

'A Colorless Christmas' Attracts Nearly 300 to Windsor Theatre



Natalie Birdsell (SERAPHINE) argues in favor of having Christmas spirit with bad-boy Macaeen Pralle (SILAS) in his dismal bedroom

season as much as they did. After a heart-to-heart with her mother, the main character, Seraphine, finally came to the realization that it was up to her to turn things around. She confronted Silas, who'd admitted the holidays weren't special for him. By the end of the story, everyone came together to celebrate the holidays as one, reminding the audience of how important it is to share joy with others even when you're surrounded by darkness.

Despite the severe winter weather on Saturday, a total of 291 patrons made it to the play's three productions over the weekend, according to Pralle.

After seeing a big turnout at the audition, Pralle rewrote the play so that more children could participate in it, he said. He originally wrote the play with around 15 parts, and it was about 70 percent done when auditions rolled around.

"Usually we only get enough kids to fill the parts, but this year we had forty kids try out, which was amazing but daunting," he said. "How could I get more kids into the production and capitalize

on the talent? I took two weeks and rewrote and refactored a ton of the production to not only generate more parts but really have them fit into the story."

When asked if there were any hiccups during the productions, Pralle said hiccups are always expected, but that the cast knew exactly what to do when challenges arose.

"We had a few flaws and some flubs but nothing the audience could perceive; the actors did exactly what they were supposed to and made it work," he said. "I was impressed."

Before the big weekend, The actors had 18 rehearsals mostly Sundays through Tuesdays. Sometimes the entire cast rehearsed, while other times only sections of the cast rehearsed, depending on what needed to be practiced. In total, the group spent around 36 hours rehearsing — not counting the hours they spent memorizing lines at home. There were a total of 728 lines over 28 characters.

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BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Nathan Pralle of Sheffield pulled off another successful play at the Windsor Theatre — this one

called 'A Colorless Christmas.'

The play, featuring 29 local children, told the tale of a boy who had lost hope in the Christmas spirit. Set in a town called "Marble Brook," the story fol-

lowed a group of students who'd begun preparing for the annual Twinkle Sprinkle when they found themselves bumping heads with fellow classmates who didn't seem to appreciate the holiday

Hampton City Council Votes to Restore Abandoned Buildings Downtown

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton City Council voted to move forward with restoring the abandoned buildings at 4 & 6th 1st St NW during their Dec. 12 meeting.

City officials hope to sell the properties once they're structurally secured.

They discussed the discussion during their Dec. 9 workshop, where they were, for the most part, in favor of structurally securing the buildings, formerly known as Rick's Pharmacy buildings.

The options: either tear them down and turn them into open spaces for public use, like they did with the Peace Plaza property, or to structurally secure them and transfer them back into private ownership for redevelopment. There is room for two

businesses on the main floor level and two large or four smaller apartments on the upper floors. Structurally securing the properties is estimated to cost \$498,000 and demolishing them and filling and leveling the ground is estimated to cost \$615,000.

Mayor Steve Birdsall said they need to make a decision and move forward with the project.

City Councilor Patrick Palmer started the conversation by saying he didn't think they could afford to tear them down, as "they don't need two more Peace Plazas in town."

"We need secured buildings that can house businesses, but that's just my feeling, and I don't know where the rest of you stand on it," Palmer said.

Birdsall said he agreed, adding "I would rather see if we could keep that building and then go from there."

City Councilor Kevin Blanford asked about the assessed property values, which Jim Davies found on Beacon: In 2024, \$33,906 and \$34,000 for the two properties.

"It could be a pretty good investment for someone to fix it up to have two to four apartments upstairs and rent out to business owners downstairs," he said.

City Councilor Barry Lamos said the amount they were looking at for making



The abandoned buildings at 4 & 6th 1st St NW.

the properties structurally sound could change, and end up being much higher, as they were just estimates from ISG.

"The contingency is a little bit higher than what we carry, as there is a lot about

the building that we don't know," said Derek Johnson, with ISG. "There is a lot of material left in there and things that

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Hansell Fire Dept. to Host Second Soup Supper Dec. 23

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hansell Fire Department has announced that they'll be holding their second soup supper Monday, Dec. 23.

Proceeds from the free-will donation meal will go to upgrading their fire station. It will be held at Hansell Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m.

On the menu for the second supper: vegetable beef soup, broccoli and cheddar soup, and chili.

Taylor Jones, who helps the fire department with fundraising, said the first supper went really well.

"We were so happy with the turnout," she said. "We are guessing we had about 150 for a turn out and we are really looking forward to our next one!"

If interested in ordering carry-out, call 641-251-1507.



The last soup supper for the Hansell Fire Dept. attracted around 150 guests.

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Catching up with Judy Harper

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Former longtime Hampton Public Library Director Judy Harper was one of many guests at the library's open house last Tuesday.

If you've lived here for a while, you know Judy. She served as the library director from 1980 to 2007 — nearly three decades. She started out as the assistant in the children's department and worked her way up to library director, which she loved.

Judy's favorite authors: Danielle Steel and Dan Brown. She also liked the "Little House on the Prairie" books. Judy said she's happy with how the library has been run since her departure, adding "it's wonderful to see the building being taken care of."

Here's a photo of Judy catching up with current Library Director Suzy Knipfel that morning. Judy didn't want any special attention (and she



Judy Harper with current Hampton Public Library Director Suzy Knipfel.

didn't want to take away from our husband said she deserved it. And we coverage of the open house) but her agreed.

City Approves Renewal of Contract for Public Works Director

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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Hampton city officials approved a new employment contract for Hampton Public Works Director and Code Enforcement Officer Doug Tarr during their Dec. 12 city council meeting.

Tarr was reappointed to his positions, with his new contract effective Jan. 1, 2025 through Dec. 31, 2029. The annual base salary as of Jan. 1, 2025 will be \$87,000, with a three percent increase for the remainder of the contract, annually.

The motion was approved for Resolution 2024-31, with a roll call vote. There were five ayes and one naye from City Councilor Barry Lamos.

"I am very happy to continue serving as the Public Works Director and Code Enforcement Officer for the city of Hampton," Tarr told the Chronicle. "We have a great staff and a wonderful community."

4-H Club at La Luz to Hand out Meals to Local Families Wednesday

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The children in the 4-H Club at La Luz Centro Cultural have been working hard to pull together 50 bags of food for local families, with help from the Ignite the Spirit program.

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, the group of children will be passing out bags of food — rice, beans, potatoes and a pork loin from Iowa Select Farms — to the first 50 families who stop by La Luz from 3 to 5 p.m.

The children have been involved in every step of the process, said ISU Extension's Liliana Velasco, who helps oversee the program.

"They've helped with everything, including the budget," Velasco said. "They even voted on what kinds of food to put in the bags. We're going to meet early to assemble the bags before handing them out Wednesday."

Velasco said this is for any family that lives in Franklin County.

"We are so grateful for the Ignite the Spirit program for making this possible!" she said.

The Ignite the Spirit program is offered by Iowa Select Farms and the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation.

First Security Announces Hire of Scott A. Smits as Chief Lending Officer

PRESS RELEASE
FIRST SECURITY BANK AND TRUST

First Security Bank and Trust is pleased to share that Scott A. Smits has joined the bank as Chief Lending Officer.

Scott most recently lived in Mankato, Minnesota, where he served as a Chief Credit Officer for a community bank with a strong focus on agricultural customers. His extensive career also includes roles as Chief Risk Officer, Banking Consultant, and Credit Analyst for organizations in Chicago and along both coasts.

Although well-traveled, Scott's roots are in rural Iowa.

"My mom is originally from Northwest Iowa. I have visited family in the area throughout my life and am familiar with what Iowa has to offer," said Scott. "In particular, I enjoy the

down-to-earth people here."

First Security President/CEO Brad Miller added, "We are excited to add Scott and his wealth of experience to our team at First Security. We're confident his leadership will further guide us in our goal of improving the lives of our customers and building stronger communities."

Scott and his wife of 37 years are looking forward to making their home in the Charles City area.

Together, they have 4 daughters located throughout the country. Outside of work, they enjoy traveling to see their children and volunteering with organizations such as United Way. Scott is also involved with Partners Worldwide, a non-profit organization that fights poverty through creating jobs and other opportunities.

First Security Bank & Trust has locations across North Central Iowa and headquarters in Charles City. Member FDIC.



Scott Smits

Hampton Public Library Holds Annual Open House

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
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Last Tuesday, the Hampton Public Library held their annual open house, where they served homemade snacks and caught up with community members. Community members also had the chance to vote for their favorite Christmas tree.

The Friends of the Hampton Public Library covered the cost of the trees, which were checked out by local children, decorated and then returned. Hampton Public Library Director Suzy Knipfel said Friends of Hampton Public Library Board President Denielle Conlon had the idea to start the Christmas tree competition. You can

still stop by the library to vote daily until Dec. 20. There are 27 trees to check out! There will be a first, second and third place winner for the tree competition. The winner will receive Chamber Bucks.

Patrick Palmer, the "Computer Guy," also stopped by at 2 pm to talk about online scams and how to protect yourself from them. During his presentation, he reminded those in attendance that if faced with a possible scam, take a break.

"Turn the phone or computer off and take a walk and think it over," he said.

Most importantly, always ask for help if you're unsure. For example, if you receive a questionable email from your bank, call your bank directly to ask about it.



Meet the team at the Hampton Public Library/ Esmeralda Ramirez, Misty Sosa, Brenda Van Wert, Suzy Knipfel, and Marilyn Moser (front)

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Franklin REC Now Taking Applications for 2024-25 Scholarship Opportunities

PRESS RELEASE
FRANKLIN REC

Franklin REC is pleased to announce applications are now being accepted for 2024-2025 scholarship opportunities. This year, the cooperative is offering a total of five scholarships, totaling \$3,000, to support local students in their educational journeys: the Commitment to Community Scholarship and the Basin Electric Cooperative Scholarship.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their academic achievements, community involvement, and commitment to their future. The applicants must reside in a home served by Franklin REC and plan to attend an accredited college or university within 12 months of graduating.

Interested students can find the applications online at Franklin REC's website www.franklinrec.coop.

For more information about the scholarships, please contact Franklin REC's office at 641-456-2557 or email at cmason@franklinrec.coop.

Latimer News

Ladies of Franklin County Marion-Scott townships Farm Bureau met on Monday December 9 at noon in 805 Pizza. After enjoying lunch a short business meeting was held. Marie Teggatz gave a short question and answer presentation on all presidents of the United States. Everyone had brought a white elephant gift and Joan Pralle conducted the playing of Bingo and the gifts were the prizes for Bingo winners. Darla was a guest of her mother Mardell Jorgensen and she had made Hershey bar Christmas favors which she passed out to everyone.

Moore 50th

Don and Carolyn (Temple) Moore will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 21, 2024. They were married at the First Baptist Church in Webster City, Iowa. Don and Carolyn are the parents of one son, Greg (Bradi) Moore of Hampton, and have one granddaughter, Avery Moore, of Iowa City.

A card shower is being held in their honor and greetings may be sent to them at 103 5th Street SE, Hampton, IA 50441.



New Owner To Take Over Allison J&C

PRESS RELEASE
JAY SKARR

The First J&C was in Mason City in April 1977 then was Dumont in 1985 and then Allison in 1986 then Sheffield in 1990. They were B&W stores for about 20 years. There has been lots of ups and downs for sure. On Sept. 11, 2011, the Allison Store burnt down and we rebuilt and was back open in 2012 so the community had a super nice store but now it is time for new owners to come in after a lot of hard work to get it done. We have sold to Jeff Hofer. They are excited to start a new adventure.

They now own Hampton Hardware and Wize Bize but this will be

a new challenge. But these towns need a store. We have always had pride to keep our stores full and well stocked with top quality at fair prices. The new owners will do the same so please support the new owners as they take on this new venture. I also would like to thank all my employees that helped keep the stores going so we thank you for your business all these years.

The Dumont store had changed to a new warehouse that is for smaller stores so we should have better control to keep full. We will see if can make it work. As you know, we need the sales to keep up with expenses. So again thank you.



Jay Skarr at the Chronicle Dec. 11

Chamber Holds Quarterly Coffee at Fairgrounds

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

(Continued from last week's issue)

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce held their quarterly coffee at the Franklin County Fairgrounds Friday morning, Dec. 6.

The meeting started with the announcement of two new Chamber members: Bin Town Child Care in Sheffield and Reborn Ranch in Hampton. Bin Town currently has around 25 children enrolled, and they are looking for more children. Donated supplies (such as crafting materials) can be dropped off at the recently-opened daycare center, which is located at 442 E Gilman St, Sheffield, IA 50475. Reborn Ranch is planning for a camp next June, along with retreats and other community events.

After that, new employees at Chamber member businesses were announced: Nikki Johnson at La Luz Centro Cultural; Tessa Haller, Trey Swaney and Nick Nelson at Franklin REC; and Lori Ruben at Franklin County Fair.

Items of interest were then presented, starting with First & Second Vintage Owner Jerre Grefe taking home the award for "best appetizer" for 'Friday Uncorked' and Britt's Boutique Owner Britt Lumley snagging the award for "best wine." Grefe served Italian meatballs, jalapeño popper cheese bites and Bailey's Irish cream chocolate pudding shots and



After another great Chamber Quarterly Coffee, participants posed for a group photo.

Lumley served Stella Rosa Mango Chili wine. Grefe accepted her plaque at the ceremony, but Lumley wasn't in attendance. Her award was dropped off at her shop after the event.

After that, HD-CAL High School Guidance Counselor Terry Carr introduced all-state vocalists James Chamber, Jaliyah Ivey and Isaac Sauke to the group. Carr also mentioned Kodey Eilderts making the all-state cheerleading squad, along with HD-CAL dance team competing at the state competition. The HD-CAL dance team is made up of Chloe Craighton, Kodey Eilderts, Shakari Vela and Rachel Wilkerson. Last week, HD-CAL senior Chloe Craighton placed ninth in color guard (class 2) at the Iowa State Dance and Drill Team Association's state competition.

Friends of Beeds Lake President Robyn Kofoot shared that they recently surpassed the halfway mark to their fundraising goal of \$200,000 for a new playground, which they're hoping to have by next summer.

"Now we're going to ap-

ply for some bigger grants that will help us push to the end," said Kofoot. "Hopefully, next summer, we'll have a new playground out at Beeds Lake!"

Hampton City Manager Ron Dunt gave the group an overview of a \$20,000 grant (for a housing readiness assessment of the area) the city received, for which they need to conduct a housing study. Dunt encouraged everyone to take the online survey, which can be found on the city's website, www.hamptonia.us. For questions, people can call Hampton City Hall.

"I encourage everybody to participate in that survey. Fill it out. It'll help provide data for us to move forward in this analysis," Dunt said. "We're going to work with the Iowa State University Economic Development Group, who will help us determine what we can do as a city — either change ordinances or come up with different types of programming. It will encourage housing development. Housing is an issue. We recognize that. Our employers need housing for their employees."

Todd Albee with Long Term Medical Supply shared a little bit about his background. He said that after ten years of being gone, working for the Japan Times, he returned to Iowa.

"I fell in love with Iowa, like I've said before, and I've been with ABCM Corporation for 20 years, as the Human Resources consultant," he said. "About that time, we started a long term medical equipment company called 'Long Term Medical Supply,' which offers hardware for health-related events that you and your family may have."

He said that the company can help people navigate the insurance world so that they can pay for the equipment and receive training for how to use the items and maintain them.

"We will do home delivery. We will help service those items and help you be more comfortable with those items," he said. "As many of you know, we divested 87 facilities and we now have been refocusing our energies into 'Long Term Medical Supply.' We've added approximately ten to 15 new employees. We want to increase our

sales. Increase our services. Increase our retail products. And hopefully be a great contributor to the community of Hampton."

Hampton-Dumont CAL Senior Class President Jaxon Rew gave an update on the student council organizing the Coaches vs. Cancer event. Rew said this is his second year helping with the silent auction portion of the event and that last year he noticed there was a break in communication between HD-CAL Student Council and West Fork Student Council and he wanted to fix that this year.

"I wanted to change that this year, so we are working with the West Fork Student Council this year to make the event more cohesive with the schools," he said. "Within the next few weeks, we will be contacting businesses both in Hampton and the West Fork community about getting donations for the silent auction."

HD-CAL Student Council Executive Board President Elian Trevino

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Andrew Buttshaw



Emily Buttshaw

Two Arrested Over Weekend for Drug-Related Charges

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Two Hampton residents were arrested by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department Saturday night for controlled substance charges.

Andrew Buttshaw, 44, of Hampton is facing charges for possession of a con-

trolled substance, a third or subsequent offense, which is a class D felony, and unlawful possession of prescription drug, which is a serious misdemeanor.

Emily Buttshaw, 42, of Hampton was also arrested at the same time for the same charges.

Both are currently being held on bond at the Hardin County Jail.

Hampton's Reeve REA Power Generating Plant Receives National Historic Landmark Designation

US Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced Monday the designations of 19 new National Historic Landmarks, including the Reeve REA Power Generating Plant in Hampton. Full story in next issue.



Photo courtesy: Library of Congress

Cards of Thanks

The family of Rhodora Blessing would like to thank the former staff of the Dumont Care Center and the staff of Country View along with Drs Hansen and Fagre for her care over the years. Also big thanks to Care Initiatives Hospice for the care and advice over the past few weeks. Their help and support made her passing a little easier. She will be missed. There will be a private gathering at a later date.

The family of Denny Kottenbrink would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, plants, memorials and many cards and kind words to support us during his cancer journey and passing. Thank you to Pastor Wagner for his wonderful message for the family at Denny's funeral. We also extend a big thank you to Patrick and Todd Sietsema from the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home, for caring for Denny and providing both the private service and the public Celebration of Life. We want to send a special thank you to Care Initiatives Hospice for their wonderful care and compassion, as well as all of the staff at FGH during his brief stay in the Hospice room. During this difficult time, it has been helpful to have the support of friends and neighbors who knew Denny so well.

Mona and family

PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Racing News

Christopher Bell returning to Chili Bowl Nationals in 2025
Christopher Bell will make his long-awaited return to the Chili Bowl Nationals in 2025, according to his new teammate, Chase Briscoe. The new driver of the No. 19 JGR Toyota broke the news that the three-time winner of the prestigious indoor midjet race would make his return to Tulsa, Oklahoma after a two-year hiatus. Bell had been sidelined from the event after JGR halted its drivers from extracurricular racing, a restriction recently lifted by the team. Bell confirmed the rumor himself, but there's a backstory to why it was Briscoe breaking the news. In a June press conference at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Bell accidentally let slip that Briscoe would be a Gibbs teammate in 2025. Bell later officially introduced Briscoe at the press conference announcing the move, and Briscoe was able to repay the favor with the Chili Bowl news.

All-Time Top Driver's Bio

Dale Earnhardt Sr.
Born: April 29, 1951
Cup wins: 76
Cup top-tens: 428
Cup championships: 7

Dale Earnhardt was born in Kannapolis, North Carolina in 1951. He dropped out of school to begin his racing career. Earnhardt's first race in the Cup Series was in 1975 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina. Earnhardt finished 22nd in the race, one place ahead of his future car owner, Richard Childress. Earnhardt competed in 8 more races until 1979, when he joined car owner Rod Osterlund Racing. In his rookie season, Earnhardt won one race at Bristol, captured four poles, and won Rookie of the Year honors. In his sophomore season, Earnhardt won his first Cup championship. He would go on to win the championship six more times in 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994. Earnhardt died as a result of injuries in a crash on the final lap of the 2001 Daytona 500. Earnhardt's car was turned from behind after contacting the car driven by Sterling Marlin into the outside wall nose-first, into the path of Ken Schrader's car. Earnhardt Sr. was taken to Halifax Medical Center after he was extricated from his car, and was pronounced dead at 5:16 p.m. He was 49 years old.

Racing History

Dec. 28, 1921 - Nelson Stacy, who won four Cup races in 45 starts, was born on this day. After finishing 12th in his Cup debut at Dayton (Ohio) Speedway in 1952, Stacy didn't make another start until 1961. He won his first race that year, at Darlington, and won three more in 1962. He is the second driver to win consecutive Southern 500s at Darlington. Stacy, who also won the World 600 in 1962, was ARCA champion from 1958 to 1960.

Racing Trivia

Which track is known as 'The Monster Mile'?

a) Dover c) Martinsville
b) Darlington d) Bristol

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AMANDA RINK

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.” — Princess Diana

I recently took an Enneagram personality test with a soon-to-be professional Enneagram tester. So, what is an Enneagram test? Simply put, “The Enneagram is a personality typing system based on ancient spiritual traditions which describe people in terms of their core motivations, desires and fears.”

I spent an hour answering some hard-hitting questions about yours truly, something I find really hard to do. Aside from finding that I am between two personality types, I

found that I am a closed-off individual. It occurred to me that my husband, among other people close to me, probably had to fight hard to figure me out. Bless his heart...really.

Anyway, this can make me come off in certain ways to other people. I can come off as cold or uninterested. And that isn't the case at all. As a writer, and a former librarian, I like to know it all so really I just like to listen to others. I like to learn about them, and really anything else. I rarely share about myself unless I'm asked and, of course, people don't ask because they think I'm uninterested. Do you see the conundrum I face? In a bid to become less conundrum-causing, I'm making an effort to be more

welcoming.

I rarely write anything too personal in my column. I like to stick to the facts. Today I am deciding to be a little vulnerable and share something I wrote a while ago, about my older brother and, in a roundabout way, myself.

I have two older brothers and one older sister. I am the baby of the family with more than ten years gap from my oldest brother and I. He is also the one I was most close to growing up. My mom, his stepmom, would often call us “Yin & Yang”, so different yet a great duo. As I grow to learn more about myself, maybe we're more Yin & Yin?

When I was a child, I remember walking into the kitchen at my house to see my oldest brother, Josh, cleaning the stove-top. Me, being the annoying baby sister who was always attached to his hip, asked him why he was cleaning the stovetop. That seemed outside his regular responsibilities.

He just said, “Well, someone's gotta do it.” Without knowing it, he

taught me a very important lesson that night. I've carried these simple words far into my life. I don't consider, well so and so should be doing this. It needs to be done, do it. Garbage in the parking lot? Cart not in the return? Standing up for those who can't stand up for themselves? Take care of it.

Maybe he was cleaning the oven in hopes of getting off of his latest punishment with good behavior. Maybe he was just cleaning the stove because he noticed the person who normally does was tired... Either way, someone's gotta do it.

Upon reflection, I understand why the tester put me between personality types: six, The Loyal Skeptic, and eight, The Protector. Sometimes actions speak louder than words and that means a lot coming from a writer.

Amanda Rink is the Editor of The Wright County Monitor. When she isn't caring for her family, writing for the newspaper, or avoiding laundry, she can be found hiding in the woods with a cup of coffee and a romance novel.

A Colorless Christmas Review

Nathan Pralle's "A Colorless Christmas" was outstanding! The writing was clever. The 28 young actors gave it their all. And the community packed the theatre, despite the frigid temps and icy roads. The message of the play:

Christmas isn't about the plastic decorations or the sparkly lights — it's about finding light in the darkness. Spreading joy when things aren't easy. Perfect for the whole family.

—News Editor Jennifer Burnham

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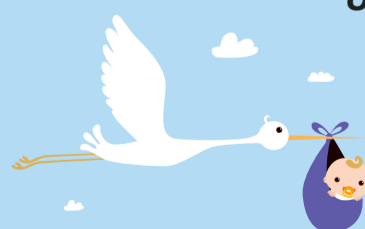
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Family Welcomes Baby Boy

Jenna Reighard and Brandon Covington announce the birth of their son,



Braxsten Dale Covington

Braxsten was born on December 9, 2024, at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion. He weighed 6 pounds and 10.7 ounces.

He joins siblings Jerzey (11), Jace (9), Maddox (8), Carson (7), Adrian (7), and Briella (2). His Grandparents are Nick and Stephanie Reighard or Belmont and Angela Covington of Alden. His Great-Grandparents are Sonny and Barb Reighard of Hedrick

Reynolds Needs to Get Moving on Home Energy Rebates

Brass Tacks from Rural Iowa

BY BARB KALBACH

Winter is finally here. And as I look around at the nooks and crannies where I feel a draft, I've been thinking about the thousands of Iowans struggling to keep warm. So many people could use assistance to make some needed repairs, insulate or find other ways to weatherize their homes. But they're trying to figure out how to pay for it.

That's why I was pleasantly surprised to find out about Home Energy Rebates (HER), a program included in the Inflation Reduction Act that Congress passed in August 2022. HER would make just over \$120 million available to low- and moderate-income Iowans who want to upgrade appliances and make home efficiency improvements. Thousands

of Iowans could qualify for up to \$14,000 in rebates. Even better, these aren't pesky tax credits we'd have to wait until next year to benefit from—they're at the "point of sale". That's real money that could be put to work right now to help people and help stimulate our local economies.

Families making less than 150% of their Median Area Income would qualify for these rebates. I'm not a statistician but based on information from the Iowa Finance Authority, families in Adair County making less than \$138,750, or Hamilton County making less than \$129,450, or the Marshall/Tama County area making around \$130,000 or less could benefit.

But here's the catch — Governor Reynolds has yet to officially apply for these federal funds, potentially leaving many Iowans out

in the cold. I learned from Iowa CCI that the Iowa Energy Office sent our application to Reynolds back in late August. Then just this week I heard Iowa has submitted a partial application, but we need the governor to submit a full application.

The clock is ticking. Reynolds needs to apply by the end of January to get the job done and receive these funds. If she doesn't act now, we could lose millions of funding — which is our money. That hurts all of us. Plenty of neighboring states — Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri — have applied for and received funds for the program. Nearly a dozen states are already offering rebates to their residents.

These are real projects that can help us upgrade heating systems, replace drafty windows, update and replace old wiring, and more. There are lots of projects that would save thousands of dollars in the short term and pay off in the long run by helping us save money on our electric

utility bills. There's an unfortunate pattern here of our governor refusing to accept federal help when people could see real economic gains. Reynolds needs to do the right thing and stop dragging her feet.

We're asking people to contact the governor and tell her to submit a full application now for the HER program. You can either call Reynolds (515.281.5211) or email her Chief of Staff (taryn.frideres@governor.iowa.gov).

It seems like a no-brainer to put our federal dollars to work for us. We need to get this across the finish line, and then implement the program to maximize energy-saving benefits for thousands of Iowans and our communities.

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

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

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Dipweed's Sloppy Semantics



THE ALTERNATIVE
FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
THE ALTERNATIVE

I had an interesting phone conversation with an old friend last week. We talked about old times, what the kids are doing, present day projects, and the weather. For some reason Warren Buffett and Burlington Northern (BN) came up as an example of "capitalism."

I'll call my friend Dipweed so nobody guesses who he is. We had some really great times together and we have remained friends even after he wanted off of The Alternative email list because I called Ed Snowden a "hero." (Just to be clear, Snowden exposed the fact that the National Security Agency was spying on U.S. citizens. There was never any proof that the spying on Americans made them more secure. Snowden remains in exile. A movie was made about the episode called Snowden.)

Anyway, Dipweed claimed that Warren Buffett canceled BN employees' pensions after he bought the company for \$44 billion. Dipweed

called that "capitalism." An internet search and 60 years of interest in the subject couldn't find that capitalism justified breaching a contract. Capitalism as originally defined by Karl Marx is private ownership, not theft.

We actually experienced that ourselves a few years ago when a local elevator with whom we had contracted "food grade" soybeans was sold and our premium vanished on those beans, which yielded less and took special care to grow. That was certainly not as big a deal as losing a pension but the principle is the same.

When I was a kid S. I. Hayakawa was a US Senator from California and a semanticist. He studied

the meanings of words. I imagine Hayakawa would be turning over in his grave with the sloppy adherence to the meaning of words today.

YouGov, an international data and survey company, asked about some "isms" in England and found some evidence that people harbor bizarre deviations from established meanings of words. The one that stands out to me is a 64% favorable rating for environmentalism and a 2% favorable rating for fascism. Going back to the original definition again we find that Benito Mussolini coined the term, fascism, as an alliance between government or business, one or the other controlling the other one. (Communism

being collective ownership or control.)

Environmentalism is a quintessential example of fascism. Government mandates, subsidies, and bans make it so. In the same survey, capitalism had a 30% favorable rating and a 45% unfavorable one. That seems a little more reasonable except to people who have studied relationships between prosperity and the amount of capitalism. It's still like the difference between shock and electro-

cution. One means hurt, the other means dead. Words make a difference.

If Dipweed goes to a restaurant and orders a hamburger, fries, and a Coke, he should be satisfied with a tenderloin, onion rings, and a chocolate shake. On a bigger scale, such as financial or government issues, the meanings of words could mean nuclear war or starvation, or peace or prosperity.

Keeping our military the strongest fighting force in the world



REP. RANDY FEENSTRA
COLUMNIST

Our national security depends on a strong military laser focused on defending our country and our values. China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, terrorist groups, and other diabolical forces are intent on destabilizing our nation, dismantling our economy, and sowing chaos across the globe.

We cannot let this new Axis of Evil and their prox-

ies undermine American leadership on the world stage nor can we let them get away with openly disregarding the rule of law, international norms, and global security interests.

To ensure that our troops have the resources and support that they need to keep our enemies in check and protect our communities, I recently voted for the Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which sets the military's budget for the year and includes other defense-related measures. This year's NDAA makes needed investments in military housing, servicemember pay, healthcare, childcare, and military recruitment and readiness. It also includes provisions to deter China's growing influence globally, eliminate radical DEI initiatives, and support Israel against terror. All

in all, it represents a commitment to our mission of peace through strength.

The NDAA enhances servicemember quality of life in several ways. Through continued advocacy, Republicans secured a 14.5% pay raise for junior enlisted troops and a 4.5% pay raise for all other servicemembers. This is a long overdue adjustment that recognizes the hard work of our troops and compensates them accordingly. The NDAA also includes resources to build and renovate military housing, construct new childcare facilities, and improve education outcomes for children of servicemembers.

Standing up to China is another vital priority of this year's NDAA. We included measures to protect our defense position in the Indo-Pacific, rebuild our navy, and accelerate our

advanced manufacturing capabilities. The NDAA further prevents our federal government from sharing sensitive missile information with China, bans Chinese nationals from entering our nuclear facilities, prohibits funds for the Wuhan Institute of Virology, and requires the Department of Defense to report to Congress on military cooperation between China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran. By deterring Chinese aggression on multiple fronts, our nation will be stronger and safer.

Additionally, the NDAA guts radical DEI initiatives from our military while saving taxpayers billions of dollars. It bans the teaching of Critical Race Theory at military schools, bans the Department of Defense from offering transgender medical surgeries to children, and stops the federal government from mandat-

ing the full electrification of our trucks and tanks. By eliminating these unnecessary policies and cutting waste, this NDAA saves taxpayers \$31 billion. We must continue to identify waste, fraud, and abuse and root it out of our government.

Furthermore, this investment in our troops is also an investment in our allies. It reasserts our commitment to Israel, authorizes full funding for the Iron Dome and other missile defense systems, and ensures that we can counter terrorist groups like Hamas. The NDAA also requires the Department of Defense to notify Congress of any transfer of weapons from Iran to its terrorist proxies and to update lawmakers on the progress of Iran's nuclear abilities. We further added provisions to stop taxpayer dollars from flowing to the

Taliban, prevent North Korean nationals from being admitted to our military installations, and push back against ISIS and other terrorist networks.

Our troops and their families make incredible sacrifices so that we can all enjoy the freedoms and liberties that make the United States the greatest country on Earth. The men and women who humbly wear the uniform are committed to a mission larger than themselves and a cause worthy of our endless praise. This year's NDAA serves as a small token of our gratitude for all that they do in defense of our way of life. As a proud American, I will always support our troops and their families — working to ensure that they have the resources that they need to succeed.

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Code Counsel: Main Street Program in Hampton

BY JIM DAVIES
MEMBER AT LARGE,
HAMPTON CITY
COUNCIL

A little over 13 months ago, on November 9, 2023, the Hampton City Council unanimously passed Resolution 2023-33 to renew their commitment both financially and philosophically for the Main Street Program in Hampton. Hampton has been a Main Street community since 1991.

The City Council endorses the goal of economic revitalization of the designated Main Street District within the context of preservation and rehabilitation of its historic buildings and supports the continuation of the Main Street Approach as developed by Main Street America and espoused by Main Street Iowa.

The agreement is between the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce (GFCCC), and the City of Hampton.

The Hampton Main Street program is admin-

istered by the GFCCC. At one time the Hampton Main Street program was governed by its own board of directors. Several years ago, the program was accepted under the Chamber umbrella.

Hampton City Council provides a financial commitment to the Hampton Main Street program as required by the Main Street Iowa Program Continuation Agreement. \$17,500 was budgeted for the current fiscal year paid to the GFCCC. An additional \$15,000 is budgeted earmarked for the Building Improvement Grant Program.

The city funding of the Hampton Main Street program comes from Tax Increment Funding (TIF) generated by the Hampton TIF district. TIF is a public financing method that uses future property tax increases to pay for community development projects.

Main Street is a network. The Main Street Iowa program works with a select group of communities that successfully complete a competitive application process and com-

mit to exceptionally high standards for downtown economic development. The 50 communities in Iowa are connected to a network of 40 programs across the country representing over 1,600 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban areas.

Main Street is a process. Utilizing the Main Street Approach, communities capitalize on the unique identity, assets and character of their historic commercial districts. The Main Street Approach consists of tightly integrated components making up a common-sense, strategy-driven framework that guides community-based downtown revitalization efforts. Locally developed strategies are implemented through comprehensive work in four broad areas, known as the Four Points: Economic Vitality, Organization, Promotion and Design.

I am a member of the Main Street Design Committee that is responsible for the beautification efforts throughout the district. The focus is on the aesthetics of our down-

town environment, streetscape planning, signage, landscaping, and historic preservation.

A Building Improvement Grant Program is available to property/business owners within the Hampton TIF district. It provides up to \$2,000 in matching funds for improvements to buildings. The application and grant requirements can be found on the Chamber's website, www.hamptoniowa.org.

Main Street is a resource. Assistance from the Main Street Iowa team includes training workshops, architectural and design assistance, business assistance, and several other technical assistance opportunities.

To learn more about the Main Street approach, visit <https://www.iowaeda.com/main-street-iowa/>. Examples include Downtown Resource Center fact sheet, Main Street Iowa fact sheet, YouTube channel, training videos, leadership video series, and cumulative economic impact report.

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

What 1987 movie, set in Chicago in 1930, stars Kevin Costner and Sean Connery as federal agents trying to bring Al Capone (played by Robert De Niro) to justice during Prohibition? Answer: The Untouchables.

What 1988 movie, set in Los Angeles at Christmas time, stars Bruce Willis as New York City police detective John McClane, who is caught up in a terrorist takeover of a skyscraper while visiting his estranged wife? Answer: Die Hard.

This week's trivia questions:

The only two counties in Iowa that start with the letter "I" are Ida County and what other county?

The most common first letter for names of counties in Iowa, with 12 counties, is what letter?

Dec. 18 is Answer the Telephone like Buddy the Elf Day, and Bake Cookies Day; Dec. 19 is National Hard Candy Day; Dec. 20 is Go Caroling Day, and Sacagawea Day; Dec. 21 is December Solstice, World Snowboard Day, and National Crossword Puzzle Day; Dec. 22 is Forefathers' Day, and National Cookie Exchange Day; Dec. 23 is National Christmas Movie Marathon Day; Dec. 24 is Christmas Eve, and National Eggnog Day.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this."

– Isaiah 9:6-7

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

– John 1:14

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

– Matthew 7:7

"What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"

– Dr. Seuss

Dance like Frosty
Shine like Rudolph
Give like Santa
Love like Jesus

"I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It's not bad at all really. Maybe it just needs a little love."

– Charlie Brown, 'A Charlie Brown Christmas'

"Merry Christmas, ya filthy animals!"

– Kevin McCallister, 'Home Alone 2'

"Nobody's walking out on this fun, old-fashioned family Christmas."

– Clark Griswold, 'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation'

"God bless us, every one!"

– Tiny Tim, 'A Christmas Carol'

"It's not what's under the Christmas tree that matters. It's who's around it."

– Charlie Brown, 'Charlie Brown Christmas'

"Of course. Santa. The big man. The head honcho. The connection."

– Ralpie, 'A Christmas Story'

"Son of a nutcracker!"

– Buddy, 'Elf'

U.S. Highway 20 stretches from Newport, Oregon on the west coast, to Boston, Massachusetts on the east coast. Spanning 3,365 miles, it is the longest road in the United States.

U.S. Highway 59 stretches from Laredo, Texas at the Mexico-U.S. border, to the Canada-U.S. border north of Lancaster, Minnesota. From there, it continues north through the city of Winnipeg, to Victoria Beach on Lake Winnipeg. The highway spans approximately 1,700 miles.

Raising the Roof at Rowan

PRESS RELEASE

Wright County's resident community theater, Iowa River Players, took on the responsibility in 2000 to maintain the structure that has been its home for more than twenty-five years.

The Board of Directors have set their goal to raise the funds and complete the project of repairing the roof before fall of 2025. The estimates have come in at \$98,000.00. This number might seem daunting for such a small organization as IRP, but for the fact that since starting in early September this year, the company has raised over \$40,000.00 through grants from the James R. Johnson Trust, in Eagle Grove, the Foster and Evelyn Barkema Trust, in Hampton, from various fundraisers at the "old school gym" in Rowan and gifts from individuals around Wright County and further afield.

Several fundraisers have been produced by the Board, including a concert with local musicians, a haunted house, and on this Friday evening, Dec. 20th, a Lip Sync Battle. Performances begin at 8:00, with a social hour at 7:00.

Current board members

include Treasurer, Tish Arnold; Secretary, Publicity Chair, and General Chair, Ali Holmes, and Set Shop Foreman, Dan Krabbe. Other board members are Becky Ahrends, Nancy Huisinga, Josh Holmes, Megan Peterson, Bethany Capps and Luanne Krabbe. They are responsible for many other board duties such as Stage Directing, Grant Writing, Set Design, Stage Management, House Management, Prop and Costume Crews, Hospitality and many other miscellaneous tasks, including Acting and recruiting Volunteers.

Board Directors are variously from the cities of Klemme, Des Moines, Coulter, Clarion, Dows, Meservey and Galt.

Dan Krabbe will take his first turn at directing a play, "Leaving Iowa" in June of 2025. Auditions will be scheduled in April. The play "Water Rocks" is a musical which originates from Iowa State University of Science and Technology and will be presented in late summer, with auditions in May.

Another much anticipated event for IRP members will be the American Association of Community Theaters National Festi-

val 2025, which will come to historic Hoyt Sherman Place Theater in Des Moines, June 25-28. Theater people will gather for an unforgettable national community theatre festival with top theatrical productions and theater education from community theaters all around the USA. The National Festival will be located in Iowa for the first time ever.

Watch for more information and specific dates on IRP's Facebook page: Iowa River Players Community Theater.

Back to the Roots of IRP: When the decision was made in early 2000, by a startup committee, to stage a musical and begin to look for a place that seemed welcoming for dramatic purposes, the Rowan gym was recommended, toured and rented. The possibilities were endless. It had a stage, with curtains!

The roof was remarkable for its construction and was a stunningly beautiful view from the inside where the rafters in diamond patterns are still revealed. The many handsome alterations, expertly planned, had soon made the large empty space into a "jewel box" of a theater, comfortably seating an audience of

199. Air conditioning, radiant heat, restrooms on floor level and new windows that replaced leaky ones were installed, most of the work done by volunteer crews.

In 2004 the rain on the roof made its way onto the stage. The Board of Directors determined that their mission was to put actors on the stage, not actors on the roof with caulk guns. They began to raise funds with the agreement from the Rowan City Council that the rent would be waived as soon as the roof was secure.

At present, the old leaks are threatening to destroy the structure and leave another abandoned public building in another small town's landscape. Many of the skilled and intrepid original volunteers are only a cherished memory, their places being filled by a new generation of creative and resourceful visionaries. In honor of their work and the grand old building that houses the Drama, donations will be gratefully accepted and may be sent to:

Iowa River Players
c/o Luanne Krabbe
111 Luicks Lane North
Belmond, IA 50421

BUILDINGS: FROM COVER

we couldn't see. It was an estimate after a couple of walk-throughs, but we have built in some cushion to account for some unknowns, but it is not a bid from a contractor."

Lamos asked about the funding and potential timeline for the project. Dunt recommended taking out loans, so they wouldn't have to dip into their funds on hand, which are usually used for bigger street projects.

"We can't even fix street lights and traffic signals," said Lamos. "A lot of streets are in disrepair. We need housing. We need jobs. And we're going to spend \$600K on this? We're in no man's land. Negative growth."

City Council Jerre Grefe said there is no place for businesses to grow downtown, so this would be a good opportunity for that.

"I agree with Pat. We don't need another empty

lot downtown," Grefe said. "We need those buildings for businesses, and talking about the need for housing, we can have potentially two to four apartments above as well."

Grefe added that she felt it was well worth the investment to save the building and then turn around and sell it and recoup some of the loss.

"We have to do something and it's not going to go away," said Birdsall. "It's just sitting in our laps."

City Councilor Bill Hodge asked about grant opportunities and Johnson said he would speak with their finance department and send additional information to City Manager Dunt.

Johnson said it would take a while to get the ball rolling on the project, as they would still have to go through the bidding process.

At the time of the meeting, Terracon was almost done with their asbestos and lead-based paint inspection on the properties, and they would be reporting back shortly with their findings, according to City Manager Ron Dunt. Once the reports are back, the city will look for proposals

for asbestos and lead-based paint removal.

Dunt said they have a state grant to help with both processes, explaining it would be a reimbursement. The city would cover the costs and then they'd be paid back through the grant program with the state.

Franklin County Home Care Service

Franklin County Home Care Service is accepting applications for a Certified Nurses Aid at a beginning wage of \$18.99 or Homemaker at beginning wage of \$16.44. Mileage reimbursement is allowed for travel. This position is part-time. Applicants will provide services in homes within Franklin County to support independently in their home with intermittent care. Job assignments include personal care assistance, light house cleaning, laundry, meal prep, and other assigned tasks. Work schedule may vary during regular daytime hours. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and complete a Physical and Drug Screening test. Application deadline December 27th 2024 or until filled. For more information, call 641-456-5830. EOE employer

What's At The Windsor

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER

The Windsor Theatre has several special movies scheduled for this holiday season.

The Windsor Theatre is hosting a FREE movie, The Star, on Wednesday, Dec. 18 starting at 6:30 pm. (Note earlier than usual start time for an evening show.)

This animated movie from 2017 is a faith-based take on the Nativity story that is told from the perspective of the animals that accompanied Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Everyone is welcome. Religious education classes from all churches are especially invited to attend.

The powerful, thought-provoking film, Silent Night in Algona, will be shown on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7 pm. J-T Machine & Tool Co., Jeff & Tracy Spear, are paying for the first 300 people.

Silent Night in Algona is the true story of WWII German POWs. This 2022 film highlights events that unfolded in 1944 Algona, IA, from mid-November to Christmas including a farmer who receives help with his corn harvest and the prisoners creating a Nativity Scene for the community that is still on display today.

The Algona Nativity Scene was built by Eduard Kaib, Horst Wendlandt, Eric Knoll and three friends who were Prisoners of War at Camp Algona. When the war ended, they donated the

scene, which includes 65 one-half life size figures, to the town of Algona.

The Nativity Scene is now under the care of the First United Methodist Church of Algona and located at the Kossuth Country Fairgrounds

First-run movies return for one-week engagements with The Best Christmas Pageant Ever movie being shown Friday, Dec. 20 through Thursday, Dec. 26. There will be a show on Dec. 25, Christmas night, at 7pm. The Church of the Living Word is sponsoring a free show paying the admission price for everyone attending on Sunday evening, Dec. 22 at 7 pm.

Parents need to know that The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is based on Barbara Robinson's beloved 1972 children's book about the mischievous, unruly Herdman siblings, who shake up a traditional small-town Christmas pageant.

Known for bullying others, cursing, and even smoking, the six "no good" Herdmans volunteer for major roles in the pageant after discovering that the church offers free snacks.

Though iffy content is minimal, the Herdmans do intimidate their classmates, steal, and use mild insults like "jerks," "stupid," and "shut up." They also silently mouth curse words, make threatening gestures, and scuffle with other kids (and one another). They set a shed on fire and are accused of starting a church fire.



Despite their behavior, the Herdmans become more sympathetic as they learn the Christmas story's message of community and kindness. And the judgmental church ladies and put-upon kids who at first want to kick the Herdmans out of the pageant and ban them from church eventually learn to be accepting and inclusive (albeit in some cases not until the very end of the movie).

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is rated PG for ages 8+. The run time is 99 minutes. Showtimes are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7pm with a Sunday matinee at 1 pm.

Regular ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$4 for youth (16 & under). Age 50 and over price is \$3 on Sunday. Tickets are \$3 each for everyone on Wednesday and Thursday.

Free Saturday afternoon movie matinees, both starting at 1 pm, are planned for Dec. 21 and 28. National

Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council, is on Dec. 21 and Elf, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Hampton, is on Dec. 28. A drawing for a jigsaw puzzle of the film shown will be held at each showing. The puzzles are provided by Jerre Grefe of First and Second Vintage.

Based on John Hughes's short story, "Christmas '59", published in National Lampoon, the 1989 film tells the story of Clark Griswold's (Chevy Chase) efforts to have a good old-fashioned family Christmas as they take a hilarious turn for the worse.

Elf is a light-hearted Christmas 2003 comedy starring Will Ferrell as a fun-loving human, raised by elves, who makes his way to New York for a holiday adventure.

One of this year's most popular movies, Wicked, debuts at the Windsor Theatre on Friday, December 27 and will be showing for two weeks.

The Windsor Theatre has gift certificates (Windsor bucks) in denominations of \$5 and \$1 to use for admission or concessions. Movie passes can be purchased and given as gifts--\$5 for adults and \$4 for youth (age 16 and under).

For the regular movie-goer, a punch card is available. Each punch card has 25 punches for \$20, a



20% discount. One punch equals one dollar good for admission only. There is no expiration date on punch cards, Windsor bucks, or movie passes.

Windsor History: More than just movies!

Besides showing first run movies, the Windsor Theatre also provides a venue for several live events. The Franklin County Arts Council has had numerous productions. Since 2011 "An Evening Like It Used To Be" has been held in October. This visit to the early 1900's features vintage entertainment of a silent mov-

ie with Windsor Orchestra accompaniment under the direction of Leon Kuehner and the "Pythian Players" acting troupe performing vaudeville comedy skits.

Old Time Country Hoedowns, birthday parties, class reunions, weddings, family reunions, pesticide training for Franklin County Extension, business seminars, the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 raffle drawing, Preservation Iowa awards, and a political debate have all been held. Private and school tours are also available, upon request.

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then spoke about sponsorship for the event, which they are trying to “shape into an honorary role.”

“This year, we will have two honorary sponsors and those will be announced at the Coaches VS. Cancer event,” he said. “We will also have t-shirts for sale. They will go on sale Dec. 18 and the sales will close Jan. 7.”

He said the short sleeve shirts will be 13 dollars and long sleeve shirts will be 17 dollars. Three dollars from each shirt will be donated directly to the American Cancer Society.

Trevino said the HD-CAL Student Council and West Fork Student Council will also be working on care bags for those fighting cancer. The bags will be handed out at the Coaches VS. Cancer event.

The Coaches VS. Cancer basketball game is scheduled for Jan. 25. More details will be published once those are made available.

Former Chamber Board President Sarah Miller then presented the events.

Chamber Board Member Rebekah Ault shared that if you spend 50 bucks at any Chamber business, you can take the receipt to Center One, where you will be entered into a drawing.

Anna Dunnwald invited everyone to the Longest Night Service at Immanuel Latimer.

“That is on the longest night of the year, Dec. 21,” she said. “It is a quiet worship service that acknowledges not everybody is feeling super excited and happy at Christmas time. If you’ve lost a loved one or are struggling, it’s a beautiful space for that. We are one of the only churches in the area that does it, so everyone is welcome.”

It is scheduled for Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel Latimer.

Dunnwald also shared that they are hosting another January Jam, which is meant for older kids. She said they’re trying to do it every six months or so — one in the summer and one in the winter. The upcoming Jam is scheduled for Jan. 17, from 5 to 9 p.m., at CLW.

“All churches are welcome,” Dunnwald said. “It’s a partnership between area churches and Youth for Christ to get together.”

Windsor Theatre Manager Jim Davies gave a recap on upcoming performances and shows, including “Silent Night in Algona” (2022) on Dec. 19.

“We showed that two years ago, but we’re bringing that back,” he said. “We’re excited about that.”

His biggest news: “Wicked” will be at the Windsor Theatre for two weeks starting Dec. 27. He added that everyone had been asking him about that movie, as it’s been so popular.

Franklin County VA Director Adam Akers reminded everyone that the American Legion fundraiser breakfasts will be held the second Saturday of the month for the next few months. He said they’ll be serving biscuits and gravy and they’ll be raising money for their flag program at the Hampton cemetery.

“There are 118 flags and poles down there and one of the biggest needs we have is the trailer that stores the flags ... that needs to be rebuilt pretty badly,” he said. “We’ve had some pretty generous donations already but we’re still looking to complete our goals. It’s a good breakfast if you’re able to join us.”

Akers also mentioned they’re taking a bus tour down to Fort Dodge on Feb 5. If interested, contact Akers at the VA Department 641-456-5670.

Luanne Krabbe with Wright County’s res-

ident community theater, Iowa River Players, said they’re hoping to repair their roof before fall of 2025, as it’s been leaking for years.

Several fundraisers have been produced by the Board, including a concert with local musicians, a haunted house, and on Dec. 20th, a Lip Sync Battle. Performances begin at 8 p.m., with a social hour at 7 p.m.

“I just want to say this is a great event,” Krabbe said of the Chamber breakfast. “Letting everybody get up and give their elevator speech. It’s good practice, isn’t it? Because you can get really scared about doing that.”

First and Second Vintage Owner Jerre Grefe said she’d recently spoke to a few young ladies at her shop, who called Hampton boring.

“There is so much to do in Hampton!” she said. “You just have to pay attention to what is going on around you. I want to thank this table of young people [pointing to the student leaders from the high school]. I am so proud of Hampton youth. They are so involved and they’re super achievers. Thank you so much!”

Grefe said they are holding plant bingo on Jan. 26 at First & Second Vintage Too, where you can play bingo for plants that people have brought in. Snacks will be provided. Bring your beverage of choice. She also mentioned that Nathan & Clay will be returning to the ceramic studio for another class in February.

“It is always a lot of fun. This will be his third time coming back, because he’s been so popular,” Grefe said.

Last but not least, she mentioned a spring makeup that she’ll be doing on Chronicle News Editor Jennifer Burnham. (Stay tuned for results!)

The next pop-up market will be March 15 at First & Second Vintage Too!

“It is so important to support these home-based businesses,” Grefe said. “These are people with a dream. They contribute to our tax base. They spend their earned dollars in our county. They could possibly even open a business one day.”

Events

- Nov. 29 - Dec. 20: Shop Local & Win Big
- Dec. 20 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- Dec. 21 - Longest Night Service, Immanuel Latimer
- Jan. 17 - January JAM, Christian youth event, seventh through twelfth grade
- Dec. 21 - National Lampon’s Christmas Vacation, sponsored by FCAC, at the Windsor Theatre
- Dec. 28 - Elf, sponsored by Hampton Kiwanis, at the Windsor Theatre
- Dec. 18 - The Star (2017), at the Windsor Theatre
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- Dec. 19 - Dec. 27 - The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, at the Windsor Theatre
- Dec. 27 - Jan. 2 - Homestead, at the Windsor Theatre
- Jan. 3 - Jan. 9 - Wicked, at the Windsor Theatre
- Jan. 10 - Jan. 16 - Gladiator 2, at the Windsor Theatre
- Dec. 18 - Ignite the Spirit
- Dec. 20 - Lip Sync Battle at Iowa River Player’s Theatre
- Dec. 23 - Hansell Fire Department Soup Supper
- Dec. 30 - Franklin REC Blood Drive
- Jan. 25 - Relay for Life: Coaches VS. Cancer Basketball
- Jan. 26 - Plant Bingo
- Franklin County Fair Dinner Dance - March 16 - Spring Rejuvenation - Jerre Grefe

CHRISTMAS: FROM COVER

Pralle said each show was better than the last.

“All of the performances were good ones but they got progressively better as we went along, which is what you always want to see from a director’s standpoint,” he said.

Preparing for the production also called for creating set pieces and backdrops, which Pralle worked on every night for three weeks. He spent hours constructing “broadway flats,” wooden frames with stretched muslin fabric over them. According to Pralle, they are lightweight and easy to repaint for any future show.

“I created these rather than using other methods

in the past -- foam boards, cardboard panels, or drapes -- as they are very reusable by any show at the Windsor and they are easy to work with,” Pralle said. “They are an investment in the future of theatre at the Windsor, which I wanted to support.”

To make set changes easier, Pralle mounted two panels on a wheeled frame that allowed them to easily spin the panels around to change scenes.

“This meant we could have two completely separate scenes that could be revealed with a spin,” he said. “We supplemented this with other panels to create an illusion of other rooms, places, and so forth.”

His inspiration for the play came from his wife, Yolanda Pralle, who helped direct the production. He explained that she had the idea of writing a play about good vs. evil in the context of a school at the North Pole, which eventually led to ‘A Colorless Christmas.’

“I wanted to explore the fact that the world has so much color especially at Christmas, so what does it mean when that drains out?” he asked. “What does the color symbolize? How can I call out that symbolism? The spirits were borne of the idea that Christmas itself has many aspects -- tradition, merriment, hope, peace, winter -- and those all mix into what is

Christmas, just like all the colors mix to make the decorations.”

When it came down to it, Pralle called the production a “huge, daunting experience,” due to the large cast and huge changes in sets, but said that’s what made it so impressive at the end of the day.

“It was a demonstration in how all the children could bond and work together to pull off a production so many times larger than each of them, and do it in a way that was entertaining and fun,” he said.

Looking ahead, Pralle hopes to have the opportunity to direct more plays for the Franklin County Arts Council. And while

he’s always open to running with already written Christmas plays, he doesn’t mind writing them, as it gives them more flexibility to change when needed, as they did this year.

“My wife and I also hope to spend time working on the back stage of the theatre, making it more friendly to shows (both plays and others) and generally supporting the theatre and what it does for the community,” Pralle said.

Actors who performed in the play: Charleigh Schirmer, Ardian Berisha, Miyah Arana Jamila Jibreel, Evelyn Osborn, Nathalia Flores, Aishah Khunchan, Harlee Christianson, Amiah Stevens,

Jaliyah Ivey, Luci Mollenbeck, Zaarifa Tariq, Keston Pralle, Wael Al Habarrie Bella Duran, Autumn Wood, Victoria Flores, Genna Foreshoe, Logan Folkerds, Lillian Foreshoe, Adison Jorgensen, Luna Flores, Tammy Schirmer, Haylee Hanna, Natalie Birdsell, Macaeon Pralle, Greg Garcia, Jack Hindin and Liberty Varelman.

The crew working behind the scenes: Alondra Duran, Alivia Jorgensen, Tam Hindin, Gabe Jorgensen, Issac Vosburg and Grace Garcia. Assistant director and stage manager: Yolanda Pralle. Associate director: Madonna Weiland.

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Got an event you'd like listed in our weekly Calendar?

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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

Bulldogs Girls Remain Undefeated

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON— The wins keep on coming for the Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs girls basketball team so far this season. The Bulldogs defeated the Webster City Lynx 58-28 at home on Dec. 13 to improve to 5-0 on the year.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a lead early on in the game and never looked back as they led 17-5 after the first quarter. The Bulldogs outscored Webster City 15-10 in the second quarter to take a 32-15 lead into halftime. The

Bulldogs then proceeded to pull away in the third quarter as they outscored the Lynx 14-3 to make it 46-18. The Bulldogs then finished the game by outscoring the Lynx 12-10 in the final quarter.

Hampton-Dumont-CAL went 22-for-47 from the field including 4-for-14 from three-point range and 10-for-19 from the free-throw line. Lily Hambly led the team with 25 points, Jordan Valley added 10 points, Brooklyn Valley scored seven points, Addison Aalbers added six points, Charlee Morton scored five points, Madison Heilskov added three points,

and MacKenzy Valley scored two points.

Defense was important for the Bulldogs as they stole the ball 21 times and forced Webster City to turn the ball over 31 total times. The Bulldogs had only 10 turnovers themselves. Brooklyn Valley led the team with seven steals, Hambly added five steals, Jordan Valley and MacKenzy Valley both had four steals each, and Kenzie Moorehead had one steal.

Head Coach Miranda Stafford said that even with the strong start to the season that her message to the team so far is to not be satisfied.

“We have to keep working every single day to get a little bit better,” Stafford said. “We have to improve on the things that we did not do well. But be excited and take it in and take every victory. But come back to work the next day and get a little better.”

With a big large of margin victory, Stafford said the defensive pressure was a reason the team was able to pull away.

“We wanted to get into gaps and create some turnovers and make them play faster than what they are comfortable with,” Stafford said. “I thought we did a nice job of that in the first half.”

As the Bulldogs were able to keep Webster City from closing the gap at all in the second half, Stafford said that showed a lot of growth from the team when compared to last year.



Keely Moorehead looks to get around a defender during the Bulldogs win over Webster City on Dec. 13. Photo by Kevin Labotka



Lily Hambly attempts a shot over a defender during the Bulldogs win over Webster City on Dec. 13. Photo by Kevin Labotka

“Last year we would have been satisfied,” Stafford said. “Even at the beginning of this year as I told them at Nevada we won by 20 and we could have maybe won by more but we were just happy with winning at that point. I think they are starting to catch on that we are going to play every single possession in the game and we talked at halftime not taking a single possession off and I think they did a good job of that in the second half and executing some

things.”
To make sure that the team does give it their all, Stafford said the Bulldogs are focused on taking it one game at a time.

“Don’t just come into games thinking you are going to win,” Stafford said. “You have to go in and play well and be ready to play because teams are going to be ready.”

The Bulldogs’ next game is on the road on Dec. 20. at St. Edmond at 6:15 p.m.

Bulldogs Fall to Webster City

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON— It was a tough night on offense for the Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs boys basketball team as the Bulldogs fell to the Webster City Lynx 50-17 at home on Dec. 13.

Both teams had trouble getting the ball to go into the hoop in the first quarter as the Bulldogs took a 2-0 lead early on. The Lynx tied the game at 2-2 but then neither team scored again until there was 3:23 left in the quarter when the Bulldog made a free-throw to make it 3-2. The Bulldogs then added to their lead to make it 5-2 thanks to a basket by Brady Harr with 1:36 left in the quarter, but the Bulldogs then found themselves trailing 5-7 in the final seconds when Harr hit a shot right before the buzzer to make it 7-7.

In the second quarter, the two teams continued to have trouble making shots as with just over 4:00 left in the game it was tied 10-10. Webster City then went on a 10-4 run to take a 20-14 lead into halftime. The Bulldogs were then outscored 13-2 in the third quarter to make it 33-16 and the Bulldogs were outscored 17-1 in

the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs went 7-for-39 from the field including 3-for-8 from the free-throw line. Harr led the team with 11 points, Caden Woods scored four points, Traimaine Horton and Aaden Keehn both added one point each. Turnovers were an issue for the Bulldogs as they turned the ball over 32 times in the game while Webster City turned the ball over just 14 times. The Bulldogs did not rebound the Lynx 40-26 in the game. Harr had a double-double as he recorded 14 rebounds, Woods added eight rebounds, Keehn had six rebounds, Carter Arends, Josh Wohlford, Jacob Donnenwerth, and Horton all had two rebounds each. Connor Miller, Alexander Sosa, Fernando Mota, and Jordan Sosa all had one rebound each.

Head coach Brian Niesen said that a take away from the loss was that the Bulldogs’ defense was good in the game.

“I think in the first seven minutes I don’t think Webster City made more than one basket,” Niesen said. “I liked what our defense did. I thought our defense that we have been working hard at, I thought was good enough to

keep us in the game and it did for a while.”

Niesen said the Bulldogs took shots that normally went in but did not fall the Bulldogs way in the loss. Niesen also said that Webster City pressured the ball and that the Bulldogs have to get used to seeing that.

“We knew we had to be strong with the ball and you have to credit Webster City’s defense for some of the misses of course,” Niesen said. “Some of it was our guys just speeding up a little bit. We got the ball in the paint but we maybe got bumped a little bit and we didn’t finish through contact there. Our guys are bummed they did not finish better at the hoop. They know they are capable and we will keep working and keep trying to get better.”

To help get used to the pressure their opponents will put on them, Niesens said they will do their best to simulate in practice.

“We will try to get our guys really get after each other and pressure each other so we can keep working on that for game nights,” Niesen said.

The team’s next game is on the road on Dec. 20. at St. Edmond at 7:45 p.m.



Brady Harr scores a basket during the Bulldogs' lost to Webster City on Dec 13. Photo by Kevin Labotka

North Central Conference Turns 100-years old

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

In November of 1924 the North Central Conference was formed. Hampton-Dumont-CAL Activity Director Christi Weiser said that the school has banners celebrating the anniversary in the gym and on the school’s wrestling mat and at the football field.

“We are going to celebrate from November of 2024 through the end of the 2025-2026 school year,” Weiser said.

Hampton-Dumont-CAL is one of the original members of the conference which was originally known as the North Central Six. It consisted of Algona, Clarion, Eagle Grove, Hampton, Humboldt, and Webster City.

Weiser said that there will be a few press releases by the conference and that the schools in the conference have had discussions about an All-Century team.

“Just different individuals who have accomplished not just things in Iowa but nationally and globally as athletes,” Weiser said. “Some of that information will be released over the

next year and things like that.”

Turning 100-years old is not the only thing going on in the conference as the conference is expanding as well.

“It was released last week that Forest City, Eagle Grove, and Garner-Hayfield Ventura will be joining us in 2026 and 2027,” Weiser said. “That is in addition to Charles City which had already been agreed upon them joining the conference in 2026-2027 officially. We will move to a 12 team North Central Conference with the Tradition and Pride divisions in the 2026-2027 school year.”

The stability of the conference through the years is one thing that stands out about the North Central Conference according to Weiser.

“Especially in this part of the state there has been some instability in conferences the last several years,” Weiser said. “To have the stability of our conference and that loyalty. I will say that sitting in the room with our superintendents and the activities directors as we were discussing what we wanted to

do in looking at conference expansion. It was important in that room and in those conversations to do what we could to protect the stability of the conference and maintain competitive balance for both the smallest school and the biggest school. Looking at how we stay committed and loyal to each other while doing while also obviously each district we all have a responsibility and commitment to doing what is best for our students first and foremost. But being able to find a way to do what is best for our students in our district while also looking out for the other schools in our conference has been a really important thing in the North Central Conference.”

With adding multiple new schools, Weiser said that the activity directors of the schools will be meeting to address scheduling logistics on January 15th.

“We do know that we will have two divisions, but not all the schools have all the sports,” Weiser said. “So it will be based differently on different sports. For example, right now with tennis, Humboldt does not have tennis. So Neva-

da actually participates in the conference as a tennis school. So we have to look

and evaluate if that is still how we want to do that. So January 15, us activity

directors will get together and start hashing out what that looks like.”

Upcoming Sports Events

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

- Dec. 19. Boys wrestling double dual, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 20. Girls basketball at St. Edmond, 6:15 p.m.
- Dec. 20. Boys basketball at St. Edmond, 7:45 p.m.
- Dec. 20. Girls wrestling at IFA Girls Wrestling Invitational at Ellsworth College, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 21. Girls basketball at St. Ansgar, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 21. Boys basketball at St. Ansgar, 3:45 p.m.
- Dec. 21. Boys wrestling at 52nd Annual Jim Kinyon Norsemen Invitational at Roland-Story, 10 a.m.

West Fork

- Dec. 19. Boys basketball at Madrid, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20. Girls basketball at St. Ansgar, 6:15 p.m.
- Dec. 20. Boys basketball at St. Ansgar, 7:45 p.m.
- Dec. 20. Girls wrestling at IFA Girls Wrestling Invitational at Ellsworth College, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 21. Boys wrestling at North Linn Tournament, 9 a.m.

Weekly Recap

Hampton-Dumont-CAL:

Dec. 10. Girls basketball won vs AGWSR 49-48. Brooklyn Valley led the team with 18 points, Jordan Valley and Charlee Morton both scored nine points each, MacKenzy Valley added seven points, Lily Hambly scored four points, and Addison Aalbers scored two points.

Dec. 10. Girls wrestling lost to Janesville 33-24. Juliette Koch won in the 135-lbs weight class, Jade Johnson won in the 155-lbs weight class, Elsie Kuper won in the 170-lbs weight class, and Maren Subbert won in the 190-lbs weight class.

Dec. 10. Boys basketball won against AGWSR 52-39. The Bulldogs trailed 907 after the first quarter but outscored AGWSR 14-11 to take a 21-20 lead at halftime. The Bulldogs outscored AGWSR 16-10 in the third quarter to make it 37-30 and outscored AGWSR 15-9 in the fourth quarter. Brady Harr led the team with 26 points, Tramaine Horton scored 10 points, Caden Woods scored eight points, Connor Miller added six points, and Jacob Donnenwerth scored two points.

Dec. 12. Boys wrestling went 1-1 at the triangular at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows. The Bulldogs lost to Clar-

ion-Goldfield-Dows 35.0-34.0. In that match, Charlie Showalter won in the 144-lbs weight class, Ryder Strother won in the 157-lbs weight class, Taylor Mahler won in the 165-lbs weight class, and Colin Bird won in the 175-lbs weight class. Maddon Evans won in the 215-lbs weight class, Luke Showalter won in the 126-lbs weight class, and Brody Storther won in the 138-lbs weight class. The Bulldogs won against Webster City 50.0-20.0. In that match, Jaymes Stevens won in the 144-lbs weight class, Taylor Mahler won in the 157-lbs weight class, Colin Bird won in the 165-lbs weight class, Madox Storther won in the 106-lbs weight class, Carter Janssen won in the 113-lbs weight class, William Vosburg won in the 120-lbs weight class, Luke Showalter won in the 126-lbs weight class, Jacob Mahler won in the 132-lbs weight class, and Charlie Showlater won in the 138-lbs weight class.

West Fork:

Dec. 10. Girls basketball won vs Northwood-Kensett 65-10. The Warhawks are now 4-1 on the year. The Warhawks led 35-4 after the first quarter and led 42-8 at halftime. The Warhawks did not give up a point in the third quarter as they outscored Northwood-Kensett 15-0 to make it 57-8. The Warhawks outscored Northwood-Kensett 8-2 in the final quarter.

Dec. 10. Girls wrestling finished in a tie for eighth place out of 15 teams with a score of 72.0 points at the Lady Eagle Invitational. Lily Baker went

7-9 and took fifth place in the 135-lbs weight class, Josi Janssen went 15-2 and took third place in the 140-lbs weight class, Jenny Ramirez went 12-4 and took first place in the 145-lbs weight class, and Kaylee Lafrankie went 1-4 in the 155-lbs weight class. Autumn Woods went 1-2 in the 155-lbs weight class, and Fernanda Ramirez went 13-2 and took second place in the 170-lbs weight class.

Dec. 10. Boys basketball lost to Northwood-Kensett 66-55. The Warhawks are now 1-1 on the year. The game was tied 18-18 after the first quarter and the Warhawks outscored Northwood-Kensett 20-11 in the second quarter to take a 38-29 lead into halftime. The Warhawks were outscored 21-10 in the third quarter and trailed 50-48 heading into the fourth quarter. The Warhawks were outscored 16-7 in the fourth quarter. The Warhawks shot 20-for-63 from the field as a team, including 10-for-31 from three-point range and 5-for-5 from the free-throw line. Ashyr Wiseman led the team with 22 points, Xavier Baptiste added 16 points, Zander Hansen had eight points, Trevor Despenas scored seven points, and Keston Lambertsen scored two points. The Warhawks had 17 steals as a team, Despenas led the team with four steals, Baptiste, Wiseman, and Lambertsen all had three steals each, Nolan Shreckengost had two steals, and Cannen Vold and Hansen both recorded one steal each.



Megan Severs lifts her opponent during the girls wrestling team's match against Janesville. Photo by Molly Bird



Luke Showalter goes against his opponent during the match against Clarion-Goldfield-Dows. Photo by Molly Bird

Dec. 12. Boys wrestling went 0-3 at the home triangular against Northwood-Kensett, Nashua-Plainfield, and Eagle Grove. The Warhawks lost to Northwood-Kensett 37.0-15.0. In that match, Jasper Jones won in the 150-lbs weight class, Jensen Robbins won in the 215-lbs weight class, and Jarren Hitzhusen won in the 285-lbs weight class.

The Warhawks lost to Nashua-Plainfield 78.0-6.0. In that match, Jasper Jones won in the 144-lbs weight class. The Warhawks lost to Eagle Grove 53.0-18.0. In that match, Andrew Baker won in the 165-lbs weight class, Preston Starr won in the 144-lbs weight class, and Jasper Jones won in the 150-lbs weight class.

Slam the Stigma



Hampton-Dumont-CAL basketball hosted their first Slam the Stigma ever in Hampton. The event was sponsored by Abbott Realty, Butch Gruelke Auto Body, Dave Gronewald Construction, Dumont Harlem Lumber, Everbloom Flower Company, Forst Bank Hampton, Franklin General Hospital, Iowa Specialty Hospitals and Clinics, Wyatt Raska Memorial Fund.

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Online CropsTV Program Returns for Fifth Season in 2025

Plan for 2025 with crop production updates available anywhere with an internet connection

AMES – CropsTV, powered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, returns for a fifth season in 2025. This educational program delivers crop production information directly to farmers and agricultural service providers and provides the convenience of crop production education at home, in the office or anywhere there is an internet connection. All episodes will be available for on-demand viewing, providing flexibility for busy viewers.

Season five of CropsTV features more than 25 episodes with a variety of crop, pest management, nutrient management, and soil and water management topics. While some topics will be familiar from other programs, most are exclusive to CropsTV, including presentations on DIY soil health measurements, manure variability and valuation, grain marketing strategies, decision making with agro-climate tools, considerations for applications with spray drones, and strategies

to mitigate corn yield drag following cereal rye.

“CropsTV has been a popular online learning opportunity for farmers and agricultural service providers since it launched five years ago,” said Leah Ten Napel, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “This season will be full of exclusive episodes only available via CropsTV, all with the same flexibility in selecting interesting topics to watch on a flexible schedule.”

Registration and viewing of the first four episodes of the program will open Jan. 7, 2025. Registration for CropsTV is \$100 and includes access to more than 25 prerecorded episodes, at least 18 Certified Crop Advisor credits, and access to program and reference materials. New episodes will be released through Feb. 18, 2025. Subscribers will have access to all materials through April 15, 2025. Learn more at the CropsTV website. For CropsTV related inquiries, please email cropstv@iastate.edu.



Erin Hodgson, extension entomologist, explained how to identify European corn borer during an episode of CropsTV.

Planter University Workshops Focus on Optimizing Planter Setup across All Brands

Workshops to be held in six locations across Iowa



AMES – Specialists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach are once again teaming up with Iowa State Ag and Biosystems Engineering specialists to bring planter equipment expertise to farms across the state. Planter University workshops are set for Feb. 3-7 and 11, 2025.

The workshops are an opportunity for farmers, agricultural service providers, equipment and precision ag dealers, and others to gain insight into how planters function; how to optimize settings for individual seed, field and equipment needs; and improve understanding of planter wear and calibration.

“Planter University goes far beyond a typical planter clinic and provides attendees direct access to specialists with expertise in planter technology and settings,” said Meaghan Anderson, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “We are excited to host these workshops across the state again this February.”

Specialists from the Iowa State Digital Ag group will lead each workshop and focus on small-group, hands-on learning with row units representing a variety of technologies currently available for planters. The Digital Ag group is renowned for its key industry partnerships and unique expertise in equipment development and precision agriculture. Meetings will also offer continuing education credits for Certified Crop Advisers.

“Former participants overwhelmingly enjoyed the workshop approach and stated the workshop improved their ability to confidently make adjustments during planting season,” said Levi Powell, Iowa State ag and biosystems engineering program specialist.

“We are going to help attendees better understand the physics behind traditional and high-speed planters and how to evaluate planting performance, because every planter, operator and operation is different. This event will focus on how to dial in the right settings for you and your operation,” added Ben Covington, Iowa State ag and biosystems engineering program specialist.

The training will be offered at six locations. Attendance will be limited to maintain small group

sizes and allow for hands-on activities. Registration for each location is \$100 and closes seven days ahead of each meeting. There is no on-site registration available. Register online starting Jan. 2, 2025.

Registration includes lunch, refreshments, reference materials, seed depth tool, closing wheel hold up bracket and CCA credits. Registration check-in opens at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. The program concludes at 3 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

- Feb. 3 – Cass County Community Center, Atlantic
- Feb. 4 – Northwest Research and Demonstration Farm, Sutherland
- Feb. 5 – Northern Research and Demonstration Farm, Kanawha
- Feb. 6 – Heartland Acres Agribition Center, Independence
- Feb. 7 – Crystal Creek Enterprises, 2457 Highway 30, DeWitt
- Feb. 11 – Alliant Energy Ag Innovation Lab, 3800 University Boulevard, Ames

For registration-related questions, please contact ISU Registration Services at 515-294-6222 or registrations@iastate.edu. For all other inquiries, email crops@iastate.edu.

Iowa State Fair Board Elections

DES MOINES – During the annual State Agricultural Convention, held December 15 in conjunction with the Association of Iowa Fairs Conference, elections were held for positions on the Iowa State Fair Board of Directors.

Two new Board members were elected to serve two-year terms. Danny Olson from Red Oak replaces retiring board member Gary Van Aernam from Exira (Southwest), and Jarrod Horning from

Ainsworth replaces retiring board member Gary McConnell from Bloomfield (Southeast).

Outlined in Iowa Code, county fair delegates representing six geographic districts elect two board members to serve two-year staggered terms on the Iowa State Fair Board. Directors re-elected by their districts were VerDon Schmidt, Everly (Northwest); Tennie Carlson, Stratford (North Central); Deb Zumbach, Coggon

(Northeast); and Jo Reynolds, Indianola (South Central).

Board officers elected for 2024 are as follows: President Curtis Claeys, Grand Mound (Southeast); Vice President Deb Zumbach, Coggon (Northeast); and Treasurer Jo Reynolds, Indianola (South Central). Jeremy Parsons, Des Moines, was re-appointed as Board Secretary.

Other Iowa State Fair Board members include Alan Brown, Hampton (North Cen-

tral); John Harms, Monticello (Northeast); C.W. Thomas, Guthrie Center (Southwest); Randy Brown, Osceola (South Central); Randy Gaudin, Primghar (Northwest); Curtis Claeys, Grand Mound (Southeast). Board Members by office held are Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds; Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig (represented by Grant Menke); and Iowa State University President Wendy Wintersteen (represented by Andrea Welchans).

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Sen. Chris Cournoyer Appointed Iowa Lieutenant Governor

BY ROBIN OPSAHL
IOWA CAPITAL
DISPATCH

Gov. Kim Reynolds named Sen. Chris Cournoyer as her new lieutenant governor Monday, filling the role that was left open since former Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg resigned from the position in September.

The governor said Cournoyer, a LeClaire Republican who has served as a state senator since 2019, was her choice after months of consideration because of her work on issues like education and technology.

“Her instinct isn’t just to wonder ‘why’ something isn’t working right or to complain, it’s actually to get in there and fix the problem herself,” Reynolds said. “She takes responsibility, she gets her hands dirty and she does the work. And the people of Iowa couldn’t ask for more in a lieutenant governor, and neither can I.”

Cournoyer took the oath of office Monday, administered by Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Susan Christensen, officially taking the position as lieutenant governor. She thanked Reynolds for appointing her to the position, and said she was ready to help serve the state from the executive branch.

“It’s an honor, and somewhat surreal, to be standing at this podium as Iowa’s lieutenant governor,” Cournoyer said. “... This is a humbling responsibility for me, and Iowans can be confident that I will always approach it with the seriousness that it deserves. That’s why I want to thank you, Governor. Reynolds, for placing your trust in me.”

In addition to serving in the Iowa Senate, Cournoyer was formerly president of the Pleasant Valley Community School District School Board, member of Governor’s STEM Advisory Council and previously worked as a senior consultant in the technology division of the Chicago-based Andersen Consulting — a firm that later became Accenture.

Reynolds praised Cournoyer’s experience in these roles, saying she will play an important role as lieutenant governor in tackling issues like artificial intelligence and expanding STEM opportunities in Iowa schools.

“Chris’ qualifications go far beyond an impres-



Iowa Sen. Chris Cournoyer was appointed as the lieutenant governor by Gov. Kim Reynolds in a Dec. 16, 2024 announcement at the Iowa State Capitol. (Photo by Robin Opsahl Iowa Capital Dispatch)

sive resume,” Reynolds said at the news conference held in the governor’s office Monday. “In fact, I believe they get to the heart ... of what it takes to be a lieutenant governor. First and foremost, she’s someone that Iowans can trust to serve as governor if I were ever unable to. I have complete confidence in her character, her judgment and her ability. It’s these same qualities that also make her ideally suited to serve as a member of my team.”

Cournoyer will serve as Reynolds’ second-in-command for the remainder of the governor’s current term of office, until 2026 — the time of the next Iowa gubernatorial election. Though Reynolds has not made any announcement regarding another reelection campaign, she is expected to run for another term in the next election.

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Iowa Republicans and state leaders sent congratulatory

resumes to Cournoyer for her appointment to the position. Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver released a statement Monday saying Cournoyer had “proven herself over the last 6 years as a smart, capable conservative” as a member of the Iowa Senate Republicans.

“During her tenure in the Iowa Senate, she was a leading advocate for legislation to secure Second Amendment rights, protections for law enforcement, historic income tax relief, and every other common sense conservative priority the Senate has advanced,” Whitver said. “She will be missed, but I am happy for her and I look forward to watching her succeed in her new role as Lieutenant Governor.”

Alongside her role in the gubernatorial line of succession, the lieutenant governor is also assigned duties by the governor. For Gregg, that meant initiatives like the Empower Rural Iowa Initiative.

Gregg, who became the Iowa Bankers Association’s president and CEO in September after resigning as lieutenant governor, said that he chose to leave public office to spend more time with his family. He had held the position since Reynolds took office in 2017 after former Gov. Terry Branstad vacated the governor seat to serve as U.S. ambassador to China during President-elect Donald Trump’s first term in office.

When Gregg was appointed to serve as the state’s executive second-in-command by Reynolds in May 2017, his role was limited. Former Attorney General Tom Miller issued a legal opinion

in 2017 that Reynolds had technically not vacated her position as Branstad’s lieutenant governor when she ascended to the governorship, meaning that she could not formally appoint her own lieutenant governor. Gregg did not officially take the position until he and Reynolds won reelection in 2018.

Reynolds did not face the same challenges appointing a person to fill Gregg’s position in 2024, as Reynolds, who won reelection in 2022, has the power as governor to fill the vacancy for the remainder of her term. Additionally, Iowans approved a constitutional amendment in the 2024 general election that changed language in the Iowa State Constitution to clarify that a vacancy is created in the lieutenant governor’s position when a lieutenant governor takes the position of governor.

The largest difference in being officially appointed to the lieutenant governor’s position lies in the gubernatorial line of succession. When Gregg held the position unofficially prior to the 2018 election, Whitver, then-Senate president, would have become governor if Reynolds vacated the governor’s office at that time. For the past few months without a sitting lieutenant governor, Senate president Amy Sinclair has been next in line to serve as Iowa governor.

Reynolds will need to call a special election to fill Cournoyer’s seat in the Iowa Senate. The governor’s office has not yet shared details about their plans to fill the vacancy.

This story is developing and will update.

In loving memory of Helen Burns 1927-2024

Helen Burns, 97, of Iowa Falls, passed away Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at Scenic Manor. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at the First Christian Church in Iowa Falls. Helen will be laid to rest at the Hampton Cemetery. Visitation will be one



hour prior to the service at the church. Woodley Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is caring for Helen and her family.

Helen Craighton was born Sept. 2, 1927 in Hampton, Iowa to Glenn and Lola Marie Craighton. She graduated from Hampton High School. On December 17, 1947 Helen was united in marriage to Robert Walter Raisch. To this union, two sons and one daughter were born.

Helen and Robert farmed near Hampton, then near Iowa Falls, and finally north of Radcliffe, Iowa. She kept busy with the children, the livestock chores and the farming.

Helen was a member of the Church of Christ in Hampton, then Ames and most recently, First Christian Church in Iowa Falls. In later years she became an avid bowler.

Helen’s husband Robert passed away September 1998. In July 2001, Helen was united in marriage to Maurice Burns. He passed away May 2018. Helen spent the last seven months at Scenic Manor where she received excellent care.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Wayne) Blue of Kamrar, Iowa; son, Gary (LuAnn) Raisch of Iowa Falls, Iowa; grandchildren, Jennifer (Bill) Mell of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, Jerod (Lee) Raisch of Vail, Colorado, Tony (Christine) Blue of Kamrar, Iowa, Michelle (Brian) Appelgate of Webster City, Iowa, Andrew (Tracy) Raisch of Iowa Falls, Iowa and Katie (Travis) Kloetzer of Hampton, Iowa. She also is survived by sixteen great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild and many nieces and nephews. Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her brother and sister; her two husbands and son, Marvin Raisch.

Death Notices

Vern Lauffer Jr.

Vern Lauffer Jr., 71, of Chapin, passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at Franklin General Hospital in Hampton. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 20th from 4pm-6pm, at Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home, 1309 4th St. NE, Hampton, Iowa. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

Venture School Helps North Iowa Entrepreneurs Succeed

Applications Now Open for Spring 2025 Cohort

PRESS RELEASE
NORTH IOWA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASON CITY, Iowa – North Iowa entrepreneurs are achieving success with the assistance of the NIACC Pappajohn Center cohort of the University of Iowa Venture School. Venture School is the premiere business training program in Iowa, emphasizing real-world entrepreneurship and innovation based on a leading-edge curriculum. Participants learn to overcome the chaos and uncertainty of creating new ventures by conducting customer discovery, market research and developing their foundational business model in real-time.

The NIACC Pappajohn Center is now accepting applications for the Spring 2025 cohort of the University of Iowa Venture School program. The Spring 2025 program will begin with an in-person orientation session on Thursday, February 6, 2025. Classes will be held online via Zoom on Thursdays February 13 through March 20, 5:30-9:00pm. The Venture School program will culminate with the Venture School Launch Day pitch competition, held in-person at NIACC on March 27, 2025, where entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to compete for cash prizes. The cost for the program is \$299.

Venture School participants are assigned a local entrepreneur as their coach who will help advise and guide them as they learn to master the startup process. Participating teams will be eligible to compete for cash awards both locally and at the state level during the Venture School launch day at EntreFEST 2025.

To apply for the Spring cohort, visit <http://www.venture-school.com> and select the Mason City cohort in the drop-down menu. The deadline to apply is January 29, 2025. Contact Ashley Page at ashley.page@niacc.edu with questions or if you are a local entrepreneur interested in becoming a Venture School coach. Learn more about the North Iowa Venture School cohort at www.pappajohncenter.com/ventureschool.

The NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center is the expert in rural business innovation and success. In partnership with North Iowa’s Small Business Development Center, together we provide tools, support, and resources to Iowa’s entrepreneurs. We counsel both new and existing local businesses, from Main Street to industry leaders. We’re growing Iowa’s entrepreneurial culture through grade school initiatives, college and community programs, and business training and development. Contact the NIACC Pappajohn and SBDC Center at 641-422-4342 or pappajohn@niacc.edu.

First Bank Hampton Holds Annual Christmas Open House



First Bank Hampton held their annual Christmas open house last Friday. Community members stopped by to chat with the staff and try their homemade goodies

BAPTIST

Faith Baptist
Lead Pastor: Robert Anderstrom
Associate Pastor of Family Life: Dustin Byrnes
 Address: 1701 Central Ave E., PO Box 515, Hampton, IA 50441
 Telephone: 641-456-4887
 Website: faith-hampton.com
 Facebook: FBC-Hampton
 • Wednesday, December 18, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer; 4:30 p.m. Pathfinders K-6; 6:00 p.m. Caroling; 6:30 p.m. SWAG 7-12
 • Sunday, December 22, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
 • Tuesday, December 24, 6 p.m. Candlelight Service
 • Office will be CLOSED December 24-26

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's Catholic
 611 Sherman Ave., Ackley
Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest
 • Sunday, 8 a.m.
 • Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m. MASS; MIDNIGHT Mass; Doors open at 11:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic
 1405 N. Federal St., Hampton
Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest
 • Tuesday, December 24, 4 p.m. MASS – English
 • Wednesday, December 25, 5:30 p.m. MASS – Spanish

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

First Christian Church
 605 Fourth St. NE, Hampton
 • Sunday, December 22, 10:30 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

Zion St. John Lutheran Sheffield
 422 Sherman St, Sheffield, IA 50475
 • Wednesday, December 18, 8:30 a.m. ZSJ Piecemakers; 5:15 p.m. 7-12 Christmas Party; 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal; 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 • Thursday, December 19, 2 p.m. West Fork Food Pantry
 • Sunday, December 22, 9 a.m. Advent Lessons & Carols Worship Service; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
 • Tuesday, December 24, 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight

Worship Service for families; 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service with Choirs
 • Wednesday, December 25, 9 a.m. 10 p.m. replay on KLMJ 104.9 FM; 10 a.m. Christmas Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion; Christmas Day; Office Closed

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

St. Paul's Lutheran
 304 W Main, Latimer
Reverend Joel Peter Wagner
 • Sunday, December 22, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:30 a.m. Family Bible Study & Sunday School

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

St. Peter Lutheran Church
 502 2nd St. S, Rockwell

Trinity Lutheran Church
 16 12th Ave. NE, Hampton
 www.trinityhampton.com
Vicar - Jacob Stefane, Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen, Pastor
 • Wednesday, December 18, 7 p.m. Midweek Advent Service
 • Sunday, December 22, 8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & 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
 • Tuesday, December 24, 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 • Wednesday, December 25, 9 a.m. Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar
Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor
 • Sunday, December 22, 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice; 10 a.m. Worship Service; 11 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

First Lutheran Church - Dows
 • Wednesday, December 18, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Free Community Meal
 • Sunday, December 22, 9 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation, & Coffee; 10 a.m. Worship Service
 • Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service

METHODIST
Ackley United Methodist
 416 Hardin St., Ackley
Pastor Calvin Scholte
 • Sundays, 9-9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship Service
First United Methodist
 510 Thompson St., Sheffield
Pastor 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
 • Wednesday, December 18, 11:30 a.m. NAOMI Circle; 5:30 p.m. LEAH Circle & Wacky Wednesday with Christmas

Practice
 • Thursday, December 19, 9:30 a.m. BeFriends; 10:30 a.m. Chapel at Leahy Grove
 • Saturday, December 21, 5 p.m. Worship Service
 • Sunday, December 22, 9:30 a.m. Adults Bible Study; 11 a.m. Worship Service with Christmas Program; 11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 12 p.m. Fellowship; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast
 • Monday, December 23, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK
 • Tuesday, December 24, 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

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

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

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL Church of the Living Word
 420 First Ave. NE, Hampton
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 www.clwhampton.org
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 • Wee Ones Christian Preschool: Mon., Tues., Thurs.; Mary Mollenbeck, Director, 641-456-8471

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN
Aplington Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 917 Howard St., Aplington
Rev. Michael McLane

• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with fellowship following services

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 912 Third St., Dumont
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 • All times and schedules are subject to change due to pandemic. You can join us online Youtube and Facebook: Dumont Reformed Church, website: dumontreformed.com, and Dumont Cable 1000

First Reformed
 214 Brown St., Alexander
 • Sunday, October 27, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Kids Choir & PreK-HS Sunday School; Sunday School Children Sing during Worship Service

Zion Reformed Church
 2029 Jonquil Ave., Sheffield
Rev. Petri van Rooyen, Pastor
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 • Sunday, December 22, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Kids Choir; 3 p.m. Children's Christmas Program
 • Tuesday, December 24, 6 p.m. Candlelight Service

Hampton Seventh Day Adventist Church
 605 4th St. NE, Hampton
Pastor Steven Shafer
 Phone: 641-424-3055
 Email: SDAHamptonIA@gmail.com
 • Sabbath School Saturday 9:30
 • Worship 11:00

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Congregational U.C.C.
 22 First Ave. SW, Hampton
 (641) 456-2192
Pastor Karen Koenig and Pastor Peggy Allison
 • Sunday, December 22, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service
 • Tuesday, December 24, 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Immanuel U.C.C.
 204 E. South St., Latimer
Pastor Joe Dunnwald
 • Saturday, December 21, 7 p.m. Longest Night Service
 • Sunday, December 22, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 • Tuesday, December 24, 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ - Geneva
 St. Peter's United Church of Christ - Geneva
 • Sunday, December 22, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Sheryl Arends - Children's Christmas Program
 • Tuesday, December 24, 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

In loving memory of
Michael Hirth
 1949-2024



Michael Hirth, 75, of Ackley, passed away Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center, surrounded by his family. Funeral services were held 10:30 AM Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Ackley. Following the service he was laid to rest at the Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation was held from from 5-7 PM on Monday, December 9 at the Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Mike and his family.

Mike was a dedicated farmer who took great pride in working the land on his family's Century Farm. His commitment to the farm, his community, and his family were a testament to who he was.

Born on November 25, 1949 to Marvin Charles Hirth and Norma Jane Harned, Mike grew up with a love for both the farm and sports. He attended Ackley-Geneva Schools and graduated with the class of 1968. He then went on to attend Ellsworth Community College and the University of Northern Iowa, where he earned a degree in Physical Education in 1972. On June 5, 1981 he was united in marriage to Jean Heard.

Mike's passion for athletics was evident throughout his life, particularly in his love for baseball and softball, where he enjoyed competing and coaching Mitch and Jayni's teams. He spoke fondly of his many years playing fastpitch with the Geneva Grain. He was a life-long fan of the New York Yankees and followed the UNI panthers, AGWSR athletics, and would watch any game that he could find on TV. He was a self-proclaimed ping pong champion and truly enjoyed all sports. Most of all he loved spending time with friends and family and a nice slow boat ride around Lake Cornelia.

Mike was a man of many talents. His warmth, generosity, and sense of humor made him a valued member of St. John's United Church of Christ. He also spent many years as a member of the Franklin County Fair Board where, in recent years, he enjoyed taking his grandchildren to share in his love of the fair.

Mike will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family, his farm, and the many lives he touched. His legacy will live on through his children and grandchildren, whom he loved deeply.

Mike is survived by his special friend, Deb Fowler of Denver; children, Jayni (Caleb) Scott of Grundy Center, Iowa and Mitch (Michele) Hirth of Geneva, Iowa; step-children, Mike (Sara) Cockerham of Ames, Iowa and Jackie Grieves of Marshalltown, Iowa; grandchildren: Judson Scott, Colbie Scott, Lexi Hirth, and Noah Hirth, step-grandchildren: Elvis Calvert, Aryan Calvert, Ali Cockerham, Kegan Jass, Kanin Jass, Gage Grieves and 3 step-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Connie (Roger) Maifeld. He was joyfully reunited with his wife, Jean Hirth; his parents, Marvin and Jane Hirth; father and mother in-law, Carroll and Charlotte Heard, and other beloved friends and family.

Death Notices

Mary Jane Kepler

Mary Jane Kepler, 100, of Cedar Falls, Iowa and formally of Iowa Falls, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at Pinnacle Specialty Care in Cedar Falls. A memorial service for Mary Jane Kepler will be in the spring. Memorials may be directed to the family c/o Mary Kepler memorial, Linn's Funeral Home, 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126.

Marie Buss

Marie Buss, 77, of Hampton, passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at her home in Hampton. Funeral services are pending with the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

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"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people." -Victor Borge

The First Laugh

We often hear about the "first laugh," as in someone "having the last laugh," which is usually about revenge or retaliation for some trick played on us, but we don't hear much about the first laugh. When children laugh for the first time, it is usually because they see something unexpected, such as a funny face or a face that comes out of nowhere, as in the game of peekaboo. The Navaho believe that when children laugh for the first time they have finally entered the physical realm and left the spiritual realm. The person who made the baby laugh is expected to provide a meal for the family and there is a special ceremony to celebrate the baby's entry into the family and the physical realm. Laughter indicates that one is engaged with others; you have to pay attention to people to understand their humor and you can often tell when people aren't listening (or understanding) when they don't laugh at your jokes. In bilingual settings, you'll often see that those who don't understand the second language will not "get the jokes" or the double meanings necessary to understand certain types of humor. Which brings us to the point of all this human connection. When we laugh with others we are celebrating the shared meaning of our stories and our jokes. It's important to do this, and if you find that you aren't laughing with the people you love, try to figure out why. -Christopher Simon

Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024
 First Reading: Luke 1:1-5:1
 Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7
 Epistle: Luke 1:29-45 (45-55)
 Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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Franklin County

Traffic: Armando Ayalamadrid, of Imperial, California, speeding;
 Noralba Sosa Oliven, of Hampton, failure to maintain or use safety belts, no valid driver's license, and failure to use child restraint device;
 Larry Dean McCuan, of Amarillo, Texas, speeding;
 Whytnie Ann West, of Des Moines, speeding;
 Bianca Lynn Bartz, of Oxford, Wisconsin, speeding;
 Judith Ann Keller, of Overland Park, Kansas, speeding;
 Ignacio Sandoval Coyote, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, speeding and no valid driver's license;
 Eduardo Alvarez Zamora, of Owatonna, Minnesota, no valid driver's license and speeding;
 Michael James Majerowicz, of Downers Grove, Illinois, speeding;
 Tolin James Manwarren, of Sheffield, failure to dim headlights;
 William John Huttner Jr., of Saint Michael, Minnesota, speeding;
 Austin T McQueen, of Eubank, Kentucky, failure to maintain or use safety belts;
 Leslie Ray Crowell, of Ada, Oklahoma, speeding;
 Dante Anthony Shannon, of Merrillville, Indiana, speeding;
 Jonathan Morales, of Hampton, speeding;
 Juan Antonio Gregorio Garcia, of Hampton, failure to comply with safety regulations rules;
 Sheldon Robert Benson, of Clear Lake, speeding;
 Kenyon Dean Morrison, of Manly, no valid driver's license;
 Noah Lee Woltzen, of Ken-sett, speeding;
 Alejandro Busto Roque, of Urbandale, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way;
 Hadi Wael Abu Asab, of Riverview, Florida, speeding;
 Denilson Josue Espinoza Lopez, of Lexington, Kentucky, failure to provide proof of financial liability and no valid driver's license;
 Hudson T Simmer, of Boone, speeding;
 Andrew Joseph Ramnarine, of Plymouth, Minnesota, speeding;
 Daniel Brown Jr., of Dumont, operation without registration card or plate;
 Charlotte Jane Washington, of West Des Moines, speeding;
 Tracy Lynn Pollard, of Richfield, Minnesota, speeding;
 Alan Spencer Davids, of Lakota, maximum group axle weight violation – 1001 to 2000 and maximum gross weight violation – 1001 to 2000;
 Evelyn Maria Romo Hernandez, of Hampton, failure to provide proof of financial liability;
 Nyan Lin Than, of Des Moines, trespass violations while deer hunting – 1st offense;
 Alexander Sergeivitch Obolensky, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, speeding;
 Ndi D Nsufor, of Omaha, Nebraska, speeding;
 Peter Augustine Miller, of Carroll, speeding;
 Hannah Rose Jankowski, of Saint Paul, Minnesota, speeding;
 Jerramie John Vondall, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, speeding;
 Pachao Xiong, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, speeding;
 Kevin Andreas Dietzel, of Jewell, operation without registration card or plate;
 Timothy Dwight Rodemeyer, of Hampton, failure to yield to pedestrian;
 Austin Michael Lloyd, of Mason City, speeding;
 Kylie Patricia Miller, of Woodbury, Minnesota, speeding;
 Noe Serrano Hernandez, of Hampton, no valid driver's license and failure to yield to vehicle on right;
Civil: Iowa Falls State Bank versus Lester Alex High, State of Iowa, order for trial scheduling conference;
 Edith Lanene Trammell versus City of Latimer, Franklin County, Iowa Department of Transportation, State of Iowa, James Richard Storr, petition filed;
 Dilma Benitez Membreno, Luis Chicas Guevara, versus Heniff Transportation Systems LLC, James Nightingale, Sia Transport LLC, Kadar Yusuf, petition filed;
OWI: Fernando Barragan Prieto, of Saint Paul, Minne-

sota, order of arraignment; order setting trial, February 13, 2025, 9 a.m.;
 Prodochee Williams, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, order of dismissal;
 Aura Aron Lane, of Hampton, order of arraignment; order setting trial, February 13, 2025, 9 a.m.;
 Hanuar Rivas, of Mason City, order of disposition;
 pled guilty for operating while intoxicated – first offense, serving 2 days jail time and \$1,250 fine;
 Luis Armando Mendoza Victoriano, of Waterloo, order of arraignment; order setting trial, February 13, 2025, 9 a.m.;
 Adan Cruz Ponce, of Hampton, order of arraignment; order setting trial, February 13, 2025, 9 a.m.;
 Arturo Medel Villegas, of Hampton, hearing for initial appearance and order for arraignment; arraignment, January 6, 2025, 8:45 a.m.;
 Alec Vincent Lofdahl, of Eldora, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance;
Small Claims: Channel Bio LLC, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Wiseman Seed LLC, of Sheffield, judgment default, \$5,068.50 fine;
 State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins Co, of Des Moines, versus H & S Services LLC, of Schleswig, Richardo Daniel Sanchez Garcia, of Hampton, judgment default, \$5,269.01 fine;
 Diane Paine D/B/A Pain Properties, of Hampton, versus Danielle Aastrup, of Eldora, non jury order setting trial;
 Credit Bureau Services of Iowa INC, of Oskaloosa, versus Jeri Ann Foreman, of Hampton, Scott Michael Foreman, of Hampton, judgment default, \$905.73 fine;
 LNVN Funding LLC, of Plymouth, Minnesota, versus Lori Geister, of Hampton, judgment default, \$1,103.10 fine;
 Capital One NA, of Des Moines, versus Michaela M Sullivan, of Sheffield, judgment default, \$3,605.19 fine;
 LNVN Funding LLC, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, versus Marilyn Smith, of Hampton, judgment default, \$699.58 fine;
 LNVN Funding LLC, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, versus Rogelio Velasquez, of Hampton, non jury order setting trial;
 LNVN Funding LLC, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, versus Michael Thomas Zoellick, of Hampton, non jury order setting trial;
 Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Samantha E Edwards, of Latimer, original notice;
 LNVN Funding LLC, of Plymouth, Minnesota, versus Lori Haxton, of Sheffield, original notice;
 LNVN Funding LLC, of Plymouth, Minnesota, versus Leslie Jean Love, of Geneva, original notice;
 Criminal: Pedro Antonio Ruiz, of Hillman, Minnesota, hearing for initial appearance;
 Tyler James Mejia, of Coulter, motion to dismiss and guilty plea;
 Rodney Dean Mrozek Jr., of Fort Dodge, order of disposition; pled guilty for violation of probation, serving 21 days jail time;
 Heath Allen Ziesman, of Alden, order of disposition; pled guilty for domestic abuse assault – second offense, 365 days jail time, 358 days jail time suspended, \$855 fine, \$855 fine suspended, and 2 years probation time;
 Luis Guadalupe Torres, of Dows, order setting trial; order setting trial, January 23, 2025, 9 a.m.;
 Allen James Barnhart, of Hampton, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance;
 Jared Michael Kropf, of Ankeny, motion to dismiss;
 Victoria Elizabeth Ramirez, of Alexander, motion to dismiss;
 Jacob Andrew Eddinger, of Des Moines, hearing for initial appearance and order for arraignment; arraignment, January 6, 2025, 8:45 a.m.;
 Cynthia Pabon, of Hampton, criminal complaint;
 Daniel Alan Embree, of Hampton, order of dismissal;
 Irma Areli Divas Donis, of Lincoln, Nebraska, order of arraignment; order setting trial, January 23, 2025, 9 a.m.;
 Antonio Jose Ybarra, of Baker, Florida, hearing for initial appearance and order for arraignment; arraignment, January 6, 2025, 8:45 a.m.;
 Megan Mary Murray, of Hampton, criminal complaint;

Block INC, of Oakland, California, search warrant

Police & Sheriff Reports 12/9-12/15 Hampton Police Reports

Monday, December 9:
 • Officers assisted one motorist and received one general call.
 • 5:15 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and 200 th St. , Chapin.
 • 6:45 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 500 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.
 • 9:01 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Olive Ave, Hampton.
 • 2:46 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and McDonalds, Hampton.
 • 3:00 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 200 block of 3 rd St. NE, Hampton.
 • 3:33 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 600 block of 1 st Ave NW, Hampton.
 • 5:05 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 600 block of 3 rd St. NE, Hampton.

Tuesday, December 10:
 • Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, and received one general calls.
 • 9:22 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 300 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.
 • 10:28 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 1200 block of Imperial Road, Hampton.
 • 10:33 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 100 block of 1 st Ave SW, Hampton.

Wednesday, December 11:
 • Officers assisted with one medical call and received one general call.
 • 9:53 a.m.: Report of fraud in the 900 block of 4 th St. NW, Hampton.
 • 11:58 a.m.: Report of an abandoned vehicle in the 300 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.
 • 3:06 p.m.: Report of a hit and run accident in the 00 block of 1 st St. SW, Hampton.
 • 10:33 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 700 block of 5 th St. SW, Hampton.

Thursday, December 12:
 • Officers received two general calls.
 • 8:00 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 100 block of 1 st Ave SW, Hampton.
 • 8:08 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 20 block of N Federal St. , Hampton.
 • 8:34 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the 100 block of 12 th Ave NW, Hampton.
 • 3:04 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of Hwy 3, 7 th St. NE, and 6 th St. NE, Hampton.
 • 6:29 p.m.: Report of theft/larceny in the area of Git N Go, Hampton.
 • 6:31 p.m.: Report of a no contact order violation in the 400 block of 1 st St. SE, Hampton.
 • 7:25 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 400 block of 2 nd Ave SW, Hampton.

Friday, December 13:
 • Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, and received three general calls.
 • 3:43 a.m.: Officers assisted the county department with an issue in the 1500 block of Hwy 65, Hampton.
 • 3:50 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 400 block of 1 st St. SW, Hampton.
 • 8:57 a.m.: Report of juveniles in the 100 block of 12 th Ave NW, Hampton.

Saturday, December 14:
 • Officers assisted with one medical call and received four general calls.
 • 4:44 a.m.: Report of a weather in The City of Hampton, Hampton.
 • 1:15 p.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the 1600 block of Dorell Dr, Hampton.
 • 1:56 p.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the 100

block of 7 th St. SW, Hampton.
 • 5:42 p.m.: Officers assisted the county department with an issue in an unlisted area, Hampton.

Sunday, December 15:
 • Officers received one general call.
 • 4:52 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of 1 st St. NW and 2 nd Ave NW, Hampton.
 • 7:49 p.m.: Report of a family dispute in the 100 block of 9 th St. NW, Hampton.

Monday, December 9:
 Officers executed three traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, and received one general call.

8:24 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the 1100 block of 14th Ave, Eldora.

10:47 a.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of I-35 and 85th St. , Dows.

4:40 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and 210th St. , Chapin.

Tuesday, December 10:
 Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, received a report for two controlled burns, and received two general calls.

4:35 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the area of Killdeer Ave and Hwy 3, Hampton.

6:22 a.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of Hwy 3 and Mallard Ave, Hampton.

11:36 a.m.: Officers assisted in delivering a message in the area of Front St. , Geneva.

12:06 p.m.: Report of missing property in an unknown area, Franklin County.

1:53 p.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the area of Hwy 3, Dumont.

2:05 p.m.: Report of a stolen property offense in the area of 120th St. , Dows.

2:19 p.m.: Report of a hunting violation/accident in the area of 170th St. and Lark Ave, Hampton.

Wednesday, December 11:
 Officers executed six traffic stops.

6:47 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and Finch Ave, Latimer.

7:23 a.m.: Report of fraud in the area of Indigo Ave, Alden.

7:52 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Olive Ave, Hampton.

9:02 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of 220th St. and Hwy 65, Chapin.

1:24 p.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of I-35 and mile mark 162 northbound, Latimer.

2:00 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

2:46 p.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the area of 220th St. , Alexander.

10:50 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of 130th St. , Latimer.

Thursday, December 12:
 Officers executed three traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, received a report for two controlled burns, and received six general calls.

12:46 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 157, Dows.

6:44 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 158-159 northbound, Hampton.

6:48 a.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of

190th St., Latimer.

11:42 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 160, Dows.

12:23 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 and mile mark 176 northbound, Thornton.

1:30 p.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of I-35 and mile mark 164 southbound, Latimer.

11:16 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of I-35 and mile mark 164 southbound, Coulter.

Friday, December 13:
 Officers executed three traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, received a report for one controlled burn, and received three general calls.

3:52 a.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton.

9:18 a.m.: Report of a no contact order violation in the area of Gull Ave, Latimer.

2:57 p.m.: Report of an accident with personal injury in the area of Hwy 65 and 190th St. , Hampton.

3:31 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 southbound, Latimer.

4:50 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 168 southbound, Latimer.

5:52 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 164, Latimer.

7:17 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Mallard Ave and Hwy 3, Hampton.

8:29 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

Saturday, December 14:
 Officers received a report for one controlled burn and received four general calls.

12:09 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Balsam Ave, Dows.

2:46 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 160 northbound, Dows.

4:08 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 174, Sheffield.

10:01 a.m.: Report of harassment in the area of Raven Ave, Hampton.

3:15 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and exit 176, Belmond.

3:18 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35, Belmond.

7:33 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

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

Sunday, December 15:
 Officers executed three traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, assisted one motorist, received a report for two controlled burns, and received two general calls.

5:26 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Nettle Ave and 165th St. , Hampton.

5:45 a.m.: Officers executed local warrants in an unlisted area of Butler County, Allison.

12:18 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Yarrow Ave and Franklin Ave, Dumont.

12:29 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

12:49 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of 14th Ave, Eldora.

7:56 p.m.: Officers assisted the Hampton Police Department with an issue in the area of 9th St. NW, Hampton.

8:14 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy

3, Hampton.

8:35 p.m.: Report of an operating while intoxicated issue in the area of Mallard Ave and 70th St. , Hampton.

Butler County Sheriff Reports

Monday, December 9:
 Officers executed six traffic stops, assisted with five medical calls, assisted two motorists, received a report for one controlled burn and received five general calls.

12:27 a.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 22500 block of Lake Rd.

3:30 a.m.: Report of a structure fire in the 13300 block of Hwy 3.

4:41 a.m.: Report of noise complaints in the 1200 block of Florence St.

8:00 a.m.: Officers conducted fingerprints for the public in the 1100 block of York St.

10:29 a.m.: Report of funeral traffic in the 600 block of Cherry St.

2:30 pm.: Sheri Regina Kirkpatrick, 54 of New Hartford, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.

2:50 p.m.: Report of a structure fire in the 14300 block of 310th St.

4:33 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the area of 170th St and Jay Ave.

5:15 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of 190th St and Hwy 14.

6:03 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

6:15 p.m.: Report of a phone scan in the 32300 block of 190th St.

6:38 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 700 block of 3rd St.

7:02 p.m.: Report of road debris in the 33000 block of Hwy 57.

7:30 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of 10th St and Howard St.

7:46 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:45 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 700 block of Hwy 57.

8:49 p.m.: Report of a domestic/family matter in the 900 block of Caldwell St.

10:57 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 100 block of Cherry St.

11:12 p.m.: Demitrius Shamb-ray Cannon, 38 of Waterloo, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.

Tuesday, December 10:
 Officers executed six traffic stops, assisted with three medical calls, and received three general calls.

7:47 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of Hwy 14 and W South St.

7:50 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 600 block of Coates St.

8:28 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:50 a.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 11500 block of 300th St.

10:30 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:04 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 33700 block of 280th St.

12:20 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:22 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:27 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the 29900 block of Horseshoe PL.

1:25 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:34 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Hwy 14 and Hwy 57.

2:52 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Warranty Deed: Gregory A Evans, Janet K Evans to Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation; 18-90-22 E2 SW Parcel 2024 12
Warranty Deed: Beverly M Evans Trustee, Beverly M Evans Trust to Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation; 18-90-22 E2 SW Parcel 2024 12
Warranty Deed: Gregory A Evans Trustee, Colleen M Evans Family Trust, Faith OMalley Share of Trust, to Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation; 18-90-22 E2 SW Parcel 2024

Warranty Deed: Steven R Kruse to Jeff A Burkley, Steven R Kruse Life Estate; 34-91-20 N2 SW Parcel 2024 14
Warranty Deed: Diane R McComber Trustee, McComber Revocable Living Trust to Wisner Township Farms LLC; 12-93-22 NE Part
Contract: Steven R Kruse to Jeff A Burkley, Jill D Burkley; 34-91-20 N2 S2 Parts, 34-91-20 S2 N2 Parts
Warranty Deed: Ronald Johnstone, Billi Johnstone, Billi J Folbrecht to Thomas

J O'Hare, Cheryl L O'Hare; Hamp Orig Blk 27 Lot 5-6 Parts
Warranty Deed: Thomas J O'Hare, Cheryl L O'Hare to Kylie Eckenrod; 1-92-19 Part
Warranty Deed: Stonehill LLC to Jacob James Hefti, Mikyla Lee Hefti; 7-91-22 NW SW
CT Officer Deed: Luanne K Chesshire Estate, John W Chesshire Executor to Michael Keninger; 30-90-19 S2 NW Undiv Int, 30-90-19 W2 NE Part Undiv Int

Warranty Deed: Alan R Berneman, Nancy L Berneman to Joseph Hobson; Hamp Orig Blk 9 Lot 2 Part
Quit Claim Deed: Franklin County Historical Society to New Friends of the Old Stone House; 23-91-20 NE SE Tract
Quit Claim Deed: Katherine Klenske, Timothy Klenske to Kim Stanbrough, Tiffany Lamping, Melissa Ann Bahr; Hamp Orig Blk 20 Lot 2 Undivided ½ Int
Warranty Deed: Scott Cooper, Laurie Scollard, Laurie

Cooper to Zachary T Kloetzer, Bobbi J Kloetzer; Brad Bradford Myer's Outlet C Part
Warranty Deed: Leigh Ann Chmielewski Senior Vice President, Loandepot Com LLC to United States of America, United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Shef Sheffield Borst's 2nd Blk 8 Lot 3 Part

FROM THE LOG

3:41 p.m.: Report of a structure fire in the 28200 block of Willow Ave.
 4:21 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 5:11 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St.
 5:19 p.m.: Report of trespass in the 24100 block of Willow Ave.
 5:37 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 1100 block of Masonway.
 5:40 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 600 block of Parriott St.
 6:03 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 1000 block of Hwy 57.
 6:25 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 23800 block of Willow Ave.
 6:37 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 200 block of Harvest LN.
 10:43 p.m.: Brandon Jacoby Lambert, 31 of New Hartford, arrested for domestic abuse assault - 1st, jailed.
Wednesday, December 11:
 Officers executed nine traffic stops, assisted with eight medical calls, assisted two motorists, and received one general call.
 7:14 a.m.: Report of a test in the 400 block of 6th St.
 7:20 a.m.: Report of the veterans van in the 400 block of 6th St.
 9:52 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:39 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 32700 block of Beaver Valley St.
 11:01 a.m.: Report of transport in the 400 block of 6th St.
 11:15 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Circle Dr and Florence St.
 12:13 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 1:22 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 32200 block of Hwy 57.
 3:10 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 300 Locust St.
 4:59 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 5:20 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 5:59 p.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 32600 block of Terrace Ave.
 6:18 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 8:11 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 29500 block of Hwy 188.
 8:16 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 10400 block of Riverside Rd.
 9:48 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 24900 block of 300th St.
Thursday, December 12:
 Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, assisted six motorists, received a report for two controlled burns and received one

general call.
 7:05 a.m.: Report of maintenance in the 400 block of 6th St.
 8:25 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.
 8:28 a.m.: Report of theft in the 600 block of Hwy 57.
 11:38 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of 220th St and Douglas Ave.
 11:46 a.m.: Report of funeral traffic in the 300 block of 2nd St.
 12:09 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 31400 block of Diagonal Rd.
 12:31 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.
 1:31 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 400 block of E Rowley St.
 2:07 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 2:20 p.m.: Report of a civil department in the 1100 block of Lozmar Ln.
 2:52 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 500 block of Maple St.
 3:16 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 14200 block of Douglas Ave.
 3:29 p.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 400 block of 6th St.
 3:47 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 400 block of S Fulton St.
 4:00 p.m.: Report of a violation of no contact order in the 26300 block of 230th St.
 5:11 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 5:50 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 1100 block of Lozmar Ln.
 6:28 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 18500 block of Quarry St.
 6:27 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 100 block of Saratoga St.
 6:38 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 00 block of Highland Ave.
 7:03 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 20600 block of 200th St.
 7:23 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 17600 block of Birch Ave.
 7:27 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 7:52 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 300 block of 9th St.
 8:19 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 400 block of 6th St.
 8:42 p.m.: Ashley Jolynn Hinder, 33 of Clarksville, arrested for failure to appear, jailed.
Friday, December 13:
 Officers executed four traffic stops, assisted with seven medical calls, and assisted one motorists.
 6:19 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 23700 block of S James St.
 6:44 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of Butler Center Rd and Sinclair Ave.

7:53 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of Grand Ave and Hwy 3.
 9:34 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of 265th St and Sinclair Ave.
 10:07 a.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 400 block of 6th St.
 10:07 a.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 400 block of N Cherry St.
 10:18 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 20500 block of Ivy Ave.
 10:20 a.m.: Report of funeral traffic in the 300 block of 2nd St.
 10:34 a.m.: Report of a disturbance in the 500 block of Birch St.
 10:35 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 10300 block of Q Ave.
 12:25 p.m.: Report of property damage in the 100 block of Cherry St.
 2:44 p.m.: Report of weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 12:49 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 12:53 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 1200 block of Florence.
 1:03 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 30200 block of 220th St.
 1:32 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 300 block of E Ilgenfritz Ave.
 1:35 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 1:38 p.m.: Report of a

phone scam in the 200 block of Pine St.
 1:52 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 100 block of W Superior St.
 2:10 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 2:10 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 31700 block of Spring Ave.
 3:12 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 4:39 p.m.: Wayne Hal Woltjer, 62 of Hampton, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.
 6:00 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the area of S Cherry St and E Main St.
 6:31 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 17600 block of 270th St.
 6:51 p.m.: Antwane Dwayne Lee JR, 26 of Marshalltown, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.
 8:16 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 1100 block of 4th Ave.
Saturday, December 14:
 Officers executed... traffic stops, assisted with... medical calls, assisted... motorists, received a report for... controlled burns and received... general calls.
Sunday, December 15:
 Officers executed... traffic stops, assisted with... medical calls, assisted... motorists, received a report for... controlled burns and received... general calls.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Skelly, 54, Iowa Falls, to Mary Ingebritson, 65, Iowa Falls
 Maci Arjes, 22, Hampton, to Noah Noelck, 24, Hampton

Brian Rihner, 60, Denison, to Tamara Gilbertson, 64, Hampton

Hampton Council Minutes/Claims 12.12.24

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
 REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Regular Session Meeting was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Steve Birdsall at 6:01 p.m. Council members in attendance were Kevin Blanford, James Davies, Jerre Grefe, Bill Hodge, Barry Lamos, and Patrick Palmer. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Public Works Director Doug Tarr, and Police Chief Mark Morrison. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. Mayor Birdsall called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Lamos, second by Hodge to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Council Workshop Report: Mayor Birdsall presented minutes from the December 9, 2024 Council Workshop.
Public Comment: None.
Public Hearing: None.
Old Business: None.

New Business: The council made City Council 2025 appointments: **Official Newspaper for 2025 – Hampton Chronicle, North Iowa Landfill Board of Representative for 2025: Russell Morgan.** Motion by Blanford, second by Grefe to approve City Council 2025 Appointments. Motion approved unanimously.

The council made the following appointments to Boards & Commissions: **Reappoint Robin Maas to a 5-year term on Board of Adjustment** expiring 12/31/2029; **Reappoint Carolee Philpot to a 5-year term on Planning & Zoning Commission** expiring 12/31/2029; **Reappoint Jim Davies to a 3-year term on Hampton Historic Preservation Commission** expiring 12/31/2027; **Reappoint Ella Butler to a 3-year term on Hampton Historic Preservation Commission** expiring 12/31/2027; **Reappoint Randy Sanders to a 5-year term on the Hampton Tree Board** expiring 12/31/2029; **Reappoint Craig Semler to a 5-year term on the Hampton Tree Board** expiring 12/31/2029. Motion by Grefe, second by Palmer to approve City Council Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Motion approved unanimously.

City Manager Dunt presented an Airport Hangar Lease Agreement amendment. Motion by Davies, second by Blanford to approve Airport Hangar Lease Agreement amendment. Motion approved unanimously.

The council directed City Manager to proceed with **plan for structurally securing 4 & 6 1st St NW.** Motion by Hodge, second by Grefe to direct City Manager to proceed with ISG Option 'A' to structurally stabilize and secure 4 & 6 1st St NW properties. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of claims. Motion by Palmer, second by Lamos to approve the claims as submitted by Staff in the amount of \$317,357.78. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions: City Manager Dunt presented **Resolution 2024-31: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO 2020-2025 EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAMPTON AND DOUG TARR AND APPROVING A 2025-2029 EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.** Motion by Blanford, second by Davies to approve Resolution 2024-31. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Grefe, Hodge, Blanford, Palmer and Davies. Nays: Lamos. Resolution 2024-31 approved.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda. Mo-

tion by Palmer, second by Grefe to approve the consent agenda and the following items: Approve previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, November 25, 2024 Regular Session; Schedule the next Regular Session for MONDAY, December 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; Approve Alcohol Licensing for Projecto X LLC, 11 2nd Ave NW, Hampton, IA; and Rustic Brew, 117 1st Street NW, Hampton, IA; Approve ownership update on Alcohol Licensing for Projecto X LLC, 11 2nd Ave NW. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by **Police Chief Mark Morrison, Public Works Director Doug Tarr, and City Manager Ron Dunt.**

Council Reports given by Davies, Blanford, Lamos, Palmer, Grefe, and Hodge.

Mayor's Report given by Mayor Birdsall.

Motion to adjourn by Hodge, seconded by Palmer 6:39 p.m.

Attest:
 Ron Dunt, City Manager
 Mayor Steve Birdsall

CITY OF HAMPTON
 FINANCIAL REPORT
 CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL

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| VENDOR/DESCRIPTION/AMOUNT | |
| A&M ELECTRIC INC REPAIR..... | \$550.90 |
| AGSOURCE LABORATORIES LAB TESTING..... | \$86.00 |
| AHLERS & COONEY PC ATTY FEES..... | \$150.00 |
| AUTO PARTS INC SUPPLY..... | \$1,782.51 |
| BRIAN NETTLETON EXCAVATIN ARPA PROJECT..... | \$91,329.20 |
| BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN ROCK..... | \$1,102.24 |
| CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING SUPPLY..... | \$485.00 |
| CENTURYLINK PHONE..... | \$1,737.20 |
| CENTURYLINK01 PHONE..... | \$45.63 |
| CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO FUEL..... | \$1,915.70 |
| CRAWFORD ENG & SURVEY INC EQUIPMENT..... | \$10,928.32 |
| DUMONT TELEPHONE COMPANY PHONE..... | \$80.00 |
| DUNT, RONALD REIMBURSE..... | \$143.38 |
| E&E REPAIR REPAIR..... | \$2,085.06 |
| EBS - CITY'S PORTION HEALTH INS..... | \$27,535.19 |
| ED HOOVER WOODWORKING EQUIPMENT..... | \$20,341.00 |
| EFTPS FED WH FED/FICA TAX..... | \$13,314.71 |
| ELECTRIC PUMP REPAIR..... | \$1,829.62 |
| FAREWAY STORES INC SUPPLY..... | \$28.92 |
| FIRST BANK HAMPTON 2024 GO CAP FIRE..... | \$2,960.83 |
| GALLS LLC UNIFORM..... | \$174.45 |
| GLOBAL HYDRAULICS & SUPP MAINT..... | \$190.03 |
| GOMEZ-CRAIG, TANYA SHELTER DEP..... | \$100.00 |
| GORDON FLESCH – NASPO SUPPLY..... | \$201.74 |
| GORDON FLESCH COMPANY SUPPLY..... | \$9.87 |
| GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY HOT/MOT TAX..... | \$3,403.13 |
| HAMPTON HARDWARE SUPPLY..... | \$378.21 |
| HAMPTON POST OFFICE POSTAGE..... | \$725.58 |
| HAWKINS, INC. CHEMICALS..... | \$2,797.11 |

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| IA FINANCE AUTHORITY 2015 SEWER CAP LOAN NOTE..... | \$24,669.05 |
| INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CT REPAIR..... | \$189.40 |
| ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIO MISC CONTRACT..... | \$6,950.00 |
| IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE & FI SALES TAX..... | \$4,884.53 |
| IOWA FALLS GLASS REPAIR..... | \$75.00 |
| IOWA ONE CALL LOCATES..... | \$45.90 |
| IOWA POLICE CHIEFS ASSN MEMBERSHIP..... | \$125.00 |
| IPERS IPERS- PROTECTN..... | \$25,977.44 |
| J-T MACHINE & TOOL CO REPAIR..... | \$19.50 |
| KWIK TRIP INC / KWIK STAR FUEL..... | \$1,521.06 |
| MACQUEEN MAINT..... | \$550.68 |
| MCDOWELL & SONS CONSTRUCT CODE ENF..... | \$293.40 |
| MEDIACOM PHONE..... | \$236.90 |
| MILLER'S ALIGNMENT REPAIR..... | \$25.00 |
| NAPA AUTO PARTSSUPPLY..... | \$442.22 |
| NELSON SEPTIC SERVICES LLC WASTE REMOVAL..... | \$680.00 |
| NORTH CENTRAL BLDG SUPPLY SUPPLY..... | \$203.94 |
| OVERHD DOOR CO OF MASON C REPAIR..... | \$1,831.00 |
| PIPER, LAURA SHELTER DEP..... | \$100.00 |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE LIFE INSURANCE..... | \$154.40 |
| PUBLIC FINANCIAL MGMT INC PROF FEES..... | \$5,000.00 |
| RIEBSAMEN, BILL SHELTER DEP..... | \$100.00 |
| ROCKWELL COOP TELEPHONE PHONE..... | \$149.85 |
| SHIELD PEST CONTROL LLC BLDG MAINT..... | \$113.00 |
| STATE WH STATE TAX..... | \$5,930.41 |
| STOREY KENWORTHY SUPPLY..... | \$227.45 |
| TITAN MACHINERY REPAIR..... | \$224.06 |
| UNITYPOINT CLINIC OCCUP M LAB TESTING..... | \$126.00 |
| US CELLULAR PHONE..... | \$39.43 |
| VAZQUEZ, DAVID SHELTER DEPOSIT..... | \$100.00 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC ENGINEERING..... | \$8,391.68 |
| VERIZON PHONE..... | \$243.36 |
| WM TEL - WOOLSTOCK MUTUAL UTILITIES..... | \$50.00 |
| DEPOSIT REFUNDS REFUND DATE 11/26/2024..... | \$170.31 |
| PAYROLL CHECKS TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS..... | \$41,106.28 |
| CLAIMS TOTAL..... | \$317,357.78 |

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| CLAIMS BY FUND: | |
| GENERAL FUND..... | \$77,887.84 |
| GENERAL - LOST/POOL FUND..... | \$839.23 |
| LIBRARY FUND..... | \$7,645.27 |
| ROAD USE TAX FUND..... | \$17,277.15 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND..... | \$19,324.75 |
| ARPA GRANT FUND FUND..... | \$96,932.08 |
| GENERAL OBLIGATION FUND..... | \$2,960.83 |
| WATER OPERATING FUND..... | \$27,348.64 |
| WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND..... | \$4,265.05 |
| METER DEPOSITS FUND..... | \$170.31 |
| SEWER FUND..... | \$38,782.37 |
| SINKING FUND - SEWER FUND..... | \$23,192.80 |
| SOLID WASTE FUND..... | \$731.46 |
| CLAIMS TOTAL..... | \$317,357.78 |

Got a Legal Notice to Submit?

Deadline for legal notice submissions is Monday at noon

Norman Gene Barkema Estate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORMAN GENE BARKEMA, Deceased. CASE NO. ESPR501994 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of NORMAN GENE BARKEMA, Deceased, who died on or about October 25, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on December 2, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of NORMAN GENE BARKEMA, deceased, bearing date of February 6, 1985, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Nancy E. Barkema was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated December 4, 2024.

Nancy E. Barkema, Executor of Estate
126 200th Street
Alexander, IA 50420

Brian D Miller, ICIS#: AT0005428
Attorney for Executor
Miller & Miller, PC
123 Federal St. N
PO Box 533
Hampton, IA 50441

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Sheffield Council Minutes 12.09.24

**Council Proceedings
Regular Session Minutes-Unapproved
Monday, December 9th; 6:00pm**

The Sheffield City Council Regular Session was called to order at Sheffield City Hall by Mayor Brad Mulford, at 6:00PM on Monday, December 9th, 2024. Council Members in attendance were James Robbins, Ryan Kruger, and Sherril McGuire, absent were Becky Moellers and Julia Showalter; also, in attendance was Patrick Nuehring, Public Works Director, Eric Meyer, Public Works Assistant, and Andrew O'Connor, Police Chief. Mayor Mulford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kruger made a motion to approve the agenda. Robbins seconded it; it was approved with Moellers and Showalter absent.

Mayor Mulford announced that it was the time and place for the public comment. There was no public comment.

Robbins motioned to approve the consent agenda, Kruger seconded the motion, and it was approved. Those items approved in the consent agenda were: 11/12/24 Regular Session Minutes, December 2024 Bills, and November 2024 Finance.

Mayor Mulford asked for any department updates. Councilman Robbins asked Public Works Director about the status of the tree branches that were trimmed back from the MidAmerican wires and status of tree removal. It was stated that tree removal and branches picked up started around the middle of the month of December.

New Business

• Mayor Mulford called the Fire Station public hearing to order at 6:04pm. Doug Foreshoe, Bergland & Cram, spoke of the plans that were designed back for the 2017 election. Those plans would need to be updated to make sure everything was still to code and to make sure it satisfied the needs of the fire station; fees could range from \$1000-2000. Jeff Rooney stated that plans have changed from previous plans and Sukup's is working on getting those drawings. For Bergland & Cram to review the new plans and make sure everything was current; their fees would increase to \$5000-\$10,000. The possible new fire station would have a nice big community center that could host different events for residents. A resident asked if City Hall would be moving into this location and the current response is no. Possible engineering costs could range from \$15,000 to 20,000. Mayor Mulford closed the public hearing at 6:20pm.

• Discussion continued with if the possible new Fire Station bond is ready to meet with engineers. There are a lot of costs that will be tied into the bond issue prior to the bond issue going to election, costs could be up to \$50,000. Currently the building team is not ready to meet with engineers. Councilmembers Moellers and McGuire will meet with the Fire Department building team prior to February's city council meeting and to prepare an update for that time (Feb. 10, 2025).

• Robbins motioned to approve the FY25 budget amendment #1. Kruger seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Robbins, Kruger, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Showalter. Mayor Mulford declared the resolution approved, adopted and numbered 25-11.

• Robbins motioned to approve the resolution to transfer funds to pay for the installation of the new playground equipment. Kruger seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Robbins, Kruger, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Showalter.

Mayor Mulford declared the resolution approved, adopted and numbered 25-8.

• Kruger motioned to approve the resolution authorizing partial early redemption of General Obligation Water Improvement Bond, SRF Series 2018. Robbins seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Robbins, Kruger, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Showalter. Mayor Mulford declared the resolution approved, adopted and numbered 25-9.

• There was discussion on the changes being made to the current employee handbook. Kruger motioned to approve the resolution authorizing the updates to the current employee handbook. Robbins seconded it and roll call was as follows,

Ayes: Robbins, Kruger, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Showalter. Mayor Mulford declared the resolution approved, adopted and numbered 25-10.

• Robbins motioned to approve authorizing True North's annual fee being paid by ACH. McGuire seconded it; it was approved with Moellers and Showalter absent.

• There was discussion on how to handle vacant structures. Kruger asked to have the International Property Maintenance Code 2015 edition looked into and brought back to the February or March meeting to be looked into further.

• Robbins motioned to approve the first reading of ordinance #185 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to Pedestrians' Right-of-way. Kruger seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Robbins, Kruger, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Showalter. Robbins motioned to approve the second reading

and waive the third reading of ordinance #185 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to Pedestrians' Right-of-way. Kruger seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Robbins, Kruger, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Showalter

• Kruger motioned to approve the first reading of ordinance #186 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to Publication of Minutes. Robbins seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Robbins, Kruger, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Showalter. Robbins motioned to approve the second reading and waive the third reading of ordinance #186 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to Publication of Minutes. Kruger seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Robbins, Kruger, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Showalter

• Robbins motioned to approve the first reading of ordinance #187 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, by adding a new section authorizing use of the State Income Setoff Program. Kruger seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Robbins, Kruger, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Showalter Council Comments - n/a

Robbins motioned to adjourn, Kruger seconded the motion, and it passed. Adjournment at 6:51 p.m.

Ashley L. Francis, City Clerk
Brad Mulford, Mayor

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Ordinance 187

**ORDINANCE NO. 187
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION AUTHORIZING USE OF THE STATE INCOME SETOFF PROGRAM**

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Sheffield, Iowa:

SECTION 1. NEW SECTION. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, is amended by adding a new Section 7.09, entitled SETOFF PROGRAM PROVISIONS, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

7.09 SETOFF PROGRAM PROVISIONS. This section shall establish policies and procedures for

the City pursuant to Section 421.65 of the Code of Iowa, to allow the City to utilize and invoke the setoff

program provisions of the State for collection of debts owed to the City and for which the City has provided

the obligor with an opportunity to contest.

1. Definitions. The following terms are defined for use in this section:

A. "Department" means the Iowa Department of Revenue.

B. "Obligor" means a person, not including a public agency, who has been determined to owe a qualifying debt.

C. "Public agency" means a board, commission, department, including the Department of Revenue, or other administrative office or unit of the State or any other State entity reported in the Iowa Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, or a political subdivision of the State, or an office or unit of a political subdivision. Public agency does include the Clerk of the District Court as it relates to the collection of a qualifying debt.

Public agency does not include the general assembly or Office of the Governor.

D. "Public payment" means any claim a public agency owes to an obligor.

E. "Qualifying debt" means any of the following:

(1) Any debt, which is assigned to the Department of Health and Human Services, or which is owed to the Department of Health and Human Services for unpaid premiums under Section 249A.3(2)(a)(1) of the Code of Iowa, or which child support services is otherwise attempting to collect, or which foster care services of the Department of Health and Human Services is attempting to collect on behalf of a child receiving foster care provided by the Department of Health and Human Services.

(2) Any debt which is in the form of a liquidated sum due, owing, and payable to the Clerk of the District Court.

(3) Any liquidated sum certain, owing and payable to a public agency, with respect to which the public agency has provided the obligor an opportunity to protest or challenge the sum in a manner in compliance with applicable law and due process, and which has been determined as owing through the challenge or protest, or for which the time period provided by the public agency to challenge, or protest has expired.

2. Memorandum of Understanding. The City shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department which shall outline the program guidelines for use of the State Setoff Program.

3. Qualifying Debt. The Clerk shall only certify to the Department qualifying debt as approved by the Department through the completion of a qualifying debt questionnaire and for which the City has provided appropriate documentation showing the City's legal authority for charging, implementing a fine or fee for violation of, or imposing costs related to the abatement of certain conditions when appropriate legal authority exists to the City. The qualifying debt questionnaire may be updated from time to time as required by the City to add or remove qualifying debt or as needed by the Department.

4. Due Process. Prior to submission of a debt to the Department the City shall provide the obligor due process as outlined in this section prior to the submission of a debt:

A. With respect to the qualifying debt, the City shall provide the obligor with 15 days' advance written notice to the obligor's last-known address. Such notice shall provide the obligor with a minimum period of 15 days in which they may file an appeal in writing to the Clerk.

B. Upon receipt of a written request for an appeal on a debt to be submitted to the Setoff Program the Clerk shall schedule a hearing with the Council for the next regularly scheduled meeting and notify the obligor of the hearing date and time at least five days in advance of the hearing.

C. At the time and date of the hearing, the Council shall hear any evidence brought forth by the obligor and shall examine the City's file regarding the matter. The Council shall make a ruling upon a majority vote of the members in attendance.

D. If the qualifying debt is upheld by the Council and the debt has not yet been paid by the obligor, the Clerk may certify the delinquency to the Department pursuant to the Section 421.65 of the Code of Iowa and the memorandum of understanding between the City and the Department.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council on the 9th day of December 2024, and approved this 9th day of December, 2024

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Sheffield Bills Nov. 2024

Bills to be Paid for December 2024

| Vendor | Description | Amount |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| AgSource Laboratories | Water Testing | \$626.00 |
| Ambitec, Inc | PD Vest | \$854.10 |
| BOK Water Main Replacement Bond | - Interest | \$1,835.00 |
| Card Services | Supplies | \$868.91 |
| Column Software, PBC Publications | | \$551.74 |
| Consolidated Fuel | | \$540.96 |
| Core and Main supplies | | \$272.56 |
| Dakota Supply Group | PW supplies | \$916.14 |
| Fastenal Supplies | | \$2.69 |
| Frontier PW & FD Utilities | | \$480.37 |
| Great America City Hall Copier | | \$164.78 |
| Hawkins Water Chemicals | | \$1,761.57 |
| Heartland Ashpalt, Inc. Residential Rd Repairs | | \$282,603.15 |
| IMWCA Workman's Comp, Installment 6 | | \$1,479.00 |
| Iowa Finance Authority/SRF State SRF Loan - Interest | | \$2,305.03 |
| Iowa One Call One Calls | | \$20.70 |
| J&J Machining Welding Fab dump truck | | \$545.22 |
| Menards Supplies | | \$148.30 |
| MidAmerican Energy Utilities | | \$6,128.74 |
| Payroll November Payroll Expenses | | \$33,156.43 |
| The Computer Guy | CH printer | \$60.00 |
| Tufte Excavation Water main well #5 | | \$480.00 |
| United Bank & Trust Internet Banking Fees | | \$20.00 |
| USPS water bill postage | | \$500.00 |
| US Cellular PW Cellphone & Arlo Camera | | \$137.57 |
| Total | | \$336,458.96 |
| Revenues for November 2024 | | |
| General | | \$81,077.87 |
| Main Street Flag | | \$400.00 |
| Road Use Tax | | \$13,580.56 |
| Employee Benefits | | \$11,649.70 |
| Local Option Sales Tax | | \$9,548.35 |
| TIF | | \$4,130.26 |
| Capital Projects | | \$7.10 |
| Debt Service Fund | | \$4,397.80 |
| Perpetual Care Fund | | \$116.38 |
| Water | | \$13,959.77 |
| Sewer | | \$23,905.89 |
| Storm Water Fund | | \$1,050.08 |
| Total | | \$163,823.76 |
| Expenditures for November 2024 | | |
| General | | \$18,236.55 |
| Road Use Tax | | \$11,628.78 |
| Employee Benefits | | \$7,744.48 |
| Debt Service Fund | | \$4,353.12 |
| Water | | \$9,648.91 |
| Sewer | | \$10,345.85 |
| Storm Water Fund | | \$27.95 |
| Total | | \$61,985.64 |

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Notice of Addendum: Hampton Cemetery

NOTICE OF ADDENDUM -01

CITY OF HAMPTON CEMETERY 28 TREE/STUMP REMOVAL
DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2024
TO: ALL BIDDERS
FROM: CITY OF HAMPTON
PROJECT NAME: HAMPTON CEMETERY 28 TREE/STUMP REMOVAL PROJECT
PROJECT LOCATION: HAMPTON CEMETERY, HAMPTON, IOWA

CHANGE: ALL COMPETITIVE QUOTES MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING TO HAMPTON CITY HALL IN PERSON, BY MAIL OR BY EMAIL TO KBASKERVILLE@HAMPTONIA.US NO LATER THAN 12:00 P.M. NOON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025.

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Ordinance 186

ORDINANCE NO. 186

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLICATION OF MINUTES

Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of Sheffield, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 18.03 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

18.03 PUBLICATION OF MINUTES. Within 15 days following a regular or special meeting of the Council, the Clerk shall cause the minutes of the proceedings of the Council, including the total expenditure from each City fund, to be delivered to a newspaper of general circulation in the City for publication. The publication shall include a list of all claims allowed and a summary of all receipts and shall show the gross amount of the claims.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13(6))

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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Ordinance 185

ORDINANCE NO. 185

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PEDESTRIANS' RIGHT-OF-WAY

Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of Sheffield, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 60.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

60.02 DEFINITIONS. Where words and phrases used in the Traffic Code are defined by State law, such definitions apply to their use in said Traffic Code and are hereby adopted by reference. Those definitions so adopted that need further definition or are reiterated, and other words and phrases used herein, have the following meanings:

1. "Business District" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway when 50 percent or more of the frontage thereon for a distance of 300 feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business.

2. "MPH" means miles per hour.

3. "Park" or "parking" means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

4. "Peace officer" means every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

5. "Pedestrian" means a person afoot or a person using a pedestrian conveyance.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(51))

6. "Pedestrian conveyance" means any human-powered device by which a pedestrian may move other than by walking or by which a pedestrian may move another person, including but not limited to a wheelchair, stroller, skateboard, scooter, or other similar device. Pedestrian conveyance also includes an electric personal assistive mobility device and any other device used to move a person sitting or standing on the device regardless of whether the device is powered by an electric motor, so long as the electric motor produces less than 750 watts. Pedestrian conveyance does not include a bicycle.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(51A))

7. "Residence district" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway not comprising a business, suburban, or school district, where 40 percent or more of the frontage on such a highway for a distance of 300 feet or more is occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(63))

8. "School district" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway for a distance of 200 feet in either direction from a schoolhouse.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(70))

9. "Stand" or "standing" means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

10. "Stop" means when required, the complete cessation of movement.

11. "Stop" or "stopping" means when prohibited, any halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or traffic control sign or signal.

12. "Suburban district" means all other parts of the City not included in the business, school, or residence districts.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(78))

13. "Traffic control device" means all signs, signals, markings, and devices not inconsistent with this chapter, lawfully placed or erected for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

14. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway. Vehicle does not include:

A. Any device moved by human power, including a low-speed electric bicycle.

B. Any device used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

C. Any personal delivery device operated pursuant to Chapter 321O of the Code of Iowa.

D. Any integral part of a truck tractor or road tractor which is mounted on the frame of the truck tractor or road tractor immediately behind the cab and which may be used to transport persons and property, but which cannot be drawn upon the highway by the truck tractor or another motor vehicle.

E. Any steering axle, dolly, auxiliary axle, or other integral part of another vehicle which in and of itself is incapable of commercially transporting any person or property but is used primarily to support a other vehicle.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1(90))

SECTION 2. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 65.08 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

65.08 PEDESTRIANS' RIGHT-OF-WAY. Where traffic control signals are not in place or in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping, if need be, to so yield to a pedestrian or a person riding a bicycle crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.327)

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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Hampton November Receipts

| CITY OF HAMPTON SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS NOVEMBER 2024 | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| General | \$116,670.60 | Fire Reserve | \$18,104.04 |
| General - LOST/Pool | \$162.58 | Pool & Parks Reserve | \$18,104.04 |
| Library | \$10,217.25 | 55% LOST Reserve | \$49,786.12 |
| Electric/Gas Franchise | \$74,779.32 | Cemetery Trust | \$2,256.84 |
| Road Use | \$51,709.32 | Capital Project-Streets | \$15.96 |
| Employee Benefits | \$14,908.77 | Water | \$78,380.89 |
| Forfeiture | \$0.67 | Water Improvement | \$11,405.97 |
| Band Shell Fund | \$12.47 | Meter Deposits | \$450.00 |
| Local Option Sales Tax | \$38,523.01 | Sewer | \$82,631.07 |
| T I F Total | \$1,982.23 | Sinking Fund-Sewer | \$32,948.78 |
| Police Reserve | \$4,526.01 | Solid Waste | \$3,732.29 |
| | | Total Receipts/Deposits | \$958,785.85 |

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Sheffield Library Bills Dec 2024

Franklin CO BOS Minutes, 12/16/24

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 16th, 2024

A recording of the Board meeting may be found on YouTube at: @Franklin County Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, December 16th 2024, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members McVicker, Lukensmeyer, and Vanness present.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the Agenda with shifting the last two appointments to 9:45AM for Discussion & Possible Action - Compensation for Elected Officials and 10:00AM for Discussion - Separation of Human Resources from the Auditor's Office. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the regular minutes from 12/9/2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Lukensmeyer provided an update about CICS. McVicker attended NIACOG Housing Trust Fund. Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on his department.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve Franklin County Utility Permit Application for ITC Midwest LLC for reframing structure pole tangents from 3 conductor to 6 conductor configuration and replacing 6 dead end structures. Work shall be on existing electrical corridor between Mallard Ave. & Nuthatch Ave from Hardin Rd to 70th Street and will include intermittent closures of 30th, 40th, and 50th Streets during pulling wire phases from March 10th - April 18th, 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Recorder, Toni Wilkinson, met with the Supervisors regarding some Human Resource matters. She feels that there should be a separation of the Human Resource Director from the Auditor's office.

The Supervisors recessed at 9:30 to hold a drainage meeting. They reconvened at 9:40AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the County website.

The Supervisors continued discussion regarding how they will determine the compensation for Elected officials in FY2026. Each Supervisor will reach out to a certain list of counties to get information regarding job duties of each office along with information about stipends and more. This will continue to be on future agendas.

The Supervisors discussed the possible separation of Human Resources

from the Auditor's Office. Vanness encouraged the other two Supervisors to talk to each party involved and make their own determination. This will come back on a future agenda.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the appointment of Jon Peterson to the Conservation with a term ending 12/31/2030. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the appointment of Michael Nolte & Sue Rodemeyer to the Board of Health with terms ending 12/31/2028. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the amendment of Appendix A of the Franklin County Compensation Plan to include Recorder, Board of Health, & Emergency Management employees. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:28AM until Monday, December 23rd, 2024 at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

Chris Vanness, Chairman

ATTEST:

Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

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Hampton Public Library Open House

The Hampton Public Library held their annual open house last Tuesday. Here are some photos of the fun.



Misty Sosa and Esmeralda Ramirez ready to help patrons at the Hampton Public Library.



Patrick Palmer sharing tips on how not to be scammed with community members during the library's open house.



Get lost in a good book at the library, while warming up by their fireplace.



Franklin County ISU Extension's Liliana Velasco trying some of the homemade goodies at the open house.



A Iowa State University-themed tree is one of the trees you can vote on at the Hampton Public Library.



One child used mini hats as ornaments for their tree in the competition at the library.



I spy tiny animals on this tree. Will it win the contest? Don't forget to vote by Dec. 20!



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A Colorless Christmas

A cast of 29 local children acted in 'A Colorless Christmas' last weekend. Check out photos of some of the scenes below.



Director Nathan Pralle introduces the play and the sponsors, including First Bank Hampton



A-eshah Khunchan (GODMOTHER) stands by as Nathalia Flores (GALEN) recites her poem about being the Spirit of Giving



Class is in session! Lillian Foreshoe (MS DAFFERTY) leads a math class with Jaliyah Ivey (IRIS), Victoria Flores (MARA), Nata-E), Harlee Christiansen (HEIDI), Greg Garcia (SIMON), Ardian Berisha (DOLAN), and bad-boy Macaeen Pralle (SILAS) listening in



A-eshah Khunchan (GODMOTHER) stands with Luci Mollenbeck (IVY) as she recites her poem about being the Spirit of Hope



A-eshah Khunchan (GODMOTHER) stands by while Evelyn Osborn (FINNIAN) recites her poem about being the Spirit of Wonder



Amiah Stevens (HOLLY) recites her poem about being the Spirit of Tradition while A-eshah Khunchan (GODMOTHER) guides her the Spirit of Peace while A-eshah Khunchan (GODMOTHER) looks on



A-eshah Khunchan (GODMOTHER) (left) watches over her little Christmas spirits interacting with SILAS and SERAPHINE (L-R, Bel-an, Macaeen Pralle (SILAS), Natalie Birdsell (SERAPHINE), Miyah Arana, Luci Mollenbeck, Evelyn Osborn, and Nathalia Flores)



Luna Flores (PAX) recites her poem about being the Spirit of Peace while A-eshah Khunchan (GODMOTHER) looks on



Jaliyah Ivey (IRIS) and Natalie Birdsell (SERAPHINE) talk garland with town maintenance guy Keston Pralle (KENT) in the city park



Natalie Birdsell (SERAPHINE) talks to her mom, Genevieve Foreshoe (MERY ROSE), and asks her advice about how to handle the issues in her classroom



Schoolgirls Victoria Flores (MARA), Jaliyah Ivey (IRIS), Natalie Birdsell (SERAPHINE), and Harlee Christiansen (HEIDI) argue with coffeeshop barista Jack Hindin (TRENT) over how much the coffee costs



A-eshah Khunchan (GODMOTHER) stands in the background while Logan Folkerds (MERRICK) recites his poem about his role as the Spirit of Merriment



Jack Hindin (TRENT) prepares hot cocoa at his Brewed Awakening stand while Autumn Wood (MABEL) serves donuts from her Bun Int-d. Charleigh Schirmer (BARB) shows her pig Georgina the decorations while Keston Pralle (KENT) and Haylee Hanna (ROZ) look on



Curtain call for the entire cast of 'A Colorless Christmas'

MERRY
christmas

We will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24 & Closed all day on Wednesday, December 25 at both locations.

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FIRST GRADE MRS. BUTSON

Dear Santa,
Do you know the polr expres? I would like a Super Kitty Bitsy! I will lve some cookeys for you! I have been good this year! Have a fabells day!
Sincerely, Sophie

Dear Santa,
Do you like your job? I want candy and a pig for Christmas. I wish you a

merry Christmas!
From, Luke

Dear Santa,
My birthday is December 7th. Today is my bscitball practice. I love Christmas. I would like shorts. Christmas is the best.
Love, Eleanor

Dear Santa,
your elfs have been cheeky this year. What kind of cookies you like? I would like a apple vizenpro this year. I've been getting lots of bulldog tickets because I've been good. I also wish everyone to be happy.
Love, Madelyn

Dear Santa,
Yesterday I got too bulldog tickets! I hope I have been good. Haow are your elfs? I would like petshops.

I am in frst grad.
Sincerely, Monroe

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers I hop they are good? You are really nice I like when you send me presents. I hope I have been good this year I am in first grade I am seven years old. I would like for everybody to be happy and a Barbie house and my teacher to be happy.
Love, Mia Rose

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a mace that can tph on it can yell and slep.
Sincerely, Kathy

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. My elf's name is Joe. Do you have a faivret ranedeer? Merry Christmas.
Sincerely, Adley

Dear Santa,
I would like Spidre man. I hath bin good.
Fum, Danna

Dear Santa, I want a Ipad! The end.
Love, Teo

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I am about to be seven. I like your elf. I would like barbes and wator guns.
Love, Katie

Dear Santa,
I am seven. I am in first grade. Which cookies do you like? Cold cookies or hot cookies or warm cookies? I will ask my mom to make cookies. And I want a toy car that can drive on walls.
Sincerely, Ryan

Dear Santa,
I have been so noty. I

don't know what I want for Christmas yet all I want for Christmas is Legos, Ipad and games. How are the reindeers and you doing?
Sincerely, Kaizer

Dear Santa,
I would want to now how old are you? What is your favrit cokey? And I have ben so good this yer.
Your frend, Lydia

Dear Santa, I have bin so good this yer. My elf dus sile stuf. How are your randerr?
From, Ledger

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. I want math gims.
Sincerely, Estrella

Dear Santa,
I like to selubrate Christmas in my haose. I like sparmin and I like

prasints for my mom and my dad and my bruthr and my sistr. fone for my mom and my dad and my sistr and me.
Santos

Dear Santa,
I have bin gud can you get arezit for me? can you get arezit for my Dad he want a safes.
Your friend, Alex

Dear Santa,
I like your elv. What elvs do you like? My elvs are nomb like dad and duby. Wuat cookies do you like? Have a good Chistmas,
Sincerely, Jaxson

Dear Santa,
Do you like kyes and meks your the best. Do you haf a pokbl. I m a sootosl dis is ber hohoho.
Mere Crism, Kevin

SOUTH SIDE ELEMENTARY



**FIRST GRADE
MRS. AALBERS**

Dear Santa,
I think my mom needs a cool chair so she can sit down. I love you! How many elves do you have? How is roodof doing? I want a hot wheels car. How wud roodofs nose was not shine?
Samuel

Dear Santa,
I want to now what cookes do you like? I was a good grl. I want a doll house. I want a new snow because I don't have any.
Love Sophie Arends

Dear Santa,
How are you? I've ben gud. I ned snopans because wen I put on my saopans I go to reces and I sit on the ground and I can't sit up. I luv you
Noellia Mebel

Dear Santa
How are you? What do cookes. I want doors foonly, 2 plushe, lego titangik, aney tree.
Love Alixander

Dear Santa,
How many elf do you have? I have been a good girl. I need now shoes and now cloes because they don't fit me. I love you,
Emila Hernandez

Der Santa,
I have ben a good girl. I want a swetr ples and I ned a watr botl ples and I ned sum new pants ples Santa Clos.
Love Ivy

I Love you
Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been a good gerill. I want a squishi pls. And why do you awlwees where red? I need a door shuter because my mom dosin't shut my door. Thank you!
Your Friend Ericka Samantha Sosa

Santa,
I don't no if I am a good or bad but I need gluvs because they are to big and I need a crismis tree and I want a pink house and a car. How do you see all fo the kids at the same time?
Catalata

Dear Santa
I have ben a good boy. I hope I get alot of presits. I ned unraepan and a new chrgre and kremr for my mom and dad. I hope they like it.
Love Kai Minnier

Dear Santa
I need a now pilow bec-

uase my pilow is squishy and my other pilow is fluffy. I whnit a now base-ball bate.
Love Abraham

Der Santa
I need a famley picktur so I can always reemeber who died. I want a remote control tahsk and I want that nerfgun at tisens.
*I Love Santa!
Love Camden*

Santa,
I want my one Alexa. I ned a bascit ball because I need it to pratis. How are you and Mrs. Claws doing? How many elds do you have?!!
*Love your friend,
Everett*

Dear Santa,
What are you doing? You are just speshol for us. What cookiers do you like? and where did you make the prezins? I want a phone kase.
I Miss you santa,

Michelle
Dear Santa,
I would give you cookies. What kind do you like? I want legos. I need a new soccer ball because mine is flat. I want a titanic.
Love Eduardo

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the deers? How do you make toys? I want a titanic. I want a toy. I want a toy carrier. I need new shoes in case mine get broken.
Archer Crow

Dear Santa,
How can you see us? And wich cookes do you like? I ned noow erases and I ned a pesl. I ned a noow pelo because my pelo is yucky.
I love you, Love Leslie

Dear Santa,
How do you deliver the toys in a night? I need some ? snow pants and boots.

I want a mindcraft sword.
*Love,
Kayson Lee*

Dear Santa
I need underwear because it is ripped because it is old. And need new pants because they don't fit me anymore. And I need new shorts to because they don't fit me ether.
Love Mateo

Dear Santa?
How meny elfs do you have? Do you have 9000 elfs? How do you get your slay to deliver presins? I would like a spinning chair that is blue and a new waterbottle.
*Your Friend
Gemma*

Dear Santa
How are you? I have been good. Can I get a baby or a puzzle? I like books too. Merry Christmas
Love Karla



**FIRST GRADE
MRS. HUMRICHOUSE**

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are fine. For christmas I wish I can have some gummys please. Merry Christmas! I will give you milk and cookies and the carrots for the reindeer.
Sincerly Jiada

Dear Santa
I love you so much. How are your elfs and reindeer? For christmas I want lego sets and cookies. How is Mrs. Claus? How are you Santa? I love the gifts you give me.
Sincerly Victor

Dear Santa.
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want some candy! And some socks! Oh one more thing how is your elds? How full is your bag? Can you get a long book for my mom? Can you get a hat for my dad?
Sincerly Lochlyn

Dear Santa,
I wint a santa toy and lego set and a truck. Say say hi to Mrs. Sincere Claus.
Sincerly, Emanuel

Dear Santa,
How are your elves I hope you are ok. For Christmas I want cool sooks and a cool book and yume m&ms. I promise I'll give you cookies an milk. I want lego set. I promise I was good. Give my mom a book and ipade and case for Dad. Give him doctor pepper and chips.
Sincerly Saul

Dear Santa,
How are your randeer? I will leve you cookies. I want a dinusore. It is a wa-

ter dinusore. I will leave you carrots for your randeer! Say hi to the randeer for me!
Sincerly, Omer

Dear Santa
How are your reindeer. I hope you are ok, For Christmas I want to hav a little phone and fidgets and little cat and little dog please. I promise I will give you milk and cookies and for your reindeer.
Sincerly Hayden!

Deer Santa
How are your reindeer? I hope you are ok. For Christmas I want m+ms and tokis and a books, and a barbie set. A new shrt for my mom. Say hie to Miss Claus.
Sincerly Olivia

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I want a lego set, candy, and toy trucks. Merry Christmas.
Sincerly, Brody

Dear Santa
How are your reindeer. I

want a bear for Christmas and M and M's. And a bow and doll, a little phone and animals, Uno, and a lava lamp, trucks and clothes. Thank you.
Sincerly, Gabby

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I want toy doll some Takis and an elf. I will leave you some cookies.
Sincerly, Xemina

Dear Santa
How are your reindeer? I hope you are ok. For Christmas I want to have a electric scooter a book to read and gummy bears. I want to have some fun socks books to read and candy. I will leave milk and cookies. I will get some carrots for the reindeer.
Sincerly, Javier

Dear Santa
How are your reindeer? I hope you are ok. For Christmas I want to phone and a Barbie. I will leave you milk. Say hi to mom & Mrs Claus for me.
Sincerly, Alexia

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I hope you are going to be good for Christmas. I want to have a balarina toy and a bairbe girl and teddy bear that has a tutu on it. please and thank you :) Look on the back please May I have a 100 puzzle for my sister please and thank you and I will leave milk and cookies for you and I will give you carrots for the reindeer say hi to Mrs. Claus for me.
Sincerly Jenesis Cruz

Dear Santa
How are your reindeer? I hope you are ok. For Christmas I want the T rex character from Jurassic World and a lego set of a boat that have a prisiner and a lego police set with a badge.
Isaac

Dear Santa
I want a bear and I hope you ok. My sissy wants a dog for Krim and I want a sat fo jnetcc? I will leave

you milk and cookies for the reindeer. I am good at the math and this year I listen to my dad and my mom.
Sincerly, Jacki

Dear Santa
How are your reindeer? Hope you are ok. Christmas I want toy horse, please and thank you Santa. How are your elf. Hazel I love you
Sincerly, Hazel

Dear Santa,
I hope you like our tree if you like to take a look at are tree you can but can I have for Chrismis water change monster trucks and m+m. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Sincerly, Holden

Dear Santa
Merry Christmas! I would like a lego set. My mom wants a dress. MY dad wants tools. Say hi to the reindeer and Mrs. Claus.
Sincerly, Merlin



**FIRST GRADE
MRS. LANGE**

Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing. I want a PS5 and I need new shose and I wear cloths and I read pet the cat. Have a great Christmas delivering gifts. Safe Travels Santa
Yahir

Santa,
How many presents do you deliver every year? I have been a good girl. I wot a PS5. I wot shoes. I wot dress. I wot Dr. Seuss. Hiw is Mrs. Clol. How Many Elf do you have. How are you do you have a good day.
Ava

Santa,
How have you been doing this year? I want a yoa got for Cryismis. I need shoes for crismis. I want pants. I ned farm books. I hop you have a fun time dlivring prezins this yeyr.
Love Jordy!
Jordy

Santa,
What is your favairtre kind of cookies? I have been a good girl. I want a guitar for Christmas. I need hire tiyse for Christmas. I wear blankit sweatshins for Christmas. I reed Direa of Wimppy kid. I hope you have a good Christmas Santa.
-Emma

Santa,
How are your elves doing? I have been a good girl. I help my mom clening stuff. I want tape. I need nike shoes. I wear baggy jeans. I like to read Dr. Seuss book. Have a good time dliving presin.
Amaya

Santa,
What is your favorite kind of cookie? I have been a good girl. I want a guitar for christmas I need a blanket. I like to wear dresses. I read Christmas books. I hope you have a great christmas delivering gifts. Safe travels Santa!
Ryland

Santa,
Who is your favort elf? I want a sonic. I need new socks. I like to wear nike shoes. I like to read Christmas books.
Didien

Santa,
How many elves do you have? and im a good girl. This year but I want slime and lego and swechlr and I want Dr. Seuss books.
Eva

Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? What is your favorite kind of cookie? I have been a good boy. I want a PS5 for Christmas. I need some new jeans. I like to wear

adidas shoes. I like to read the Grinch book.
Kendrick

Santa,
How meny presents do you deliver every year? I have been a good girl. I want clay for Christmas. I need some new shoes. I like to wear Carhart sweat-shirts. I like to read Elephant and piggy books. I hope you have a great Christmas delivering gifts. Safe travels Santa!
Valerie

Santa,
What do your reindeer like to et. I want a new lego set. I need new socks. I need a dress. I like to read The school for Wicked Witches.
Winy

Santa,
How are your elves doing How is Mrs. Claus doing Santa How you doing I want a grinch toy I need a book I wear grinch shirts I like to read grinch and other books.
Jariel

Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I want now tv. I need a now shrt. I wear now snow-pants. I read now elf books.
Koehn

Santa,
Are you real Santa? I want a blue toy. I need a new shirt. I like to wear sweatshirts. I like to read books about shade.
*Safe Travels Santa!
Jersen*

Santa,
How been you doing Santa? I been a good girl. I rile want a barbies and I need a water bottle and I osas wear dress. I like to read Pet the Cat. I hop you have the best Christmas every and fun dliving Santa.
Aitana

Santa,
How many elves do you have. I want nintendow swich. I want cloc that say Iov my dad. I ned clos. I like to red Robert Munch books.
Mason

Santa,
How many presents do you deliver every year I want a guitar I need more food I like to wear jeans I like to read shark books.
Vanessa

Santa,
How are your elves doing? I want a coloring book. I need a new coat. I like to wear pajamas. I read Santa books. Have a good night Santa!
Ezequier

Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I wot a x-box. I need shos. I we elf pajamas. I read elfent and pig books. I lov crismis. How your elfs doing? I been good boe.
Weston

Santa
How are your elvs? I want ten lego sets. I need chrismis books. I like to wear chrismis swetr. I like to read chrismis books and my frend is Jersen.
Jace

SOUTH SIDE ELEMENTARY



SECOND GRADE
MRS. JOHNSON

Dear, Santa:
I love my mom. And how old is the red-nosed reindeer? I wish I could have a doll house. I wish I could have every doll. I wish I could have doll clothes. I wish I could have a shirt that says "I love Santa!" I wish I could have Takis. I wish I could have a golden watch.
Starla

Dear, Santa:
I live in Hampton. Where do you live? Santa bring clothes and shoes.
Angel

Dear, Santa:
I like my friends, my mom and dad. Where do you live? Please bring me clothes.
Janet

Dear, Santa:
I like to do crafts at home and school. What do you do at home? Who wood win ... Rudolph or a normal reindeer? I want a toy trechter.
Weston

Dear, Santa:
My favorite color is pink and purple. I like to spend time with my family. I like

to eat my mom soup. It is good and I want for Christmas is a Barbie house. I want a necklace for me and my brother.
Yari

Dear, Santa:
This year I been good. This year, I want for Christmas a Nintendo Switch and Nikes and finally a Justin Jefferson jersey. Thank you, Santa.
Eli

Dear, Santa:
My eyes are brown. What is your age? How cold is it? When is your birthday? I want a meta quest 3. And a kitten. A orange kitten. I love cats. I like Christmas it is the best holiday.
Thiago

Dear, Santa:
I love you so much! Santa, I want a drone for Christmas. Mrs. Claus, how many reindeer do you have and what are their names? What is the head elf's name?
Eli

Dear, Santa:
My name is Eli. I have been really good this year. I want for Christmas a Nintendo Switch. Santa where do you live? I want a crosneklis.
Eli

Dear, Santa:
My favorite color is pink and purple. I like to spend time with my family. I like to eat my mom soup. It good. I want for Christmas a barbies home.
Yasi

Dear, Santa:
My name is Kensley and I love Bluey. Can you tell me why I have elves? I wanna know! May I have a head set? And a note please! And some chocolate. Please! I want them so bad! (At Amber's house. Idk the street or town.)
Kensley

Dear, Santa:
Hi, I'm eight. How old are you? I want a PC and a computer. Make sure you make your elves do that.
Jameson

Dear, Santa:
My favorite candy is Jolly Ranchers because they give you jolly. How old are you? How many elves do you have? What I want for Christmas is more Sharp-

ies. How many toys do your elves make a year?
Levi

Dear, Santa:
I love to be crafty and artistic. I really love to do paint at home. I want three more days tell Christmas. How old is Rudolf? I want a hover board.
Aliyah

Dear, Santa:
How old are you? I like reading. I would like books for Christmas. I would like if my friend would move back. I like to play softball. How cold is it in the North Pole?
Kemerson



SECOND GRADE
MR. BISHOP

Dear, Santa:
I want a pack of nails and glue for the nails. Next, I would like some slime. Next, I would like a coloring book and some crayons for the coloring book. Then, you can pick one thing you think I should have for the rest of my life. I have ben good.
Issy

Dear, Santa:
Dog. Lamborgini. Ipad. Shark. Santa. Hot Wheels. iPhone 16 Pro. Ipad. Dinosaur.
Austin

Dear, Santa:
I have been kind of bad

and good. My elf is already at my house. It was on my fan in my living room. She was on an airplane. I want at my moms a hoverboard and I will send a Crismis List and I will give it to my elf.
Hayden

Dear, Santa:
I am so sorry for being bad. I will like for Christmas a big plush and football stuff. I want a toy chest. I want a sow kelchin. I want a colored pencil and a coloring book and a PS5. I want a elf and I want a iphone 16 Pro. For my friend Austin I want a car.
Chris

Dear, Santa:
For Christmas, I will like a phone for Christmas and robeucks 17000,0000. Next I will like a Robot dog. I have been a nice gril every day and I will love a puppy for Christmas Santa. And a elf please.
Avery

Dear, Santa:
I want V Bucks but I want 100,000 and Robux and a PS5 and gold chain.
Lare

Dear, Santa:
For Christmas, I want v bucks for Fort Nite. Next, for Christmas I want Farming Sim 25. I would also like a dirt bike. I also want a TV mounted on my wall. I want a PC and Farming Sim 24. I also want Maden NFL 25 for my PS5. And a puppy.
Declan

Dear, Santa:
I want a unicorn, big unicorn. I like Unicorn I can play with. It has to be a rainbow unicorn. Please Santa I would like a unicorn because is so fluffy.
Lia

Dear, Santa:
Can I have legos and Nintendo Switch and iphone 16 Pro and a toy pop and robux?
Abdiel

Dear, Santa:
I want a pack of nails and glue for the nail. Next, I would like some slime. Next, I would like a coloring book and some crayons for the coloring book. Then you can pick one thing you think i could have for the rest of my life. Thank you for giving me purses.
Aiyana

Dear, Santa:
I ben good but my sisters are making me fight them. Im sorry. I ben bad! I will be good next time. I want a dirt bike for Christmas and a PS5 and V bucks. Why is the elf not at my dads house? I want a semi with a trailer with it and gas mustang. I want a electric guitar and a football and football jersie and helmet and a basketball.
Sullivanvyn

Dear, Santa:
What I want for Christmas is my brother to take us on base and see the he-

licopters with my family. I also want my mom to take me to Band Shell Park and do my picture for Light up the Night. You probably know that she took pictures and I want my mom to take my picture.
Brooklyn

Dear, Santa:
Can I have V Bucks, squishy, colored pencils, coloring books, electric scooter.
Koraline

Dear, Santa:
I want a coloring book and I want the pencils.
Addison

Dear, Santa:
I want a PS5 and 100,000 V Bucks and a hoverboard and a iPhone 16 and robux and the YouTube Diamond Play Button and a ball.
Grant

Dear, Santa:
I will like a 10000 Doge Hellcats and 1000 race

tracks for my hot wheels and a PS5. And a iPhone 16.
David

Dear, Santa:
I would like a laptop, fort night V bucks, a John Deere Tractor, a toy coto-vater. I want FS 25. I want a gold chain.
Tate

Dear, Santa:
I tried not to get in trouble for Christmas this year. Can I please have a xbox land, a nintendo and some sonic mini figs. I want a Mary Christmas with my family and stop swaring and doing good rest of my life and won't change my friends bye
Weston

Dear, Santa:
For Christmas, I want a VR headset, PS5, TV, hoverboard, 1100 doler robux card pls
Carson



SECOND GRADE
MS. BARKEMA

Dear Santa can you please get me a new bike and a new dress for my clothes and stitch stuff animal and how are the elfs doing are they freking out because it's all most chrissmass and they need to make the toys. Can u get my mom and dogs something and grama and grapa something sence there get-

ing old and what should I get my mom and dogs and grapa and grama because I don't know what to get them.
Estella. R.R

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Aalyah Z V

Santa I whate 2 books of christmas locody and 80 surrounds onto plush toy then a nutcracker and a bike and sonta I'm good enuf sun to pick yes of no
Dylan Murillo

I want a bio biyyo an trabuks mini eraser moana

doll. Fayhelf. Dollhouse. puppy and coneht4 and lipstick.
Kynlee

Can you please give me a light anda toy I love you santa can you give me a teddy bear and a ball and a toy truck and a new books that is it for now. I want cool too. I been bad to.
Braylin

Hi Santa I just wanted to know if I'm been good or bad this year. If I've been good I'm going to put a Christmas wishlist somewhere. Santa how are the elfs. My Christmas wish-list a popit a usbe charger, ipad mini
Jimmy Figueroa

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sistr. I wonu mokr. I wonu car for gils I wonu for cremi I wonu cockes I wonu baba I wonu for I wonu for red
Susana

Can you give me some toy's I whant a ball and a big hatchimal. A notbook and a stuffed animal. how is the ELF'S growing. I rilley lick your hate. Can you give me a Christmas roll up Christmas list.
Hanna T

I want a bicke and a pet lizard and a toy car and pokemon toy and 3 nut cracker and 100 dollars and I want to meht Mr. beast and I want Mr. best lab toys.
Eden R

Dear Santa can you please got me a stuff ani-

mal and a Christmas tree please and a five pet live please and a Christmas dress please and a Santa hat and a Santa doll please and a santa friend and you. Thank you Santa
Meilani

Dear Snanta tmarno I want the elfs to go in my bed roam. C gose in mine and Lizz gose in Hadinyns room. I want a new ps5 controller. And I realy want call a Doody black ops six. And new baseball clest. And a new baseball bag, and a new nechlace. and I want rockouns water bottle. And I want new jordins. And I want farming simlater 25.
Hudson B

Der Santu I was wuder-ing if you are ok and this yer i wanta funko pop and a

ips5 and a messi shrt and a messe hude and a blak panthr ashin fig and I want a pakuvpens.
Joseph

I wut bens I wat ives I wot saoiny I wot funho-pop I wut stuffet animal I wut candy cane bue I wut tablet. I wut tos ehe tos fun tos atuih ut you to gif me stoceg I wut banbie I wut plush.
Octavia

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Karma-Jean McAthr



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

WOODLEY FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY



SOUTH SIDE ELEMENTARY



SECOND GRADE
MRS. TOOMSEN

Dear Santa,
I like nails. I like a clock and babies and bracelets.
Love Tania

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I want a puppy for Christmas. Roller skates and a book.
Love Ari

Dear Santa,
I want squishy because my favorite and green squish sand and squishmallow.
Love Forrest

Dear Santa

Are you getting ready for christmas? I want a baby doll and tablet.
Love Hannah

Dear Santa,
Why are you giving presents to children? I want a PS5. My sister a puppy. I would like my brother to get a PS5 too. I want a sticky hand. Can you get my mom new jewelry? What would like for Christmas?
Love Daniel.

Dear Santa,
Are you getting ready for Christmas? I want a tablet. I want family. I want a bike. I want slime. I want a phone. Thank you Santa.
Love Zoey

Dear Santa,
Santa how are you doing? For Christmas I want a Goku action figure. And a Broly action figures. Zoro action figures. A lot of ac-

tion figures and a ice cream maker.
Love Zaderick

Dear Santa,
I want a phone and a sonic figure clam necklace and inside is a turtle and it is crystal and I hope your reindeers are ok and I hope Mrs. Claus is ok.
Love Mia

Dear Santa,
Are you getting ready for Christmas? Is Donald ok? What I want for Christmas is a phone because my sister takes mine.
Love Kyler

Dear Santa,
How do you deliver presents in one night? How is Rudolph? I want to get a notebook that has a code to open because I want to draw and write. I also want a paint palette. I hope you do good.
Love Griffin

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Is he good? And how are you doing? I want a football and a soccer or throwing ball. Thank you
Love Abel

Dear Santa,
Are you okay? How do you give presents to kids in one day? That means that you only have 8 hours. How do you do it that quick? Do you have superpowers? By the way I want Pokemon cards football cards and soccer cards. MarioKarts , Dorlots, football characters, soccer characters. By the way Merry Christmas!!!!!!
Love Nile.

Dear Santa,
Are you ready to give children gifts? I have cookies and milk on the table. We have decorated the Christmas tree and we hang up all

the stockings. I want a N64 controller and Super Mario 64.
Love Jonathan

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? What do they eat? Carrots or cookies? I want a PS5 and a tv.
Love Chloe

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are your elf? I want a book and also I want an Ipad.
Love Valeria

Dear Santa,
How is Comet? I have been trying to be good and not naughty. I was wondering if you are happy or mad. Well if you are mad I am sorry. Is there anything I can do to help? All I want for Christmas is a soft m-roon blanket. Not anything else, just that.
Love Ellie

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a nerf gun like our old one and a RC truck and a Rc racing yacht and 5 squishmallows and a watch and JB Mooney bullriding outfit shirt size 14, 16 pants size medium.
Love Hank

Dear Santa,
I hope your ready at the North Pole. I don't want anything at all. I just want is my family for Christmas. My letter is done.
Love Carter

Dear Santa,
How do you give every kid lots of presents? My elf Christain is in a paper towel hole. I have been good, so here is something I really want. Swing chair because I can read and write. Have a merry day.
Love Pip



SECOND GRADE
MRS. SYMENS

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like my teeth strait and ipad and iPhone 16 Pro. My family has been feeling good. I hope everyone is feeling good.
Nora

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a iPod and iPhone 16 pro. I want my grandma to feel better. I hope they stop fighting in

the aremey. Could you help them?
Zayden

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like slime. For my sister to face her fear of sleeping at people's houses. Homelest people food for December.
Hadley

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a Barbe dream house, new skert, a new toy car and a new cup. A neckless for my mom would be nice. Could I get some fresh food for homeless people?
Lexi

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a coloring book,

shimer and shine doll, and a mermaid doll. My sister wants a LOL doll.
Evelyn

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a iPhone 16. My mom would like an iron. Dear Santa, I hope for all those kids who don't have food or eny water to have a great Christmas.
Gracelyn

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like an electric scooter, for my brother to stop hiting me, and to get presints for homeles people.
Lenynn

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I

would like to give my little brother a Spider man toy with webs. Can you get people in Africa food?
Knox

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Kais fire perch pleas. That's the onley thing I want. A belt for Dad. Can you help the people who are homeliest?
Case

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like horer board. I want my aunt free frum cancer. I want the people who are hungry to be fed.
Houston

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a new hover

board. Please give my mom a blanket and my dad a hunting blanket.
Carleigh

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a iPhone 16, computer, ntendow and Disney world for my family. Please give my mom and dad a hug.
Evelynwise

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a hover board, a pet alligator, Vikings cards.
Wyatt

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a snow mobile, a hockey stick and a basketball hoop.
Jaxon

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a huver board. For my mom good sleep.
Emmett

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a 4 wheeler and Pokemon. My dad wants peace and quiet.
Jeptha

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a new dog. I am going to get my dad a new belt and new work close. I'm going to get my mom new work shirts and new pants. I want people to help the homes.
Summerlyn

WEST FORK LETTERS



3 YR PRESCHOOLERS
MRS. HANSEN

Dear, Santa:
I am 3 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like a swing.
Elton

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like three presents. I like blue presents.
Freya

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like green presents. I would like Barbies.
Teagan

Dear, Santa:
I am 3 years old. This

year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like a sticky hand that sticks to the wall.
Odin

Dear, Santa:
I am 3 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like babies and toys and bottles and bacon.
Chay

Dear, Santa:
I am 3 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like presents. I want pizza boxes and tractors.
Layten

Dear, Santa:
I am 3 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like a yo-yo, a motorcycle with play-doh.
Vivienne

Dear, Santa:
I am 3 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like Peppa.
Brynlee.

Dear, Santa:
I am 3 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like water dinos and big dinos.
Henry

Dear, Santa:
I am 3 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like presents.
Ava

Dear, Santa:
I am 3 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like paint, Barbie dolls and a play house.
Blayke

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like a tractor.
Daxton

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like cars and trains.
Cruz P.

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WEST FORK LETTERS



4 YR PRESCHOOLERS
MRS. ENGH

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like make-up and Hello Kitty nail polish. I want some Play-Doh and a play cake and a kitchen house.
Love, Addica

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like a real skid loader and a real tractor and a combine and another combine for my big sister.
Love, Colton

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like a Barbie house, a dark blue dress, a little board that I can write on with markers, a box with green rice in it (like preschool), dark blue shoes, and this is the last thing I'm going to say- a Barbie Dreamhouse and a Barbie car too!
Love, Evelyn

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like a big monster truck with a controller and a squishy with orbees and water. I want a dinosaur and a blanket.
Love, Parker

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like a choo-choo train you

can fix and some kitchen stuff and a Santa Claus toy.
Love, Elley

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like Paw Patrol toys!
Love, Zander

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like a new horse stable and new Barbies!
Love, Lucy

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. I was a little good. For Christmas this year I would like a big Barbie house and a baby doll wagon with seats and a unicorn for me to ride on and EVERYTHING!!
Love, Maddie

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This

year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like Hot Wheels and Hot Wheels tracks.
Love, Caleb

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like racecars-Hot Wheels cars! I collect them!
Love, Jaak

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like a new car- a red one. I need candy, chocolate candy. I want a dinosaur, like one that Rawrs.
Love, Kage

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I be good. For Christmas this year I would like unicorns! I want a unicorn house and a unicorn bathroom and shower and Christmas tree.
Love, Scarlett

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like a Color Reveal Barbie that is all pink and then changes in water. I don't remember what else!
Love, Cora

Dear Santa:
I am 4 1/2 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like some sand and I want a Barbie house and I also want my own tools, so I can work with my Dad. I want my own pencil sharpener.
Love, Lily

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I don't know if I've been naughty or nice because my Mom has to tell me. For Christmas this year I would like CeCe from Doc McStuffins! I really, really want her! And I real-

ly want Lamby!
Love, Arie

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like a tool set because mine's broke! I want a Bryer horse-an Appaloosa.
Love, Brannon

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like a motorcycle and a racing bike and a racing Scooter and a dirt bike. I want a Gator too and a race car.
Love, Colin

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like a new unicorn that makes noise and a snow shirt.
Love, Emberlee



4 YR PRESCHOOLERS
MRS. HANSEN

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a toy Santa, new colored pencils, new markers and nothing else.
Huxley

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a toy kitchen set and a toy doggy. I would like to get my sister a toy doggy too. My sister is 1.
Reagan

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a stuffy that looks like a turkey and a heart stuffy. And a gingerbread house.
Audrey

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a grinch toy and stuffy, a barbie remote control car and a new Christmas tree for mommy - a tiny one.
Alex

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like tractors and worker stuff and a ranch and a remote control python snake.
Macoy

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a princess that's sparkly, bracelets and a barbie.
Ayveri

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a sparkly baby with a sparkly car seat and a camera. And another baby and a fake dog that walks - not a real one!
Ensley

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a cool car - it's gotta be little! And I want a race car blanket and I want a new bed (even though I already have a bed) so I can put race car blankets on it.
Asher

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like legos and a robot and a real kitchen (no - a play kitchen so my little sister doesn't bother my kitchen).
Bentley

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like John Deere tractors and a John Deere coat and a John Deere hat, a John Deere vest and I'll have a John Deere grinch - green and yellow.
Noah

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a real PJ mask toy. Nothing else!
Brody

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Paw Patrol toys that Mommy has on her phone and a toy elf.
Brody

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like puzzles and a Lion King toy.
Landyn

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like basketball shoes. That's all! I only want one big gift!
Cruz

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I

would like shoes and a fishing pole.
Zoey

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a baby doll.
Lydia

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like everything on my mom's phone, like Blue-ey toys and a little Barbie house.
Ella

Dear, Santa:
I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a big pony house with a slide.
Maci



PRE K
MRS. BARKEMA

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like puzzles, legos, and a

balance board.
Love, Calvin

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like a nerf gun and a toy truck, and a monster truck maybe. Maybe a toy crane too.
Love, Tucker

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like a stitch, like some Hello Kit-

ty stuff, another elf, some new books, a robot, and a new flashlight.
Love, Laundry

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a big dog that's pink to keep in my room. And a big heart to keep in my room too. Like a big kitchen too and play with it.
Love, Natalie

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been naughty

and nice. For Christmas this year I would like to have a massage gun to get massages. And I want an orange Apple watch to call my friends. I want a train set with one hundred train tracks. And Hot wheels track with hot wheels.
Love, Jax

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like to get hatchimals, the baby dog and baby cat. I want a toy rainbow that I can play kings and queens with.

And I want a stop watch to use for races to see who wins.
Love, Raelyn

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like..probably like a work set with tools with it, a hand saw, and a big, giant, blue teddy bear. I want a magnet car to pick up metal things. I want a police gator with buttons, sounds, and lights.
Love, Korbyn

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like some big trucks and mud trucks, and that's it.
Love, Klay

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like an elf, and a unicorn book. And I want a unicorn doll and a new phone because I lost mine. And a princess peach stuffed animal.
Love, Amelia



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To You and Yours!



WEST FORK LETTERS



PRE K

MRS. DETERMAN

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like a bulldozer, and a toy boat and it has a remote control, and I want a monster truck with a remote control, too, and a Hot Wheel track with Mario, and a truck that drives at the truck pulls, and something that goes on

the back of it.
Love, Bentley G.

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I want a puppy room; I want a cat pillow, and a dog pillow; I want a giant unicorn and a stuffy one, and I want a dog and a cat couch, a little one. Then, I want a cat and a dog stuffy, even I want a cat and a dog blanket.
Love, Taya E.

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I want some markers like my sister so my sister doesn't have to share, and I would have a notebook with a pencil, and a santa pop-it, and a, like,

a heart pop-it, I think. Um, I have like one more thing, hmm, I would like a monster pop up toy (suctions to the table and pops).
Love, Grace L.

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like uh legos and I can build a tractor, and I want some tractor, a remote control, and a harvester with a remote control, and I want a, um, harvester that cuts corn and grass.
Love, Jax M.

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like a clock, shoes, Bluey, a new bed, and a bus.
Love, Henry P.

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I want stuffed animal Godzilla. So, I want a toy dragon shark, toy Donkey Kong, and this is the last one, I want a robotic snake. Actually, I want one more, I would like a dragon fish.
Love, Damon P.

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like a unicorn prize egg, a purple one, and I saw it at the store, and I picked a giant pink one. I want a unicorn stuffed animal toy that can crawl on its own and talk. I like my family and

I would like family stuffed toys.
Love, Carleigh B.

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like a motorcycle, a Pengoloo game, a slinky, and a yo-yo (a new one because my old one doesn't work and its supposed to light up). Um, I want one of those kitchens, like at school. Uh, I want a wuertable (My house is too small, but that's alright because we are going to move to a new one).
Love, Grayson L.

Dear Santa:
I am 3 or 4 or 5 (I'm 5) years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like..My

Mom showed me a picture of a metal detector and I want that for Christmas. I want, um, a Nerf Blaster, a Fortnite one, and I want to get a real gun. I want a Nerf Blaster shotgun that you pull back and shoot it in a dinosaur's mouth, and I want a dirtbike.
Love, Colson K.

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like a big shovel, a helicopter a lego one (I actually want to fly one when I grow up), a Metal detector, I mean a gold one in the center, a propeller plane, a chopper, a toy beehive, and a toy hedgehog, actually one I can adopt.
Love, Roland R.

KINDERGARTEN
MRS. STURGE

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like presents, to stay at grandma's and eat at grandma's.
Archer

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a phone, a real kid car and pink slime.
Athena

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a tractor, toy grass and Optimus Prime.
Barrett

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a mini fridge, phone and

makeup.
Eloise

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Cheddar Pringles, sensory toys and air toobz.
Gus

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a semi truck, a pickup truck and a bulldozer.
Hoyes

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This

year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a transforming ball, a power car to ride and a grappling hook.
Isaac

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like squishes, squish mallow and a clip on squishmallow for my bag.
Karisma

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a

silicone baby doll, a Santa stuffy, pool and phone.
Kensley

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a Harry Potter wand, a TV for my room and to help my mom cook.
Lewis

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a dollhouse, Barbie and a sailboat.
Makinzley

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This

year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a remote control T-rax, weights and an iPhone.
Mason

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a motorcycle, an Xbox and a farm.
Rowen

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like slime, make-up and Squishmallow.
Rylee

KINDERGARTEN
MRS. JOHNSON

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like coloring books, boxing gloves Viking football gloves, Hawkeye football gloves.
Benett

Dear, Santa:
I am five years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like toy and playstation.
Aksel

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Barbie dream house.
Sophie

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Bluey, stuffy,

candy cane, and glow stick.
Addi

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Bluey book, coloring, fruit and Santa.
Mila

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like tractor and gape.
Weston

Dear, Santa:

I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Dad's voice in a stuffie.
Tavi

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a coloring book and baby doll.
Quinn

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, I would like hamster.
Carter

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like babydoll and coloring book.
Asia

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a tractor, truck. I want to see Santa.
Ryder

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year, I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas

this year, I would like tractor and backhoe.
Amrbrose

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a motorcycle and cars and gas.
Michael

Dear, Santa:
I am 5 years old. This year, I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a cat, hat, bluey stuffy, baby doll, coloring, backhoe.
Penelope

FIRST GRADE
MRS. KEW

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like hare set, calindar and a blancit.
Abby

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like curling set and a remote control bot.
Leighton

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like three cars with a track, a puppy and a play puppy set.
Oliver

Dear, Santa:

I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like bode art, slim and ersperst.
Elaina

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like American girl doll stuff, make-up and erings.
Lola

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a nerf gun and a little shed and stuff animal.
Sawyer

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a toy horse, macup and erings.
Khloe

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a baby doll, my life ascenes, art stuff.
Collvns

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a poopsey surprise unicorn. Brother to live us. Paw Patrol.
Ella

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a vanute with makeup, teacher stuff, and toy ducks.
Della

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This

year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a drone, pol and bouncy house.
Logan

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a RC

car, ex box and Elf.
Kyler

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like makeup, squish-mello and nitedo switch.
Hadley



WEST FORK LETTERS



SECOND GRADE
MRS. DICKMAN

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like an Xbox the most. If that is too much to ask for, I would like a pet puppy or a dancing turkey. I will leave sum carrots milk.
Knox

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I

would like aa hoverboard-ing puppy the most. If that is too much, I would like a dancing pupy or a hover board. I will leave some cuces to eat.
Charlette

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like an xbox the most. If that is too much to ask for, I would like a hauer bird or a dirt bike. I will leave you some coocis.
Hank

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a haverboard the most. If that is too much to ask for, I wood like a PS5 on a four welder. I will leave you a sinoman donut and sunny

d. *Greyson*

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a go-kart the most. If that is too much to ask for, I would like my dad to be done with work in Ohio or a dog. I will leave sum Cookes and milk.
Morgan

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Laney Wilson shirts the most. If that is too much to ask for, I would like Barbes or a puppe. I will leave some cookies and milk.
Rilyn

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This

year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a Barbe Drum Hows the most. If that is too much to ask for I would like Barbes or Barbes exesores. I will lev you sum cupcacks and cooks.
Rilyn

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like books the most. If that is too much to ask for I would like games or a Master Hi girl. I will leave you some coocis too eat.
Aspen

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like skates the most. If that is too much to ask for I would like a watr skushe or a stufe. I will leave you

sum kookes to eat.
Paisley

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a hover board the most. If that is too much to ask for I would like a bike or skates. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Niles

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a cat the most. If that is too much to ask for I would like a dog or any iPhone. I will leave you a slise of these cake.
Kelix

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a cat

the most. If that is too much to ask for I would like a dog or any iPhone. I will leave you a slise of these cake.
Easton

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a snow globe the most. If that is too much to ask for I would like a huverboard or Hawkeye shirts. I will leave you sum coocies and milk.
Allie

Dear, Santa:
I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like bubble skin care the most. If that is too much to ask for I would like clothes and LOL dolls. I will leave you some cook-ies and milk.
Huxley



SECOND GRADE
MRS. NASH

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a toy grill. And I want for my family a new car because the other one's headlight is broken.
Aaron.

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a north gun. And Pokemon. My family needs a new ba-

cyum clener.
Skylar

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a lego school bus that can fit mineafigers. For my family we would like a blankite.
Kyson

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like makeup for my mom. For my dad I want a new car. For me I want Legos and a pegewin.
Lincoln

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like sprae for my mom. For my dad is a new car. For me is a blow

drier.
Abigail

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a yellow Lucy Olsen jrisy and Lago friends. For my family we would like a dog.
Breckyn

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a hamster and robot dog. My family want a cute blanket.
Brynnlee

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a hamster toy that has babies. My dad and mom would like a dog and flowers.
Raine

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like makeup and a doll. My family would rilly like a horse. Tell your reindeer hi.
Ember

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would really want a trampolene and loges for Christmas. My family would like a pool for Christmas.
Emmett

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a awola. And for my family I would like a puppy.
Emerie

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This

year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a doll that walks and talks and opens shuts its eyes and headchog. My family would love a playroom.
Emmalee

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a robot dog. My family could get new chars.
Anniston

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like glue on nails and meet for my family.
Claire

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Di-

nosaurus, hot wheels and for my family I would want a puppy!
Larson

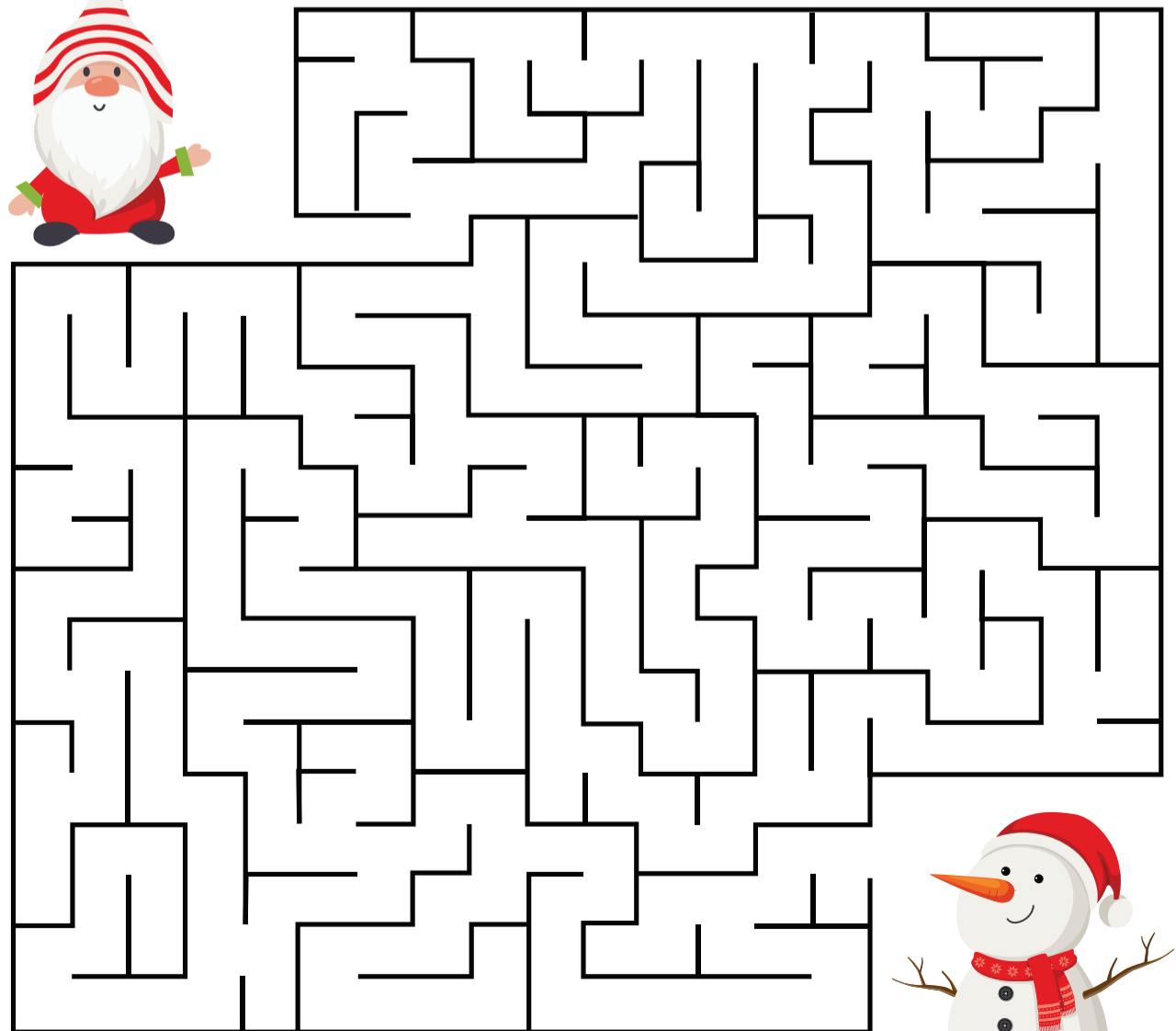
Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a dog. My family would like a cat.
Addilyn

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, my family would like a new car and just for me I would like a puppy.
Huxton

Dear, Santa:
I am 7 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like an iPhone 16 pro max and for my family to work less.
Kael

HOLIDAY MAZE

Help Lucky the Gnome reach his friend!



Solutions on page 9



Guess Who?

I am an RV-driving, Rottweiler-owning unemployed individual with a plate in my head that reacts when a microwave is used. My cousin's husband is not a fan of my cowboy charm.

Answer: Cousin Eddie

Guess Who?

I have a penchant for pinstripes and goth accessories, more so than for a furry hat and red coat. Despite being much more at home on Halloween, I try Christmas on for size.

Answer: Jack Skellington

Guess Who?

I have a tendency to burglarize homes that are empty during the holiday season. My shiny, gold tooth gives away that I should not be trusted. However, I get bested by an 8-year-old who is left home alone.

Answer: Harry Lyme

WEST FORK LETTERS



THIRD GRADE MRS. BANG

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a VR headset for myself, a hot wheels track for my little brother
Vincent

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like every Pokemon in the world. A gift for someone else is Amber to have a good Christmas. A gift for the world is world peace.
Orion

Dear, Santa:
I am 9 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a little live pet puppy. I would wish my family a merry Christmas. I would wish for world peace.
Amber

Dear, Santa:
I am 9 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a PS5 and PS4 and PS3 and PS2 and for my dad to be loved and for the world to be happy.
Asher

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a VR headset for myself, a hot wheels track for my little brother
Vinnie

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like hot wheels. I wish for my mom to get neckles. I wish to clean up the world.
Braxtyn

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a LOL house. I hope that Mrs. Bang has a great Christmas. I wish the world to feel loved.
Paisley

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a guitar for myself and a stroller and baby doll for someone else. For the world, I want to end hunger and start peace.
Melanie

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like deer hunting stuff for myself, money for mom and dad, and everyone one have a home.
Hank

Dear, Santa:
I am 9 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like another dog so Noel can have a friend. Can Gabbie and I have best friend necklaces too? My wish for the world is for everyone to be loved.
Brynlee

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like 3D pens and makeup? For my mom, I would like her to have new breaks for her car. My wish for the world is for everyone to be equal.
Audrey

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a guitar for myself and a stroller and baby doll for someone else. For the world, I want to end hunger and start peace.
Melanie

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a notebook and coloring stuff. A gift for my best friend - 3D pens. A wish for the world - everyone is healthy.
Aahlayha

Dear, Santa:
I am 9 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a golden retriever puppy. For my mom can you get her an espresso machine? My wish for the world is for all animals to have a home.
Brynnlee

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Brynnlee

Dear, Santa:
I am 9 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like to have some Vikings tennis shoes. Can you get my mom a sauna? My wish for the world is that no one is poor.
Ezra

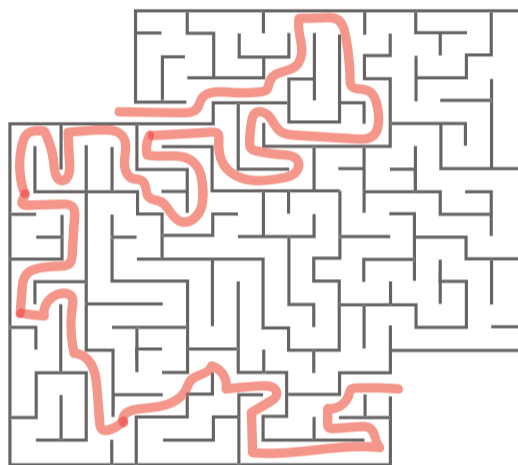
Dear, Santa:
I am 9 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like heelys for Christmas. I would also like some crafting kits.
Gabriella

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like to have a warm and loving home. I would like for everyone at my school to have a friend. My wish for the

world is for everyone to be happy!
Kinsley

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a pair of heelys. Can you get my grandma some cookies. My wish for the world is that all wars end.
River

Dear, Santa:
I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year, I would like to have a warm and loving home. I would like a Pets Alive Kitten with a leash. Can you get my brother a Bluey for Christmas? A wish for the world from me is that kids in the world that don't get food get food.
Aubree



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