



Members of the community wore shirts in support - displaying different ribbons for the varying types of cancer affecting their lives and those of their loved ones. (Photo by Star Pralle)



Peggi Meyer and Kimberly Foell lead the march through the Hampton park. (Photo by Star Pralle)

Franklin County's Relay for Life

BY STAR PRALLE

Franklin County held the Relay for Life in Hampton on Friday, July 22. Crowds amassed of those who have battled cancer, their friends and family, and so many more to support the Relay

for Life cause.

Relay for Life began in 1985 with Doctor Gordon Klatt. He walked around the University of Puget Sound track for 24 hours in a fundraising effort for the fight against cancer. Today, relay for Life is performed nationwide - with countless variations and raising money in honor of those that have conquered cancer, those that struggle with it, and the family and friends who watch their loved ones fight this terrible battle.

In Franklin County, people gathered in the Hampton City Park, gathering to walk the laps around the park in their turn. First, those who have or have had cancer walked the lap - standing

together in the face of a terrible adversary. Then, the family and friends joined the march - answering the call for support and care. Finally, the community at large was invited. Soon, dozens of people were walking around the path marked with signs about the Relay for Life cause and memorials of those that have passed away from cancer.

2022 Relay for Life in Franklin County added two Honorary Co-Chairs this year - Kimberly Foell and Peggi Meyer. Each prepared a statement about their cancer journey - presented in the program for the event Friday night.

Hi, my name is Kimberly Foell. I am diagnosed with Invasive Ductal Carcinoma Hers

2 positive. I went to my yearly mammogram in Sept of 2021. Oct 25th I went to have an ultrasound done of a lump that was of concern.

That was the day I was told that it looked like cancer. I ended up having a biopsy done Nov 8. I had my lumpectomy in Dec of 2021. I started Chemo in February 2022. I had six rounds of Chemo every three weeks. I still go every three weeks for immunotherapy for a year. I started radiation in June and have to do 20 treatments.

This is a journey that no one thinks will happen to them. I am very blessed to have the support system I have with

family, friends, church family, and our communities.

My name is Peggi Meyer. My husband is Dave, and we live in rural Latimer and have 2 grown sons. My battle against cancer began in May of 2019 when I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma mantle cell, stage 4. I completed 4 months of chemotherapy and 12 rounds of radiation treatments. With positive results, I was able to return to work in November of that year.

Almost 2 years in remission the cancer had returned in August of 2021. It was aggressive and required a stronger grueling treatment plan this time. Radiation treatments were done twice per day with a total of 30 sessions.

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Old Time Country Hoedown

The August Hampton Old Time Country Hoedown will be held on Monday, August 1 2022 from 6-9 p.m. at the historic Windsor Theatre in downtown Hampton. The Hoedown is a music jam open to all levels of musicians and music lovers and is held on the 1st Monday of each month. The theater seats are ideal for the audience to sit and enjoy some good old time country, bluegrass, and gospel songs you are sure to know and enjoy. We invite all in the area to come enjoy this always entertaining event. Admission is free with a free will donation accepted. All proceeds are given to the Windsor Theatre. Concessions are open, smell that popcorn. Feel free to check out our Facebook page for pictures, videos, and updates. Contact event organizer Don Wrolson 641-425-0909 with any questions. We hope to see you and some friends on Monday, August 1st for a fun music filled evening. THANK YOU so much for continuing to support our efforts to bring live music to our area! We appreciate each and everyone one of you!

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The City of Hampton awarded Gary Peters and Lisa Abendschein with the July Image of Pride Award. Pictured are Council Members Dick Lukensmeyer, Bill Hodge, Barry Lamos, Jim Daives, Lisa Abendschein, Maggie Wicks, Mayor Steve Birdsall, Pat Palmer, and Jerre Grefe

Hampton discusses problem with residents and animals

BY TRAVIS FISCHER

The Hampton City Council discussed public nuisances, a vicious dog, and the hiring of the next police chief during their regular meeting on Thursday, July 14.

At the meeting, the council heard from members in the community regarding a known drug user in their neighborhood and the various issues that arise as a result of the individual and their associates. From late night nuisances and outright theft, the neighbors complained that the issue is getting worse.

Both Police Chief Robert Schaefer and Public Works Director Doug Tarr weighed in, noting that they were aware of the issue and have each taken steps to do what they can within the limits of the law.

"We know we got an issue here," said Mayor Steve Birdsall. "It's not going unnoticed."

The council also held a hear-

ing on a vicious animal following a dog bite incident reported on June 17. The dog in question, owned by Ariel LaRue, had previously been deemed vicious and ordered removed from the city following an attack on a neighborhood child in 2021. Now, a year later, it appears that the dog had been illicitly returned to the city and, within a matter of weeks, had bitten the same child once again.

Considering the history of the animal and the fact that it had already been ordered out of the city once, the council moved to order the dog be destroyed.

In a more uplifting matter, the city recognized Gary Peters and Lisa Abendschein as July's Image of Pride Award recipient for their property at 16 & 22 5th St NE. They were nominated by Council member Jim Davies, who commended them for clearing out and cleaning up the lot on the property following a destructive fire.

In other business, the council approved a donation agreement between the city and Kick it Forward for the installation of the soccer mini-pitch in Progress Park. The mini-pitch is slated to be installed in August in the former location of the skate park.

In addition, council member Pat Palmer questioned if the construction period would be a good time to put up a back fence for the basketball court to keep errant balls from going into the mini-pitch.

The council also set a public hearing date to vacate the city right-of-way between Fareway and the old coop, scheduled for July 28 at 6:00 p.m.

In other old business, the council also made a decision on whether to utilize TP Anderson CPA or Rachelle Thompson CPA this year for the city audit. While TP Anderson, based out of Humboldt, has done the audit in recent years, the council decided to go

with Thompson, who is a local business.

The council approved a resolution in support of a development agreement between the city and Centro Inc. as they move their business into industrial park. In the agreement, Centro receives a three year tax abatement and up to \$136,000 in Economic Development Grants paid out over five years, recouped by the city through TIF funds.

The city also approved a resolution authorizing the redemption of an outstanding general obligation capital loan note, paying down the remainder of the city's fire truck loan.

The regular meeting ended with the council going into closed session to discuss the process for finding a new police chief as Chief Schaefer is soon to retire. The council met for a special session on Monday, July 18 to discuss contracting with Jeff Cayler

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Gary Lynch molds Lynch Family Companies in his own image

WAUCOMA, Iowa (June 15) - When Gary Lynch looks at the company he has led for decades from his cozy hometown in Iowa, he doesn't see a company.

Gary sees a family. As the longtime Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lynch Family Companies, a collection of agriculture-focused organizations headquartered in Waucoma, Iowa, Gary and his nearly 1,400 employees have had one of their best years ever. Which, according to Gary, is due to the culture that's been created at Lynch.

"We take care of each other," Gary said. "You're not just a number. Everyone helps everyone."

The company, which has 22 different businesses ranging from pork processing to feed sales and even real estate, is based in Waucoma, a town of just over 200 people along the banks of the Little Turkey River in northeast Iowa.

That is where Lynch grew up, and it is where his businesses have flourished.

Gary was one of six siblings, the son of a grocery store owner and the grandson of a hardware store owner. Growing up on the farm, he tended to the hogs along with other chores that were asked of him.

Gary, 74, passed those small-town values of hard work, humility, and self-sufficiency on to his children, many of whom have joined the Lynch team in various capacities.

"He was always an extremely hard worker dedicated to his business, and he made sure that was instilled in us," said his daughter, Erin Golly, who owns Vande Rose Farms, a Lynch subsidiary. "He made sure all of us kids would shoo the pigs back into their pens - day or night - if they ever got out."

Gary did leave the farm once - for a transformative stint in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

In 1968, Gary enlisted in the Armed Forces where he

served in South Vietnam. Years later, he can still recall the incredible depths of poverty throughout the terrain where he was stationed - providing a closeup view of how hard things can be for those in need.

It is a lesson that has shaped Gary to this day. He has since spent decades devoted to philanthropy.

One project that has grown near and dear to Gary's heart is the Phoenix Dream Center, which he and his wife, Jill, have been involved with for several years.

The faith-based, non-profit project is focused on three key areas: ending human trafficking, stopping childhood hunger, and educating future leaders by working with at-risk youth. Based out of Phoenix, the facility, which has grown so much that it is based out of an old hotel, has an annual budget of over \$3 million that is raised almost exclusively from private donors like Lynch.

Today, the center helps over 100 human trafficking survivors each year with full-service residential behavioral health care, delivers over 14,000 meals a week to help eradicate childhood hunger and runs a nine-month residential school for people between ages 18 and 26 to enroll in college.

"We have the money and wherewithal to do it, so we did it," Lynch said. "It's what you do in life. You can't take the money with you."

Gary also spearheads the Lynch Family Foundation, which has raised over \$5 million to support folks in financial need not of their own making.

On June 2, 2022, Gary handed a check for \$100,000 to the foundation of Travis Mills, the keynote speaker Lynch's annual Family Foundation event in Decorah, Iowa.

Mills, a United States Army Staff Sergeant with the 82nd Airborne, was critically injured on his third



tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2012 by a roadside bomb while on patrol. Mills lost portions of both legs and both arms, and he is one of only five quadruple amputees from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to survive his injuries.

Determined to give back, Mills formed a foundation to benefit and aid post 9/11 veterans who have been injured in active duty or because of their service.

"Gary is just a shining example of what it means to be an upstanding citizen. He's got a great moral compass that you can follow anywhere," Mills said. "He's just an amazing guy to know and be friends with."

Within the agricultural industry, Gary is viewed as a leader from both a production and a processing standpoint.

According to Dallas Hockman, the vice president of industry relations for the National Pork Producers Council, Gary is very engaged at the state

and the national level concerning matters that affect farmers, producers, growers, and vendors.

Hockman said that Gary has a knack for relationship management, and he is considered as dependable as can be when it truly matters.

"We can always depend on Gary both financially and when lending his voice is necessary in support of our industry," Hockman said. "I don't think I've ever heard Gary say no. He's been a big friend to our organization and to our industry."

And it all starts with Lynch Family Companies, Gary's pride and joy since the 1970s.

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of Cayler Consulting to assist in the search for a new chief.

Cayler, a retired police chief himself, has spent more than two decades as a consultant for cities looking to hire new police chiefs and fire chiefs.

The council met with Cayler over the phone, questioning him on various aspects of the hiring process, from the pros and cons of hiring from within vs. bringing in somebody from the outside, to discussing how much code enforcement should be emphasized in the job de-

scription, to making sure they have a candidate that is comfortable with Hampton's diverse community.

Following the interview, the council discussed Cayler's rates and what they would expect for his services. City Administrator Ron Dunt noted that Cayler has been recommended by all of his peers in similar cities and that his specialized expertise would be difficult to find elsewhere. Ultimately, the council agreed to utilize Cayler's services in their hiring search.



Pictured are Trinity Swart, Teaghan Bird, Isaac Vosburg, Rylee Keehn, Jackson Wohlford, Macy Christensen, Carrie Seidel, Steve Kruse, and Joe DeVries.

Hertz Farm Management Donates To Local FFA Chapter

Hertz Farm Management in Mason City, IA had the opportunity to present a donation to the local Tall Corn FFA Chapter. The \$2,500 check was presented during the Franklin County Fair on July 14, 2022.

"Supporting FFA is something that we feel is strongly about in our office and as a company," explained farm manager, Carrie Seidel. "We are excited to have the opportunity to give to the Tall Corn FFA Chapter during the fair this week."

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Summit Carbon Solutions Investors

KATHY STOCKDALE IOWA FALLS
 If you are a landowner and are affected by the Summit Carbon Solution's (SCS) hazardous pipeline you have probably recently received a letter or some postcards from them. In the letter they listed some of their donors, so I did a little research to see who some of these investors are.

1. John Deere I was not able to find out how much John Deere has invested in SCS.
2. Continental Resources has invested \$250 million for 2 years for funding and development and construction. They are listed as a top ten independent oil producer in the US. Based in Oklahoma City. They find and produce natural gas and oil in North Dakota and Oklahoma. Continental Resources is

a champion of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing. Eighty percent of the Company is owned by Harold Hamm of Oklahoma and his children

3. Tiger Infrastructure a subsidiary of M&G Alternatives of the U.K \$100 million. They are a private equity firm The firm partnered with Summit Agriculture in the FS Brazilian Ethanol Production Company. They are an original Founding Investor in SCS. Their CEO is Emil Henry who is also on the Board of Directors of Summit. Mr. Henry served under former President George W. Bush as Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions of the U.S. Treasury under Hank Paulson from 2005-2007. He sits on the Boards of many

equity groups. He lives in New York City.

4. TPG Rise Climate \$300 million located in Fort Worth Texas Hank Paulson is TPG Rise Climate Executive He was the 74th US Treasury Secretary from 2006-2009. (think of when the banks collapsed and were bailed out) In July 2008 it was reported in the Daily Telegraph—"Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson has intimate relation with the Chinese Elite, dating back to his days at Goldman and Sachs when he visited the country more than 70 times." He spearheaded US-China relations and initiated and led the US-China Strategic Economic Dialogue. On June 27, 2011 Paulson announced the formation of the Paulson Institute, a non-partisan, independent "think and

do tank" dedicated to fostering a US-China Relationship that serves to maintain global order in a rapidly evolving world. (Wikipedia)

Paulson is Leader of the Climate Leadership Council helping to co author a proposal for the United States in 2017 as a climate change mitigation policy. He was founding Chairman of the Advisory Board of the School of Economics and Management of Tsinghua University in Beijing.

5. SK E&S \$110 million to acquire a 10% stake in Summit Carbon Solutions (SK perspectives) SK Group is a South Korean firm. with an office in Houston, Texas SK E&S and Continental have maintained strong partnership since 2014 when they

started joint development of shale gas fields in Woodford, Oklahoma Carbon Magazine.

6. Local investors I am told that a year ago before they ever came to the affected landowners, Summit met with business leaders and doctors in Iowa Falls asking them to invest in the project. I know of at least one who invested and now wishes they hadn't.

Please consider who is invested in this project before you sign an agreement. It is our tax payer money funding this project and the profits will be going to these companies and we will be left with a hazardous pipeline and land that will not produce and leave scars on our beautiful Iowa countryside.

We can beat this if you don't sign the easements!

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Letter to the Editor

DEB LAVALLE HARDIN COUNTY LANDOWNER
 Summit is following the standard pipeline playbook to try to acquire voluntary easements for their hazardous liquid CO2 pipeline. Knowing the facts illustrates why it is a bad idea to sign a voluntary easement, especially now. It is time to protect Iowa from eminent domain abuse. Big corporations think they can marginalize rural Iowans for their profit, that Iowa landowners can be intimidated into signing easements. Iowans are trusting by nature, but these corporations should not be trusted. Easements will dictate what landowners and future generations can do with their land forever. The Summit easement can take advantage of a landowner's lack of legal contract knowledge. An attorney specializing in pipeline fights has reviewed the Summit contract, highlighting many reasons not to sign. A few examples: The length of the pipeline can increase, and the placement can change, on a parcel with a signed voluntary easement, without landowner approval. There is no definition of "reasonable" restoration of the land. He also confirmed landowners are assuming a liability from a pipeline rupture. Insurance companies are telling landowners they will not cover liability of a ruptured CO2 pipeline.

Rural communities are not throw aways, Iowans should not be subjected to these uniquely unstable hazardous waste pipelines. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) learned their model for safety is inadequate after a review of the CO2 pipeline explosion in Sarta, Mississippi. PHMSA is undertaking a study on how to make these pipelines safe, it will be released in 2-3 years. Too late for Iowa if these risky pipelines are permitted now. Researcher Jessica Wiskus, PhD., provided details from

leading carbon sequestration experts, to the Iowa Utility Board July 2022: a leak of greater than 15 percent in one minute, causes unconsciousness, convulsions, coma and death; the released visible plumb of particulate dry ice like CO2 cloud travels one quarter of a mile, causing cryogenic, toxic lung damage; the invisible odorless plume of sulfocating CO2 will travel much further. Three proposed hazardous CO2 pipeline companies want to web across Iowa, anyone could be exposed with lethal consequences. I urge every citizen not to "lay low" and hope this danger goes away.

Iowa State University Researchers pipeline study team, Nov. 2021,"Our findings show extensive soil disturbance from construction

activities had adverse effects on soil physical properties, which come from mixing of topsoil and subsoil, as well as soil compaction from heavy machinery." In an interview from High Plains Public Radio, May 2022, with landowners Richard McKean and Keith Putenney: Richard McKean (retired drainage contractor), "A drainage system is like a highway, when you disrupt a portion of it, you basically have damaged the use of the rest of the drainage system. I've spent a lifetime on the farm working with drainage. I have moved soil, I've trenched, I've plowed tile. Once you disturb that soil ... you never get it quite back the same way it was." Keith Putenney learned a hard lesson from the Dakota Pipeline, "They

promised that they would remediate the soil, they never did. The issues that I experienced and still experience five years later are not ending."

Silvia Secchi, professor in the Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences at the University of Iowa wrote an opinion article in the Des Moines Register, July 9, 2022, titled, "Don't be fooled by exaggerated "benefits" of carbon pipelines." Dr. Secchi discusses why a report from Ernst & Young, vastly overestimates the economic benefits of the pipelines. She gives numerous reasons why Summit's studies mischaracterize benefits and ignore costs.

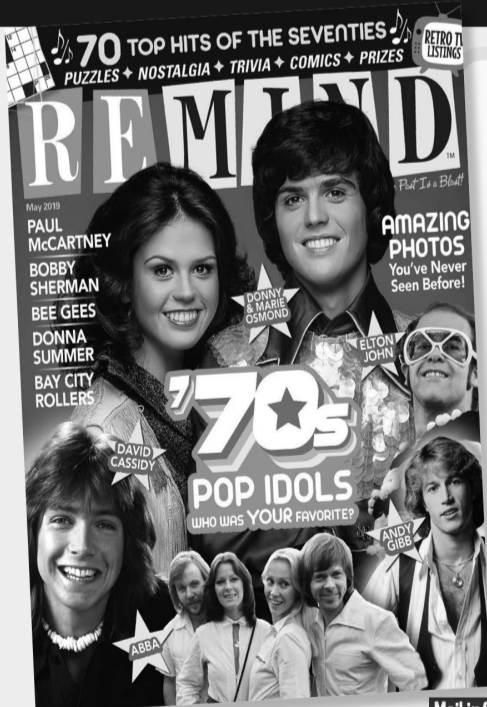
Despite Summit statements, Iowa land records prove they are not having the success needed acquiring voluntary

easements. Not signing voluntary easements is how we stop eminent domain abuse. Summit cannot take advantage of us if we stand together. Iowa landowners locked arms in protest in front of the Iowa Utility Board in Des Moines July 12, 2022, Franklin County landowners need to lock arms by not signing easements.

Legislators have not changed the bad Iowa law that is stacked against individual landowners and geared toward the CO2 pipeline companies. Landowners should not sign easements and send a message to legislators to change this bad law quickly, in next years legislative session, before these pipelines are permitted. The decision from the Iowa Utility Board will more likely favor landowners

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Think Big, Small Towners -- It's Never Too Late

BY SARA MIDDLETON

When I was in high school, during a “career day,” I was asked what I wanted to do for a job after college. I answered honestly, telling the grown-up “I want to be a writer or a DJ.” You would have thought I said “I want to kick puppies and live under a bridge” based on the look of disappointment I received in response. As I write this in my forties, I guess I sort of get it. I now know most radio personalities and would-be writers don’t get rich or famous, and these paths don’t make for the most stable lives. The road less traveled usually comes with many forks, detours, and outright closures.

Later that same career day, a friend’s mom echoed the concern about my goals and emphatically talked me out of my career choices. I understood, even then, she was looking out for my best interest. “Why don’t you be a teacher?” she said. I didn’t have a good answer as to why I shouldn’t, so I decided to give it a shot. I clearly didn’t know what normal people are supposed to be when they grow up, and several of my friends wanted to be teachers.

The teacher thing lasted exactly one semester into college, when I got an assignment to observe a classroom in my hometown. In the not-too-distant future from my first semester of college, I will come to understand that I was not blessed with an over-abundance of patience (read: I have none), but all I knew in the moment was that I hated everything about teaching. Becoming a teacher wasn’t for me (although teachers remain in my highest esteem, probably due at least in small part to my now firm grasp of the knowledge that patience and I rarely are even in the same room). I’d need to figure out a new professional goal, and quick.

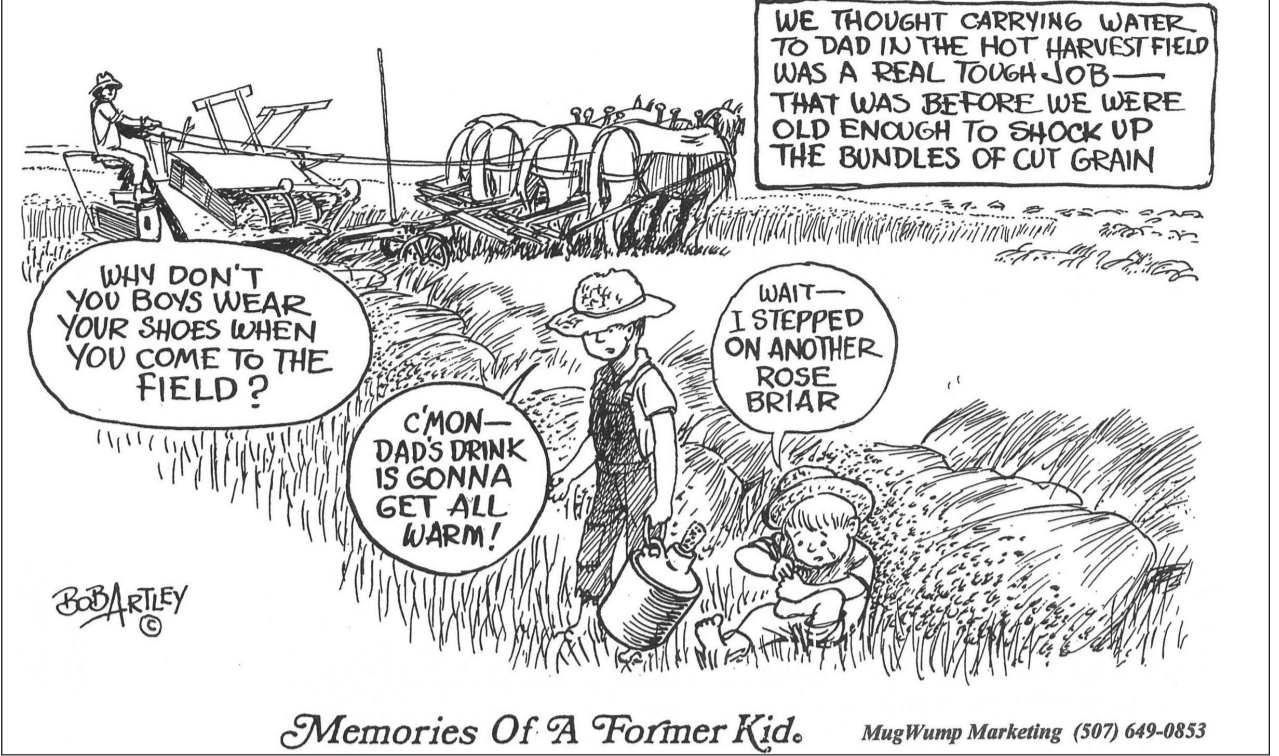
So, what was an 18-year-old girl to do? I had been vehemently discouraged from pursuing the career I wanted. I was absolutely revolted by the career I was sup-

posed to want. I continued the rest of my first year, hoping I’d soon receive a lightning bolt of career inspiration.

I did not receive that lightning bolt, but I finally landed on Communication Studies—to the great unwashed a useless choice perhaps, but these skills help with literally everything in life involving interaction with other people. I loved to talk and write (hence my original “inferior” career choices), and I was able to do both things regularly with a Communication Studies major. I even eventually joined the policy debate team. That sounds like the nerdiest thing ever, right? It kind of is, except when you realize debate is also exhilarating, intense, and does wonders for one’s ability to research, argue well, manage time, and thrive under pressure. I enjoyed most of my coursework and debate training, finished a B.A. and M.A. in Communication Studies, and then, as so many of my generation, immediately took a job with no obvious connection to my degree or my preferred career path. I worked in a library, and aside from the occasional blog post, there was little writing and even less interaction with people.

Fast forward to 2017, as I settled into my new life in my old home county in rural Iowa. I was approached by a friend about submitting my story to the “Why I Came Back to Iowa” feature in Our Iowa Magazine. I jumped at the chance, wrote something I felt good about, and sent it in. Just shy of a year later it was published in the magazine, and I was overjoyed. I’ll have you know, at the time they usually paid in pie (maybe they still do), but my submission and photo received actual money. I could now say I was “published” in a way it didn’t feel right to say when I finished my master’s thesis. That story remains one of my proudest achievements, and I would not have gotten the opportunity if I were still in Sacramento. As a rural Chamber

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THE ALTERNATIVE
Fritz Groszkruger

I have several friends who believe the government should have a say in what guns we own. As is often the case, a law doesn’t make it so. But we can at least try, right? I can’t imagine what it would be like to suddenly be exposed to random gunfire. If the gun wasn’t there, no problem. The same as if the drugs weren’t there, there would be no drug addicts. We’ve had 80 years to legislate drug addiction into oblivion. Wishing doesn’t guarantee results.

There’s a place we like to go to eat gyros. It’s adjoining a laundromat. A porch across the street has an overstuffed couch and a dog chained-up on bare dirt by the broken steps. The window of the gyro place has a sign, “No firearms allowed.” If I had a choice going there for one of their excellent gyros who would I choose as a fellow cus-

tomer? Jonathan Sapirman or Elisjsa Dicken? In Greenwood Park Mall south of Indianapolis our choice would have been clear. Sapirman came to kill. Dicken came to shop with his girlfriend. Against the rules of the mall each carried a gun. Starting from 40 yards away, Dicken swiftly approached the murderer while motioning shoppers toward safety. He fired ten shots, hitting Sapirman eight times. Sapirman killed three and wounded two before Dicken put an end to him.

The media that is raising our kids and influencing voters today would have us believe accuracy like that with a pistol is common. It is not. Elisjsa Dicken was simply a good person with an interest in guns and trained by his grandfather. He didn’t call 911 or get training in any official capacity. There are lots of people like that who would have left their gun at home because the mall was a gun-free zone. Mayor Mark Meyers said Dicken “saved countless lives.”

It is easy to find statistics supporting gun control that understate legal

gun ownership as a deterrent. There are no statistics for the number of times a criminal passed up a crime because of the possibility of an unseen lethal threat. The threat of the eventual presence of police officers filling out paperwork probably hasn’t stopped many crimes.

Countries all over the world are liberalizing gun ownership laws in response to rising crime. The same media that misrepresents the accuracy of handguns expressed shock when Brazil’s President Jair Bolsonaro liberalized gun laws.

When Bolsonaro took office the murder rate was 27.8 per 100,000 people, compared to 5 per 100,000 people in the U.S. There were about 330,000 gun owners in Brazil (strictly defined as law enforcement). Each of them paid \$260 for a license with a \$25 renewal fee every three years. Anyone else caught with a gun served four years in prison. Now the license fee is \$18.50 every ten years.

After Bolsonsaro’s reforms, 400,000 legal gun owners were added. In three years after more

than doubling the number of legal gun owners, Brazil’s murder rate has fallen 34%.

As we look around the U.S., murder rates are highest in cities with the strictest gun control. This may be a result of an attempt to rein in horrendous crime. But these laws have had time to work and things are still not improving.

Maybe it’s time to grow up and do what works instead of putting on a show. People like Elisjsa Dicken are not as rare as they are portrayed to be.

If you have the stomach for it, there is an excellent representation of crime in Brazil in the movie City of God (2002). Dawn had to quit watching but I think it might be a glimpse into our future if criminals are considered victims.

I am always ready to hear a different viewpoint. Please respond with a letter to the editor or directly to me at: 4selfgovernment@gmail.com. The blog has had few additions lately but past Alternatives can be found there: www.alternative-byfritz.com

You Can Go Home Again



AGE OF THE GEEK
Travis Fischer

And with that, Comic-Con is over.

It’s been four long years since I last roamed the halls of the San Diego Convention Center. I’ve been attending Comic-Con International every summer since I graduated high school, but in 2019 my luck in acquiring tickets finally ran out and I missed out on going.

Determined to make sure that didn’t happen again, I put in extra effort to secure tickets for the 2020 convention. Nothing short of a global catastrophe was going to keep me away from the action.

I’m pretty sure you know the rest.

Thus, here I am in 2022, finally attending the convention I didn’t get to attend in 2020.

I have to admit, it was a strange experience. A lot can change in four years. I was concerned that maybe the convention wouldn’t have the same pull on me as it once did. That maybe my interests and priorities have changed in these last four years without me realizing.

And I’m not the only one that may have changed. Comic-Con President John Rogers tragically passed away in 2018 after the last convention I attended. Now under new leadership, and rusty from two years of postponements, I wasn’t entirely sure what to expect upon my return.

Fortunately, as it turns out, I worried for nothing.

Sure, there were some kinks to work out as the staff returned to peak efficiency and it took me a minute to remember how to get around the Convention Center and surrounding hotels, but before I knew it I was navigating the halls and conversing with my fellow convention goers as though it hadn’t been more than a thousand days since I’d last visited.

I was honestly shocked at how quickly I was able to get back into the swing of things. The convention ran smoothly and if not the mask policy for the exhibit hall floor you’d never know we were coming off of a global pandemic.

Which is not to say things were entirely the same. Everything seemed lighter this year. The crowds were lighter. The exhibitors weren’t quite as elaborate. The

lines, with the exception of Hall H, weren’t that extreme. A lot of the convention quality of life features seemed absent.

All of this is to be expected, I suppose. It’s going to take some time to work the kinks out.

That’s fine, I can wait. Over the last 20 years I’ve watched Comic-Con grow and change and grow some more. This post-pandemic convention is simply the next era. I’m excited to see what happens next year.

And I absolutely will be back next year.

Travis Fischer is a news writer for Mid-America Publishing and hopes the future of Comic-Con includes being able to get into Hall H without spending 14 hours in line and getting two hours of sleep.

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The Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation announced the 2022 grant recipients. The Foundation provides grants to local non-profits to assist them with their work in the local communities. They truly are a partner that makes good things happen in Cerro Gordo County.

Update from the Capitol



Sen. Amanda Ragan

Iowa was one of the few states that did not impose criminal penalties for elder abuse. That changed this year with a new bipartisan law.

Elder abuse is physical or emotional abuse, neglect, isolation or sexual exploitation of an older person. Iowa has seen a sharp increase in the abuse of dependent, older Iowans in recent years. Making those who abuse our elders criminally liable will better protect them.

By passing Senate File 522, we enhanced criminal penalties for those convicted in Iowa of committing assault, theft, consumer fraud, elder abuse or financial exploitation against an older person—anyone 60 or older.

ARP, Iowa's largest advocacy organization of seniors, supports this approach. The goal is to ensure punishments under Iowa law provide justice for the victim and deter future crimes.

What the new law does

SF 522 establishes criminal penalties for elder abuse ranging from a serious misdemeanor to a Class C felony, depending on the severity of the abuse.

The bill also creates new

crimes and penalties to close loopholes and better protect potentially vulnerable older Iowans.

They include: Older Individual Assault — Assault on anyone 60 or older could result in charges as harsh as a Class D felony. The bill establishes minimum sentences and stronger penalties for a second or subsequent offense.

Financial Exploitation of an Older Individual — When a person in a position of trust improperly uses the money, property or other assets of an older Iowan, they could be charged with up to a Class B felony; however, there are protections for people assisting in good faith with long-term care and estate planning.

Theft Against an Older Individual — The bill provides harsher penalties for the crime of theft when it is perpetrated against anyone the thief knows is 60 or older.

988 is New Suicide Prevention Hotline

Iowans and anyone across America can now call a three-digit emergency number if they're experiencing a suicidal crisis or emotional distress. Calls, texts and chats to 988 will connect people to trained counselors who provide crisis de-escalation and help individuals find the services and supports they

wa's Lifeline Centers will follow up with those contacting 988 who are at risk of suicide and consent to follow-up; and crisis counselors will provide coordination with other community-based crisis services.

Learn more or get help at 988Lifeline.org.

In addition, Your Life Iowa provides free, 24/7 support for anyone dealing with mental health concerns, thoughts of suicide, substance use, problem alcohol use or problem gambling. In FY22, Your Life Iowa responded to 41,111 con-

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) also offers cooling assistance to eligible households. Eligibility depends on household income, household size and other factors.

Cooling assistance may include a window air conditioner, fan, or repair of a central air conditioning unit up to \$500. Assistance may also be available for help with past-due electric bills to prevent disconnection of service, or restore service if disconnection has

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Monday, July 25: Breakfast: No breakfast is served. Lunch: Grilled Cheese, Celery, Tropical Fruit. Tuesday, July 26: Breakfast: No breakfast is served. Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Jelly Sandwich, Carrots, Watermelon. Wednesday, July 27: Breakfast: No breakfast is served. Lunch: Soft Shell Taco, Lettuce & Tomato, Corn, Pineapple. Thursday, July 28: Breakfast: No breakfast is served. Lunch: BBQ Rib Patty/Bun, Pork and Beans, Apricots. Friday, July 29: Breakfast: No breakfast is served. Lunch: Chicken Fajita/Tortilla, Refried Beans, Grapes.

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

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SUDOKU ANSWERS

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JUNE 27TH, 2022

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, June 27th, 2022, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members McVicker, Nolte, & Vanness in attendance.

Chairman McVicker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to approve the Agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Nolte, seconded by Vanness to approve the Board Minutes from the regular meeting dated 6/20/22 and Drainage minutes dated 6/20/22. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Maricela Rodriguez was present to express her continued concern for the elimination of the Navigator position at Public Health. Corey Eberling from Indigo Wind was present. Nolte attended mental health region. Vanness met with representatives from the City of Coulter regarding the property where the Freedom Rock sits. McVicker attended 2nd Judicial District.

Jay Waddingham, County Engineer met with the Board and gave an update on his department.

There was discussion regarding the appointment of a new Title VI coordinator for the county. Motion by Nolte, seconded by Vanness to table a decision until a later date. All ayes. Motion carried.

A "special meeting" for all Franklin County department heads was held. Full details may be obtained from the Auditor's office.

Heartland Greenway was present to provide a project update on the Navigator carbon pipeline.

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Vanness to open a public hearing pertaining to the sale of Coun-

ty Owned Property in Chapin at 10:15AM. All ayes. Motion carried. Members of the public present were Callie & Deb Oltman, Dee & Vern Lauffer, Charles Wearda, and Jane Etnier. There was discussion regarding the reason for vacating the alley along with a plan to divide it. A formal decision will be made at next weeks meeting. Motion by Nolte, seconded by Vanness to close the public hearing at 10:45AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Members of the Hispanic Community & Representatives from La Luz Centro Cultural met with the Board concerning the Public Health Navigator/Translator position. Chairman McVicker reviewed the information that is essential to Public Health. Russell Wood, CICS CEO, went over the different services offered at the Community Resource Building. There was discussion back and forth about the responsibilities and requirements by Public Health and other entities.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to approve claims as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the appointment of a Veterans Affairs Commission member. Only one application had been received and that person has since withdrawn his application for personal reasons. Adam Akers, VA Director, will work on getting someone who would be interested in being appointed and notify the Auditor when he has someone for appointment.

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Vanness to terminate the MOU for CICS Employee, Lisa Leanhart, with Wright County, effective June 30th, 2022. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to approve the purchase of 14 Unisyn OpenElect FreedomVote Scanners with Ballot Boxes for elections. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to approve the county mileage reimbursement rate to be set

at 57.5 cents per mile effective 7/1/2022. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to adjourn at 11:55AM until Tuesday, July 5th, 2022 at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Gary McVicker, Chairman Katy A Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

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Latimer News

CAL Over 60's met at noon in the Latimer Community Center on Tuesday, July 19. After Mardell welcomed everyone Jim Warwick read an appropriate devotion entitled "Former Things Remembered." The table prayer was said in unison. Besides Jim, St. Pauls Lutheran Church provided LaShell Borchering and Joni Jensen to serve the food to the tables. Jolene's grandson Gavin Rodemeyer also helped. Jolene had prepared

another delicious meal of lasagna, lettuce salad with mixed in fresh vegetables, toasted bread and a vanilla pudding dessert.

The birthday song was sung for Ann Gleason whose birthday was that day.

The time was then spent visiting and socializing. The next CAL Over 60's meal will be on Tuesday, July 2 at noon. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Invite friends to join you.

IDYLLIC: FROM PAGE 4

of Commerce director I've written a recurring "Chamber Chat" blog, been interviewed on the radio and made radio commercials a handful of times, and was interviewed more times than I felt deserving, as well as submitted letters to the editor, for our local newspaper, the Eagle Grove Eagle. I would not have worked in economic development, which led to eventually becoming a "Chamber Lady" had I not moved to rural Iowa. My husband and I have our own side business called Midtown Media that we run out of our home. We do, among other things, commercials, video submissions for contests, music recording, and voice-over work. I would not have married him, nor would I have known how to start a business, let alone a media company, had I stayed in a large city.

years after college. Cities, even small ones, are too big a pond to make such a quick transition, and with not much of a writing portfolio I was too small a fish.

My point in sharing this is it's never too late to become what you've always wanted, and that is especially true if you live in a rural community. It's a great environment for risk-taking. The support systems are robust, the costs of everything from housing to food are cheaper, and the number of people who say "oh, I couldn't live in a small town" are massive. Great! More for us!

In a small town, opportunity is everywhere if you're willing to see it and grab it. If your dream isn't readily visible, that just means you can create it for yourself. And you should.

The idyllic life has gotten me closer than I ever thought possible to my ideal life. So, think big, small towners. The only thing between you and your dreams out here is you.

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As I phase myself out of chamber life, I have picked up a couple assignments as a correspondent for the Eagle Grove Eagle and the Wright County Monitor, and was honored at being offered the opportunity to share this column with you. All this, too, is happening because I live in a small town. I wouldn't have ever thought any of this possible even living in Iowa City, where I was for 14

Bernard Viet

†2022
Bernard "Bernie" Viet, 90, of Ackley, passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at Grand Jivante in Ackley. A private family service will be held with burial in Oakwood Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema Funeral Home in Ackley.

Services: Private Family Service
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Dennis Becker

†2022
Dennis Becker, 75, of Hansell passed away July 16, 2022 at Franklin General Hospital in Hampton. No services will be held at this time. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

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Randy Elsbernd of the Mason City Fire Department discussed the training efforts of the University of Iowa College of Nursing that stopped in Mason City with the Simulation in Motion-Iowa (SIM-IA) pre-RAGBRAI education tour.

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LETTER: FROM PAGE 3

if a majority do not sign voluntary easements. This battle is far from over, there is no reason to sign an easement now, it only benefits Summit. Iowans, stand together to

show these corporations you will not be silent and allow these private companies to use Iowa as collateral damage for their private gain at taxpayer expense.

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Iowans create record number of new businesses

Secretary of State Paul Pate announces Iowans registered the highest number of new business entities in state history during the 2022 fiscal year. 33,331 new businesses registered with the Secretary of State's Office between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. The mark breaks the previous record of 33,260 set last year.

"Despite rising inflation and supply chain disruptions, this data shows Iowa entrepreneurs are investing in businesses in our state," Secretary Pate said. "I'm very proud of the work we've done to make it faster and easier than ever to launch a new business in Iowa."

The months of March and June 2022 saw the

highest amount of new business creations. 3,179 businesses registered with the Secretary of State's Office in March, and 3,059 registered in June.

Secretary Pate reduced filing fees for businesses, beginning July 1. Biennial Report fees for most entities have decreased by \$15 and Uniform Commercial Code filing fees were cut in half.

90 percent of new business filings in Iowa in Fiscal Year 2022 were created using Fast Track Filing. This system implemented by Secretary Pate in 2018 greatly expedites the registration process, allowing same day service.

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Chemotherapy followed for the next 4 months. I was able to return to work in January 2022.

A routine checkup in April 2022 discovered another new nodule. It was treated with a strong dose of radiation. Throughout this battle I received tremendous support from family, friends, coworkers, and the community. Neighbors delivering meals and many

sending gift cards for hotel stays and travel expenses.

Others donated unused vacation time so Dave could continue with my care. Numerous phone calls, texts and letters with positive thoughts and healing prayers. I often wanted to give up and admit defeat, but soon realized I was one of the lucky ones. I am very blessed and fortunate to be winning my battle against

cancer, while others lose this fight every day.

I would like to thank Relay For Life and the organizers for choosing me as an Honorary Chair member and sharing my journey. I would also like to thank everyone for the donations and fundraising they do for Relay For Life as they continue their mission of future research and assisting others fighting cancer.

Peggi and Kimberly held their heads high as they led the first march around the park with others amidst their battle and survivors.

The people of Franklin county gathered on Friday, July 22 in the ugly face of cancer - to stand with those that fight, to raise money in hope for a cure, and honor those that have passed.

School district challenges coach's claim she was slandered at a public meeting

BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

The Iowa City Community School District says claims made about a tennis coach at a public school board meeting don't amount to slander since the statements were "partially or entirely true."

In June, Amie Villarini, who has worked as Iowa City's West High School girls' varsity tennis coach, sued the school district in Johnson County District Court.

According to her lawsuit, complaints were filed against her last year "regarding action she allegedly took while tennis coach" at West High School. The lawsuit does not indicate who filed the complaints or what they pertained to, nor does it specify what "action" of

hers triggered the complaints.

The lawsuit says the complaints were investigated by the district in October 2021 and were found to be "completely without merit."

April 12 of this year, the lawsuit states, the complainants restated their concerns with Villarini during an open session of a school board meeting. The statements made at the meeting, she alleges, have exposed her to ridicule, public hatred or contempt and amount to slander.

The school district then posted to YouTube and to the district's website a video recording of the public meeting, as it does with all such meetings, and then refused Villarini's request that it be removed.

The videos indicate

that some of the tennis players Villarini coached complained to the district that Villarini routinely demonstrated bullying behavior.

The coach's lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for loss of reputation, loss of income, future loss of earning capacity, past and future medical expenses and physical and mental pain and suffering.

Villarini also seeks damages for breach of contract, claiming that although she was fully exonerated by the investigation last fall, the district inexplicably placed her on administrative leave the day after the school board meeting and removed her from her position as tennis coach.

In its newly filed response to the lawsuit, the

district admits that while the comments at issue were made by "members of the public during the public-comment portion" of the school board meeting, Villarini's claim for damages "must fail because the statements in question were partially or entirely true."

The district admits Villarini was placed on administrative leave on April 13, but denies removing her from her job as coach.

A trial setting conference is scheduled for Aug. 17.

Villarini, who was named Mississippi Valley Conference Coach of the Year in 2015, 2018, 2019 and 2021, is a recipient of the 2020 National High School Coach of Year Award, and has coached two state doubles championships.

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Yard and Garden: Growing Beans in the Home Garden

Tips for growing edible garden beans and late-summer care

Beans are a staple in nearly every vegetable garden. Edible beans come in many sizes, shapes and colors and include green beans, pinto beans, lima beans, edamame (soybeans), cowpeas, kidney beans and others. While Iowa is known for growing soybeans, there are many other types of beans that grow well in the home garden. In this article, horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach answer frequently asked questions about growing beans in the home garden.

How late can I plant green beans?

Green beans (also called snap beans, string beans, or wax beans) are a warm-season vegetable and should be planted after the danger of frost is past. In central Iowa, it's usually safe to begin planting green beans in early May. If harvested frequently, plants should produce well for several weeks. The last practical date for planting green beans is Aug. 1.

Some of my green beans got too large and bumpy. Are they still edible?

While pods that are large and bumpy are still edible, they are not nearly as tasty. Green beans (also called snap, string, or wax beans) are intended to be consumed as immature pods with small undeveloped seeds inside. When the seeds inside the pod are too large and mature, the bean pod becomes tough and stringy and is not as palatable.

The mature bean inside the pod of a green bean can be shelled and used fresh like fava, butter, or broad beans, but the flavor will likely be inferior.

I planted some lima beans this spring, but the plants have produced only a few pods. Why?

In the Midwest, yield is largely determined by weather conditions. Lima beans grow best when temperatures are between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. They also require 1 inch of water per week (either from rain or irrigation) during blossoming and pod development. Hot, dry conditions during blossoming may cause many of the flowers to drop off without setting pods. Excessive nitrogen fertilization promotes lush growth but may also inhibit pod formation.

While both bush and pole lima beans are available, bush-type varieties usually perform better than pole varieties in Iowa. Suggested bush-type varieties for Iowa include: 'Fordhook 242' (large greenish white seeds, heat tolerant) and 'Henderson Bush' (small white seeds, early maturing).

Which is more productive, bush or pole green beans?

In general, pole beans are more productive than bush beans simply because they are larger plants. A 10-foot row of bush beans spaced 2 inches apart can be expected to produce between 4 and 5 pounds of

green beans, depending on the cultivar and growing conditions. Under the same conditions, a 10-foot row of pole beans spaced 4 inches apart (gardeners typically space pole beans wider than bush) can be expected to produce approximately 8 pounds of green beans, depending on variety. Planting pole beans seems like an obvious choice since you can sow less seed and get more green beans. But bush beans have the great advantage of not requiring a trellis, teepee, or other form of support to be built, reducing material costs, labor and time spent in the garden.

Will my pole beans cross-pollinate with nearby soybeans?

Beans produce perfect and self-fertile flowers so they readily and easily pollinate themselves. Only beans in the same species are capable of cross-pollinating. So, pole beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) can cross with other varieties of bean in the same species but they cannot cross-pollinate with soybean (*Glycine max*) which is in a different genus.

If you do have two varieties of bean in the same genus that you are worried about cross-pollinating because you plan to save the seed for planting next year, planting the different varieties 10 feet apart is all that is needed to prevent nearly all potential for cross-pollination.



Water Quality Efforts to be Made Visual at Farm Show

Wetlands, bioreactors, buffers and private well testing all part of this year's exhibit

Water quality improvements often happen in fields and underground – places that can be hard to see up close and in one setting.

But thanks to the aid of computer monitors, visual demonstrations and printed material, the water quality team with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is planning to make water quality improvement very visual during this year's Farm Progress Show, Aug. 30-Sept. 1 in Boone.

Kay Stefanik, assistant director of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center at Iowa State University, said this year's exhibit will include a video on the water quality benefits of wetlands, specifically related to nitrogen reduction.

The Conservation Station trailer, developed by Iowa Learning Farms, will show visitors what saturated buffers and bioreactors look like and how they function.

"The display will allow people to see components of water quality improvement practices that are often underground and not visible to the human eye," said Stefanik. "There will be educational opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds and information on what they can do to help improve water quality."

Catherine DeLong, the water quality program manager for ISU Extension and Outreach, said visitors can also pick up a copy of a brochure that explains the Private Well Stewardship Program, a new initiative to help Iowans who depend on drinking water from private wells.

In Iowa, about 230,000 people, or 7% of the population, rely on private wells as their main household water source. It is the responsibility of the well owner to test and ensure that their drinking water is safe, but many Iowans are unsure how to maintain the quality of their well and who to turn to for advice.

The Private Well Stewardship Program seeks to provide information on testing, maintenance and funding resources to maintain private well water quality.

Stefanik said visitors can take a postcard with instructions on how to view ongoing water quality projects across the state, thanks to an interactive digital map organized by the Iowa Nutrient Research Center. Projects are marked with a pin, with site-specific information available about each.

At the exhibit, visitors who are interested in having a water quality project of their own will

have the chance to sign up to connect with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

"The Farm Progress Show is a great opportunity to visit with producers about the range of conservation practices that can be used to reduce the export of sediment and nutrient from agricultural lands," said Matt Helmers, director of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center. "We look forward to highlight practices such as bioreactors, saturated buffers and wetlands. Some of these practices are new, so being able to utilize the saturated buffer and bioreactor models will help in improving the understanding of these practices."

Stefanik and other water quality specialists will be at the exhibit to answer questions about water quality and the kinds of trends the state is seeing. She said progress is being made, but added the state still has a way to go to meet the goals set by the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy.

Stefanik is looking forward to the opportunity to meet and engage with Iowans. She said the show will provide a great opportunity to connect with farmers and others who are directly involved with land management and conservation.

PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: M&Ms Fan Appreciation 400

Race Details

Location: Long Pond, Penn.
Date: Sunday, July 24, 3:00 p.m.

Pocono Raceway

Shape: Tri-Oval
Distance: 2.5 miles
Turns (1, 2, 3): 14°, 9°, 6°

Race Preview

Pocono Raceway also known as the Tricky Triangle, is a superspeedway located in the Pocono Mountains in Long Pond, PA. The 2.5 mile track began hosting NASCAR races in 1974 with a 500 mile race. Pocono Raceway is an asphalt triangle oval with each corner modeled after a few other famous ovals. Turn one (14 degree banking), is inspired by Trenton Speedway (Closed 1980). Turn two (9 degree banking), is inspired by Indianapolis Motor Speedway and turn three (6 degree banking), is inspired by the Milwaukee Mile. USA will broadcast the race with radio coverage from MRN Radio and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Top News Stories

Ty Dillon Will Not Return to Petty GMS Racing in 2023

Ty Dillon remains determined to be a NASCAR Cup Series competitor despite the news he will not return to Petty GMS Motorsports after this season. Dillon and the team announced their mutual separation on Friday afternoon ahead of last weekend's race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Petty GMS brought Dillon back to the Cup Series to drive No.42 Chevrolet at the start of this year after he lost his full-time ride at the end of the 2020 season. Dillon is 27th in the standings with one top-10 finish. Once he completes his tenure with Petty GMS, he'll have five years of full-time Cup Series experience. "First of all, I want to thank Maury Gallagher and Richard Petty for giving me the opportunity this year," Dillon told NBC Sports during Xfinity Series qualifying. "You hate for a relationship to end so soon, not even halfway into your first season together, but I'm not going to waste my time thinking about things that could have happened. I'm excited for my future. I see this as a bridge to what's next. It might not be today, it might not be next month, this year, but I will win races in the Cup Series. I will win championships." After running select Cup Series races between 2014 and 2016, Dillon earned a full-time ride at Germain Racing in 2017. He moved to the premier level after three consecutive years in the Xfinity Series, where he finished top five in points each year and won at Indianapolis.

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

Christopher Bell claimed the trophy, and the traditional lobster hoist in Victory Lane, at the one-mile New Hampshire Motor Speedway with a massive 5.767-second victory over last week's race winner Chase Elliott. It's only the second NASCAR Cup Series win for the third-year driver of the No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota. He became the 14th different winner of the season and came into the race ranked last among the top-16 drivers that would advance to the Playoffs. "Man, that one was much needed right there," said Bell after the race.

Christopher Bell

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

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2022	1	11	14.5
2021	1	16	15.8

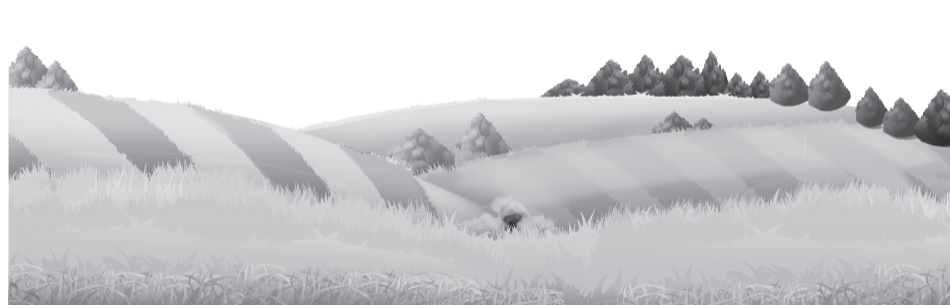
2022 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten				Xfinity Series Top Ten			
Drivers	Points	Top 10s		Drivers	Points	Top 10s	
1) Chase Elliott	734	14		1) A.J. Allmendinger	702	15	
2) Ross Chastain	667	14		2) Justin Allgaier	686	12	
3) Ryan Blaney	656	10		3) Ty Gibbs	674	10	
4) Martin Truex, Jr.	619	8		4) Josh Berry	615	10	
5) Kyle Larson	616	10		5) Noah Gragson	603	12	
6) Kyle Busch	594	11		6) Austin Hill	569	11	
7) Joey Logano	562	8		7) Brandon Jones	537	7	
8) Christopher Bell	570	11		8) Sam Mayer	512	9	
9) Kevin Harvick	551	11		9) Riley Herbst	493	12	
10) William Byron	536	5		10) Daniel Hemric	465	7	

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Fruit and Vegetable Field is Aug. 15

Topics will include high tunnels, integrated cropping, vineyard grapes and apple production

The horticulture team with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will hold the 2022 Fruit and Vegetable Field Day Aug. 15 at Iowa State University's Horticulture Research Station northeast of Ames.

The annual event will feature various research and demonstration projects on fruit and vegetable production for commercial growers, extension personnel, nonprofit organizations and master gardeners.

The field day will provide an opportunity to observe results and evaluate projects focusing on organic vegetable production, peppers, winter squash, apples, grapes, pest management in cucurbit crops, and beneficial insects.

Ajay Nair, associate professor in horticulture and extension vegetable production specialist with Iowa State, said the field day will showcase

commercial production of several vegetable crops that are commonly grown in Iowa and sold through farmers market, CSAs, and wholesale.

Suzanne Slack, assistant professor in horticulture and extension fruit production specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, said the field day will demonstrate new apple cultivars in a high-density system, pesticide drift damage to watch for, and grape vine revitalization tactics.

"We are excited to showcase some of our new fruit research and demonstration projects at the field day this year," said Slack. "We will showcase our new MAIA high density orchard, wine grape improvement projects, and high tunnel fruit production."

The Horticulture Research Station is located at 55519 170th St., Ames. The field day will run from 2-6:30 p.m.

Registration is free but required for accurate count for food. Register by Aug. 8 using this link: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/vegetablelab/2022-isu-fruit-and-vegetable-field-day>.

Funding for the event is provided by USDA NIFA, North Central SARE and IDALS Specialty Crop Block grant. The field day is organized in partnership with Iowa Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, Practical Farmers of Iowa, and the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

Topics will include:
New apple cultivars.
Winter squash production.
Vegetable chicken integrated system.
ProtekNet study in winter squash.
Pepper and cauliflower production.
Vineyard (grape vine and grape quality).
High tunnel crop production.



Clothing Event Selected for State Fair: Paige Magner, Madison Dohlman, Natalie Dohlman



Ed presentations: L-R front: Klayton Plagge, Matthew Dohlman; back: Simon Lewey, Natalie Dohlman, Eva Dohlman, Emmet Elling.



Share the Fun, selected for state fair: Eva Dohlman



Duck Tape Challenger: Jackson Beach



State Fair 2: Madison Dohlman



State Fair: Peyton Kofoot



Invent STEM, advancing to state fair: Beckham and Noah DeSotel



Working Exhibits: L-R front: Charleigh Schirmer, Klayton Plagge; back: William Vosburg, Isaac Vosburg, Tam Hindin, Jack Hindin



Extemporaneous Speaking, selected for state fair: Isaac Vosburg

Franklin County 4-H's Advancing to the 2022 Iowa State Fair

THE FOLLOWING FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS EXHIBITS WERE SELECTED TO ADVANCE ON TO THE 2022 IOWA STATE FAIR.

4-H Static Exhibits
 Family & Consumer Sciences
 Sierra Showalter, Hampton
 Abby Schoning, Sheffield
 Carli Lyon, Ackley (3)
 Jonathan Jordahl, Alden
 Elliana Forsyth, Clear Lake (2)
 Madison Dohlman, Hampton (2)
 Megan Pluff, Iowa Falls

Creative Arts
 Carli Lyon, Ackley
 Megan Pluff, Iowa Falls
 Rylee Keehn, Iowa Falls
 Arianna Huey, Ackley
 Margaret Dunnwald, Latimer
Personal Development
 Kyle England, Iowa Falls
 Colton England, Iowa Falls
 Kylie Willems, Ackley
 Rayne Wagner, Hampton
 Jarret Jordahl, Alden
Animals, Ag & Natural Resources
 Jillian Nolte, Ackley
 Peyton Kofoot, Hampton

Natalie Dohlman, Hampton
 Matthew Dohlman, Hampton
 Madison Dohlman, Hampton (2)
 Eva Dohlman, Hampton
 Carli Lyon, Ackley
 Jonathan Jordahl, Alden
Science, Engineering & Technology
 Will Warneke, Hampton
 Chase Showalter, Sheffield
 Hunter Deckard, Clear Lake
 Kyle England, Iowa Falls
4-H Communications
 Educational Presentations

Eva Dohlman, Hampton
 Matthew Dohlman, Hampton
 Natalie Dohlman, Hampton
 Emmett Elling, Latimer
 Klayton Plagge, Latimer
Working Exhibits
 Klayton Plagge, Latimer
 Jack Hindin & William Vosburg, Hampton
 Tam Hindin & Isaac Vosburg, Hampton
 Share-The-Fun
 Eva Dohlman, Hampton
Extemporaneous Speaking
 Isaac Vosburg, Hampton
4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event

Paige Magner, Hampton (3)
 Madison Dohlman, Hampton (2)
 Natalie Dohlman, Hampton
Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Show
 The following Franklin County 4-H members will be exhibiting animals at the 2022 Iowa State Fair Livestock Show.
Market and/or Breeding Beef
 Abby Peterson, Webster City
 Ashley Peterson, Webster City
 Brooks Varrelmann, Allison
 Will Varrelmann, Allison

Rayne Wagner, Hampton
 Reeve Wagner, Hampton
Market and/or Breeding Sheep
 Kenley Hansen, Hampton
Horse
 Aubryee Showalter, Sheffield
Breeding and/or Market Swine
 Kenley Hansen, Hampton
 Maddie Pralle, Hampton
 Rabbits
 Addyson Moellers, Sheffield

Special 4-H Award Winners Recognized at Franklin County Fair

Several Franklin County 4-H members earned recognition for their hard work and creativity displayed at the county fair.

"People Projects" were selected among the Ag & Natural Resources, Creative Arts, Personal Development, Family & Consumer Sciences, and Science & Engineering & Technology Departments. Franklin County 4-H members recognized are: Eden Forsyth, Clear Lake; Eva Dohlman, Hampton; Hazel Menken, Dumont; Denver Miller, Ackley; Hunt-

er Deckard, Clear Lake; Emma Forsyth, Clear Lake; Andyn White, Hampton; Morgan Stock, Hampton.

Fourth grade members earning a **Junior Excellence** on exhibits include: Barrett Bretz, Hampton; Eden Forsyth, Clear Lake; Henry Subbert, Hampton (2); Marli Van Rooyen, Sheffield; Jaden Stock, Hampton (2); Brinlee Hanson, Hampton (2); Tenley Bird, Hampton; Josephine Jordahl, Alden (3); Kyle Whalen-Flores, Hampton; Cooper Moellers, Sheffield; Tucker Ubben, Iowa

Falls; Gracelyn Abbas, Hampton (2); Colin Harr, Hampton

Several Challenge Contests were open to all 4-H members. Winners were named in each of the age categories. In the **Photo Challenge** Top Junior - Cooper Moellers, Sheffield; Top Intermediate - Maren Subbert, Hampton; Top Senior - Grant Subbert, Hampton. In the **Scones Food Challenge** the Top Junior was Jillian Nolte, Ackley; Top Intermediate was Kaelyn Deetz, Hampton; and Top

Senior was Paige Magner, Hampton. **Tea Party Setting for One Challenge** winner was: Top Junior - Jillian Nolte, Ackley; Top Intermediate was Kaitlyn Emery, Hampton. **Best Vegetable** honors went to Kaitlyn Emery, Hampton; **Best Flower** went to Jillian Nolte, Ackley. **Best Herb** honors went to Addyson Moellers, Sheffield; **Best Challenge Vegetable** went to Cooper Moellers, Sheffield (Junior); **Top 5-Gallon Bucket of Flowers**: Junior - Jillian Nolte, Ackley, Intermediate - Ivy

Hartman, Sheffield, Senior - Paige Magner, Hampton. Winners of the **"Bucket of Junk"** were: Top Junior - Jack Hindin, Hampton; Top Intermediate, Best Artistic Merit went to Chase Showalter, Hampton; Top Senior, Best Technical Merit - Tam Hindin, Hampton; Best Goals - Aizyk Wiseman, Sheffield; Best Use of Materials - Clay Hanig, Dougherty. In the **Sewing/Citizenship Challenge**: Top Junior - Klayton Plagge, Latimer; Top Intermediate - Maren Subbert, Hampton; Top Senior

- Paige Magner, Hampton. **Top Drab to Fab**: Top Junior - Addyson Moellers, Sheffield; Top Senior - Kylie Willems, Ackley

Find photos of these exhibits and others on Franklin County Extension Facebook. For more information about the Franklin County 4-H program, contact Jackie Dohlman, County Youth Coordinator, at jackied@iastate.edu or call 641-456-4811.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to host Buying and Selling Manure informational workshop Aug. 2

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will host an educational workshop on Aug. 2 for farmers and landowners who are considering buying or selling manure. The workshop will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the ISU Extension and Outreach Hardin County office located at 709 Ellsworth Avenue in Iowa Falls.

Fertilizer prices have doubled in the past two years, but proper fertility is

essential for the high crop yields in Northwest Iowa. This workshop is designed to provide timely topics for farmers looking to find fair ways to work together utilizing manure as a nutrient resource.

"Fertilizer costs tend to follow the energy market due to transportation and the high need for energy in manufacturing and refining of fertilizer," said Kapil Arora, field ag engineer with ISU Extension

and Outreach, who will lead the workshop. "Livestock manure is almost a perfect match for corn and soybean soil nutrient needs. But manures are also heavy and contain a lot of water, so transportation is an issue again, just like with fertilizer."

Arora said that the Aug. 2 workshop will be co-hosted with Kelvin Leibold, Farm Management Field Specialist and will provide attendees with:

a spreadsheet on how to convert fertilizer prices to manure test equivalent so that buyers and sellers have a good starting point on what the value is now and where it might be in the future

information on what to test for when selling manure and typical agreements that are required if the manure comes from a site that requires a manure management plan

information on soil

compaction and application timing to protect the soil and maintain optimal yields information on composting of dry manures and what advantages this provides for the buyers and sellers

To register or for more information, call the ISU Extension and Outreach Hardin County office at 641-648-4850. There is no cost to attend this workshop, but pre-registration is required. Refreshments and

reference materials will be provided to all attendees.

Contact: Kapil Arora, Field Agricultural Engineer with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, 515-291-0174 or pbtiger@iastate.edu

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