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# Thrift Store Volunteers Named Grand Marshals for Sheffield Celebration

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HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Gail Lacey, 76, of Sheffield retired from her job at Menards in 2013. But she didn't like sitting still — and, more importantly, she wanted to find a way to give back. So she began volunteering at the Sharing Shoppe in Sheffield the following year, and she's been going strong ever since.

Lacey, who's now the store leader, can be found at the thrift store every day of the week, she said, unloading, organizing, cleaning and whatever else needs to be done. She does it all on a volunteer basis. She also runs the team of volunteers, all of whom help make the free-will donation thrift store possible. From clothing to pots and pans, they have a little bit of everything.

The volunteer team is made up of Sue Obrien,

Tina Hopes Lacey, Sue Levitt, Marcia Etnier, Fonda Weide, Heidi Mechler, Sue Rube, Darlene Mason, Gloria Grover, Marsha Council, John Council, Deb Schroder, Cindy Menninga, Marsha Whipple, Bob Rube and Mardell Weber.

Lacey called her team of volunteers the best around, and she isn't the only person who feels that way. She and her team were recently named the Grand Marshals for Sheffield's 2025 People in the Park celebration.

"We are so honored by this," she told the Chronicle.

Lacey wanted to remind everyone of the importance of donating when stopping by.

"We encourage everyone to donate when they leave with something," she said. "It's how we keep the building running!"



Store Leader Gail Lacey in front of the Sharing Shoppe on Friday, Aug. 15.

# Sheffield Auto Shop Owner Beats Leukemia, Receives Community Award

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Jon Schmitt of Sheffield was told that he only had a couple of weeks to a month to live last year. He was told he had leukemia.

Many in the area know Jon from his car shop in Sheffield, Jon's Auto Truck and Repair, which he took over in July of 1999. This year marks 50 years since he's worked as a mechanic in the building, first working for Sheahan Chevrolet. Ever since taking over, he's become a staple for those in need of car services, offering everything from oil changes to engine work.

When he learned he had cancer last year, he was given several options: go through an intensive 6-month treatment, get 5-day chemo infusions once every 20 to 40 days or go into hospice care. He decided to get monthly chemo treatments, with his first taking place on Christmas Day.

"Merry Christmas to me," he joked.

Luckily, after going through months of chemo at the Mayo Clinic in Albert Lea, Minnesota, Jon is now in remission. And through it all, he has remained focused on his customers.

"I'm a little more tired these days, but I'm still the same old Jon," he said. "I've continued working because it's all I've ever known."

Jon, who was recently named the recipient of Sheffield's 2025 People in the Park CC Gilman Award, said that while he appreciates the honor, he doesn't need awards.

"My award is the customers," he said. "It's all about keeping the customers happy."

He thanked his customers for their support and prayers throughout his time in treatment.

Jon's Auto Truck and Repair can be found at 202 E Gilman St, Sheffield, IA 50475. He can be reached at (641) 892-4260.



Jon Schmitt at his car shop on Thursday, Aug. 14.

# Marilyn Jurgena Receives Shine the Light Award for Years of Volunteer Work

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

A longtime volunteer in the area, Marilyn Jurgena of Hampton was recently named one of the recipients of the annual Shine the Light contest, which is coordinated by the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives.

The contest is a chance for member-consumers and employees of Iowa's locally owned electric cooperatives to nominate someone who's made a positive difference in their community. And Jurgena has certainly done that here in Hampton. Over the years, she has served on the Faith Baptist Church Board, the Franklin General Hospital Auxiliary Board, the Franklin General Hospital Foundation Board and the Hampton Senior Citizens Center Board.

Jurgena was nominated for the award by Midland Power Cooperative member Suzanne Rowen, who wrote the following about Jurgena: "Marilyn's lifelong commitment to the entire community is unwavering and her desire to bring a friendly smile to all situations is unparalleled. She consistently goes above and beyond in any endeavor she tackles and you can see that she has tackled quite a bit. Much like the Energizer Bunny, she does not quit."



A total of \$625 was awarded to the Hampton Senior Center on behalf of Jurgena on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

Jurgena and her husband, Larry, have been married for 62 years and have three

children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She owned and operated Marilyn's Boutique for 43 years before retiring.

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## Tree Board Spruces up Rolling Prairie Trail

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Members of the Hampton Tree Board were busy last week, spending two full days sprucing up the trees along the Rolling Prairie Trail.

The group put in more than 24 hours since yesterday morning cleaning up vines and excess shrubbery around the bases of the trees and their fences. They originally helped plant the Oak trees in 2018, with help from a group of middle schoolers. The trees were purchased with a Mid-American Energy Grant.

"Anyone can plant a tree, but maintaining them is the hard part," said Tree Board member Randy Sanders.

Sanders wanted to remind everyone that they'll be selling 30 hardwood shade trees in September through their treeline program. For the program, the group purchases \$100 to \$200 trees and sells them to people in the community for \$50. After planting them, they help take care of them. They also make sure to educate people on proper care for the trees.

If interested in purchasing a tree, contact Randy Sanders at 515-681-1826 or Dick Lukensmeyer at 641-425-7200.



Tree Board members Randy Sanders, Phil Strand, Jim Garrett and Dick Lukensmeyer at Rolling Prairie Trail on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

## Hampton Man Graduates from United States Marine Corp Boot Camp

PFC Carter Joseph Hobson, 21, of Hampton graduated from the United States Marine Corps Boot Camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on April 6, 2025.

PFC Hobson successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego as one of 84 recruits in Training Platoon 1066. Following ten days home on leave, he reported to Camp Pendleton for two months at Infantry Training Battalion then one month of Military Occupation Speciality School. While in recruit training, PFC Hobson was assigned Fireteam Leader. During MOS, PFC Hobson achieved the following: Rifleman, 0311 Certification and earned Meritorious Mast. The Meritorious Mast is a formal recognition in the U.S. Marine Corp for enlisted personnel demonstrating exceptional service and certificate of commendation. PFC Hobson will be stationed at the USMC Reserve Center in Grandeur, Iowa as a Marine Corps Reservist.



PFC Carter Joseph Hobson

## Alexis Sosa Lands Enough Scholarships to Cover College Tuition

Alexis Sosa and his mom, Brenda, were among those working back-to-school night at La Luz Centro Cultural on Friday, Aug. 15. Alexis, who graduated from H-D-CAL High School in the spring, was excited to share that he'll soon be attending Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls,

where he'll be studying graphic design. He'll be attending at no cost, as he received numerous scholarships. His dream job: to work in marketing.

"I worked my butt off for these scholarships, so I'm really excited," he said.



Photo by Janette Flores Acolt.

## County Naturalist Gives Lesson on Wildlife to Cub Scouts

The Hampton and Sheffield Cub Scouts learned about wildlife from Franklin and Wright County Naturalist Aubrey Brown at WKW Park on Saturday morning, Aug. 16. She brought her snake friend, Toby, for the presentation. Photos by Jennifer Burnham.



## Main Street America Visits Hampton

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Main Street America representatives stopped by Hampton last Wednesday, Aug. 13, to check out the downtown area and accredit Main Street Hampton and the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, which would allow them to apply for certain grants and benefit from other resources.

The day started off with a presentation by Interim Main Street Director Jim Davies, who gave an overview of the history of the programs and their goals and priorities, along with annual events offered in the area.

The two MSA reps then met with local Chamber members, community partners, committee members, board members and staff throughout the day to get their take on how the programs are running and how they felt they could improve.

One question that kept coming up throughout the day: how do you encourage people to get more involved? As several people pointed out, the same group



Main Street America Representatives meeting with community members involved with the Chamber.

of people seem to volunteer for different causes and committees, leaving them spread thin when there are plenty of other people who could help out.

Several solutions were offered, including being more direct when asking community members to volunteer their time and being more specific.

In the session for the community partners, the importance of collaborating with one another was

brought up.

"Individually, we couldn't do this," Franklin County Arts Council Member Leon Kuehner said. "Collaboratively, we can."

Kuehner spoke about how he had coordinated with other event organizers to make sure their events wouldn't overlap, but instead scheduled them one after another to encourage people to get out and about on a particular weekend.

At 11 a.m., the repre-

sentatives went on a group tour of the downtown area, starting with lunch at Rustic Brew. They stopped by Peace Plaza, the Hampton Senior Center, Band Shell Park, the Windsor Theatre, the GAR Memorial Hall, the Windsor Theatre, La Luz Centro Cultural, First and Second Vintage, First and Second Vintage Too, Christensen Jewelry and the Wood Cellar.

When asked for her thoughts on the downtown area, MSA Senior Program Officer of Economic Vitality Joi Cuartero Austin said she was impressed.

"For its size, there is a lot going on here in Hampton," she said. "It's my job to share observations and recommendations, and the best part is I get to work with some of the most passionate people in these communities I visit."

Jim Davies told the Chronicle that he was pleased with how the day went.

"I thought the day could not have gone any better," Davies said. "I was especially encouraged by the number of people I invited that showed up to participate in the sessions with Joi and Amy, the Main Street America representatives."

## BBQ Competition Comes to Hampton This Weekend

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

A Kansas City Barbeque Society Sanctioned Master Series BBQ contest will be in Hampton this weekend.

This BBQ will be the first of its kind in the area since the Mason City Up In Smoke BBQ Bash, said event organizer Charlane Janssen. It will be held in the parking lot area of Access Inc. on Friday, Aug. 22 and Saturday, Aug. 23.

The idea came to Charlane years ago, when she realized Hampton didn't have its own barbeque competition. So last year, she began by going around to businesses to see if there'd be interest in sponsoring the event. And, much to her delight, there was. The very first sponsor for the event was First Bank Hampton, who donated \$7,500 in January.

The event will kick off on Friday, Aug. 22, with teams arriving that morning and a cook's meeting that evening. These contests are serious business for those who compete in them, said Charlane, as many of them travel from several states away, including Nebraska, Minnesota, North Carolina and Alabama. The following teams will be participating: Team Crawford, Smokin Dinger, Smokey Ds Wannabees, T-Rex, When Pigs Die, Smokers Purgatory, Smokehouse 72, Never Easy, On the Spit BB, Bourbon & Blues BBQ, Low Eye Que, Wags Backwoods BBQ, Good Time Guys Buckshot BBQ, Bucknutz BBQ, Machetti Boys, Wee Willy's BBQ, Hogline and Poppa Pig. They also have a total of 28 judges lined up for the event.

Black Dog BBQ out of Mason City will be in attendance for the big event, said Charlane, along with dirty sodas and gravity basketball.

Sponsors for the event include First Bank Hampton, KLMJ Radio, Liqui-Grow, Buresh Building Systems, United Bank & Trust and First Security Bank & Trust.

The Kansas City Barbeque Society, a non-profit, is the world's largest organization of barbecue and grilling enthusiasts with over 16,000 members worldwide. The KCBS sanctions over 400 barbecue contests worldwide.

Make sure to follow the Hampton Chronicle on Facebook for coverage of the event this weekend.

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- **Location:** Bandshell Park, Hampton, IA

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# First Bank Hampton Donates \$1,500 to Hampton Public Library in Celebration of 120th Anniversary

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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First Bank Hampton has donated \$1,500 to the Hampton Public Library in honor of the 120th anniversary of the Hampton Carnegie Library.

As one of Hampton's most cherished institutions, the Carnegie Library has served as a beacon of learning, discovery, and connection for generations. Established in 1904 with funding from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, the library has grown alongside the community, adapting to new technologies and the ever-changing needs of its patrons.

The \$1,500 check was presented to library staff by Tyler Heeren, President & CEO of First Bank Hampton, and Eric Reicherts, Senior Vice President.

"First Bank Hampton is



proud to support the Hampton Public Library and its ongoing mission to provide access to knowledge, cul-

ture, and lifelong learning for all," said Heeren. "We recognize the invaluable role the library plays in

our community and are honored to contribute to its continued success." To celebrate the 120th

anniversary, the library is hosting festivities that include a featured speaker, a photo recreation, and a free community meal to follow on October 6, 2025. These events are designed to honor the library's enduring legacy and bring the community together in celebration. The contribution from First Bank Hampton will further support these initiatives and position the library for a vibrant future.

The Hampton Public Library invites the community to take part in the ongoing celebration and to enjoy the many resources and programs available throughout this commemorative year.

For more information about the Hampton Public Library's 120th anniversary events and ways to contribute, visit or contact the library directly.

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# Library Director Shares Quarterly Report with Council

BY JENNIFER  
BURNHAM  
HAMPTON  
CHRONICLE

Hampton Public Library Director Suzy Knipfel gave a report at the Aug. 14 city council meeting.

During the meeting, Knipfel told the Council about their plans for their 120th birthday party on Oct. 6 and how they would like to close the street right in front of the library.

She pointed out that they didn't want to interfere with the post office's traffic, as they knew the afternoon is a busy time for them.

Knipfel then shared highlights from the library's quarterly report, saying they had 257 children sign up for their summer reading program. They offered 88 more programs than the previous year for a total of 266 programs, with more than 3,000 people attending.

"I would call that a success," she said.

She said the wall of the library is still in the works, and that they'll be wrapping that up soon enough.

**Other meeting highlights**

During public comment, Patrick O'Donnell expressed concerns regarding roofing codes.

The claims as submitted by staff in the amount of \$467,430.67 was approved unanimously.

During the new business portion of the meeting, Garrett Jacobs of Bolton & Menk provided details regarding change order #1 for the airport improvement project. The motion was approved unanimously.

"Standard practice towards the end of all of our projects is we do a change order to reconcile contract quantities to the as built quantities so there's no discrepancy when we close out the project," he said. "So this change order reflects that."

There was an overall change order of around \$30,000.

After this, Jacobs presented the final, second pay application in the amount of \$20,856.05 for the airport improvement project. The retainage amount to the contractor will be released after 30 days.

City Manager Ron Dunt provided details regarding pay estimate #8 water treatment improvements in the amount of \$145,000.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

The council approved a street closure request from La Luz Centro Cultural for their back-to-school night event, as well as street closures for the Aug. 24 car show in Hampton and traffic control for crossing Highway 65 north at the trail for the H-D Class of 2004 Scholarship fundraiser 5K on Oct. 4.



Hampton city officials during their Aug. 14 city council meeting.

Resolutions were approved for the following: the construction contract and bond for the 2025-2026 street rehabilitation program; the contract for the 2025 asbestos containing material abatement at the former commercial and residential building at 4 and 6 1st St NW; the proposal to purchase the \$700,000 taxable general obligation capital loan note series for 2025; and the form of loan agreement and authorizing and providing for the issuance of \$700,000 taxable general obligation capital loan notes and levying a tax to pay said notes.

The following consent agenda was approved: the minutes as drafted from the July 24 meeting; the minutes as drafted from the July 29 special meeting; scheduling the next regular meeting for Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; and the liquor license ownership update for HyVee Hampton Dollar Fresh.

**Reports**

For his report, Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison said they had a great night at National Night Out.

"We had a really good turnout, and it was great to see the community out there and the interaction with the officers," he said.

He also reported that Officer Brass passed all of his entry requirements for the police academy. Officer Brass will leave in September for the 16-week program. The police department completed their annual firearms qualifications at the Hansell shooting range earlier that week and CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) training was scheduled for the following week. Chief Morrison said he had met with school officials earlier that day to go over bus stop safety, as well. He and Public Works Director Doug Tarr visited a number of property owners earlier that day about cleaning up their properties. Lastly, he mentioned the new in-car computers that were installed, which they received through the Community Foundation Grant they were given.

For his report, Public Works Director Doug Tarr said school crossings were painted earlier that week.

"Those are looking

bright and shiny and new as we get ready for the kids to start school here soon," he said.

Tarr said staff has been busy, as they've been working on the tennis courts, storm sewage intakes, new compost site electrical trenching, mowing and trimming, among other projects.

Tarr reported that both 120 1st Ave NE and 202 3rd Ave NE recently had asbestos testing, and it was found that both properties were found to have some amounts of asbestos. The testing was done by Hawkeye Environmental out of Solon, Iowa.

"I think we were anticipating that with both of those," he said. "We are putting together RFPs for the abatement portion of

that, prior to the demolition of the 120 property and prior to the disposal of the property at 202."

Tarr said they had more court hearings coming up the following week for nuisance properties, as well.

For her report, City Councillor Jerre Grefe spoke about the Main Street America visit, thanking Jim Davies for coordinating the day.

"It went so smoothly and I learned a lot," she said. "I'm sorry that Kristin and Barry couldn't make it, but I appreciate that everyone else was there. It is an important organization for the development of our downtown district and we are a Main Street town. We have lots of grant opportunities and they also provide us with lots of tools and

resources."

Grefe thanked the Hampton Chronicle for running a blurb on "Is your Dog Licensed?" on the front page of their last issue.

"That was great and I hope to see more people getting in and getting their dog registered," she said.

Grefe reminded everyone of an upcoming fundraiser for the H-D-CAL's cross country team, along with the Sept. 5 Quarterly Coffee and the Faith and Four Letter Words event on Aug. 19, which would feature Nolan Luther and Wine Slushies at Peace Plaza. The Faith and Four Letter Words event will take place at the Windsor Theatre from 6 to 8 p.m.

"It's a great way for organizations and businesses to network," she said. "We all share what's going on."

For his report, City Councillor Patrick Palmer said he was at the Main Street meeting, calling it informative. He said he had suggested a tour for people who are interested in checking out available buildings in the area during the Main Street meeting.

"I think that would be

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## PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

**This Week's Cup Series Race: Coke Zero Sugar 400**

**Race Details**  
Location: Daytona Beach, Fla.  
Date: Saturday, Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m.  
Last Year's Pole: Michael McDowell  
Last Year's Winner: Harrison Burton

**Daytona International Speedway**

Shape: Tri-oval  
Distance: 2.5 miles  
Turns / Straights: 31° / 18°

**Race Preview**

The Coke Zero Sugar 400 marks the 157th time the NASCAR Cup Series will race at DAYTONA International Speedway. The Cup Series drivers will be battling all night long for the win, and the 2025 playoff field will be set after the checkered flag flies! With 31 degrees of banking in the turns and 18 degrees in the tri-oval, the Daytona Beach, FL, track always brings excitement. Richard Petty holds the most Cup victories at Daytona, with seven total. NBC will broadcast the race with radio coverage from MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

**Last Weekend's Race: Austin Dillon won at Richmond**

Austin Dillon claimed his sixth career NASCAR Cup Series race trophy, earned a 2025 Playoff bid and just as importantly, he enjoyed some sweet redemption in Saturday night's Cook Out 400 at Richmond Raceway. Dillon led 107 laps on the night, including the final 49 to claim the victory and automatic berth in the 16-driver Playoff field. It vaulted him from a 25th place position in the championship standings before the green flag to a championship berth at the checkered flag.

**Austin Dillon**  
Born: April 27, 1990  
Crew Chief: Richard Boswell  
Car: Chevrolet

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2025	1	5	19.9
2024	1	3	22.6

**2025 Standings**

Cup Series Top Ten				Xfinity Series Top Ten			
Drivers	Points	Top 10s	Drivers	Points	Top 10s		
1) William Byron	839	13	1) Connor Zilisch	823	14		
2) Chase Elliott	771	12	2) Justin Allgaier	816	14		
3) Denny Hamlin	766	13	3) Sam Mayer	799	14		
4) Kyle Larson	759	15	4) Jesse Love	731	15		
5) Ryan Blaney	756	13	5) Austin Hill	690	13		
6) Christopher Bell	748	14	6) Carson Kvatil	660	10		
7) Tyler Reddick	714	9	7) Brandon Jones	646	8		
8) Chase Briscoe	698	12	8) Sheldon Creed	625	12		
9) Alex Bowman	685	14	9) Taylor Gray	624	11		
10) Bubba Wallace	639	10	10) Sammy Smith	603	12		

**Racing Trivia**

What movie character was Herb Thomas and his car an inspiration for?

a) Stroker Ace      c) Ricky Bobby  
b) Doc Hudson      d) Cole Trickle

Correct answer: c) Ricky Bobby  
Herb Thomas was one of the main characters in the original 'Fast, Cheap, Clean' car feature film. The character was loosely based on the real-life driver Herb Thomas.

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**“One, Big, Beautiful Bill” is jet fuel for our economy**



**REP. RANDY FEENSTRA**  
COLUMNIST

Among several issues that Americans report as their highest priorities, a strong economy usually tops the list. That makes complete sense. After all, a strong economy means bigger paychecks, more jobs, and greater opportunities for families, farmers, workers, and businesses in Iowa and nationwide to thrive. Like my fellow Iowans and Americans, a strong economy where businesses can grow, farms can invest, and families can keep more of their hard-earned money is also a top priority for me. As the only member of Congress who serves on both the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Agriculture Committee, passing policies that power economic growth, protect agriculture, and support our main streets is what I came to Congress to do.

That's why I proudly supported President Trump's "One, Big, Beautiful Bill" and was at the White House on Independence Day to see this his-

toric legislation signed into law. This moment was truly the culmination of years of discussion and preparation, ensuring that we would extend the 2017 tax cuts, build upon that success, and deliver even more wins for our families, farmers, workers, senators, small businesses, and manufacturers. The signing of the "One, Big, Beautiful Bill" kicked off a revival of U.S. economic prosperity, manufacturing dominance, and business investment.

First and foremost, the "One, Big, Beautiful Bill" delivers real tax relief and certainty for our manufacturing and business community. We made permanent the 20% deduction on qualified business income permanent so that local mom-and-pop shops on Main Street could plan future investments, hire new employees, grow their operations, and set some money aside for a rainy day. By excluding a set amount of income from taxation, small business owners and entrepreneurs who take risks daily can protect a portion of their earnings from the federal government. We also restored 100% bonus depreciation and immediate R&D expensing to encourage growth and investment in communities of all sizes, allowing businesses and manufacturers to deduct the full cost of capital investments in the year they were deployed. These provisions unlock economic resources and drive capital up and down our main streets and into our rural

communities. Moreover, for manufacturers and farmers, we created a new immediate expensing for the construction of U.S. factories, manufacturing plants, and agricultural facilities — promoting domestic manufacturing and farm production.

Agriculture also saw real victories from the "One, Big, Beautiful Bill." Many policies that we would typically pass in the Farm Bill were included in this law. For example, we strengthened crop insurance by making higher levels of coverage more affordable, increased outdated reference prices for corn and soybeans to keep pace with inflation, supported the production of homegrown Iowa biofuels, and dedicated dollars to voluntary conservation efforts championed by Iowa farmers. We fully funded the three-legged stool of animal health to keep deadly and costly foreign animal diseases out of our country and ensure that we have the necessary resources to fight outbreaks of bird flu and other infectious illnesses. Furthermore, I fought hard to secure an increased exemption for the death tax at \$15 million — shielding two million family farms nationwide from having to sell the farm to pay this unfair double tax. Overall, the "One, Big, Beautiful Bill" represents a \$50-billion investment in the farm economy that will support Iowa agriculture in its work to feed and fuel our country and the world. Additionally, for fami-

lies, workers, and seniors, we spared no effort to deliver as much tax relief as possible. Now that the "One, Big, Beautiful Bill" is law, families will benefit from a nearly \$32,000 standard deduction, a \$2,200 child tax credit indexed to inflation and made permanent, and provisions to make childcare more accessible and affordable. Workers across our state and around the country will see their standard deduction jump to almost \$16,000 nor will they pay taxes on tips or overtime — rewarding their hard work, not punishing it — while drivers can deduct up to \$10,000 on car-loan interest on American-made vehicles. Seniors will also receive a \$6,000 tax deduction, effectively ending taxes on Social Security for 88% of beneficiaries nationwide. Taken together, these policies written to benefit Iowa families, workers, and seniors will ensure that they can keep more of the money that they earn or have earned.

The "One, Big, Beautiful Bill" will truly be jet fuel for our economy. Estimates suggest substantial growth both in the short term and the long run because cutting taxes and encouraging investment are key to boosting our economy and creating jobs. This law will ensure that the United States remains the world's leading economic superpower while delivering the largest tax cuts ever for families, farmers, workers, seniors, and small businesses.

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**FRITZ GROSZKRUGER**  
THE ALTERNATIVE

We've got 30 acres of hay that won't dry. Wet hay rots, so that's bad. There's a lot of good going on though. Two of Dawn's brothers have been visiting and they make her laugh. Me too. That's important because as Butch told me, "Happy wife, happy life." Ain't that the truth.

Five years ago we retired from growing corn and soybeans. Our small, low-tech equipment made our place look like a tourist destination. "See dear, that's how they used to do it." The decision to quit was personal. We still turned a profit. Crawling around on the ground installing saddle tanks made me feel old. But the worst was trying to outguess the markets.

Commodity markets are insane. Think of the 80s' "farm crisis". We were going along doing fine providing grain to the Soviets, who had had years of devastating drought. Then, to distract the people from their failed economic system they invaded Afghanistan. Jimmy Carter, the



morally superior president of our morally superior nation, taught The Soviets a lesson by sanctioning grain sales.

For some reason few people now make the connection between those sanctions and the disaster that hit farmers in the 80s. Many skillful farmers lost everything their families had taken generations to acquire. Market forces couldn't overcome bad decisions by fools in Washington. If Carter taught anyone a lesson it should have been to be prepared with some savings and a plan B because it isn't just weather that can getcha.

The Soviets found grain elsewhere. Their foreign war and communist system, though, caused them to go broke. There's a lesson there too. Our last corn crop aver-

aged 230 bushels per acre. I had never imagined ever achieving such a yield. We had small wagons. Each one held less than an acre's worth of corn. Dawn drove the combine. She had a good ear for when something wasn't right and would stop before major damage. She practiced her singing in there too. The combine was the chorus.

I was up and down off the tractor twice for each load and up and down the bins too. My knees hurt. It was a good thing I didn't go to the gym, they would have worn out even sooner. About 2 1/2 years ago I had them both replaced by a guy who has a Tesla. It drives him home to Des Moines after work like a chauffeur. Pick the richest surgeon. Actually, wealth is a good measure of a job well done. Act accordingly.

During that harvest five years ago I took a lot of ibuprofen and my stomach hurt. I quit coffee cold turkey and had a week-long headache. I was able to manage myself back to normal.

Now, that wet hay has weighed heavy on my mind. Dr. Brindle (Some of you may remember him as the best family doctor they ever had.), told me, "You Germans seem cool and collected, but inside you are a mess." Yeah, I admit, oftentimes I care too much, even though I'm really just a quarter German.

Yesterday the weather forecast looked good all the way up until dark. I took this photo of a thunderstorm building in the southeast (generally moving away from us). We got the hay tedded (fluffed) and some of it raked. The baler broke. I heard thunder. A neighbor drove an hour to bale ten round bales before the downpour.

There's still 29 acres of rotting hay out there and I'm not grumpy. How about that? It's a better way towards a happy stomach than this awful diet.

I realize that last week I said July7 when it should have been October 7.

*Also, thanks to readers who pointed that out and all those who comment otherwise too. 4selfgovernment@gmail.com*

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# Ground zero in Hardin County

## Brass Tacks from Rural Iowa

BY BARBARA KALBACH

I heard from some fellow CCI members up in Hardin County that on August 6, their County Supervisors voted to approve another factory farm in the area. This isn't good news for the folks living in Hardin County or for our ongoing water quality crisis. The only one smiling about this is corporate hog and ethanol baron, Bruce Rastetter, whose sprawling Summit Agriculture Group filed the application to build.

We stopped raising hogs shortly after the passage of House File 519 in the mid 90's which knocked down the door to the factory farm industry. While independent producers felt the squeeze, corporations like Summit Agriculture Group got bigger and bigger. Rastetter and Summit now have an ownership interest in 172 factory farms and hundreds of thousands of corporate owned hogs

across the state.

Hardin County is home to 17,000 people and over 1 million hogs confined in one of its nearly 250 corporate hog factories. These hogs produce over 460 million gallons of manure each year – about the same amount of waste as the population of Iowa. Rastetter's latest proposed factory farm in Hardin County would be 4,999 head of hogs that would create 1,749,650 gallons of liquid manure each year. At this scale the manure is no longer a fertilizer that is absorbed into the ground, it's a waste product that is dumped on fields and runs off into our water ways.

Current farm policy incentivizes and subsidizes the factory farm industry. Even the application process for factory farm construction is rigged in the industry's favor. Builders are required to fill out a 'Master Matrix' for their

application to verify all the positive steps they intend to take to protect the environment & the community. It's essentially an open book test that applicants fill out themselves, grade themselves, and only have to get a 50% to pass. Rastetter's recent application in Hardin County scored 455 points out of 880, or 51%.

When you look at the Matrix application the points that Summit didn't take gives clues as to what kind of neighbors they probably are. No points for emergency containment area at manure storage structure pump-out area. No points for filter installation to reduce odors from confinement buildings. No points for groundwater monitoring wells installed near manure storage structure. No points for demonstrated support from property owners within a 1-mile radius.

The recently released Central Iowa Source Water Research Assessment from Polk County painted a grim picture if we don't correct course soon. Not surprisingly, it pointed to factory farm runoff as a major contributor to the problem of nitrates in our drinking water and E. Coli in our recreational lakes. It pointed out that voluntary regulations don't work when there's no teeth to them.

So what bold actions are our current elected officials taking to address this dire situation? Trying to sweep a problem under the rug by reducing our state's water quality sensors by 75% in the coming year. Thanks, but no thanks, State of Iowa. Taking away our only water quality sensors solves nothing!

We can have clean water to drink, swim, and fish in. We can have diversified, thriving family farms. And we can have vibrant rural communities with lively main streets. But it's going to take standing up to folks like Bruce Rastetter and demanding government at the local and state level to work for us to hold corporate ag accountable.

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

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# Appreciating the Little Things in India

BY ISAAC VOSBURG

Motorbikes and water buffalo, fruit vendors and snack stalls, murals of India's wildlife and Hindi graffiti on cement walls. I've written many times over about my numerous trips to the field, working with young kids in these far-flung villages, to help increase their knowledge of vitamin A, micronutrient deficiency, and encourage healthier lifestyles. These visits were the backbone of my two-month research project, and while certainly the most critical element to my understanding of the communities I was working with, I also picked up on cues to culture and lifestyle in a much subtler manner: simply by looking out the window.

Each item of the scene depicted in the list above was commonplace for my trips from the suburbs of Delhi, where I stayed, to the rural countryside where I worked. I was always blown away by how fast the steel and shimmering glass of the city faded to the bricks and wooden structures known by a greater percentage of India's populace. The sights I saw from the passenger's rear window never ceased to amaze me; they captivated me and demanded my attention at every town and every turn.

It was only ever a one-hour drive from the Foundation's office to the



schools I was working in, and so it was simple for me to sit and stare out the window as I prepared the day's materials. I'd rehearse key points, new phrases to use in Hindi with the kids, and run through the agenda until it was committed to memory. In the meantime, my eyes would drift between fields of millet, large pools where the community would wash and bathe, buildings in every state of

construction and/or disrepair, Mosques, Hindu Temples, Gurudwaras, rooftops with monkeys dancing atop them, and power lines strung up by sticks and small trees.

To watch as we drove from the political and economic hub of the world's most populous nation to areas which in many ways seem to have been left behind by nearly all means of global development is

striking, to say the least. To go from skyscrapers to squalidness, metro lines to malnourishment, and prosperity to mass poverty in a single day, let alone a single hour, requires one to complete the most rigorous set of mental gymnastics known to man. Those with a single ounce of empathy are left questioning the existence of disparity within our world and how, given a just God, this kind of ineq-

uity is permissible by any religion, government, or authority.

I state this not to instill a sense of pity, but instead to paint a picture. The things I have seen from this back-seat view of both sides of India have been a religious sort of experience for me, an exercise in understanding that it truly is easier for a camel to fit through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

There's a peace I felt while in these villages that stirred my very soul. Not once was that calling heard from within or without the walls of my flat-let, or anywhere near my home in the suburbs of Delhi. You see, while poverty was incredibly prevalent in the areas I worked, expressed in ragged clothes, children playing naked in the streets, and illiteracy at the highest rate seen anywhere in the state of Hayana, there was also a level of simplistic and natural joy I again found nowhere within the bounds of urban India.

Kids in the village of Satputiyaka played with square kites that floated upon the breeze and open skies. In Nuh, brothers held hands wearing their mosque-going attire as they crossed the street in

front of us. Women chatted, smiled, and shared stories around the hand-pump well in Ghasera, gathering water. Men sat, smoked, and played cards together at a stall on the outskirts of Badarpur. I watched the exuberant expressions of children as they swam with the water buffaloes their family tended, as they played games together in the street, and as they laughed with their friends in the schoolyard.

This type of life is nothing to be pitied, but rather, I believe, should be examined for aspects that can be incorporated into ours in America. Set down the phone, turn off the TV, go outside. Let kids be kids and explore the world around them. Laugh with your friends in the moments you have together. Smile more. Make do with less and learn to live happily with what you have. To all of you reading this now, we are far richer than most among us will ever realize, both socioeconomically, of course, but also in terms of the opportunities we have for genuine happiness. Find and express your joy in the little things—the kinds of things that can be seen from a passenger's seat window.

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## Chamber-Main Street News and Knows: Lots Going On

BY JIM DAVIES  
INTERIM MAIN STREET  
DIRECTOR

It has been a busy last couple of weeks at the Chamber/Main Street office at Center 1.

Last Wednesday, August 13, Joi Austin and Amy Miller from Main Street America were in Hampton for a Main Street Accreditation visit. Joi, from Illinois, is a Senior Program Officer for Economic Vitality. Amy, from Texas, is a Program Officer for Revitalization Services.

After a PowerPoint program presentation, Joi and Amy met with over 20 volunteers from various organizations, business owners, and public officials that chamber/main street has worked with to carry out numerous programs.

The morning sessions lasted two and a half hours. Then there was lunch at Rustic Brew. After lunch, the group hustled over to the Hampton Senior Center for a photo of Midland Power Cooperative's \$625 grant presentation to the Senior Center recognizing Marilyn Jurgens's volunteer contributions.

After the casual stroll through beautiful Bandshell Park, there was a presentation at the historic VFW Memorial Hall by Franklin County Veterans Affairs Director Adam Akers. Next up was a stop at the Windsor Theatre followed by a presentation by Director Janette Acolt at La Luz Centro Cultural.



The tour included admiring the three beautiful murals gracing the exteriors of our downtown district and stops at First & Second Vintage, First & Second Vintage Too, Christensen Jewelry, and The Wood Cellar.

Lunch and the tour lasted over two and a half hours.

In the afternoon, Joi and Amy meet with the Chamber/Main Street board of directors, committee members, and staff. Joi and Amy offered their suggestions, and future goals to work on were prioritized by participants.

We don't yet know the results of the accreditation visit, but I am very optimistic after hearing Joi and Amy's positive comments. They were very impressed with the number of activities that our community puts on each year. I am very thankful to the individuals who took time out of their busy schedules to attend and share their input.

This past two weeks, besides getting ready for the accreditation visit, the Center 1 office staff has signed up participants for the Highway 3 Corridor 3 County Yard Sale that will

be held August 28th through August 30th. The registration deadline has past for this popular event in Wright, Franklin, and Butler Counties.

This coming weekend will feature classic cars, delicious BBQ, and an all-around celebration of summer.

104.9 KLMJ is proud to present country/rock music artist, Joe Hermes, as part of this summer's "Cruisin' & BBQin'" event in Hampton on August 22 and 23. Hermes will bring his signature sound to Bandshell Park on Friday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Also on August 22 is the Friday Night Car Cruise. The Iowa Military Veterans Band performs at 1:00 p.m. at Bandshell Park on Saturday, August 23. Hampton High School class of 1975's 50th reunion is Saturday afternoon. The Hampton Car Show is on Sunday, August 24.

The Franklin County Tourism Board is now accepting entries for their 2025 photo contest. It is free to enter, and prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in history, event/activity, and nature categories. Call the Chamber/Main Street office at 641-456-5668 for more information.

## WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

The record for the longest winning streak in college football is held by what team, who won 47 consecutive games from 1953-1957? Answer:

Oklahoma Sooners.

The record for the longest losing streak in college football is held by what Big Ten team, who lost 34 consecutive games from 1979-1982? Answer:

Northwestern Wildcats.

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This week's trivia questions:

Who was the game show host for "The \$10,000 Pyramid" from 1973 to 1980, and "The \$25,000 Pyramid" from 1982 to 1988?

Who was the game show host for "Family Feud" from 1976 to 1985, after having a role in the sitcom "Hogan's Heroes" from 1965 to 1971?

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"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth."

– Job 19:25

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"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

– Romans 8:28

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"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

– Matthew 6:21

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Aug. 20 is National Radio Day; Aug. 21 is National Senior Citizen's Day; Aug. 22 is National Tooth Fairy Day; Aug. 23 is Slavery Remembrance Day; Aug. 24 is National Waffle Day, and National Peach Pie Day; Aug. 25 is National Banana Split Day; Aug. 26 is National Dog Day.

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This week is National Aviation Week.

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"I'm very loyal in my relationships. When I go out with my mom, I don't look at other moms and think, 'I wonder what her macaroni and cheese tastes like.'"

– Garry Shandling

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"As a child, my mother's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it." – Buddy Hackett

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"I was so ugly, my mother used to feed me with a slingshot." – Rodney Dangerfield

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"I sold my house this week. I got a pretty good price for it, but it made my landlord furious." – Garry Shandling

– Garry Shandling

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"Never play leapfrog with a unicorn." – Benny Hill

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"I remember learning to drive on my dad's lap. Did you guys ever do that? He'd work the brakes. I'd work the wheel. Then I went to take the driver's test and sat on the examiner's lap. I failed the exam. But he still writes to me. That's the really nice part." – Garry Shandling

– Garry Shandling

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Senator Chuck Grassley, a Republican from Iowa, is the longest-serving active U.S. Senator (50 years). Grassley's leadership roles have included chairing the Judiciary Committee and serving on the Finance, Budget, Taxation, and Agriculture committees. He has contributed to legislative processes that impact both Iowa and the nation. His ability to work across the aisle has earned him a reputation as one of the Senate's most effective and collaborative lawmakers.

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Former U.S. Representative John Dingell, a Democrat from Michigan, holds the record for longest-serving congressman in U.S. history (59 years). Dingell began his career by replacing his father, John Dingell Sr., as representative for Michigan's 16th district in a special election in 1955. He was re-elected 29 times to that seat, running unopposed twice. Upon Dingell's retirement from office in 2015, he was succeeded by his wife, Rep. Debbie Dingell, in a special election to fill his seat.

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## Code Counsel: 4 & 6 First Street NW Update

BY JIM DAVIES  
MEMBER AT LARGE,  
HAMPTON CITY  
COUNCIL

Three resolutions were unanimously passed at the Thursday, August 14 city council meeting, allowing the city to move forward with the rehabilitation of the properties located at 4 and 6 First Street NW.

City Manager Ron Dunt presented Resolution 2025-18: "RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL (ACM) ABATEMENT AT THE FORMER COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 4 AND 6 1ST STREET NW IN HAMPTON, IOWA".

City Manager Dunt provided details. Motion by Grefe, second by Palmer to approve Resolution 2025-18. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Holmstrom, Davies, Palmer, Grefe, Roode, and Lamos. Nays: None. Resolution 2025-18 passed.

The resolution awarded \$95,325 to the contractor, Environmental Property Solutions, Inc. of Urbandale, Iowa.

The cost of this required



4-6 1st Street Northwest, Hampton

asbestos removal is being subsidized with two grants totaling \$49,998 that were received from the Iowa DNR's Iowa Brownfield Redevelopment Program.

City Manager Dunt presented Resolution 2025-19: "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$700,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTE SERIES 2025".

City Manager Dunt

provided details. Motion by Grefe, second by Davies to approve Resolution 2025-19. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Davies, Holmstrom, Palmer, Lamos, Roode, and Grefe. Nays: None. Resolution 2025-19 passed.

Through a bidding process and after a review of all the proposals received, it was determined that the best and most favorable proposal was from First Bank Hampton.

City Manager Dunt presented Resolution 2025-20: "RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AND ROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$700,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES SERIES 2025

AND LEVYING A TAX TO PAY SAID NOTES".

City Manager Dunt provided details. Motion by Holmstrom, second by Roode to approve Resolution 2025-20. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Roode, Davies, Lamos, Holmstrom, Grefe, and Palmer. Nays: None. Resolution 2025-20 passed.

This resolution allows the establishment of a fund not to exceed \$700,000 to pay the costs of the restoration of the property at 4 and 6 First St. NW. Taxable General Obligation Capital Loan Notes will now be authorized and sold through First Bank Hampton. The city council will borrow the money when needed.

An annual tax levy will be assessed to taxable Hampton property owners to provide funds to pay the principal and interest of the notes.

Prior to the asbestos removal, junk left at the properties needs to be removed and the building stabilized.

At the Thursday, July 24 City Council meeting Derek Johnson from ISG, an engineering consultant firm from Des Moines, presented information regarding 4 and 6 First Street NW cleanup related expenses. Motion by Lamos, second by Palmer to authorize the city manager to approve a contract for removal of junk from the buildings and the installation of a beam for stabilizing of the building for a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Motion approved unanimously.

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# What's At The Windsor

**BY JIM DAVIES**  
WINDSOR THEATRE  
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Smurfs will be shown at the Windsor Theatre Friday, August 22, through Thursday, August 28.

Showtimes for Smurfs are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 PM, with a Sunday matinee at 1:00 PM. The last Wednesday afternoon matinee of the summer was August 20.

Smurfs is a 2025 American live action animated musical fantasy comedy film based on The Smurfs comic book series created by the Belgian comics artist Peyo.

A reboot of The Smurfs film series, it stars Rihanna, who also produces the

film, as the voice of Smurfette, alongside an ensemble cast including James Corden, Nick Offerman, JP Karliak, Daniel Levy, Amy Sedaris, Natasha Lyonne, Sandra Oh, Jimmy Kimmel, Octavia Spencer, Nick Kroll, Hannah Waddingham, Alex Winter, Maya Erskine, Kurt Russell, and John Goodman.

Smurfs is distributed by Paramount Pictures. The running time is 92 minutes. Smurfs is rated PG due to a combination of action, language, and some rude humor.

Regular movie ticket prices are \$6



for adults and \$4 for youth

age 16 and under. Seniors (60 and over) receive a discounted price of \$4 on Sundays. All tickets are \$4 for the Thursday evening show.

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

The upcoming movies at the Windsor Theatre include Jaws 50th Anniversary, Hamilton\*, Freakier Friday, A Big Bold Beautiful Journey, Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale, Roofman, and Regretting You.

\*Please note that we are attempting to add the movie, Hamilton, and waiting to see if Disney will allow the Windsor to play it.

Mark on your calendars--The 14th annual Evening Like It Used to Be Vaudeville Show will be held Saturday, October 4 at



the Windsor Theatre. Don't miss the debut--The Gray, a short film, which will premiere at the Windsor Theatre on Thursday, October 30.



51 people attended F1 last weekend. Two more 7pm showings of F1 this week on Wednesday and Thursday night. The last Wednesday afternoon matinee of the summer is at 1 pm.

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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 Riley Treanor, age 2.

He is the son of Evan and Cary Treanor. Riley's favorite books are books about trains.



## COUNCIL: FROM PAGE 3

valuable," he said. "I enjoyed the people who came and put it on. One was from Texas. It was nice that they took the time to do that and hopefully we get the whole program back on track and get it rolling because we need it."

For his report, City Councilor Barry Lamos praised Don Warneke for renovating the old Beck-

er property at 140th St on Highway 65.

"It's phenomenal. It's one thousand percent better than what it was. I just want to tell him thank you," said Lamos. "We need more people with money to do things like that."

For his report, Bill Holmstrom told everyone about the new vicar at the Trinity Lutheran Church,

Tyler Linamman.

"He was born and raised in the farming community of Carrollton, Missouri," said Holmstrom. "His family farms corn and soybeans in the bottom land of the Missouri River. He grew up driving tractors and trucks for his dad and his grandpa and when old enough, he started to work on the farm as well and

served in the agricultural businesses in his town. In his free time, he likes to fish, hike, ride ATVs and boat."

For his report, City Council Jim Davies said he was pleased with the turnout for the Main Street America reps, who stopped by earlier that week.

"I'd like to thank everyone for participating in the Hampton Main Street accreditation," he said. "It was an opportunity to showcase the community and I think it went really well and I think the representatives were very impressed and pleased with

not only the turnout but just being able to walk around."

Davies said he would be happy to share the presentation he gave with any of the city councilors if they would want it.

Davies said more than 200 backpacks were given out by Family Focus during National Night Out. He thanked REC for providing the earbuds and headphones, as well as the Knights of Columbus for donating \$500 to buy the school supplies. He said the additional backpacks and supplies would be given out during La Luz's back-to-school night event, and

that anything left over after that, would be given to the schools.

For his report, Mayor Steve Birdsall spoke about stopping by the Main Street program, calling it an exciting group.

"There was a lot of energy around that and I think that's great," he said. "I think we need to get it kicked off again to help our town."

To finish off the meeting, he shared the following quote: "Every day, you have a choice. You choose joy. You choose to be happy. You choose to be grateful. You choose to be positive."

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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:**  
First Monday of every month 6:00 PM

**DUMONT CITY COUNCIL:**

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

**GENEVA CITY COUNCIL:**

**DETAILS:**  
Second Tuesday of every month 6:30 PM

**HANSELL CITY COUNCIL:**

**DETAILS:**  
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**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

**HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:**

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**DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD:**

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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

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**FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION:**

**DETAILS:**  
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## Iowa lawmaker says University of Iowa DEI incidents show need for policy change

BY BROOKLYN DRAISEY  
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

Iowa State University President Wendy Wintersteen, left, and University of Iowa President Barbara Wilson speak with Iowa lawmakers Feb. 24, 2025. The University of Iowa is facing increasing distrust from Iowa lawmakers after incidents involving staff and events relating to diversity, equity and inclusion. (Photo by Robin Opsahl/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

While a decision by the Iowa Board of Regents to propose changes to its policies relating to academic freedom and the teaching of controversial topics is being seen as a good first step, a key Iowa lawmaker said one of the state's public universities has lost some respect in the wake of repeated incidents relating to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Rep. Taylor Collins, R-Mediapolis, said in an interview he believes "it's significant" that the Iowa Board of Regents will bring forward proposed policy changes for adoption, though language has shifted drastically from the first to final draft.

The new version eliminates mentions of diversity, equity and inclusion and critical race theory and inserts that instructors can teach controversial topics if it relates to the course and is taught "in a manner that fosters critical thinking and avoids indoctrination of one

perspective."

"I think they're coming to the same realization that many of the legislators have come to, that it's just inappropriate that some of these materials are forced on Iowa students," Collins said. "And ultimately, this is about restoring trust in our institutions."

Collins previously posted online that the Iowa Legislature's Higher Education Committee, which he chairs, would be "ready to act" if the board didn't approve the previous policy. With the new policy released, he said it ensures controversial topics are dealt with "in a manner that is appropriate in the classroom" and won't indoctrinate students into a certain ideology.

**New suggested policy OKs controversial topics with caveats**

The initial policy, originally set to be read and approved in June, had concerned students, university staff, members of the public and Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames, speaking out against the harm it could cause, leading the board to slow down the approval process. Board President Sherry Bates announced in July another delay in consideration of the policy, setting a special meeting date for Aug. 12.

As shown in board documents released ahead of the meeting next week, the proposed policy revision has shifted its focus from diversity, equity and

inclusion and critical race theory-related topics to not referring to specific areas of study at all. Instead, it clarifies that controversial topics can be taught as long as they relate to the course and adds guidelines for how instructors should teach these areas.

The original policy restricted requiring students to take classes that include "substantial content that conveys DEI or CRT." The new proposed addition to the board's academic freedom policy instead states "faculty are expected to uphold academic integrity, encourage open and respectful inquiry, and present coursework in a way that reflects the range of scholarly views and ongoing debate in the field" when teaching "controversial subjects," of which no examples are provided.

If approved, state universities will be required to implement practices to ensure compliance with the new policy and the board will have the power to direct staff to audit these practices.

Another addition to board policy stated classes should incorporate "opportunities for students to openly examine and discuss the concepts, ideas, and materials addressed in the class," and student grades "must reflect their mastery of course content and skills, not their agreement or disagreement with particular viewpoints expressed during instruction or in their work."

**University of Iowa president sees 'diminished' trust from Collins**

As the board of regents and its universities work to come under compliance with state and federal law when it comes to DEI programs and policies, Collins told University of Iowa President Barbara Wilson in an email the university needs to recognize the DEI "ideology" is present in campus culture and send a "strong message" that DEI is done.

The UI last week came under scrutiny of national media and state government when Fox News aired a video showing Andrea Tinoco, assistant director of UI Leadership and Student Organization Development, telling someone about how she still uses the term DEI and how the university could be working around DEI restrictions. Gov. Kim Reynolds referred the incident to the state attorney general for review of potential violations of state law.

Both the university and board said they are working to investigate the incident. Collins said he found another "violation" made by the university in a drafted orientation schedule for the UI's radiation sciences program, which was sent to him by a student.

A training session titled "Implicit Bias and Microaggressions and IRESPOND Toolkit" was included in the schedule on the document, which Wilson said in her email was a draft taken

from last year's program and not ready to be published. The document has now removed this session, she said.

"I am sorry for this error, and I apologize for the concern it has raised," Wilson said in her email. "The Carver College of Medicine assures me that they are redoubling their efforts to comply fully with directives from the Iowa Board of Regents as well as state and federal laws enacted to eliminate diversity, equity, and inclusion programming and initiatives. I am confident they will make every effort to ensure this will not happen again."

Collins said in his response he hopes UI leadership will recognize the current approach of treating these situations individually and "hoping things will blow over" is not sustainable and seek to change the culture that "continues to encourage this kind of behavior."

"Me and my colleagues' trust in your leadership was severely diminished this week," Collins wrote to Wilson.

The UI has "fumbled the elimination of DEI" since April 2024, Collins said in his email, and if incidents like these continue to occur, "the reputation of our state's flagship institution will continue to deteriorate."

"My colleagues and I recognize that our legislative emails will continue to be inundated with concerns from students, faculty and

staff until we fundamentally change the culture in higher education — specifically at the University of Iowa," Collins said in his email.

He added the university needs to work on encouraging intellectual diversity on campus, and said the pattern behind these incidents "is why there was such broad support for" legislation passed last session establishing a center for intellectual freedom at the UI.

Looking ahead to the next legislative session, Collins said one issue remaining for him in higher education in Iowa is core curriculum requirements and how he believes a student studying an area like accounting shouldn't be required to take courses with DEI content.

"One of the things that I look forward to having a stronger conversation on next year is really civics education and making sure that we have strong standards when it comes to students," Collins said, "making sure that they have three credit hours of American history, making sure that they have three credit hours of American government."

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## Iowa National Guard soldiers deployed to assist immigration enforcement

BY ROBIN OPSAHL  
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

Iowa National Guard soldiers will deploy to provide support for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in September, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds announced Tuesday.

The deployment, set to begin Sept. 8, will involve 20 National Guard soldiers providing "administrative and logistical support" to ICE officials based in Iowa who are enforcing immigration laws, according to the news release. U.S. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth has authorized the National

Guard action as a supportive federal Title 32 mission, meaning the soldiers will be on active duty under state control but with federal pay.

Reynolds said the announcement comes in response to a request from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to provide assistance to ICE as the agency carries out President Donald Trump's mass deportation efforts. The New York Times reported in July National Guard deployments are planned in 20 states with GOP governors, including Florida, Tennessee and Virginia.

Iowa is one of the states participating in this effort. In

a statement, Reynolds linked the announcement to previous Iowa National Guard deployments to the U.S. southern border. The governor has sent state National Guard members to Texas to assist with state immigration enforcement efforts in 2023 and 2024, in addition to sending Iowa Department of Public Safety officers and Iowa State Patrol troopers to assist with missions in previous years.

"Just as we supported Texas when the Biden Administration left them to defend the border, Iowa will continue to assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws — this time, by

working with the Trump Administration to support U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials in our state," Reynolds said in a statement. "By providing administrative and logistical support, the Iowa National Guard will free up local ICE officials to continue their work outside the office to enforce the law and keep our state safe."

The governor has repeatedly emphasized her commitment to working with the Trump administration and ICE in the national immigration crackdown. But some immigrant rights advocates say these actions will hurt Iowa's immigrant

communities.

The state government has also taken other actions to be involved in federal immigration law enforcement. The Iowa Department of Public Safety signed an agreement with ICE in March to establish a three-person task force of special agents, deputized to carry out certain federal immigration law enforcement actions, like issuing immigration detainers.

Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird also pursued a lawsuit against Winneshiek County and its sheriff, Dan Marx, after he made a Facebook post saying he would not honor ICE detainer requests for people suspected

of being undocumented immigrants, if requests had not been approved by the courts. The lawsuit was dismissed in July, as Bird said Marx and the county "have committed to continue to honor ICE detainers and cooperate with federal immigration authorities."

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## West Fork Volleyball Season Preview

BY EVAN PHARR  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The 2025-2026 school year starting next week, fall sports have begun to practice and prepare for the upcoming season. The West Fork Volleyball team is one of the teams that has begun practice, and they had their first scrimmage versus Central Springs on Saturday, August 16th. The Warhawks are coming off one of the most successful seasons in recent history as they won double digit games for the first time since the 2018-2019 season. Head coach Emily Greimann will be entering her fourth year with the volleyball program. The Warhawks went 6-16 in her first season, 6-22 in her second season before jumping up to a 10-14 record last season. The Warhawks season came to an end last year after a loss to Central Springs in the region quarterfinals. Coach Greimann spoke on how the War-

hawks can continue to improve the program and hopefully pick up some more wins this season.

"After last season, the girls now know what they are capable of," she said. "They know that if they work hard and continue to focus on what we can control, that they can do good things. I think it also helps that we have really athletic girls."

The Warhawks were a very senior heavy team last season, with eight of the teams 15 players graduating and not coming back for this season. While there will be a lot of new faces on the team, coach Greimann says her team knows the challenges of trying to replace so much production and leadership.

"We did lose a lot of key seniors, and I think with the group that's coming up, they know that and they've already been stepping up in ways that impress me," she said. "The fact that they are

ready to fill those rolls excites me. Brylee Dickman and Abby Schoning are two seniors this year who will look to be the leaders this season."

Coach Greimann also expressed the importance of building confidence for the players who will be stepping into these important rolls for the first time.

"In order to build confidence, you have to be uncomfortable, and you have to work through uncomfortable situations and prove to yourself that you can handle those situations," she said. "Really, with those girls it's building that confidence by being put into the fire and pushing themselves and working through those situations."

With the begging of the regular season just around the corner, the Warhawks seem ready to continue to build off the success of last season and keep the program moving forward. The Warhawks



The 2025 Warhawks volleyball team in a huddle during a scrimmage over the summer. Photo submitted by Emily Greimann.

first regular season game will be next Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School.



Autumn Schilling (left) and Izabella Ezarski (right) running during a preseason practice on Monday, August 18th. Photo by Evan Pharr.

## West Fork Girls Cross Country Season Preview

BY EVAN PHARR  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The West Fork girls cross country team is looking to build off of a season where they had enough players to compete as a team for the first time under head coach Laura Huber. Huber explained how she wants to see the team place higher as a group this season.

"I would like to place a little higher as a team," Huber said. "Last year was actually my first year we were able to compete as a team; the previous year we didn't have enough girls

out to score as a team. So I would like to be able to place higher at some meets. Individually, I know there is a couple of girls on the team who set goals for themselves; I would like to see them achieve those goals."

The Warhawks will be returning most everyone from last years team, only having lost two seniors to graduation. The Warhawks will also be welcoming in some new faces that have been running with the middle school team. Coach Huber expressed her excitement for the incoming freshman.

"I am excited about our

freshman class," she said. "We've got three freshman who will be joining the high school team. Two of them have been out since they were seventh graders, and they have continually improved each season. I know the work they have put in over the summer, so I am excited to see how they handle the transition from middle school to high school cross country."

Coach Huber also discussed how close her team is and how that can help them throughout the season.

"We have got a really good group of kids," she said. "Cross country is

one of those unique sports where it's almost like a family type of deal. The upperclassmen just do a really good job of taking the underclassmen under their wings and encouraging them and helping them out."

With three new freshman and most of the roster returning from last season, the Warhawks girls cross country team will look to take the next step as a program and start placing near the top of some of their meets. The Warhawks first meet will be Tuesday, September 2nd at 4:40 p.m. at the North Iowa Area Community College.

## West Fork Boys Cross Country Season Preview

BY EVAN PHARR  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

West Fork's fall sports have gotten practice underway, and that includes the boy's cross country team. The Warhawks are coming off a fairly successful season where they finished inside the top four of multiple meets, including the state qualifiers. Despite a consistent season, the Warhawks did not qualify for the state meet. Head coach of the Warhawks, Caleb Hovenga, talked about last season and how he looks for the team to improve next season.

"Last year, these guys

were one of the first teams to not qualify to the state meet," Hovenga said. "We lost two scorers from last year, so we'll have to reload there, but I mean if we can come out and compete with some of these schools with strong cross country programs in our district, I'd feel pretty good. I just wanna get some times in and see what we really need to work on."

The Warhawks will be returning most of their roster, as they only lost four seniors from last year's team and over half of last year's squad were underclassman. Coach Hovenga talked about how those underclassmen from last

year got some valuable experience.

"We're going to see a handful of those guys from last year that got a lot of experience on the varsity level, maybe before they were able to," he said. "It's going to be good for them in the long run because the step up from the two mile in eighth grade to the 5k in high school is difficult. I know we got one freshman who is gonna find that out this year, but a lot of those guys figured it out last year."

While the Warhawks will have plenty of leaders to help the incoming freshman, coach Hovenga discussed how there really

is no way to prepare for the jump from middle school to high school without experiencing it themselves.

"Unfortunately for the 5k, the only way to figure out how to run it is to run it," he said. "It's a lot of you just have to try it first. See what happens and how you can improve each mile of the run."

With many returning faces and many runners with multiple years of varsity experience, the Warhawks will look to get back to the state meet. The Warhawks first meet of the regular season will be Tuesday, September 2nd at 4:30 p.m. at the North Iowa Area Community College.



From left to right; Ayden Bonner, Brett Behr, Caleb Kruger and Kyler Harley during a practice run

## Weekly Recap

Hampton-Dumobnt-CAL:

August 12: Girls tennis lost their opening season match-up versus Nevada 9-0.

August 14: Girls tennis lost their match-up versus Aplington-Parkersburg 7-2. Senior Jade Johnson won her singles match 9-7. Johnson and junior Yesenia Valenzuala won their doubles match 9-7.

## Upcoming Sports Events

Hampton-Dumont-CAL:

August 21: Girls Tennis versus Clear Lake at Progress Park 4:15 p.m.  
August 22: Football scrimmage @ Mason City 5:30 p.m.

West Fork

August 22: Football scrimmage @ Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 6:00 p.m.



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## My FAVORITE FISHING PARTNER



BY RICK JANSSEN

My favorite fishing partner is my wife. She didn't always like to fish. I think when she married me, she knew I liked to fish, but I don't think she realized how MUCH I liked to fish. For the first twenty-five years of our marriage, she would come along in the boat with me, but most of the time she would sit and read her book while I fished. Eventually, she decided to try this fishing thing out, and I set her up with her own gear. She fished with me a few times at Beeds Lake, and she caught enough fish that it held her attention.

I decided to take her to Clear Lake one spring night to give her a chance to catch some walleye. I am not a very good walleye fisherman, but I figured that spring-

time at Clear Lake would be my best chance of letting her catch some fish other than the bluegills at Beeds Lake.

We set up in the evening at the island on the south side of the lake. I had her rigged up with a small jig and bobber with a minnow on the jig. That was the ticket for the night. She caught 33 walleyes that night, and she was so excited. I told her, "Don't expect this every time we go out." That might have been the night that she really got "hooked" on fishing.

We haven't been able to spend much time fishing lately, and I want to share with you why. First, I will give you a bit of medical history on my favorite fishing partner, and this will explain why we have not been out fishing much.

In 2017, my wife was diagnosed with breast cancer on her right side. She underwent some surgery to remove the cancer tissue on that side and had some radiation treatments. The good news was that the cancer was taken care of, and she was healthy again.

In 2019, she was diagnosed

with lung cancer. This seemed very strange to us since she had never been a smoker or lived with anyone who smoked. Once again, she had surgery to remove a small wedge from her left lung that contained the cancer. Eventually, she went through a few more radiation treatments on that same spot.

Over the years, she has had regular CT scans to watch for cancer in her lungs. She had some very small spots on her lower left lung, but they were very small and slow growing. She continued to get regular scans and watch them carefully.

When she got her latest CT scan in July, the team in Mason City saw some growth in her left lung in the same area that she had her previous surgery and radiation. It was concerning enough that we then scheduled some appointments at Mayo to check things out closer. The team at Mayo determined that this area of concern was most likely more cancer around the scar tissue from her previous surgery. The recommendation was to remove the entire upper left lobe of her lung to get all the bad tissue out.

That is what we decided to do.

So, on Aug 6, she had surgery to remove the upper left lobe of her lung. She was fortunate that the surgeon was able to remove all the tissue with "robot" arms, and he did not have to make a large cut in her chest. This would help with her recovery time for sure.

With her first lung surgery in 2019, she recovered quickly. Five days after her surgery, she was fishing with me on Silver Lake and catching bass. We knew this surgery was more intense, so the recovery time would be longer. With both surgeries, my son came home from South Carolina to help out. We are grateful to him for making the effort to drive up to Iowa.



So, when will she be out fishing again? She is coming along slowly, but she keeps doing what the doctor ordered, and we are hopeful that by the time you read this, she will at least be able to get out in the boat for some easy fishing. I don't think she will be casting any big lures soon, but I am guessing she will be able to out fish me once again on the bluegills.

We are grateful to all our friends for their kind thoughts and prayers. She gives a special "shout out" to the Bobbers and her Tuesday pickle-ball group. We would not be able to get through these trials without our faith in God. God has been there with us throughout the whole procedure, and we were able to see His hand at work in all the details concerning the diagnosis and surgery.

I know it won't be long until my favorite fishing partner is back in the boat reeling in the big ones.



## Andrew Benning Named ISU's Young Alum of the Month for Ag

PRESS RELEASE

Andrew Benning was recently named ISU's Young Alum of the Month for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Read his interview with the college below. (This feature was published with permission from ISU.)

**Name:** Andrew Benning  
**Major(s):** Agricultural studies  
**Graduation year:** 2017  
**Current job title and company/organization:** Real estate sales associate for Mid Iowa Real Estate, Auctions, and Appraisals; also farm - row crops, cattle and hogs

**What moment or experience at Iowa State most shaped your career path?**

Being a recruiter for Alpha Gamma Rho Agricultural Fraternity shaped me the most. It gave me a chance to travel all over Iowa, sit across the table from parents and talk about the experience their sons might have during college. Today, I do something similar, only now I am having conversations about farmland real estate. I also lived with my current co-worker, Kellen Sunken, while at AGR. We invited our current boss, Jeff Obrecht "The Dirt Dealer," over as a dinner guest, which was one of the things that led us both to land at Mid Iowa Real Estate, Auctions, and Appraisals.

**How did your involvement in clubs, internships or research opportunities at Iowa State prepare you for your current role?**

I was involved in several clubs at Iowa State and always encourage students to take advantage of internships, study abroad programs, and any other opportunity that only college can offer. The two clubs I held the most leadership in were Farm Operations Club and AGR. Both allowed me to lead and grow in a supportive environment while at Iowa State. The network that I built through these organizations continues to serve me well today. I lean on



those connections in both real estate and on our farm. Those leadership roles also gave me confidence that when I left Ames, I knew that if I worked hard, had direction and maintained a high level of character, I could accomplish my goals going forward.

**What's one challenge you've faced in your education or career, and how did you overcome it?**

My grandpa told me the first summer I came back from Ames, "All farming is, is different problems coming up, and it's how you deal with them that matters." That mindset stuck with me. So, while there is not one glaring problem I have dealt with, but rather a steady stream of them such as weather delays, equipment breakdown, farm succession, market swings, land deals that fall apart, or livestock health issues. Every day brings something new. Whether I'm working cattle or negotiating a farm sale, the mindset is to stay calm, be creative and find a solution to move forward. That's the nature of both farming and real estate - think on your feet and keep moving forward.

**Fill in the blank and provide a brief explanation: "I wouldn't be where I am today without \_\_\_\_\_."**

I wouldn't be where I am today without mentors. I've been fortunate to have mentors at every stage of life. People who were willing to share their experience, offer guidance and help me think through big decisions. Parents, grandparents, coaches, teachers, professors, neighbors, bosses, bankers, agronomists and the list goes on. There are a lot of good people in the world. Find them, learn from them, and let them help you grow.

**Fill in the blank: "The best piece of advice I received in college was \_\_\_\_\_, and here's why it stuck with me: \_\_\_\_\_."**

"You're either improving or you're regressing." This advice stuck with me because it always reminded me I need to be intentional of always moving forward and bettering myself. Being conscience of this has allowed me to consistently move forward not only in farming and real estate, but also in life as a whole.



Peyton Kofoot received his scholarship at the Iowa State Fair on Saturday, Aug. 16.

## Recent Grad Receives AG Scholarship at State Fair

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Peyton Kofoot was awarded a scholarship from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement at the Iowa State Fair on Saturday, Aug. 16.

Peyton, who graduated from H-D-CAL High School in the spring, was one of 95 students from around the state to receive the scholarship. He'll soon be going into his second year at NIACC, where he's studying ag sales and service and ag operations and farm management.

He hopes to work in ag sales someday.

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## 65th Class Reunion on the Mississippi River

The 1960 class of Franklin Consolidated celebrated their 65th class reunion with a two-day Mississippi River cruise last month. Lois Borcharding said they're a fun bunch, and they always have a good time when they're together.

"It was nice to relax and visit with classmates," she said.



Pictured, from left to right, Dick Paulsen, Sharon Paulsen, Sharon Blau, Bill Hemmes, Myron Van Horn, Jane Van Horn, Lois Borcharding and Beverley Gade on their trip. Photo provided by Lois Borcharding.

## Iowa Board of Regents approves policy changes for academic freedom

BY BROOKLYN DRAISEY  
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

Months after its introduction and amidst scrutiny into Iowa universities' compliance with anti-diversity, equity and inclusion policies, the Iowa Board of Regents has revised its academic freedom policies to include caveats on how certain topics can be taught.

The Iowa Board of Regents approved changes Tuesday to its policies relating to academic freedom and treatment of syllabi to include sections about "controversial subjects" and how they should be treated by faculty and students.

Under the new policy, faculty are allowed to teach controversial topics as long as they are connected to course content and taught in a way that "fosters critical thinking and avoids indoctrination of one perspective." Instruction must also reflect debate on the topic and different scholarly views.

Board President Sherry Bates said during Tuesday's meeting the new policy demonstrates a more comprehensive approach to ensuring academic freedom and protection from indoctrination, something board members asked for when discussing previously proposed policy. However, if word comes that the policy is not being followed, Bates said, the board will conduct an audit into the incident and take action if necessary.

"If the board office audit determines the policy is not being followed, I will not be passive in addressing the problem. I will set up a task force of board members to correct the situation and ensure compliance with the policy," Bates said. "Ensuring that our students can learn and think for themselves is paramount to our mission."

Another approved policy change added language to the board's rules on syllabi posting that requires students' grades be determined by their understanding and application of course content rather than their perspective on viewpoints expressed in the class.

### Big differences between first, final policies

A first — and very different — draft of the policy changes was introduced at the board's June meeting, where it was met with upset from students, staff, members of the public and lawmakers.

Universities would have been restricted from requiring students to take courses with "substantial content that conveys DEI or CRT" under the original policy draft, which critics



Iowa Board of Regents Executive Director Mark Braun, left, and President Sherry Bates attend an Iowa Board of Regents meeting Feb. 27, 2025. The Iowa Board of Regents approved changes to its academic freedom policies at a meeting Tuesday after months of discussion and delay. (Photo by Brooklyn Draisey/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

called unlawful censorship of classroom instruction. Regent David Barker said during the June meeting he believed the policy was an "important first step" in eliminating distrust in higher education and ensuring students wouldn't be taught opinions or controversial ideas as fact.

After deciding to slow down the process of approving the policy at its June meeting and once again delaying the decision in July, the board released a draft of the new policy proposal last week.

Barker said Tuesday he believes the policy proposal was improved by the removal of references to diversity, equity and inclusion and critical race theory, and that the latter subject is an academic area that has its place in certain classes.

"The point of this policy is to teach things in a balanced manner," Barker said. "If some controversial policy is taught, students should be informed that this is controversial and they should have an understanding of both sides of it. But this policy is not about censoring. It's not about saying there is anything that shouldn't be taught."

An amendment Barker introduced to include language stating "students shall have access to a clear, confidential and timely process to report concerns that instruction is not meeting these standards." Also included in the amendment was the requirement that colleges investigate complaints, "promptly" report them to the board and "take corrective action when warranted."

Barker brought up multiple vid-

eos that have surfaced in past weeks appearing to show officials at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University discussing anti-DEI laws and policies. Barker said while people are in disagreement about what these videos show, they are proof that, "at least until very recently," campus culture was against state and federal law. This culture may have impacted students' trust in current complaint processes, he said, and the board should create another.

Provosts at each state university said during the meeting they have complaint processes in place that are reviewed annually, and have students bring their concerns to the faculty in question before moving up the ladder.

Rachel Boon, chief academic officer with the board of regents, said the board office also has its own complaint process for those with First Amendment concerns that goes directly to Executive Director Mark Braun. Both Boon and Braun are also working to compile and review each of the universities' avenues for filing a complaint to see whether they meet board standards and expectations, she said.

The amendment failed, with only Barker and Regent Christine Hensley voting in favor.

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### In loving memory of Roger G. Nuehring 1945-2025

Roger G. Nuehring, 80, of Hampton passed away Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Bartels Lutheran Home in Waverly.



Funeral services for Roger will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, August 18, 2025 at Hampton United Methodist Church in Hampton. Visitation will begin at 9:30 AM until service time at the church. Interment will take place at Memorial Park Cemetery in Mason City. Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Roger and his family.

Roger Gene was born January 17, 1945 to Alvin and Estella (Palmer) Nuehring. He graduated high school from Rockwell-Swaledale with the class of 1963. On September 3, 1976, he was united in marriage with Joanne (Young) at the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

He worked as a hog buyer at Smithfield Foods in Mason City, and in retirement, he enjoyed playing cards and traveling, especially to Branson. He and Joanne had bags packed and ready so they could take spontaneous trips at a moment's notice. In between travels, Roger spent his time junking and could often be seen in his pickup searching for treasures. He provided many hand tools to the Amish community that he found on his treasure hunts.

Roger's faith was an important part of his life, and was a member of Hampton United Methodist Church. He was a hard-working, soft-spoken man who led not with words but by example.

Roger is survived by his brother Richard Nuehring; sister-in-law Diane Nuehring; nephews Tim Nuehring, Doug Nuehring, Mark Nuehring, Patrick (Jill) Nuehring and their sons Carter (Madison) Nuehring and Grant Nuehring, and Michael (Trish) Nuehring and their children Josh Hagin and Jessica (Breyer) Tenaney; son-in-law Kevin Tumilson; grandchildren Andy (Sara) Boyd, Cody Boyd, Levi LaRue, Tyler Tumilson, Nicole Tomlinson, James (Fawna) Crider, Jr., and Troy (Cynthia) Crider; numerous great-grandchildren, step-brother John's children Eric and Penny, and Karen Ingham's children Joe Ingham, Mary Ingham, and Katy Showalter and family.

He is preceded in death by his wife Joanne, his parents, brother Gerald Nuehring, step-children Michael Stickney, Patti (Stickney) Crider, Sandra Jo (Stickney) Boyd, Gerald Duane Stickney, and Lisa Kay (Stickney) Tumilson, great-grandson Sgt. James Matthew Crider, step-brother John Howell, and Richard's better half Karen Ingham. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Hampton United Methodist Church.

### In loving memory of Jon Rieman 1976-2025

Jon Rieman, 48, of Hampton, passed away on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the University of Iowa Hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at the Zion Reformed Church in rural Sheffield with burial in the Hillside Cemetery in Sheffield. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.



Jon is survived by his sister Mary (Kent) Peterson of Webster City; nephew Adam of Ames; Nieces Ashley and Abby, of Webster City; and girlfriend Holly Frisbie of Waterloo. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and aunts & uncles.

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**Family Welcomes Baby Girl**  
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 • Wednesday, August 20, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer  
 • Sunday, August 24, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 11 a.m. Sunday School Class  
 • Tuesday, August 26, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer  
 • Wednesday, August 27, 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*  
 Tuesdays 8:30 AM  
 Thursdays 5:30 PM with Adoration at 6:00 PM  
 Sunday 10:30 AM English  
 5:30 PM Spanish

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

**First Christian Church**  
 605 Fourth St. NE, Hampton  
 • Sunday, August 24, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; 11:30 a.m. Celebration Lunch; Last Sunday for First Christian Church

**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, August 20, 6 p.m. 7-8 Confirmation Meeting; 7 p.m. 9th Confirmation Meeting  
 • Thursday, August 21, 2 p.m. West Fork Food Pantry  
 • Saturday, August 23, 10:30 a.m.

Parade Lineup; 11 a.m. **People in the Park Parade**  
 • Sunday, August 24, 9 a.m. **Worship Service with Blessing of the Backpacks**; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship; 4:30 p.m. **Chicken Dinner at Zion in Rockford**

**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, August 24, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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

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 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, August 24, 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 - Vilmor**  
*Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor*  
 • Sunday, August 24, 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  
 • Sunday, August 24, 9 a.m. Worship Service

**METHODIST**

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

**First United Methodist**  
 510 Thompson St., Sheffield  
*Pastor 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, August 20, 2 p.m. **NAOMI Circle**; 6:30 p.m. **LEAH Circle**  
 • Thursday, August 21, 9:30 a.m. BeFriends; 10:30 a.m. **Chapel at Leahy Grove**; 6:30 p.m. **SPRC Hampton/New Hope**; 7 p.m. **SPRC Hampton**  
 • Saturday, August 23, 5 p.m. Worship Service  
 • Sunday, August 24, 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, August 25, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK  
 • Tuesday, August 26, 1:30 p.m. Faithful Stitchers

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

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 • 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.  
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**Hampton Church of Christ**  
 811 4th St. NE, Hampton, IA.  
 hamptonchurchofchrist.com  
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**Sixth Street Church of Christ (Acapella)**  
 909 Sixth St. SW, Hampton  
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 • Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. Bible Study

**PRESBYTERIAN**

**Aplington Evangelical**

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

**Zion Reformed Church**  
 2029 Jonquil Ave., Sheffield  
*Rev. Petri van Rooyen, Pastor*  
 Office Hours: M,W, Th: 8-Noon \* Bad Weather KLMJ\*  
 • Wednesday, August 20, 6:30 p.m. **Family Ministry**  
 • Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Bazaar Crafters**  
 • Sunday, August 24, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

**Hampton Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
 605 4th St. NE, Hampton  
*Pastor Steven Shafer*  
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 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, August 24, 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

**Immanuel U.C.C.**  
 204 E. South St., Latimer  
*Pastor Joe Dunnwald*  
 • Sunday, August 24, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

**St. Peter's United Church Of Christ - Geneva**  
 496 Raven Ave # B, Geneva, IA 50633  
 • Saturday, August 23, 5 p.m. Worship Service with Jeff Janssen;  
 • Sunday, August 24, **NO WORSHIP SERVICE**

*In loving memory of*  
**Mary Margaret Harris Abbas**  
 1941-2025



Mary Margaret Harris Abbas, 84, of Geneva, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Franklin General Hospital in Hampton. A private family service will take place with burial at St. Peter's UCC Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

Mary was born on January 27, 1941, to Ken and Margaret (McLeod) Harris. Mary had an older sister, Alma, and soon a baby sister, Jane. Mary graduated from West High School in Waterloo in 1959 and went on to Pit'z Beauty School. After graduation from there, she moved to Hampton to work where she met Fred Abbas. They were married on February 20, 1965.

Fred and Mary lived on the family farm and raised four sons, Mark, Scott, Jason and James. She was a proud grandma to five boys: Lane, Kaden, Brady, Rowan, and Kian, who are sons to James and Shelby. Mary enjoyed watching all of these boys in their sporting events and other activities.

Throughout her life, Mary tried and became quite good at creating art, such as in painting, drawing, knitting, especially pretty Christmas and other holiday cards for her family to enjoy. She belonged to the Franklin County Historical Society and loved helping restore the Old Stone House. She also volunteered with the hospital auxiliary. Mary spent many, many hours researching the Abbas family. She was active in women's ministries at St. Peter's UCC, such as teaching Sunday School. Mary loved her family and we will really miss her.

Mary is survived by her husband Fred; sons Mark and Scott of Geneva, and James (Shelby) of Ackley; grandsons Lane of Wahpeton, ND, Kaden, Brady, Rowan, and Kian of Ackley; and a sister Jane Harris of Waterloo.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, son Jason, and sister Elma (Rudy) Beneke.

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“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”  
 -Romans 10:10 NIV

**Professions of Faith**  
 Many religions have professions of faith, and even within religions, different sects or denominations often have professions of faith which differ somewhat from their brethren in the different sects. Methodists and Catholics share the Apostles' and Nicene creeds—from the Latin "credo" meaning "I believe," the phrase which starts off many professions of faith—whereas Baptists have historically said that they have no creed but the Bible. And yet the similarities among the denominations are arguably more important than their differences. Even between Christians and Jews, or between Jews and Muslims, there are arguably more similarities than differences. But the creed, or the Credo, can be a stumbling block for many. Many simply can't bring themselves to believe certain things which are required by their religion, and saying that you believe something when you don't strikes many people as akin to lying. On the other hand, there are those who say that we should profess our faith with an open heart, in the knowledge that faith is the substance of things hoped for, but that faith is not knowledge and so we can say these things hoping they are true and hoping that this faith is a kind of self-justifying act. It is as if believing that we can do some difficult task gives us the strength to do it, or believing that someone loves us makes us act in a loving way towards them and therefore creates the conditions for that love to blossom. So have faith.

"I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth."  
 (First line of the Apostles' Creed)  
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## Franklin County

**Traffic:** Gabriel Maximus Guerrero, of Hampton, failure to obey traffic control device; Seton Kelly Smith, of Hampton, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way;

Tania Marie Coffield, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, speeding; Jaydee Layne Plagge, of Britt, failure to change lane when necessary;

Jason Lee Steelman, of Britt, permitting unauthorized person to drive;

Marck Anthony Jose Roque, of Coulter, speeding;

Tiffany Crystal McDermott, of Fort Dodge, speeding;

Keith L. Young Jr., of Hyde Park, Massachusetts, speeding; Sara Marie Danger, of Ackley, registration violation;

Ismael Pedreguera, of Hampton, speeding;

Roberto Rojas Parra, of Hampton, no valid driver's license;

Blaze Robert Marpet, of St. Petersburg, Florida, speeding;

Civil: Greenstate Credit Union versus Olivio Hernandez Lopez, dismissed without prejudice;

Greenstate Credit Union versus Karrine Kuepfer, non jury order setting trial;

First Bank Hampton versus Horton Trucking LLC, Tramatania Lamont Horton, order for judgment, \$52,874.56 fine and \$256.00 for Court costs;

**OWI:** Jose Sergio Hernandez Rodriguez, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for operating while intoxicated – first offense, serving 2 days jail time and \$1,250 fine;

Aurelio Aburto Garcia, of Hampton, guilty plea;

Francisco Timeteo Mendez Vazquez, of Latimer, order of arraignment; order setting trial, October 9, 9 a.m.;

Christopher Evan Cox, of Greene, criminal complaint;

Martin Ferias Diaz, of Hampton, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance;

Small Claims: LVNV Funding LLC, of Plymouth, Minnesota, versus Cynthia L. Johnson, of Sheffield, judgment default, \$4,869.04 fine;

UHG I LLC, of Brookfield, Wisconsin, versus Chris Abernathy, of Mallard, order for judgment, \$1,857.50 fine;

Credit Corp Solutions INC, of Plymouth, Minnesota, versus Rhonda Njus Travers, of Aredale, order for judgment, \$3,339.39 fine;

LVNV Funding LLC, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, versus Colton James Winfrey, of Hampton, dismissed without prejudice;

Midland Credit Management INC, of West Des Moines, versus Hannah Meints, of Sheffield, dismissed with prejudice;

Capital One NA, of Des Moines, versus Jorge O Martinez, of Latimer, original notice;

**Criminal:** Richard Fermin Martinez, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for possession of a controlled substance – third offense, serving 30 days jail time, \$855 fine, \$855 fine suspended, and pled guilty for driving while barred, serving 15 days jail time, \$855 fine, \$855 fine suspended;

Eryln Norman Perez Miranda, of Eldora, order for arraignment; arraignment, August 25, 10 a.m.;

Anthony Robert Polzin, of Dows, order of disposition; pled guilty for violation of probation, 180 days jail time, 180 days jail time suspended;

Ryan George Minter, of Popejoy, order of disposition; pled guilty for eluding, serving 5 years prison time and \$1,025 fine;

Lucino Marin Castillo, of Hampton, guilty plea;

Tristan Gerard Hillhouse, of Mason City, order of arraignment; order setting trial, October 9, 9 a.m.;

Nicholas Franklin Passehl, of Fort Dodge, order setting hearing and order for arraignment; arraignment, August 21, 1 p.m.;

Jerry Wilbert Passehl, of Latimer, order for arraignment; arraignment, August 21, 1 p.m.;

Sarina Jenny Burgin, of Mason City, order for arraignment; arraignment, August 21, 1 p.m.;

Jeffrey Nicholas Duane Kiefer, of Belmond, order for arraignment; arraignment, August 21, 1 p.m.;

Cory Lynn Kottenbrink, of Hampton, order of arraignment; order setting trial, October 9, 9 a.m.;

Zayden Maddox Johnstone, of Hampton, criminal complaint, hearing for initial appearance, and no contact order

## Police &amp; Sheriff report 8-11 to 8-17

## Hampton Police Reports

**Monday, August 11:** Officers assisted with one medical call.

6:06 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 100 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

9:56 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 10 block of 3rd St. SW < Hampton.

10:25 a.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 400 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

12:45 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 10 block of 3rd St. SW, Hampton.

2:09 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 300 block of 1st St. SW, Hampton.

2:54 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 00 block of 9th PL NE, Hampton.

6:03 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 500 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

8:22 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of 3rd Ave and Federal St. SW, Hampton.

9:45 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 900 block of 4th St. NW, Hampton.

11:12 p.m.: Report of a missing person in the 100 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.

**Tuesday, August 12:** Officers assisted with two medical calls and received six general calls.

11:31 a.m.: Report of found articles in the 10 block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton.

11:59 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 700 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

1:53 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 600 block of 1st Ave NE, Hampton.

2:26 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 1300 block of N Federal St. , Hampton.

4:33 p.m.: Report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

4:53 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 600 block of 12th Ave NE, Hampton.

10:06 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 1200 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

**Wednesday, August 13:** Officers assisted with one medical call and received five general calls.

7:04 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 10 block of 6th St. NW, Hampton.

8:58 a.m.: Report of juveniles in the 100 block of 5th St. SE, Hampton.

9:03 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 1500 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

10:55 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 900 block of 4th St. NW, Hampton.

11:45 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 700 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

12:00 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 00 block of 4th St. Ave NW, Hampton.

1:53 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 00 block of 7th Ave NE, Hampton.

7:18 p.m.: Report of located property in the 10 block of 2nd St. NW, Hampton.

9:31 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the 10 block of Shar Denn Dr, Hampton.

9:57 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the area of the storage units and the tower center, Hampton.

**Thursday, August 14:** Officers assisted one motorist.

2:23 a.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

2:35 a.m.: Report of an operating while intoxicated issue in the 300 block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton.

3:58 a.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the 300 block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton.

4:01 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

9:40 a.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the 10 block of 2nd St. NW, Hampton.

2:02 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of 3rd Ave NE and N Federal St. , Hampton.

3:08 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 400 block of 10th Ave NE, Hampton.

6:11 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of 10th St. and 2nd Ave NW, Hampton.

9:00 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 400 block of Central Ave E < Hampton.

**Friday, August 15:** Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, assisted one motorist, and received one general call.

12:08 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the area of Bandshell Park, Hampton.

9:29 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 300 block of 3rd Ave SW, Hampton.

2:29 p.m.: Report of a weather issue in an unlisted area, Hampton.

2:31 p.m.: Report of a weather issue in the area of 1st St. NE, 7th Ave, and 8th Ave NE, Hampton.

2:33 p.m.: Report of a weather issue in the area of Hwy 65 and Wood Vision, Hampton.

6:21 p.m.: Report of a weather issue in the area of 7th St. SW and 1st Ave SW, Hampton.

8:46 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 200 block of 2nd Ave SE, Hampton.

10:07 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of Git & Go, Hampton.

**Saturday, August 16:** Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with four medical calls, and received four general calls.

1:06 p.m.: Report of lost articles in the 300 block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton.

**Sunday, August 17:** Officers executed one traffic stop and received three general calls.

1:57 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

10:05 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 500 block of 6th St. SW, Hampton.

11:39 a.m.: Report of located property in the area of Hwy 65 and the Car Wash, Hampton.

11:48 a.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 200 block of 5th St. NW, Hampton.

3:38 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

7:19 p.m.: Report of a weather issue in the area of Olive Ave and Hwy 3, Hampton.

8:45 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

9:32 p.m.: Officers responded to an open door in the area of the Century Link electrical building, Hampton.

## Franklin County Sheriff

## Reports

**Monday, August 11:** Officers executed one traffic stop, received a report for two controlled burns, and received two general calls.

8:46 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the 1100 block of 14th Ave, Eldora.

11:32 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of I-35 and mile mark 159.5, Dows.

12:26 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton.

2:15 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of I-35 northbound and mile mark 164, Latimer.

3:18 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 161, Dows.

4:26 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the area of Olive Ave, Hampton.

6:07 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Brown St. , Alexander.

11:14 p.m.: Officers assisted other agencies with an issue in the area of 4th Ave, Ackley.

**Tuesday, August 12:** Officers executed seven traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, and received four general calls.

5:05 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of 190th St. and Wright Ave, Alexander.

8:09 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Center St. , Alexander.

8:41 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 northbound and mile mark 165, Latimer.

1:31 p.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

2:38 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Donovan St. , Latimer.

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

2:40 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Lark Ave, Sheffield.

6:54 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of Timber Ave, Hampton.

8:38 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 and mile mark 163 northbound, Dows.

11:41 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 and mile mark 163.8, Hampton.

2:34 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and 140th St. , Hampton.

3:06 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 165, Latimer.

7:36 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in an unlisted area of Longview, Washington.

11:28 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of Hwy 65 and 110th St. , Hampton.

**Thursday, August 14:** Officers executed two traffic stops, received a report for two controlled burns, and received one general call.

2:29 a.m.: Officers assisted the Hampton Police Department with an issue in the area of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

8:12 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the area of Warbler Ave, Ackley.

10:14 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

3:04 p.m.: Report of trespass in an unlisted area, Geneva.

6:14 p.m.: Report of juveniles in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

6:32 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton.

6:33 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Hwy 65 and 170th St. , Hampton.

7:17 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 142 northbound, Dows.

7:18 p.m.: Report of lost articles in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton.

8:10 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of Grouse Ave, Alden.

**Friday, August 15:** Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, received a report for one controlled burn, and received three general calls.

12:57 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 170, Latimer.

1:27 a.m.: Report of an operating while intoxicated issue in the area of 180th St. and Olive Ave, Hampton.

7:53 a.m.: Report of civil disputes in the area of Balsam Ave, Alexander.

8:01 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the area of 160th St. and Vine Ave, Hansell.

8:14 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Mallard Ave and Hwy 3, Hampton.

4:47 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the area of Cardinal Ave, Dows.

8:55 p.m.: Officers executed other warrants in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

8:57 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

10:34 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton.

11:08 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 146 northbound, Dows.

**Saturday, August 16:** Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, and received three general calls.

12:14 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 175 northbound, Meservey.

9:28 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 1600 block of Lark Ave, Hampton.

9:54 a.m.: Report of an accident with personal injury in the area of 1st St. NE and 5th Ave NE, Hampton.

1:21 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

2:37 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 11000 block of 150th St. , Aredale.

3:04 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 1500 block of Jonquil Ave, Latimer.

4:52 p.m.: Officers assisted the Hampton Police Department with an issue in the 400 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

9:29 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 165, Latimer.

**Sunday, August 17:** Officers received four general calls.

12:25 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 154 northbound, Dows.

10:43 a.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the 700 block of 1st Ave S, Fort Dodge.

11:26 a.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 300 block of Brown St. , Alexander.

1:52 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of I-35 and mile mark 160 southbound, Dows.

2:05 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 1400 block of Olive Ave, Hampton.

4:36 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 175 northbound, Meservey.

5:27 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of the Unity Point ER, Fort Dodge.

7:02 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of I-35 and mile mark 160 southbound, Dows.

**Butler County Sheriff Reports**

**Monday, August 11:** Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with five medical calls, assisted two motorists, received a report for five controlled burns, and received five general calls.

12:22 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 100 block of E Vine St.

12:44 a.m.: Jenny Lee Krueger, 49 of Greene, arrested for domestic abuse/assault-1st offense, jailed.

2:24 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:45 a.m.: Report of theft in the 29500 block of Oak St.

5:13 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the area of Locust St and S Railroad St.

7:16 a.m.: Report of transport in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:43 a.m.: Report of a road closed in the area of 130th St and Terrace Ave.

9:49 a.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:35 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 21000 block of Woodridge LN.

2:30 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 13400 block of 110th St.

2:55 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 200 block of 3rd St.

3:41 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 400 block of N 5th St.

3:51 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:00 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:02 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:41 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:45 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 700 block of N 2nd St.

7:02 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 1000 block of Railroad St.

7:35 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 500 block of 6th St.

11:17 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 13400 block of 110th St.

**Tuesday, August 12:** Officers executed five traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, assisted two motorists, received a report for one controlled burn, and received three general calls.

7:20 a.m.: Report of the veterans van in the 400 block of 6th St.

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

10:04 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 700 block of Caldwell St.

10:47 a.m.: Report of a fire alarm in the 100 block of N Hilton St.

11:40 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 200 block of W South St.

12:06 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

1:28 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 500 block

FROM THE LOG

4:53 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 800 block of Elm St.

5:04 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:06 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 200 block of S Main St.

5:09 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 25400 block of 130th St.

6:07 p.m.: Apri Louisa Simkins, 46 of Parkersburg, arrested for violation of probation, jailed.

8:29 p.m.: Report of a runaway in the 400 block of Elm St.

8:37 p.m.: Officers conducted fingerprints for the public in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:39 p.m.: Owen Hazen Ufod, 18 of Cedar Falls, arrested for OWI-1st offense, jailed.

11:12 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in these area of Franklin Ave and Hwy 3.

**Wednesday, August 13:**

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

3:55 a.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the area of 3rd St and Coates St.

4:06 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 100 block of Colfax St.

5:09 a.m.: Officers conducted a house check in the 10600 block of 195th St.

7:31 a.m.: Report of a test in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:24 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 14500 block of 150th St.

8:35 a.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 27500 block of 180th St.

8:35 a.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 19100 block of Hwy 188.

8:44 a.m.: Report of a trespass in the 14600 block of West Brook St.

8:55 a.m.: Officers assisted other agencies in the 20100

block of Grand Ave.

9:44 a.m.: Officers assisted other agencies in the 100 block of 4th NE St.

10:22 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of 180th St and Grand Ave,

11:50 a.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Hwy 188 and Hwy 3.

12:00 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:08 p.m.: Report of a test in the 22000 block of Liberty Ave.

12:29 p.m.: Report of fraud/identity theft in the 600 block of 9th St.

12:39 p.m.: Report of juvenile problems in the 400 block of Elm St.

1:46 p.m.: Report of a test in the 22000 block of Liberty Ave.

2:32 p.m.: Report of juvenile problems in the 500 block of E Barbara St.

2:41 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of 300th St and Union Ave.

4:07 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 20200 block of Hwy 57.

4:39 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:40 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 1200 block of Wemple St.

7:40 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 400 block of Elm St.

8:12 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 22100 block of Cedar Ave.

8:52 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 200 block of W Traer St.

9:10 p.m.: Report of property damage in the 20300 block of Hwy 188.

9:13 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 31600 block of 180th St.

10:04 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 100 block of E Prospect St.

10:50 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 1300 block of Hwy 57.

10:54 p.m.: Report of natural

gas in the 200 block of S 4th St.

**Thursday, August 14:**

Officers executed 10 traffic stops, assisted with five medical calls, assisted two motorists, and received a report for one controlled burn.

7:43 a.m.: Report of operating while under the influence in the 300 block of Locust St.

8:00 a.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 600 block of Oak St.

8:37 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.

9:03 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 23600 block of 250th St.

9:12 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 300 block of Greene St.

10:10 a.m.: Christopher Shawn Stout, 42 of Clarksville, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.

10:32 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 1000 block of Pleasant Dr.

10:46 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

1:38 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 700 block of N 1st St.

3:54 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

3:49 p.m.: Report if return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

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

4:37 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 700 block of Beaver St.

4:43 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 1200 block of Main St.

5:33 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 27200 block of 255th St.

6:14 p.m.: Report of theft in the 600 block of 4th St.

7:45 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 100 block of N Elizabeth St.

8:05 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 700 block of Northside Rd.

8:26 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 31600 block of 180th St.

8:38 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 100 block of E Grove St.

8:50 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 500 block of W Poisal St.

9:05 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 11900 block of 150th St.

9:52 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 600 block of West St.

11:33 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 900 block of Parriott st.

**Friday, August 15**

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

12:11 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St.

1:56 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 500 block of 6th St.

2:01 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 13400 block of 110th St.

6:20 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St.

7:39 a.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 600 block of Pine St.

7:46 a.m.: Officers conducted a house check in the 10600 block of 195th St.

8:27 a.m.: Officers conducted a house check in the 30100 block of Superior Rd.

9:11 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 600 block of Main St.

11:06 a.m.: Officers assisted other agencies in the 14700 block of 290th St.

11:09 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 300 block of Parriott St.

11:11 a.m.: Report of lost/located property in the 00 block of S Georgia Av, Mason City.

11:12 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 29500 block of Oak Ave.

12:35 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 31300 block of 190th St.

1:11 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 600 block of Pine St,

2:22 p.m.: Report of parade traffic in the area of 280th St and Hwy 14.

2:24 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:41 p.m.: Report of weather-spotters in the area of Franklin Ave and Hwy 3.

3:30 p.m.: Report of a power outage in the 00 block of N 1st St.

3:49 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the 27900 block of Martin Ave.

5:56 p.m.: Report of lost/located property in the 20900 block of Hwy 3.

7:07 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Grand Ave and Hwy 3.

7:23 p.m.: Report of 911 call in the 800 block of Pine St.

8:10 p.m.: Dario N Montalvo, 53 of Hampton, arrested on a court orded hold, jailed.

8:13 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of 250th St and Clay Ave.

8:15 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 31600 block of 180th St.

11:29 p.m.: Report of suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of Cedar Ave and Hwy 3.

**Saturday, August 16:**

Officers executed 15 traffic stops, assisted with five medical calls, assisted two motorists, received a report for three controlled burns, and received three general calls.

12:19 a.m.: Report of a burglary in progress in the 700 block of Wemple St.

9:15 a.m.: Report of property damage in the 1000 block of Beaver St.

9:32 a.m.: Officers conduct-

ed a welfare check in the 22500 block of Fir Ave.

1:03 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 300 block of 3rd St.

3:45 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 29500 block of Trapper Rd.

6:35 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 300 block of East St.

6:50 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 32000 block of Hwy 14.

6:51 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 31600 block of 180th St.

11:40 p.m.: Report of alcohol related issues in the 100 block of Saratoga St.

11:40 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 900 block of 7th St.

**Sunday, August 17:**

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

12:03 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 200 block of 10th St.

7:24 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 1000 block of Railroad St.

9:18 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of 250th St and Douglas Ave.

11:08 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 20900 block of Hwy 3.

1:49 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:00 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

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

5:47 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 12300 block of 280th St.

7:52 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 33600 block of Hwy 57.

10:40 p.m.: Report of suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 600 block of 3rd St.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

**Warranty Deed:** Gregory J Counsell, Nichole C Counsell to Kristopher Subia, Amy Subia; 28-92-21 NE Corner Tract

**Warranty Deed:** Betty J Shear, Michael P Shear, Patricia J Williams, Daphne Shear Anderson, Daphne Anderson Shear, Dean R Anderson, Dorene Elleri,

Dorene Shear, Jonathan D Shear, Cassie Shear, Dorene Shear to William L Robinson, Debra J Robinson; 33-92-20 SW SE Part

**Warranty Deed:** Bruce M Whalen, Sandra K Whalen to Ramona J Kottenbrink; 15-92-20 Terrace Hill Subdiv Lot 11

**Quit Claim Deed:** Judith R

Marchese to Shawn Topliff Attorney in Fact, Shawn Topliff; 35-92-19 NE N4 Corner

**Warranty Deed:** Stanbrough Sally Bridges, Sally Bridges Stanbrough to CDG Properties LLC; Coul Coulter Original Town Blk 5 Lot 2-4

**Warranty Deed:** Stanbrough Sally Bridges, Sally Bridges

Stanbrough to CDG Properties LLC; Coul Coulter Original Town Blk 10 Lot 8-9 Parts

**CT Officer Deed:** Sue Ellen McGuire Estate, Benjamin Martin McGuire Executor to Julio Cesar Neria Martinez, Julio Cesar Martinez Neria; Hamp Hustn Lot 2

**Warranty Deed:** Steve Ludens, Lynn Ludens, Brent

Ludens, Heidi Ludens to Allen Shoop, Kathy Shoop; Hamp Rigns Lot 26

**Contract:** Shaun Oscarson to Shelley M Nicholson, Daniel Hernandez Lopez, Daniel Lopez Hernandez; Hamp Kendy Blk 1 Lot 4

**Quit Claim Deed:** Jacqueline Montanez to Rogelio Velasquez; Hamp Beed2 Blk

31 Lot 4

**Warranty Deed:** Valerie J Haugebak to Evelyn Aldama, Francisco J Benavides; Hamp Westp Blk 2 Lot 3

**Warranty Deed:** Louise Cameron to William A Lahner; Shef Sheffield Johnston's Addition Lot 16

**Coulter Council Meeting Minutes 8.13.25**

**City of Coulter Unapproved Minutes of August 13, 2025 Council Meeting**

City of Coulter Council Meeting at Coulter City Hall called to order at 6:30pm on August 13, 2025 by Mayor Myron Lawler. Council members present: Lon Allan, Cheryl Engels, Alan Larsen, Dennis Sandin, and Ann Schulz. Public present: Anthony Stadlander, Options Reps and Blackstone Reps. Larsen motioned to approve the Agenda, Allan second. All ayes, motion carried. Mayor Lawler opened the floor for Public Comment. Anthony Stadlander asked about status of generator at Lift Station. Mayor Lawler will check into it. Stadlander also mentioned asphalt in alleys; Mayor Lawler reminded him that he had voiced his opinion before. Stadlander exited meeting. Options Rep - Mason Roberts shared information about the company, after questions from Council Roberts said they would gather more information and send email to Council. Options Reps thanked Council and exited meeting. Blackstone Rep - Jeff Simmerman shared information and answered Council questions. Blackstone Reps thanked Council and exited meeting. Unfinished business: Discussion on Pump house proposal and amount submitted. Mayor Lawler said he would talk to Jason on cost and informed Council he had purchased heater for pump house. Discussion on electric work for pump house will be placed on September agenda. Alan Larsen will set up meeting with he, Mayor Lawler and Latimer Mayor in regards to Lagoon repairs. Discussion on placement of City sign on southend of town. Council will check out location, decision will be made at September Council meeting. Special

cial Council meeting was set for Wednesday, August 20 at 6pm to choose roofing company to fix hail damage on buildings. Motion made by Larsen, second Allan to put asphalt on Barrett Street and Marston Street from 4th Street to 140th Street and in front of Lift Station. Vote: Allan-aye, Engels-aye, Larsen-aye, Sandin-aye, Schulz-abstain. Council will make list of additional places to have paved with asphalt. Mayor Lawler mentioned need to remove flowers and flags. Schulz motioned to accept bid of \$3150 from Westaby for removal of trees, second Larsen. All ayes, motion carried. Sandin will make list of tree limbs in city that need trimmed. Allan will call Alliant about topping tree in park, write letter to a Resident. New Business: Truck parking discussed in light of sale of Coop. Several options considered. Mayor Lawler mentioned he had bought a 55KW generator, asked if Council would be interested in purchasing it to have available to use. Council decided to not do so at this time. Discussion made on Grants. Schulz said she would be willing to look into doing this. Money left over after expenses from RAGBRAI donations was discussed. Larsen motioned to approve consent agenda, second Sandin. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Larsen, second Sandin to accept claims presented for payment of \$48,563.40. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Larsen, second Schulz to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm

ATTEST:  
Myron Lawler, Mayor  
Jory Rapp, City Clerk

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**Sheffield Council Minutes 8.11.25**

**Council Proceedings  
Regular Session Minutes-Unapproved  
Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>; 6:00pm**

The Sheffield City Council Regular Session was called to order at Sheffield City Hall by Mayor Brad Mulford, at 6:00PM on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Council Members in attendance were Becky Moellers, Julia Showalter, and Sherri McGuire; absent were James Robbins and Ryan Kruger; also, in attendance was Patrick Nuehring, Public Works Director, Eric Meyer, Public Works Assistant, and Andrew O'Connor, Police Chief. Mayor Mulford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moellers made a motion to approve the agenda. McGuire seconded it; it was approved with Robbins and Kruger absent. Mayor Mulford announced that it was the time and place for the public comment. There was no public comment.

Moellers motioned to approve the consent agenda, Showalter seconded the motion, and it was approved with Robbins and Kruger absent. Those items approved in the consent agenda were: 7/14/25 Regular Session Minutes, August 2025 Bills.

Mayor Mulford asked for any department updates. Public Works Director stated that all the wells are fixed and going. Pump house repairs are complete too.

**Old Business**

- Heartland Asphalt gave a proposal of \$43,590.00 to do dirt shoulders and hydroseeding to both recent road projects. Moellers motioned to have the city purchase two loads of dirt to be located at the lagoon. This dirt will be for residents that want to fill in the road edge created by the road project. Dirt can be picked up from the lagoon anytime. Grass seed is the responsibility of the homeowner. McGuire seconded it; and it was approved with Robbins and Kruger absent.
- Showalter motioned for the City Clerk to open a new fund for the use of donations/grants to purchase a Polaris Ranger by the police department. McGuire seconded it; and it was approved with Robbins and Kruger absent.

**New Business**

- Jill Conlon, Sheffield Community Club President, spoke about the People in the Park activities on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be doing the same parade route, line up starting at 10:30am in the high school parking lot with the parade starting at 11:00am. The route will go west to 7<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> to Gilman, east to Sheffield Care Center, and back into town. They would like to have the streets, (S 5<sup>th</sup>, S 6<sup>th</sup>, and Sherman) around the city park closed from 6am to 5pm. Showalter motion to approve parade route and street closures. McGuire seconded it; and it was approved with Robbins and Kruger absent.
- Moellers motioned to approve cashing both water cd's at renewal time. The funds will be placed in water savings account. McGuire seconded it; and it was approved with Robbins and Kruger absent.
- Moellers motioned to approve renewing the sewer cd into a 12-month premium cd at renewal. Showalter seconded it; and it was approved with Robbins and Kruger absent.
- There was discussion on possibilities for the swimming pool. Currently, the swimming pool is having maintenance issues. The pool is losing 5000 gallons a day, just did over \$2000 worth of piping repair, and the motor has gone out in the big pool (will be repaired). When the baby pool was put in, in 2015, the evaluation of the big pool was that it looked good, since then it has deteriorated. Options for the future is an estimated new pool for roughly \$4.5 million, splash pad for \$250,000 to \$450,000, or fill it in. Fundraising could take two to three years to make all this happen. There is \$32,000 budgeted for 2025 fall repainting. This will come back in September with a public forum and further discussion on the future of the pool.
- There was discussion on the snow removal on main street. Iowa Drainage has helped the city clean main street. They no longer have the employees to help. PW Director spoke with Payton Plagge and he is unable to help. Corey Lambertson said he may be able to help if we needed to transport snow but not removing snow. The city could purchase a payload for \$160,000 that will help give the capabilities to move the snow without contracted help; may need to look at part-time help for snow. Moellers asked to have the city clerk put out for bids to come in before September's meeting to see if there was any help available. This will come back in September.
- Moellers motioned to approve a once-a-year deep cleaning of city hall. This should cost no more than \$250 a time. Showalter seconded it; and it was approved with Robbins and Kruger absent.
- The City Clerk brought an example of a noise ordinance to be reviewed. Chief O'Connor will go over it and this will come back in September for review and approval.
- Showalter motioned to approve the first reading of ordinance #195 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to Stop Required. McGuire seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Moellers, Showalter, McGuire; absent: Robbins, Kruger. Moellers motioned to approve the second reading and waive the third reading of ordinance #195 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to Stop Required. McGuire seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Moellers, Showalter, McGuire; absent: Robbins, Kruger.
- Mayor Mulford and the city clerk met with Chase with WHKS on some possible road work. He has put together roads that cannot have just an overlay but need to be rebuilt. The chosen roads don't all need to be done all at one time but can be done by the rating of necessity. The council asked to start getting cost numbers. This will come back in September.
- The first meeting was held for the upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. Lots of brainstorming of different activities to hopefully create a great two-day event! Ideas of a car show, street dance by the Wharf, closing main street down for lots of fun, food trucks and more. Waiting to see what other events are happening so there will be the least number of conflicts. Currently aiming for June 2026. There will be no People in the Park for 2026. The next meeting is August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the city park. All are encouraged to help plan this great event!
- Council Comments – n/a
- Moellers motioned to adjourn, Showalter seconded the motion, and it passed. Adjournment at 7:41 p.m.

Ashley L. Francis, City Clerk  
Brad Mulford, Mayor

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**Hampton July 2025 Receipts**

CITY OF HAMPTON SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS JULY 2025	
General .....	\$90,646.61
General - LOST/Pool...	\$19,066.47
Library.....	\$20,853.74
Electric/Gas Franchise .....	\$58,237.41
Road Use.....	\$47,379.31
Employee Benefits.....	\$5,432.05
Forfeiture .....	\$60.35
Band Shell Fund.....	\$75.83
Local Option Sales Tax .....	\$61,089.65
Police Reserve .....	\$3,054.48
Fire Reserve .....	\$12,217.93
Pool & Parks Reserve ..	\$12,217.93
55% LOST Reserve.....	\$33,599.31
Capital Project - Street	\$160,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care ..	\$280.00
Water .....	\$84,441.93
Meter Deposits .....	\$900.00
Sewer .....	\$86,876.55
Sinking Fund - Sewer ...	\$32,890.51
Solid Waste .....	\$3,814.83
Total Receipts/Deposits.....	\$733,134.89

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**Richard Larsen Estate**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
Richard L. Larsen, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR502048  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF  
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Richard L. Larsen, Deceased, who died on or about July 30, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on August 12, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Richard L. Larsen, deceased, bearing date of April 7, 2005, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Alan L. Larsen was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated August 14, 2025.

Alan L. Larsen  
305 5th Street  
Coulter, IA 50431  
Executor of Estate

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

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**Harris Estate**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT  
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF MICHAEL G. HARRIS, Deceased  
Probate No. ESPR502047  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Michael G. Harris, Deceased, who died on or about July 16, 2025.

You are hereby notified that on the 11th day of August, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Michael G. Harris, deceased, bearing date of the 3rd day of October, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Mary Kranz was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2025

Mary Kranz  
1979 Elm Lake Drive  
Clarion, Iowa 50525  
Executor of Estate

Katlyn B. Downs  
ICIS Pin No. AT0015703  
Laird Law Firm  
403 Main Avenue  
P.O. Box 187  
Clear Lake, IA 50428-0187  
Attorneys for Executor

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**Master Matrix, Summit Farms**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Franklin County Board of Supervisors has received a construction permit application for a confinement feeding operation, more specially described as follows:

Name of Applicant: Summit Farm Pork LLC  
Location of the Operation: Section 14, Scott Township  
Type of confinement feeding operation structure proposed: Two new deep pit swine finisher confinement buildings as a new swine confinement facility  
Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after Construction: 1999.6 animal units (4999 head of swine finishers)  
Examination: The application is on file at the County Auditor's Office and is available for public inspection during the following days: Monday – Friday and hours 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Comments: Written comments may be filed at the County Office until Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8AM.

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**Eunice Brandt Estate**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
Eunice May Brandt, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR502046  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF  
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Eunice May Brandt, Deceased, who died on or about July 21, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on August 8, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Eunice May Brandt, deceased, bearing date of October 3, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Kathy Benson Clouse was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated August 11, 2025.  
Kathy Benson Clouse  
17126 Highway S27  
Alden, IA 50006  
Executor of Estate

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

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**Larry Osteen Trust**

**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF REVOCABLE TRUST  
TO ALL PERSONS regarding LARRY W. OSTEEEN, Deceased, who  
died on or about July 14, 2025.**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Anne H. Osteen is the Trustee of the Amended and Restated Larry W. Osteen Revocable Trust dated May 21, 2024.

Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Franklin County, Iowa, within the later to occur of sixty days from the date of second publication of this notice, or thirty days from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent, and beneficiaries under the trust whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any claim not filed with in this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to the trust are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned trustee. Creditors having claims against the trust must mail them to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested. Unless creditor claims are mailed by the later to occur of sixty days from the second publication of this notice, or thirty days from the date of mailing this notice, a claim shall be forever barred unless otherwise allowed or paid.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2025.

Amended and Restated Larry W.  
Osteen Revocable Trust dated May 21, 2024

Anne H. Osteen  
207 Oak Hill Drive  
Hampton, IA 50441  
TRUSTEE

G. A. Cady III  
CADY & ROSENBERG LAW FIRM, P.L.C.  
PO Box 456  
Hampton, IA 50441  
Attorneys for Trustee

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**Patricia Ione Binger Estate**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY -  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
PATRICIA IONE BINGER, Deceased. CASE NO. ESPR502045:  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Patricia Ione Binger, Deceased, who died on or about July 18, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on August 6, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Patricia Ione Binger, deceased, bearing date of April 20, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Traci Van Dyke was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated August 8, 2025.  
Traci Van Dyke

Megan R. Rosenberg, ICIS#: AT0009951 Attorney for Executor  
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, Courthouse Roof**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOF PROJECT  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA**

The Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs for the construction of the above referenced public improvements at 9:30AM on Tuesday September 2nd, at the Franklin County Courthouse, County Supervisors Chambers, Franklin County Courthouse, 12 1st Avenue N.W., Hampton, Iowa. At said hearing, any interested person may appear and file objections thereto or to the cost of the improvements. Copies of the proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs are available in the office of the Franklin County Auditor.

This project includes the furnishing of all labor, equipment, and materials for the construction of the Franklin County Roof project, located at the Franklin County Courthouse, 12 1st Avenue N.W., Hampton, Iowa generally described as follows:

The removal and replacement of the elastomeric membrane roofing as noted on drawings. The removal of Asphalt Singles and installation of Metal Shingle as noted on drawings. The inclusion of all associated accessories related to the complete roofing installation, such as wood blocking, underlayment, flashing and preformed membrane boots around roof penetrations, as well as all edge of roof metal flashing.

This Notice is given by authority of the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

Katy Flint, Franklin County Auditor

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**Ordinance 195**

**ORDINANCE NO. 195  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE  
CITY OF SHEFFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING  
TO STOP REQUIRED**

Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of Sheffield, Iowa: **SECTION 1. SUBSECTION ADDED.** Section 65.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, is amended by adding a new Subsection 28 and 29 to Section 65.02, adopted to read as follows: **65.02 STOP REQUIRED.**

28. Maple Street. Vehicles traveling on Maple Street shall stop at 3 rd Street.

29. Maple Street. Vehicles traveling on Maple Street shall stop at 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. **SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 and approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

Brad Mulford, Mayor  
ATTEST:

Ashley Francis, City Clerk  
First Reading: 8/11/25  
Second Reading: 8/11/25  
Third Reading: waived

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 195 on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

Ashley Francis, City Clerk

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**Hampton v. Schoon**

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY  
CITY OF HAMPTON, IOWA, a municipal corporation,  
VS.  
Petitioner,  
No.: EQCV502255**

**RONALD SCHOON; DIANE SCHOON A/K/A DIANA SCHOON;  
UNNAMED HEIRS OF RONALD LEE SCHOON; PARTIES IN  
POSSESSION; NEWLINE HOLDINGS, LLC SERIES 2; HARVEY  
HOLDINGS, LLC; FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA, TREASURER;  
Respondents.  
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDENTS:  
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as the defendant in this action, which petition prays that the court award title to the real estate legally described as: LOT NINE (9), BLOCK THIRTY-ONE (31), BEED'S SECOND ADDITION TO HAMPTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA (locally known as 416 1st Street Southwest, Hampton, Iowa) to the Plaintiff free and clear of all other parties right, title, interest, and claims in said real property. The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is Taylor Nederhoff, 412 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126. The attorney's phone number is 641-648-5083; facsimile number is 641-648-5085.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 24th day of September, 2025, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Franklin County, at the county courthouse in Hampton, Iowa 50441. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator (641) 421-0990. (If you are hearing impaired call Relay Iowa TTY (800) 735-2943).

**IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.**

You must file your Appearance and Answer on the Iowa Judicial Branch eFile System, unless the attached Petition and Original Notice contains a hearing date for your appearance, or unless the court has excused you from filing electronically (see Iowa Court Rule 16.302).

Register for the eFile System at www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile to file and view documents in your case and to receive notices from the court.

For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure in chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules at www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/CourtRules Chapter/16.pdf.

Court filings are public documents and may contain personal information that should always be kept confidential. For the rules on protecting personal information, refer to Division VI of chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules and to the Iowa Judicial Branch website at www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/representing-yourself/protect-personal-information/.

**Scheduled Hearing:**

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability access coordinator at (515) 576-6336. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). For more information, see www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/ada/. Disability access coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

Date Issued 08/12/2025 08:18:31 AM  
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Hampton Council Minutes/Claims 8.14.25

HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 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, Barry Lamos, Patrick Palmer, and Kristin Roode. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Public Works Director Doug Tarr, and Police Chief Mark Morrison. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Mayor Birdsall called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Lamos, second by Grefe to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously. The Mayor read the City Leadership Statement.

Council Workshop Report : The Mayor presented the Council Workshop Report from August 11, 2025.

Public Comment : Patrick O'Donnell expressed concerns regarding roofing codes.

Public Hearing: None. Old Business: None.

New Business : Garrett Jacobs of Bolton & Menk provided details regarding change order #1 for the airport improvement project. Motion by Davies, second by Grefe to approve change order #1 for the airport improvement project. Motion approved unanimously.

Garrett Jacobs of Bolton & Menk presented pay application #2 (final) in the amount of \$20,856.05 for the airport improvement project . Motion by Lamos, second by Roode to approve pay application #2 for the airport improvement project and release the retainage amount to the contractor after 30 days. Motion approved unanimously.

City Manager Dunt provided details regarding pay estimate #8 water treatment improvements in the amount of \$145,000.00 . Motion by Holmstrom, second by Grefe to approve pay estimate #8 water treatment improvements. Motion approved unanimously.

The council considered a street closure request from La Luz. Motion by Davies, second by Roode to approve request for street closure from La Luz for Back to School Event on August 15 . Motion approved unanimously.

The council considered a request from Jeff & Tracy Spear for street closures on August 24 for the Hampton Car Show. Motion by Palmer, second by Grefe to approve request for street closures on August 24 for the Hampton Car Show . Motion approved unanimously.

The council considered a request from Amanda Quasdorf for traffic control on October 4. Motion by Lamos, Second by Davies to approve request for traffic control for crossing Highway 65 north at the trail on October 4 for the HD Class of 2004 Scholarship fund 5K . Motion approved unanimously.

Suzu Knipfel presented a request for street closure on Federal St. South just in front of the library for the Hampton Library 120 th birthday party on October 6 . Motion by Palmer, second by Lamos to approve request for street closure from the library. Motion approved unanimously.

Library Director, Suzu Knipfel presented the library quarterly report . Approval of claims . Motion by Lamos, second by Grefe to approve the claims as submitted by Staff in the amount of \$467,430.67. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions: City Manager Dunt presented Resolution 2025-17: "RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND BOND FOR THE 2025-2026 HMA STREET REHABILITATION PROGRAM". Mark Crawford of Crawford Engineering provided details. Motion by Grefe, second by Davies to approve Resolution 2025-17. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Palmer, Grefe, Lamos, Holmstrom, Roode, and Davies. Nays: None. Resolution 2025-17 passed.

City Manager Dunt presented Resolution 2025-18: "RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL (ACM) ABATEMENT AT THE FORMER COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 4 AND 6 1 ST STREET NW IN HAMPTON, IOWA". City Manager Dunt provided details. Motion by Grefe, second by Palmer to approve Resolution 2025-18. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Holmstrom, Davies, Palmer, Grefe, Roode, and Lamos. Nays: None. Resolution 2025-18 passed.

City Manager Dunt presented Resolution 2025-19: "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$700,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTE SERIES 2025". City Manager Dunt provided details. Motion by Grefe, second by Davies to approve Resolution 2025-19. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Davies, Holmstrom, Palmer, Lamos, Roode, and Grefe. Nays: None. Resolution 2025-19 passed.

City Manager Dunt presented Resolution 2025-20: "RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$700,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES SERIES 2025 AND LEVYING A TAX TO PAY SAID NOTES". City Manager Dunt provided details. Motion by Holmstrom, second by Roode to approve Resolution 2025-20. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Roode, Davies, Lamos, Holmstrom, Grefe, and Palmer. Nays: None. Resolution 2025-20 passed.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda. Motion by Davies, second by Lamos to approve the Consent Agenda and the following items: Approve previous minutes as drafted from the Thursday, July 24, 2025 Regular Session; Approve previous minutes as drafted from the Tuesday, July 29, 2025 Special Session; Schedule the next Regular Session for Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; Approve alcohol licensing ownership update for alcohol licensing for HyVee Hampton Dollar Fresh 808 4 th Street SE. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by Police Chief Morrison, Public Works Director Tarr, and City Manager Dunt.

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

Mayor's Report given by Mayor Birdsall.

Motion to adjourn by Roode, second by Grefe at 7:03 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Attest: Ron Dunt, City Manager Mayor Steve Birdsall

Table with 2 columns: CITY OF HAMPTON FINANCIAL REPORT CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL, VENDOR DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT. Lists various vendors and their claim amounts.

Table with 2 columns: HAMPTON HARDWARE SUPPLY, HAMPTON POST OFFICE POSTAGE, HANSELL AG REPAIR REPAIR, HEARTLAND ASPHALT INC MAINT, HENKEL CONSTRUCTION CO WTR SRF, HEWETT WHOLESAL CONCESSIONS, HOWIE EQUIP INC REPAIR, INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CT REPAIR, ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIO MISC CONTRACT, IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE SALES TAX, IOWA DNR NPDES WWTP, IOWA ONE CALL LOCATES, IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES SIGNS, IPERS IPERS- PROTECTN, ISG 4&6 1ST ST NW, J&S DETAILING LOCKSMITH REPAIR, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL EQUIP REPAIR, KAMMRAD, PAT SHELTER DEP, MACQUEEN REPAIR, MAINSTAY SYSTEMS INC MISC CONTRACT, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS MAINT, MCKINNEY, BEN MOWING, MEDIACOM PHONE, MENARDS - MASON CITY SUPPLY, MERRITT COMPUTER SERVICES MISC CONTRACT, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO ELECTRIC, MURPHY'S HTG & PLMBG REPAIR, NAPA AUTO PARTS SUPPLY, NEUBAUER, KATHY SHELTER DEP, NORTH CENTRAL BLDG SUPPLY, NORTH CENTRAL INT PARTS, PARKS, KELLY SHELTER DEP, PETERS, TRAVIS MOWING, PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE LIFE INSURANCE, RAGSDALE, LAELA SHELTER DEP, REMINDER PRINTING CO, THE PRINTING, ROCKWELL COOP TELEPHONE PHONE, SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS GARBAGE, STATE WH STATE TAX, STOREY KENWORTHY SUPPLY, SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY C MAINT, TORRES, FELICITAS SHELTER DEP, US CELLULAR PHONE, UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO, SUPPLY, VEENSTRA & KIMM INC EQUIP MAINT, VERIZON PHONE, WHIPPLE, ROBERT L SHELTER DEP, WICKS CONSTRUCTION INC RUNWAY REHAB, WICKWIRE, ADAM BANDSHELL, WM TEL - WOOLSTOCK MUTUAL PHONE, DEPOSIT REFUNDS REFUND DATE 07/31/2025, PAYROLL CHECKS TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS, CLAIMS TOTAL, CLAIMS BY FUND, GENERAL FUND, GENERAL - LOST/POOL FUND, LIBRARY FUND, ELECTRIC/GAS FRANCHISE FUND, ROAD USE TAX FUND, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND, CAPITAL PROJECT - FAA GRA FUND, CAPITAL PROJECT - RICKS FUND, WATER OPERATING FUND, WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND, METER DEPOSITS FUND, SEWER FUND, SOLID WASTE FUND, CLAIMS TOTAL.

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 8/11/25

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS August 11th 2025

A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSuperviso/streams The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, August 11th, 2025, at the Franklin County Law Enforcement Center for a regular session 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 8/4/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: John Peterson was present to express his concern with the selection of the new Chief Deputy Sheriff. McVicker attended a finance committee for Northeast Iowa Workforce Development. Vanness attended Veterans Affairs Commission.

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

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve rescheduling the public hearing for vacating Franklin County right-of-way in Burdette to August 25th, 2025, at 9:00AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the closure of Yarrow Ave between 50th Street and 60th Street as of 8/4/2025 at 8:25AM for culvert construction. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the closure of Franklin Ave between 55th Street and 70th Street as of 8/4/25 at 7:00AM for bridge construction. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution authorizing monthly transfers from the General Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund; Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund; and Rural Supplemental Fund to Secondary Road Fund. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2025-43

Authorizing monthly transfers from the General Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund, from the Rural Services Fund to Secondary Roads Fund, and from the Rural Supplemental Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

Resolution to authorize the Franklin County Auditor monthly transfer sums from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund; from Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Road Fund; and Rural Supplemental Fund to the Secondary Road Fund all in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Month, General Basic, Rural Basic, Rural Supplemental, Total. Shows financial data for various months from July 2025 to June 2025.

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

Russell Wood, CICS CEO, met with the Supervisors to update them on happenings in his department. Joel McWilliams, Emergency Management Director, provided the Supervisors with an update on his department in writing as he was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

The Supervisors recessed at 10:00AM for a drainage meeting. They reconvened at 10:35AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the County website.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve Katy Flint, Auditor, as the proxy for ICAP. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the Business Associate Agreement with CICS (Collaborative Individual and Community Supports). All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:37AM until Monday, August 18th, 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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Sheffield City Bills Aug. 2025

Bills to be Paid for August 2025

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Description, Amount. Lists various vendors and their bill amounts for August 2025.

Table with 2 columns: Franklin County Auditor's FY26 Dispatch, Amount. Lists various vendors and their bill amounts for Franklin County Auditor's FY26 Dispatch.

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Description, Amount. Lists various vendors and their bill amounts for various services.

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Description, Amount. Lists various vendors and their bill amounts for payroll and other services.

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Coulter Approved Claims 8.13.25

City of Coulter Claims Approved for Payment 8/13/2025

Table with 2 columns: General Fund Description Amount, Amount. Lists various general fund descriptions and their approved amounts.

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Description, Amount. Lists various vendors and their approved claim amounts.

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 8/18/2025

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS August 18th 2025

A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSuperviso/streams The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, August 18th, 2025, at the Franklin County Law Enforcement Center for a regular session 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 8/11/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Lukensmeyer attended Conservation Board, Board of Health, and Together 4 Families/D-CAT. McVicker attended Northeast Iowa Workforce Development.

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

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the closure of Raven Ave between 190th Street and 200th Street as of 8/12/2025 at 7:05AM for culvert construction/repair. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the closure of 135th Street between Quail Ave and Raven Ave. as of 8/12/2025 at 2:25PM for Culvert Construction/Repair. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a proposal from Midwest Art Conservation Center for Courthouse Statue repair, washing, & waxing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ryan Peterson, Facilities Director, met with the Supervisors and provided them with an update on his department.

Heather Bushbaum, Recorder, provided the Supervisors an update on her department.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution approving a subdivision waiver. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2025-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY APPROVING A SUBDIVISION WAIVER WHEREAS, The Franklin County Subdivision Ordinance 6.2 allows waivers to the requirements set therein, and

WHEREAS, G&K Development, L.C. has asked for a subdivision waiver for the following parcels:

Parcel 1218100013 in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Ninety-one (91) North, Range Nineteen (19) West of the fifth principal meridian

to subdivide the land for mineral extraction.

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

The Supervisors recessed at 10:15AM for a drainage meeting. They reconvened at 10:16AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the county website.

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

The Supervisors acknowledged the Sheriff's monthly report.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:17AM until Monday, August 25th, 2025, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

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

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## Meet H-D-CAL's New Teachers!

**Name: Hayley McNealy**  
 Education: "Graduated from Hampton-Dumont High School in 2018 and Wartburg College in 2022"  
 Professional experience: "I have taught 7th-12th grade English language arts for the last three years. I have taught at Collins-Maxwell and Clarion Goldfield Dows previously. I am now going into my fourth year of teaching, and I am very excited to be a Bulldog again!"  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing? "I am teaching HS English, specifically English II and a senior elective course. I also will be teaching Publications which includes the yearbook and school newspaper."

**Name: Hannah Freerks**  
 Education: "I graduated from Clarksville High School, and from University of Northern Iowa with a degree in Early Childhood Education"  
 Professional experience: "I was a Lead Preschool Teacher at Clarksville Child Development, I did subbing through Waterloo School District after student teaching"  
 Life outside of school: "I love to read and spend time on the water with my friends and family!"  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing? "I will be a teaching preschool."

**Name: Courtney Holm**  
 Education: "High school Decorah High School College UNI"  
 Professional experience: "Subbing position at Postville Community School"  
 Life outside of school: "I love hanging out with my family which includes two little nephews. I also love to sport of wrestling!"  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing?

"Preschool"  
**Name: Brian Folkerts**  
 Education: "HS- Allison Bristow Class of 1994, Wartburg College Class of 1998"  
 Professional experience: "Starting year 28, Taught in Cedar Rapids, Clarion-Goldfield, Dows, CAL, Hampton Dumont-CAL, North Butler"  
 Life outside of school: "Sons Wyatt Folkerts and Kale Folkerts, dog Pal, Hobbies- Hunting, Fishing, Working on my house, anything outside, and spending time with family"  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing? "Middle School Interventionist"

**Name: Kayla Michelson**  
 Education: "Iowa State University"  
 Professional experience: "This will be my first year teaching!"  
 Life outside of school: "I recently got married to my husband, Casey, and we have a German Shepherd named Bailey!"  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing? "2nd Grade Teacher"

**Name: Colin Muller**  
 Education: "Went to High School at Osage. Went to Niacc for two years and then Uni for Two."  
 Life outside of school: "I love wrestling and also working with show cattle. I have a twin brother and also two young brothers."  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing? "Physical Education and High School Wrestling"

**Name: Rebekah Simmons**  
 Education: "Hampton-Dumont High School, University of Northern Iowa"  
 Professional experience: "1st year teacher, student taught and subbed at HD

this last year"  
 Life outside of school: "Husband- Jonathan Simmons  
 I have an in-home gluten free bakery (Bekah's Bakery), you can find me at local Farmers Markets"  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing? "3rd Grade Teacher and Head Mock Trial Coach"

**Name: Meghan VanDePol**  
 Education: "I went to South Hardin High School, after graduating I went to Ellsworth Community College and graduated with my AA degree. After that I attended The University of Northern Iowa and graduated with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Early Childhood Education."  
 Professional experience: "After graduating in December 2024 I long-term subbed at Gilbert Elementary as well as Hubbard-Radcliffe Elementary. I have also been a Nanny during my summers for the past 6 years."

Life outside of school: "I enjoy spending my time with my family, my boyfriend, my friends, and my dog Malibu. Over the Summer I really got into reading books, so if you have any recommendations please let me know!"  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing? "Kindergarten Teacher"

**Name: MaKenna Meyer**  
 Education: "I graduated high school from Iowa Falls- Alden. Then I graduated college from university of northern Iowa."  
 Professional experience: "This will be my first year teaching after graduating from UNI."  
 Life outside of school: "I enjoy spending time with friends and family. I enjoy tak-

ing on dogs on walks and being outside."  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing? "3rd Grade and I would love to get into coaching."

**Name: Rana Janes**  
 Education: "I went to Iowa Falls-Alden High School. I graduated in December from Iowa State University."  
 Professional experience: "This will be my first year teaching! After student teaching I did a long term substitute position at Iowa Falls-Alden."  
 Life outside of school: "I enjoy spending time with friends and family. I also love to read and enjoy being active."  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing? "3rd Grade Teacher"

**Name: Jared Ites**  
 Education: "I graduated from Iowa Falls High school and have a 2 year degree in Ag Business from Ellsworth Community College"  
 Life outside of school: "I have a wife and 2 kids. My wife's name is Jessi. My oldest son is Jase who will be a freshman at Iowa Falls Alden High school and my youngest sons name Is Jarret and he'll be a 7th grader in Iowa Falls"  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing? "Industrial Tech"

**Name: Daniel Karpouzian**  
 Education: "Undergrad: North Central University (Minneapolis), MAT in progress at Morningside University (Sioux City)"  
 Life outside of school: "I live in Waverly with my wife, three children, dog, and cat."  
 What will you be teaching/overseeing? "High School English"



Hayley McNealy



Hannah Freerks



Courtney Holm



Brian Folkerts



Kayla Michelson



Colin Muller



Rebekah Simmons



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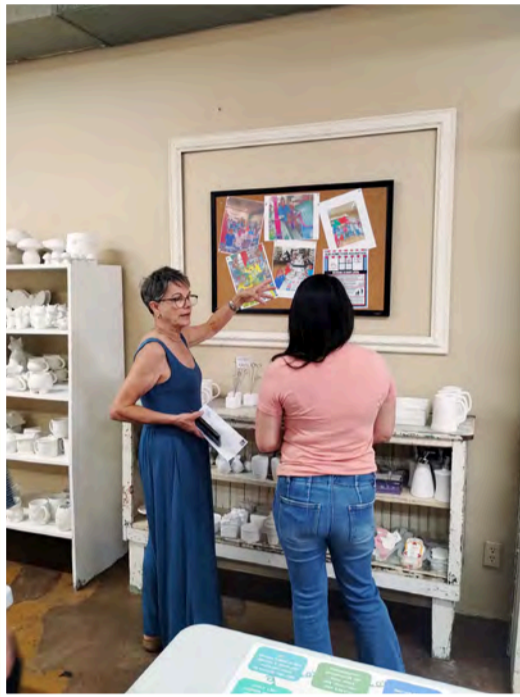
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# Main Street America Tours Downtown

Main Street America representatives took a tour of downtown Hampton last Wednesday, Aug. 13, and MSA Senior Program Officer of Economic Vitality Joi Cuartero Austin was impressed. Austin, who visits around 60 communities a year, said downtown Hampton has a "really good mix of businesses and other services." Check out some photos from their tour.



Christensen Jewelry



First and Second Vintage Too



First and Second Vintage



Franklin County VA Director Adam Akers explaining the history of GAR Memorial Hall



GAR Memorial Hall



Jim Davies (green shirt) giving the Main Street reps a rundown on the downtown area



La Luz Centro Cultural



Main Street America's Joi Cuartero Austin excited about checking out the theatre



Peace Plaza



The Windsor Theatre



The Windsor Theatre



The Wood Cellar

# La Luz's Back-to-School Night

The team at La Luz Centro Cultural and other local organizations passed out free dinner and resources at their back-to-school night on Friday, Aug. 15. More than 100 children showed up for the annual event, which was started in 2022, as a way to help prepare children for the school year. Check out some photos from the event!



Laela Ragsdale and Lili Velasco with the Extension Office served up hot dogs to the families



Community Health Center of Mason City



Ready to hand out free school supplies to families in the community.



Families waiting for free school supplies at back-to-school night.



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