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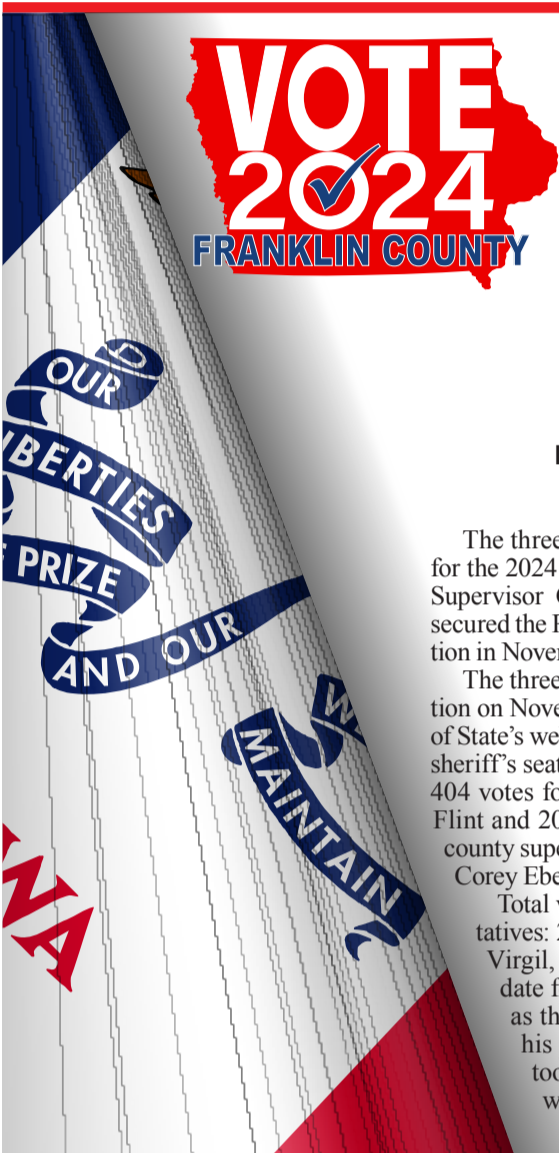
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Election Results Canvassed at Special Board of Supervisors Meeting

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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The three uncontested Franklin County candidates for the 2024 primary — Auditor Katy Flint, District 3 Supervisor Chris Vanness and Sheriff Aaron Dodd — secured the Republican candidacy for the General Election in November.

The three will be on the ballot for the General Election on November 5, 2024. According to the Secretary of State's website, there were a total of 426 votes for the sheriff's seat (419 for Aaron Dodd and 7 for write-ins), 404 votes for the county auditor's seat (384 for Katy Flint and 20 for write-ins), and 230 for the district 3 county supervisor's seat (186 for Chris Vanness, 42 for Corey Eberling and two for other write-ins).

Total votes for the District 4 House of Representatives: 248 for Randy Feenstra and 198 for Kevin Virgil, leaving Feenstra as the Republican Candidate for the General Election, and Ryan Melton as the Democratic candidate with 71 votes for his party. For State Senate, Shannon Latham took the Republican candidacy for District 55 with 400 votes, and Dennis Guth took the

Republican candidacy with 386 votes for District 28. Cynthia Paschen took the Democratic candidacy for the Senate's District 28.

"I'm honored that the voters of Franklin County have entrusted me to be the Republican candidate for County Auditor on the General Election Ballot this coming November," Flint said. "It is an honor to serve the residents of Franklin County and I appreciate all the support from this election and the upcoming General Election."

Dodd said he doesn't expect "fireworks" for the General Election, but that he believed his securing the Republican candidacy for the General Election does determine a lot, and that he appreciated his supporters voting for him in the Primary Election. He added that he would like for Democrats to vote for him as well.

The week before the primary, Corey Eberling printed off 684 mailers from the custom print department at Mid-America Publishing, which owns the Hampton Chronicle. The mailers were sent out Friday, May 31, four days before the Primary Election.

His mailer read: "Vote for transparency of the Frank-

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School District's Free Summer Meal Program More Successful Than Ever

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton Dumont Community School District's free summer meal program kicked off last week, and it's quickly seen more success than programs in years past.

Every day of the week, kitchen managers from the school district go to a different location in the city to serve free meals to local children ages 1 to 18. On Mondays and Fridays, meals are served at Band Shell Park, on Tuesdays at the Hampton Public Library, on Wednesdays at Progress Park and on Thursdays at La Luz Centro

Cultural. The kitchen staff serve food that can be easily prepared at the high school and then transported, such as walking tacos, hot dogs and hamburgers. Children must eat the food on site and they don't have to qualify for free meals during the school year. To-go breakfast bags are also available for children for the following morning.

The program has run for more than decade, but it's always been held at the high school or middle school, and Kathy Zobrist, the school district's child nutrition director, said they would see around 30 students a day. And she wanted to see more children benefiting

from the program.

"Last summer, I was having a conversation with our state consultant about my concerns with our meal participation, and what she shared is that the sites in Iowa that were able to cover all of their costs they were bringing meals to where the kids are, instead of having the kids come to them, so taking from that, we reached out to the library and La Luz and the city to get permission to use the parks so that we can bring the meals to where the kids are more likely to



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Hampton-Dumont Community School District kitchen managers Angie Bertram and Dawn Hilsman serving walking tacos to local children at Hampton Public Library on June 4. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

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Rising Country Singer Visits Hampton For Season's First 'Tuesday On The Town'

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Rising country singer Ken Domash was the season's first "Tuesday on the Town" artist, which is coordinated by the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

St. Louis resident Domash said he has two day jobs: one as an architect and another as a country singer. He also dabbles in magic. He spends most of his time traveling back and forth between St. Louis and Nashville, recording music, while also traveling to different radio stations to promote his songs.

Domash is also a dad and a husband. And his wife is the inspiration behind a lot of his music. He's recorded three albums so far — one in 2009, one in 2010 and one earlier this year. He also has one set to come out next year.

"I grew up doing art, and I was able to not have to go to college," he said. "And then I was going to be a

magician, so that's why I didn't take school too seriously. I've won many big international competitions in magic, and I was going to be a resident in Vegas, but I didn't."

While his dreams of becoming a magician didn't pan out, he continued to pursue his dreams of becoming a country singer.

His most recent album has more than 300,000 streams.

"I'm like the hometown hero. They're like 'do it, Kenny!'" he said, adding that his architectural clients are "100 percent cool" with the fact that he's constantly on the road and chasing his big dreams in music.

"I was like 'hey, I want to do this, and I'm going to make it work,'" he said.

Domash said there is some overlap between architecture and music.

"I always had a hard time learning music until one of my guitar teachers said 'Kenny, it's just like building a house,'" he said. "And, matter of fact, one of my produc-



Ken Domash



Locals Barb Bengé and Cecilia Abbas meeting with Ken Domash after his performance at the Windsor Theatre tonight for the season's first "Tuesday on the Town." Photo by Jennifer Burnham

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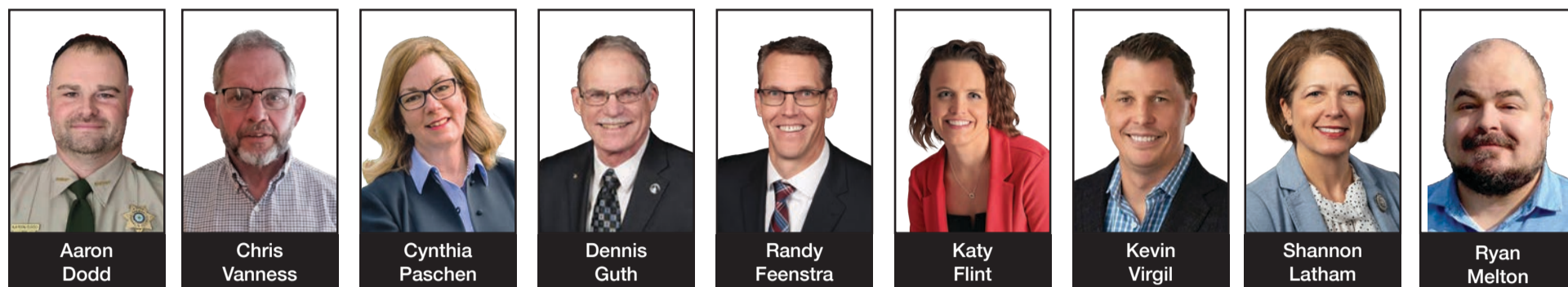
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When asked about the violations of the Open Meetings Act, Flint said they had not received any informal or formal complaints from IPB (Iowa Public Information Board).

“There are some counties that do stream the meetings,” Vanness said. “I asked the other supervisors about streaming it, and the general consensus from the other guys was ‘let’s just do it like we’re doing it now.’”

Currently, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors meet every Monday morning, at 8:30 a.m., in the basement of the Franklin County Courthouse. The Primary Election results were canvassed at a special June 11 Board of Supervisors meeting.



Community Garden Returns to Hampton for Second Year

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

A community garden has been installed behind St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, all thanks to the folks at the Franklin County Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Office.

ISU Extension and Outreach Franklin County Director Missy Crawford said this is the second time they’ve planted a garden like this for the community, and that the point of it is to encourage healthy eating and socializing among those in the community.

She explained that not everyone in the area has land to garden at home, so this gives those people an opportunity. So far, they have 13 private plots that are being overseen by locals, with five more private plots coming, along with a donation garden, which anyone in the community can help garden.

“We welcome anyone to go out there,” said ISU Extension and Outreach Franklin County Summer Educator Liliana Velasco. “We welcome any groups that want to go out there and hang out in the garden or spend time outside.”

The donation garden is the back two plots of the community garden. This year, the garden is funded by the LEAP (Leveraging Activities and Partnerships to Address Obesity) grant, and last year, the program was funded by a Growing Together Iowa grant.

“We talk about food insecurity and growing healthy

food,” Crawford said. “We want people to have access to grow their own food.”

Velasco also touched on the fact that the community garden can help with mental health, as it’s a way for a lot of people, especially women, to get outdoors and socialize with one another.

“It helps families to get out there to do an activity, just enjoying the outdoors and getting them involved with the community,” Velasco said. “After talking to them about what we’re doing, a lot of these people want to help us with the donation garden. They want to give back. They feel like since we’re helping them start their gardens, they want to help us.”

Right now, all of the people who’re gardening the private plots are women. And, according to Velasco, this is also a great place for their children to play with other kids their age.

The extension office is also providing gardening workshops for the younger crowd. The classes are coordinated by Krystal Schnabel. She held a “Growing Seeds” class on May 31 and a “Eat a Rainbow” class on June 7, and “Pollinators Friends” is scheduled for Aug. 2 and “Salsa and Harvest” is set for Aug 16.

Six young children showed up to the “Eat a Rainbow” class on Friday morning, June 7, to pot mystery plants, which they got to take home. The group of young gardeners sat on a blanket behind the plots and listened to Schnabel, as she gave instructions. The children took turns putting soil in small containers, where they then put their seeds. A pair of boys used magnifying glasses to get a good look at their planted



Isaac Schmitt, 6, and Camden Morrison, 8, taking a closer look at the plants they recently potted. The two participated in Franklin County ISU Extension Office’s “Eat a Rainbow” program on June 7. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

seeds. Crawford said that there are five more private plots coming to the garden that are up for grabs, but that they won’t be providing the seeds or plants, so anyone who’s interested would have to bring their own seeds to plant.

To learn more about their gardening project, call the extension office at 641-456-4811.

Community Leaders Share News at Chamber Quarterly Coffee

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Community leaders met up for another Chamber Quarterly Coffee — which is coordinated by the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce — on June 7, 2024, at First Bank Hampton on Friday morning, June 7.

The following new members were introduced by Commerce Director Bill Hittle: Beyond Spotless Auto Detailing, Olive Ave. Redemption, Central Iowa Board of Realtors, New 2 You Thrift Store, Bill Hodge and Beauty and Quench Lounge.

Next up, new employees of chamber members were introduced: Alexis Chaney, with Iowa Specialty Clinic; Amber Campbell, with Iowa Specialty Clinic; Kati Woodley, with First Security Bank; Molly Kahler, with KLMJ; Huiron Hofer, with Bridge of Hope; Emily Chute, with Chad Harrison CPA; Jalen Peters, with Chad Harrison CPA; Chad Johnson, with Franklin General Hospital; Ellen Scholl, with Franklin General Hospital; and Juan Gomez, with KLMJ.

Items of interest that were brought up: flowers at Band Shell Park; volunteers needed to water flowers downtown; HPL’s summer activities; ABCM reopening their home-



Chamber members at the Chamber Quarterly Coffee on June 7. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

care assistance branch; the school district’s construction; the fair parade line-up changes; Franklin General Hospital named a “Top 20 Critical Access Hospital”; God Fuel expanding to Iowa Falls; an update from Bee Inspired Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program; the return of ISU Extension’s community garden; the Franklin Wellness Center offering a couples membership package; KLMJ’s new website; Munchie Mondays

in Sheffield; and a recap of ProStart’s successful season.

After that, commerce members shared details about upcoming events for the rest of the summer, which will be covered individually by the Chronicle in coming issues.



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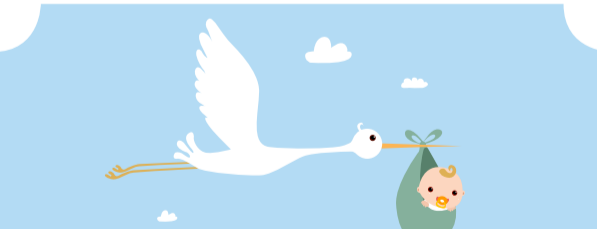
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Family Welcomes Baby Boy

Victor and Katy Wolf announce the birth of their son,

Baxter Raymond Wolf

Baxter was born on June 8, 2024, at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion. He weighed 6 pounds and 3.5 ounces.

He joins his siblings Norma (8) and Ellie (6).

Iowa Specialty Clinic in Hampton Welcomes New Provider

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Iowa Specialty Clinic in Hampton welcomed Amber Campbell, a family nurse practitioner, as their newest provider, a month ago.

Campbell, who's originally from Belmond, obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from Chamberlain University, before working at Franklin General Hospital.

"Hampton is my adoptive community," she said. "My husband was a Latimer boy, so I married into the community and I love it here."

Campbell currently lives in Latimer with her husband and their two sons, both of whom play baseball. She originally started with Iowa Specialty Clinics — which now has 18 branches — "way back when" as a nurse aid, when she was in high school.

"It's nice to come back to Iowa Specialty," she said. "I've been a nurse for 13, 14 years, and I have a background in lots of things. Cardiac. I've done things in hospice. Longterm care. ER. A lot of things. It brought me to being a family-nurse practitioner because I love building those relationships with people. And then getting to know them. And continuing to care for them."

When asked about the differences between doctors and nurse practitioners, Campbell said there aren't many.

"Iowa is an independent practice state for nurse practitioners, so we do things very similarly. There aren't a lot of things that nurse practitioners can't do that doctors do," she said. "There are just rare exceptions to things. I take patients just like doctors do. I prescribe medications, treatments, all of those things."

When she's not at work, she's busy driving her sons around to their baseball games. And at home, she enjoys caring for her chickens, ducks and geese, along with reading.

Campbell is joining two other providers at the clinic — Rachel Etnier and Hannah Lokenvitz.

Etnier received her doctorate from Des Moines University and completed her residency at Mercy Family Medicine - North Iowa and Lokenvitz received her bachelor of arts in biology health professions and a master of science in physician assistant studies from Des Moines University. The two, who knew each other from school, were in agreement on several things when it came to working at Iowa Specialty Clinic, including the fact that they are big on teamwork.

"We are here to cover when one of the other providers is not here," said Etnier.

Lokenvitz commented on serving



Rachel Etnier, Hannah Lokenvitz, Lexi Chaney, Amber Campbell, Melanie Condon, Chance Frerichs and Rylie Dunn at the Hampton clinic. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

as providers in a small community like Hampton.

"There is so much crossover between community and clinic that it doesn't even really matter how you know the person anymore, because if it's not one, it's the other," said Lokenvitz. "Half of the kids on my doctor's softball team, I've probably seen them as patients, and then their siblings."

Lokenvitz also wanted to point out that the Iowa Specialty Clinic is not affiliated with ABCM, as people

have asked her about it in the past, and that they are not just an urgent care clinic. She said that they'll have patients come to them for urgent care but return to Franklin General Hospital for regular healthcare, which is something they also provide at Iowa Specialty Clinic.

The clinic is currently accepting new patients. The office, which is located at 700 2nd Street SE, Ste 101, can be reached at 888-258-0078. All three providers are accepting new patients.

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be gathering or be in closer proximity to be in walking distance for a few more kids," she said. "The high school really isn't a great location to be within walking distance for a lot of our kids that might need the meals."

Zobrist said that 58 percent of students in the school district qualify for free meals during the school year. According to a "Free & Reduced Price Meal Information" document on the school's website, the following children are eligible for free meals: all children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-formerly Food Assistance in Iowa), the Family Investment Program (FIP) or a few specific Medicaid programs; foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court; children participating in their school's Head Start program; children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant; and children whose household's income are at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines below (\$26,973 for

a household of one; \$36,482 for a household of two; \$45,991 for a household of three; \$55,500 for a household of four; \$65,009 for a household of five; \$74,518 for a household of six; \$84,027 for a household of seven; and \$93,536 for a household of eight).

Zobrist said that the meals program is through the USDA's summer food service program

"Like we do with breakfast and lunch meals during the school year, we count meals that we serve [during the summer] and we submit a claim and the money that we receive back from the claim is it expected to cover all of our costs," she said.

While in recent summers, Zobrist said they usually saw around 30 students a day for the free meals, this summer they've seen way more within the first week. On Monday, June 3, they served a ham and cheese sandwich and 62 children showed up. On Tuesday, June 4, they served walking tacos and 73 children showed up. And on Wednesday, they served hamburgers and 80

children showed up. The numbers remained high for the rest of the week.

Zobrist said Wednesday was so busy, because they were right next to the pool, so they'll be bringing enough for at least 100 children on Wednesday, June 12.

"This is my third summer doing this, and we've never hit numbers like this," she said. "It is very exciting because I was worried that if we didn't up our participation, we might not be able to continue to offer it. I am so encouraged by this."

For school districts interested in the free meals summer program, at least half of their student population must be receiving free meals during the school year, which is the case for HDCSD.

"The most rewarding part of this experience is when we're serving the meals and people thank us," Zobrist said. "Knowing that we are providing a service that is wanted and that they appreciate it."

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ers does this to me every time we're in the studio. You're doing a design and the main thing is to have a vision. Are you thinking Victorian Theatre? Are you doing a high-end restaurant? What's the theme? What are you trying to do? You figure out the heights of the ceiling. You figure out the whole show, in a sense."

To end the day, he performed at the Windsor Theatre for an hour and a half, singing covers and original songs. He surprised the audience with Beyonce's latest country hit, as well as a Johnny Cash song. Original songs included "Snow Angels," "If I Was a Beer" and "Drink About That."

Domash said he understands that what he is doing requires a lot of work, but he's okay with that.

"It's a net. It's kind of like if you just jumped and don't have anything else to back you up, and then you get a label," he said. "But me doing my day job is my label. I'm an independent artist. It's me against the big machines, in a sense. That really gets me going. Just knowing that you have so little chance."

Domash arrived in Hampton Monday night,

June 3, and performed at the "Old Time Country Hoedown" at the Windsor Theatre that night. The next day, he did an on-air interview at KLMJ Radio, who played some of his songs, before Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Director Bill Hittle drove him around for meet-and-greets with some of the chamber's sponsors, who helped fund this year's "Tuesday on the Town," even performing for some of them. The duo also stopped at Rustic Brew for lunch, which Domash said he liked.

After his concert at the theater on Tuesday night, Domash stuck around and signed CDs and koozies.

Local Barb Bengel, who attended the concert, said she really enjoyed the music and performance.

"It went really well," Hittle said of Domash's time in Hampton. "He was very interactive with all of the sponsors and they had good conversations and it was a lot of fun. He wasn't just taking photos. He was making a connection with everybody he met."



Ken Domash performing at the Windsor Theatre on June 4. Photo by Ruth Tapp

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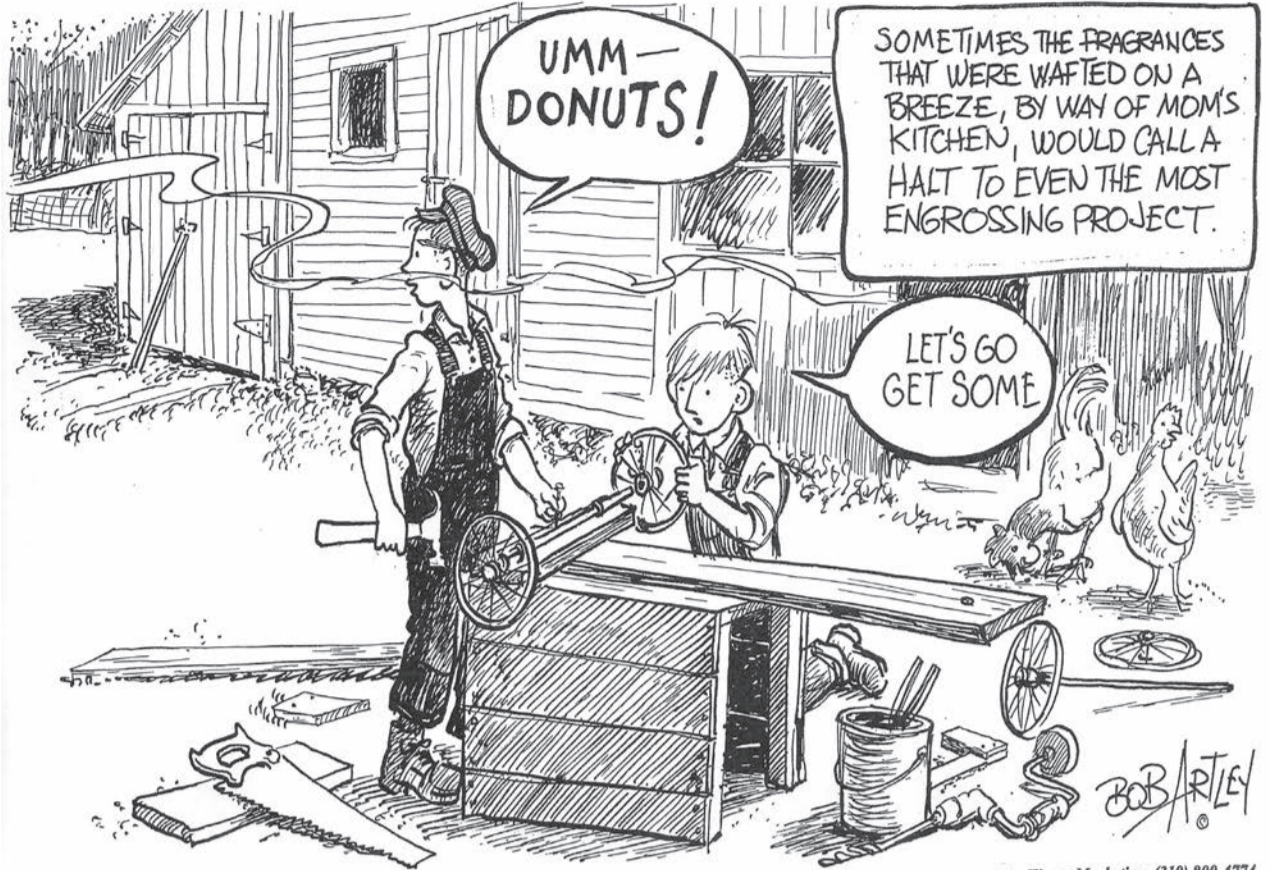
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In one of these first columns I featured Eugene Sukup, who gave questionable employees a chance to settle down to a stable

lifestyle in a secure job. His business thrived partly because of loyal and grateful workers. Going back to the late 1960s, I worked at Benton's Coffee Shop in Laguna Beach. The Pacific Coast Highway was in front and the beach was out the back door. On my lunch break I was allowed anything but the strawberry pie. Mrs. Benton made them herself and if there were no perfect strawberries there were no strawberry pies. I bussed tables, washed dishes, and parked cars.

Mrs. Benton owned a parking lot next door and parking was so valuable we required the patrons to leave their keys and park three deep. Sometimes we had to move two cars to get one out. One time we had a Rolls Royce come in and the driver refused to leave his keys. There was no place to park that didn't block another car. When we had to move the Rolls in order to move another car, I yelled out toward the beach and to the shops across the highway, "If you own a

Rolls Royce come here or I'll break a window." I can be pretty loud. I asked Mrs. Benton what to do. She said, "Use the baseball bat in the lot shack." The guy got pretty mad.

There was a lawyer who had a reserved space in a corner of the lot. He had a Lamborghini Miura. The roof wasn't any taller than my waist and it had a mid-mounted transverse V12. It was the first car to ever have this layout. Once he took me for a harrowing ride through the coastal mountain roads that I'll never forget. Nice guy.

Mrs. Benton ran a tight ship. The food was consistent and it was spotless. Somehow there was seldom a wait to get a table but it was always full around mealtimes. Jim was the main breakfast and lunch cook. One time I got to work and found him suffering from alcohol withdrawal in front of a full grill of burned food. Mr. Benton had locked Jim's gin bottle in the dumpster enclosure. Jim was in a bad way. We

called an ambulance and I had to finish breakfast.

I scraped off the grill and started over. Mrs. Benton coached me and announced a little delay to the patrons and they were very understanding. They didn't bring the torches and pitchforks because of my poor substitution for Jim.

The site is now a state expansion of the parking lot with a concrete boardwalk and flower boxes surrounded by homeless people.

I considered Mrs. Benton and Jim to be mentors/friends who made a big impact on my future.

Any comment on this column is welcome as a letter to the editor or directly to me at 4selfgovernment@gmail.com. (Note: Last week I stated that Donald Trump said he would bomb Moscow or Beijing if they became aggressors. A friend noted that the Washington Post was the only source that said that. I usually confirm with multiple sources and I don't consider the Washington Post reliable on its own.)

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The House's Draft Farm Bill Is A Gift For Corporate AG

Brass Tacks from Rural Iowa

BY BARB KALBACH

After months of delay, the Farm Bill is finally moving in Congress. The House Agriculture Committee passed its draft of the 2024 Farm Bill on May 23, the first step in a process that will include a Senate draft followed by floor debates later this year.

Buckle up. We've got a long way to go and a short time to get there. The current Farm Bill expires September 30.

The Farm Bill is passed every five years, locking in around \$1.5 trillion over the next decade in federal spending on farm programs, nutrition benefits, rural economic development, voluntary conservation efforts, rural infrastructure and more. The recent committee-approved House draft is an obvious attempt to sprinkle some crumbs throughout the bill to buy the support of certain constituencies. We're not taking the bait.

Members of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (Iowa CCI) are

working with independent family farmers and allies nationwide to set the record straight. The House draft is a gift to factory farms and corporate ag, and is supported by Iowa's Zach Nunn (R, IA-3) and Randy Feenstra (R, IA-4). It excludes key provisions we support, including:

- The House draft does not include mandatory country-of-origin labeling (COOL) for beef. We support restoring mandatory COOL for beef because it helps independent family farmers and reins in the power of corporate meatpackers.

- The House draft fails to provide the Packers and Stockyards Administration (P&SA) with additional funding and authority to address corporate concentration. We support a more robust and active P&SA to break-up monopolies and protect open and competitive markets for independent livestock producers.

- The House draft includes the EATS Act, a bill that would stop state and local governments that

want to protect their citizens and environment from factory farms. We support local control and much tougher public health and environmental standards for factory farms.

- The House draft cuts SNAP (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) by nearly \$30 billion. We support a Farm Bill that increases nutrition benefits for people who can't afford groceries. No one should go hungry in our country, and SNAP is the best way to address the nutrition needs for our children, families, seniors, low-income workers and military veterans.

I could be generous and say the House draft is a day late and a dollar short, but that would downplay the reality of spending billions of taxpayer dollars to prop up factory farms and corporate agribusiness profits. The House draft is a status quo Farm Bill that perpetuates fencerow-to-fencerow crop production and industrial livestock factories.

U.S. Representative Jim McGovern (D, MA-2) couldn't have said it better: "This bill is a disaster for America's farmers. It's a disaster for America's

families. It's a disaster for America's environment. And it's a disaster for America's workers."

"You know who this bill is a big win for?" McGovern asked. "It's a win for CEOs that have never worked in a field for a day in their lives. It's a win for people with luxury beachfront properties and fancy high-rise apartments who make their money screwing over our family farmers."

Thousands of us agree with McGovern, and we'll be there during the next few months pushing our elected representatives to side with the people and deliver a new kind of Farm Bill. We need federal farm and food policy that checks corporate power in agricultural markets, cuts government subsidies for factory farms, supports investments in nutrition benefits for the poor and working class, and retains local control. That's our bottom line.

Barb Kalbach is a 4th generation family farmer, Registered Nurse, and board president of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement. Barb can be reached at barbkalb@hamptonchronicle.com.

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Life After the Primary Election



By Katy Flint
Franklin County Auditor

The Election is pretty much wrapped up in our office. The results were canvassed by the Board of Supervisors yesterday and results made official. We also held our post-election on Monday and are happy to report that the results reported on Election night match exactly as when the ballots were hand counted,

so our machines worked the way they were supposed to!

So, now what do we do with all our time?! The County is starting to wrap-up the fiscal year which ends on June 30 of each year. This means our office is busy with a variety of things. Drainage assessments are being prepped, inventory records are being finalized, I am watching the County budget closely to make sure that all spending is occurring within the parameters of our budget; and levy rates and budgets for all taxing entities are being reviewed.

Each winter/early spring I, as Auditor, am

the person who certifies the budgets for all taxing entities in Franklin County. The taxing entities include the County, all cities, schools, townships, fire districts, the ag extension, and Franklin General Hospital, plus a couple more. Certifying the budgets means I review what has been drafted and proposed by each entity, make sure they are following all applicable laws to levy rates & publication requirements, and then do a final sign-off of them. I work with the Department of Management closely through this process as well as the clerks & secretaries. Then, this time of year, we are busy

reviewing all their requested property tax dollars and levy rates to apply them to the taxable valuations of properties. Finally, those numbers are all sent to the Treasurer's office for tax statements to be printed and mailed out eventually. It's a multi-step process that involves several offices and accuracy is of the utmost importance.

Now that the Primary Election is over, we are finally back to focusing on our day-to-day duties. If you're ever curious what else we're busy doing feel free to stop by our office! But don't worry, work on the General Election in November will start soon enough! Until next time...

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Code Counsel: Preservation at its Best

BY JIM DAVIES, MEMBER AT LARGE, HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Last week, as a member of the Hampton Historic Preservation Commission, I attended the 2024 Preserve Iowa Summit held in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

The Preserve Iowa Summit is the premier statewide annual conference for professionals, property owners, and volunteers involved in historic preservation in Iowa.

The summit was a coordinated effort of the Iowa Economic Development Authority's State Historic Preservation Office, the City of Mount Pleasant, and the Mount Pleasant Historic Preservation Commission. It is funded in part with federal funding from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

My time at the summit was shortened due to a funeral, but I was able to attend a very good workshop called "Sneak Peak: A New Guide for National Register Nominations in Iowa." This session was presented by Lorinda Bradley, National Register Coordinator. Iowa State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be releasing a new National Register Nomination Guide later this year, which will include information on updated guidance from the National Parks Service and important dates. The session reviewed the National Register nomination process and best practices and provided an opportunity for discussion.

Franklin County currently has thirteen listings on the National Register of Historic Places:

Beeds Lake State Park, Civilian Conservation Corps Area, Added 1990

H. E. Boehmler, House, added 1991, 105 2nd St. SE., Hampton

Franklin County Courthouse, added 1976

Franklin County G. A. R. Soldiers' Memorial Hall, added 1991

Franklin County Sheriff's Residence and Jail, added 1996

Hampton Double Square Historic District, added 2003, bounded by 2nd Ave., 1st Ave., the alley W of 1st St. and alley E of Federal (includes Windsor Theatre and Congregational Church)

Hampton Public Library, added 1983

Dr. O. B. Harriman House, added 1987 (a.k.a. Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm)

Maysville Schoolhouse, added 1981

Reeve Electric Association Plant, added 1990, (a.k.a. Federated Cooperative Power Association, SW of Hampton

Leander Reeve House, added 1979 (a.k.a. Old Stone House)

St. John's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Historic District, added 2015

Herman Wood Round Barn, added 1986, US 65, Iowa Falls

Perhaps other historic properties in our community should be considered for the register, such as the Hampton Bandshell or the United Methodist Church of Hampton?

I am also a member of the board of directors of Preservation Iowa. Preservation Iowa, formerly called the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance (IHPA), was founded in 1989 by members of the public concerned about the destruction of significant historic sites and buildings in the state of Iowa. This state-wide non-profit advocate for preservation projects in Iowa honors projects and people who truly demonstrate preservation's power to change the future of Iowa.

One program sponsored by Preservation Iowa is the Preservation at its Best (PAIB) Awards which are announced at the summit. As chairman of this year's PAIB awards, I presented eight certificates in the following

categories:

Adaptive Reuse/Mixed-Use Award to Wilson Lofts, Clinton. Owner: Economic Growth Corporation, Rock Island, IL. The Wilson Building, built in 1914, housed professional offices and retail stores in downtown Clinton. It has now been transformed into a dynamic, mixed-use development featuring 33 apartments alongside two business incubators integrating history and innovation. Amount invested: \$15,481,369.

Commercial Award to Badgerow Flats, Sioux City. Owner: Neeraj Agarwal, Badgerow Owner, LLC, Omaha, NE. This 12-story Sioux City office building, constructed in the early 1930's, now has 70 upper story apartments and commercial space on the 1st floor. Amount invested: \$25,350,087.

Martha Hayes Preservationist of the Year Award to Pat R. White, Mt. Pleasant. A dedicated volunteer and board member of several Henry County historical organizations, Pat inherited and maintains massive historical files becoming the unofficial "Mt. Pleasant historian." Her leadership efforts include an archival area for Iowa Wesleyan Memorabilia, the Mt. Pleasant Historic Preservation Commission,

and the Pioneer Cemetery Commission.

Maurice Losely Sacred Place Award to Smithtown Church, Lost Nation. Owner: Clinton County Historical Preservation Commission/Clinton County. All original surfaces, fixtures, and furniture were restored in this only surviving landmark, built in 1874, of the Sharon Township village of Burgess in Clinton County. Amount invested: \$255,544.

Public/Non-Profit Structure Award for the Rehabilitation of Historic Japanese Garden, Muscatine. Owner: Muscatine Art Center/City of Muscatine. The only surviving Japanese-style garden predating World War II, installed in 1930, was gifted to the City of Muscatine in 1964. It has been restored to its original historic character after collaborating with Iowa State University and author/garden researcher Beth Cody. Amount invested: \$222,402.

Residential Award to The Treehouse Apartments, Des Moines. Owner: Tree House Partners, Des Moines. Constructed in 1923, three apartment buildings, across from Terrace Hill in Des Moines, were updated with modern amenities now housing 90-efficiency one- and two-bedroom units. Amount invested: \$19,640,000.

Rural Preservation Award to Motor Inn Revival: Accommodating Agrarian Travelers Past and Present, Elkader. Owner: Clayton County Conservation Board. Hidden in the Turkey River valley of Clayton County, the Motor Mill Inn, built circa 1870, was restored and modernized creating space to welcome visitors with meeting rooms, retail space, and overnight accommodations incorporating resilience into the building so future floods could be handled with minimal damage. Amount invested: \$778,046.

Sustainability in Preservation Award to McGregor Masonic Block, McGregor. Owner: Matt and Mindy Aust, Des Moines. Constructed in 1866, rehabilitation of this main street McGregor resource created 11 residential apartments and 3 retail spaces incorporating sustainable strategies restoring historic elements with all new plumbing and high-efficiency electric fixtures. Amount invested: \$4,500,000.

These eight projects represent thousands of volunteer hours and over \$66 million of investment in Iowa's economy. Without the combination of private funding, historic tax credits, grant awards, and public dollars, projects like these would not happen.



Last week's trivia questions:
On the TV sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond," what were the names of Ray's wife, brother, mother and father? Answer: Ray's wife - Debra, brother - Robert, father - Frank, mother - Marie.

On the TV sitcom "The Brady Bunch," what were the first names of the six children? Answer: Greg, Peter, Bobby, Marcia, Jan, and Cindy.

This week's trivia questions:
Which NBA (National Basketball Association) team has won the most championships?

Who is the youngest player to win the NBA finals MVP (Most Valuable Player) award? Who is the oldest player to win the award?

June 12 is Democracy Day, and National Peanut Butter Cookie Day; June 13 is World Softball Day, and National Sewing Machine Day; June 14 is Flag Day, and World Blood Donor Day; June 15 is Nature Photography Day; June 16 is Father's Day, and Fresh Veggies Day; June 17 is National Mascot Day, and Nursing Assistants Day; June 18 is National Fishing Day, and International Picnic Day.

This week is Flag Week, and National Little League Week.

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Romans 8:38-39

"Remember that no matter how cool you think you may be, you're not cool enough to look down on anyone...ever."

- Paul Walker

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value."

- Albert Einstein

"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at."

- Stephen Hawking

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity."

- Amelia Earhart

Garry Shandling quotes
"My friends tell me I have an intimacy problem. But they don't really know me."
"I remember learning to drive on my dad's lap. Did you guys ever do that? He'd work the brakes. I'd work the wheel. Then I went to take the driver's test and sat on the examiner's lap. I failed the exam. But he still writes to me. That's the really nice part."

"I sold my house this week. I got a pretty good price for it, but it made my landlord really mad."

"I'm dating a homeless woman. It was easier talking her into staying over."

"I don't like this reality television, I have to be honest. I think real people should not be on television. It's for special people like us, people who have trained and studied to appear to be real."

Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd.

Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children in Spokane. The first Father's Day celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Father's Day in the United States is observed on the third Sunday in June.

There have been two sets of father-son U.S. Presidents. John Adams was the 2nd president and his son, John Quincy Adams, was the 6th president. George Bush was the 41st president and his son, George W. Bush was the 43rd president.

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This Week's Cup Series Race: Iowa Corn 350

Race Details
Location: Newton, Iowa
Date: Sunday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

Race Preview
The Iowa Corn 350 is set to be the NASCAR Cup Series' first visit to Iowa Raceway and the first race in Iowa. The Cup Series race will take place at the 7/8-mile asphalt track in Newton, Iowa. This race will replace the Pala Casino 400, which was changed due to planned construction at the Auto Club Speedway. Racing at Iowa Speedway was a last-minute decision, as NASCAR had been in discussions to race at Montreal, but no deal was finalized in time. Grandstand tickets and camping for the inaugural Cup race at Iowa Speedway are already sold out, the track has announced.

Last Weekend's Race: Kyle Larson won at Sonoma

Kyle Larson executed as he needed to, making a pass for the lead with eight laps remaining in the NASCAR Cup Series Toyota/Save Mart 350 to claim his second win at the Sonoma Raceway road course and third trophy of the season. Larson put his No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet out front for good after a dramatic three-way battle with four-time Sonoma winner Martin Truex Jr. and Chris Buescher. After Larson passed them both, Truex kept Larson honest for much of the closing laps only to run out of gas on the final lap.

2024 Standings

| Cup Series Top Ten | | | Xfinity Series Top Ten | | |
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| Drivers | Points | Top 10s | Drivers | Points | Top 10s |
| 1) Kyle Larson | 561 | 8 | 1) Cole Custer | 509 | 11 |
| 2) Chase Elliott | 547 | 8 | 2) Austin Hill | 497 | 9 |
| 3) Denny Hamlin | 535 | 8 | 3) Chandler Smith | 492 | 9 |
| 4) Tyler Reddick | 512 | 10 | 4) Justin Allgaier | 485 | 7 |
| 5) Martin Truex Jr. | 508 | 7 | 5) Jesse Love | 435 | 7 |
| 6) William Byron | 495 | 9 | 6) AJ Allmendinger | 409 | 7 |
| 7) Brad Keselowski | 466 | 8 | 7) Riley Herbst | 403 | 5 |
| 8) Ty Gibbs | 466 | 8 | 8) Sheldon Creed | 396 | 8 |
| 9) Christopher Bell | 465 | 9 | 9) Parker Kligerman | 379 | 6 |
| 10) Ross Chastain | 453 | 6 | 10) Shane van Gisbergen | 362 | 4 |

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The latest on NASCAR charter negotiations
The France family would be able to buy NASCAR charters starting in 2025 under terms of the latest charter offer to teams, despite initial questions over whether the provision would ultimately be included. The family has owned and controlled NASCAR Holdings since the inception of the racing series in 1948 by Bill France Sr. The current version of the charter agreement, which was implemented in 2015 and expires after 2024, bars any member of the France family who has an active role in NASCAR event management from owning a stake in a charter. In discussions with teams about the new agreement, NASCAR had broached the idea of changing that clause so that someone in the family could now buy a charter. The idea received pushback from some teams due to concerns about a conflict of interest, which made it unclear whether NASCAR would ultimately include the change in its offer. The move does have some precedent: On top of the fact that NASCAR Chair and CEO Jim France owns a team in NASCAR Holdings' IMSA sports car series, Roger Penske also owns IndyCar and Team Penske. NASCAR's offer this time is for seven years guaranteed with an option for another seven years after that. NASCAR has also included plans for a team cost cap in the latest charter offer, as well as rules that spell out the terms under which NASCAR would allow private equity firms to buy into a charter.

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What's At The Windsor

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER

IF will be shown at the Windsor Theatre starting Friday, June 14 through Thursday, June 20. Its plot follows a young girl and her neighbor who find themselves able to see imaginary friends.

IF is a 2024 American live-action animated fantasy comedy film written, produced, and directed by John Krasinski. The film features an ensemble cast that includes Cailey Fleming, Ryan Reynolds, Krasinski, Fiona Shaw, Alan Kim, and Liza Colón-Zayas, along with the voices of Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Louis Gossett Jr., and Steve Carell.

The MPAA rating of IF is PG for thematic elements and mild language. Paramount Pictures is the distributor, and the runtime is 104 minutes.

Here are reviews after a Google Search:

Rotten Tomatoes: Tomatometer critics give it a 49% and a 5.8 out of 10 rating. The verified audience score is 88% and a 34.4 out of 5 rating. "From writer and director John Krasinski, IF is about a girl who discovers that she can see everyone's imaginary friends — and what she does with that superpower — as she embarks on a magical adventure to reconnect forgotten IFs with their kids."

IMDb (Internet Movie Database) gives it 6.7/10.

Common Sense Media: Gives 4 out of 5 stars for ages 6+.



gnant fantasy about loss and the power of imagination."

Parents need to know that IF is a live action/animated fantasy starring Ryan Reynolds that explores the idea of what happens to our forgotten imaginary friends (IFs). That might sound a little sad, and it is: After losing their connection to children as they grow, the IFs end up living in a retirement home, listless and abandoned.

Also, sad—but handled gently through a montage (not unlike the one in Up)—is the fact that 12-year-old main character Bea's (Cailey Fleming) loving mother has died, and now her good-natured dad (John Krasinski, who also writes and directs) is in the hospital.

But Bea is distracted from her worry by busying herself with purposeful work (helping the IFs) and learns that accessing fa-

miliar music, smells, sights, and tastes can bring her back to a happy memory or feeling and help calm anxious or overwhelming emotions.

Only very young or sensitive kids are likely to be distressed by the mild scares, like a character appearing out of nowhere or a creepy neighbor who steps into the hallway at night. And while another key character, Blue (voiced by Steve Carell) is a giant purple monster, viewers will quickly understand that he's as huggable and non-threatening as a giant stuffed animal.

Mild language includes "butt," "what the hell," and "good God!" All the characters, both live and imaginary, demonstrate positive traits, and there are clear themes of curiosity, compassion, and teamwork.

Upcoming movies at the Windsor Theatre: Garfield—June 21-27; Furiosa—June 28-July 21; Despicable Me 4—July 3-18. Please note, the schedule may change.

Showtimes are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 PM with 1:00 PM matinees on Sunday and Wednesday. Wednesday at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM are two additional showtimes that have been added during the summer now that school is out. Tickets are \$3 for everyone on Wednesday!

Regular ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for youth. \$3 is the price for seniors (age 50 and over) on Sundays, and \$3 for everyone



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Omnium Plant Implements New Safety Training Program

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Omnium employees went through a new safety training program last week — and two of their youngest employees were the masterminds behind it all.

Maddy Button, 22, and Shannon Rajkowski, 23, coordinated the training sessions for the Land O' Lakes plant, which manufactures crop protection and plant nutrition products in Hampton. The Chronicle stopped by for a tour of the facility and to run through the training on Wednesday, June 5. According to Button, there were seven training stations at the plant: a mock spill clean-up, forklift safety, fire safety, personal protective gear and more. Button is part of a rotational program for Land O Lakes where she is stationed at Hampton for 1 year.

"It's a hands-on experience that the employees are able to get, and it's other employees teaching as well," Button said.

According to Omnium process engineer Rajkowski, there are around 70 people who work at the plant, ranging in age from early 20s to near-retirement.

As the two ladies walked around the plant, they pointed out where employees could walk — along the green paths and behind the guardrails — to avoid getting hit by forklifts.

"You know the Yellow Brick Road?" Button asked. "It's the same thing. It's supposed to bring awareness, even to forklift drivers that there may be pedestrians on it, and also awareness for pe-

destrians to know that there may be a forklift."

At the mock-up spill station, Darlene Willis-Gruver showed the group of ten people how to clean up any type of spill.

"For each station, they have around 15 minutes for an introduction," Button said. "So at the spill station, they talk about the steps for spill cleanup. And then after talking about the procedure, she will actually have them do a mock spill clean-up."

Button said that whenever someone at the plant needs help with a spill, Darlene is there to help, saying "she knows how to properly dispose of any material here."

Rajkowski explained that they used water and a slime pack so that the spilled substance would be colorful and "slightly mysterious."

At the forklift safety station, employees practiced the three points of getting into the forklift: placing both hands on the handles and then a foot on the step before hoisting themselves up into the seat.

"For the forklift safety station, they are learning about the proper safety requirements for forklift-pedestrian traffic and then they're learning how to get on themselves, just so that they can see the blindspots themselves," Rajkowski said.

Button added that it's supposed to "bridge the gap" between forklift drivers and pedestrians.

"We do this so that people can get perspectives from both sides," Button said. "That's why we wear the high-vis hat and the

high-vis vest so that it's easier for the forklift drivers to see us — a big yellow blob moving."

When employees weren't participating in one of the training stations around the plant, there were safety-themed activities they could work on during breaks.

"There are word searches and a crossword puzzle, all safety related," Buttons said. "Also, once per day, they are allowed to give a safety shout-out to someone. So if they see someone doing something, they can make note of it. And for a hazard hunt, if they see a hazard around the plant, they can make note of that. And for each one that they complete, they'll get a raffle ticket and we have a bunch of cool prizes that they'll have a chance to win at the end of the week."

On the second floor of the office, there was a room full of prizes (including a juicer that Rajkowski had her eye on), as well as a trivia station in a boardroom.

"The trivia ranges from safety topics to random things about the company," Button said.

Button said she appreciates how much Land O' Lakes has invested in her professional growth.

"It's not just here in Hampton, but across the whole enterprise," she said. "I was an intern before this, so I've been in Wisconsin, I've been in Minnesota, and now I'm here, and I've done dairy at a cheese facility and now I'm here with crops for the farmers, so I've been able to experience a lot of different aspects at Land O' Lakes and I like how they're also investing in my profession-



Ranae Mulford (front), Steve Cook, Josh Kothenbeutel and Tracy Korth practicing the lock-out tag-out procedure at a station at the plant. Photo provided by Maddy Button.

al development. They really care about us employees, not just us working, but also our goals.

Button, who works in the supply chain department, received her bachelor's degree in chemistry and food science from Iowa State University in 2023.

Rajkowski said she felt like she had gained valuable management experience in her time at Land O Lakes.

"I had the opportunity to help out in a department on the management level for a while and that helped my career grow a bit too," she said. "I had some supervisor experience before, but nothing super professional, like this. So that helped me see [management] from a production standpoint, and now I'm going back into engineering."

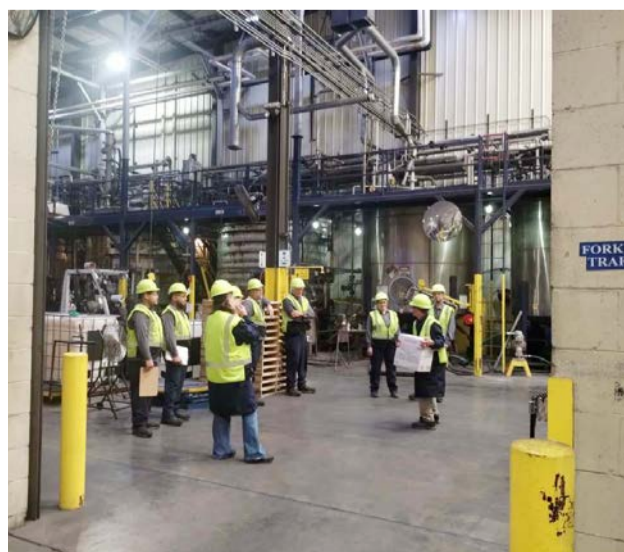
Rajkowski, who works in the engineering department, received her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Benedictine College in 2023.

Both Button and Rajkowski said they were happy with how the training went, and that they couldn't have done it without the plant's safety and EHS (environmental health and safety) manager Brett Nelson; plant manager Ray Southerland; operations manager Montana McCabe; Administrative Coordinator Tara Guerrero; and everyone around the plant.

"It went really well," Rajkowski said. "We had really positive feedback and we learned ways we can improve it for next year as well. We hope to make this an annual event."



Omnium employees Maddy Button and Shannon Rajkowski pose for a photo while giving Chronicle news editor Jennifer Burnham a tour of the facility. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Employees practicing living boxes the proper way. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Trivia station at Omnium. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

Gran Festival Attracts Hundreds to Band Shell Over Weekend

**BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE**

The Gran Festival at Band Shell Park on June 8 attracted nearly 500 people, according to La Luz Centro Cultural development coordinator Janette Acolt.

From noon to 10 p.m., hundreds of people flocked to the festival for latino music, food, vendors and more. There were nearly 20 vendors at the event, and DJ Favian Ramirez kicked things off right at noon. Acolt said they dropped about \$10,000 on all of it,

which was made possible by the following sponsors: Casey's, First Bank Hampton, First Security Bank & Trust, North Iowa Area Community College, Sukup's, Franklin General Hospital, Seabee, Green Belt Bank & Trust, Butch Gruelke, Centrum Valley Farms, Acolt Farm Services and Franklin County Tourism.

While most everything went off without a hitch, there was one big problem: the inflatable bounce house never showed. Janette had pre-paid around \$2,300 to Hop-a-Lot in Des Moines for an inflatable house for the festival, which they've

done for previous Gran Festivals.

As of presstime, Acolt never received a response from the inflatables company. The Chronicle also contacted the company for comment on the situation (by leaving a voicemail and sending a private message on Facebook), and didn't hear back by presstime as well.

Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison said he will be looking into the situation, saying there's always the chance they got the date wrong, but that it was a shame for the children at the event.



Shakira Vela giving it her all at Band Shell.



All smiles at the Gran Festival. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



La Luz Centro Cultural employees and volunteers take a break from setting up Saturday morning. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Cristal Fuentes performing at the Gran Festival. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Susy's Pupusas employees. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Grupo Quinientos Siete poses for a photo at the festival. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Merchandise for sale at the festival. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Children (and grown-ups) dove for candy after the piñata broke. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



David Hernandez won the tv at the festival. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Locals taking a break from walking around at the festival. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

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The family of Robert Heiskov would like to thank everyone who attended his visitation, funeral or stopped by. Your presence, kindness and support meant the world to us. Thank you to Rev. Karl Bollhagen and Vicar, Jacob Shepard for the meaningful service, and the Trinity Lutheran Women for serving the lunch. A special thank you to the Franklin Country View Nursing Facility nurses and staff for the wonderful care given to Dad. Robert would have been touched to know that you all cared. Tak skal du have (Thank you). Gerry, Steve, Susan, Scott and families.

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CIVIC CALENDAR

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

DETAILS:
 Monday 8:30 AM
 Franklin County Courthouse

ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

DETAILS:
 Second Tuesday

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 Second Tuesday of every month
 6:30 PM

ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD:

DETAILS:
 Third Wednesday of every month

CAL SCHOOL BOARD:

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM BOARD:

DETAILS:
 Second Thursday,
 4:30 PM,
 Center 1

ALEXANDER CITY COUNCIL:

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

HANSELL CITY COUNCIL:

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

HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:

DETAILS:
 Board meets every 3rd Wednesday
 of the month, 5:15 PM-6:15 PM
 Library board meets to discuss
 library business, budgeting, funding
 and happenings.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

DETAILS:
 5:30 PM
 City Council Chambers

FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD:

DETAILS:
 Second Monday of month,
 6:30 PM
 Maynes Grove Shelter

COULTER CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 Second Wednesday of the month,
 6:30 PM

LATIMER CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 Second Wednesday,
 6:30 PM

DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD:

DETAILS:
 Dumont Public Library
 Second Wednesday of every month

HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 Hampton City Council meets in
 Regular Session on the 2nd and 4th
 Thursdays of each month at 6:00
 PM, in the City Council Chambers.

 Workshops are held on the
 Mondays preceding the 2nd and
 4th Thursday Regular Sessions
 at 6:00 PM, in the City Council
 Chambers.

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

DETAILS:
 Second Monday every other month
 (usually) February 13th 4:00 PM

DOWS CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 First Monday of every month
 6:00 PM

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 Every second Monday
 of the month at 7 PM

HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD:

DETAILS:
 Fourth Monday of the month
 6:00 PM

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION:

DETAILS:
 First Wednesday of month,
 7:00 PM
 Franklin County Law
 Enforcement Center

FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

DETAILS:
 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00
 PM at Center 1

DUMONT CITY COUNCIL:

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS:

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

WEST FORK SCHOOL BOARD:

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

ISU EXTENSION COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
 ISU Extension and Outreach Office
 6 2nd St NW, Hampton, IA 50441
 Regional Coordinators meeting
 every Third Monday of the month at
 6:00 PM
 Appointed regional coordinators
 meet to discuss items of interest to
 the ag community locally

Hampton-Dumont-CAL falls to Clear Lake

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON
CHRONICLE

HAMPTON— The Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs softball team was not able to keep up with the Clear Lake Lions as the Bulldogs fell 12-1 on June 7 to drop to 2-6 on the year.

The Lions jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning and added one run in the second inning to make it 3-0. The Lions then pulled away as they scored five runs in the top of the fourth inning to make it 8-0. The Bulldogs got on the board in the fourth inning to make it 8-1 after Aspen Harlan scored Charlee Morton. But the Lions scored four more runs in the fifth inning to put the game out of reach.

The Bulldogs had three hits in the game, Morton led the team with two hits and Malie Ott had one hit. Pitching wise, Malie Ott pitched three innings and struck out two batters while giving up nine runs on seven hits and Harlan pitched two innings and struck out four batters while giving up three runs on three hits and one walk.

Head coach Kelsey Enslin said that despite the loss that she thought there were a couple of things the Bulldogs could take away from the game.

“There was a play where Emma Ott was at third base and she threw it

to second and Charlee was there and she got the lead out,” Enslin said. “Getting that lead runner was something we did really well. That was good to see. There was another play where Addison Aalbers made a great catch in the outfield as she was running towards center field it was a really good catch and just the effort of that. I think overall we hit better that night than we had in some earlier games in the week so that was good to see.”

Enslin said that one thing she told the team after Clear Lake had the two big innings back-to-back in the fourth and fifth innings was to not give up and to not lie down.

“Just keep fighting until the end and to focus on the positives that were happening as well,” Enslin said.

Even though the team did not score a lot of runs, Enslins said that a positive for the Bulldogs at the plate was how they were able to execute different types of at bats like getting bunts down.

With playing a tough team like Clear Lake which is now 7-2 on the year, Enslin said that being more detail oriented is something the team can work on after the game.

“We need to make sure that we are attacking early and that we are not leaving runners on base,” Enslin said. “Really just focusing on details because one



Charlee Morton slides safely into home during the game against Clear Lake on June 7. Photo by Molly Bird.

thing, one mistake can lead to another. Just because we make a good catch if we turn around and make a bad throw after it then they are getting extra bases and we can't give good teams extra opportunities, extra outs, extra at bats, or extra pitches, any of those things usually leads to a not good combination. So just having some urgency and paying attention to details.”

The team's next game is at home on June 12 vs Humboldt at 7:30 p.m.



Teaghan Bird drops a bunt down during the game against Clear Lake on June 7. Photo by Molly Bird.

Senior Golf At Ridgestone

BY NED BOHACH

Out of nowhere the winds subsided, the sun did shine and the boys were charged up. There were nineteen in numbers, boots shined, freshly shaven and in uniform. The General Severe type shouted out, “Men today we shall adhere to every rule of the golf bar none.” Oh my they all looked at each and broke into laughter, a couple so hard they fell on the floor. Okay, then let's just use your best tactic to win. Doug Hahn, Al Menning, Nick Mulford and Tom

Severe took home the big trophy by carding a 70. That score is nothing to write home about but for that group it was a miracle. They rode the big stick of Doug while the others just cheered him on. They won a trip

on the next space shuttle but they have to ride on the outside!!

Brad Mulford, Phil Strand and Dallas Slagle got what the old man shot at and missed, like zilch, zero, nuttings for their 72. Oh yup, it was the lack of making putts. The third unit was led by Bobby Long, DelRay McKee and Steve Heeren. They shot a 73 which won them a free lesson in hog calling by DelRay. The fourth unit was Rick Schmitt, Denny Foss and Don Greimann they carded 75 shots and won a huge nuttin honey. Can you guess why?

The fifth squad of Ed Hert, Les Hurd and Doug Erbe needed every difficult shot to record a 76. That ugly score won them each \$45, whoops that 5 doesn't belong there. Denny Campbell, Jerry Nelson and Kim

Wills combined for a really sad 77 but then they had a blast I guess. Denny keeps them loose with his adventures on his long gone mail route! It was a marvelous day regardless of scores, only a few jabs here and few jabs there. As we all ride off into the sunset there can be no kerfuffle about scores!

Doug H. told me Tarzan spent so much

time on the course to perfect his swing! Les told me that the easiest shot in golf is your fourth putt! Bob L. told me a golfer's worst nightmare is the BOGEY man! Okay enough is enough is enough I'm told by my wife as she awaits me vacuuming!

Until next week remember a slow backswing, head down, and play cribbage instead!

Weekly Recap

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton-Dumont-CAL:
June 3. Baseball lost to Iowa Falls-Alden 6-0.

June 5. Baseball lost to St. Edmond 4-2. St. Edmond took a 1-0 lead in the first inning and Hampton-Dumont-CAL tied the game at 1-1 in the top of the fourth inning. The Bulldogs made it 2-1 in the fifth inning but gave up three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. The Bulldogs had five hits in the game. Carson Helmke led the team with two hits Brody Walton, Dawson Wikert, and Brody Peters all had one hit each. Wikert and Cael Burmester led the team with one RBI each.

June 3. Softball lost to Iowa Falls-Alden 14-1.
June 5. Softball lost to St.

Edmond 10-0.

June 6. Softball lost to North Butler 3-2. The Bulldogs had three hits in the game. Madison Heilskov, Teghan Bird, and Charlee Morton all had one hit each. Malie Ott, and Keely Moorehead all had one RBI.

West Fork:

June 3. Baseball lost to Osage 14-1

June 3. Softball lost to Osage 3-2. Osage took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning to make it 2-0. West Fork tied the game at 2-2 in the top of the seventh inning but Osage scored the game winning run in the bottom of the seventh. The Warhawks had four hits in the game, Brooke Rother led the team with two hits, Breckyn Dickman and Mallery Meier both had one hit each. Brylee Dickman led

the team with two RBIs.

June 6. Baseball won vs Clarksville 15-5. The Warhawks are now 7-5 on the year. The game was tied 2-2 after the first inning and Clarksville scored two runs in the top of the third to make it 4-2. West Fork took the lead by scoring eight runs in the bottom of the fourth to make it 10-4. After the fifth inning West Fork led 12-5 and added three more runs in the bottom of the sixth. West Fork had 12 hits in the game, Edison Maske, Wyatt Bonnema, Ashyr Wiseman, and Levi Ruckdashel all had two hits each. Zander Hansen, Trevor Despenas, Braylon Shreckengost, and Nolan Shreckengost all had one hit each. Maske and Hansen led the team with three RBIs each, Despenas and Bonnema added two RBIs each and Wiseman had one RBI.

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Hampton-Dumont-CAL Shuts Out North Butler

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

ALLISON— The Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs baseball team was in control early on and never looked back in their 14-0 win over the North Butler Bearcats on June 6. The Bulldogs are now 3-10 on the year.

The Bulldogs took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning and added on to it in the third inning when they scored six runs. The Bulldogs then added four runs in the top of the fourth inning and two more runs in the fifth. The Bulldogs had eight hits in the game, Brody Peters led the team with three hits, Brody Walton added two hits, Cael Burmester, Carson Helmke, and Jacob Mahler all had one hit each. Burmester and Peters led the team with three RBIs each and Walton, Helmke, and Mahler all added two RBIs. Pitching wise Brody Robertson pitched five innings and struck out five batters while giving up three hits and one walk.

Head coach Matt Lokenvitz said that a reason for the team's success at the plate was patience and hav-

ing the right mindset were keys to scoring so many runs.

"Going with the confidence that you can go up there and hit the ball hard somewhere," Lokenvitz said. "We had been struggling in the last few games and they are such a young and inexperienced team as in my infield we have two freshmen and an eighth grader starting and doing some different things. They just need the experience and I think as we continue to play more games and see more pitches that they are going to be more patient and they are going to pick out the ones they want to hit and hopefully we can continue this tomorrow."

The Bulldogs had plenty of success on the base path as the team had seven stolen bases on seven attempts. Izrael Wickwire led the team with two stolen bases, Walton, Dawson Wikert, Peters, Mahler, and Blake Burmester all had one stolen base each. The team also forced 10 walks in the game.

Confidence and motivation are some of the things that Lokenvitz said he thinks the young Bulldogs can take away from the win.

"North Butler is not a bad team



Cael Burmester tags a runner out at the plate for the final out of the Bulldogs win on June 6. Photos by Kevin Labotka



Brody Walton watches a ball go foul during an at bat on June 6.

even if their record is not great it is nothing to go in and say we took down a top 10 team," Lokenvitz said. "But just the confidence that they can win games and they can put the ball in play. They know how to play baseball so just that confidence and momentum going into a conference game tomorrow."

With getting the shut out, one positive that Lokenvitz said he noticed when it came to pitching and defense was the importance of throwing strikes and limiting walks.

"It was really good for Brody Robertson who came in and pitched tonight," Lokenvitz said. "We just have to throw strikes, we can't walk or hit batters. A lot of the time when we walk batters then our defense gets on their heels and they will have an error behind



Brody Robertson pitches during the Bulldogs win over North Butler on June 6

them. So today by coming out and throwing strikes, North Butler hit the ball and they hit it hard but we just made plays behind him. It all starts with strike one, you can't be

walking guys and Brody Robertson did that today."

The team's next game is on June 12 at home vs Humboldt at 7:30 p.m.

Warhawks walk off against North Butler

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

SHEFFIELD— It took all the way until the final inning, but the West fork Warhawks completed the comeback against the North Butler Bearcats to win 7-6 at home on June 5. The Warhawks are now 6-5 on the year.

Things did not start the best for the Warhawks as North Butler scored six runs in the top of the first inning to take a 6-0 lead. The Warhawks scored one run in the second inning to make it 6-1 and cut into the lead some more by scor-

ing four runs in the third inning to make it 6-5. The Warhawks tied the game in the bottom of the seventh inning to make it 6-6 and then scored one more time in the bottom of the seventh to win the game.

The Warhawks had six hits in the game as Nolan Shreckengost led the team with two hits, Zander Hansen, Sage Sunken, Ashyr Wiseman, and Braylon Shreckengost all had one hit each. The Warhawks also had six walks as a team. Hansen led the team with two walks, Levi Ruckdashel, Wyatt Bonnema, Braylon Shreckengost, and Nolan Shreckengost all had

one walk each. Ruckdashel, Wiseman, and Braylon Shreckengost all had one RBI each.

The Warhawks had nine stolen bases, Hansen, Ruckdashel, and Sunken all had two stolen bases each. Wiseman, Bonnema, and Nolan Shreckengost all had one stolen base. Pitching wise, Nolan Shreckengost pitched six innings and struck out five batters while giving up six runs on three hits and three walks while also hitting two batters. Edison Maske pitched two innings and struck out two batters and gave up one walk.

Head coach Kayden Ames said that he is hoping the comeback does a lot for the team's confidence.

"We had a tough little stretch there with St. Ansgar and Osage where we struggled to put the ball in play and score some runs," Ames said. "We had little mental mistakes in those games and yesterday you look in the first inning and I believe we walked three guys and hit two batters and those little things kill. After that six runs inning I said to them 'Ok we are here how are we going to



Nolan Shreckengost pitches during the Warhawks win on June 5.

respond?" and we responded well."

After the first inning the Warhawks did not give up a run and Ames said the comeback was all due to how the players responded.

"They never gave up and they kept talking and bringing energy and effort and they knew they could win that game so they kept fighting," Ames said.

The biggest positive that Ames said that he thinks the team can take away from the win is to keep fighting during games.

"You can't always get off to a great start, in base-

ball you are going to have bad innings where you give up a few runs and you are going to have to be able to play from behind," Ames said. "We never let it phase us, we kept attacking at the plate, and we were aggres-

sive at the base path and put balls in the play and did what we needed to do to get the win."

The Warhawks next game is at home on June 14 vs Northwood-Kensett at 7:30 p.m.



Trevor Despenas waits for a pitch during an at bat on June 5. The Warhawks won on June 5.

Upcoming Sports Events

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

- June 12. Baseball vs Humboldt, 7:30 p.m.
- June 12. Softball vs Humboldt, 7:30 p.m.
- June 15. Softball at Rose Festival Tournament at West Marshall, 1 p.m.
- June 17. Baseball at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, 7:30 p.m.
- June 17. Softball at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, 7:30 p.m.
- June 18. Softball at West Fork, 6 p.m.
- June 18. Baseball at West Fork, 7:30 p.m.
- June 19. Softball vs Algona, 5:30 p.m.
- June 19. Baseball vs Algona, 7:30 p.m.

West Fork

- June 12. Softball at Rockford, 6 p.m.
- June 14. Baseball vs Northwood-Kensett, 7:30 p.m.
- June 17. Softball at Newman Catholic, 6 p.m.
- June 18. Baseball vs Hampton-Dumont-CAL, 7:30 p.m.
- June 18. Softball vs Hampton-Dumont-CAL, 7:30 p.m.
- June 19. Softball vs Central Springs, 6 p.m.

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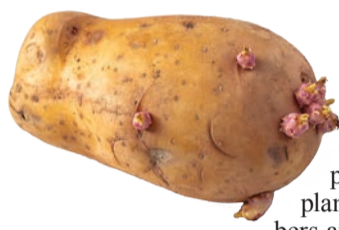
Yard And Garden: Growing And Harvesting Potatoes



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AMES – Potatoes are a popular crop to grow in home vegetable gardens. However, there's a lot to know about growing and harvesting potatoes properly. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists have tips on growing, harvesting and addressing common problems sometimes seen on potatoes.

When should I harvest potatoes?



Potatoes can be harvested when the tubers are small and immature, known as new potatoes, or when the crop is fully mature. New potatoes are dug when the plants are still green and the tubers are greater than 1 inch in diameter. New potatoes should be used immediately, as they do not store well.

Potatoes grown for storage should be harvested after the vines have died and the crop is mature. To check crop maturity, dig up one or two hills after the plants have died. If the skins on the tubers are thin and rub off easily, the crop is not fully mature. Allow the crop to mature for several more days before harvesting the potatoes. When harvesting potatoes, it is best to avoid bruising, skinning or cutting the tubers.

Damaged potatoes should be used as soon as possible. Before storing the potatoes, cure the tubers at a temperature of 50-60 degrees Fahrenheit and high relative humidity, about 85-90%, for two weeks. The curing process allows minor cuts and bruises to heal and the skin to thicken. Once cured, store potatoes at a temperature of 40 F and relative humidity of 90-95%.

How can I control Colorado potato beetles?

The Colorado potato beetle is difficult to control. The first line of defense is hand-picking. Remove beetles, eggs

and small larvae by hand from infested plants as soon as they are noticed. Removing overwintering beetles that appear on young plants in spring is especially important. Hand-picking can be effective for a few insects on a few plants in smaller gardens but is impractical for larger gardens.

Row covers can be used to exclude adult beetles from plants in spring and prevent egg-laying. This method is only effective if you are growing potatoes in an area where adults are not overwintering and will not emerge from the soil underneath the row cover.

Control with insecticides is possible but difficult, as Colorado potato beetles have developed resistance to many of the commonly available insecticides. When using insecticides, consider timing, coverage and insecticide choice. Timing is critical. Small larvae are much easier to control. Only use insecticides labeled for use on Colorado potato beetle in the home garden and apply according to label directions. Spray early and spray often. Apart from synthetic pesticides, organic pesticides, such as spinosad and neem, can be used but are only effective on very young larvae.



Why are some of my potato tubers green?

The potato tubers were likely exposed to light in the garden or storage. The skin on tubers exposed to light turns green due to the formation of chlorophyll. The chlorophyll itself is not a problem. However, higher levels of glycoalkaloids also develop in the green tissue. Green tubers have a bitter taste when eaten. They may also cause an upset stomach and more serious health problems.

Tubers with small green areas can be safely eaten if the green portions are cut off and discarded. It would be best to discard potatoes that are largely green.

When growing potatoes in the garden, hill soil around the base of the potato plants to prevent the tubers from being exposed to light. After harvesting, store potatoes in a dark location.

Why are my potatoes knobby?

Fluctuations in soil moisture levels during tuber development may cause knobby potatoes. Watering regularly, about once a week, during dry periods will help prevent this problem.

Why are my potatoes covered in rough, corky patches?

Rough, corky patches on the surface of potato tubers are due to potato scab. Potato scab is caused by the bacterium *Streptomyces scabies*. Though unsightly, scabby potato tubers are still edible. Simply peel the potatoes before use.



Potato scab is most common in alkaline soils (soil pH above 7). However, altering the soil pH is difficult and not practical for most home gardeners. The incidence of potato scab can be reduced by planting certified,

What are the small, round, green objects resembling miniature tomatoes on my potato plants?

The small, round, green objects are the true fruit of the potato plant. Potatoes bloom in late spring, but most flowers dry up, drop from the plant and don't develop into fruit. The fruit that do develop are relatively small and inconspicuous and often go unnoticed by most gardeners.

Potato fruits are not the result of cross-pollination of tomatoes with potatoes. Tomatoes and potatoes belong to the Solanaceae or Nightshade Family. Because they are in the same family, the flowers on tomatoes and potatoes are similar. The shape of the fruit is also similar (albeit smaller).

Potato fruits are of no real value. The small fruit should not be eaten as they contain a poisonous alkaloid (solanine). The fruit are not useful for planting purposes as potatoes don't reproduce true from seed.

TECHNOLOGY AND FISHING

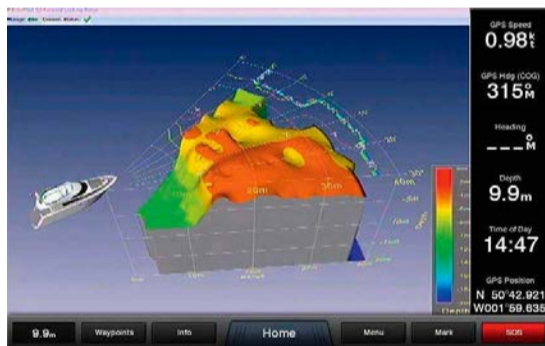
BY RICK JANSSEN

As an avid fisherman I try to keep up with all that is happening in the outdoor/fishing world. Just as we see in almost everything in our world, technology is a big part of the outdoor world, and it has created some controversy lately in the fishing world.

About 15 years ago a new technology hit the fishing market. This new technology is called Forward Facing Sonar. Basically, it lets the angler use his sonar to look ahead of the boat and see "live" images of what is around his boat. This new sonar allows the user to search around the boat in a 360-degree pattern out to 200 feet. I have included a photo to give you a basic idea of how this works as an image of what the user would see on his screen. With FFS you actually "see" the fish in the water and even your lure and how the fish react to your presentation. You can see by the photos that the images you see are still not very clear. With a lot of practice and use, the angler can interpret the images and "see" what is in front of him.

Now the controversy is that some think this FFS gives the angler too much of an advantage and it will destroy fishing by allowing the angler to catch fish too easily. It helps eliminate large areas of water and lets the angler focus on where the fish are. It is used both in open water and is especially helpful for ice fisherman because the fisherman can drop this down the ice hole and scan around that hole about 200 feet to see if he can see any active fish and then go drill a new hole in that area. An open water fisherman can move around his boat scanning out until he finds some active fish and then go there to fish.

Here are my thoughts on this controversy. I have been watching "new" technology come out in every aspect of our lives and this is just another part of it. I can remember when the very first sonar came out in the fishing world that was basically just a green box and sent a signal down to the bottom of the lake and received a signal. If a fish swam under your boat at the exact same time as your signal went down you could see a mark on your dial. This device was most helpful in just determining the depth you were fishing and if there was any structure underwater. As this sonar improved, so did the return signal and the "image" you could see on your screen. I remember as the technology improved the cry came out that THIS (whatever was the latest) technology would destroy the fishing world. Soon they made the sonar



Screenshot from forward facing sonar technology for fishing. Photo provided by Janssen

signal so it could be pointed off the side of the boat instead of just down. Once again, I heard the cries of unfairness to fish, and the destruction of fishing.

Another jump forward and GPS was used in boats that allowed the boater to tap into lake maps with depth marks and even some underwater structures marked on the maps. HMM does this sound like something we all use in our cars now? Or how about in our tractors?

So, I admit I have a GPS sonar unit attached to my trolling motor. This allows me to anchor my boat with the push of a button or control my boat with waypoints, or just point it in a direction and the motor will go straight. I love using my GPS on my boat. If I had the extra \$3000 dollars for FFS, I would have one of those also. Anything that makes me a more efficient angler would make it more fun.

I find it interesting that some of the people who are concerned about FFS for angling use almost every new technology to hunt. They will use GPS maps, laser distance meters, super scopes on their guns, and \$3000 compound bows, but then think that anglers should not use the latest technology. Or farmers use GPS to mark every part of their fields and have a lot of technology in their tractors and combines but don't think anglers should use the latest and greatest.

I say, as long as the angler follows the rules and fishing limits it will NOT ruin fishing. If the limit is 6 fish, I might catch mine faster than you, but I can still only keep six fish. As a person who uses all the technology that I can, I fish very responsibly. As stated in a previous column I release over 95% of the fish I catch anyway, so how can technology ruin fishing.

I would be interested in your thoughts on this matter. If you would like to email me, that would be great. My email is janssenrick1957@gmail.com.

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From left to right: Jack Ritsema, Russ Swieter, Gerry Craig, Post Commander Otto Tjaden, Dumont Telephone General Manager Roger Kregel, Memorial Park Project Manager Al Buseman, Mike Hunst, Delbert Griner and John Bushbaum. Photo provided by Peggy Buseman.

Dumont – American Legion Post 360 received a combined grant award from Dumont Telephone and their technology partner, Aureon, totaling \$10,750 in financial support.

The award will be used to support the development of Dumont Veterans' Memorial Park. This project will revitalize a vacant lot on Dumont's Main Street, situated between the Emergency Services and American Legion buildings.

More than just a pocket park, Dumont Veterans' Memorial Park will serve as a multifaceted community hub and attraction. The project will

transform the open lot into an attractive space, enhancing the overall look of Dumont's Main Street. The park will foster fellowship and community connectivity, providing a welcoming space for residents to gather. A dedicated memorial will be featured, honoring over 400 Dumont residents who have served in the U.S. armed forces. This onsite memorial will serve as a place for reflection, remembrance, and education.

"Legion Post 360 is ever so grateful for the grants received from Aureon, along with a matching donation from the Dumont Telephone Company for

the Veterans Memorial Park, which is being planned to honor veterans from the Dumont area," said Al Buseman, Project Chair and Post 360 Member.

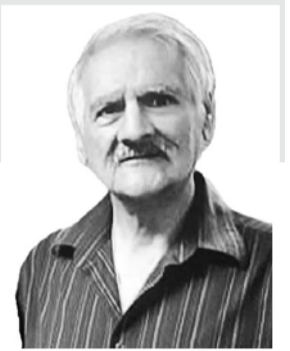
The Dumont Veterans' Memorial Park project will not only be a destination for Dumont residents and visiting family members but will also offer a place to honor veterans' service and sacrifice, while educating future generations about the community's military history. For more information about the Veteran Memorial project or to make a donation, please contact Al Buseman at 319-230-9894.

In loving memory of Danny Ray Reynolds 1956-2024



Danny Ray Reynolds, 68, of Oakley Kansas, died Wednesday, June 5, 2024. He was born May 20, 1956, in Fayetteville, AR, to Claude and Maxine (Watson) Reynolds. The family moved to Sublette, Kansas in 1959. In 2000, Danny moved to Oakley, KS and began his 23-year career with Sporer Land Development. In his spare time, he loved hunting with his dog Buster and riding motorcycles. Danny married Susie Matthews on April 2, 2006, and loved her kids and grandchildren. Danny had a kind will toward everyone. He was preceded in death by his parents. Danny is survived by his wife Susie; children, Mabelle (Bryan) Varney, Kristy Reynolds, Stephanie (Scott) Leach, Kayla Dyer and Loyde Reynolds; grandchildren, Tashawna and Jaicin Ploshnick, Dakota Custard, Timmy and Parsons Logan, and Cali and Madeline Dyer; his brother Kenny (Marilyn) Reynolds and sister Renee (Don) Bales. Visitation is 1-3:00 p.m. Monday, June 10, 2024, at Baalmann Mortuary, Oakley. Memorials may be made to and sent in care of Baalmann Mortuary, PO Box 391, Colby, KS 67701. For information or condolences visit baalman-mortuary.com

In loving memory of James Mejia 1948-2024



James Mejia, 75 of Hampton, passed away at his home under the care of St. Croix Hospice. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Hampton is caring for Jim and his family. Visitation will be held 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 13, at Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton. Burial will be at Hampton Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 14, at the Beeds Lake Lodge, Hampton.

James Jesse Mejia was born December 1, 1948, in Mason City, a son of Joseph and Petra (Rodriguez) Mejia. He was educated in the Manly and Hampton School Districts. Following school Jim worked at Farmland Foods until they closed. After a short time at Sorenson Motors he began working as a loading crew manager for Iowa Select Farms.

Jim married Doris Gamble in 1967, they were later divorced. On July 14, 1978, Jim married Shirley Branan in Hampton. With his blended family Jim always said he had seven children. He loved spending time with his family, fishing, camping, attending auctions and dirt track races. He collected antique wind-up toys and coins. He enjoyed being outside whenever able and people watching.

Family members include his wife of 45 years: Shirley; 7 children: Kay Mulder, Hansell; Tom (Brandee) Mulder, Swaledale; Cristie (Alan) Larson, Coulter; Jimmy Mejia, Coulter; Betty (Kyle) Graney, Hampton; Chad (Alissa George) Martin, Hampton; Justin Mejia, Hampton; 13 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; siblings: Ray Mejia, Manly; Angie (Carl) Langwell, Nixa, MO; Felix (Betty Lou) Mejia, Tiffin, IA; Joe (Carol) Mejia, St. Cloud, MN; Patty Fitz, Eden Valley, MN; many nieces and nephews and friends.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Juanita Rocha and Vacilia McBride, brother Patrick Mejia, and brother and sister in infancy Lena and Francisco as well as son-in-law Paul Smith.

Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory.



Michael Norman, Colten Harper and Keegan Murphy. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

Hansell Fire Department Honors Jason Harper for Fourth Year with Memorial Ride

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Side-by-sides made their way through the county on the morning of June 8 for the memorial ride in honor of the late Jason Harper, who passed away four years ago.

Harper was a longtime chief for Hansell's Fire Department, also serving as the city's mayor, among other leadership roles.

Registration for the ride ran from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday morning, with it kicking off at Hansell Park at 11 a.m. There were stops at Pit Row, the Hampton Country Club, a farm by Bristow and then Dumont. The Chronicle caught up with Michael Norman,

Colten Harper and Keegan Murphy at Pit Row in Hampton, which was packed with those participating in the ride.

"He was always cool, calm and collective," Keegan said of Harper.

Side-by-sides filled the parking lot at the Franklin County Courthouse, right across the street from Pit Row. Walking tacos were served at Pit Row as well.

Colten, who was Jason's son, said that the ride is a way for them to raise money for the Hansell Fire Department.

"This started in 2020," Colten said. "We did it about a month after he passed away and it's just been our yearly fundraiser. First year, the proceeds went to my mother and since then, every year, it's

been a fundraiser for the fire department. My dad was huge with the Hansell Fire Department. He was also Franklin County's emergency manager when he passed away as well."

The registration to ride was \$20 and tickets for the raffle were \$20. The items in the raffle: a \$500 Hart Brothers gift card, a 23" column gas fire pit and a propane patio heater.

"With the influx of everyone having the side-by-sides now, it seemed like a good way to get everyone together to have a ride and have a good time and raise money for the fire department," Colten said.

"Jason Harper was our fire chief for around 12 years," Norman said. "He was the fire chief, mayor, county emergency manag-

er and a dear friend to all of us, so when he passed away, we decided to get together and have a little ride. Jason Harper was always big on the fire department. Not only is this for his memory, but it's in memory of anyone who's been with the fire department. Every year, we have a great turnout for this, and it's a fun time, and we just try to keep everybody safe and keep Jason in our memory."

This was the fourth year for the ride.



Side-by-sides in front of the Franklin County Courthouse. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

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 • Thursday, June 13, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. SCUBA VBS
 • Friday, June 14, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. SCUBA VBS
 • Sunday, June 16, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Father's Day Car Show
 • Tuesday, June 18, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer
 • Wednesday, June 19, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

CATHOLIC

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

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

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

First Christian Church
 605 Fourth St. NE, Hampton
 • Sunday, June 16, 10 a.m. Worship Service

LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

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

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 • Thursday, June 6, 2 p.m. West Fork Food Pantry
 • Thursday, June 13, 2 p.m. West

Fork Food Pantry
 • Friday, June 14, FLAG DAY
 • Saturday, June 15, 8:30 a.m.
 Northeast Iowa WELCA Gathering
 • Sunday, June 16, 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship & Sundaes with Dad

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

St. Paul's Lutheran
 304 W Main, Latimer
Reverend Joel Peter Wagner
 • Sunday, June 16, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

St. Paul's Church
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St. Peter Lutheran Church
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Trinity Lutheran Church
 16 12th Ave. NE, Hampton
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 • Sunday, June 16, 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 • Sunday Radio Broadcasts: 7:30 a.m. Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 10:15 a.m. Radio Worship Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 7:30 p.m. Spanish Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar
Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor
 • Thursday, June 13, 5 p.m. Walk with God
 • Friday, June 14, 5 p.m. Walk with God
 • Saturday, June 15, 7 a.m. Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home; 11 a.m. Greene Parade
 • Sunday, June 16, 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship; Fathers Day
 • Monday, June 17, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sewing Day with potluck at noon
 • Tuesday, June 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sewing Day with potluck at noon; 5 p.m. Walk with God
 • Wednesday, June 19, 11:30 a.m. One For the Lord at Barn Happy, Cedar Falls

First Lutheran Church - Dows
 • Sunday, June 16, 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion
 • Monday, June 17, Summer school thru Thursday
 • Wednesday, June 19, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Free Community Meal

METHODIST

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

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

Geneva United Methodist
 603 Front St., Geneva
Pastor Jon Montgomery
 641-903-3214
 • Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship

Hampton United Methodist

100 Central Ave. E, Hampton
Pastor Dennis Burns
 • Thursday, June 13, 9:30 a.m.
 BeFriends
 • Saturday, June 15, 5 p.m. Worship Service
 • Sunday, June 16, 9:30 a.m. Adults Bible Study; 11 a.m. Radio Worship Service; 11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 12 p.m. Fellowship; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast
 • Monday, June 17, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK
 • Tuesday, June 18, 1:30 p.m. Sewing Ministry
 • Wednesday, June 19, 8:30 a.m. Church Kitchen Cleaning; 2 p.m. NAOMI Circle; 6:30 p.m. LEAH Circle

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

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

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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 420 First Ave. NE, Hampton
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909 Sixth St. SW, Hampton
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 • Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. Bible Study
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REFORMED

Dumont Reformed
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 214 Brown St., Alexander
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 • Wednesday, June 12, 9 a.m. Sunrise Circle
 • Friday, June 14, Flag Day
 • Sunday, June 16, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service with VBS program; 10:30 a.m. RCYF serving Freewill offering; Happy Father's Day
 • Wednesday, June 19, 6:30 p.m. Family Ministry

Hampton Seventh Day Adventist Church
 605 4th St. NE, Hampton
Pastor Steven Shafer
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 • Sabbath School Saturday 9:30
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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 • Thursday, June 13, Pastor Karen will provide a worship service for Sheffield Care Center
 • Sunday, June 16, 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service; Father's Day

Immanuel U.C.C.
 204 E. South St., Latimer
Pastor Joe Dunnwald
 • Sunday, June 16, 9:30 a.m. Lawn Chair Liturgy Worship Service; Father's Day

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ - Geneva
 • Sunday, June 16, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship

In loving memory of

Julie Schall
 1969-2024



Julie Schall, 54, of Hampton, passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at her home in Hampton, Iowa. Funeral services were 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 7th, 2024 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Hampton with burial in the Hampton Cemetery. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

Julie was born on October 26, 1969, to Jeff and JoAnn Birdsell. Julie graduated from Hampton High School in 1988. In 1993 she gave birth to her first child, Nicole. Shortly after, in 1994, she met her future husband, Rick Schall of Humboldt, Iowa. They were united in marriage on November 10, 1995. Later that same year, they welcomed their second child, Haley. Their 3rd child, Joseph, completed their family in 1997. Rick and Julie relocated with the Fareway management program over the next several years. They were fortunate enough to live in various towns in Iowa including New Hampton, Storm Lake, Clear Lake, Sheldon and Pella. They returned back to Hampton in 2012 to make it their forever home.

The center of Julie's world were her grandchildren. Their faces literally lit up in her presence. She was a mainstay at every single sporting event and she couldn't pass up a good deal on cute outfits for either one of them. In fact, Julie couldn't pass up a good deal on anything. Whether in-store or online, Julie loved to shop and her family loved her finds. Her passion for shopping was closely followed by her passion for preparing food for others. You never had to worry about going hungry in Julie's presence. Her ability to turn even a simple recipe into a delectable treat was uncanny. If you ordered one of something, she would make 20. Scotcherros, oreo fluff, and her famous rice were some of her most cherished recipes.

Small town Iowa will always be Julie's home, but the beach also held a piece of her heart. Julie made multiple trips to Florida with her family and friends and relished time just hanging out and finding seashells. In her free time she also enjoyed golf and some might even say it was "in her Birdsell blood". For a time, Julie was even the manager of the Hampton Country Club and the members fell in love with her as did anyone who met Julie. Julie also worked as a daycare provider, para-educator, and a lunch lady. The students of Pella and Hampton-Dumont became part of her extended family. Also included in her extended family were the employees and customers of Fareway. Julie made countless trips to Fareway and her laugh would echo in the aisles. She brought joy and of course food to the employees. She also decorated the store at any chance she got.

Julie's passion for decorating extended beyond the aisles of Fareway and the holidays were her favorite times. Her home was decorated for months with Christmas stockings and trees. She was known throughout the neighborhood for her outdoor decorations, especially the gigantic ones that she could blow up on her front lawn.

Julie lived life like she decorated for holidays-big and bold. It was in how she lived that she touched so many lives. Julie's life will be forever cherished by her husband, Rick Schall, her children Nicole (David) Naranjo, Haley (Cody) Anderson, Joseph Schall, and Ali Ergul, grandchildren Hayden Carrillo and Drew Anderson, parents Jeff and JoAnn Birdsell, brothers Scott Birdsell and Tom (Jessica) Birdsell, and an abundance of extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by maternal grandparents Linus & Delores Merfeld and paternal grandparents Harry Sr. & Idella Birdsell and parents-in-law Gerald and Joanne Schall.

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*"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."
 2 Corinthians 6:18 NIV*

Being a child of God can mean many things. Perhaps one of the most obvious meanings is that God is our father or mother, in the sense that God is the ultimate source of our existence. Another aspect of being children of God, which is analogous to how children typically feel about their parents is that as God's children we can trust that we are protected and that our needs will be taken care of. But just as children eventually grow up and become independent of their parents, as children of God we are also free to live and enjoy life, and to make our own decisions about life. Just as good parents want what is best for their children and want them to be happy and fulfilled, so too does God want this for all of us. All of God's children have been given instructions on how to live good lives, whether those instructions come from the Bible, the Koran, from the Hindu or Buddhist scriptures, or any of the myriad other sacred books. It seems clear that God has provided guidance for all His children. And even for those of His children who are untutored or have no access to these sacred user manuals, God has provided us with a conscience to guide our actions. We are all children of God and should do our best to be good children, that is, respectful, obedient, and loving children.
 -Christopher Simon

Sunday, June 16, 2024
 First Reading 1 Samuel 19:34 - 19:13
 Psalm 139
 Epistle 17:22-24
 Gospels Mark 4:26-34
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FROM THE LOG

Franklin County

Traffic: Alan Joseph Bauman, of North Branch, Minnesota, failure to comply with safety regulations rules;

Ann Karen Gustafson Flood, of Bloomington, Minnesota, speeding;

Carlos Samuel Mendoza Sanchez, of Des Moines, speeding;

David Charles Harkness, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, speeding;

Kathern Louise Gammons, of Lees Summit, Missouri, speeding;

Jack Andrew Watson, of Mesa, Arizona, speeding;

Lailah Emily Corrigan, of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, speeding;

Thomas D Mosburg, of Bonner Springs, Kansas, speeding;

Monica Garcia Figueroa, of Ackley, no valid driver's license;

Chase Michael Latham, of Lone Jack, Missouri, speeding and hours of service violation;

Amelia Madison Tauro, of Sheffield, possession/purchase of alcohol by person 18/19/20 – 1st offense;

Tina Marie Sterling, of Hampton, speeding;

Igor Sergey Dimitrienko, of Clive, speeding;

Joshua Thurman Nguyen, of St. Croix, Minnesota, speeding;

Jennifer Jo Brinkman, of Latimer, speeding;

Christopher Adam Kovalsky, of Waukee, speeding;

Karthick Chidambaram, of Rosemount, Minnesota, speeding;

Civil: Devon Matthew Kuhns, of Sheffield, versus Teytum Russell Jacobson, of Waterloo, petition filed;

Clear Lake Bank & Trust Company versus Daniel Joshua Ballard, Halie M Ballard, First Security Bank & Trust Company, petition filed;

Midland Credit Management INC versus John R Clark, dismissed without prejudice;

OWI: Tammy Marie Steiner, of Estherville, order for continuance;

Andrew John Quinonez, of Latimer, order of disposition; pled guilty for operating while intoxicated, first offense, 30 days jail time, 28 days jail time suspended, \$1,250 fine, and serving 1 year probation time;

Nicole Marie Bierbrodt, of Dumont, order of disposition; pled guilty for operating while intoxicated, first offense, serving 1 year self probation time and \$1,250 fine;

Pablo Gonzalez, of Hampton, order for arraignment; arraignment, July 8, 10 a.m.;

Sergio Urbina Aleman, of Hampton, criminal complaint;

Small Claims: Credit Bureau Services of IA INC, of Oskaloosa, versus Kyle Ann Kaehn, of Hampton, dismissed without prejudice;

LVNV Funding LLC, of Plymouth, Minnesota, versus Nicholas Seaburg, of Popejoy, judgment default, \$1,579.06 fine;

Credit Bureau Services of IA INC, of Oskaloosa, versus Josue Israel Anguiano Jimenez, of Latimer, judgment default, \$575.84 fine;

Spring Oaks Capital SPV LLC, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Amber R Anderson, of Hampton, judgment default, \$2,310.38 fine;

205 1st St NW LLC versus all parties in possession, of Hampton, Willow Peck, of Hampton, dismissed without prejudice;

Midland Credit Management INC, of West Des Moines, versus Seth Matthew Johnson, of Hampton, original notice;

Criminal: Jose Daneri Hernandez Sota, of Coulter, order for continuance and order setting trial, July 18, 9 a.m.;

Tammy Marie Steiner, of Es-

therville, order for continuance and order setting trial, July 18, 9 a.m.;

Andy Joe Exline, of Alexander, criminal complaint, hearing for initial appearance, and no contact order;

Jeremy Nicholas Mulford, of Mason City, motion for continuance;

Angel Nunez Lopez, of Eldora, order of disposition; pled guilty for violation of probation, serving 60 days jail time;

Kaden James Dokken, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance;

Mariys Kay Reiter, of Hampton, motion to dismiss;

Daniel Solano Sanchez, of Hampton, order of dismissal;

Christopher James Parker, of Hampton, hearing for initial appearance;

Angel Nunez Lopez, of Eldora, order of disposition; pled guilty for possession of controlled substance Marijuana, 3rd offense, 60 days jail time served and \$855 fine, \$855 fine suspended;

Kyanna Lynn Sutton, of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, order of disposition; pled guilty for possession of controlled substance, Marijuana, serving 1 year self probation time;

Filiberto Santos Elvira, of Hampton, order of arraignment; order setting trial, August 15, 9 a.m.;

Elizabeth Ann Shiflett, of Hampton, order of arraignment; order setting trial, August 15, 9 a.m.

Police & Sheriff Reports
June 3 - June 9
Hampton Police Reports**Monday, June 3:**

Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with three medical calls, and received two general calls.

12:52 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 300 block of 5th Ave NE, Hampton.

1:26 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 300 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

3:04 p.m.: Report of bicycle theft in the 100 block of 2nd St. SW, Hampton.

3:54 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Indigo Ave and Hwy 3, Hampton.

4:07 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 400 block of 10th Ave NE, Hampton.

5:09 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 900 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

6:42 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of the baseball diamond and the Church of the Living Word, Hampton.

7:27 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the area of the post office, Hampton.

8:50 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 100 block of 6th St. NW, Hampton.

10:01 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the 400 block of 11th Ave NE, Hampton.

Tuesday, June 4:

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

9:40 a.m.: Officers assisted with door patrol in the 10 block of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

10:55 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 100 block of 3rd St. NW, Hampton.

2:50 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 southbound and 210th St., Chapin.

3:26 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 100 block of 1st Ave SW, Hampton.

3:54 p.m.: Officers assisted with traffic control services in the 100 block of 1st Ave SW, Hampton.

7:22 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of 5th St. SW and 3rd Ave SW, Hampton.

9:57 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 100 block of 8th St. NW, Hampton.

10:41 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 900 block of 4th St. NW, Hampton.

Wednesday, June 5:

Officers executed one traffic stop and received one general call.

3:50 a.m.: Report of a missing person in the 1200 block of Imperial Rd, Hampton.

7:30 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 900 block of 3rd Ave SE, Hampton.

7:32 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 200 block of 11th St. SE, Hampton.

7:39 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 1300 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

7:40 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 300 block of 3rd St. SE, Hampton.

7:41 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 300 block of 3rd St. SE, Hampton.

10:31 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 600 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

1:24 p.m.: Report of vandalism in the 10 block of Shar Denn Drive, Hampton.

1:37 p.m.: Report of missing property in the 1000 block of 3rd St. NW, Hampton.

4:16 p.m.: Report of a hit and run accident in the 800 block of 4th St. SE, Hampton.

11:45 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 300 block of 5th St. SE, Hampton.

Thursday, June 6:

Officers assisted with two medical calls and received two general calls.

2:40 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 300 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

2:58 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 400 block of 6th St. SW, Hampton.

3:03 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 400 block of 6th St. SW, Hampton.

5:21 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 100 block of 1st St. SE, Hampton.

7:44 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 20 block of 1st Ave SE, Hampton.

9:09 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 200 block of 3rd St. NE, Hampton.

Friday, June 7:

Officers assisted with one medical call.

7:05 a.m.: Report of an environmental issue in the 400 block of 7th Ave NE, Hampton.

8:40 a.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the 1400 block of N Federal St., Hampton.

12:01 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 1200 block of Olive Ave, Hampton.

3:29 p.m.: Report of harassment in an unlisted area, Hampton.

3:47 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 200 block of 7th St. NW, Hampton.

6:30 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 1000 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.

7:34 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 100 block of 7th St. NW, Hampton.

11:03 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 00 block of Pine Ridge Dr NE, Hampton.

Saturday, June 8:

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

9:15 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the 1500 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

11:36 a.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in an unknown area, Bristow.

2:23 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 400 block of 7th Ave NE, Hampton.

4:04 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the 500 block of 8th Ave SW, Hampton.

5:11 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 1000 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

5:27 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the 00 block of 7th Ave NW, Hampton.

6:02 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the 200 block of 2nd St. SW, Hampton.

7:45 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Federal St., Harriman's park, and the Hampton Dumont High School, Hampton.

7:57 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of the Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hampton.

8:10 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the area of 2nd Ave NW, 6th St. NW, and 7th St. NW, Hampton.

Sunday, June 9:

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

12:18 a.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the area of Harriman's Park, Hampton.

12:30 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 500 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.

12:33 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 1000 block of N Federal St., Hampton.

2:58 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 300 block of 2nd St. NW, Hampton.

8:07 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the area of the fire department, Hampton.

8:39 p.m.: Officers responded

to an open door in the area of Studio 27, Hampton.

9:13 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the 100 block of 8th St. NW, Hampton.

11:38 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of 3rd St. SW, Hampton.

Franklin County Sheriff Reports

Monday, June 3:

Officers assisted with one medical call and received a report for one controlled burn.

4:36 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the area of Hwy 65 and 230th St., Sheffield.

10:13 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of 170th St., Latimer.

11:34 a.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of S Van Kirk St., Latimer.

2:17 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the area of Cardinal Ave, Dows.

3:24 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of 140th St., Lark Ave, and Killdeer Ave, Hampton.

3:49 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in an unlisted area, Latimer.

5:37 p.m.: Report of property exchange in the area of 110th St., Hampton.

7:17 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the area of 170th St., Hampton.

9:48 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of 250th St., Thornton.

Tuesday, June 4:

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

3:57 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of Mercy One, Waterloo.

6:24 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Crescent Dr, Sheffield.

7:00 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Central Ave E, Hampton.

7:03 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Olive Ave, Hampton.

9:42 a.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the area of Barrett St., Coulter.

12:19 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the 1100 block of 14th Ave, Eldora.

1:54 p.m.: Report of an environmental issue in the area of North St., Chapin.

2:48 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 southbound and 210th St., Chapin.

5:19 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of Hardin Road, Iowa Falls.

7:00 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of Grant St., Coulter.

Wednesday, June 5:

Officers executed five traffic stops and received a report for one controlled burn.

4:10 a.m.: Report of traffic

complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 179 southbound, Meservey.

9:15 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of Hwy 65 and 190th St., Hampton.

2:22 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Jonquil Ave, Latimer.

2:52 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 165 southbound, Latimer.

7:53 p.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 159, Dows.

9:01 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of 250th St., Sheffield.

10:01 p.m.: Officers assisted other agencies with an issue in the area of Franklin Ave, Dougherty.

10:51 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of Barrett St., Coulter.

Thursday, June 6:

Officers executed five traffic stops and received one general call.

12:33 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Raven Ave and 40th St., Iowa Falls.

7:11 a.m.: Officers assisted the Hampton Police Department with an issue in the area of 7th Ave NE, Hampton.

7:40 a.m.: Report of a deer accident in an unlisted area, Hampton.

11:59 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 157 northbound, Dows.

3:13 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 southbound and 70th St., Bradford.

6:10 p.m.: Officers assisted the Hampton Police Department with an issue in the area of 1st St. SE, Hampton.

8:50 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of S 2nd St., Thornton.

Friday, June 7:

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

2:14 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the area of Wright Ave, Rowan.

7:03 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1900 block of Hwy 57, Ackley.

9:06 a.m.: Officers conducted a vacation watch in the area of Finch Ave, Latimer.

11:27 a.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the area of N Federal St., Hampton.

3:09 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 and mile mark 165 southbound, Latimer.

3:28 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Mallard Ave and Hwy 3, Hampton.

6:13 p.m.: Report of illegal burning in the area of Borst St., Sheffield.

6:16 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Prairie Bridges, Ackley.

7:01 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of the bike trail, Olive Ave, and

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Warranty Deed: Sartori James R Self Directed IRA, James R Sartori Self Directed IRA to Nelson Family Farm LLC; 24-91-22 N2 SW

Change of Title: George H Pfaltzgraff to Allyson K Pfaltzgraff; 32-91-20 NW NE Contract: Allyson K Pfaltzgraff to Timothy C Do-

renkamp; 32-91-20 NW NE **Quit Claim Deed:** IAT 85 LLC to Nicolas Ramos; 30-91-22 SW SW Lots 12-14, 30-91-22 SW SW Lots 15-16

Warranty Deed: Kevin L Meyer, Janet M Meyer to Kevin L Meyer, Janet M Meyer; 6-92-21 NW Parcel C, 30-93-21 NE Parts

Warranty Deed: Shelly J Vanness to Holly A Watson; 36-93-19 SW Tract

Quit Claim Deed: Cheryl A Dearmoun, Cheryl A Fairbanks, Monte B Dearmoun to Cheryl A Dearmoun, Monte B Dearmoun; 19-91-19 SE Subdiv Lt 10 Prt Undiv ½ Int **Quit Claim Deed:** Michael S

Fairbanks, Kristin K Fairbanks to Michael S Fairbanks, Kristin K Fairbanks; 19-91-19 SE Subdiv Lt 10 Prt Undiv ½ Int

Warranty Deed: William A Lahner to MMM Investments LLC; Shef Sheffield Original Town Blk 8 Lot 3 **Affidavit of Transfer:** Dale Robert Heitland Life Estate to

Teresa Ann Heitland; 32-93-19 W2 SE Part Undiv ½ Int **Quit Claim Deed:** Heidi Flint, Heidi Hilton to Heidi Hilton; 28-92-20 SE Part

Warranty Deed: M&J Construction INC to Grant & Lee Townships Fire Department INC; Brad Bradford Original Town Blk 3 Lot 31

Warranty Deed: Chace E Klein, Breanna M Klein, Breanna Marie Klein, Breanna M Hanson to Christopher Bonta, Kimberly Bonta; Hamp Beed1 Blk 8 Alley, Hamp Beed1 Blk 8 Lot 7-8

Contract: William Sanders, Danielle Sanders to Craighton Farms LLC; 22-91-20 NW6

FROM THE LOG

Beeds Lake, Hampton.

9:31 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of I-35 and mile mark 162 southbound, Dows.

10:03 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the area of Crazy Acres, Ackley.

Saturday, June 8:

Officers executed three traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, assisted two motorists, received a report for one controlled burn, and received one general call.

12:15 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 400 block of Faulkner Lane, Faulkner.

12:29 p.m.: Officers assisted with traffic control in the area of Hwy 65 and 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

3:58 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Maynes Grove, Geneva.

4:40 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 400 block of Faulkner Lane, Ackley.

5:17 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of 95th St. and Swallow Ave, Geneva.

6:38 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of I-35 and mile mark 159 northbound, Dows.

Sunday, June 9:

Officers executed five traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, received a report for one controlled burn, and received one general call.

12:21 a.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 1500 block of Hwy 65, Hampton.

3:40 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 175.4 southbound, Thornton.

4:25 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the area of the Alexander exit, Alexander.

4:55 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the 1500 block of Vine Ave, Hampton.

5:02 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of I-35 and mile mark 175.5 northbound, Thornton.

6:33 p.m.: Report of trespass in the area of 255th St. and Nettle Ave, Sheffield.

8:13 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 164 southbound, Latimer.

8:33 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of I-35 and mile mark 162 southbound, Dows.

9:38 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of I-35 and mile mark 160 northbound, Dows.

11:58 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 300 block of Barrett St., Coulter.

Butler County Sheriff Reports 06/03-06/09**Monday, June 3:**

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

12:07 a.m.: Officers conducted a citizens assist in the 900 block of 7th St.

8:40 a.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:45 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 00 block of N Audubon St.

9:06 a.m.: Report of a road closed in the area of 110th St and Quail Ave.

9:54 a.m.: Report of The Department of Human Services in the 400 block of 6th St.

1:55 p.m.: Offices conducted fingerprints for the public in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:47 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 32500 block of Hwy 3.

3:49 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 400 block of S 2nd St.

4:48 p.m.: Report of possession of a controlled substance in the 600 block of 1st St.

6:17 p.m.: Report of a violation of no contact order in the 900 block of Elm St.

10:26 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 00 block of High School Blvd.

11:11 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 700 block of 6th St.

Tuesday, June 4:

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

9:08 a.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the 600 block of N Johnson St.

10:02 a.m.: Report of maintenance in the 17200 block of Lark Ave, Mason City.

10:21 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:43 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 200 block of W South St.

12:59 p.m.: Report of ac-

cidental 911 calls in the 1000 block of Dorothy Ave.

1:02 p.m.: Report of theft in the 00 block of High School Blvd.

1:32 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 21700 block of Hwy 3.

2:56 p.m.: Report of DNR calls in the area of Westbrooke St and Vail.

2:59 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the 300 block of 10th St.

3:26 p.m.: Officers conducted a citizen assist in the 500 block of Beaver St.

3:59 p.m.: Report of accidental 911 calls in the 300 block of 10th St.

3:26 p.m.: Officers conducted a citizens assist in the 500 block of Beaver St.

5:03 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the 1000 block of Dorothy Ave.

5:08 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 1300 block of Circle Dr.

7:53 p.m.: Shawn Leroy Terri, 57, Aplington, arrested for OWI - 1st Offense, Jailed.

9:04 p.m.: Report of road debris in the 32000 block of Hwy 14.

Wednesday, June 5:

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

3:21 a.m.: Report of unknown injuries in the area of N Center St and Hwy 3.

7:21 a.m.: Officers conducted a citizens assist in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:15 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 300 block of West St.

8:39 a.m.: Report of the veteran's van in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:26 a.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the 20400 block of 230th St.

10:47 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of 270th St and Hwy 14.

11:28 a.m.: Report of suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 200 block of 9th St.

11:39 a.m.: Report of suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of S London St E Superior St.

11:47 a.m.: Report of Department of Human Services in the 15900 block of Kilpatrick St.

11:58 a.m.: Report of fraud/identity theft in the 500 block of S Mather St.

12:02 p.m.: Report of a road closed in the area of 110th St and Willow Ave.

1:37 p.m.: Officers responded to a burglary in the 400 block of 1st St.

3:15 p.m.: Report of dog/

deer/livestock in the area of 300th St and Union Ave.

5:09 p.m.: Report of transport in the 400 block of 6th St.

6:50 p.m.: Report of vandalism/criminal mischief in the 23900 block of Birch Ave.

7:05 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the 19500 block of Franklin Ave.

8:00 p.m.: Report of road debris in the area of 270th St and Hickory Ave.

8:34 p.m.: Report of a disturbance in the area of 4th St and N Main St.

11:18 p.m.: Report of vandalism/criminal mischief in the 18300 block of W Superior Rd.

Thursday, June 6:

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

4:58 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Hwy 3 and Union Ave.

6:12 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 400 block of S 2nd St.

7:36 a.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the 300 block of 3rd St.

8:49 a.m.: Report of a road closed in the area of N Fremont St and E Superior St.

9:25 a.m.: Officers conducted a citizens assist in the 200 block of 9th St.

10:11 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

11:08 a.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 1000 block of Commerce St.

12:35 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:59 p.m.: Report of road debris in the area of 325th St and Spring Ave.

1:24 p.m.: Report of theft in the 21700 block of Hickory Ave.

1:37 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 10300 block of Hickory Ave.

2:13 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 500 block of W Weare St.

2:20 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of Hwy 188 and Hwy 3.

5:11 p.m.: Report of weather-spotters in the area of 6th St and N Main St.

5:23 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the 24900 block of 180th St.

7:04 p.m.: report of return calls/follow-ups in the 16800 block of Hwy 188.

7:10 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 100 block of Wemple St.

8:46 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 100 block of W Main St.

9:07 p.m.: Report of a disturbance in the 400 block of Walnut St.

9:10 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of 200th St and Hwy 188.

9:55 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of Hwy 57 and Liberty Ave.

11:07 p.m.: Report of a burglary in progress in the 600 block of Main St.

Friday, June 7:

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

5:00 a.m.: Report of transport in the 200 block of E 6th St.

6:43 a.m.: Report of road debris in the 27600 block of Temple Ave.

8:13 a.m.: Report of flooding in the 15600 block of 230th St.

8:43 a.m.: Report of theft in the 300 block of W Water St.

10:50 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of Hwy 3 and Terrace Ave.

12:02 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the 400 block of 3rd St.

1:09 p.m.: Report of theft in the 29200 block of Union Ave.

1:39 p.m.: report of a phone scam in the 26500 block of 1st St.

2:46 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:59 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 600 block of Main St.

3:04 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the 400 block of Parriott St.

4:17 p.m.: Esmerelda Ramirez, 42, Hampton, arrested for a court order hold, jailed.

4:39 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 300 block of Main St.

5:09 p.m.: Report of a property exchange in the 600 block of Main St.

5:52 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 10000 block of Lodge Ave.

5:53 p.m.: report of an accidental 911 call in the 100 block of S Main St.

6:12 p.m.: Report of suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of 185th St and Oak Ave.

6:44 p.m.: Report of a disturbance in the area of Elliot Ave and Harvest Ln.

10:29 p.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the area of E Greene St and S Main St.

Saturday, June 8:

Officers executed four traffic stops, assisted with eight medical calls, received a re-

port for five controlled burns, and received four general calls.

2:56 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of 150th St and Birch Ave.

4:04 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 27600 block of Temple Ave.

4:50 a.m.: Report of a business door check in the area of S Cherry St and W Railroad St.

5:43 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 19500 block of West St.

9:35 a.m.: Report of road debris in the area of 320th St and Terrace Ave.

11:32 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 23600 block of 250th St.

1:52 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the 25100 block of Sinclair Ave.

4:43 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of E Grove St and N Williams St.

5:13 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the area of 270th St and Franklin Ave.

5:55 p.m.: Report of business door check in the area of S Main St and E Superior St.

9:52 p.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the 100 block of S Mather St.

10:01 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 call in the 100 block of 4th NE St.

10:03 p.m.: Report of operating under the influence in the 200 block of W South St.

10:37 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 200 block of W South St.

10:48 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 400 block of N Cherry St.

Sunday, June 9:

Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with nine medical calls, received a report for one controlled burn, and received two general calls.

12:22 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 900 block of Parriott St.

6:55 a.m.: Report of suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of 280th St and Temple Ave.

9:23 a.m.: Report of an alarm in the 27600 block of Temple Ave.

12:18 p.m.: Report of transfers 10200 block of Royal Ave.

1:06 p.m.: Report of a structure fire in the 10200 block of Royal Ave.

3:23 p.m.: Report of computer system maintenance in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:41 p.m.: Report of a grass/ditch/field fire in the 1400 block of Main St.

7:46 p.m.: Report of road debris in the area of Hickory Ave and Hwy 3.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

Notice of Sheriff's Levy and Sale
FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE • 10 5 5th ST SW, P.O. Box 57, Hampton, IA 50441 (641) 458.6036
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY (STATE OF IOWA) ss COUNTY OF FRANKLIN Docket No.(Sale No.)124 -1338(1) Court No.[EQCV502 130-1 SPECIAL EXECUTION FIRST SECURITY BANK & TRUST COMPANY vs BOBBY O GREGORY AND MARY E GREGORY, HUSBAND AND WIFE; CAPITAL ONE BANK USA NA; AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION IF ANY- ET AL- IN REM

As a result of the Judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s) rights, title, and interest in Real Estate Property to satisfy the judgement. The property to be sold is: A tract in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of section Twenty-eight (28), Township Ninety-two (92) North, Range Twenty (20) West of the 5th P.M., Franklin County, Iowa described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the SE1/4 of said Section 28, running thence East 82.5 feet (5 rods),thence North165 feet (10rods),thence West 82.5 feet (5 rods),thence South165 feet (10rods)to the place of beginning. Street Address 314 4TH AVENUE NW, HAMPTON, IA 50441. The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows: Date of Sale 07/10/2024, Time of Sale: 10:00 AM, Place of Sale: front Lobby of Sheriff's office. This sale not subject to redemption. Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if applicable. Judgement Amt: \$31,046.43, Costs \$3,640.46, Accruing Costs PLUS, Interest \$6.28 per day for 65 dsyd from 05/06/2024=\$408.12. Attorney Brad Slotter, Charles City, IA (641) 228-4533. Date: 05/17/2024 Sheriff: Aaron Dodd Deputy: Heidi Hilton, Clerk Published in the Hampton Chronicle on June 5, and 12, 2024

PROBATE MARY MARGARET STRUTHOFF CASE NO. ESPR501912

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY MARGARET STRUTHOFF, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR501912

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mary Margaret Struthoff, Deceased, who died on or about April 19, 2023: NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF ANCILLARY EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

You are hereby notified that on November 3, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Mary Margaret Struthoff, deceased, bearing date of April 18, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Jenna Struthoff has been appointed Executor of Estate in Ancillary Proceedings in the State of Iowa. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of railing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Date of second publication

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated November 7, 2023. Jenna Struthoff, Executor of said Estate for Ancillary Administration in Iowa 853 Indigo Run Drive Bulverde, TX 78163 Attorney for Executor Heronimus, Schmidt, Schroeder & Geer, 630 G Avenue, PO Box 365, Grundy Center, IA 50638 Published in the Hampton Chronicle on June 5, and 12, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2024 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2024 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE CITY HAMPTON, IOWA

The City of Hampton City Council will hold a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of the 2024 Water Main Improvements Project at a meeting starting at 6:00 P.M. on the 27th day of June, 2024. The meeting will occur in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 122 First Avenue NW, Hampton, Iowa.

At said hearing, the City Council will consider the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the project, the same now being on file in the office of the City Clerk, reference to which is made for a more detailed and complete description of the proposed improvements, and at said time and place the said Council will also receive and consider any objections to said plans, specifications and form of contract or to the estimated cost of said improvements made by any interested party.

The location and description of the work to be done and the kinds and sizes of materials proposed to be used are as follows:

2024 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
 Project is located at various locations throughout the City of Hampton. See Drawing A.01. Base Bid includes all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to construct approximately 1,800 LF 4" thru 8" watermain of which approximately 1,560 LF constructed by directional bore and miscellaneous associated work, including cleanup. Alternate 1 bid changes the approximately 1,200 LF of 8" watermain by directional bore to 1,200 LF of 12" watermain by directional bore. Alternate 2 bid includes the construction of 3 gate valves replacing existing gate valves, roadway and sidewalk patching and miscellaneous associated work including cleanup. Alternate 3 bid includes the construction of 2 gate valves, roadway patching and miscellaneous associated work including cleanup. Alternate 4 bid includes the construction of 1 gate valve, roadway patching and miscellaneous associated work including cleanup. Alternate 5 bid includes the construction of 2 gate valves, roadway and sidewalk patching and miscellaneous associated work including cleanup. Alternate 6 bid includes all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to construct approximately 350 LF 4" thru 6" watermain of which approximately 300 LF constructed by directional bore and miscellaneous associated work, including cleanup. The method of construction of all improvements shall be by contract in accordance with the plans and specifications and general stipulations for said improvements approved by the City Council. Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC. of Mason City, Iowa, said plans and specifications and the prior proceedings of the City Council referring to and defining said proposed improvements are hereby made a part of this notice and the proposed contract by reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed to comply therewith. Copies of said plans and specifications and form of contract are now on file in the office of the City Clerk and may be examined at City Hall. This notice is given by order of the Council of the City of Hampton, Iowa.

CITY OF HAMPTON
 Jim Davies
 Mayor Pro-Tem
 ATTEST:
 Ron Dunt
 City Manager
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CITY OF HAMPTON SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS MAY 2024

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| General | \$124,999.14 |
| General - LOST/Pool ... | \$65,487.25 |
| Library..... | \$2,399.11 |
| Electric/Gas Franchise | \$80,685.06 |
| Road Use..... | \$49,390.10 |
| Employee Benefits | \$49,410.05 |
| Forfeiture | \$0.69 |
| Band Shell Fund | \$15.35 |
| Emergency Tax Fund | \$1,118.97 |
| Local Option Sales Tax | \$44,900.46 |
| T I F | \$9,073.25 |
| Police Reserve | \$2,245.02 |
| Fire Reserve..... | \$133,980.09 |
| Pool & Parks Reserve ... | \$8,980.09 |
| 55% LOST Reserve | \$24,695.26 |
| Cemetery Trust | \$8,490.25 |
| Capital Project – FAA ... | \$59,500.00 |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care | \$350.00 |
| Water | \$71,654.24 |
| Water Improvement | \$70,289.74 |
| Meter Deposits | \$300.00 |
| Sewer | \$85,918.23 |
| Sinking Fund – Sewer . | \$33,004.47 |
| Solid Waste | \$3,900.32 |
| Total Receipts/Deposits | \$930,787.14 |

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CITY OF COULTER UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

City of Coultter Unapproved Minutes of June 5, 2024 Special Council Meeting
 City of Coultter Special Council Meeting at Coultter City Hall called to order at 7:00pm on June 5, 2024 by Mayor Myron Lawler. Council members present: Lon Allan, Cheryl Engels, Alan Larsen, and Machele Raska. Absent: Carrie Cruz Covington. No public present. Raska motioned to approve the Agenda, Larsen second. All ayes, motion carried. The Council discussed all candidates for the City Clerk position. Raska motioned, Engels second, to offer the position to Jory Rapp of Coultter. All ayes, motion carried. Larsen motioned, Allan second, to set the starting annual salary at \$18,000.00, with a review after 90 days. All ayes, motion carried. City Clerk Neubauer to call Jory and offer her the position. City Clerk Neubauer will remain in the position until 06/30/2024 but will continue to train as needed. Raska motioned, Engels second, setting the hourly rate of \$20.00 for continued training of the new City Clerk. All ayes, motioned carried. Raska motioned to adjourn, Larsen second. Special Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Myron Lawler, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Janet Neubauer, City Clerk
 Published in the Hampton Chronicle June 12, 2024

GERMUNDSON TERMINATION PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO JAMES WENTZEL AND ALL PUTATIVE FATHERS AND JENNA GERMUNDSON OF A CHILD BORN ON THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.

You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of Court for Franklin County, a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights in case number JVV500681 and JVV500724 which to a child born on the 15th day of NOVEMBER, 2022. Further details contact the Clerk's Office. You are notified that there will be a hearing on the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights before the Iowa District Court for Franklin County, at the Courthouse in Hampton, Iowa, on the 8TH day of JULY, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. The Petitioner's Attorney is Andrea M. Miller. Published in the Hampton Chronicle on May 29, June 5, and 12, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025 SHEFFIELD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 SHEFFIELD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Board of Directors of SHEFFIELD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed budget as follows:
 Meeting Date: 6/27/2024 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: 111 N 3rd St, Sheffield, IA 50475
 At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.
 Contact Name: Carrie OConnor Contact Telephone Number: (253) 310-8861

| FUND | FYE June 30, 2023 Actual Expenditures | FYE June 30, 2024 Re-estimated Expenditures | FYE June 30, 2025 Proposed Expenditures | Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025 | Estimated July 1, 2024 Beg. Balance and All Other Receipts | Estimated Amount To Be Raised by Taxation |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| 1. General | 19,067 | 28,500 | 28,500 | 94,347 | 109,636 | 13,211 |
| 2. Debt Service | | | | | | |
| 3. TOTAL | 19,067 | 28,500 | 28,500 | 94,347 | 109,636 | 13,211 |

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.33000
 Published in the Hampton Chronicle June 5, and 12, 2024

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

Hampton Bluegrass & Country Music Festival a Hit

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
 HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The ninth annual Hampton Bluegrass & Country Music Festival was a hit. The festival, which was held at the Franklin County Fairgrounds, ran from June 5 to June 8, drawing hundreds of spectators from near and far. There was a little bit of everything — live music, workshops, jam sessions, potlocks, concession stand food and more.

On Friday night, there was a band scramble, where musicians and singers put their names on a piece of paper, which then went into a container and their names were pulled at random to see who would play with who. According to one of the event coordinators, Judy Wrolson, this was the first time these groups of people played together, and they would do it in front of everyone at the festival. The entry fee for the scramble was five bucks, and after all the bands performed, the audience would choose the winner by applause.

“What they do is they have a different bucket for each instrument, so all the basses, all the fiddles, all the mandolins, and banjos and so on, and they’ll start with the bass players, because you have to have a bass player and then they’ll pull the guitar player, so that everybody doesn’t have all guitar players with no bass or something.”

Wrolson also commented on how fun the festival had been so far.

“So many different bands and so many different personalities,” said Wrolson. “I don’t think I’ve ever seen an argument or a cross word. It’s just amazing how everybody gets along. But everybody is just here to have a good time. And the amount of talent in this one room is absolutely amazing, and it’s not all professional talent.”

Live bands at the festival included the “Roe Family Singers,” “The Kenastons,” “Lori King & Junction 63,” “Lindley Creek, Cedar Valley Bluegrass,” “William Lawson Band with Bob and Kristy Black,” and “Dale Eichor and the Bluegrass Doctors.”

On Saturday, Annie Avery, who’s known as the “Mother of Bluegrass” of the area, was honored. Her family, including her great-granddaughter, Maime Canon, was in attendance.

While there was a lineup of activities each day, there were individual jam sessions going on at the campgrounds. The camping grounds could not be booked ahead of time, so campers made sure to get there early enough to call dibs on a spot. Wrolson said around 50 people showed up for the potluck on the first night of the festival.

Lori King, of “Lori King Productions” — who just so happens to play in “Lori King & Junction 63” — coordinated the event. She did everything from promoting the event to baking the pies that were on sale at the concession stand. To learn more about “Lori King Productions” visit <https://junction63.com/>.

Wrolson also helps promote the Hampton Old Time Country Hoedown, which takes place the first Monday of every month at the Windsor Theatre. (To learn more about the hoedown, visit their Facebook page by searching for “Hampton Old Time Country Hoedown.”)



Lori King and Judy Wrolson at the Ninth Annual Hampton Bluegrass & Country Music Festival at the Franklin County Fairgrounds on June 7. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



The band scramble at Hampton Bluegrass and Country Music Festival. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

Advocating for Iowa families and taxpayers in Congress



REP. RANDY FEENSTRA
COLUMNIST

Our economy is in tough shape. Cumulative inflation has skyrocketed by nearly 20% since President Biden took office while real wages have fallen by roughly 4.4%. The Bureau of

Economic Analysis estimated that the economy grew at a rate of only 1.3% in the first quarter of

2024 – three points lower than predicted – while interest rates have surpassed their highest levels in 23 years.

Credit-card debt held by American families has exceeded \$1 trillion, the household savings rate fell by 3.2%, the average rate for a 30-year fixed mort-

gage has hovered around 7%, and approximately two-thirds of middle-class families have reported experiencing financial hardship in the Biden economy. Our national debt is also quickly approaching \$35 trillion, leaving our children and grandchildren on the hook for trillions in debt with no end in sight. It's evident that President Biden's economic policies – which he has dubbed "Bidenomics" – have failed. His proposals of higher taxes and approval of trillions in reckless government spending have slowed economic growth, accelerated price hikes for daily necessities like groceries and gas, and decimated the dream of homeownership for young families. We need a course correction so that more Americans can achieve financial security and save money for a rainy day.

As a longtime advocate for tax reform and a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, I have worked to deliver real tax relief for our families, farmers, and businesses so that hardworking

taxpayers can keep more of their hard-earned money and combat the crushing impacts of record inflation.

This past January, I introduced the Death Tax Repeal Act – which has been cosponsored by nearly 170 of my colleagues – to permanently eliminate the estate tax, also known as the death tax, which intentionally targets family farms and small businesses. In Iowa, our main streets and rural communities depend on a strong agriculture industry and the promise of entrepreneurship.

However, under federal law, families who have spent generations running a successful farm or building a profitable business could lose everything overnight in the tragic event of a family death.

Currently, heirs of a family farm or business must pay an unfair and costly tax on the transfer of property, land, or other assets when a loved one dies. In many cases, families in our district do not have the liquid cash on hand to pay a massive tax bill levied by the federal government. So, unfortunately, these same

families could ultimately be forced to sell their farm or business to pay the taxes – inviting foreign ownership of American farmland and leaving store fronts on our main streets empty. That's why I'm leading the charge to fully repeal the death tax so that we can keep China away from our farmland, allow family farms and small businesses to continue their proud traditions, and encourage the next generation of Iowa farmers and business owners to plant their roots in rural Iowa.

In January, I also voted for the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 357 to 70. This comprehensive tax reform package is a victory for our families, farmers, and businesses. It allows our small businesses to deduct interest expenses to free up extra cash to hire new employees and meet payroll, helps our producers buy farm equipment and other tools, and increases the child tax credit while strengthening work requirements to claim

the credit. Additionally, it would incentivize businesses to conduct research and development here in the United States – helping our economy compete with and win against China.

I've also helped introduce two pieces of legislation that extend pro-growth and pro-taxpayer provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 and benefit our families and small businesses.

Thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the standard deduction was nearly doubled, and small businesses received a well-deserved 20% tax cut to keep their doors open and employees on payroll. However, these provisions expire in 2025 without congressional action, which would raise taxes on American families and increase operating costs for our businesses.

The Permanent Tax Cuts for American Families Act would make the enhanced standard deduction permanent and ensure that our families benefit from these tax cuts uninterrupted. In 2021 alone, 325,000 taxpayers in our district claimed the enhanced stan-

dard deduction – reducing their taxable income and keeping more of their hard-earned dollars in their pockets. We cannot let the standard deduction revert to its old, lower threshold, especially as inflation has made everything more expensive. At the same time, the Main Street Tax Certainty Act ensures that our businesses can continue to claim the 20% qualified business income deduction. This tax cut allows business owners to invest in their employees, finance expansions, and weather economic downturns while also growing our economy and keeping our rural communities strong. Just like with the enhanced standard deduction, I will work diligently to keep this beneficial provision in our tax code for our business community.

As a strong, fiscal conservative, I will continue to support policies that lower taxes for our families, help our farmers compete in global markets, and let our small businesses thrive without bureaucratic overreach and regulation.

Dairy Farm Altered Construction Plans Without Spill Protection

BY JARED STRONG
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

A northeast Iowa dairy farm modified its manure control system for an expansion of its operation without state approval and did not install a barrier to contain potential leaks, according to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Brian and Carole Siple, of Fredericksburg, recently agreed to pay a \$5,000 fine, a DNR order said. They will also construct a containment structure around a large metal tank that holds manure water and post a sign nearby that alerts anyone who digs in the area that there is underground plumbing that goes to the tank.

The Sipleys operate BCS Farms and got approval from the DNR in May 2023 to build a new confinement barn to hold about 150 dairy cattle. They initially proposed to use an underground system that recirculates and filters water that is used to wash manure from the barn floor.

The expansion increased the farm's ca-

capacity to about 1,130 mature dairy cattle and 625 immature cattle, DNR records show.

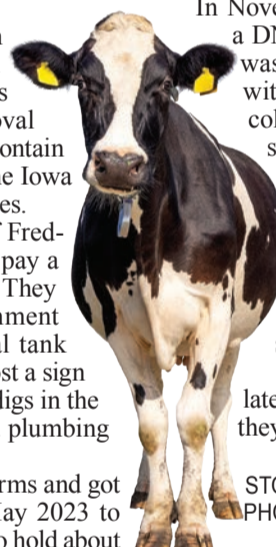
In November during a visit to the site, a DNR officer noted that a different washing system had been installed with a tank that holds water that is collected from manure storage basins. Dairy farms often reuse the water to conserve their water usage.

"It's not that it's not acceptable to us, it's just not what was in the permit," said Brian Jergenson, a senior environmental specialist for the department.

Further, the Sipleys had populated the new barn with cattle before they received written approval from the DNR, which was also required by the permit.

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Mason City to Host Pickle-Themed Culinary Event

MASON CITY, - Pickle fanatics will find several places to feed their cravings this summer in Mason City. On Saturday, August 24, 2024, Brine & Dine Mason City will transform the downtown district into a pickle-lover's paradise.

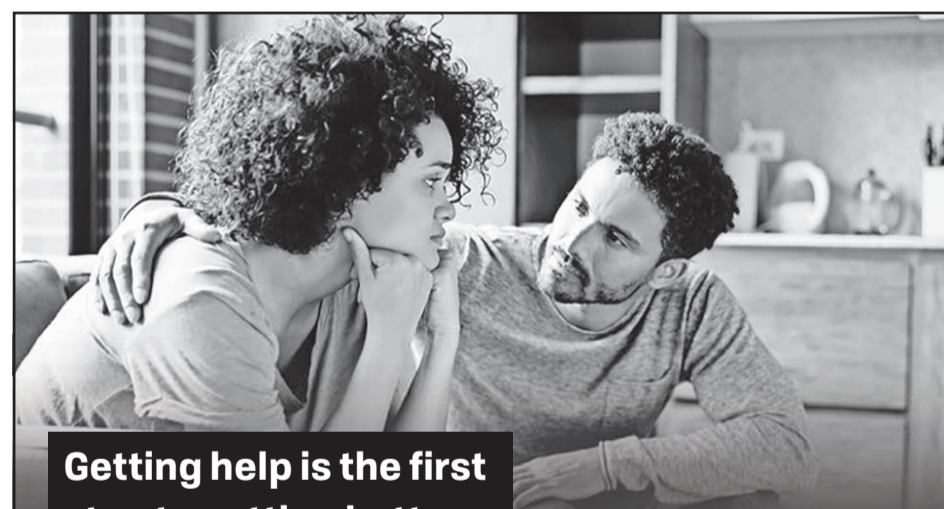
Dill-infused dishes and drinks will appear on menu boards at participating businesses for one day only during normal business hours. Event attendees can enjoy a diverse lineup of pickle-inspired creations, including pickle juice-infused cocktails, dill pickle pizza, pickle beer, and more.

The event is being organized by Visit Mason City Brand & Engagement Specialist Brett Bachtel.

"This is a fun and unconvention-

al way for us to support small businesses toward the end of the tourism season," said Bachtel.

Brine & Dine Mason City is not a ticketed event.



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Doctor Says Sanctions Hinder His Job Search, Board Agrees To Terminate His Probation

BY CLARK KAUFFMAN
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

The Iowa Board of Medicine has agreed to the early termination of probation for a physician who argued the sanctions were making it difficult for him to find work.

In April 2021, the board charged Dr. Gregory Ingle of Pella with professional incompetence and placed his medical license

on probation for five years. At the time, the board alleged Ingle had engaged in incompetence with regard to the pain-management care he provided several patients.

The board issued Ingle a warning, fined him \$2,500 and placed his license on probation for five years, during which time his practice would be subject to worksite monitoring by the board. In addition, Ingle was ordered to take educational training on prescribing opioids and recordkeeping,



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Recently, the board agreed to terminate Ingle's probation two years early, noting that Ingle claimed the worksite monitoring that was ordered as part of his probation was proving to be a barrier in finding work. Ingle informed the board he intended to practice medicine in some capacity, but not in a manner that would result in the prescribing of opioids.

In addition to agreeing to terminate Ingle's probation two years earlier than expected, the board has restored his license to full privileges with the restriction that he will remain barred from prescribing opioids until April 2026.

Read more from Clark Kauffman online at IowaCapitalDispatch.com

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Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library



BY BRENDA VAN WERT
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is **Geovanna Garcia, 2**. Geovanna is the daughter of Iliana and Tony Garcia. Her favorite books are the "Bluey" books.



Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is **Geovanna Garcia**

Origins Of Juneteenth Date To Civil War

Celebration Traced to Freeing of Slaves in Texas in 1865

BY TOM EMERY

Juneteenth, which is coming up on June 19, is the newest federal holiday in the calendar. Its origins, however, date to the final weeks of the Civil War.

The commemoration arose from the freeing of slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865, eleven weeks after the surrender of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox and the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

The act helped fulfill the promise of the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by Lincoln on Sept. 22, 1862. The proclamation took effect on Jan. 1, 1863, and many Americans today believe that all enslaved people were freed.

But that was hardly the case. The proclamation only applied to states in rebellion, meaning that slavery continued in the border states of Missouri, Kentucky, Maryland, and Delaware.

Lincoln's proclamation also had to be enforced. While large parts of the South were under Federal control by 1863, Texas, the westernmost member of the Confederacy, was largely untouched.

Relatively few military actions were conducted in Texas, and few Union soldiers occupied the state. As a result, slavery continued with little threat in Texas. Planters from elsewhere in the South migrated to the Lone Star State during the war, to keep their slaves from confiscation and freedom.

Kathryn Harris, the retired Director of Library Services at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Ill., notes the lapse in emancipation for many slaves in the South.

"On the eve of the Emancipation Proclamation, there had been 'Watch Night' celebrations for many blacks, with the coming of freedom," remarked Harris, a respected authority on African-American history. "But it took a while for that freedom to come to much of the nation, especially Texas."

By 1865, some 250,000 blacks remained enslaved in Texas, even as the end of the war was imminent. Finally, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived at Galveston on June 19, 1865 to assume command of a Union force of 2,000 troops.

That same day, Granger read General Order No. 3, declaring that, "in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are

free" with "an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves."

General Order No. 3 was read at several locations throughout Galveston, an emotional series of events for the slaves of the city and the state.

"I can only imagine their excitement of being free," said Harris. "However, that must have brought a wide range of feelings. If you've never been free, as those people had not, you don't quite know what to do. It was a completely new experience, an overwhelming one."

Still, not all blacks were emancipated. In some cases in Texas, owners did not inform their slaves until after the harvest, months after Granger's declaration. Slavery throughout the United States was finally banned with the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment on Dec. 6, 1865.

On the first anniversary of the Galveston declaration, free blacks in Texas organized a celebration dubbed "Jubilee Day." The earliest commemorations were often political rallies, to inform blacks of newly-gained voting rights.

Jubilee Day evolved into Juneteenth festivities, though there is debate as to how the name of the holiday originated. Many believe the name is a combination of the month and day, June 19. Others theorize that the words "Jubilee Day" somehow morphed into "Juneteenth."

Texas was the center of Juneteenth celebrations for decades. In 1867, the first event was held in Austin, and became an annual event in 1872. That same year, African-American organizers and clergy raised \$1,000 to buy ten acres in Houston, christened "Emancipation Park," for Juneteenth celebrations.

Many of the early Juneteenth festivities drew huge crowds. In Limestone County near Waco, thirty acres were purchased in 1898 to create Booker T. Washington Park, designed especially for Juneteenth festivals. As many as 30,000 attended the commemorations there.

In the early-to-mid-20th century, the holiday continued in pockets as blacks from Texas emigrated across the nation, taking Juneteenth with them.

However, the onset of Jim Crow laws, particularly in the South, slowed the growth of Juneteenth.

"Blacks in that time were still

struggling for so many things," commented Harris. "Then, when Jim Crow popped up, along with the problems of Reconstruction, that added so many problems. And once the military was removed from the South to protect the freedmen after Reconstruction, that was really horrible."

"I think, more than anything else, that Juneteenth represented hope," continued Harris. "Even though freedom had come, many blacks still weren't really free. I think the holiday represented the hope of a better tomorrow."

The Depression added to the struggles, as blacks scrapped to find work and survive, pushing Juneteenth further to the background. But the commemorations persisted, at least in some spots. The Texas State Fair became the focus of many Juneteenth remembrances, particularly in 1936, when some 150,000 to 200,000 were present.

As more blacks left Texas in the post-war era, Juneteenth continued to spread, though the holiday languished throughout much of America. Some historians, however, attribute a rebirth to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968, which sparked more interest in the spirit of Juneteenth.

That year, the storied "Poor People's March" on Washington ended on June 19, and marchers invoked Juneteenth as they returned home. From that, large-scale celebrations arose in cities like Milwaukee and Minneapolis, which remain to this day. A 1978 celebration in Milwaukee attracted over 100,000 participants. Four years earlier, substantial celebrations of Juneteenth returned to Houston. Elsewhere, other major cities began Juneteenth events in the 1980s. In 1991, an arm of the Smithsonian Institution hosted a major exhibit titled "Juneteenth '91: Freedom Revisited."

In 1980, Texas became the first to officially establish Juneteenth as a state holiday. Other states, though, were slow to follow, and by 2002, only three states had joined Texas in that designation.

By 2008, half of the states had established a ceremonial holiday, including Iowa, which formally recognized Juneteenth in 2002. In 2020, Juneteenth was recognized in all fifty states.

On June 17, 2021, Juneteenth was established as a federal holiday, the first since the creation of Martin Luther King Day in 1983.

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Critics have charged that the recent legislation for Juneteenth has been purely for political reasons. But Harris and many others believe the actions are long overdue, and that the holiday is not just for blacks.

"It really should have been done a long time ago," she remarked. "And Juneteenth is truly a day for everyone, not just African-Americans. We talk about diversity, equity, and inclusion today, but we're really still working on the stuff that was talked about with the Emancipation, the end of the Civil War, and Juneteenth itself."

"To me, Juneteenth is a time of reflection, a time to think about where we are, where we've been, and the work that's left," concluded Harris. "And just like in the early celebrations, it's a time of hope."

Tom Emery is a freelance writer and historical researcher from Carlinville, Ill. He may be reached at 217-710-8392 or ilciviltwar@yahoo.com.

Want to celebrate Juneteenth in your home? An easy way is with food and drink.

Kathryn Harris, a respected

authority on African-American history from Springfield, Ill., notes that certain foods with the color red have a special significance to Juneteenth. Red represents freedom to some, and in the Civil War era, Harris says that "red was apparently an expensive color to make. Beets and beet juice were used to make things red, but it was expensive to dye cloth that color."

"It seems that African-Americans were sometimes disallowed from having red drinks because of the expense," continued Harris. "When they could finally have things like red punch, it was a reason to celebrate, and they felt blessed to get it."

A nationally known re-enactor of historical figures like Harriet Tubman, Harris appeared at an event a few years ago at the Lincoln Home in Springfield to discuss the diversity of the neighborhood, and the Juneteenth holiday. An avid cook, she brought treats with historical meaning to Juneteenth.

"I served red velvet cake and red hibiscus punch," she laughed.

Dubuque Plans To Buy Two Mobile Home Parks To Ease Tenants' Rent Burden

BY JACK O'CONNOR
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

Terrible road infrastructure, water leaks, overcharging for water leaks and consistent rent hikes are why tenants of two Dubuque mobile home parks are encouraging the city to follow through on its plan to buy the parks, according to city officials.

The city is seeking a \$50 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). City officials say they hope to purchase the Terrance Heights and Table Mound mobile parks and establish a "Community Land Trust."

As part of that trust, tenants would own and run the park through a non-profit board similar to a co-op or homeowners' association, Dubuque Council Member Danny Sprank said. Tenants could join the board to set rent prices and decide how revenue would be used to maintain the park.

Sprank said the "horrible" treatment of tenants in these parks is what motivated the city to move forward with this decision.

"Many neighborhoods are being squeezed," Sprank said. "It's not right."

City officials announced their plans for the \$50 million HUD grant in a May 23 special session presentation. Officials in the presentation estimated a cost of \$34.5 million to buy the land, \$4.5 million to repair mobile homes, \$500,000 to build storm shelters, \$2 million for running the trust, and \$7 million for other improvements in the parks' water, sewer and road infrastructure.

"Table Mound and Terrace Heights mobile home parks are grappling with aging infrastructure, lack of proper maintenance and the rising lot rent rates which have more than doubled since 2018 and could potentially displace long-term residents," the city wrote in its grant application.

In their presentation, city officials said they expect to know the results of the application by late 2024. If awarded the grant, 2025-26 would largely be spent establishing the Community Land Trust. After that, the focus would be on replacing dilapidated mobile homes, creating storm shelters and improving infrastructure which could take until 2030.

If Dubuque is not awarded the grant, the backup plan would be to find a non-profit like the Minnesota-based ROC USA that would help the tenants purchase the mobile home park, Sprank said.

Terrance Heights and Table Mound did not respond to calls for comment for



Table Mound mobile home park is in Dubuque. Photo via Google Earth

this story.

Mobile homes outside the parks Efforts to protect mobile homeowners have been underway at the city and state levels for years.

In the Iowa Legislature, Rep. Brian Lohse, R-Bondurant, has pushed his Republican colleagues to increase mobile homeowner protections though he said it has largely been "unsuccessful."

The biggest mobile homeowner protections came from a 2022 law that increased the eviction and rent notification requirement from 60 to 90 days and added protections for when parks fail to provide essential services like running water.

"(Mobile home park owners) can raise rent more often than what they really should be able to. And when most of these residents are on fixed incomes, that really becomes a problem," Lohse said.

Dubuque Council Member Ric Jones, who once lived in a mobile home, said mobile homes offer low-income residents an affordable alternative to traditional homeownership at a time when housing is more expensive than ever.

For retirees or young people, mobile homes are a great investment but that "dream has been crushed" by rising rent costs.

Mobile homeowners are particularly vulnerable to the types of abuse seen in Terrance Heights and Table Mound because of the difficulty of moving a mobile home, Jones said.

"We've got to take care of these people that are suddenly finding their homes unaffordable," Jones said.

Moving a mobile home is more complicated than just attaching the home to a truck and hitting the road. Some mobile homes aren't in the proper

condition to be moved, different states have different standards for mobile homes which limits options for moving and an expert may need to be hired to prepare and transport the mobile home for a move, according to mobilehome-living.org.

Issues at mobile homes go beyond Dubuque

Dubuque isn't the only Iowa city having issues with mobile home parks.

A Monticello park provided contaminated drinking water for a year, a faulty sewage system in an Iowa City park contaminated a local creek for more than two years and a Muscatine park's drinking water was the most contaminated with forever chemicals, also known as PFAS, in the state in 2022. Lohse said only time will tell if Dubuque's decision leads to positive changes for mobile homeowners. If successful, Dubuque could be used as an example at the Iowa Legislature on how to better protect mobile homeowners.

"It's a novel approach and hopefully it works out for the best for everyone and maybe hopefully provides a model for either others to do it or for us as a state to look at it," Lohse said.

Jones said regardless of the grant application's outcome, the city's actions are a step in the right direction and a sign that the treatment of mobile homeowners will improve.

"It's just a really, really sad picture," Jones said. "We may not be able to do any of this, but this is the first ray of hope we've seen in a long time."

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Volunteers Still Needed To Water Flowers Downtown

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Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Bill Hittle is looking for a few more volunteers to help water the flowers he installed around Downtown Hampton.



Hittle is still looking for volunteers for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

He said that they would prefer for people to pair up to take on the task, consistently covering one day of the week for at least one month (June, July or August). Watering will take one hour and equipment will be provided by the chamber. The driver will need to have a valid driver's license and be able to drive a manual transmission.

If interested, call Center One at 641-456-5668 for more details.

Judge Denies Ex-Cop's Request To Reconsider Prison Sentence

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A district court judge declined to reduce the sentence of a former police officer accused of repeatedly harassing and stalking a woman in recent years, according to court records.

Walter Pacheco, 29, of Pleasant Hill, was sentenced to up to 19 years in prison in April after the judge decided he had wantonly violated the terms of his probation and ignored a warning from another judge that he was teetering toward incarceration.

Less than a month later in May, Pacheco asked the judge to reconsider the sentence and put him back on probation, which he pledged to not violate again.

"The court's action of sentencing the defendant to prison has impressed upon him the importance of living a lawful lifestyle," his attorney, David Barajas of Des Moines, wrote in the request.

Pacheco — a former police officer in Carroll and Eagle Grove who is also known by the surname Pacheco Belen — has been convicted of burglary, stalking, tampering with a witness and willful injury.

A Des Moines-area woman was the victim of most of those crimes, and court records show Pacheco frequently sought to contact her and convince her to drop the charges against him through dozens of emails, telephone calls from jail and by using his mother as a conduit for the communications. All of that was barred by no-contact orders.

Pacheco initially received suspended prison sentences and probation until a judge sentenced him in August to 24 days in jail for attempting to contact the woman at her workplace.

"Defendant was knocking on and looking into windows on the victim," District Judge Jeffrey Farrell wrote. "This is very concerning conduct, particularly in light of the stalking and burglary convictions."

Farrell warned Pacheco that he might go to prison for further infractions, but less than two months later Pacheco was arrested for felony stalking in violation of a protective order.

He is accused of approaching the woman at a fitness center on Oct. 16 despite her attempts to avoid him, which included being escorted from the building by employees to her vehicle, court records show. Video evidence presented at a recent court hearing showed Pacheco and his mother yelling at the woman from right outside her vehicle and that Pacheco tailed her in his vehicle.

Pacheco is further accused of sending her 39 emails after the incident, court records show.

"The defendant has made it clear that he will not abide by the no contact order, and based on the sentencing goal of protection of the public, the court found that revocation (of probation) was appropriate," District Judge Sarah Crane wrote when she denied Pacheco's motion to reconsider the sentence. "The defendant has not raised any argument that would lead the court to reconsider this determination."

Pacheco is still held in the Polk County Jail, according to jail records. His trial for the stalking charge is set for next month, and he faces up to 10 additional prison years.

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Study Finds 2024 Income Tax Cuts Will Result In \$1.85 Billion In Tax Savings Over 10 Years

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A study from an Iowa research institute found that the latest individual income tax cuts will result in \$1.85 billion in tax savings for income tax payers in the next decade.

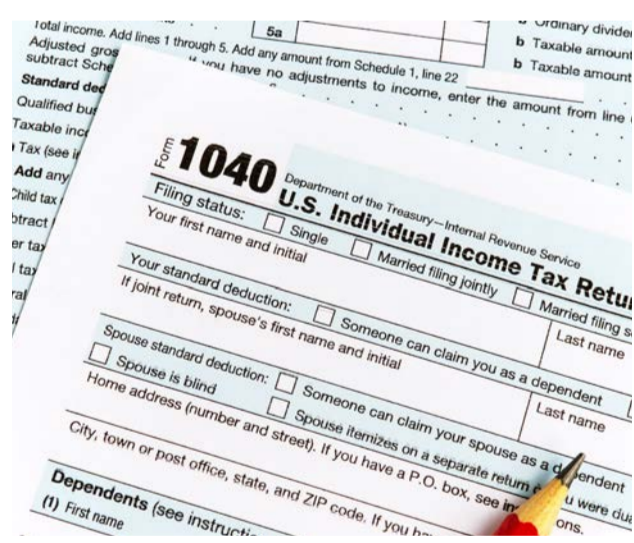
The Common Sense Institute Iowa, the Iowa chapter of a think tank with chapters in Colorado, Washington and Arizona focused on the "future of free enterprise," released the study Monday. It was authored by the institute's Director of Policy and Research Ben Murrey — a former campaign and legislative staffer for U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas.

The research looked the impact of Senate File 2442, a new law from the 2024 legislative session, that will lower

Iowa's individual income tax rate to a 3.9% single rate by 2026. This year's individual income tax cuts will speed up the implementation of a 2022 measure, reducing the state's individual income tax rate to a 3.9% single rate by 2026.

In addition to the reduced taxes, the study found that the income tax cuts will result in other economic growth for the state, including a \$3 billion increase in after-tax income and \$1.72 billion growth in Iowa's gross domestic product. These figures were calculated using information from the state Legislative Services Agency analysis of the bill, Revenue

Estimating Conference (REC) projections as well as modeling using REMI Tax-PI, a commercial tool analyzing dynamic macro-



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economics and fiscal impacts of policies.

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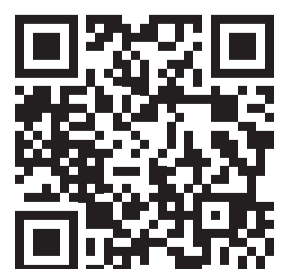
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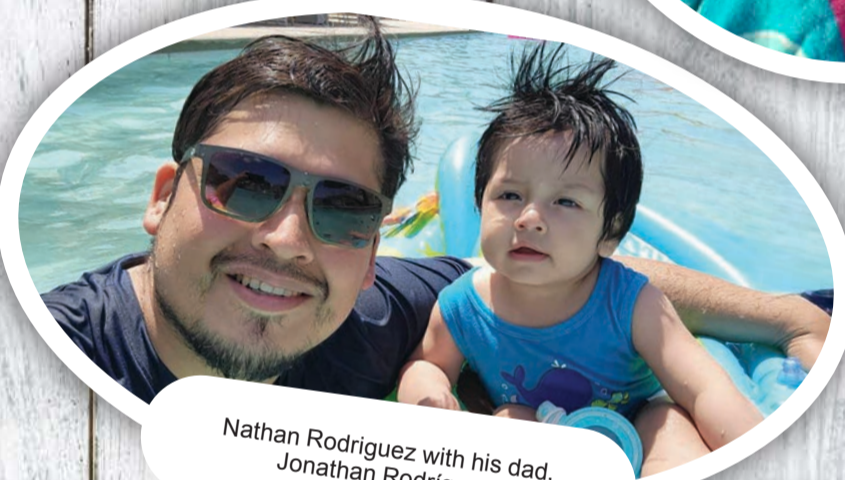
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