



Superintendent Aaron Becker is looking forward to his first year at Hampton-Dumont.

NEW H-D SUPERINTENDENT PREPARING FOR FIRST SCHOOL YEAR

BY TRAVIS FISCHER

Aaron Becker is getting to know the Hampton community as he prepares to begin his first school year as Superintendent of the Hampton-Dumont Community School District.

Becker has spent his first month on the job trying to get his feet on the ground as he familiarizes himself with the people and ongoing projects of the district before students return to school.

“Right now I’m just trying to get acquainted with all the happenings,” said Becker.

From the South Side parking lot project to the high school gym floor, Becker is getting caught up with the various building projects that are currently underway in the district. With so much going on, Becker says he has no intentions of rocking the boat with new projects or initiatives right off the bat.

“Right now a lot of it from me is listening,” said Becker. “I really want to respect the work that’s being done.”

Becker is a graduate of Iowa Wesleyan College where he received a BA in Elementary Education. From there he earned his masters in Educational Leadership from Viterbo University and an Advanced Stud-

ies Certification for Superintendency from the University of Northern Iowa.

Becker’s education career began by teaching upper elementary, spending a year at Marquette Catholic Elementary and three years at Mt. Pleasant. After that, Becker moved into the administrative side of education, serving three years as an elementary principal and one year as the 7-12 principal and athletic director for the Harmony school district. He then spent a total of eight years in Fairfield, serving first as the assistant high school principal and then the principal. Before coming to Hampton, he spent six years as the 7-12 secondary principal at Lisbon.

Moving to Hampton from Eastern Iowa is a big change for Becker, but his family is supportive of the move. Becker has a wife, Amy, and two grown children. His daughter, Hannah, is an accountant and his son, Kole, is studying physical therapy at ISU.

“We’re really excited about our community and neighborhood,” said Becker. “We’ve been really happy with how people have treated and welcomed us.”

Before the new year begins, Becker is spending his time

getting to know his new staff, trying to get around to personally meet with every employee across all positions in the district. He is also looking forward to getting to know the students when classes resume.

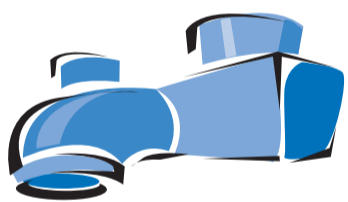
“I plan to be a superintendent that’s visible in the classrooms,” said Becker.

Along with school employees, Becker is also focused on using his lead time to build relationships with the H-D community at large. From board members to local business and community groups, he is reaching out to get to know all of the people that support the school.

“When the community and the school are thriving together as one, the students reap the benefits of that,” said Becker.

Becker is looking forward to being a part of the community and helping his students discover what they want to be when they grow up.

“Our responsibility is to help students find their passions and reach their full potential as students, but also as human beings,” said Becker. “We will work to develop a culture where everyone shows respect and empathy for one another.”



Hampton heads towards increased water rates

BY STAR PRALLE

The Hampton city council discussed the Aquatic Center parade, the first reading of a new ordinance, the city water rates, and held a public hearing for the vacation of a piece of city property in their regular meeting at Harriman Park Shelter on July 28.

To begin, the council workshop report from July 25 was given and the public hearing regarding the vacation of a piece of city property was opened. After no comment from those present, the council closed the public hearing and moved on to new business.

The council heard from the Hampton Aquatic Center staff in regards to a parade for the children who frequent the pool. As these children are too young for other events, the pool staff advocated for them to walk through downtown

Hampton. After some debate on the route and who would accompany the children, the council approved the parade and requested a fire truck attend the children for safety reasons.

Next, the council approved the first reading of ordinance 395 for the vacation of a piece of city property legally described as “Part of Fourth Street Northwest between Central Avenue and First Avenue Northwest lying between Blocks Thirteen of the Original Town of Hampton and Block Twenty-Two of Kingman’s addition to Hampton, Iowa all in the North Half of Section Thirty-Three, Township Ninety-Two, Range Twenty West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Hampton, Franklin County, Iowa.”

Then, the council approved the first reading of ordinance

396 - amending the water rates for the city of Hampton. According to this ordinance, beginning October 1, 2022, the water rates will be as follows:

First 1,500 gallons - \$5.95 per 1,000 gallons
Next 4,000 gallons - \$4.75 per 1,000 gallons
Next 60,000 gallons - \$3.70 per 1,000 gallons

All over 65,500 gallons - \$2.90 per 1,000 gallons
There shall be added a charge of \$0.75 to each bill, allocated to the Solid Waste Fund for the cost of maintaining the Hampton Compost and Brush site.

The rates gradually increase per year until the year 2025. July 1, 2025 and after, the water rates and minimum bill will increase by 3% per year.

The current water rates are as follows:

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Next 60,000 gallons - \$2.55 per 1,000 gallons
All over 65,500 gallons - \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons

There shall be added a charge of \$0.75 to each bill, allocated to the Solid Waste Fund for the cost of maintaining the Hampton Compost and Brush site. The minimum bill per month is \$8.90

The council then approved the consent agenda - setting their goal-setting session for Wednesday, August 3 at 5:30 p.m. and their regular session for Thursday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. both in Harriman Park Shelter.

The Hampton city council then heard staff reports - including conversation about po-

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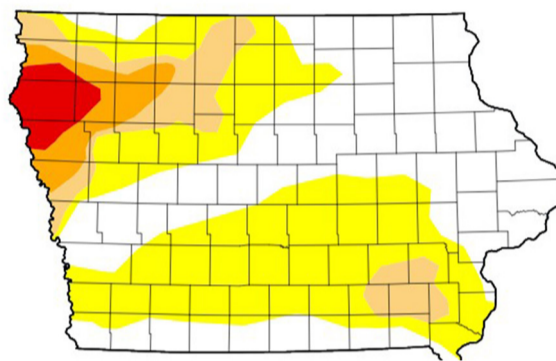
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Dry conditions are expanding in Iowa, ranging from extreme drought (red) in northwest Iowa to widespread abnormally dry (yellow) conditions. (Graphic courtesy of U.S. Drought Monitor)

do," said Aaron Saeculing, an Iowa State University Extension field agronomist who monitors southwest Iowa. "Our water demand just grows exponentially." He said farmers' worries about their crops have worsened as avail-

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Celebrating



Leiran 65th Wedding Anniversary

Richard and Joan (Palmer) Leiran of Waukon, IA, Formerly of Geneva, are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. The couple married on August 11, 1957 in Waterville Lutheran Church in Waterville, IA.

For most of his career, Richard taught 7th and 8th grade science in the Ackley-Geneva system. Joan worked as director of nursing services at Franklin General Hospital until retirement. The couple are parents of Chris Leiran (Roger) Wise of Ames and Carrie Leiran of Des Moines.

In honor of the occasion, cards and well wishes may be mailed to 507 5th Street SE, Waukon, IA 52172

Farmers worry with dryness poised to worsen this week

BY JARED STRONG IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

Drought conditions are likely to develop over the southern half of the state in August as the month starts with a string of abnormally hot days with little chance for rain, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The portion of the state that is abnormally dry or in varying degrees of drought expanded last week to more than half of the state. It's the

first time the dry area has been that large since April, when persistent rains delayed corn planting. The latest Drought Monitor report on Thursday showed an expansion of severe and extreme drought in northwest Iowa and the extension of abnormally dry conditions across much of southern Iowa.

"In all honesty, we are kind of at a pivotal point this week, depending on what our temperatures

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lice vehicle maintenance, downtown parking signs, and nuisance properties. The city manager gave an update on the construction at City Hall.

After a thank you to those who worked on developing the water rate ordinance from the mayor, the council adjourned.

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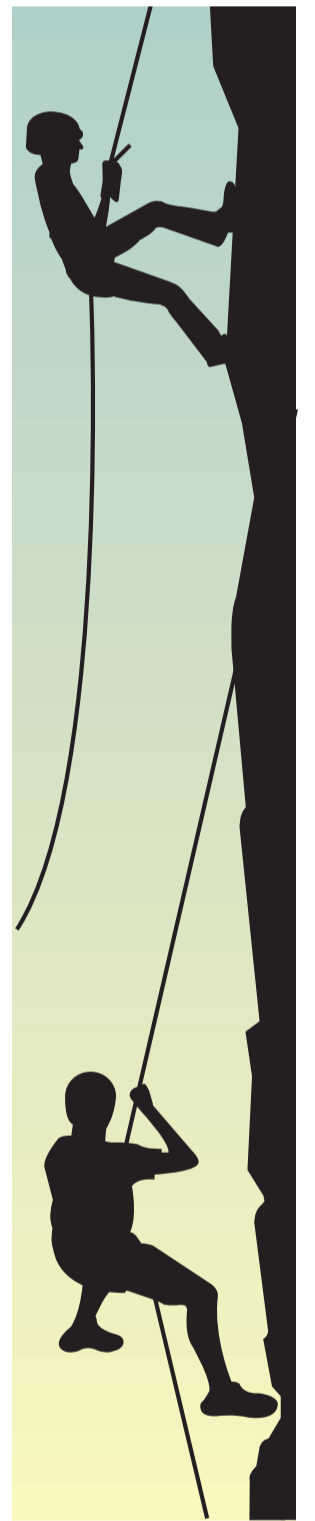
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Iowa renters say routine city inspections violate their privacy rights

BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
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DISPATCH

The ability of Iowa cities to conduct routine inspections of rental properties is being challenged in state court.

Lawyers for a small group of landlords and renters in western Iowa warn that cities' building and rental inspectors can use their access to a person's property to gather information about the occupant's sex life, medical conditions and religious and political beliefs.

The inspectors, they say, enter "the most intimate confines of tenants' homes — including bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens and closets — in search of housing code violations," and they're hoping the Iowa courts will put a stop to that.

Last year, the city council in Orange City approved a rental housing inspection program that calls for the city's Code Enforcement Department to routinely inspect, every five years, all apartments and houses offered that are occupied on a rental basis.

The department can also conduct inspections after fielding complaints of possible building code violations. The city ordinances provides that if a landlord or renter refuses entry, the city can seek an administrative search warrant that would allow inspectors onto the property.

Around the time the city approved the program, it asked Beverly Van Dam of 3D Rentals and Josh Dykstra of DP Homes to register their rental units with the city. A few weeks later, Van Dam and Dykstra, along with their renters, sent the city a set of letters objecting to the routine inspection of their properties.

In the letters, they argued that a nonconsensual inspection conducted through the use of an administrative search warrant issued with no specific probable cause is a violation of the Iowa Constitution.

The city responded by indicating it intended to continue to pursue the process of inspecting rental units.

Days later, Van Dam and Dykstra and their renters filed suit against the city, asking for a temporary injunction to block the inspections and seeking a court declaration that the inspections were unlawful.

The landlords and renters argue that the process for obtaining an administrative search warrant simply to fulfill the requirement of an inspection every five years fails to satisfy a legal requirement that the city have probable cause to conduct a nonconsensual inspection.

To establish probable cause, they say, there "must be some plausible basis for believing that a violation is likely to be found."

Last October, a judge rejected the city's motion to dismiss the case, noting that the Iowa Supreme Court has held

that the Iowa Constitution's protection against unreasonable seizures and searches applies not just in criminal cases, but in civil actions, as well. The judge held that the question surrounding the constitutionality of the ordinance would be properly considered at a later date.

Since then, the two sides have battled over access to information, with the landlords' and renters' Iowa attorney, Alan Ostergren of the Kirkwood Institute, questioning whether the city had fully complied with his requests for information.

In April, Ostergren asked the court to order the city turn over the records.

Recently, the court overruled the city's objections with regard to a dozen requests for information, but agreed with the city that six requests were irrelevant to the case at hand.

In addition, the court ordered the city to "update their incomplete responses to questions" posed by the plaintiffs. The outcome of the case could have major implications for other Iowa cities and their ability to enforce building code requirements that are intended to protect both renters and neighbors of rental properties.

According to the Iowa League of Cities, many cities require rental housing units to be inspected before a rental permit is granted, and they also impose a regular inspection schedule to ensure that properties continue to meet the ever-changing requirements related to safety and design standards.

Even if the requirements have not changed over time, some cities

will require periodic inspections to determine whether property owners are maintaining their units with regard to fire extinguishers, entries and exits, smoke detectors and appliances.

Many cities conduct these types of routine inspections on a three-year cycle, according to the Iowa League of Cities.

Assisting Ostergren with the lawsuit against Orange City is The Institute for Justice, a Virginia-based law firm that says it fights for Americans' "constitutional rights."

On its website, the institute warns the public that renters are "subject to mandatory code searches where inspectors — strangers — enter their home without their permission ... Once inside, the inspector views everything about the tenant, from medications, holy books, and political tracts, to information about their sex life, sexual orientation, or gender identity."

The institute says it is "striving to convince state high courts" to reject past court decisions and require that cities "obtain real warrants based on individualized probable cause before entering people's homes."

One reason the Institute for Justice is pursuing a case in Orange City, a town of 6,500 residents: Iowa's state constitution "provides more protection" from unjustified warrants than the U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment, the institute said.

Invasive lanternfly first spotted by 'astute' central Iowan

BY JARED STRONG
IOWA CAPITAL
DISPATCH

The spotted lanternfly — an invasive plant hopper from China that can kill grapevines and many trees — was found in central Iowa recently and spurred a swift response to contain and eradicate it.

"The day that they called us, we had a whole herd of people out there looking for any other signs of spotted lanternflies, or a spent egg mass," said Robin Pruisner, state entomologist for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. "We were trying to find a mode of transportation, which is usually eggs getting laid on something, and that something being moved. It looks like a smear of mud."

An "astute" resident who lives near the county line that divides Dallas and Polk counties first glimpsed a young lanternfly — a little, black beetle-looking creature with white spots — on a maple tree and captured it for official identification, Pruisner said. The person found another in the area about a week later.

"We're very appreciative of that person," she said.

The area is under

heavy residential construction, and Pruisner said it's likely the insects hitched a ride on some landscaping material.

The herd of people was unable to find an egg mass, and no other lanternflies were seen in the area. The bugs do not travel great distances on their own because — despite their name — they jump and glide more than fly.

The discovered lanternflies had yet to turn red with black and white spots, which is the last nymph stage before becoming an adult with a chance to lay eggs. Adults are about an inch long, with gray wings spotted with black that sit like a long tent on their backs. Their underneath or hind wings are red, black and white.

The egg-laying stage can start in September, with the eggs hatching in May. Each female adult is believed to lay at least 60 eggs each year.

The insect was first discovered in Pennsylvania in 2014 and has since established notable populations in 11 states, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The closest one to Iowa is Indiana.

IDALS plans to put out traps and lures in the area and to monitor.



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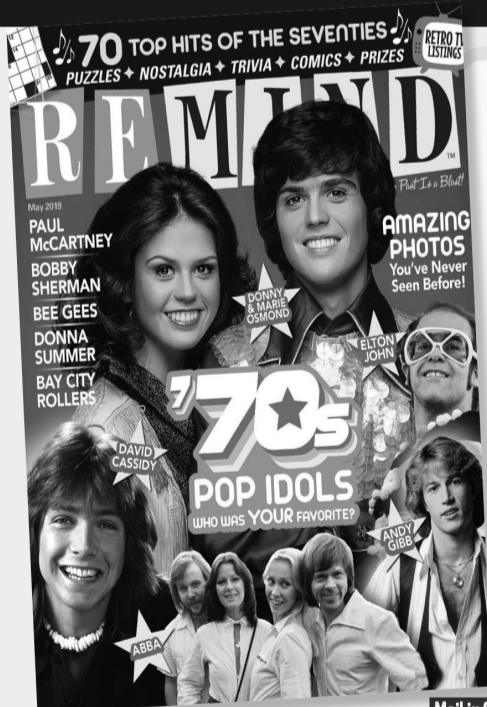
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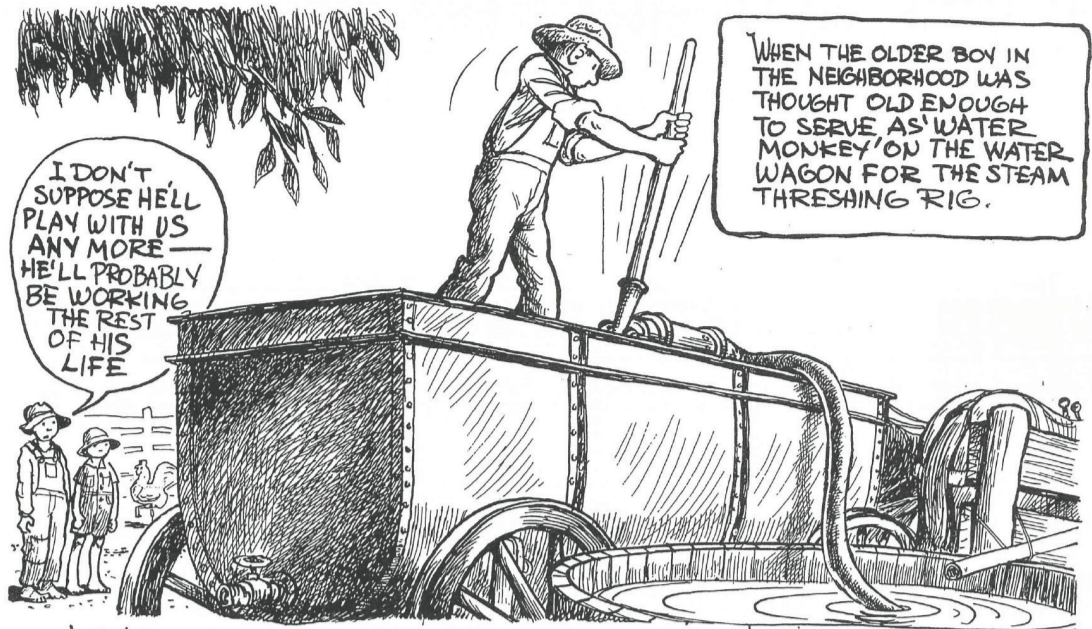
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A leg up



AGE OF THE GEEK

Travis Fischer

I have taken a lot of flights in the last couple weeks while on vacation. Doing so has given me an opportunity that I didn't realize I had until I started this multi-destination journey.

As you may or may not know, I have a long and troubled history with my left leg. It has been shorter and smaller than my right leg since I was born. When I was a kid, I underwent a leg lengthening surgery to balance it out. It was a long process that left scars on my leg that remain visible to this day.

While in recovery from that operation, I managed to break that same leg in a different place, extending the number of months I was confined to wheel chairs and crutches even longer.

All of that happened when I was a kid, but when it was done I was, more or less, a normal youth that grew up into a normal adult. And, like all adults eventually, I learned a hard lesson about what you can and can't do once you turn 30. Specifically, I jumped from a high place and, as a result, broke my knee. My left knee, of course.

Suffice it to say, my left leg is a problem. More than I even realized.

Some years back I was making my annual pilgrimage to San Diego, making my way through airport security. I took my shoes off, placed all my possessions in the

tray to run through the x-ray, and stepped inside the scanning machine to get what I hope is a non-problematic amount of radiation beamed through me. All normal airport things.

Upon exiting the machine, one of the TSA agents asked me to stop. He then knelt down and grabbed my left leg for a pat down.

This caused a strong reaction in me, much more so than I would have anticipated. I pulled my leg away and tried to restrain my fight or flight instincts well enough to negotiate my way through security without getting arrested. Even then, I was surprised that the act of grabbing my leg was enough to put me into a low level anxiety attack.

It makes a bit of sense in retrospect. I have spent the bulk of my life being extra protective of that particular limb. Even today, nearly 30 years later, I can feel the pins that penetrated my leg and foot to hold that broken bone in place as it grew. Being additionally cautious about it is an automated response to me, as natural as breathing.

So, having learned something about my own psyche that day, I began taking precautionary measures when taking future flights. Namely, I'd wear shorts.

I rarely wear shorts. As part of the subconscious measures I take to protect my leg, I avoid exposing it whenever possible. It's for the same reason I also prefer socks that can nearly reach my knee.

But if wearing shorts in the airport makes it easier to prove that I'm not hiding a bomb in my

shin, it's a worthwhile tradeoff.

Yet, it keeps happening. Even wearing shorts, security is overly interested in my left leg and I've had to make a habit of warning them ahead of time that the leg is sensitive and they need to either warn me before grabbing it or find some other way to satisfy themselves.

I'm ashamed to admit it, but it was only on this series of flights that it dawned on me to ask what exactly it was about my leg that was so interesting to them. Clearly it had something to do with the unique nature of my leg, but I'd never thought about what specifically about it was setting off warnings. It's not like my surgeries left any metal in there.

Leaving the San Diego Airport, I asked the security guard fondling my removed sock what was so worrisome about my leg that it needed to be pat down every time I walked through. He told me he knew the reason, but couldn't tell me.

Oh really? Now I don't just have a question. I have a mystery.

Fortunately, I'm taking a lot of flights on this vacation. A few days after leaving San Diego, I went through airport security again in Sacramento. This time the line was backed up and they were rushing people through. I got through the scanner and was preparing to question the security guy on what I presumed would be the inevitable attempt at a pat down. Instead though, he told me to step back inside and stand flat footed in the machine.

The problem is, I

can't really do that. In fact, with the way that I've had to walk for all my life, my heels rarely ever touch the ground. Between the length difference and the lack of mobility in my left ankle, there's really no way I can stand flat footed without contorting my body into an awkward position. By default, I walk and stand on the balls of my feet, with my left at a higher angle to compensate for the imbalance in length.

Fortunately, a second security guard looked at my leg and came to the same conclusion. This marks the very first time a TSA Agent has observed the scars, the size difference, and the way I walk when not wearing my lift and realized that there's something wrong with my leg.

So while I didn't get a chance to inquire about the specific nature, I did get through security without incident and I walked away with a clue. Without realizing it, the TSA Agent in Sacramento explained what the one in San Diego wouldn't. It was the way I stand in the machine that bothers them.

The question now is, what do I do about it?

My next flight home is rapidly approaching. I think I'll try forcing myself to stand flat footed, regardless of what it does to the rest of my posture. I'm curious to see if that makes the difference.

Travis Fischer is a news writer for Mid-America Publishing and remembers when you could just walk through an x-ray machine and be good.



Summer Fun For Everyone

Ahhh, Summer. The pace is slower, the humidity is higher, and our beloved sweet corn season is just around the corner. In small towns, in spring and summer we gear up for our fairs and festivals, featuring time-honored traditions we look forward to all year. From the outside, especially to folks who didn't grow up in rural areas, these events are quaint, simple, and possibly even a little boring (though I maintain if you're bored, you're missing the point). Yes, we have parades featuring more farm implements than people—but in those parades we are highlighting our livelihoods, our passions, and our connections to each other. Each smile to friends and neighbors, each wave from a child who is ecstatic to receive a wave back (and hopefully some candy), each school marching band bravely wearing their uniforms in 90-degree weather and 90 percent humidity—those mean something. They are an acknowledgment that we are in this life together, that simple pleasures make life sweeter, and that we are proud of who we are as a community.

There's something utterly delicious about a concert or activity set up smack in the middle of Main Street. If you think about it, this says to the outside world "You may be passing through, but we live here. So just for today, we are celebrating us, and you can find another route."

What if we, as small-town residents, felt like that every day? What if we looked for fun at home rather than in other towns? What if we came to our community's special events with gratitude in our hearts? What if we realized that the "high ticket prices" for some events are because it's what keeps the organization that runs it financially stable? What if we relished in the simple pleasures all the time, more than just during the county fair or the town festival (but especially during those times)?

And what if visitors to small towns appreciated the simple pleasures, too. Instead of always heading to the bigger and "better" places, plan a trip to a community you've barely heard of during their town festival or county fair. What if you picked a spot on the map that has no obvious tourist attractions, but instead met the locals and learned about the community as an adventure. Sounds weird, right? But, through that type of adventure, a bold trip to the "middle of nowhere," you'd understand that community's identity instead of just its small population or location in the sticks. Visit their museum, ask about their traditions, and eat the weird food that inevitably someone will say you "just gotta try."

Small towns are, in this columnist's opinion, a treasure. Living here isn't without problems and difficulties, because then it wouldn't be real life. I liken it to turning down the TV or radio while following directions to somewhere you've not been. You manage the problems at hand without all the extra noise. You laser-focus on what is important and let all the bells and whistles fade away.

Rural life invites appreciation of the simple things, the real things. I invite you to turn down the noise and experience the best of what small towns have to offer this summer, whether you live there or come for a visit.

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Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Urges Iowans to be on the Lookout for Spotted Lanternflies

Colorful but invasive and destructive insect has been confirmed in Iowa

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship asks Iowans to be on the lookout for spotted lanternfly insects. The colorful but invasive and destructive insect is native to China, India, and Vietnam, and was accidentally introduced into Pennsylvania in 2014. It has since been confirmed in eleven states and often spreads by the movement of infested material or items containing spotted lanternfly egg masses. If allowed to spread further in the United States, this pest could seriously impact the country's grape, orchard, nursery, and logging industries.

A community member notified the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship of the presence of two immature spotted lanternflies in Dallas County earlier this month. Federal identification confirmed the sample as a spotted lanternfly. Surveys of the immediate area have not resulted in signs of an ongoing infestation and entomologists hope the insects recently hitchhiked into the area.

"Spotted lanternfly nymphs and adults are colorful, and if you spot one, please report it to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship right away. We appreciate this community member letting us know about its presence in our state and we hope

other Iowans will keep an eye out as we want to contain the spread of this destructive pest," said State Entomologist Robin Pruisner. "At this time of year, we expect to find the eye-catching nymphs, which can be black and white, or red, black, and white. It is ironic that this invasive insect prefers to feed on the tree-of-



heaven, another invasive species." Spotted lanternfly adults and nymphs frequently gather in large numbers on host plants. They are easiest to spot at dusk or at night as they migrate up and down the trunk of the plant. During the day, they tend to cluster near the base of the plant if there is adequate

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What's for Lunch?

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Monday, Aug. 8: Breakfast: No Breakfast Served.
Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Butter Sandwich, California Veggies, Madarin oranges.

Tuesday, Aug. 9: Breakfast: No Breakfast Served.
Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, French Fries, Fruit Cup.

Wednesday, Aug. 10: Breakfast: No Breakfast Served.
Lunch: Mozzarella Sticks, Baby Carrots, Green Pepper Slices, Applesauce.

Thursday, Aug. 11: Breakfast: No Breakfast Served.
Lunch: Taco Stick, Baby Carrots, Apple Wedges.

Friday, Aug. 12: Breakfast: No Breakfast Served.
Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, Breadstick, Broccoli, Peaches.

SUDOKU

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Marriage Licenses

Mercedes Lynn Ann Stuart, 25, Hampton to Brandon Lee Mittelstadt, 29, Hampton.

Civil Court

The court handled one child support matter.

District Court

The court handled 2 two probation violations.

Casey Fink, 41, Hampton, pled guilty to Assault on July 22. Fink was sentenced to two days in jail with a credit for time served and \$60 in costs.

Small Claims

Veridian Credit Union vs Jessica and Randy Freerks. Judgment for the plaintiff on July 27 in the amount of \$1,201.12 with an interest of 5.25% from May 27.

Real Estate

The Franklin County Recorder's Office recorded the following real estate transactions:

Warranty Deed: Phillip and Jane Perkins to Phillip and Jane Perkins; Revenue Stamp Exempt 2-91-22 SW NW Part; 2-91-22 W2 SW Part; 2022-1433

Warranty Deed:

Thomas and Tanya Demrro to Paul Demro; 28-92-20 NE SE Tract; 2022-1434

CT Officer Deed: Beverly Peterson Estate and Jess Mark Peterson Executor to Peterson Family Trust No 1; Revenue Stamp Exempt 29-20-22 NW Part 29-20-22 N2 SW Part; 2022-1437

Change of Title: Rebecca Church Estate and Bryan Ray Church to Jason Church; 2-92-19 NE Parts; 2022-1449

Tax Sale Deed: Marc Odgaard, Jerry Tom, J. Doe, Sharon Monk, Kenneth Tom, ACC232 LLC, Franklin County Auditor, City Of Dows, and Franklin County Treasurer to Abigail Land Holdings 7 LLC; Revenue Stamp Exempt 7-90-22 NE SW Tract; 2022-1452

Tax Sale Deed: Brian Cady, Cady & Rosenberg PLC, City of Latimer, Lederman Bonding Company, and Franklin County Treasurer to Latimer Development Corp.; Revenue Stamp Exempt Lati Latimer Clock's 1st Blk 3 Lot 5;

2022-1453

Warranty Deed: Fred Jr and Sharon Elling to Austin Elling; Revenue Stamp Exempt 22-91-21 NE SW; 2022-1454

Warranty Deed: Debra Ritland Trustee, Kathleen Ferguson Trustee, and Richard Ritland Revocable Trust to Debra Ritlan Trustee and Richard Ritlan Marital Trust; Trustee WD/Revenue Stamp Exempt 21-90-20 NE Parts Undiv 1/2 Int, 33-90-20 SW Parts Undiv 1/2 Int, 4-90-20 NE, 33-91-20 S2 SE; 2022-1455

Warranty Deed: Chris and Becky Mahler to Ramon Guel; GWH Exempt Hamp OrigT Blk 41 Lot 7-8; 2022-1457

Warranty Deed: David Allan to Red Cactus Capital LLC; 36-92-19 Part, 36-92-19 NW Parcel A; 2022-1459

Quit Claim Deed: Fernando Garcia to Garcia Property Management LLC; Revenue Stamp Exempt/Rerecord Hamp OrigT Blk 6 Lot 5-6 E 1/2; 2022-1469



Elle Westhoff Named to Dean's List at Bethel University

Elle Westhoff has been named to the Bethel University Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2022 semester. She

is the daughter of Randy and Taunya Westhoff from Alexander, Iowa.

The Dean's List honors students who achieve an

outstanding scholastic record during a semester with a grade point average of 3.6 or greater.

UScellular Turns on Additional 5G Network for Customers in 6 Iowa Communities

UScellular customers in six Iowa communities now have additional access to the company's 5G network. The company recently added 5G coverage in parts of Clarion, Ellsworth, Goldfield, Ida Grove, Newell and Pocahontas.

Currently, more than 650 communities across Iowa are covered by UScellular's 5G network. Additional 5G coverage will be added to enhance the network experience for UScellular customers in the state.

"Connectivity is more important than ever right now. At UScellular, we are committed to keeping our customers con-

nected to the people and places that matter most to them," said Monique Moore, UScellular's director of sales in west Iowa. "We encourage our new and current customers to check out the growing number of 5G smartphones and connected devices in our portfolio, so they can benefit as we expand our 5G network."

UScellular made a \$194.8 million investment in its Iowa network during 2021. This includes \$29.3 million in general network upgrades, \$21.3 million in 5G modernizations and \$144.2 million in 5G spectrum that will

bring additional benefits in the coming years and advances the company's multi-year 5G network strategy.

This initial 5G network deployment is on the company's 600 MHz spectrum and will provide customers in Iowa communities with faster data speeds, seamless video chatting and a more responsive mobile experience. The company has a growing portfolio of 5G smartphones from Apple, Google and Samsung, connected devices and IoT solutions with a range of price points for everyone to experience 5G.

Iowa Department of Education awarded nearly \$100,000 to increase use of locally grown foods in school meals

The Iowa Department of Education today was awarded nearly \$100,000 through a competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and supported by matching funds from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship aimed at connecting Iowa schools with local and regional farmers to incorporate fresh, locally grown food in school meals.

This is the second consecutive Farm-to-School Grant awarded to the Department to support programs that increase the availability of local foods in schools and provide educational programming on sustainability and the impact of healthy eating on overall wellness. The Department is partnering with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and Iowa State Extension and Outreach to bring an array of expertise to help ensure sustainability of programming and successful outcomes.

"It's a win-win when we can assist our schools with providing nutritious and delicious

meals to Iowa students while also building demand and markets for locally grown and produced Iowa products," said Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig. "Initiatives like the Farm-to-School program are important because they help to shorten the distance from farm to plate, improve our supply chain resiliency, and foster long-term connections between students, schools and farmers."

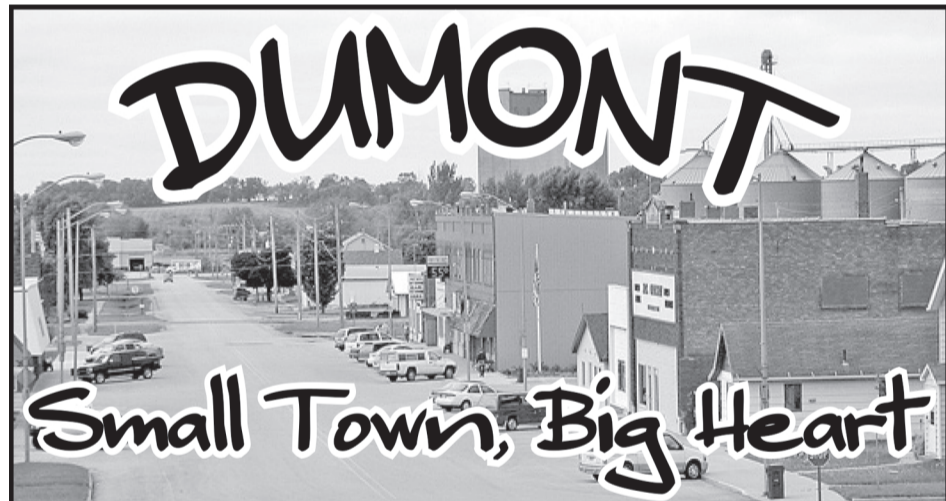
"This Farm-to-School funding is a great benefit to students, schools and local economies," said Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo. "Establishing strong local connections with farmers and producers and incorporating fresh local ingredients in school meals impacts student health and learning and helps keep school purchasing dollars right here in Iowa."

Total funding includes \$67,677 from the USDA and \$25,000 from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

This funding will be used to provide opportunities for school nutrition

program operators to connect with Iowa farmers at monthly meet-ups, develop training tools to help operators better understand purchasing and food safety procedures, encourage avenues for local foods to be incorporated into school menus and celebrate farm to school activities across the state. The two-year grant period will cover programming during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

The Iowa Department of Education is one of 123 recipients of the 2022 Farm to School grant. In total, the grant recipients will serve over 3 million children at more than 5,000 schools in 44 states and the District of Columbia. Since the USDA Farm to School Program's inception in 2013, nearly \$75 million in Farm to School Grants have been awarded, funding more than 1,000 projects across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and Puerto Rico. These projects have reached over 25 million students in close to 60,000 schools.



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quate cover or in the canopy, making them more difficult to see.

It feeds on a wide range of fruit, ornamental, and woody trees, with tree-of-heaven being one of the preferred hosts. Plants preferred include grapes and hops, and the following trees: almond, apple, apricot, cherry, maple, nectarine, oak, peach, pine, plum, poplar, sycamore, tree-

of-heaven, walnut, and willow. Infested plants may ooze or weep and have a fermented odor.

A buildup of sticky honeydew on plants or the ground underneath the plants may be present. A sooty mold may also occur on infested plants and fruit. The sucking of sap from plants can reduce the products of photosynthesis, thereby weakening the plant and

eventually contributing to the plant's death.

If you think you have found a spotted lanternfly, please call the Entomology and Plant Science Bureau at 515-725-1470 or e-mail Entomology@IowaAgriculture.gov. You may also contact your local county Iowa State University Extension Office.

Obituaries

Todd M. Waage

1964 - 2022

On Sunday, July 31, 2022, Todd M. Waage passed away at the age of 58 at the MercyOne Heart Center in Des Moines due to complications from heart surgery. A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3rd at the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton. A private family burial will be held at a later date.



Todd M. Waage

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Waage family for later disbursement. Memorials can be sent to Lori Waage, PO Box 478, Latimer, IA 50452. Todd was born on February 1, 1964 in Belmond, Iowa to Lew and Judy (Stahl) (Waage) Crump. He grew up in Goodell and later moved to Hampton where he graduated from Hampton High School. After high school, he attended Hawkeye Tech in Waterloo.

Todd worked at several local manufacturing businesses that added to his trade skills. He was currently working for Sukup Manufacturing as a welder for the last 15 years. He married Laura (Lori) Freese, on October 14, 2006 in Hampton, Iowa and they started their home in Latimer where he lived until his passing.

He loved cooking family recipes and trying new things on this Traeger smoker, spending time with family and friends, playing games on his Playstation, riding his motorcycle around Clear Lake with his wife, taking pictures of nature, and rooting for the Iowa Hawkeyes. He was known for his humorous personality, storytelling, and jokes.

Todd was preceded in death by his father Lew Waage, his father-in-law Harm Freese, and grandparents. He is survived by his wife Lori Waage, his mother Judy Crump, his mother-in-law Alida Freese, his brother Steve Waage, and sister Jill (Waage) Steel, sister-in-law Maurita Sietsema and her husband Pat, sister-in-law Jodi and her husband Scott, brother-in-law Randy Freese and his wife Tracy, several aunts, uncles, cousins and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation: 5-7 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 3rd
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Silage Webinar Series to Focus on Efficiency

Learn ways to improve efficiency and quality ahead of corn silage harvest

Those who feed and harvest corn silage can get an update on the latest trends and technology during an upcoming webinar series with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The series begins Aug. 2 with a focus on silage processing, followed by cover crop forages on Aug. 9, forage storage Aug. 16 and forage feeding Aug. 23.

With feed prices rising, forages are expected to play an important role in livestock rations. Specialists with ISU Extension and Outreach, farmers and industry professionals will explain how to improve corn silage efficiency and quality.

“Almost everything is more expensive this year and feed prices are trending higher,” said Gail Carpenter, assistant professor in dairy extension and dairy specialist at Iowa State. “We are really trying to focus on helping people to manage their feed inventory and especially their forage feed inventory more efficiently, because the less waste we have, the higher income over feed cost producers can expect.”

Each session begins at 7 p.m. with an introduc-

tion from the speaker, followed by a discussion-based presentation that will allow farmers and anyone else on the webinar to ask questions.

The dates, topics and speakers are as follows:

Aug. 2 – Silage processing (featuring Bill Mahanna, Lyndon Luckasson and another person to be determined).

Aug. 9 – Cover crops (Rebecca Vittetoe, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach, and Daniel Olson, of Forage Innovations).

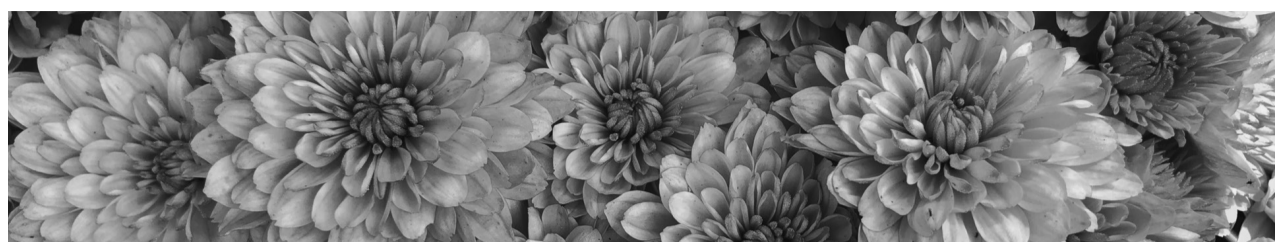
Aug. 16 – Forage storage (Luis Ferraretto, of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, and Ron and Connie Kubler, of Connor Agriscience).

Aug. 23 – Forage feeding (Dave Wise and another person to be determined).

Participants should register online, to receive the Zoom meeting link for the series. The series is free and participants can watch as many sessions as they like.

The webinar series is funded by a grant from the North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center.

For more information, Carpenter can be reached at 515-294-9085 or ajcarpen@iastate.edu



Yard and Garden: Create Great Shade Gardens

Shade gardens are great places to be on hot summer days. Many plants are well-suited for shady gardens – and hostas aren't the only options. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists answer common questions about selecting the best plants to grow in the shade and the care recommendations you need to create great shade gardens.

Which perennials grow well in shady locations?

Perennials are great choices for creating an attractive garden that comes back year after year. Be sure to select a variety of species that bloom at different times of the year to provide season-long color. Perennials that are good choices for partially to heavily shaded locations include black snakeroot (*Actaea racemosa*), red baneberry (*Actaea rubra*), lady's mantle (*Alchemilla mollis*), astilbe (*Astilbe* spp.), Japanese painted fern (*Athyrium niponicum* var. *pictum*), heartleaf brunnera (*Brunnera macrophylla*), bleeding heart (*Lamprocapnos spectabilis*), Japanese forest grass (*Hakonechloa macra*), hosta (*Hosta* spp.), crested iris (*Iris cristata*), creeping phlox (*Phlox stolonifera*), Jacob's ladder (*Polemonium caeruleum*), lungwort (*Pulmonaria* spp.), celandine poppy (*Stylophorum diphyllum*) and toad lily (*Tricyrtis* spp.).

When selecting plants for the shade garden, one group of plants that is often overlooked are native woodland wildflowers. Since they are native to

the state, woodland wildflowers are well adapted to the area. They are easy to grow and perform well when given a favorable environment.

Native woodland wildflowers that make good additions to the home landscape include wild columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*), goat's beard (*Aruncus dioicus*), Canadian wild ginger (*Asarum canadense*), Dutchman's breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*), shooting star (*Dodecatheon meadia*), false Solomon's seal (*Maianthemum racemosum*), Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*), woodland phlox (*Phlox divaricata*), May apple (*Podophyllum peltatum*), Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*), bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*), trillium (*Trillium* spp.), merrybells (*Uvularia grandiflora*) and others.

Obtaining plants is easy. Woodland wildflowers are readily available at garden centers and mail-order nurseries. Do not remove plants from natural woodland areas.

Which native ferns are suitable for the home landscape?

Ferns are great additions to shade gardens and they pair nicely with woodland wildflowers and spring flowering bulbs. As these plants bloom early in the spring and often disappear by midsummer, they leave empty spaces for ferns to expand into during the summer months. Ferns are often fine-textured perennials that also combine nicely with other more coarse-leaved plants like hosta. Most ferns perform best in

moist soils in partial to heavy shade

Iowa native ferns that are good additions to shady locations in the home landscape include lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), ostrich fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*), cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomeum*), Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*), interrupted fern (*Osmunda claytoniana*) and northern maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*).

What are some good annuals for shady garden areas?

Annuals are a great way to introduce color to a shade garden. Annuals that can be successfully grown in shady areas include wax begonia (*Begonia x semperflorens-cultorum*), impatiens (*Impatiens walleriana*), lobelia (*Lobelia erinus*), coleus (*Solenostemon scutellarioides*), wishbone flower (*Torenia fournieri*), polka dot plant (*Hypoestes phyllostachya*) and pansy (*Viola x wittrockiana*).

Which shrubs will grow in shade?

Shrubs are a great way to give height and structure to shade gardens since most perennials and annuals grown in shady locations tend to be shorter than 2 feet tall. Woody shrubs do best in partial shade locations that receive two to four hours of direct sun a day. Shrubs that can be successfully grown in partial shade include fothergilla (*Fothergilla* spp.), smooth hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*), oakleaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*), Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica*), Japanese kerria (*Kerria japonica*), al-

pine currant (*Ribes alpinum*), arborvitae (*Thuja* spp.), hybrid yew (*Taxus x media*) and Russian cypress (*Microbiota decussata*).

Iowa native shrubs that can be successfully grown in partial shade include serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*), pagoda dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*), gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*), bush honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*), common witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*), nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*), American cranberrybush viburnum (*Viburnum opulus* var. *americanum*) and Canadian yew (*Taxus canadensis*).

What are the challenges for growing plants under shade trees?

Often the most prevailing challenge in shade gardens is the competition from trees. When gardening under trees, the soil can be quite dry, especially compared to the soil in shady areas created by buildings, fences or other structures. The roots of established trees compete with other plants for moisture and nutrients. This can limit their growth or require you to provide supplemental irrigation during dry periods. In addition, it can be difficult to plant around the tree roots. Often shifting the planting location a few inches allows you to plant without disturbing roots. Never sever tree roots to create a planting hole. If digging is too difficult or is causing damage to tree roots, consider growing shade plants in a container.

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able soil moisture has quickly deteriorated in the past two months. The area's total rainfall ranged from a half to 1.5 inches of rain for the entire month of July, he said, compared with the normally expected amounts of more than 4 inches.

Southwest Iowa previously led the state in available soil moisture, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture reports. In early June, about 96% of its topsoil and subsoil had adequate or surplus moisture. As of Sunday, about 27% of topsoil and 36% of subsoil had adequate water for crops to grow.

The stress on the corn is most apparent in the afternoons, Saeugling said, when the plants roll their leaves to retain

moisture.

“They are basically shutting down photosynthetically,” he said. “And they're in the reproductive phase, so that affects grain yield.”

The National Weather Service issued a heat advisory for Tuesday afternoon for roughly the western half of the state. Actual temperatures are expected to approach or exceed 100 degrees, and high humidity will make it feel much warmer. The heat index for Council Bluffs, for example, was predicted to be 108 degrees.

“We're in a pattern that essentially is causing warm air to get pulled in from the south,” said Dylan Dodson, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service. “It'll cool off a little bit — rel-

atively speaking — but it will stay hot through the end of the weekend. ... The 8-to-14-day outlook keeps us hot.”

The “relative” cooling happens after Tuesday, when there is a chance of scattered storms across the state and a reduction in high temperatures on Wednesday of 5 to 10 degrees. But that still means much of the state will reach the high 80s or 90s.

Justin Glisan, state climatologist for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, said he expects the dry conditions to expand in the early part of August but said the month has been trending wetter in the past decade.

“The law of averages, that's how I'd like to see things,” he said.

“We have the hot snap and then maybe see below-average temperatures and more rainfall.”

Last week, the state averaged temperatures of about 3 degrees cooler than normal with abysmal rainfall, Glisan wrote in his weekly report for the USDA. Much of the south had no rain, and the highest reported rainfall accumulation was .89 inch near Churdan.

Crop conditions suffered: The state's corn was rated 76% good or excellent, down from 80% the previous week. Soybeans were rated 73% good or excellent, down from 75%.

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University of Iowa transplant surgeon sanctioned for 2017 death

BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
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DISPATCH

A University of Iowa transplant surgeon has been sanctioned by state licensing authorities after being accused of being under the influence of drugs while operating on a patient who died during the procedure. The patient death occurred in 2017 when Dr. Alan Hemming was the director of the Center for Hepatobiliary Disease and Transplantation at the University of California in San Diego. Currently, Hemming is a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Iowa.

According to California state records, in September 2017, one of Hemming's colleagues at UC spoke to him about two livers that were available for a transplant patient who had end-stage liver disease. The worker noticed Hemming had a hard time following what she was saying and that he was unable to differentiate between the two available livers. A day later, Hemming was notified of surgery that was planned for the patient the next morning at 6 a.m.

Hemming didn't appear at the hospital for the surgery, which eventually proceeded with another doctor in his place. A UC employee was able to reach Hemming by phone at 9 a.m., at which point Hemming allegedly yelled that the procedure should not go forward.

At 9:45 a.m. that day, Hemming allegedly appeared in the operating room, by which time his colleagues had almost completed the removal of the patient's old liver. He did not have a surgical hat on and was instructed to go get one. He then scrubbed in and took over as the lead surgeon. At one point in the procedure, Hemming allegedly stopped and began swaying back and forth. When asked if he all right, he allegedly replied that he was tired and that interns kept calling him during the night. He then proceeded with the operation and allegedly cut the patient's hepatic vein, which runs from the liver to the heart, causing the patient to bleed profusely. A colleague tried to intervene and help stop the bleeding but Hemming allegedly refused to let her assist.

An anesthesiologist then stepped in and began giving the patient multiple units of blood. Hemming was unable to stitch the vein closed and the surgical team had a hard time placing the new liver in the patient due to the bleeding. Wandering, asking where the operating room is

Hemming continued to try to stitch shut the cut vein, according to California state records, but the stitches became tangled and he allegedly wound up sewing some veins closed while sewing other things to the

back wall of the surgical opening. When a colleague repeatedly tried to explain the errors, Hemming reportedly appeared unable to comprehend what she was saying.

According to the California state records, Hemming then unclamped another vein, causing more bleeding, and for 20 minutes the patient coded — a term that is generally used to describe someone in cardiac arrest. Then, when a colleague's glove got caught on a clamp, Hemming allegedly opted not to cut the glove or put on another clamp. Instead, he reportedly released the clamp, causing the patient to bleed out from the heart and die.

In the immediate aftermath of the surgery, Hemming allegedly blamed one his operating-room colleagues for the death, then began wandering around while asking where the operating room was.

During a subsequent investigation, Hemming reportedly attributed his conduct to the Ambien — a sedative hypnotic that is also a Schedule IV narcotic — he took the night before.

Several months later, he was removed as UC's head of the transplant program. At the time, neither the school nor Hemming commented publicly on the reason for the change.

In 2019, Hemming moved to Iowa and, according to California licensing authorities, took a position as the University of Iowa's surgical director of the liver transplant program.

Last October, the California licensing board filed charges against Hemming over the 2017 operation. The board charged him with gross negligence, alleging he had operated on a patient while in an altered state and then failed to speak to the patient's family immediately after the procedure. He also was charged with using a controlled substance to the extent that it impaired his ability to practice medicine, and with repeated negligent acts.

Two weeks after filing those charges, the board acknowledged that Hemming's move to Iowa meant that the imposition of probation was not feasible. Hemming agreed to surrender his license to practice medicine in California where, he told the board, he had no intention of returning.

The Iowa Board of Medicine recently voted to fine Hemming \$5,000 and issue him a warning, stating that if he again engages in the conduct alleged by the California board he could face further disciplinary action. In addition, the board has placed Hemming's Iowa license on probation for five years during which time he will participate in a monitoring program. Hemming did not return Iowa Capital Dispatch's call seeking comment Thursday.

Regents schools increase tuition 4.25 percent citing inflation's pinch

BY ROBIN OPSAHL
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DISPATCH

Going to college will cost more at Iowa public universities starting next year, after the Iowa Board of Regents unanimously approved a tuition hike.

The board voted in favor of increasing tuition by 4.25 percent at Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa and University of Iowa. The new costs go into effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

Board members approved the increase quickly during the meeting, having spent several previous meetings debating the new costs. Students and other speakers argued that increasing tuition would make college less accessible in previous meetings, but board members maintained it was necessary to keep up with inflation. During the meeting, board member David Barker cited the Higher

Education Price Index (HEPI), which projected a 3.7 percent inflation to the costs of running colleges in financial year 2023. The approved tuition increase exceeds that amount, but he said it's offset by the board's tuition decisions in previous years.

"We look over the last couple of years, our increases will be less than the cumulative increase in HEPI," Barker said.

The Board of Regents also approved raising tuition in 2021, when costs increased by 3.5 percent for both University of Iowa and Iowa State University's in-state students, and by 1.5 percent at the University of Northern Iowa.

The move comes after the Board of Regents failed to secure a requested \$15 million increase in state funding during this year's legislative session. Lawmakers did approve an additional \$5.5 million in gener-

al aid, but it came after the state took \$7 million from the Regents' budget in fiscal year 2021, and held funding flat in 2022. Compared to 2009, 2023 appropriations are down \$85 million.

The tuition hike is expected to generate \$35 million in incremental revenue for fiscal year 2023. That amount will help offset inflation of costs of goods and services used by universities, as well as the terms of collective bargaining headed into the new school year, according to a board report.

Students at the three universities will now pay more than \$300 more in tuition each year. Undergraduate tuition for Iowa residents will increase to \$8,711 at University of Iowa, \$8,678 at Iowa State University and \$8,111 at University of Northern Iowa.

Rising costs will keep some students from attending college, student

leaders said in June.

"At this point, we're not only affecting our students and their families and you know how they can afford to get a college education, but we're also affecting how the quality of our communities are looking like in the future," University of Northern Iowa Student Body President Leila Mašinović said last month. "I mean, if you raise the price so high, people are going to stop going to college because they ... won't be able to afford it."

In addition to tuition, student fees are also rising. Iowa State University students will see the highest increase at \$145, fees which will cover mental health services, modernization of technology and public transportation. Students at University of Iowa will pay \$56 more in student fees, and University of Iowa students will pay an additional \$27.

Central Iowa water utilities join multistate 'forever chemicals' lawsuit

BY JARED STRONG
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DISPATCH

Trustees of two Des Moines metro area drinking water producers have voted to join hundreds of civil claims against manufacturers of firefighting foams that contain so-called "forever chemicals," which have contaminated Iowa water.

Des Moines Water Works and West Des Moines Water Works are pursuing the litigation to help offset anticipated future costs to remove the chemicals from their treated water. Tests of both systems' drinking water in recent months have revealed concentrations of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances — or PFAS, for short — that exceed new federal health advisories. Those advisories are unenforceable goals to protect people from the health effects that have been linked to the chemicals. The toxins persist indefinitely in the environment and are believed to be detectable in the blood of the vast majority of people in the United States. Those health effects include cancers, liver damage, infant development delays and others.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is expected to set enforceable limits on the chemicals that could force

water utilities to remove them as part of their treatment processes.

"We know we're doing everything we can to mitigate the problem," said Christina Murphy, general manager of the West Des Moines utility.

"The treatment options — they're not simple. They can be quite expensive and challenging."

It's unclear how much the new equipment might cost and whether there will be significant ongoing expenses to operate it, she said.

The utility was among the first in the state to tackle the issue after tests last year revealed its treated drinking water had a combined concentration of the two most-prominent PFAS of 5.3 parts per trillion. At the time, it was well below the federal advisory of 70 parts per trillion, but in June the EPA reduced that to .004 parts per trillion for one of the PFAS and .02 parts per trillion for the other.

Current testing technology is incapable of detecting concentrations that small. One of the PFAS would have to be about 500 times its advisory level to be seen by the tests.

West Des Moines Water Works shut down its most-contaminated well — with a combined concentration of 32 parts per trillion of the two PFAS

— to reduce the contamination of its treated water. It was successful: The chemicals weren't detected in subsequent tests.

But the utility was forced to start drawing from the well again because other wells were shut down for maintenance, Murphy said, and the demand for water has increased with hotter temperatures and drier conditions.

Recent tests of the treated water that might again reveal PFAS contamination are pending. The utility is also in the process of testing its 17 shallow wells for PFAS. It's not testing its four deep wells because they are far less likely to be contaminated.

Firefighting foam is a potential source of contamination in West Des Moines, and it's the subject of the multistate lawsuit that the two metro utilities recently voted to join. They utilities were approached by law firms that are helping litigate it, including The Driscoll Firm in Missouri.

The foam is believed to have contaminated groundwater near military bases, airports and other sites. The litigation is ongoing in federal court in South Carolina, where it was initially consolidated in late 2018 from 75 pending cases in seven states, according to court records. It now

includes hundreds of cases.

Prominent defendants of the lawsuits are companies that manufactured PFAS or used them to create the foams, including 3M, DuPont, Kidde and Tyco. Federal court records note about 40 defendants.

It's unclear how long the litigation will take to conclude or how much the payouts might be to the central Iowa utilities if it is successful. The attorneys representing the utilities are paid fees based on how much they collect. Murphy said their agreement would pay the attorneys one-third of the award.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has discovered PFAS in about a dozen community drinking water supplies in the state in the past year. Those tests did not find the chemicals in Des Moines Water Works' treated water, but the utility has said its own testing has detected PFAS sporadically at its plant on Fleur Drive since February 2021 at concentrations of up to 3 parts per trillion.

A creek that drains part of a local Iowa Air National Guard base — which has known PFAS contamination — flows through Water Works Park and into the Raccoon River. The Fleur treatment plant draws water from the river.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELOCATE THE REMAINS OF DECEDENT SARAH (KREBS) SCHNEE WITHIN THE HAMPTON CEMETERY IN THE CITY OF HAMPTON, IOWA

dent's remains to the relocation, due to the deteriorating condition of the mausoleum at her current interment site.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF DECEDENT JOANNA E. BENTZ, AS THE CURRENT INTERMENT RIGHTS OWNERS OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF LOT 12 OF FAIRVIEW ADDITION, AND REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO THE REINTERMENT OF DECEDENT SARAH (KREBS) SCHNEE, MOTHER OF DECEDENT JOANNA E. BENTZ, AT THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF LOT 12 OF FAIRVIEW ADDITION WITHIN THE HAMPTON CEMETERY IN THE CITY OF HAMPTON, IOWA

of Decedent Joanna E. Bentz, as the current interment rights owners of THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF LOT 12 OF FAIRVIEW ADDITION, that the City of Hampton seeks your consent to the reinterment of Decedent Sarah (Krebs) Schnee, mother of Decedent Joanna E. Bentz, at THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF LOT 12 OF FAIRVIEW ADDITION.

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CASE NO. ESPR501798 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD JON KREIMEYER, DECEASED

ties are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Ronald Jon Kreimeyer, Deceased, who died on or about June 30, 2022

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)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

ture page contains a hearing date for your appearance, or unless you obtain an exemption from e-filing from the Court, you must file your Appearance and Answer electronically.

In re the Marriage of Maria Magdalena Del Rio and Hugo Del Rio Sanchez Upon the Petition of MARIA MAGDALENA DEL RIO, Petitioner, And Concerning HUGO DEL RIO SANCHEZ Respondent.

Case No. CDDM500621 ORIGINAL NOTICE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: HUGO DEL RIO SANCHEZ

THIS CASE HAS BEEN FILED IN A COUNTY THAT UTILIZES ELECTRONIC FILING. Therefore, unless the attached signa-

ture page contains a hearing date for your appearance, or unless you obtain an exemption from e-filing from the Court, you must file your Appearance and Answer electronically.

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PROBATE NO. ESPR501801

forever barred.

DIANE KAY BUSHBAUM, DECEASED, NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DIANE KAY BUSHBAUM, Deceased, who died on or about May 10, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on the 19th day of July, 2022, the last will and testament of DIANE KAY BUSHBAUM, deceased, bearing date of the 3rd day of July, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that VERNON JAY BUSHBAUM was appointed executor of the estate.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2022. VERNON JAY BUSHBAUM 215 Second Avenue, SW Hampton, IA 50441

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET AT 8:30AM ON MONDAY, JULY 25TH, 2022, AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH BOARD MEMBERS MCVICKER IN ATTENDANCE, NOLTE ATTENDED VIA ZOOM.

receive an eligible Action Plan for Franklin County. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY that this County does hereby request to be included in the statewide SS4A grant to develop Actions Plans for all 99 counties in Iowa.

mentioned above, due to the reason mentioned; said transfer is between budgetary funds.

Franklin Co SheriffSrvs 36.00 1 Franklin RECUtil 140.57 2 Graham TireRep/Tires 9138.48 1 Greater Franklin Co ChamberTrng 500.00 1 Hampton Public Library ..Funding 34650.00 1 Hampton Senior Citizen Center ... Funding 1500.00 0 1 City of HamptonTrng 100.00 1 Dale HaverWell Clsg 489.75 1 Angie Hayner Mileage 96.03 1 Healthcare First Maint 1190.70 1 Healthy HarvestFunding 1525.00 1 Howie EquipRep/Parts 20.00 1 ISAC Conf 250.00 1 J-T Machine & ToolRep/Parts 221.98 1 Randy KlineSrvs 52.95 1 Liqui-Grow of HamptonSupp 150.03 1 Mail Services Renewals 414.91 1 Mid American EnergyUtil 3828.41 8 Midland Power Util 14.33 1 Deb Miller Mileage 66.13 1 Millers Alignment Rep/Parts 53.00 1 MPEC Inc Rent 50.00 1 N Wilson Concrete & ConstSrvs 13081.30 1 NCIN Task Force Dues 1926.80 1 Office Depot Sup 66.77 1 Office Elements Maint 1518.80 1 Ned Parker Reimb 31.35 1 Reminder PrintingAds 532.85 2 Router12 Networks Srvs 95.00 1 Marla Schipper Mileage 83.95 1 Secure Shred SolutionsSrvs 136.00 2 Sheffield Golf Club, LLC Misc 1000.00 1 Sheffield Public Library ..Funding 14850.00 0 1 Sirchie Sup 139.84 1 State Hygienic LabSup 123.00 1 Superior Welding Sup 73.18 1 Dave TaylorWell Clsg 159.80 1 VerizonSrvs 355.17 1 VisaTrng/Sup 1142.67 1 Grand Total487916.32 End of Report

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE DUMONT CITY COUNCIL MET ON THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE DUMONT EMS BUILDING WITH MAYOR EDWIN L. MOUW PRESIDING.

month's bills and empowered Shear to sign claims in McGrane's absence. Roll call: Ayes-Brown, Shear, Swart, Tyrrell; Nays-none.

Zach Lewis fire pay 2021-2022 320.00 GENERAL FUND 17077.77 GENERAL FUND PAYROLL/HSA-6-2022 3643.09 TOTAL GENERAL 20720.86 ROAD USE TAX

hookup-Implement 252.00 Debra J. Eisentrager ...reimb. for safety gear-Levi 34.99 Dumont Post Office billing postage 6-30-2022 114.40 Dumont Telephone Company phone/UPS fees 111.28 IPERS 392.48 Internal Revenue Service ... F e d / FICA taxes 539.42 Levi Schriber .clothing allowance FY'22 100.00 MidAmerican Energy utilities 1212.74 Iowa Dept. of Revenue state taxes 266.50 Wellmark insurance-payroll 186.11 SEWER FUND 3607.42 SEWER FUND PAYROLL/6-2022 1900.36 TOTAL SEWER FUND 5507.78 LANDFILL/GARBAGE

At this time, Council Member Mary Tyrrell arrived. Swart/Shear moved to approve the minutes from our June 9, 2022 Council meeting as published.

David Gronewold fuel 528.44 MidAmerican Energy utilities 105.09 Iowa Dept. of Revenue state taxes 286.00 Wellmark insurance-payroll 315.85 TOTAL RUT FUND 4876.97 RUT FUND PAYROLL/6-2021 1979.92 TOTAL RUT FUND 6856.89 CAPITAL PROJECT-ARP-WATER Brown Supply Co.five fire hydrants-ARP 14249.00 WATER AgSource Cooperative Services . water analysis 45.50 Auto Parts, Inc. Torq Wrench 127.95 Brown Supply Co. water hook-up-Implement; shut-off wrench/paint412.00 Debra J. Eisentrager ...reimb. for safety gear-Levi 34.99 Hawkins, Inc. chlorine/phosphate 337.15 Iowa DNR ..Annual Water Supply fee FY '22 69.83 Iowa One Call locates-January to May 2022 38.00 IPERSIPERS 248.20 Internal Revenue Service ... F e d / FICA taxes 361.24 J & C Grocery ..batteries/vinegar 6.38 Joseph Brown clothing allowance-FY'23 50.00 MidAmerican Energy utilities 91.68 Iowa Dept. of Revenue state taxes 202.54 Utility Service Co., Inc.quarterly payment4189.21 Wellmark insurance-payroll 141.44 TOTAL WATER FUND 6356.11 WATER FUND PAYROLL/6-2022 1172.37 TOTAL WATER FUND 7528.48 AgSource Cooperative Services . wastewater analysis 397.50 Brown Supply Co. sewer

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE 663.56 Joseph Brown clothing allowance FY '23 78.32 Internal Revenue Service ... F e d / FICA taxes 114.00 Jendro Sanitation Services June 2022 collection 2286.76 Iowa Dept. of Revenue state taxes 63.96 Wellmark insurance-payroll 44.82 LANDFILL/GARBAGE4806.66 LANDFILL PAYROLL/6-2022 369.04 TOTAL LANDFILL/GARBAGE 5175.70 TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 50973.93 PAYROLL/HSA CONTRIBUTIONS-JUNE 2022 9064.78 TOTAL 60038.71 DUMONT VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE Superior Welding Supply Co. oxygen 180.00 TCM Bank-VISAfuel 16.46 TOTAL VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE 196.46 SANDBAGGIN' DAYS ACCOUNT Mobile Escape Room Sandbaggin' event 1875.00 EXPENSES GRAND TOTAL 62110.17

June 2022 Revenue General Fund4,393.90 Transfers-General 31,796.00 Road Use Tax11,117.69 Employee Benefits 200.23 Emergency Fund 20.81 Local Option 5,279.69 Debt Service 120.65 Transfer-Capital Imp -Water 5,000.00 Transfer-Capital Imp -Sewer 40,006.40 Water 7,752.57 Transfers-Water 12,922.00 Sewer 8,657.80 Transfers-Sewer 37,748.04 Landfill/Garbage 6,060.63 Total 171,076.41 As the agenda was complete, Shear/Swart moved to adjourn. Motion carried, ayes all.

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Fired pharmacy worker sues Walmart over drug testing procedures

**BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
IOWA CAPITAL
DISPATCH**
A Clarke County pharmacy worker is suing Walmart, claiming the retailer fired her after she failed an improperly administered drug test. In her lawsuit, Misty Coenen alleges that in 2014, Walmart hired her to work in one of the company's stores as a pharmacy technician. On Oct. 22, 2021, the lawsuit claims, District Manager Nancy Laymon called Coenen into her office where the two spoke to Walmart Global Investigator John Oldfather. Coenen alleges Oldfather told her she need-

ed to submit to a drug test based on reasonable suspicion of drug use that stemmed from a text-message exchange she had with someone four months earlier. The next day, she submitted to the drug test, but the urine sample she provided was not split into two samples, as is normally the case, to allow for two separate tests. A few weeks later, she was fired, with her termination letter stating she had tested positive for drugs of some kind. Her lawsuit alleges Walmart's drug testing policy does not comport with the requirements of Iowa law in that there was no rational basis for

the test, and the test itself did not result in the sample being split into two components, denying her the right to obtain a second test at a laboratory of her choosing. Criminal court records indicate that in July 2021, Clarke County authorities obtained a search warrant for Coenen's phone after she was charged with violating a no-contact order. That case resulted in a deferred judgment but based on text messages recovered from her phone, Coenen was subsequently charged with 18 counts of violating a no-contact order. Those charges are still pending.



Nursing student sues school after being refused vax exemption

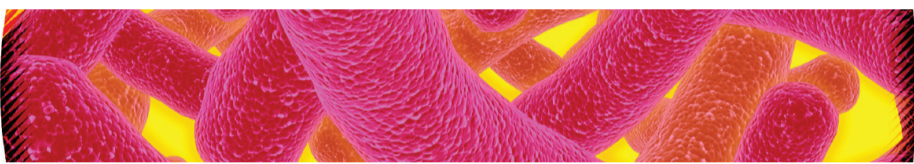
Dean demanded 'published tenets' from an organized religion

**BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
IOWA CAPITAL
DISPATCH**
A former nursing student is suing a western Iowa university over its insistence that he be vaxxed for COVID-19 before taking part in clinical work at Iowa hospitals. Court records indicate that Andrew Perry of Kansas, an undergraduate student at Sioux Center's Dordt University, was a junior during the 2021-22 school year at the school. Until this spring, he was pursuing a nursing degree at Dordt with the goal of becoming a registered nurse. His academic program required him to spend much of his junior year in clinical rotations at area hospitals, attending to actual patients and providing care under the supervision of Dordt faculty and the hospitals' doctors and nurses.

In late 2021, the federal government imposed a requirement that all personnel in any hospital that received funding from the Medicare or Medicaid programs be vaxxed against the

COVID-19 virus. The requirement applied to the hospitals that were hosting clinical rotations for Dordt students. Citing what he calls his "sincerely held and firm religious objections to taking the COVID-19 vaccine," Perry applied for a religious exemption from the vaccine requirement. Because he was a nursing student and not a hospital employee, his application for an exemption was made to the school. According to Perry's lawsuit, his request for an exemption was denied by Aaron Baart, Dordt's chief of staff and the dean of its chapel. The lawsuit claims Baart stated that in keeping with state guidelines, Perry's beliefs must be religious and not based merely on philosophical, scientific, moral, personal, or medical opposition to immunizations. The lawsuit claims that Baart said a valid request for a religious exemption would have to include a "published copy" of the tenets and practices of the recog-

nized denomination of which Perry claimed to be a member. Because Perry failed to provide that, according to his lawsuit, Baart said his request for an exemption was being denied. Unable to complete clinical rotations in the spring 2022 semester, Perry was dropped from the nursing program. In his lawsuit, Perry argues that because the school has granted religious exemptions to other students and denied one to him, it has discriminated against him because of his religion in violation of Iowa law. Perry's lawsuit gives no indication as to what Perry's religion is. He is represented by Alan Ostergren, who is also the attorney for the Kirkwood Institute, which has been pursuing litigation against the state and other governmental agencies on a number of issues. Dordt University has yet to file a response to the lawsuit and was recently granted an extension of time to do so.



Tests identify brain-eating amoeba at Iowa lake

**BY JARED STRONG
IOWA CAPITAL
DISPATCH**
Testing has confirmed the presence of an amoeba at Lake of Three Fires that killed a Missouri resident who recently swam there, state officials said. The beach at the southwest Iowa lake near Bedford will reopen for swimming with warning signs about the amoeba and its potential to infect people. It's rare for Naegleria fowleri to navigate through someone's nose to their brain, but such an infection is usually fatal. Prior to the most-recent incident, there had been 154 documented infections in the United States in the past six decades. Four of those people sur-

vived. The amoeba is believed to be common in warm, freshwater lakes and streams, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not recommend widespread testing for its presence. In a press release, state Health and Human Services and Natural Resources officials said there would be no further testing of public waters where people swim. "There is no rapid, standardized test to detect Naegleria fowleri in water, which is why HHS and DNR recommend that Iowans assume the parasite is present and limit the amount of water that goes up your nose to help reduce your risk of

infection," the press release said. The Missouri resident who swam at Lake of Three Fires died July 7, one day after tests confirmed the person was infected by the amoeba. The lake's beach has been closed since then, pending test results from the CDC. The amoeba damages people's brains, but it's an immune system response that usually causes death due to inflammation. Children are often its victims, but Missouri health officials have declined to reveal the gender or age of the person who died. That death is the first of someone who was likely infected in Iowa waters.



PUBLIC NOTICE				
Franklin Co • Amendment of Current Budget				
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET FRANKLIN COUNTY Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023				
The FRANKLIN COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023				
Meeting Date/Time: 8/15/2022 10:00 AM		Contact: Katy Flint, Auditor		Phone: (641) 456-5622
Meeting Location: Franklin County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room inside the Franklin County Courthouse				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing.				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	9,985,282	0	9,985,282
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	750	0	750
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	371,173	0	371,173
Net Current Property Tax	4	9,613,359	0	9,613,359
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	0	0	0
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	0	0	0
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	1,000,934	0	1,000,934
Intergovernmental	8	9,909,373	0	9,909,373
Licenses & Permits	9	22,150	0	22,150
Charges for Service	10	466,312	0	466,312
Use of Money & Property	11	145,715	0	145,715
Miscellaneous	12	142,285	0	142,285
Subtotal Revenue	13	21,300,128	0	21,300,128
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	3,168,473	134,620	3,303,093
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	24,468,601	134,620	24,603,221
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,371,500	111,056	2,482,556
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,397,155	75,400	1,472,555
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	15,317	15,317
County Environment & Education	21	1,118,175	103,300	1,221,475
Roads & Transportation	22	7,131,303	199,045	7,330,348
Government Services to Residents	23	736,911	80,362	817,273
Administration	24	5,409,491	389,444	5,798,935
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0
Debt Service	26	1,286,573	0	1,286,573
Capital Projects	27	1,100,000	0	1,100,000
Subtotal Expenditures	28	20,551,108	973,924	21,525,032
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	3,168,473	134,620	3,303,093
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	23,719,581	1,108,544	24,828,125
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	749,020	-973,924	-224,904
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2022	33	10,605,615	0	10,605,615
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	8,814,242	0	8,814,242
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	2,745,449	0	2,745,449
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	-205,056	-973,924	-1,178,980
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2023	40	11,354,635	-973,924	10,380,711

Explanation of Changes: Approval of projects using ARPA Funds, transfer to close out Mental Health Fund, budget transfer of employee benefits for Sec. Rds from Rural Supplemental to Secondary Roads Fund.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

In re the Marriage of Maria Magdalena Del Rio and Hugo Del Rio Sanchez

Upon the Petition of MARIA MAGDALENA DEL RIO, Petitioner, And Concerning HUGO DEL RIO SANCHEZ Respondent. Case No. CDDM500621

ORDER AUTHORIZING SERVICE UPON RESPONDENT BY PUBLICATION
COMES NOW on the date set forth below the Petitioner's Application to serve by Publication. The Court having reviewed the file finds the same should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that service on the Respondent may be made by publication.

State of Iowa Courts
Case Number CDDM500621
Case Title MARIA MAGDALENA DEL RIO VS HUGO DEL RIO SANCHEZ
Type OTHER ORDER
So Ordered

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NOTICE OF PETITION

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
SLA ESTATES, LLC

Plaintiff v. DANIELLE BENAVIDEZ, NOREEN BENAVIDEZ, MICHAEL BENAVIDEZ SCHUKEI CHEVROLET, IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF HAMPTON, DEFENDANTS. Equity No. EQCV501970

ORIGINAL NOTICE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Noreen Benavidez

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you a defendant in this action, which petition prays for foreclosure of real estate mortgage. The attorney for the Plaintiff is G.A. Cady III, whose address is 9 First Street SW, Hamp-

ton, IA 50441. That attorney's telephone number is 641-456-2555; facsimile number 641-456-3315. You must serve a Motion or Answer on or before the 17th day of August, 2022, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Franklin County, which is located in Hampton, Iowa. 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. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.


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PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: FireKeepers Casino 400

Race Details	Race Preview
<p>Location: Brooklyn, Mich. Date: Sunday, Aug. 7, 3:00 p.m. Last Year's Pole: Kyle Larson Last Year's Winner: Ryan Blaney</p> <p>Michigan International Speedway</p> 	<p>The FireKeepers Casino 400 marks the 105th race hosted by Michigan International Speedway in Cup Series history. Michigan International Speedway hosts some of America's best racing action on its 1,400-plus acres in the scenic Irish Hills. The 2-mile oval located in Brooklyn, Michigan is the closest track to the "Motor City", Detroit. This generates extra pressure for teams to perform well for their respective manufacturer. The raceway has 18 degree banking and 73-foot wide sweeping turns. The wide corners often feature three distinct grooves which allows for exciting racing. USA will broadcast the race with radio coverage from MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.</p>

Last Weekend's Race: Tyler Reddick won at Indianapolis

Tyler Reddick survived a wild overtime battle against Ross Chastain to win Sunday's Verizon 200 at the Brickyard. Reddick's NASCAR Cup Series victory at the 2.439-mile, 14-turn Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course was his second this month, the second of his career and his second at a road course. "Just really glad to be able to do it here in Indianapolis. This is one really special place to race, and really excited to kiss the bricks here in a little bit," said Reddick, who led a race-high 38 laps on Sunday.

Tyler Reddick
 Born: Jan. 11, 1996
 Crew Chief: Randall Burnett
 Car: Chevrolet

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2022	2	9	16.5
2021	0	16	15.0

2022 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten			Xfinity Series Top Ten		
Drivers	Points	Top 10s	Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) Chase Elliott	821	15	1) A.J. Allmendinger	789	17
2) Ryan Blaney	696	10	2) Justin Allgaier	772	14
3) Ross Chastain	692	14	3) Ty Gibbs	759	12
4) Martin Truex, Jr.	671	9	4) Josh Berry	697	11
5) Kyle Larson	667	11	5) Noah Gragson	694	14
6) Christopher Bell	640	12	6) Austin Hill	628	13
7) Joey Logano	637	9	7) Brandon Jones	596	7
8) Kyle Busch	633	11	8) Sam Mayer	574	11
9) William Byron	586	5	9) Riley Herbst	555	13
10) Kevin Harvick	575	11	10) Daniel Hemric	512	8


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 Monday to Friday
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Work Location: One location
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 401(k) matching
 Dental insurance
 Employee discount
 Health insurance
 Paid time off
 Vision insurance

Mid-America Publishing would like to announce an opening for a **Press Assistant in our Hampton location.**

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Youth Services Worker

The State Training School (STS) in Eldora, Iowa offers a holistic social, behavioral, psychiatric, academic, and vocational program that utilizes supportive counseling, behavioral health treatment, and consequences paired with praise and opportunity to males, ages 12 to 18 years old who have been adjudicated delinquent. Services and programs provide individualized treatment and offer comprehensive education, with a goal of transitioning the young man back to his community. The facility is operated by the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS).

The Youth Services Workers at the STS are integral to the successful outcome of young men at the facility. They work to ensure the activities of daily living are complete and are responsible for the safety and security of the cottages they work in. If you enjoy challenging, yet rewarding work helping students find stability in their lives and security in their future and you are physically and emotionally strong, then you will want to have a career at the STS.

As an employee of the STS, you are a State of Iowa employee and eligible for a comprehensive benefits package that includes the following and more.


ANNUAL SALARY: \$39,998.40 (\$19.23 per hour). In addition, there is shift differential at \$.90/hr with overtime available.

- Insurance – Health, Dental, Life, Voluntary Life, and Long Term Disability
- The cost for Medical and Dental is only \$54 per month for single coverage
- Medical and Dental coverage for a family is \$221 per month
- IPERS (Iowa Public Employee Retirement System) - Fixed Income Pension
- Deferred Compensation with a State-Funded match similar to a 401K
- Paid leave: 9 holidays, sick leave, family sick leave, vacation, and military leave
- Strong opportunity for advancement, growth, and development

To learn more about benefits available to State of Iowa employees, visit the benefits web page. You may qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program which may pay back student loans.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/public-service-application-for-forgiveness.pdf>

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