and adopted in the foregoing resolutions.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, Seconded by McVicker to appoint Andrea Miller as Temporary Part-Time County Attorney beginning 6/24/24 and setting her wage at \$7.25 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the fiscal year end petty cash count. Supervisor Lukensmeyer will complete it this year on Friday afternoon, 6/28/24. Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:42AM until Monday July 1st 2024, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse.

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

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Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library



BY BRENDA VAN WERT
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is 8-year-old **Oliver Chesnut**. He will be in the third grade this fall. Oliver is the son of Valerie and Matt Chesnut. He doesn't have a favorite book — he just really loves to read and attend the programs at the library!



Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is **Oliver Chesnut**

AG Bird Announces Creation of Cold Cases Unit

BY ROBIN OPSAHL
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

Attorney General Brenna Bird has announced the creation of a cold case unit within the state office dedicated to investigating unsolved murders in Iowa.

At a news conference at the Polk County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday, Bird said the new unit, to be officially launched July 1, will consist of three full-time investigators and one prosecutor dedicated to solving more than 400 unsolved murders in Iowa. The staff will work with the local law enforcement agencies where the cases originated to bring a fresh perspective and "seek answers for families," according to a news release.

Bird, serving her first term as attorney general after defeating longtime Democratic Attorney General Tom Miller in 2022, said that she made it a priority to build a cold case unit when campaigning for the office. She thanked the state legislature for "granting us the budget to make it happen," and said that the new team would be focused on "detecting new leads" in unresolved murder investigations.

"My promise to families of Iowa cold case victims is this: we will never give up, we will never stop searching, and we will never lose hope," Bird said. "If even one case is solved, it is all worth it. No one should get away with murder."

Steve Ponsetto, a retired Division of Criminal Investigation agent and state trooper, will serve as the lead for the unit. He said the investigators will be tasked with reviewing homicides, missing persons as well as cases involving unidentified human remains in cases where local law enforcement have hit dead ends in investigations, according to reporting from Radio Iowa.

"Justice for victims, answers for families, accountability for the perpetrator — these are the goals for this cold case initiative," he said.

Iowans are encouraged to contact Bird's office if they have information on cold cases — tips can be submitted by emailing coldcase@ag.iowa.gov or calling the office at 1-800-242-5100.

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Iowa-Based Beverage Companies Sue the State Over New THC Limits

BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

Two Iowa companies are suing the state over its interpretation of a new law that restricts THC levels in adult beverages.

Climbing Kites, a Polk County beverage manufacturer, and Field Day Brewing Co., the Johnson County producer of the Day Dreamer line of cannabis sparkling water, are suing the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services in U.S. District Court.

The lawsuit has its roots in the state Legislature's passage of the Iowa Hemp Act of 2019. That law, along with the 2018 farm bill passed by Congress, excluded hemp from state and federal definitions of "marijuana," effectively legalizing hemp production across the nation and in Iowa.

The state law not only cleared the way for the production of hemp within Iowa, but also contemplated the production and sale of hemp-based consumables within the state.

In 2020, a second hemp bill was approved by state lawmakers, establishing a consumable hemp program and approving

the production of consumables with a maximum THC concentration of 0.3% or less, the same threshold established in federal law.

In 2023, two separate groups of investors launched Climbing Kites in Des Moines and Field Day in North Liberty, and the two companies soon began producing canned beverages that contained carbonated water, citric acid, natural flavors, and hemp-derived cannabis oil.

The law limiting the level of THC, which is the primary psychoactive element of cannabis, in such products wasn't an issue for either company, whose products contained THC in the range of 0.001% to 0.003% — far less than the legal maximum of 0.3%.

In 2024, state lawmakers began considering legislation to further restrict the potency of hemp consumables. Despite opposition from the Consumable Hemp Advocates, the Epilepsy Foundation of Iowa and others, House File 2605 ultimately passed both chambers and was signed into law by the governor on May 17.

The new law stipulates that the THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, concentration in a

consumable must be less than, or equal to, three-tenths of 1 percent on a dry-weight basis, or equal to or less than 4 milligrams per serving.

With the new law scheduled to take effect on July 1, DHHS recently issued written guidance for current manufacturers and retail sellers to follow. According to that guidance, DHHS intends to implement potency limits by altering the definition of a "serving" to one 12-ounce can — which, when combined with the new statute's limitations, means a can of Climbing Kites or Day Dreamer cannot include more than 4 milligrams of THC.

According to the lawsuit, that limit conflicts with the statute that says a consumable may contain up to 10 milligrams of THC per container.

The result, the two companies claim, is that "the department will criminalize all (of their) beverage containers smaller than 12 fluid ounces" once the new law takes effect on July 1. They argue that approximately 80% of their current inventory will become illegal because of DHHS' interpretation of the potency limits.

"Products that account for approximate-

ly 85% of plaintiffs' revenue will become illegal because of the department's interpretation," the lawsuit claims.

The lawsuit alleges the state is violating the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution, noting that the federal Food and Drug Administration has the power to oversee food safety.

The companies are seeking an immediate injunction preventing DHHS from enforcing the new limits, as well as an order declaring that a state-imposed potency limit of 4 milligrams per serving violates the Constitution, and that DHHS has no authority to interpret the provisions of House File 2605 in any manner beyond the plain language of the statute.

The state, which says it does not comment on pending litigation, has yet to file a response.

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Iowa Poll finds Trump Leads Biden by Double Digits Among Likely Iowa Voters

BY ROBIN OPSAHL
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

Former President Donald Trump's leads President Joe Biden by nearly 20 percentage points among likely Iowa voters, the most recent Des Moines Register/Media.com Iowa Poll shows.

The poll results, published Monday, show 50% of likely Iowa voters said they would support Trump, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee in the general election if it were held today. Biden, the incumbent president who defeated Trump in the 2020 election, had the support of 32% of likely voters.

Outside of the main two candidates, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who is running as an independent after failing to win the Democratic nomination against Biden, earned the most support. The poll found

9% of likely voters supported Kennedy, while libertarian presidential candidate Chase Oliver earned 2% of likely voters' support. Another 3% said they would support someone else, 1% would not vote, and 3% are not sure.

Trump won Iowa in the 2020 presidential election, earning 53% in the state to Biden's 45%. He also won Iowa in the 2016 election with 52% to Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton's 42%. The latest poll results show Trump having a greater lead against his Democratic opponent heading toward the Nov. 5 election, with an 18 percentage point margin. Previous Iowa Polls from this election cycle showed a similar margin: Trump led Biden 48%-33% in the March poll.

Compared the March poll, more Iowa independents have a positive view of Trump than before — 48% of indepen-

dents view him favorably compared to 50% unfavorably, a better margin than the 42%-53% favorability he earned in the earlier poll. However, Trump still has a worse margin with independent women, with 41% saying they have a favorable view and 58% an unfavorable view.

Though he has a net positive favorability score, there is still a significant portion of likely Iowans who strongly dislike Trump. In the poll, 37% of Iowans said they have a "very unfavorable" view of Trump. Biden had 50% of poll takers who said their feelings toward him were "very unfavorable."

Overall, 13% of respondents have an unfavorable view of both presidential candidates, according to the poll. In this group of so-called "double-haters," more plan to vote for Biden, 26%, than Trump with 16%. Among people who see both Biden

and Trump unfavorably, 26% support Kennedy, who held an event in April to qualify for the Iowa general election ballot.

The Iowa Poll was conducted June 9-14 by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines. Results are based on responses from 806 Iowa adults with a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Of those respondents, 632 were likely voters, and questions to this group have a margin of error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.

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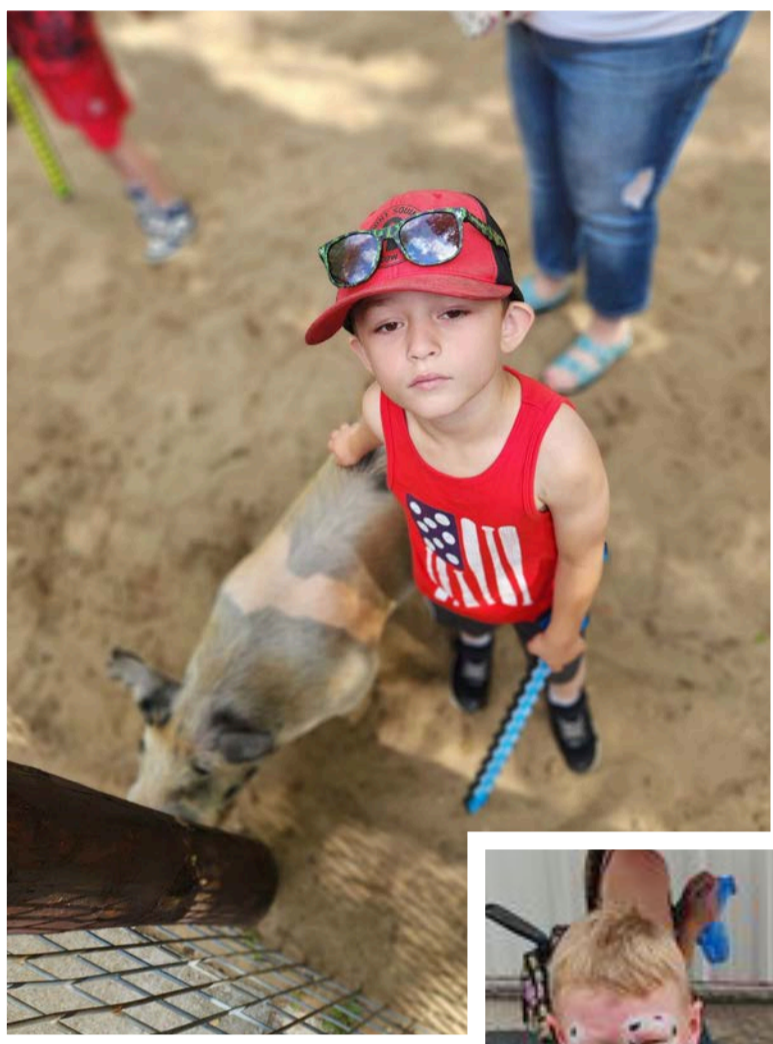
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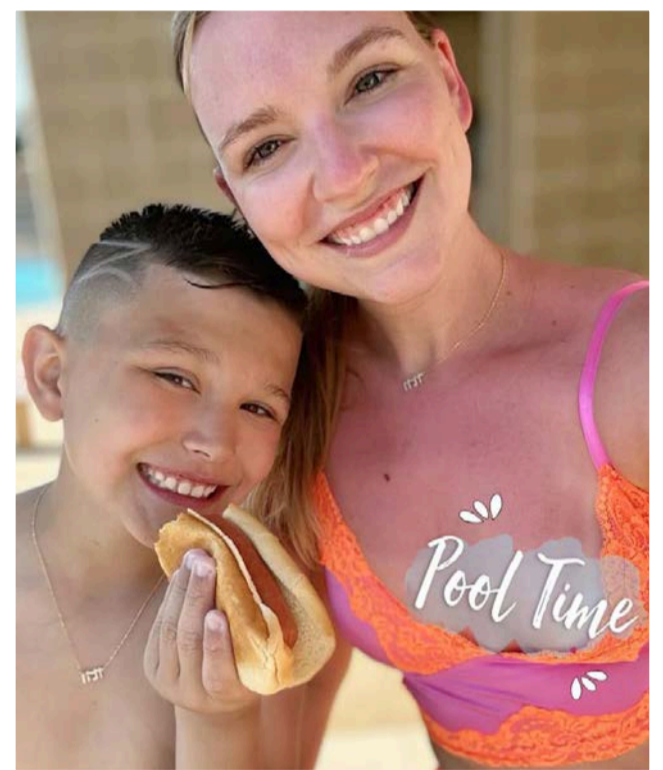
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Santiago Kline at the Latimer splash pad



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