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Abby Schoning Named 2025 Franklin County Fair Queen

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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Abby Schoning, 17, of Sheffield was named the 2025 Franklin County Fair Queen Thursday evening, July 10.

Schoning, who will be a senior at West Fork High School in the fall, told the Chronicle that she is honored to be named this year's queen.

"This means a lot to me. I love the community and I love the people of Franklin County," she said. "I am so excited to get to serve Franklin County this year."

Involved in softball, dance, track, volleyball, FFA and the National Honor Society, Schoning was also named "Miss Outstanding Leadership." She is the daughter of Dave and Dacia Schoning.

2024 Franklin County Fair Queen Libby Trewin gave an emotional speech, before announcing Schoning as the winner.

"I am so thankful for this experience," said Trewin. "I will always carry it with me. But all good things must come to an end."

First runner-up was Jana Harms. Second runner-up was Alycia Martinez. "Miss Congeniality" was Alycia Martinez. And "Miss Photogenic" was Jaslene Tevalan.

From left to right, Libby Trewin and Abby Schoning. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

Three Youth Earn Royal Titles at Fair

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Franklin County Fair Queen wasn't the only one who walked away with a crown at the fair last week.

Pierson Dirksen was named "Little Mister," Hannah Swieter was named "Little Princess" and Jiada Sochit was named "Little Miss."

Pierson Dirksen, 7, who's going into second grade, hopes to become a police officer someday. He is the son of Sarah Dirksen.

Hannah Swieter, 8, who's going into third grade, loves to read and hopes to become a veterinarian when she grows up. She is the daughter of Jacob and Stephanie Swieter.

Jiada Sochit, 7, who's going into the second grade, hopes to become a zookeeper someday. She is the daughter of Britt Lumley.

The other contestants for "Little Miss" were Salem Skein, daughter of Taylor Prochasksa; Rylan Kulish, daughter of Annaka Ragsdale; Signe Lenertz, daughter of Sage Lenertz; Opal Miller, daughter of Tanner and Sarah Miller; Lilli Mollenbeck, daughter of Jesse and Megan Mollenbeck; Ava Osborn, daughter of Leslie and Shon Osborn; Evelyn Osborn, daughter of Leslie and Shon Osborn; and Olivia Tauro, daughter of Caitlin Tauro.

Congratulations to Hannah Swieter, 8, for being named this year's Little Princess! Hannah, who's going into third grade, loves to read and hopes to become a veterinarian when she grows up.

Jiada Sochit, 7, of Hampton was named the 2025 Little Miss! Jiada, who's going into the second grade, hopes to become a zookeeper someday.

Pierson Dirksen, 7, is this year's Little Mister! Pierson, who's going into second grade, hopes to become a police officer someday. Here he is with last year's Little Mister, Jace Halsne.

The other contestants for "Little Princess" were Kinzey Kline, daughter of Conner and Chandra Kline; Hallie McCormick, daughter of Travis and Whitney McCormick; Avery Nicholson, daughter of Brooke Nicholson; and Kyra Olmstead, daughter of Melinda Olmstead.

The other contestants for "Little Mister" were AJ Borcherding, son of Brian and Kristen Borcherding; Henrik Lettow, son of Amy Jenssen; Omer Miller, son of Tanner and Sarah Miller; Kyle Olmstead, son of Melinda Olmstead; and Wyatt Wede, son of Amanda Wede.

The Fair Queen Committee is made up of Abby Baltes, Jennie Barkema and Kristen Sunkten. The sponsors for this year were Mort's Water, AmericInn, Central Park Dentistry, Christensen Jewelry, Everbloom Flower Co., Eric and Pauline Barkema, Franklin County Fair Board, Franklin REC, Head Quarters Salon, HyVee Foods & Dollar Fresh, PCI Construction, Wild Bloom Boutique and Willier Photography.

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Ceremony Held for National Historic Landmark Designation of Reeve Generating Plant

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

A special ceremony was held Wednesday morning, July 9 to celebrate the designation of Reeve REA Power Generating Plant as a National Historic Landmark.

Franklin County Historical Society President Jim Davies acted as the emcee, and a special appearance was made by Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig.

"This plant represents more than just a piece of history. It's a symbol of the determination, hard work, and cooperative spirit that brought light and power to rural Iowa, starting right here in Franklin County," said Davies. "What began as a dream became reality through the efforts of local leaders, farmers and community members who refused to give up. Their work changed lives and today we celebrate that legacy."

Franklin County Historical Society Board member Rick Whalen, who applied for the status, said it took four years to get approved. Naig thanked him and everyone else who made this possible.

Jim Davies, Darwin Meyer, Mike Naig, Garrett Thompson and Rick Whalen with the plaque for the National Historic Landmark designation. Photo by Emily Rush

"This was no small task. This changed lives for the better," said Naig. "This is a well-deserved recognition."

The Reeve plant was designated as a landmark last December. Iowa has 28 other landmarks.

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Model Railroad Club Shows off New Lighting at Fair

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Bob Grant, Steve Johnson and Mike Ward in front of their model train on Sunday, July 13.

The members of the North Central Iowa Model Railroad Club were excited to show off the new lighting for their model train at the Franklin County Fair this year.

They were located in the basement of the train depot on the east side of the fairgrounds. The upgrades were made possible with donations from sponsors, said club member Bob Grant. On Sunday, he was joined by fellow club members Mike Ward, Steve Johnson and Jim Hansen. The four shared their favorite parts about the club, all agreeing that it's been a great way for them to find friends with similar interests.

Grant told the Chronicle that the club, which meets every Thursday, was started 14 years ago. They currently have 15 members.

When asked about the model railroad on display, Grant called it a "condensed version of the real thing," and like with real-like train tracks, they are constantly making adjustments and updates.

"I'm 81 now," he said. "So I'm glad I found this. It's something I can do forever."

If interested in becoming a club sponsor, call 641–456-1998 or email eastsidetrains@gmail.com.

Bob Grant with the newly-installed lighting.

The model railroad is located in the basement of the train depot on the east side of the fairgrounds.

Alliant Energy Gives County Fair a Spark

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Franklin County Fair is made possible with generous donations from corporate sponsors every year. And the Alliant Energy team is proud to be one of them.

This year, the company donated around $15,000 to the Franklin County Fair — $10,000 to the fair's new ADA-compliant bleachers, $3,500 for ice cream supplies for the entire week and $2,200 for a grand championship sponsorship.

AE Grassroots Community Engagement Partner Kristen Weaverling told the Chronicle that the company believes in engaging with and supporting the community in a variety of ways.

Aside from donating money to the fair this year, AE employees are also donating their time. On Friday, Juy 11, they took on the task of churning the ice cream at the Pleasant Hill ice cream shop — one they seemed to thoroughly enjoy. The employees were all smiles when the Chronicle stopped by, joking with one another as they worked.

"We wanted to show up in a big way this year," Weaverling said. "Community engagement is deeply important to Alliant Energy and we wanted to come out here today to show that we're a good corporate partner."

From left to right, Alliant Energy employees Brandon Miller, Cody Hemann, Kristen Weaverling, Marcus Galante and Tony Vaughn take a break from churning ice cream for a photo.

REEVE GENERATING PLANT: *FROM COVER*

(Top Left) Franklin County Historical Society Member Rick Whalen speaking at the plant on Wednesday, July 9. Photo by Emily Rush

(Top Middle) Jim Davies speaking at the ceremony. Photo by Emily Rush

(Top Right) Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig giving a speech at the ceremony. Photo by Emily Rush

(Right) People walking through the Museum. Photo by Emily Rush

Sentencing Announced for Sex Offender

BY MICHAEL HOHENBRINK
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING

Benjamin Harold Green

A Hampton man will learn his fate coming up after being found guilty of sexually abusing children at a daycare.

Benjamin Harold Green, 28, has been found guilty of abusing three children at various times from 2014 up to 2020 while working at a Hampton-area daycare.

He was charged with three Class "B" felonies, all for sexual abuse in the second degree, with each count theoretically carrying up to 25 years in prison.

Green's lawyer managed to get a change of venue over to Worth County, claiming pre-trial publicity could impact a fair trial.

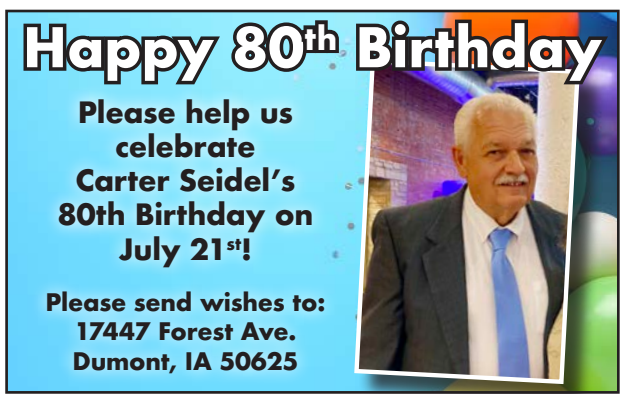
After Green's arrest in 2023, bond was set at $100,000.

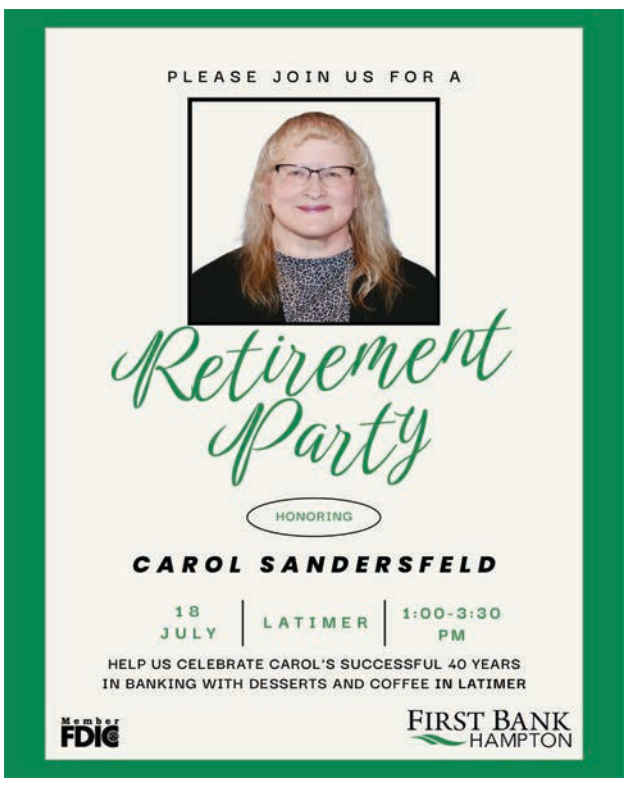
Green will learn his fate at his sentencing set for 1:30 p.m. Sept. 4 back in Franklin County.

2025 Franklin County Fair Opening Ceremony

2024 fair queen Libby Trewin giving a speech at the opening ceremony.

Greg Welsher, Rich Showalter and Bob Fink raise the American flag during the opening ceremony.





First Security Foundation Announces $15,000 Contribution to Rockwell American Legion

PRESS RELEASE

The American Legion was chartered by an Act of Congress in 1919 as a veterans' organization; WWI vets returned to the USA exhausted, weary, and in need of assistance. The organization flourished, with membership today sitting at 1.6 million people at more than 12,000 posts worldwide (https://www.legion.org/about/organization/history).

The Rockwell Legion Post 208 will build a brand new American Legion Club in Rockwell, IA. They will tear down two old buildings on Main Street, and the new American Legion will replace them. This will both improve Rockwell's Main Street and honor the community's veterans and active-duty military members.

The Rockwell Legion Post 208 has been fundraising for this project for 12 years, and it will be costly. Projected final costs sit at $515,000, and through their decade-plus of working on this project, the Rockwell Legion Post 208 raised $365,000 as of November 2024. They have held many fundraisers, received grants, donations, and utilized support from the community.

The First Security Foundation is proud to have donated $15,000 to the new American Legion Club and contribute to veterans and active-duty members alike. Long time First Security employee Stacie Peterson said, "Getting this new building for the American Legion has been a long process! The American Legion members have worked very hard on this project for quite a few years. This new building will give a fresh new look to Main St. and give the community of Rockwell another good gathering place. I am so proud that the First Security Foundation was able to have a part in helping the American Legion's dream come true."

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Where in the World is Isaac Vosburg?

My Fifth Week in India

BY ISAAC VOSBURG

It is 10:13 PM on a Saturday, and I have been busy. I woke up at my usual time this morning, around 6:20 AM, despite the fact that I had specifically not set any alarms. After going back to sleep for a little longer, I went out to the balcony, strung up my hammock, and got quite a few chapters through the book I've been whittling away at these past few days. I took my hammock back down around 8:30, answered some emails and texts, and by 9:00, had immersed myself in my notes app and Google Maps. I spent the next two hours planning an itinerary for my friends and I in Delhi, with the only brief reprieve from my research being the New York Times games I played with my girlfriend while on a video call. Brunch for us interns was served at 11:00, wherein I presented my morning's worth of work.

Taking into account the suggestions of my coworkers and friends, some of whom were or still are Delhi natives, I had crafted the perfect afternoon. We would ride the metro from here in Gurgaon to Delhi, and begin our time by visiting Sunder Nursery, Humayun's Tomb, and the National Zoological Park, before heading to Connaught Place, then Janpath Market, finding somewhere for supper, and catching the yellow line metro back home. It was a relatively foolproof plan, and a rather packed schedule—quite the way to spend a free Saturday.

As much as I would love to share every little detail of my day today in the manner I have been above, that is not the intended focus of today's column. Instead, let me spoil the fun and say that my friend Maya and I did everything listed in the itinerary above, save for the Park, since it started to rain and everything there was outdoors. Okay, great! You can consider the day wrapped up.

Why "cut to the chase?" Why the rushed ending? Why this literary device? Well, here's why: There's a whole other story to tell.

Just three days ago, I was in a car traveling the exact opposite direction from my aforementioned train to Delhi. My supervisor Aparna and I were on our way to a field visit. There were two schools in the Nuh district of this very same state of Haryana that we would be working with today, implementing the vitamin A programs I've been developing, testing, and improving for the past five weeks. As we turned off the main thoroughfare, the horizon became wider now that office buildings were no longer an obstruction, agricultural land began to command the eye's attention, and after an hour or so, we'd reached the village.

Here, there are no metro stops, no vendors selling tourist-y trinkets for far more than they're worth, no air conditioning, or heck, even doors to every building you walk into. I love every bit of that. There is electricity, internet, and cellphones, but none of those are the rule; in fact, each of the said first-world "needs" tends to be the exception by a wide margin.

I find no need to compare my experience working in these village communities with the many amenities of my life in the U.S., mostly because there are already two starkly contrasting worlds present literally equidistant from the Sehgal Foundation campus in Gurgaon. Hop on a train for an hour one way, and you're in the heart of a capital city known the world round, with bustling traffic and a 370 billion dollar GDP. Drive for an hour in the opposite direction and you'd hardly believe you're in the same country.

During my first few weeks, I attempted to reconcile these two visions of India such that whenever I hear the country mentioned, I'll have a single, clear visual in my mind of what "India" is. As I sit here now, however, knowing that that was once my

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Spotlight at the Fair

Tammy Masiker after cleaning the bathrooms on Sunday, July 13

Have you ever wondered who keeps the bathrooms at the Franklin County Fair clean? That would be this lovely lady, Tammy Masiker, who's been working for the fair since 2018. Every two hours, she could be seen scrubbing and restocking the bathrooms and showers, making sure they were in tip-top shape for anyone who stopped by. Tammy told the Chronicle that she loves her work at the fair, calling it the best job she's ever had.

Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: EchoPark Automotive 400

Race Details

Location: Dover, Del.
Date: Sunday, July 20, 2:00 p.m.
Last Year's Pole: Kyle Busch
Last Year's Winner: Denny Hamlin

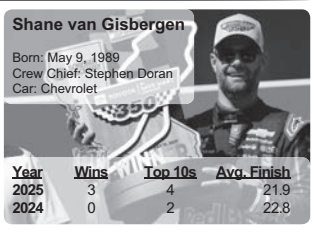
Dover International Speedway

Race Preview

The EchoPark Automotive 400 on Sunday, July 20th, marks the 107th time NASCAR will race at Dover Motor Speedway. With 24 degrees of banking in the turns and 9 degrees on the front stretch, this concrete mile is known as the Monster Mile. The track was built in 1969 by Melvin Joseph of Melvin L. Joseph Construction Company, Inc., with an asphalt surface, but was replaced with concrete in 1995. Six years later in 2001, the track's capacity moved to 135,000 seats, making the track have the largest capacity of sports venue in the mid-Atlantic. Jimmie Johnson holds the most Cup victories at Dover, with 11 total. TNT will broadcast the race with radio coverage from MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Last Weekend's Race: Shane van Gisbergen won at Sonoma

Shane van Gisbergen won the Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma Raceway on a pleasant Sunday afternoon in wine country. As has become his custom of late, the New Zealander reached a trio of milestones, winning his third straight road/street course race from the pole position to equal Jeff Gordon's feat from 1998 and 1999. The victory was van Gisbergen's third of the season in his first trip around the 1.99-mile, 12-turn circuit in a NASCAR Cup Series car. "We had an amazing car," van Gisbergen said. "So stoked for Red Bull, Trackhouse, Chevy."



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2025	3	4	21.9
2024	0	2	22.8

2025 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten

Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) William Byron	668	11
2) Chase Elliott	654	11
3) Kyle Larson	624	12
4) Tyler Reddick	615	8
5) Denny Hamlin	606	10
6) Christopher Bell	597	12
7) Ryan Blaney	545	8
8) Chase Briscoe	526	9
9) Ross Chastain	513	9
10) Chris Buescher	500	10

Xfinity Series Top Ten

Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) Justin Allgaier	686	12
2) Sam Mayer	627	11
3) Austin Hill	622	12
4) Connor Zilisch	617	10
5) Jesse Love	582	12
6) Carson Kvapil	554	8
7) Brandon Jones	527	6
8) Sheldon Creed	518	10
9) Nick Sanchez	507	8
10) Sammy Smith	502	10

Top News Stories

Christopher Bell to run first two nights of Eldora's Kings Royal

Christopher Bell, driver of the No. 20 Toyota Camry XSE for Joe Gibbs Racing, will spend Wednesday and Thursday, July 16-17, in Rossburg, Ohio, at the famed Eldora Speedway where he will compete in the first two nights of the 42nd annual Kings Royal, one of sprint car racing's crown-jewel events. "NASCAR has the Daytona 500, Coca-Cola 600, Brickyard 400 and Southern 500. Sprint car racing has the Kings Royal and the Knoxville Nationals. Those are always the big events," said Bell, who made his name in sprint cars and midgets before establishing himself as a perennial championship contender in the NASCAR Cup Series. "The Kings Royal is a huge event and it's always an honor to be a part of it, even if it's only for the first two nights." Bell will drive the No. 69k 410 winged sprint car for team owner and National Sprint Car Hall of Famer Don Kreitz, Jr, in Wednesday night's Double Down Duels and Thursday night's Joker's Jackpot. He will be easy to spot. Interstate Batteries, the leading replacement battery brand in the United States, will sponsor Bell in his quest with its traditional bright green livery adorning the No. 69k. Bell's winning ways began early, from go-karts at age 6 to USAC's top-three national touring divisions as a teen, where he campaigned in Midget, Silver Crown and Sprint Car, three very different types of open-wheel racecars, on a variety of tracks that included both asphalt and dirt.

Racing Trivia

Which NASCAR driver owns the record for most Daytona 500 victories?

a) Jeff Gordon
b) Richard Petty
c) Bobby Allison
d) Cale Yarborough

Answer: b) Richard Petty, nicknamed The King, won the Daytona 500 a record seven times.

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Working with the Trump administration to protect our farmland and Iowa agriculture

REP. RANDY FEENSTRA
COLUMNIST

On Tuesday July 8th, the Trump administration announced the rollout of the National Farm Security Action Plan. This is a comprehensive, seven-point initiative to defend American farmland from foreign adversaries, secure our agricultural supply chains, and ensure the long-term success of family farms and agriculture in Iowa and nationwide. At a time when countries like China are deploying shady tactics to undermine our agricultural dominance, this proposal puts farmers and rural communities first – a promise that President Trump and his administration have upheld over and over again

The seven points of this action plan include protecting American farmland from foreign enemies, making agricultural supply chains more resilient, eliminating fraud and abuse from the SNAP program, investing in agricultural research and development, implementing America First policies at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, strengthening foreign animal disease prevention and response, and defending agricultural organizations and businesses from cyberattacks. Taken together, these policy prescriptions form a roadmap of the Republican mission to keep China and other foreign adversaries away from our farmland, pass family farms from one generation to the next, and protect our status as the breadbasket to the world.

In Congress, I have introduced several pieces of legislation that align with the Trump administration's National Farm Security Action Plan. My Foreign Agricultural Restrictions to Maintain Local Agriculture and National Defense Act – known as the FARMLAND Act for short – would develop new oversight measures for foreign farmland purchases, require the Secretary of Agriculture to report threats of foreign acquisition of American farmland to Congress, and punish foreign investors who fail to properly disclose farmland purchases. More specifically, it would authorize the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to review all purchases or leases of American farmland by foreign entities that exceed $5 million in value or 320 acres in size and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to put together a public database of all farmland owned by foreign governments and other entities. Last year, I additionally voted to add the Secretary of Agriculture to CFIUS – adding just another safeguard to ensure that our farmland does not fall into the hands of our enemies, especially China.

As it pertains to the SNAP program, I introduced legislation to strengthen the integrity of SNAP by establishing a zero-tolerance policy on benefit overpayments. Every month, taxpayers shell out about $1 billion in SNAP overpayments, which is absolutely ridiculous and must change. The American people elected President Trump and Republican majorities in Congress to cut waste from government and get our budget under control. With over $36 trillion in debt and counting, we have no time to waste to pinpoint every possible area to save taxpayer dollars and hold bureaucrats accountable. One sector that needs serious reform is the SNAP program, and I will continue to fight for fiscal sanity, government efficiency, and a balanced budget.

Additionally, President Trump's "One, Big, Beautiful Bill" supports the three-legged stool of animal health, which helps defend our farms and country from deadly and costly foreign animal diseases. We fully funded the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) and the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank (NAVVCB) to keep animal and plant illness out of country and provide robust investments in mitigation and response efforts should diseases enter our borders.

Keeping foreign adversaries – like China – off our farm ground is a important matter of national and farm security. From Chinese nationals smuggling dangerous, crop-killing fungi into our country to Chinese spy ballons surveilling our military bases and other critical infrastructure, we cannot allow China, or any foreign enemy, to gain an even greater foothold in our farmland or our agricultural supply chains. By standing up to foreign adversaries, cementing our agricultural dominance, and investing in our rural communities, we ensure that American farmers and producers can continue to feed and fuel our country and the world.

The Emigration Problem

THE ALTERNATIVE

FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
THE ALTERNATIVE

I've been visiting with people lately about the ICE raids. An Instagram video showed a man at Angel's Tacos in Los Angeles being led away in handcuffs by typically over-accessorized authorities who were wearing masks.

We have visited this business before when in LA and found focused perfectionists trying to keep up with a long line. It was emblematic of a system built for the benefit of "the common good."

Some point to "common good" as being a goal of redistributionists. But good for all comes from working with nature, or human nature, not fighting it. The common good is benefitted when everyone is allowed to achieve their full potential.

At Angel's Tacos scarce resources were most efficiently distributed (long line, good product). Waste affects us all eventually and if all businesses were run like this one the world would be a better place.

About the time hog prices crashed and our family labor grew up and moved away, the hog business changed. Farmers built hog houses with pits for manure. There was no pollution from manure runoff like in our outdoor lots. Temperatures were regulated with ventilation and costs were low enough to provide cheap protein to the masses.

Companies owned the pigs and paid the farmers to raise them. Once these farmers found out that power washing, vaccinating, sorting, and loading was not as fun as driving a tractor, they hired those things done. The big campers, boats, and winter homes down South show that they can afford to have someone else do the dirty work. It's pretty hard to find a native white guy doing these jobs, much less fixing a roof or weeding a field by hand.

Meanwhile, south of the border, the drug trade is lucrative enough that it is constantly being fought over. Over 350,000 people have been killed in Mexico in the war on drugs since 2006. Further south in Central America, European and US banana companies destroyed the family farming system, turning workers into indentured servants with no opportunity for a better life.

For years the Federal Government has focused on defending borders all over the world, but not ours. Legal holders of work visas were delayed for the planting season because of the crowds of immigrants clogging legal entry into our country. The war industry makes special interests more money than one of peaceful commerce, so our borders were ignored while we ship modern, industrialized terror around the world.

A farm manager I talked to admires and respects his seasonal workers. They actually have a minimum wage that comes with the visa and have the ability to eventually bring their families. But the process to control the border is so drastically understaffed that desperate people sneak in to escape the lawless hell-holes of Central America and Mexico.

So what do we do now? There was shock at the announcement that the Trump administration has fired 1,000 State Department employees. When I heard this I immediately thought, "What did they do?" They were called diplomats. Why do we have diplomats? Because it's cheaper for businesses to have taxpayers negotiate trade agreements than to navigate overseas markets themselves. And they can use the power of government to coerce deals.

This brings us to the purpose of the border. Protection. Before so-called conservatives took up the anti-immigration cause, it was trade unions that were most adamant about protecting their jobs from low-wage workers. Donald Trump, who was a Democrat up until the Republicans couldn't find a candidate who appealed to the populist fedupidnous that was sweeping the nation, jumped at the chance to be even more important than he already was.

Our country has developed a propensity for theft through government. Whether it's a so-called right to health care or education or handouts called crop insurance, it's still theft. And while it is "our" country, much of the impetus for a closed border is to prevent consumers from getting the best products at the best price. And that is a form of theft. Since it's "legal", it's justified in the eyes of people who dismiss morality as an inconvenience.

The best reason to control the border is illustrated by a short story from a friend who knows people in South Africa. They have an accordion style door in a hallway of their home (like you might see at an after hours storefront in

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Election Law Changes

By Katy Flint
Franklin County Auditor

Wow! It's been a while since I've been here writing, but I'm happy to report that's because I've been super busy. Things keep chugging along at the County and we keep working away at all the daily tasks as well as the things that tend to "pop" up. But digress…

It's official. The 2025 Legislative session is over and the deadline for the governor to sign, not sign, or veto bills has long passed. I'm sure by now you've all heard that there were some changes to election law. I'm going to do some highlighting of the changes, but first and foremost, please know that virtually nothing changes for the voter. The changes are heavy in administration changes or officially codifying things we were already doing (on the administrative end of things). So, here we go!

If my office receives an Election Day Registration back in the mail due to being undeliverable, we must notify the Secretary of State's office, the County Attorney, and Sheriff.

ASVP (or Absentee) Boards are now required to convene at 9AM on Election Day. Traditionally, our Board convened about 2PM so this is a definite change for them. If my office receives a voter registration form on which "non-citizen" is marked, we must automatically mark it as an "incomplete" registration.

Verbiage about citizenship will be added to the Declaration of Eligibility to vote slip.

The threshold for recounts has been changed to 1% vote difference or 50 votes, whichever is less.

Recount Boards are now the Auditor, staff, and Precinct Election Officials. In the past, both sides of the election have selected a person and then they select an impartial 3rd party. We can now handle the recounts ourselves.

That's it. Well, not 100% of it, but those are the highlights. Like I said before, it really doesn't change anything for the voters. As always, if you have questions about election law or elections in general, my door is always open! Until next time…

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Thursday, July 24
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Cedar Summerstock's Traveling Cabaret Comes to Windsor Theatre July 22

BY LEE NELSON

The Franklin County Arts Council presents "A Cabaret Night" at the Windsor Theatre on Tuesday, July 22, starting at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Top national collegiate artists from Cedar Summerstock Theatre in Osage will perform a fun, family-friendly hour of singing, acting, and dancing.

The public are invited to attend. A free will donation will be taken at the door. Concessions will be available

CST is a national college theater company in America's Heartland. Based in Mitchell County, Iowa, CST's mission is to connect communities and grow tomorrow's artists! From June through August, top talents from every corner of the country can be seen in our productions at the Cedar River Complex in Osage, IA. CST alumni are working on Broadway, National Broadway tours, Cruise Lines and regional professional theaters.

Nancy Nickerson Lee is the Founding Executive Artistic Director. Nancy has been a performing arts educator for over thirty years, which includes award winning performing arts program at Minneapolis-Washburn and Southwest High Schools and as an adjunct professor at St. Olaf College. She has been honored by the Tony Awards for Excellence in Theatre Education (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019); Hennepin Theater Trust Spotlight 2018 Educator of the Year Award; the WCCO 2017 Excellent Educator Award; Grammy Community Engagement Award (2010). Nancy is committed to bringing exceptional theatrical experiences to rural communities. Mitchell County, Iowa is Nancy's childhood home and a perfect location for Cedar Summerstock Theatre.

The current college cast and crew at CST consist of a talented group of young artists who are passionate about bringing their creative vision to the stage.

These individuals come from a diverse range of backgrounds and areas of study, and they bring their unique perspectives and talents to each production. With their dedication and hard work, they strive to create unforgettable performances that inspire and captivate audiences. Whether you're a seasoned theatergoer or a newcomer to the world of live performance, you won't want to miss the chance to see these rising stars in action.

Performers include Aidan Ryan (NYU-Tisch), Andrea Paulina Robles (Point Park University), Brenden Infante (Elmhurst University), Caleb Hector (Western Carolina), Conner Currie (Wayne State University), Jenna Willet (The Hartt School), Kayla Mariah Fifer (University of Mississippi), Leyla Eames (Institute Of The Arts Barcelona), Logan Johnson (Point Park University), Mackenzie Wrap (Carnegie-Mellon University), Matthew Gordon (University of Oklahoma), and Mia Klaes (University of Utah).

Tech Crew are Nichole Mitchel (Steverson University),, Gabe Sokolowski (University of Central Missouri), Caitlin Mooney (Truman State University), Joshua Fisher (Snow College), and Carrie McKellar (Snow College).

SUDOKU

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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

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

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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Hampton to Host Heartland Rally Events July 18–20

BY LEE NELSON

The Christian Motorcyclists Association of Iowa's annual Heartland Rally will be held in Hampton from Friday, July 18, through Sunday, July 20. Approximately 200 people are expected to attend, contributing to our local economy. Hampton and Franklin County residents are also invited to participate in the events.

Public Event Schedule

Friday, July 18

7:00 – 9:00 PM – Bandshell Park

Live music and family games. Enjoy performance by Choose This Day, featuring Craig Carey and Jarad Bassett of Muscatine and Rick Elsberry of Marshalltown.

Saturday, July 19

9:00 AM – Faith Baptist Church

Morning worship service.

2:00 – 4:00 PM – Bandshell Park

Bike games and motorcycle show. David and Carla Leehy from Minnesota will lead the bike games. Show categories: People's Choice, Custom, and Oldest. Banjo music by Rhea Ward of Georgia.

7:00 PM – Windsor Theatre

Free screening of The Forge (2024), an American Christian drama. The film follows 19-year-old Isaiah Wright on his journey through adversity, mentorship, and spiritual growth. Open to the public.

Sunday, July 20

9:30 AM – Faith Baptist Church

Worship service featuring music by Choose This Day.

Visit the pop-up Goodies store in Center 1 throughout the rally. Shop a wide selection of men's and women's apparel, youth and kids' items, accessories, headgear, toolbox gear, multimedia, and member training materials.

The Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) is an international, interdenominational Christian ministry founded in 1975 by Herb Shreve. Headquartered in Hatfield, Arkansas, CMA is dedicated to sharing the message of Jesus Christ with the motorcycling community worldwide.

Hampton was selected as the new host city for this annual state rally by Iowa State Coordinator Ron Hamrick, who was impressed by Bandshell Park during a previous visit. He later phoned Jim Davies, then Interim Director of the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, to discuss the possibility of holding the event in Hampton. The rally was previously held in Fort Dodge but was relocated due to a scheduling conflict. Hampton will now host the event annually.

This event is supported in part by funding from Franklin County Tourism.

For more information about the Heartland Rally, please contact State Coordinator Ron Hamrick at 715-260-2222.

Congrats, 2025 Parade Float Winners!

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce announced the following float winners for the 2025 fair: Koerner Whipple (Best of Franklin County), First Bank Hampton (Best Overall) and Access Inc. (Best Chamber Winner. Images provided by the Chamber.

Congrats, Fair Queen Candidates!

Congratulations to all of the 2025 Franklin County Fair Queen candidates! Beautiful ladies inside and out.

From left to right, Kaitlyn Emery, Natalie Dohlman, Jade Johnson, AnnEllen Hofmeister, Alycia Martinez, Abby Schoning, Jana Harms, Jaslene Tevalan, Jenna Koons, Emma Dietz and Amelia Schrock.

Fair Queen: Abby Schoning

First Runner-Up: Jana Harms

Second Runner-Up: Alycia Martinez

Miss Congeniality: Alycia Martinez

Miss Outstanding Leadership: Abby Schoning

Miss Photogenic: Jaslene Tevalan

Photo by Elizabeth Vogel with the Franklin County Fair.

Chamber-Main Street News and Knows: Characteristics of a Successful Downtown

BY JIM DAVIES
MAIN STREET HAMPTON MANAGER

There are many components that contribute to a "successful" downtown. How does Hampton stack up? Check off the following characteristics that downtown Hampton has going for it.

Public Spaces Teaming with People
- Many downtown employees
- Local government (city, county)
- A parking problem
- A good place to take a walk
- Dog friendly
- Bike friendly
- Popular traffic generators
- Visitors/Folks you don't know
- Public restrooms

Downtown is Open all day
- Businesses are open
- Nighttime shopping hours
- Entertainment options
- Displays lighted
- Evening events
- Dining options morning to evening
- Weekend traffic

Well Maintained Historic Buildings
- Cool architecture
- Building restorations
- Effective & creative business signage
- No vacant lots
- Property owners invest in their buildings (rehabs & maintenance)

People Live Downtown
- Cool upper story apartments
- Market rate housing
- No storefront housing
- Well maintained appropriate housing
- Multiple price points & types

A Thriving and Diverse Business Community
- Basic goods & services available
- A retail presence
- Restaurants
- Mix of long time & new biz owners
- Limited vacancies
- An anchor biz or two…or more!
- Good business mix—service & retail

Downtown is "The Place to Go"
- Frequent small events
- At least one festival or event your town is known for
- Entertainment options downtown
- Activities for all ages
- Impressive directional and destination signage
- A sense of arrival—gateway signage
- Downtown parades
- Live music options
- Retail shopping events

We All Feel Safe
- Maintained streets & sidewalks
- Pedestrian safe intersections/crosswalks
- Crime free
- Proper lighting
- Safe from snow, ice, stormwater
- Safe from falling bricks
- ADA accessible

Cool Environment
- Downtown is clean—streets, sidewalks, alleys, windows
- No weeds
- Places to gather
- Visually appealing/colorful
- Banners, public art
- Outdoor seating
- Cool window displays
- Sounds/music
- Plants, flowers, trees
- Parks

Cultural Aspects
- Public Library
- Museums/Galleries
- Public Art
- Wi-fi access
- Theater
- Event venues
- Churches/Places of worship
- Recreation/fitness center

This checklist was provided by The Iowa Economic Development Authority's Iowa Downtown Resource Center.

Code Counsel: Caring for Canines: Waste Stations, Licensing, and Microchipping

BY JIM DAVIES
MEMBER AT LARGE, HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Four newly purchased dog waste stations have arrived at Hampton City Hall. Dog owners are required by city code to clean up after their dogs when taking them out in public.

A dog waste station is a multi-part unit that provides a means of disposing of dog waste. Fully equipped dog waste stations contain a sign that reminds dog owners of their responsibility to clean up after their pets. They have a bag dispenser that contains bags used to collect the waste. The waste is disposed of in the lidded waste can. All these parts are mounted on a post.

Dog waste stations can be placed basically anywhere where there are dogs. Bandshell Park, East Park, and Progress Park have been identified as good locations for dog stations, but specifically, where in each park should they be placed? If you have any suggestions, text me on 641-425-4707.

Recently, I spoke with a concerned citizen who wondered if it was possible to compile an inventory of dogs owned in Hampton. In Iowa, no city maintains a full inventory of dogs owned in their communities.

Requiring a dog license, such as the City of Hampton does, creates a partial inventory, but it is only as accurate as compliance allows. Most dog owners living in Hampton fail to register their pets, so it's not an accurate list.

The Hampton City Code of Ordinances requires dogs to be licensed at the age of 6 months and shall acquire a pet license at City Hall. A veterinarian's certificate of current rabies vaccination must be furnished at the time of licensing. The owner's signature is required on the City's licensing form.

One of the items in the recently failed third and final reading of the ordinance amending Chapter 56, Dangerous and Vicious Animals, was if an animal was deemed vicious, an identifying microchip would be inserted under its skin.

A microchip is a small identification tag that is smaller than a grain of rice. Veterinarians are trained to handle the microchipping procedure correctly and know where to place the microchip for optimal scanning and minimal discomfort. The most common and recommended place to microchip a dog is between the shoulder blades, in the loose skin area

Microchipping your dog provides a permanent, reliable method of identification that significantly increases the chances of reuniting you with your pet if they get lost or stolen. While collars and tags can be removed or lost, a microchip is a permanent form of identification that can be scanned by any veterinary clinic or animal shelter.

In Iowa, some cities do require dogs to be microchipped, though it's not a statewide mandate.

For example, the City of Des Moines requires that dogs impounded by animal control must be microchipped before being released back to their owners. This city also mandates microchipping for dogs declared "high risk" before they are released from impoundment or quarantine.

Similarly, in Webster City, Iowa, while rabies vaccination and tags are required, dogs can be microchipped in lieu of a collar and tag with the appropriate vaccination and ownership information.

Let's keep Hampton clean and pet-friendly! Dog owners are reminded to:

- Pick up after your dog—it's required by city code.
- License your dog—it's the law and helps return lost pets.
- Consider microchipping—a safe, permanent ID for your dog.

Responsible pet ownership benefits everyone in the community.

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view on the matter makes me a little sick. As I've spent more time in the field getting to know the local children and seen more of heartwarming and welcoming rural India with my own eyes, my perspective has shifted.

Truthfully, and gladly in this case, the only reconciling that I've managed to do successfully is in the direction of those previously stated shifts in perspective. You see, India is its lovely metro system, but it is in equal part its tuk-tuks and motor bikes. India is online payments for street food, and the free midday meal I saw provided to each of the students I helped to teach last Wednesday. India is four-lane roads so full the lines mean nothing and brick-laid paths that the cattle are more comfortable going down than the cars. India is modernernity, India is its ancient history and empires. India is Hindi, India is local dialects carefully learned and preserved by a new generation. India is tropical sweltering heat, India is the cool monsoon rains my fifth week here has been colored by.

India is what I have lived it to be:

Both.

Words of Wisdom

Last week's trivia questions:
In 1984, which former member of The Eagles had a hit song with "The Boys of Summer"? Answer: Don Henley.
In 1985, what singer had a hit song with "Summer of '69"? Answer: Bryan Adams.

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This week's trivia questions:
What 1990 Western movie, starring and directed by Kevin Costner, won Best Picture?
What 1987 movie, starring Kevin Costner, Sean Connery and Robert De Niro, portrays federal agent Eliot Ness and his unit attempting to bring Al Capone to justice?

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July 16 is National Cherry Day, National Hot Dog Day, and World Snake Day; July 17 is National Peach Ice Cream Day, and National Tattoo Day; July 18 is National Sour Candy Day; July 19 is National Football Day; July 20 is International Chess Day, National Ice Cream Day, and National Lollipop Day; July 21 is National Junk Food Day; July 22 is National Hammock Day, and Mango Day.

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"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."
– Isaiah 55:8-9

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"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."
– Matthew 7:7

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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
– Romans 15:13

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Erma Bombeck quotes
"Never go to your high school reunion pregnant, or they will think that is all you have done since you graduated."
"Thanks to my mother, not a single cardboard box has found its way back into society. We receive gifts in boxes from stores that went out of business twenty years ago."
"A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween."
"Who in their infinite wisdom decreed that Little League uniforms be white? Certainly not a mother."
"Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died."
"Cleanliness is not next to godliness. It isn't even in the same neighborhood. No one has ever gotten a religious experience out of removing burned-on cheese from the grill of the toaster oven."
"Grandparenthood is one of life's rewards for surviving your own children."
"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway."
"If a man watches three football games in a row, he should be declared legally dead."

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The lightning bug, also known as the firefly, is actually not a fly or a bug, it is a beetle. While some other animals glow, the lightning bug can turn their light on and off in a pattern.

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Male lightning bugs cruising for mates flash a species-specific pattern to announce their availability to receptive females. An interested female will reply, helping the male locate her where she's perched, often on low vegetation.

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The lightning bug's glow also serves as a warning to any potential predators that they'll want to steer away. Lightning bugs are filled with a nasty-tasting chemical, and if a predator gets a mouthful, it quickly learns to associate the lightning bug's glow with this bad taste.

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What's At The Windsor

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE MANAGER

Elio will be showing at the Windsor Theatre from Friday, July 18, through Thursday, July 24.

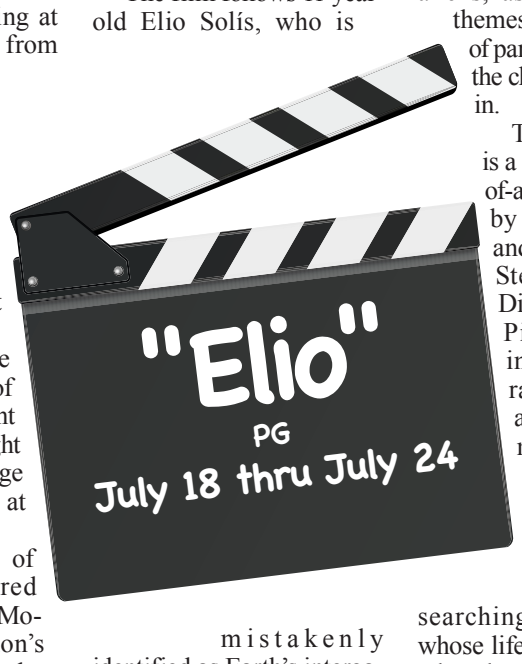
Showtimes for Elio are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday at 7:00 PM, with matinees on Sunday and Wednesday at 1:00 PM.

Please note: There will be no showing of Elio on Saturday night due to a special one-night screening of The Forge on Saturday, July 19, at 7:00 PM.

The Forge is one of many events featured during the Christian Motorcyclists Association's Heartland Rally, taking place in Hampton from Friday, July 18, through Sunday, July 20. This event is free and open to the public. The Forge, a solid faith-based drama focusing on mentorship and hard work, for ages 10+.

Elio is a 2025 animated science fiction adventure from Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney Pictures featuring the voices of Yonas Kibreab, Zoe Saldaña, and Brad Garrett.

The film follows 11-year-old Elio Solís, who is mistakenly identified as Earth's intergalactic ambassador after being transported to the Communiverse by aliens. As he befriends strange alien lifeforms, Elio must navigate an interstellar crisis involving the warlord father of one of his new friends.



Elio, distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures, has a runtime of 98 minutes and is rated PG for some action/peril, including encounters with menacing aliens, as well as mature themes such as the loss of parents, bullying, and the challenges of fitting in.

The Forge (2024) is a Christian coming-of-age drama directed by Alex Kendrick and co-written with Stephen Kendrick. Distributed by Sony Pictures Releasing, the movie is rated PG and has a run time of 125 minutes.

The film follows 19-year-old Isaiah Wright, a young man searching for direction, whose life begins to change when he finds mentorship under Joshua Moore, CEO of Moore Fitness. Through prayer, discipleship, and confronting real-life struggles like family wounds and forgiveness, Isaiah discovers purpose, responsibility, and a stronger faith.

Regular movie ticket prices are $6 for adults and $4 for youth aged 16 and under.

Seniors (60 and over) receive a discounted price of $4 on Sundays. All tickets are $4 for the Wednesday matinee and Thursday evening show.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door or online at www.windsortheatre.com. Credit cards are accepted. Windsor Bucks gift certificates, discount punch cards, and movie sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Upcoming movies at the Windsor Theatre include Superman: Legacy, The Bad Guys, F1, Smurfs, and Jaws 50th Anniversary.

Join the Franklin County Arts Council for "A Cabaret Night" on Tuesday, July 22, at the Windsor Theatre. The performance begins at 7:00 PM, with doors opening at 6:30 PM. Top national collegiate artists from Cedar Summerstock Theatre in Osage will perform a fun, family-friendly hour of singing, acting, and dancing. This event is open to the public with a free will offering accepted. Concessions will be available.

WINDSOR THEATRE

NOW SHOWING

"Elio"
PG

SHOW DATES:
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(NOTE--no Saturday showing of Elio)

"The Forge"
PG

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Readers 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 Joel Boelkes, age 9.

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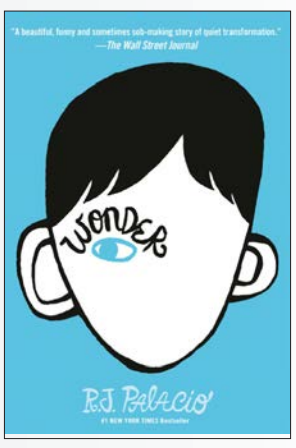

ECC announces 2025 Spring Term Dean's List

IOWA FALLS – One hundred thirty-three students were named to the Spring 2025 (January to May) Dean's List at Ellsworth Community College. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have earned a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester (a full-time class load) and had at least a 3.5 grade point average for the Spring 2025 semester. Part-time students are not included in this list. The ECC staff and administration congratulate these students for their academic excellence.

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Jonah Dean; Indy Mouw; Kaden Rodamaker; Kaitlyn Soderberg

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Lily Dirksen
Justin Schulz*

(Those with an asterisk (*) after their name earned a perfect 4.0 GPA.)

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MCC Announces Spring Term Dean's List

MARSHALLTOWN – Two hundred and sixty-one students were named to the Spring 2025 (January to May) Dean's List at Marshalltown Community College. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have taken 12 or more credit hours during the semester (a full-time class load) and have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average while attending MCC classes in Marshalltown, at Iowa Valley Community College Grinnell, or online. Part-time students are not included in this list. The MCC administration, faculty and staff congratulate these students for their academic excellence.

Sheffield, IA
Cannon Craighton*
(The asterisk denotes a perfect 4.0 GPA)

FGH Serves Up Free Watermelon

Franklin General Hospital crew served up nearly 300 slices of free watermelon to fairgoers on Friday, July 11. Young children and their parents could be seen enjoying their watermelon in the Van Wall Tent.

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a big city). When asked about this, it was explained that it was another barrier for criminals. His wife was recently robbed in her kitchen.

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DETAILS:
Monday 8:30 AM
Franklin County Courthouse

FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM BOARD:
DETAILS:
Second Thursday,
4:30 PM,
Center 1

FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD:
DETAILS:
Second Monday of month,
6:30 PM
Maynes Grove Shelter

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
DETAILS:
Second Monday every other month (usually) February 13th 4:00 PM

GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:
DETAILS:
3rd Monday of the month at noon at Center 1.

ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
DETAILS:
Second Tuesday

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

COULTER CITY COUNCIL:
DETAILS:
Second Wednesday of the month,
6:30 PM

DOWS CITY COUNCIL:
DETAILS:
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6:00 PM

DUMONT CITY COUNCIL:
DETAILS:
Second Thursday
7:00 PM
At EMS Center Dumont

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL:
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Second Tuesday of every month
6:30 PM

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

LATIMER CITY COUNCIL:
DETAILS:
Second Wednesday,
6:30 PM

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL:
DETAILS:
Every second Monday
of the month at 6 PM

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

ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD:
DETAILS:
Third Wednesday of every month

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DETAILS:
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DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD:
DETAILS:
Dumont Public Library
Second Wednesday of every month

HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD:
DETAILS:
Fourth Monday of the month
6:00 PM

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

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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:
DETAILS:
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DETAILS:
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FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION:
DETAILS:
First Wednesday of month,
7:00 PM
Franklin County Law Enforcement Center

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DETAILS:
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Council members help determine local priorities for agricultural, youth (4-H), health and human science, and community/economic development program areas.

Warhawk Baseball Season Ends After Loss in Substate Semifinals

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The 2025 season for the West Fork Warhawks baseball team has come to an end. The Warhawks lost to the Wapsie Valley Warriors 8-0 Saturday, July 12 in the IHSAA 2A Substate 2 semifinals. The Warhawks defeated the West Hancock Eagles 8-3 in the first round on Monday, July 7 and the St. Edmond Gales 11-8 in the quarterfinals on Tuesday, July 8 before the loss to Waspie Valley.

The first game of the postseason for the Warhawks versus Western Hancock was moved to Monday after being postponed due to weather on Saturday, July 5. The Warhawks jumped out to a 4-0 lead after scoring three runs in the bottom of the first inning and one run in the bottom of the third inning. The Eagles would fight back with three runs in the top of the fifth inning, but the Warhawks added two runs in the bottom of the fifth and sixth innings to put the game out of reach. Sophomore Zander Hansen was the star of the game, going 2-for-3 with three RBIs at the plate and pitching four and one-thirds innings, allowing three runs on six hits and three walks while striking out five Eagles' batters.

The Warhawks moved on to the quarterfinals on Tuesday and took down St. Edmond 11-8.

Zander Hansen looks in for the sign from the catcher. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Trevor Despnases waits for the pitch at the plate. Photo by Evan Pharr.

It was a back and forth game as the Gales took a 4-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Warhawks responded with five runs in the bottom of the first. The Gales retook an 8-5 lead late in the game, but the Warhawks stole the win with six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to steal the win 11-8. Hansen had another big day at the plate, going 2-for-3 with two doubles and two RBIs. Trevor Despanses started the game for the Warhawks and picked up the win, pitching three and two-thirds innings and allowing one run on two hits and two walks while striking out three batters.

The Warhawks journey through the substate playoffs came to an end on Saturday with a 8-0 loss to Waspie Valley. This is the second year in a row the Warhawks have lost in the substate semifinals and they finished with a 12-11 record. This is the first time the Warhawks have finished with a winning record for the first time under head coach Kayden Ames and first time overall since the 2019 season. Ames was proud of how his team performed over the season.

"It's obviously not the way we wanted it to end," said Ames. "But overall there were a lot of moments to learn from and the guys did just that earning the way to a second straight district final."

It was the last time the seniors; Trevor Despanses, Nolan Shreckengost, Ashyr Wiseman and Austin Carlson would put on the Warhawks uniform. Coach Ames discussed how he can continue to build the momentum of the program into next year.

"We've had the same core pieces the last three years and lose a few of those going into next year," he said. "But for those coming back they got more experience in big situations that will hopefully help us get over the hump in the coming years."

Warhawk Softball Makes it to Regional Final

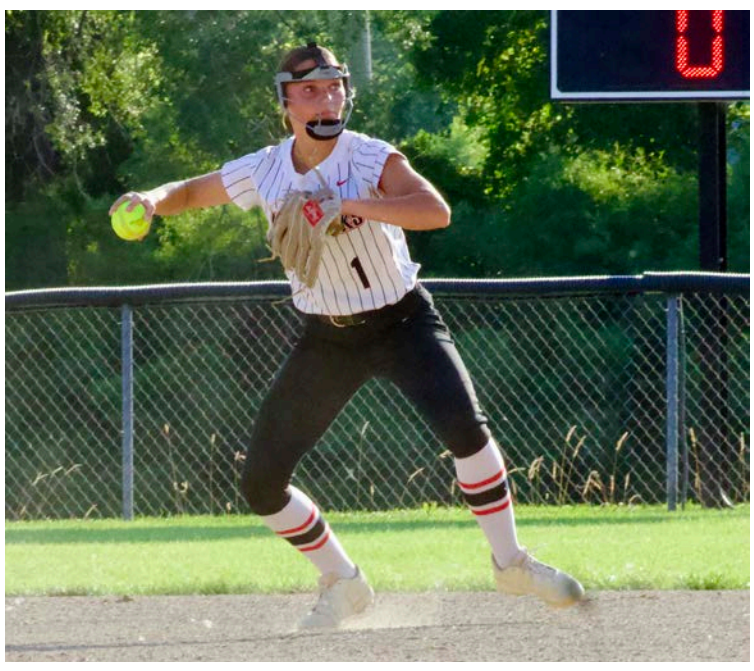
BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The West Fork Warhawks softball team is in the IHSAA class 2A region 8 finals, after defeating the Alta-Aurelia Warriors 8-0 in the quarterfinals on Wednesday, July 9 and the East Sac County Raiders 8-0 in the semi finals on Saturday, July 12.

The Warhawks opened up their playoff run with an 8-0 win over Alta-Aurelia in the quarterfinals. The game ended after the top of the fifth inning due to the mercy rule. The Warhawks started fast with five runs in the bottom of the first inning. Although that would be plenty of offense for the game, the Warhawks added three more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Sophomore Evelyn Hitzhusen had a perfect day at the plate going 2-for-2 with a single, a double, an RBI and a run scored. Senior Libby Trewin did what she has done all season and dominated inside the circle. Trewin pitched five perfect innings, not allowing a single baserunner and striking out six Warriors' batters.

The Warhawks moved onto the semifinals where they had another dominant 8-0 win, this time over East Sac County. The game ended after the sixth inning due to the mercy rule. The Warhawks scored two runs in each of the bottom of the first, third, fourth and sixth innings. Trewin had another dominant outing, pitching six innings and allowing no runs on only two hits while striking out 12 Raiders batters.

After the victories in the quarterfinals and semifinals the Warhawks moved onto the regional finals versus Central Springs on Monday, July 14. Head coach of the Warhawks, Sadie Winfrey, spoke on how the girls have been able to not let the pressure of the postseason get to him.


Evelyn Hitzhusen throws to first base after fielding a grounder. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Brooke Rother leads off of second base. Photo by Evan Pharr.

"Just focusing on one game at a time," said Winfrey. "Try not to think too far and focus on the task at hand which has helped them to really focus on what at the moment."

The continuation of the Warhawks run to the state playoffs will be featured in next week's edition of the Hampton Chronicle.

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Bulldog Baseball Drops First Round of Substate Playoffs to Boone

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton-Dumont-CAL's (HDCAL) baseball season came to an end with a 5-1 loss in the IHSAA 3A substrate 3 first round to the Boone Toreadors on Friday, July 11. The Bulldogs finished the season with a 7-12 record overall and 5-9 in conference play.

The Bulldogs jumped out to the early lead with a run in the second inning. That would be the only run the Bulldogs would score, and they held onto the lead until the Toreadors scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. The Toreadors added another run in the bottom of the sixth inning. Head coach of the Bulldogs, Matt Lokenvitz, discussed what he liked about coaching this year's squad.

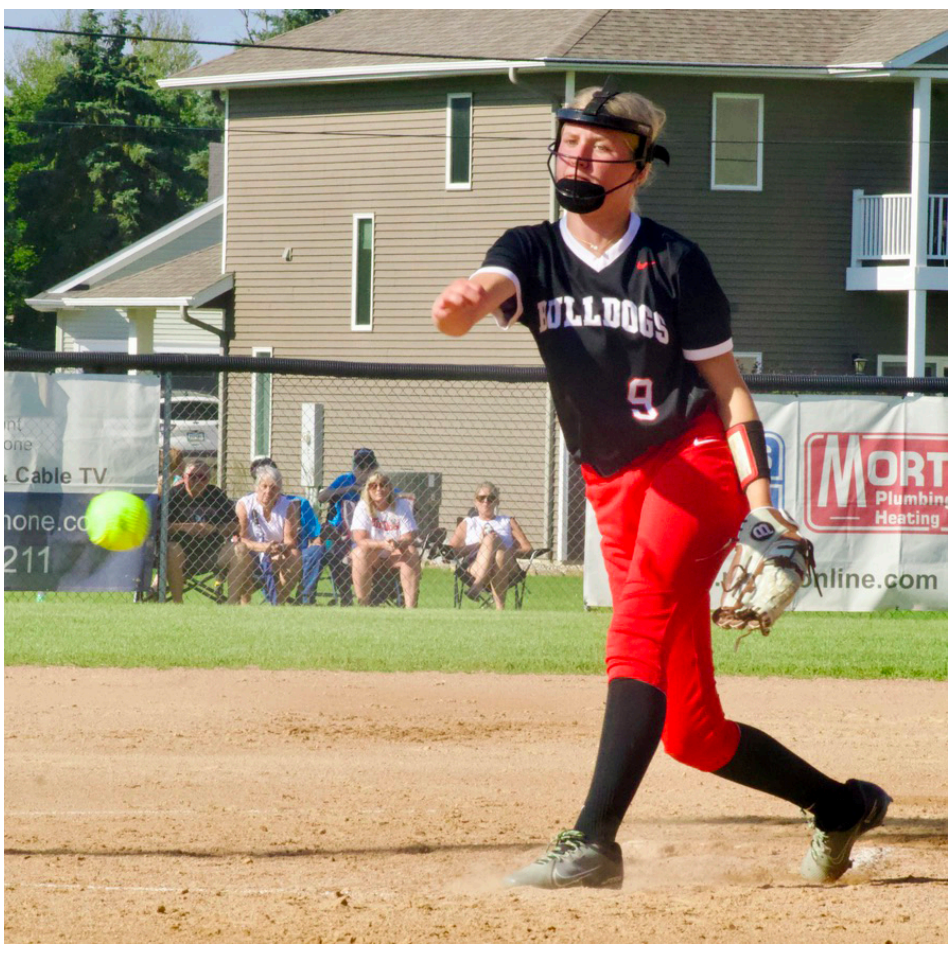
"It was such a joy to see this team develop throughout the season," said Lokenvitz. "We had stretches where we struggled and stretches where we played really well, but we grew and got better each week. This showed even in the postseason game. Boone beat us 10-0 in 6 innings last week and we competed with them in a 5-1 loss in the first round of districts."

The Bulldogs were a senior heavy team and will be losing seven seniors off of this season's teams. Jaymes Stevens, Jaxon Moats, Taylor Mahler, Dawson Wikert, Brody Robertson, Camden Peil and Wyatt Dean have all played their last game as a Bulldog. Lokenvitz spoke on the type of impact those seniors had on the program.

"I can't say enough about our seniors," said Lokenvitz. "Who even though they didn't have the season they may have wanted, they stuck it out and helped our young core grow and develop."

Dawson Wikert delivers a pitch to home plate. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Bulldog Softball Season Ends With Loss to Center Point-Urbana



Maddie Pralle delivers a pitch to home plate. Photo by Evan Pharr.

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HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL (HDCAL) softball team lost in the first round of the IHSAA Class 3A region 5 tournament 16-4 to the Center-Point-Urbana Stormin Pointers on Thursday, July 10. The loss eliminates the Bulldogs from the playoffs and they finished with a record of 6-17 for the season and 5-9 in conference play.

The game ended after the fourth inning due to the mercy rule. The Stormin Pointers got out to a big lead early, scoring eight runs in the bottom of the first inning. They stretched the lead four runs in the bottom of the second inning before the Bulldogs were able to push across their first run in the top of the third inning. The Stormin Pointers responded with another four runs in the bottom of the third inning. The Warhawks pushed across their last three runs in the top of the fourth inning. Senior Charlee Morton finished her HDCAL career with another great day at the plate. Morton went 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs. Eighth grader Kendall Eilderts was the starting pitcher for the Bulldogs and she pitched one inning, allowing eight runs on three hits and four walks and did not record a strikeout.

The Bulldogs finished the season with a very similar record to the past few seasons and were a very young team.The Bulldogs will only lose two seniors this season. Charlee Morton and Mallory Rieken will now move on to play other sports in college, but their impact on the softball program did not go unnoticed by Bulldogs head coach, Kelsey Enslin.

"Mallory and Charlee have had a huge impact on our program," said Enslin. "They are both such strong leaders. They never miss weights, speed and agility, they participate in multiple sports. They hold themselves accountable while also holding others accountable."

Coach Enslin discussed how she thinks her young team gaining experience will help the team take the next step next season.

"We were very young this season, not only did we have only two seniors but those were also the only two upperclassmen," said Enslin. "Everyone else was a sophomore or younger. Giving our young girls experience at the varsity level is crucial with trying to build our program. This season also gave our young girls the opportunity to look at set goals for the coming years."

Ridgestone Senior Golf

The boys, yup they were once upon a time, could not believe the day as the sun was bright, temp gorgeous and a tad of a breeze. That gave them incentive to teed it up and smash that little white thingy like never before. FrankO shouted out the game for the day and the men all gave him a big in unison BOO! They were just kidding, I think!

Dougy Hahn, Nicky (not St.) Mulford and Jerry Nelson were sizzling as they recorded a sold 63. Word has it Doug's driver was like a cannon, Nick's putter rarely missed and Jerry rode along. They won a free three day trip on the Lake of Sheffield ship on Lake Sheffield! Might be rather boring boys so bring your speedo and do some sun bathing.

The second unit capturing nuttin', big fat ZERO was Jim Allen, FrankO, Ed Hert and Tom Severe and they fired 67 shots, missing a lot of putts I guess. The third unit and into big bucks was Jim Dorenkamp (fresh off the farm), Phil (stranded) Strand and Denny Campbell.

They fired a 69, not bad for a farm boy, a stairway boy and a stamper! They each won a silver dollar minted in 1801 however they have to find it! The fourth unit firing a 70 was BradLee Mulford, DelRayee McKee and Al Many Menning. Oh gosh they cried in despair, hugged each other (that was ugly) and stomped so hard the carpet tore. Our fearless leader FrankO told them remember boys it's just a game.

The fifth squad into the $$$$$$$$$ was Bob Long, Rick Schmitt, Doug Erbe and Paul Ricke. They fired 71 shots, and gosh darn they missed so many putts. In fact, they missed so many they threw their putters in the number nine pond.

They thought putters would float, whoops boys no so! Rolling in with a 77 was Les Hurd, Steve Birdsall and Dick Brown. Not bad for an old farmer, a mayor and a pole climber. Number seven unit consisted of Kim Wills, Wayne Maiers and Dave O'Connor and they carded a 78. Imagine that scoring winning a prize, gosh that's sad. They each won a free ride with Scott Conlon on his garbage route just to tour the country! Limping home sniffling and actually crying, was Steve Heeren, Denny Foss and Don Greimann with an 80 yup that many. Don't throw in the towel yet boys there's always next week and the next and the next etc. So ends one more thrilling day on the links for the old boys and looking forward to many more. DelRay said you call a person with no nose or body.... NOBODY KNOWS! Les told me if you lose your left arm your right arm will be LEFT! Farmer Jim D. told me a cow with no legs is called GROUND BEEF! Okay folks as I sail off into the sunset remember that Beethoven got rid of chickens because all they said was Bach..bach....bach...bach! P.S. Ed Hert chipped in for an eagle on hole seven, pure skill was his remark!!!

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La Luz 4-H Club Sees Great Success this Year

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The 4-H La Luz Familia Club has seen great growth since last year.

In fact, they've tripled in size. Last year they had around six members, and they're now up to 18.

The reason for the growth is in large part thanks to the parent participation. This year, they held a big meeting where parents asked any and all questions about 4-H. For many of them, 4-H is still a new concept, but one they were eager to learn about.

"We've made it a point to get the parents involved this year," said club leader Lili Velasco. "The club has come such a long way. The kids just needed to discover what they are interested in. 4-H has something for everyone!"

This year, the club came up with 35 projects for the fair, everything from baked goods to creative arts, animal science, mechanics, and more.

Many of the projects were awarded blue ribbons, with four being given "junior excellence" ribbons.

Club leader Lili Velasco and club member Kyle Whalen in front of their group's projects on Thursday, July 10.

Velasco said the club has been around for years, and that she's excited to see how they'll continue to improve in the future.

Julia Gomez's 4-H entry.

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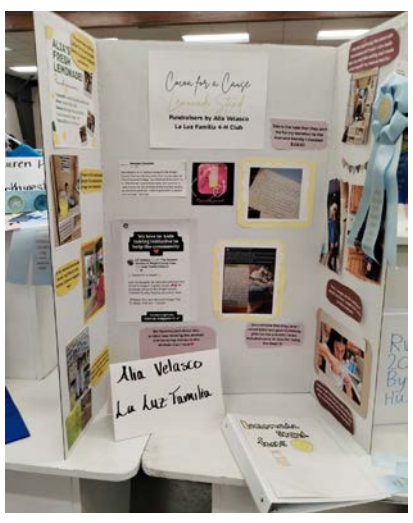

Alia Velasco's 4-H entry.

Horse Powered Threshing Machine

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

A demonstration on how a horse powered threshing machine works was shown at Grandpa's Farm at the fair. Seven teams of two horses walked in a circle to power the threshing machine that separates the grain seeds from the hay that was being shoveled into the machine.

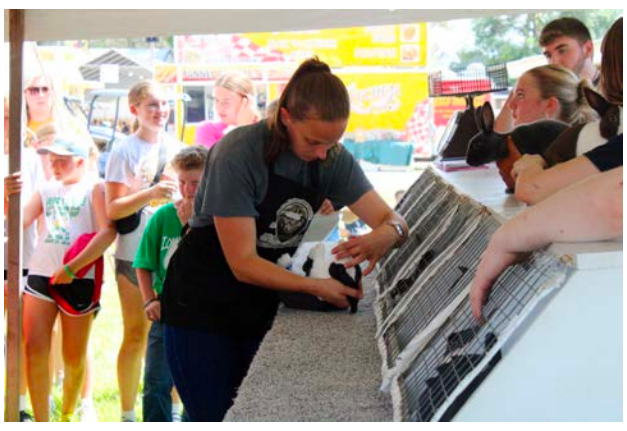
Seven teams of two horses powering the threshing machine at the fair on Sunday, July 13. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Brunon Blaszak pets Tasha after she was entered into the show.

Fair Rabbit Show

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Franklin County Fair rabbit show was on Wednesday, July 9 at 3:00 p.m. The rabbit show was just one of many different livestock shows to be held at the fair throughout the week. Inga Dudley was the judge for the rabbit show and she judged the different breeds and classes of rabbits on different things like their body structure and their fur color. Each class had a winner and a second place finisher, like Gemma Ihrke's rabbit who finished first in the "commercial junior buck" class while Aaron Ihrke's rabbit finished second. After each of the rabbit classes were judged, Dudley then judged the "showman" for each age group naming a senior showman champion, an intermediate show champion, and a junior showman championship. This is a similar judging system to the other livestock shows.


Inga Dudley judges one of the showman's rabbits.

Inga Dudley judges (from left to right): Chase Showalter, Gemma Hirke and Aaron Ihrke in the senior showmanship class.

Bengal Tiger Show

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Brunon Blaszak is an animal trainer who has spent his life training bengal tigers. Blaskak brought three different tigers to the show: Zack, a five-year-old Bengal tiger; Bella, a 12-year-old Siberian tiger; and Tasha, a 17-year-old Sumatran tiger. Blaszak had the tigers do many tricks, such as walking on a tight rope and jumping from different platforms, and would feed the tigers "raw meat treats" after they completed the trick. Blaszak also gave interesting facts about the tigers and explained how they are endangered species. The Royal Bengal Tiger Show could be seen every day during the fair.

The tiger "Tasha" sits on her stool.

Sheep Show

From left to right: Jadyn Dirksen, Ellie Harms, Jana Harms, Patrick Duncan and Zoey Duncan with their commercial ram lambs. Photo by Evan Pharr.

(Above) Judge Duane Sprouse looks at Zoey Duncan's commercial ram lamb. (Top Right) Jackson Thiesen walks his purebred yearling ewe sheep. (Right) Ellie Harms (left) and Jana Harms (right) with their purebred ram lambs.

Cats at the Fair

We spotted some cute, creative and downright funny 4-H entries at the Franklin County Fair this year. Here are some of our favorite photos of cats from the fair. Photos by Jennifer Burnham.

Big Surprise for Dad

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Eleven-year-old Archer Robertson had a big surprise for his dad Wednesday afternoon: his photograph is going to the state fair. He kept it a secret until Wednesday. And judging by his dad's face, we'd say he was surprised. The photograph features garden artwork and his grandmother's childhood bicycle. This is Archer's first year participating in 4-H. Photos by Jennifer Burnham and Robyn Hill-Kofoot.

Shed Bar & Grill Chef Named Overall Cooking Champion at Fair

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Refugio Contreras was named overall champion of the Franklin County Farm Bureau cookout contest at the Franklin County Fair!

Contreras, who works as the chef at the Shed Bar & Grill in Dumont, wowed the judges with his entries, especially the pork belly lollipops, which were topped with candied jalapeños.

Judges were Beth Strand from KLMJ, Harlyn Janssen (a member of the Kansas City BBQ Society) and Jennifer Burnham with the Hampton Chronicle.

For the different categories, Backroad Smoke won in poultry, Denny Hanson won in beef and turkey, and Tammy Countryman with Seriously Smoking won in showmanship.

If interested in participating next year, contact the Franklin County Farm Bureau Office..

Judges Beth Strand, Harlyn Janssen and Jennifer Burnham interviewing one of the participants. Photo by Madison Ahlert.

Harlyn Janssen, Refugio Contreras, Jaslene Tevalan, Jennifer Burnham, Alycia Martinez and Beth Strand after Refugio was presented with his $200 check for winning overall champion. Photo by Val Plagge.

Judges Beth Strand, Harlyn Janssen and Jennifer Burnham after the cookout contest on Saturday, July 12. Photo by Val Plagge.

FGH to the Rescue

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Franklin General Hospital's EMS team has worked the Franklin County Fair for more than 20 years now, handling everything from basic first aid to strokes and crashes. FGH EMS Manager Nancy Retz told the Chronicle that their entire team reports for duty during fair week to ensure the safety of fairgoers and everyone else in the community.

"It's all hands on deck this week," she said.

The team could be found in Pleasant Hill, right across from the ice cream shop, where they've been stationed for the last 15 years.

From left to right, Franklin General Hospital EMS employees Nancy Retz, Spencer Nash, Judah Dean and Nick Turner outside of their post in Pleasant Hill. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

Start Your Engines!

Check out the Gunderson Racing results from Sunday, July 13, at the Franklin County Fair (top three from each class).

Cruiser Class:
1st- 07 Ryan Mittlestadt & Travis Buseman
2nd- 514 Lane & Kevin Leerhoff
3rd- 319 Gavin wedemeier & Logan Buseman

Stock Class:
1st- 35 James Sprung
2nd- 26 Jesse Reysack
3rd- 514 Lane Leerhoff

Small Car:
1st- 94 Britt Meyer
2nd- 007 Zach Bond
3rd- 36 Elise Madden

Old School:
1st- 13 Alex Bovy
2nd- 13b Tyler Bovy
3rd- 2f Nick Brooks

Pro Stock:
1st - 22 Duane Zander
2nd - 27m Anthony Marshall
3rd - 108 Kurt Wilkinson

Thank you to Gunderson Racing for providing this list!

Rebekah Ault and her 14-year-old daughter, Morgan, raced at the Franklin County Fair for the first time on Sunday, July 13. Rebekah steered, while Morgan worked the gas.

The Gunderson Race took place on the final night of the Franklin County Fair, July 13.

Royalty Spotted at the Fair

Spotted: 2025 Little Miss Jiada Sochit and Fair Queen Abby Schoning doing some sightseeing at the Franklin County Fair on Sunday, July 13. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

Father/Son Look-alike Contest

The Johns took first in the father/son look-alike contest at the fair! We can see why. Bravo to John Paul Kew III and John Paul Kew IV.

Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

Mother/Daughter Look-alike Contest

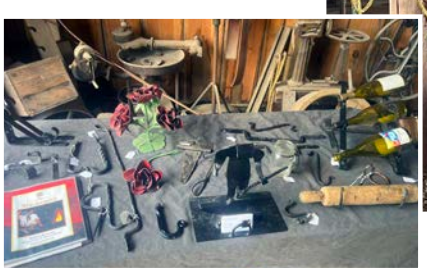
Val and Audrey Plagge of Latimer won the mother/daughter look-alike contest at the fair! Congratulations to these two beauties.

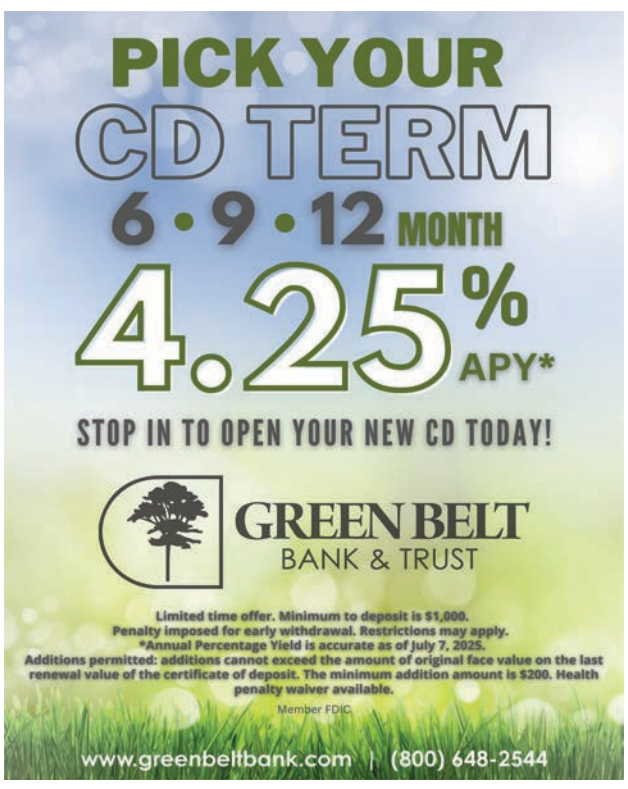
Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

Blacksmith Demo at the Fair

Gary Knipfel gave a memorable blacksmithing demo at the Franklin County Fair on Thursday, July 10 at 2:30 p.m. He's been blacksmithing for over 30 years and it started as a hobby. He also has a few items he has made on display.

Photos by Evan Pharr.





BAPTIST

Faith Baptist
Lead Pastor: Robert Anderstrom
Associate Pastor of Family Life: Dustin Byrnes
Address: 1701 Central Ave E., PO Box 515, Hampton, IA 50441
Telephone: 641-456-4887
Website: faith-hampton.com
Facebook: FBC-Hampton
• Wednesday, July 16, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
• Sunday, July 20, 9:30 a.m. **Worship Service with the Christian Motorcycle Club**
• Tuesday, July 22, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer
• Wednesday, July 23, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

CATHOLIC

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

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

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

First Christian Church
605 Fourth St. NE, Hampton
• Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m. Worship Service

LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

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

Zion St. John Lutheran
Sheffield
422 Sherman St, Sheffield, IA 50475
• Wednesday, July 16, 2 p.m. Summer JAM
• Thursday, July 17, 2 p.m. West Fork Food Pantry
• Sunday, July 20, 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
• Monday, July 21, 1 p.m. **Cardian Angels; 5 p.m. VBS**
• Tuesday, July 22, 5 p.m. **VBS**
• Wednesday, July 22, 5 p.m. **VBS**
• Thursday, July 23, 5 p.m. **VBS**

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

St. Paul's Lutheran
304 W Main, Latimer
Reverend Joel Peter Wagner
• Sunday, July 20, 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 Stefanec,
Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen, Pastor
• Sunday, July 20, 8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
• Sunday Radio Broadcasts: 7:30 a.m. Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 10:15 a.m. Radio Worship Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar
Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor
• Sunday, July 20, 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice; 10 a.m. Worship Service; 11 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

First Lutheran Church - Dows
206 W Ellsworth St, Dows
• Wednesday, July 16, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Community Meal**
• Sunday, July 20, 9 a.m. Worship Service

METHODIST

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

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

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

Hampton United Methodist
100 Central Ave. E, Hampton
Pastor Dennis Burns
• Wednesday, July 16, 2 p.m. **NAOMI Circle**; 6:30 p.m. **LEAH Circle**
• Thursday, July 17, 9:30 a.m. BeFrienders; 10:30 a.m. **Chapel at Leahy Grove**
• Saturday, July 19, 5 p.m. Worship Service
• Sunday, July 20, 9:30 a.m. Adults Bible Study; 11 a.m. Worship Service; 11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 12 p.m. Fellowship; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast
• Monday, July 21, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK; 5 p.m. **VBS**
• Tuesday, July 22, 1:30 p.m. Faithful Stitchers; 5 p.m. **VBS**
• Wednesday, July 23, 5 p.m. **VBS**

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

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

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Church of the Living Word
420 First Ave. NE, Hampton
641-456-8175
Pastor Brian Rihner
www.clwhampton.org
• Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship
• Sunday: 9AM - Adult Sunday school
• Wednesday: 5:30PM- PK - Grade 6 WOW! and Adult Bible Study, 6:30PM: MS & HS Youth, 7:00PM - Adult Bible Study.
• Wee Ones Christian Preschool: Mon., Tues., Thurs.; Mary Mollenbeck, Director, 641-456-8471

Living Well Fellowship
917 Howard St. (First Presbyterian Church), Aplington
• 319-247-5569
• Mondays, 7 p.m., Contemporary Worship Exploring Redemption and Healing. Come early for hot chocolate or cappuccino.

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

REFORMED

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

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

Zion Reformed Church
2029 Jonquil Ave., Sheffield
Rev. Petri van Rooyen, Pastor
Office Hours: M,W, Th: 8-Noon
* Bad Weather KLMJ*
• Wednesday, July 16, 6:30 p.m. **Family Ministry**
• Sunday, July 20, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Congregational U.C.C.
22 First Ave. SW, Hampton
(641) 456-2192
Pastor Karen Koenig and Pastor Peggy Allison
• Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Immanuel U.C.C.
204 E. South St., Latimer
Pastor Joe Dunnwald
• Sunday, July 20, 9:30 a.m. **Lawn Chair Liturgy**

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ – Geneva
496 Raven Ave # B, Geneva, IA 50633
• Saturday, July 19, 5:00 p.m. Worship Service with Dale Akkerman. There will be no Sunday service on July 20.

'Golf Cart Grannies'

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

These two troublemakers go way back. Pat Sackville and Barb Furman first met at Jennings in Hampton fifty years ago and they've been besties ever since.

"Our paths took different courses but then we got back together in our later years," said Pat.

You could see them shuttling people around in golf carts the first couple days of the fair. Pat said they go by the "golf cart grannies."

CAL CSD FY24 Audit Report

PRESS RELEASE

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. today released an audit report on CAL Community School District in Latimer, Iowa.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The District's revenues totaled $5, 7581 133 for the year ended June 30, 2024, a 4.01 % increase from the prior year. Expenses for District operations for the year ended June 30, 20241 totaled $5,378,595 a 12.39% increase from the prior year. The increase in total revenues is largely attributable to an increase in revenues from charges for service compared to the prior year. The majority of the increase in total expenses occurred in the non-instructional programs function.

AUDIT FINDINGS:

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P .C. reported six findings found on pages 60 through 63 of this report. The findings address issues related to segregation of duties, the certified budget, certified enrollment, checks outstanding, board policies and inactive student activity account. Noltel Cornman & Johnson provided the District with recommendations to address these findings.

Two of the six above findings discussed above which relate to the District are repeated from the prior year. The Community School District's Board of Education has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Community School District's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care1' a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's web site at https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports.

Death Notices

Patricia Barhite

Patricia Barhite, 100, of Iowa Falls, passed away on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at Scenic Manor in Iowa Falls. Funeral services are pending with the Surls Funeral Home in Iowa Falls.

Lois Wagner

Lois Jean Wagner, 88, passed away, Sunday, July 6, 2025, at the Sheffield Care Center. A Family Time of Remembrance is scheduled for 1:00 pm, Sunday, August 3, at Woodley Funeral Home, Hampton. Lois will be inurned at the Dumont Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, Hampton is caring for Lois and her family.

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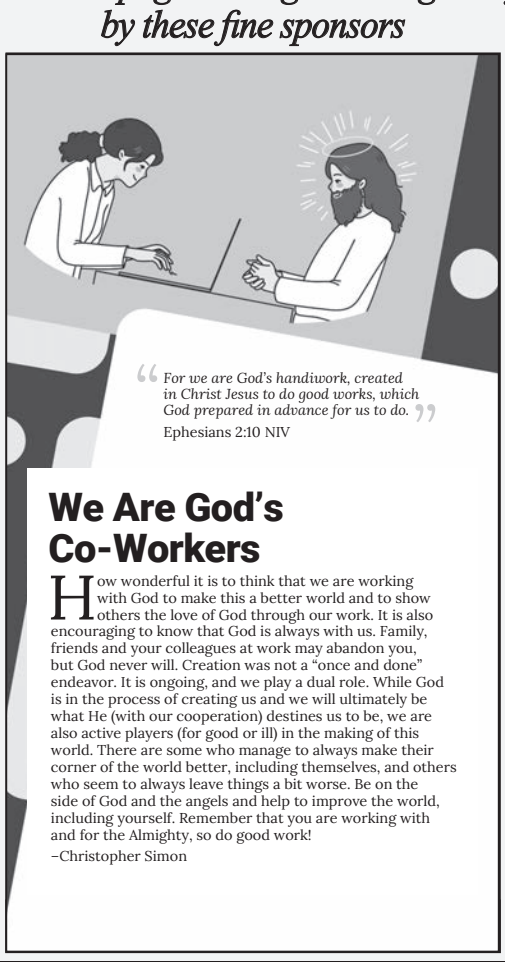

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Ephesians 2:10 NIV

We Are God's Co-Workers

How wonderful it is to think that we are working with God to make this a better world and to show others the love of God through our work. It is also encouraging to know that God is always with us. Family, friends and your colleagues at work may abandon you, but God never will. Creation was not a "once and done" endeavor. It is ongoing, and we play a dual role. While God is in the process of creating us and we will ultimately be what He (with our cooperation) destines us to be, we are also active players (for good or ill) in the making of this world. There are some who manage to always make their corner of the world better, including themselves, and others who seem to always leave things a bit worse. Be on the side of God and the angels and help to improve the world, including yourself. Remember that you are working with and for the Almighty, so do good work!
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Franklin County

Traffic: Jody Ann Johns, of Byron, Minnesota, speeding;

Jesus Eduardo Herrera Limones, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, no valid driver's license and speeding;

Julian Anthony Televan Velasquez, of Rockwell, Failure to provide proof of financial liability;

Timothy Neal Peters, of Des Moines, speeding;

Seth Alan Miles, of Radcliffe, speeding;

Pedro Andre Gutierrez Calan, of Clarion, no valid driver's license;

Kelly Jo Hartema, of Alden, speeding;

Larry James Bellard, of Plymouth, speeding;

Maci Jo Noelck, of Hampton, speeding;

Douglas Bryon Truex, of Iowa Falls, speeding;

Jadin Beyer, of Hampton, failure to maintain control;

Michael Wade Roberts, of Fort Dodge, failure to comply with safety regulations rules;

Juan Antonio Galvan, of Brownsville, Texas, no valid driver's license;

Elizabeth Louise Hall Mansfield, of Des Moines, speeding;

Daniel Lee Rial, of Lytton, DNU – Scheduled Violation – no existing offense;

Jessica Lynn Jimenez Martinez, of Eldora, at large prohibited – first offense;

Civil: Mara Beth Goodvin as Trustee, of Iowa City, Mara Beth Goodvin, of Iowa City, Jeffrey Stone Rosenberg as Conservator, of Hampton, Jeffrey Rosenberg, of Hampton, versus Allison Beth Rosenberg as Power of Attorney, of New York, New York, Allison Beth Rosenberg, as Trustee, of New York, New York, Allison Beth Rosenberg, of New York, New York, non jury order setting trial;

Tamara Ann Miller, of Alexander, versus G A Cady III, of Hampton, order setting trial; order setting trial, June 16, 2026, 9 a.m.;

Delores J Blackford Trustee, of Dows, Dale & Irene Hackbarth Farms INC, Francine Emily Lemke, Co Trustee, of Hampton, Harlan Lawrence Lemke, Co Trustee, of Hampton, Dean W Lemke, Trustee, of Hampton, Peggy G Lemke, Trustee, of Hampton, versus Katy Flint, Franklin County Auditor, Chad Murray, Franklin County Treasurer, non jury order setting trial;

First Investors Servicing Corp versus Shane Dallas Williams Sr., petition filed;

OWI: Marcel Antonio Ortega Murillo, of Eldora, order setting trial; order setting trial, August 14, 9 a.m.;

Chase Steven Nelson, of Humboldt, guilty plea;

Aurelio Aburto Garcia, of Hampton, order of arraignment; order setting trial, September 11, 9 a.m.;

Francisco Timeteo Mendez Vasquez, of Latimer, order for arraignment; arraignment, August 4, 9:30 a.m.;

Small Claims: Quad Corporation INC, of Davenport, versus Zachary Cook, of Sheffield, dismissed without prejudice;

LVNV Funding LLC, of Grand Rapids Michigan, versus Mandie Renee Pigman, of Latimer, original notice;

Mort's Water Company, of Latimer, versus Jeromy Lee Keehn, of Iowa Falls, original notice;

Criminal: Angel Nunez Lopez, of Eldora, order setting trial; order setting trial, August 14, 9 a.m.;

Coltan Ray Richtsmeier, of Ackley, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance;

Benjamin Harold Green, of Eldora, criminal verdict;

Nichole M McRoberts, of Hampton, order setting trial; order setting trial, August 14, 9 a.m.;

Mason Eugene Oberender, of Galt, order setting trial; order setting trial, August 14, 9 a.m.;

Lauren Alexandria Johnson, of Sheffield, order setting trial; order setting trial, August 14, 9 a.m.;

Jessica Lynn Jimenez Martinez, of Eldora, order of disposition; pled guilty for possession of a controlled substance – second offense, 365 days jail time, 335 days jail time suspended, $855 fine, $855 fine suspended, and serving 2 years probation time;

Cory Lynn Kotenbrink, of Hampton, criminal complaint, no contact order, and hearing for initial appearance;

Allie Grace Reid, of Moorland, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance;

Joshua Aaron Buck, of St. Paul, Minnesota, order of disposition; pled guilty for possession of a controlled substance, marijuana, $430 fine and serving 1 year self probation time;

Abel Hernandez Sanchez, of Eldora, order of dismissal;

Eriq Daniel Anneberg, of Omaha, Nebraska, order for arraignment; arraignment, August 4, 8:45 a.m.

Police & Sheriff report 7-7 to 7-13

Hampton Police Reports

Monday, July 7:
Officers assisted with two medical calls and received four general calls.

3:13 a.m.: Report of a missing person in the 200 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

5:31 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 1200 block of Imperial Road, Hampton.

5:56 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

9:33 a.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the 100 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

1:07 p.m.: Officers assisted with traffic control services in the 600 block of 7th St. SW, Hampton.

2:40 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 1200 block of Imperial Rd, Hampton.

3:27 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 700 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

4:42 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 300 block of 5th Ave SE, Hampton.

5:11 p.m.: Report of vandalism in the 400 block of 1st St. SE, Hampton.

7:43 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 300 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

8:00 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 600 block of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

9:10 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 500 block of 4th St. SE, Hampton.

10:19 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the 900 block of N Federal St. , Hampton.

Tuesday, July 8:
Officers assisted with one medical call and received two general calls.

12:12 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 300 block of 2nd Ave NE, Hampton.

6:07 a.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the 10 block of 3rd St. SW, Hampton.

9:15 a.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the 1300 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

11:50 a.m.: Report of a garbage complaint in the 500 block of 3rd St. SE, Hampton.

12:06 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of the Fairgrounds, Hampton.

12:24 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 200 block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton.

1:08 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the southwest area of an unlisted area, Hampton.

3:48 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the 1300 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

5:38 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Central Ave and the railroad tracks, Hampton.

6:40 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the 300 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

Wednesday, July 9:
Officers assisted with four medical calls and received five general calls.

2:16 a.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

3:42 a.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 700 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.

12:18 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 500 block of 2nd St. NE, Hampton.

4:01 p.m.: Report of a no contact order violation in an unlisted area, Hampton.

6:09 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 100 block of 7th St. NW, Hampton.

6:38 p.m.: Report of located property in the 1000 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

Thursday, July 10:
Officers received five general calls.

10:42 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Hwy 65 and Hwy 3, Hampton.

11:26 a.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

12:42 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 100 block of N Federal St. , Hampton.

6:50 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of 3rd Ave NE, Hampton.

7:57 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of 4th Ave Dr NE, Hampton.

8:49 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 1800 block of N Federal St. , Hampton.

Friday, July 11:
Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, and received one general call.

8:11 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of the fairgrounds, Hampton.

9:56 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 500 block of 3rd St. SE, Hampton.

11:03 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 00 block of 6th Ave NW, Hampton.

12:30 p.m.: Report of a weather issue in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton.

7:12 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of 9th PL NE, Hampton.

8:34 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of the fairgrounds, Hampton.

10:10 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 100 block of 2nd Ave NE, Hampton.

11:01 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 700 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

11:50 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Harriman's Park, Hampton.

Saturday, July 12:
Officers received five general calls.

8:13 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 200 block of 11th St. SE, Hampton.

1:58 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the area of the Sherwood Apartments, Hampton.

2:16 p.m.: Report of fraud in the 10 block of 7th St. NE, Hampton.

5:46 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of 1st St. NW and 8th PL NW, Hampton.

7:03 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 400 block of 4th Ave SE, Hampton.

8:34 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the area of Hampton Motel, Hampton.

8:56 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 00 block of 7th Ave NE, Hampton.

9:05 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the area of Hampton Motel, Hampton.

10:26 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of the fairgrounds, Hampton.

Sunday, July 13:
Officers received two general calls.

6:04 a.m.: Officers assisted the county department with an issue in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

8:49 a.m.: Report of property exchange in the 200 block of 2nd Ave SW, Hampton.

10:20 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 900 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

4:39 p.m.: Report of theft/larceny in the area of Git N Go, Hampton.

Franklin County Sheriff Reports

Monday, July 7:
Officers assisted with two medical calls, assisted one motorist, received a report for two controlled burns, and received one general call.

12:40 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Dorrell Dr, Hampton.

10:02 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Central Ave E, Hampton.

12:57 p.m.: Report of theft of services in the area of State St. , Alexander.

8:46 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Grant St. , Coulter.

9:39 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of 30th St. , Ackley.

Tuesday, July 8:
Officers executed six traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, received a report for one controlled burn, and received three general calls.

11:44 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton.

1:52 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of Central Ave, Northwood.

7:25 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Olive Ave and Hwy 3, Hampton.

8:59 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of I-35 and mile mark 163 southbound, Latimer.

10:52 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of Marston St. , Coulter.

Wednesday, July 9:
Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted one motorist, received a report for three controlled burns, and received one general call.

10:06 a.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Timber Ave, Geneva.

10:48 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of E Washington St. , Dows.

5:51 p.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the area of 105th St. , Geneva.

6:02 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Brown St. , Alexander.

7:19 p.m.: Report of juveniles in the area of West St. , Latimer.

7:41 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of Gull Ave and Hwy 3, Coulter.

9:55 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 800 block of Hwy 65, Hampton.

Thursday, July 10:
Officers executed six traffic stops and received one general call.

12:43 a.m.: Report of a deer accident in the 1900 block of Hwy 3, Hampton.

3:16 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the 1900 block of Hwy 3, Hampton.

8:39 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the 1100 block of 14th Ave, Eldora.

10:42 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton.

12:26 p.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of 85th St. and Hwy 65, Hampton.

1:55 p.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the 700 block of Mallard Ave, Hampton.

2:33 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 200 block of 250th St. , Meservey.

3:53 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the 40 block of Linden Dr, Mason City.

4:50 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Grouse Ave and 250th St. , Thornton.

6:07 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 800 block of 160th St. , Latimer.

11:37 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the 400 block of Mallard Ave northbound, Iowa Falls.

Friday, July 11:
Officers executed one traffic stop and received two general calls.

9:38 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of 105th St. , Sheffield.

9:40 a.m.: Report of a garbage complaint in the area of 190th St. , Aredale.

1:07 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and the Franklin County/Butler County line.

1:15 p.m.: Report of a weather issue in an unlisted area of Franklin County.

1:20 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of I-35 and mile mark 171 northbound, Latimer.

1:46 p.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of I-35 and mile mark 167 southbound, Latimer.

3:15 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of West Gilman St. , Sheffield.

5:31 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 159 northbound, Dows.

6:17 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of Balsam Ave, Alexander.

6:49 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of I-35 and mile mark 142 northbound, Woolstock.

7:16 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the area of Olive Ave, Hampton.

7:49 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 162, Dows.

Saturday, July 12:
Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted three motorists, received a report for two controlled burns, and received one general call.

2:42 a.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of I-35 northbound and mile mark 170, Sheffield.

4:01 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of Grant St. , Coulter.

7:06 a.m.: Report of an abandoned vehicle in the area of 30th St. , Alden.

11:55 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 151 northbound, Dows.

12:44 p.m.: Report of juveniles in the area of 190th St. , Latimer.

2:19 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the area of Hwy 3 and Olive Ave, Hampton.

3:19 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Mallard Ave, Hampton.

4:33 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the 1200 block of 190th St. , Hampton.

11:41 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the area of 30th St. , Ackley.

Sunday, July 13:
Officers executed 11 traffic stops, assisted two motorists, received a report for one controlled burn, and received three general calls.

12:41 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton.

1:19 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in an unlisted area, Hampton.

2:39 a.m.: Officers executed local warrants in an unlisted area, Waterloo.

5:35 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Hwy 3 and Quail Ave, Hampton.

12:39 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 165 southbound, Latimer.

1:46 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in an unlisted area, Mason City.

2:20 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 southbound and exit 170, Latimer.

2:56 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the 900 block of Hwy 3, Coulter.

3:38 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of 190th St. and Olive Ave, Hampton.

3:43 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Garfield St. , Sheffield.

7:50 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

7:58 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Central Ave W, Hampton.

Butler County Sheriff Reports

Monday, July 7:

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

12:32 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of Hwy 57 and Sinclair Ave.

1:23 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 200 block of 7th st.

3:30 a.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the area of 3rd St and Coates St.

6:47 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 200 block of Locust St.

7:38 a.m.: Report of flooding in the area of 225th St and Fir Ave.

7:51 a.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the 600 block of 1st St.

8:44 a.m.: Report of the department of human services in the 500 block of Hwy 57.

9:16 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

9:17 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:02 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 20200 block of Hwy 57.

12:46 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 200 block of N Main St.

2:40 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 33300 block of Hwy 57.

4:23 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 23500 block of Willow Ave.

4:50 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:53 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:28 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 600 block of Highland Dr.

6:02 p.m.: Report of vandalism/criminal mischief in the 21900 block of Terrace Ave.

6:11 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.

6:18 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 600 block of Maple St.

6:21 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St.

6:50 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 400 block of 6th St.

7:20 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 20700 block of Union Ave.

FROM THE LOG

8:40 p.m.: Report of fireworks in the 200 block of Elliot Ave.

9:42 p.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the area of 8th St and Pine St.

9:43 p.m.: Report of fireworks in the 500 block of N Jackson St.

Tuesday, July 8:

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

12:21 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 900 block of Parriott St.

3:28 a.m.: Report of parking complaint in the area of 3rd St and Coates St.

5:30 a.m.: Nathan Dale Hovenga, 46 of Allison, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.

8:22 a.m.: Report of probation calls in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:43 a.m.: Report of a sox offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:30 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 200 block of Harvest Ln.

1:01 p.m.: Report of trespass in the 1200 block of Ascher St.

3:12 p.m.: Report of property damage in the 700 block of N Public Rd.

3:52 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:01 p.m.: Report of a runaway in the 200 block of Wright St.

4:07 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:25 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 15600 block of 265th St.

4:51 p.m.: Report of unknown problem in the 30200 block of 220th St.

5:00 p.m.: Report of a test in the area of Pine and Willow St/.

5:14 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 200 block of W South St.

5:30 p.m.: Report of a test in the 800 block of Pine St.

5:33 p.m.: Report of a test in the 800 block of Pine St.

5:36 p.m.: Report of a test in the 800 block of Pine St.

6:04 p.m.: Report of maintenance in the 200 block of E J Ave, Grundy Center.

6:55 p.m.: Report of railroad issues in the area of Hwy 57 and Main St.

7:08 p.m.: Report of a test in the 800 block of Pine St.

7:16 p.m.: Report of a test in the 800 block of Pine St.

7:40 p.m.: Report of a test in the 800 block of Pine St.

8:15 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of S 2nd St.

8:17 p.m.: Report of a test in the 800 block of Pine St.

8:46 p.m.: Report of a test in the 700 block of Grant St.

9:06 p.m.: Report of a test in the area of Cedar Ave and Hwy 3.

9:19 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 33300 block of Hwy 57.

9:23 p.m.: Report of a test in the 900 block of Pine St.

9:31 p.m.: Report of a test in the 600 block of Broadway St.

9:39 p.m.: Report of a test in the 800 block of Broadway St.

Wednesday, July 9:

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

1:44 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 30200 block of 220th St.

4:21 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 22000 block of Liberty Ave.

8:29 a.m.: Report of a test in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:32 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 31900 block of Liberty Ave.

8:37 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th st.

8:37 a.m.: Report of the veterans van in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:39 a.m.: Report of a road closed in the area of 180th St and Vail Ave.

8:46 a.m.: Report of a road closed in the area of 180th St and Vail Ave.

10:00 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 600 block of N 1st St.

10:59 a.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the 200 block of 1st St.

11:26 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock on the 700 block of Broadway St.

1:00 p.m.: Report of a transport in the area of Intake Exit 414.

2:56 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

3:12 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

3:18 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of 7th St and hwy 14.

3:21 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of 7th St and Hwy 14.

3:32 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Cedar Ave and Hwy 3.

3:41 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 19600 block of 170th St.

3:48 p.m.: Officers conducted a vehicle inspection in the 31700 block of Beaver Valley St.

3:49 p.m.: Report of natural call in the 10000 block of Ivy Ave.

7:44 p.m.: Jeffrey Allen Hieb, 35 of Kesley, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed

9:45 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of E Main St.

9:57 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 100 block of 5th St SW. Hampton.

Thursday, July 10:

Officers executed seven traffic stops, assisted three motorists, received a report for one controlled burn and received two general calls.

3:31 a.m.: Report of domestic/family matters in the 13400 block of 110th St.

6:58 a.m.: Report of a test in the 400 block of 6th St.

7:37 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 13400 block of 320th St.

7:41 a.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 400 block of 6th St.

11:20 a.m.: Report of lost/located property in the area of Hwy 14 and Hwy 3.

11:23 a.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 200 block of 3rd St.

12:09 p.m.: Enrique Trujillo Jr, 27 of Bristow, arrested for driving while barred, jailed.

12:40 p.m.: Report of juvenile problems in the 600 block of Nash St.

1:02 p.m.: Trent Duane Hackman, 42 of Parkesburg, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.

1:30 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 200 block of Harvest LN.

2:19 p.m.: Report of a road closed in the area of 180th St and Forest Ave.

2:20 p.m.: Report of a road closed in the area of 225th St and Fir Ave.

3:12 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 900 block of W Broadway St.

3:29 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

3:43 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 400 block of 4th St.

6:35 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of N Public Rd.

7:37 p.m.: Report of a property exchange in the 100 block of W Water St.

8:49 p.m: Report of a test in the 400 block of 6th St.

9:35 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 1000 block of Railroad St.

10:06 p.m.: Report of railroad issues in the area of 220th St and Vail Ave.

10:24 p.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Floyd Line St and Hwy 14.

11:58 p.m.: Jeremy Robert Norton, 41 of Allison, arrested for an OWI-1st offense, jailed.

Friday, July 11:

Officers executed seven traffic stops, assisted with three medical calls, and received nine general calls.

1:23 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of 310th St and Union Ave.

5:13 a.m.: Report of road debris in the area of 110th St and Hickory Ave.

7:59 a.m.: Officers conducted a house check in the 30100 block of Superior Rd.

10:12 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 1200 block of Wemple St.

12:37 p.m.: Report of theft in the 32600 block of Terrace Ave.

1:26 p.m.: Officers conducted a vehicle inspection in the 16100 block of Quarry Ave.

1:28 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:02 p.m.: Report of railroad issues in the area of Packard Ace and Pioneer PL.

2:22 p.m.: Report of road construction in the area of 280th St and Temple Ave.

2:47 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 27500 block of Navajo LN.

2:56 p.m.: Report of probation calls in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:59 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 300 block of Walnut St.

3:30 p.m.: Report of flooding in the area of 160th St and Birch Ave.

3:31 p.m.: Report of flooding in the area of 110th St and Hickory Ave.

4:11 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:55 p.m.: Shayler Lee Kramer, 32 of Aplington, arrested for contemp-violation of no contact order, jailed.

5:57 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

7:58 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 800 block of Elm St.

9:55 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:50 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 500 block of W Traer St.

Saturday, July 12:

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

12:41 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 900 block of Parriott St.

1:06 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:43 a.m.: Report of property exchange in the 800 block of N Elm St.

11:33 a.m.: Report of flooding in the 24500 block of JAckson Ave.

12:04 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 700 block of Tuve Ave.

1:24 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 1000 block of Terrace Ave.

2:45 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 21900 block of Terrace Ave.

2:56 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Hwy 3 and Uticia Ave.

3:44 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 300 block of Day St.

4:14 p.m.: Report of property damage in the 33700 block of Beaver Valley St.

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

6:05 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 29500 block of Hwy 188.

6:14 p.m.: Report of civil department request in the 400 block of 6th St.

6:49 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 1600 block of Palmer Ct,

7:54 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 13400 block of 320th St.

8:06 p.m.: Officers assisted other agencies in the 300 block of Locust St.

8:17 p.m.: Report of unknown prob;ems in the 900 block of N Cherry St.

8:42 p.m.: Report of juvenile problems in the 14300 block of Terrace Ave.

10:03 p.m.: Report of fireworks in the 15800 block of Keith St.

10:29 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 800 block of 4th St.

10:50 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 16900 block of Packard Ave.

11:33 p.m.: Officers conducted a search warrant in the 300 block of Main St.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Warranty Deed: Michael Grundberg Trustee, Christine Blome Trustee, Grundberg Family Trust to Michael Grundberg Family Trust, Christine Blome Trustee, Julie Marie Grundberg Trust; 8-91-21 NW Parts

Warranty Deed: Brandon Kooiker to Loren Lienemann, Angie Lienemann; 30-91-22 SW SW Lot 8 & 9

Quit Claim Deed: Brandon Kooiker to Loren Lienemann, Angie Lienemann; 30-91-22 SW SW Lot 10 & 11 Part, Dows Dows Original Town Lot 11 Part, Dows Dows original Town Lot 10

Quit Claim Deed: Duane G Mennenga, Jolene R Mennenga to Duane G Mennenga Trustee, Duane G Mennenga Trust; 6-93-22 SW Part, 6-93-22 NW Part

Warranty Deed: Samuel C Shirley Trustee, Jolene E Anderson Trustee, Charles E Shirley Revocable Trust to Samuel C Shirley, Jolene E Anderson; 10-91-19 SE SW, 10-91-19 NE SW Parcel

Warranty Deed: Patricia Lamb to Patricia E Lamb Revocable Trust, Karen C Meyerholtz Trustee; 3-93-20 N2 NW

Quit Claim Deed: City of Hansell to Brett L Harlan; Hans Hansell Original Town Blk 2 Lot 7-8 W ½ of Vacated Alley, Hans Hansell Original Town Blk 2 Lot 1-2

Quit Claim Deed: City of Hansell to Jamie L Minnier, Jessica N Kuebler; Hans Hansell Original Town Blk 2 Lot 7-8 W ½ of Vacated Alley, Hans Hansell Original Town Blk 2 Lot 1-2

Warranty Deed: Rodney K Rieken, Patricia A Rieken to Rodney K Rieken Trustee, Rodney K Rieken Farm Trust; 10-91-19 NE Part, 10-91-19 N2 SE Part, 27-93-19 SE NW Oakridge Subdiv Part, 27-93-19 NE SW Oakridge Subdiv Part, Hamp Okrdg Lot 1 – 15, Hamp Okrdg Lot 18, Hamp Okrdg Lot 19, Hamp Okrdg Lot 20, Hamp Okrdg 23 – 41

Warranty Deed: Joan A Moore to Joshua M Bell, Jocelyn R Wiarda Bell, Jocelyn R Bell Wiarda; Hans Hansell Original Town Blk 4 Lot 4

Quit Claim Deed: Anthony Fisher, Linda G Fisher to Lucas Kramer; 28-92-19 SW NW SW Corner Part

Quit Claim Deed: Anthony Fisher, Linda G Fisher to Linda G Fisher, Anthony Fisher; 28-92-19 SW NW Tract

Quit Claim Deed: Anthony Fisher, Linda G Fisher to Linda G Fisher, Anthony Fisher; 28-92-19 SW NW Tract

Quit Claim Deed: Lashell Rae Borcherding, Lashell Rae Miller Trustee, Lashell Rae Miller Revocable Trust to Lashell Rae Borcherding; Lati Latimer Olks 2nd Addition Lot 2

Hampton Council Minutes/Claims 7.7.25

HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

The Hampton City Council Regular Session Meeting was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Steve Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Jerre Grefe, Bill Holmstrom, Patrick Palmer, and Kristin Roode. Barry Lamos joined by Zoom. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt and Police Chief Mark Morrison. Public Works Director Doug Tarr was absent. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Mayor Birdsall administered the **Oath of Office for Ward I to Kristin Roode**.

Mayor Birdsall called for a motion to **approve the agenda.** Motion by Palmer, second by Grefe to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

The Mayor read the **City Leadership Statement**.

Council Workshop Report: No workshop was held.

Public Comment: None.

Public Hearing: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Council **considered fence quotes for the skate park**. Chief Morrison arrived during discussion. After discussion, the consensus of the council was to table the issue until the additional cost to add partial sides is known.

Approval of claims. Motion by Holmstrom, second by Roode to approve the **claims as submitted by Staff** in the amount of $200,186.47. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions: City Manager Dunt presented **Resolution 2025-15:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING SANITARY SEWER AGREEMENTS WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE BEEDS LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. Heath Delzell from the Iowa DNR provided details. Motion by Davies, second by Grefe to approve Resolution 2025-15. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Holmstrom, Roode, Grefe, Davies, Palmer and Lamos. Nays: None. Resolution 2025-15 passed.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda. Motion by Palmer, second by Holmstrom to approve the Consent Agenda and the following items: Approve previous minutes as drafted from Thursday, June 26, 2025 Regular Session; Schedule the next Regular Session for Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by Police Chief Morrison and City Manager Dunt.

Council Reports given by Davies, Holmstrom, Palmer, Grefe, and Roode.

Mayor's Report given by Mayor Birdsall.

Motion to adjourn by Grefe, second by Roode at 6:40 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Attest:
Ron Dunt, City Manager
Mayor Steve Birdsall

CITY OF HAMPTON FINANCIAL REPORT CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL

VENDOR/DESCRIPTION/AMOUNT	
A&M ELECTRIC INC REPAIR	$2,048.60
ANDERSON, AMBER SHELTER DEP	$100.00
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN STREET REPAIR	$2,636.36
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING SUPPLY	$375.00
CENTURYLINK PHONE	$1,870.70
EBS - CITY'S PORTION DENTAL CLAIM	$665.30
EFTPS FED WH FED/FICA TAX	$17,102.10
FAREWAY STORES INC CONCESSIONS	$19.06
GALLS LLC UNIFORMS	$259.54
GEORGE, WYATT REIMBURSEMENT	$63.04
GORDON FLESCH – NASPO SUPPLY	$127.20
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY SUPPLY	$25.73
GREATER FR CO CHAMBER MAIN STREET PROGRAM	$15,000.00
GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY HOT/MOT TAX	$2,819.65
HAMPTON MUNICIPAL BAND SUMMER 2025	$8,500.00
HAMPTON POST OFFICE POSTAGE	$726.02
HEARTLAND ASPHALT INC MISC CONTRACT	$30,135.75
HUNST, RANAY SHELTER DEP	$50.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES DUES	$2,864.00
IPERS IPERS- PROTECTN	$18,057.81
JANSSEN, JEFF SHELTER DEP	$100.00
LEXIPOL TRAINING	$797.67
LINOH2O, LLC CALIBRATION	$1,462.00
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS INC MAINT	$960.00
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS ST MAINT	$130.22
MCKINNEY, BEN MOWING	$105.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO ELECTRIC	$17,749.84
MURPHY'S HTG & PLMBG REPAIR	$79.50
NC IOWA NARCOTICS TASK FO DUES	$1,708.80
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS SUPPLY	$143.57
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE LIFE INSURANCE	$146.90
QUAD COUNTY FIRE SCHOOL TRAINING	$90.00
ROCKWELL COOP TELEPHONE PHONE	$149.85
SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS GARBAGE	$54.00
STATE WH STATE TAX	$3,079.57
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC SRF	$3,816.50
WALTERMAN, CANDISS SHELTER DEPOSIT	$100.00
WESTRUM LEAK DETECTION IN LEAK DETECTION SURVEY	$3,000.00
WICKWIRE, ADAM LIBRARY MAINT	$400.00
WIKERT, JERROD REIMBURSE	$60.00
WM TEL - WOOLSTOCK MUTUAL PHONE	$50.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS REFUND DATE 07/01/2025	$163.27
PAYROLL CHECKS TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	$62,393.92
CLAIMS TOTAL	$200,186.47

CLAIMS BY FUND:

GENERAL FUND	$72,984.97
GENERAL - LOST/POOL FUND	$14,572.47
LIBRARY FUND	$8,210.39
ROAD USE TAX FUND	$16,403.24
T I F FUND	$15,000.00
55% LOST RESERVE FUND	$29,300.30
WATER OPERATING FUND	$17,792.41
WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND	$3,816.50
METER DEPOSITS FUND	$163.27
SEWER FUND	$21,225.04
SOLID WASTE FUND	$717.88
CLAIMS TOTAL	$200,186.47

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

Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 7/14/2025

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS July 14th 2025

A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@Franklin County Board of Superviso/streams

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, July 14th, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

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

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the regular minutes from 7/7/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: McVicker attended meetings at NIACOG for Hazmat and Emergency Response Commission.

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

The Supervisors recessed at 9:15AM for a drainage meeting. They reconvened at 9:30AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the county website.

Ashley Roberts, Public Health Administrator, met with the Supervisors to provide them with an update on her department.

Auditor, Katy Flint, provided the Supervisors with an update on her department.

The Supervisors recessed for a drainage meeting at 10:15AM. They reconvened at 10:46AM. Drainage 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 MOU's for CICS. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution authorizing the use of Special Project fund. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2025-36
APPROVING USE OF SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS

WHERAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors have set aside funds to be used for Special Projects within the County; and **WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors functions in a judicious manner in regards to utilizing the Special Project Fund; and **WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors have been made aware of the need to replace the roof of the Franklin County Courthouse: and **BE IT RESOLVED** THAT the Franklin County Board of Supervisors do approve the use of the Special Project Fund in the amount of no more than $250,000.00 to pay for the necessary repairs & improvements previously mentioned. Further, they authorize the Auditor to submit claims for payment on their behalf for the previously mentioned project.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution authorizing operating transfers for various Franklin County departments. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2025-37
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OPERATING TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FRANKLIN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS Franklin County, Iowa (the "County"), pursuant to and in strict compliance with all laws applicable to the County, desires to transfer cash from one fund to another for the purposes of supporting several county entities. WHEREAS presently the County has budgeted monies for the following transfer:

CURRENT FUND	AMOUNT OF TRANSFER	Transfer To	REASON FOR TRANSFER
General Basic Fund 01000-10300-814-99-102	$167,250.00	Conservation 60215-10000-9000-22	50% General Operating Transfer
General Basic Fund 01000-10300-814-99-823	$10,000.00	Home Care 60202-10000-9000-12	General Operating Transfer
General Basic Fund 01000-10300-814-99-690	$52,300.00	Veterans Affairs 60205-1000-9000-21	50% General Operating Transfer

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, directing the County Auditor to proceed with the general operating transfers, the amount of transfer to the appropriate fund, mentioned above, due to the reason mentioned; said transfer is between budgetary funds.

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

The Auditor/Finance Director reviewed the items to be considered for an amendment to the FY2026 budget. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Lukensmeyer to set July 28th at 9:15AM in the Supervisors' meeting room as the date, time, & place for a public hearing pertaining to a FY2026 budget amendment. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors acknowledge the Auditor's quarterly report for the quarter ending June 30th, 2025.

The Supervisors acknowledge the Sheriff's monthly report for June of 2025.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:47AM until Monday, July 21st, 2025, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

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

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Notice: Franklin Co. FY26 Budget Amendment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
Board of Supervisors of FRANKLIN COUNTY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of FRANKLIN COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026

Meeting Date/Time: 7/28/2025 09:15 AM | **Contact:** Katy A Flint, Auditor | **Phone:** (641) 456-5622

Meeting Location: Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Courthouse Basement

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	10,252,436	0	10,252,436
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	750	0	750
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	290,883	0	290,883
Net Current Property Tax	4	9,960,803	0	9,960,803
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	165	0	165
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	0	0	0
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	970,922	0	970,922
Intergovernmental	8	9,035,374	2,021,970	11,057,344
Licenses & Permits	9	36,450	0	36,450
Charges for Service	10	505,665	0	505,665
Use of Money & Property	11	370,585	0	370,585
Miscellaneous	12	90,360	0	90,360
Subtotal Revenue	13	20,970,324	2,021,970	22,992,294
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	3,653,740	64,049	3,717,789
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	35,000	0	35,000
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	24,659,064	2,086,019	26,745,083
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,660,046	30,000	2,690,046
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,522,575	98,758	1,621,333
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	951,174	56,000	1,007,174
Roads & Transportation	22	7,650,500	0	7,650,500
Government Services to Residents	23	866,609	0	866,609
Administration	24	6,331,572	3,384,556	9,716,128
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0
Debt Service	26	0	0	0
Capital Projects	27	480,000	0	480,000
Subtotal Expenditures	28	20,462,476	3,569,314	24,031,790
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	3,653,740	64,049	3,717,789
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	24,116,216	3,633,363	27,749,579
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	542,848	-1,547,344	-1,004,496
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2025	33	14,831,094	0	14,831,094
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	8,848,951	0	8,848,951
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	1,630,861	0	1,630,861
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	4,894,130	-1,547,344	3,346,786
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2026	40	15,373,942	-1,547,344	13,826,598

Explanation of Changes: Large inmate medical bill, transition Public Health & Home Care to FGH, change in mental health & disability services, Conservation cabin construction, courthouse roof replacement, courthouse statue repairs, transfer of funds

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Martha Wallace Estate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Martha Elaine Wallace, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR502037
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Martha Elaine Wallace, Deceased, who died on or about June 27, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on July 9, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Martha Elaine Wallace, deceased, bearing date of March 24, 2022 , was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Eli Varrelmann and Tracy Keninger have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated July 11, 2025.
Eli Varrelmann
14779 Highway 3
Allison, IA 50602

Tracy Keninger
800 Jefferson Avenue, SE
Bondurant, IA 50035
Executors of Estate

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

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Notice of Public Hearing DD 3 Main Open Ditch

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 3 FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA
ENGINEER'S REPORT ON MAIN OPEN DITCH MODIFICATION
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025 AT 10:00 AM

TO: A ll landowners, lien holders or encumbrancers of any land within said Drainage District 3 Main Open Ditch, and to all other person who it may concern, including actual occupants of lands in said Drainage District 3.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public hearing on the Engineer's Report on Main Open Ditch Modification for Drainage District 3 in Franklin County shall be held **on Monday August 11, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the Franklin County Law Enforcement Center, 105 5 th St SW, Hampton, IA 50441 .**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Trustees of said drainage district acknowledged receipt of the Engineer's Report for Drainage District 3 Main Open Ditch Modification from Clapsaddle-Garber Associates on June 23, 2025.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Trustees for said drainage district, shall at the public hearing set for August 11, 2025, hear comments and objections to the Engineer's Report for Drainage District 3 Main Open Ditch Modification, as may be presented by or for any landowner in the district.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a copy of the Engineer's Report on Main Open Ditch Modification, as listed below, is available in full at the Franklin County Auditor's Office, and the Drainage Engineer's Office, Clapsaddle-Garber Associates in Ackley, IA and all objections hereto must be filed in writing with the Auditor at or before the time set for said hearing. Failure to file written objections will result in a waiver of any objections you may have.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at the time of hearing, the Trustees of said drainage district shall determine all objections filed to said report, and shall fully consider said report, and may authorize the proposed modification to proceed.

AND, Any interested party having a claim for damages arising out of the Main Open Ditch Modification shall file a claim with the Board or the Auditor's Office of their county at or before the time set for the hearing on the completion of the contract, which claim shall not include any claim for land taken for right-of-way or for severance of the land. You may obtain a Drainage Claim Form from the Franklin County Auditor's Office.

THIS NOTICE IS PUBLISHED AND MAILED AS PROVIDED BY LAW BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT 3 FRANKLIN COUNTY.

COLETTE BRUNS
FRANKLIN COUNTY DRAINAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 7th 2025

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The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, July 7th, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the regular minutes from 6/30/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Landon Plagge was present to share damage to his ground made by someone who worked for a wind farm. Vanness attended Veteran's Affairs.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the closure of 130th Street between Yarrow Ave & Franklin Ave as of 7/1/25 at 11:30Am for culvert construction/repair. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors recessed at 9:15Am for a drainage meeting. They reconvened at 9:30AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the county website.

Aaron Dodd, Sheriff, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on his department.

Assessor, Carissa Sisson, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on her department.

Doug Foreshoe from Bergland & Cram met with the Supervisors to review the plans for the courthouse roof replacement. After that review, motion by Vanness, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution ordering the construction of the County Courthouse roof and fixing a date for hearing thereon and taking of bids therefor. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOF,

AND FIXING A DATE FOR HEARING THEREON AND TAKING OF BIDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary to construct certain public improvements described in general as the County Courthouse Roof; and WHEREAS, the County has caused to be prepared plans, specifications and form of contract, together with estimate of cost, which are now on file in the office of the County Auditor for public inspection, for the construction of the public improvements; and WHEREAS, the plans, specifications and form of contract are deemed suitable for the making of the public improvements; and WHEREAS, before the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost may be adopted, and a contract for the construction of the public improvements is entered into, it is necessary, pursuant to Chapter 26, Code of Iowa, to hold a public hearing and to advertise for bids: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA: That it is hereby determined that it is necessary and advisable to construct certain public improvements described in general as the County Courthouse Roof, in the manner set forth in the plans and specifications and form of contract, above referred to, the cost thereof to be paid in accordance with the provisions as set out in the posted Notice to Bidders and published Notice of Public Hearing; the public improvements being more generally described as follows: The removal and replacement of the elastomeric membrane roofing as noted on drawings. The removal and replacement of Asphalt Singles as noted on drawings. As an Alternate to the Asphalt Singles, Metal Shingle roofing is an Alternate for replacement of the former Asphalt shingles. The inclusion of all associated accessories related to the complete roofing installation, such as wood blocking, flashing and preformed membrane boots around roof penetrations, as well as all edge of roof metal flashing. That the amount of the bid security to accompany each bid shall be in an amount which shall conform to the provisions of the notice to bidders approved as a part of the specifications. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor be and is hereby directed to post a notice to bidders once in a relevant contractor plan room service with statewide circulation and a relevant construction lead generating service with statewide circulation and on an internet site sponsored by either the County or a statewide association that represents the County. Posting shall be not less than thirteen clear days nor more than forty-five days prior to July 29, 2025, which is hereby fixed as the date for receiving bids. The bids are to be filed prior to 10:00 A.M., on such date. The Board of Supervisors hereby delegates to the County Auditor or her designee the duty of receiving, opening and tabulating bids for construction of the Project. Bids shall be received and opened as provided in the public notice and the results of the bids shall be considered at the meeting of this Board on August 4, 2025, at 8:15 A.M. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor be and is hereby directed to publish notice of hearing once in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published at least once weekly and having general circulation in this County. Publication shall be not less than four clear days nor more than twenty days prior to the date hereinafter fixed as the date for a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the project, the hearing to be at 8:15 A.M. on August 4, 2025.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the discussion of merger of Northeast Iowa Workforce Development with South Central Iowa Workforce. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors acknowledge the Veterans Affairs Quarterly Report for Q4 of FY2025.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:16AM until Monday, July 14th, 2025, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

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

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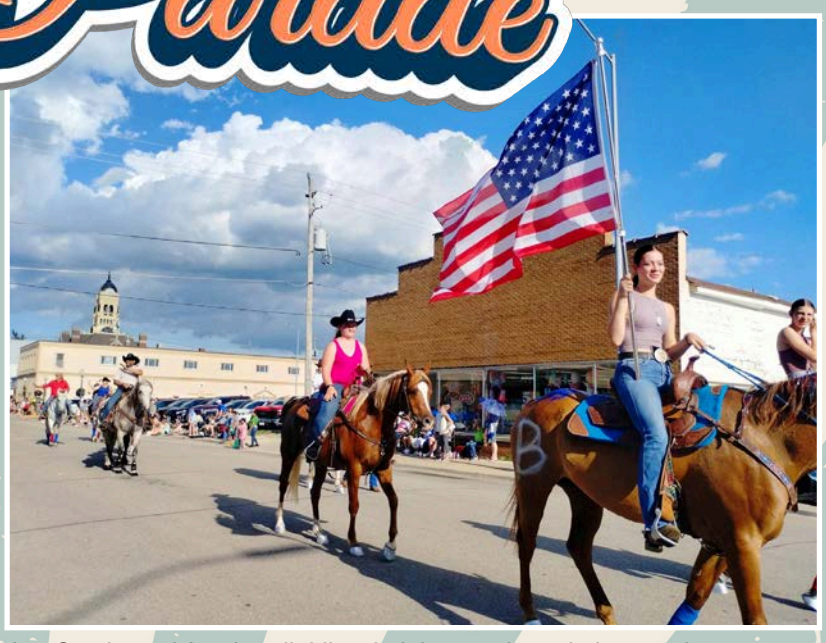
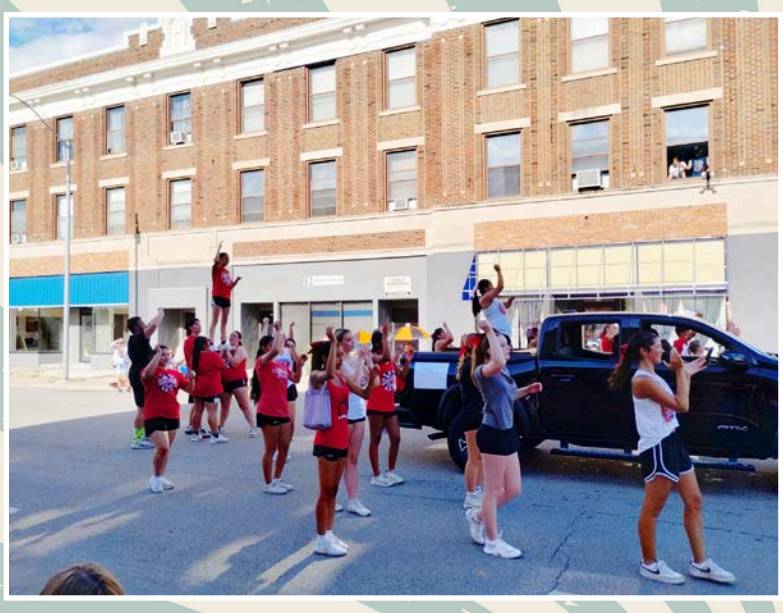
2025 Franklin County Fair Parade

A tractor making its way through downtown for the annual fair parade.



Ava Crooks and Ary Jewell riding their horses through the parade.



The H-D-CAL cheerleading squad puts on a performance during the 2025 Franklin County Fair Parade on Tuesday, July 8.

Carlos Galvan, María Urbina, Luis Galvan, Nina Correnti, Azzy Thomson and Eva Galvan waiting for the parade to begin.

The Hearn family snagged the perfect spot to watch the parade, in front of city hall.

The Access Inc. float passing the courthouse during the parade.

The Willie's crew tossing out candy during the parade.

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Friendly Faces at the Commercial Exhibits Building

Here's a small sample of some of the vendors and groups in the commercial exhibits building.
Photos by Jennifer Burnham.

Klay Dodd, Kael Dodd and Jim Davies at the Chamber/Tourism booth.

Janelle Dohrmann with Forever Lynked.

Emmett and Karla Mae Elling with Iowa Bee.

Allysa Miller and Gina Schnatehorst with Iowa Specialty.

Autumn Hawver and Macy Mcdonough with MercyOne North Iowa Hospice.

Greg Hellman with Sukup.

Lindsey Calhoun and Tracey Juhl with North Iowa Area Community College.

Tyler Eaton and Caleb Vanlaere with Midwest Construction.

Lacey Elphic with the Giggling Goat.

Del Ray with West Fork Food Pantry.

Michelle Hartman, aka the "Crazy Tupperware Lady."

Sherry Sanders with Mulford Bros