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## City Approves Second Reading of Chicken Ordinance

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
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The Hampton city council passed the second reading of their revised chicken ordinance during their April 9 meeting.

The changes to the old ordinance include allowing chicken owners to sell their eggs and setting the maximum height for coops at six feet, along with striking the portion about written consent from councilors to have livestock within city limits.

Before the council voted on the matter, property owner Jim Meyer shared his concern about what this revised ordinance would mean for his family. He explained to them that he was given special permission by the city, years ago, to have sheep on his acreage. He explained that the sheep help keep the grass low enough to where he doesn't have to mow.

Meyer said he had plans of selling his property to his son in the near future and he wanted to know if that special permission would continue once ownership was transferred. He was told by City Manager Ron Dunt that the special permission to have sheep at his property would end with the change of ownership. Meyer said he was disappointed to learn this and would not be selling the property to his son because of this.

City Councilors Jim Davies and Barry Lamos voted against the ordinance due to this, while the rest of the council voted in favor of it.

Shortly before the vote, Hampton resident Sarah Kolb shared her objections during the meeting, saying she felt it was unfair to remove the portion regarding written consent for livestock.

"I was going to wait for this ordinance to pass, because I was afraid that if I spoke my truth, before the ordinance passed, that this council would then vote no because they didn't like what I have to say," she said. "But since now that seems to be the direction of the council, regardless of how hard we have all worked together, and how we have all come across the aisle to come to some sort of compromise, if this whole thing falls apart, I think it would be incredibly disappointing and I think it would reflect very poorly on the city council."

Mayor Steve Birdsall "we have to clean our stuff up so that we know what we're doing .. and so that we can be fair to everybody."

During the new business portion of the meeting, the council approved their goal-setting report for 2026-2027, a consideration of the tentative

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Hampton city officials during their April 9 council meeting.

## Rockwell Man Charged With Insurance Fraud And Unlicensed Adjusting

BY MITCH WILLIAMS  
RadioOnTheGo News

A Rockwell man is facing felony and misdemeanor charges following an investigation by the Iowa Insurance Division's Fraud Bureau.

Authorities say 39-year-old Joseph Starr was charged on March 24 with two counts of acting as a public adjuster without a license and one count of insurance fraud—presenting false information, a Class D felony.

According to criminal complaints, Starr, an employee of Sibling Construction, is accused of performing unlicensed public adjusting work while also acting as a contractor. Investigators allege he negotiated insurance claims on behalf of clients with both Farm Bureau Financial Services and Osage Insurance—actions that would financially benefit both himself and his employer.

Officials further allege that Starr submitted...  
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Joseph Starr

## Democratic Candidates Hold Town Hall at 805 Pizza and Chicken

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Democratic candidates Ashley WolfTornabane, who's running for Iowa's 4th Congressional District, and Cynthia Oppedal Paschen, who's running for Iowa's State House District 55, held a town hall at 805 Pizza and Chicken in Hampton on Sunday, April 12.

The candidates covered a number of topics, including voting rights, appealing to independent voters and healthcare.

After the town hall, WolfTornabane – a mother of two from Storm Lake and former educator – told Mitch Williams with OnTheGoMedia that she has cared about politics her

whole life.

"It's very important to me that there is someone running in this race that wants to bring Iowans' voices to Washington," she said. "Our former candidate was Ryan Melton and he unfortunately had to suspend his campaign in June last year, so I helped look for a candidate and kept coming up empty. I launched my campaign on July 4."

According to WolfTornabane, their forum at 805 Pizza and Chicken was part of her 36 County Listening Tour, in which she is holding a town hall in each 4th District county before the June 2 primary election.

She said she started her tour as a

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President of the Iowa Federation of Labor Charlie Wishman, candidate Cynthia Paschen, Chair of the Franklin County Democratic Party Chair Catherine Crooks and candidate Ashley WolfTornabane. Photo by Mitch Williams.

## Franklin County Republicans' Annual Event Draws Hundreds to Convention Center

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Franklin County Republican Party held its annual fundraiser event at the Franklin County Convention Center Thursday evening, April 9.

The event featured the Midwest Dueling Pianos and a number of candidates, including Jim Carlin, who is running for U.S. Senate; Abigail Maas, who is running for Iowa Auditor; and Brad Sherman and Randy Feenstra, who are running for governor. The evening kicked off with dinner, catered by Mother's Place.

Party Chair Larry Sailer told the Chronicle that more than 200 people showed up for the event. For him, it's important that they help educate the public while raising funds, which is why they brought in candidates for the evening.

"We try to share information about candidates so people can get to meet them," Sailer said. "This is a great opportunity here. We have a lot of candidates walking around and talking to people. You can ask questions face to face. I think that's the best way to meet a candidate."

Sailer said they began holding the fundraiser within the last five to six years.

"We've had some really good speakers and really good events," he said. "We probably started out, six or seven years ago, with zero dollars in the bank. And we just decided that we needed to do something."



More than 200 people stopped by for the annual fundraiser.

He said their other fundraisers, where they would send out letters, weren't quite as effective as holding an annual event.

"They weren't as personal," he said. "It's so much nicer to get people here and talk and learn. That's what we try to do."

Sailer said his wife, Janice, has spent the last month actively coordinating the entire event, but that they began looking for a speaker around five or six months ago.

According to Sailer, the local party takes donations throughout the year, through their Venmo and

PayPal. They have yet to add up the funds that they made, but all proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the party's upcoming projects.

"The proceeds from this event all stay in Franklin County and they are used here locally," said Sailer. "Our biggest job that we do is getting people to the polls. Getting them out and get them to the polls to vote."

The Franklin County Democrats will be holding their annual fundraiser event in September, accord-

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### Deadlines

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## High School Students Learn Budgeting Basics

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

H-D-CAL high schoolers in the adulting class taught by Sarah Baird learned how to budget during a financial simulation through Iowa State University's "Real Money, Real World" curriculum program on Friday, April 10.

"Youth have learned about the five priority costs in the real world through in class lessons and are rounding out their

learning through today's simulation," said ISU Extension and Outreach County Youth Coordinator Laela Ragsdale, who organized the local program.

For the simulation, Ragsdale invited local community members and businesses to participate by hosting a booth and walking the students through financial decisions.

The goal for every student is to end their budget with money left over through smart financial decisions.



Kaitlyn Emery, Liam Murray and Dallas Winkowitsch paying close attention.

**More Photos on 17!**

## Local Advocates Push for Community Support During Sexual Assault Awareness Month

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Andrea DeGroote and Rachel Connor with Crisis Intervention Service just stopped by OnTheGoMedia to talk about the importance of supporting survivors of sexual assault throughout the year and during the month of April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

According to DeGroote, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a time for communities to stand with survivors and commit to change.

"Many survivors struggle to speak out

due to fear or stigma, but support and understanding can make a powerful difference in their healing," she said. "Raising awareness helps break the silence around sexual violence, challenges harmful myths and promotes education about consent and respect. It also connects survivors to resources and reminds them they are not alone."

DeGroote said supporting survivors starts with believing them. A number of area businesses are participating in their monthlong community awareness project by hanging teal ribbons and displaying teal merchandise in their windows.



Andrea DeGroote with CIS and Kolette Janssen with OnTheGoMedia on Thursday, April 9. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

## Donuts with a Smile!



The ladies at the Franklin County Extension Office celebrated Extension Week last week by handing out free donuts on Wednesday morning, April 8. Employee Lili Velasco told the Chronicle that it went well, and that they were able to hand out all 200 donuts, passing them out to community members who stopped by before taking the rest to First Bank Hampton and the H-D-CAL Middle School. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

## Nelson Media acquires Butler County Newspapers Amid Industry Changes

BY MITCH WILLIAMS  
RadioOnTheGo News

Nelson Media Company has announced it will acquire two Butler County newspapers as part of a broader purchase from Mid-America Publishing Corporation, according to information released by Nelson Media.

The company confirmed it is taking over the Parkersburg Eclipse News Review and the Butler County Tribune-Clarks-

ville Star, with plans to merge the publications into a single countywide newspaper.

Nelson Media said the merger is intended to strengthen reporting across the county and better serve local communities through one unified publication.

Nelson Media said it will continue publishing both newspapers during the transition to avoid any disruption in service.

The acquisition comes after Mid-America Publishing announced it would cease operations earlier this month.

## Franklin General Hospital Completes First Joint Replacement Surgery in Decades

BY JASON EATON  
RadioOnTheGo News

Franklin General Hospital marked a major milestone last week as Dr. J. Adam Hamilton performed the facility's first total joint replacement surgery in more than 40 years, according to a post on the hospital's Facebook page.

Hospital officials say the procedure represents a significant step forward in expanding local access to orthopedic care, allowing patients to receive high-quality treatment closer to home rather than traveling outside the area.

In the Facebook post, the hospital credited Hamilton, the surgical team and supporting staff for making the service possible, calling the achievement an important moment for the future of local health care.

Photo provided by Franklin General Hospital.



Mickey Holmes, whose birthday falls on April 27.



Naomi Morton, whose birthday falls on April 15.

## Senior Center Celebrates April Birthdays

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton Senior Center celebrated their birthdays of the month on Friday, April 10.

The following people were celebrated:

- April 1 — Kris Shafrath
- April 7 — Lillian Craighton
- April 8 — Judy Nelson
- April 15 — Naomi Morton

April 18 — Marjan Marchellino

- April 20 — Barbara Meyer
  - April 21 — Barney Peyton
  - April 27 — Mickey Holmes
  - April 29 — Maynard Koenen
- Senior Center members Marge and Herman Freese were also celebrated for their anniversary, which took place on April 8.

## Dumont Sisters to Run Boston Marathon Together

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Sisters Macala Donnelly and Alexa Hoeltermann of Dumont are excited to share that they will be running the Boston Marathon together this year.

Macala, who ran the marathon last year, said getting to run such a prestigious race alongside her sister will make it much more special.

"Training for and qualifying for the Boston marathon alongside my sister this year has made it even more meaningful than last year," said Macala. "This journey has been so rewarding -- finally getting here together and being part of this event side by side is something we've dreamed about for so long."

Both Macala and Alexa participated in school sports growing up. Macala ran track while Alexa turned her love for basketball into a career, first playing for UNI before eventually playing professionally overseas.

"When she moved back and after she had kids, that's when she started getting into

running," Macala said of her sister. "I did a couple of marathons back in my 20s but nowhere near the extent of the training that we do now and definitely would not have been able to qualify for Boston before kids."

The two sisters, who now live in Cedar Falls with their husbands and children, have been training for this marathon for the last 20 weeks, working their way up to 60 miles a week, before eventually tapering back down, as they prepare for the big day.

"We started training for the Boston marathon in early December, so 20 weeks of running six out of seven days," she said, adding that they have days designated to speed training and other days designated to maintaining a running tempo. "There's a lot of variation there and it's intense."

When it comes to what motivates her, Macala said she has found strength through motherhood.

"I feel like having kids gives you way more grit and determination and confidence, which comes from maturing and

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Sisters Macala Donnelly and Alexa Hoeltermann, who will be running the Boston Marathon together on April 20.

## Students Honored During Speech Recognition Night

PRESS RELEASE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL Speech and Debate program gathered Friday evening in the high school library to celebrate one of the most successful seasons in school history during its annual Speech Recognition Night.

The evening began with a welcome and a recap of the season's highlights, which showcased impressive participation and achievement across both large group and individual events.

This year, 57 students participated in large group speech, representing 16 events. The team also hosted a preview night at the Windsor Theatre, giving the community a chance to see performances before competition. Notably, the varsity Reader's Theater and two Ensemble Acting groups earned All-State honors—tying the school record for most large group All-State recognitions

in a single year.

Individual speech also saw strong involvement, with 45 events across 15 categories, with an additional 17 entries from freshmen. The varsity lineup was completely full, with no open categories—an accomplishment made possible by students who stepped in at the last minute. A total of 46 events advanced to the state competition, representing 32 students. At state, the team earned 33 Division I ratings and 13 Division II ratings, with 21 events receiving straight Division I scores.

Six students, competing in seven events, earned All-State honors—tying for the second-highest total in school history. Among them, Ryne Magner made history as the first Hampton-Dumont-CAL student to compete at National Speech Qualifiers.

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Speech/debate students with their NSDA Charter Membership plaque. Front row: Eva Dohlman, Anna Robles and Jessica Simmons. Back row: Gabe Espejo, Reed Masters, Marlee Maas and Ryne Magner.



Senior Center Treasurer Vicki Claypool, Senior Center Manager Krysta Weinandy and Senior Center Board Vice President Mike Bridwell.

## Senior Center Holds First Cribbage Tournament Fundraiser

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton Senior Center held their first cribbage tournament fundraiser on Saturday, April 11, to raise money for their upcoming projects and events.

Community members stopped by from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for games and a delicious lunch. On the menu for the day:

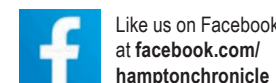
beef burgers, pulled pork, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, chips and dips, bars and cookies.

Lunch was whipped up by senior center members and sponsored by Kwik Star, Fareway and Dollar Fresh.

Want to donate to the senior center? The center, located at 23 1st St SW in Hampton, can be reached at 641-456-5191.

**More Photos on 17!**

# FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS



## Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation Awards 2026 Community Grants

BY MITCH WILLIAMS  
RadioOnTheGo News



The Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation has announced the recipients of its 2026 grant cycle, awarding funding to dozens of projects during its 21st annual Community Grant Awards in Hubbard.

This year, the foundation received 48 applications requesting more than \$1 million in funding, far exceeding the roughly \$459,000 available for distribution. Grants

were awarded through multiple funds supporting arts and culture, emergency services, libraries, parks, and other community improvement projects across Hardin County.

Organizers say the competitive process highlights both the growing need among local nonprofit organizations and the wide-ranging efforts underway to improve quality of life throughout the county. In addition to grant awards, a "Making A World of Difference" honor was presented to Mark Boeke during the event.

Foundation leaders say they appreciate the continued commitment of local groups working to create positive change across Hardin County.



Pictured is Abbas (right) taking the oath of office, administered by City Clerk Malena Dennis (left).

## Mike Abbas Appointed Ackley Mayor

BY MITCH WILLIAMS  
RadioOnTheGo News

Ackley has a new mayor following action by the city council Wednesday night. Council members appointed Mike Abbas to fill the vacancy created when former mayor Mike Nuss stepped down effective March 27. Abbas, who presided over the meeting as mayor pro tem, was sworn in after the vote and then resigned his council seat.

The council also approved

several hires as the city addresses staffing needs. Carrie Stahl was hired as deputy city clerk, Brent Kuper as public works supervisor, and Jeff Gronewald as a seasonal public works assistant.

Additional action included approving employee wage adjustments and a street closure for the annual car show, along with ongoing discussion of city projects and pool staffing ahead of summer.

## Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Board Adopts FY27 Budget at Hearing

BY JASON EATON  
RadioOnTheGo News

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Board of Directors approved its fiscal year 2027 budget during a hearing Thursday, setting a proposed tax rate of \$13.15540 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

No members of the public spoke during the budget hearing. The board later approved

the budget as presented in a 5-0 vote.

During the regular meeting, board members discussed a resolution related to public school funding after hearing concerns from representatives of Iowa Strong. The group questioned why the district did not adopt a previously submitted resolution opposing the use of public

funds for private schools. Board members expressed support for public education but said they would like to see increased accountability and oversight for private schools receiving public funding.

In other business, the board approved a middle school trip to Washington, D.C., during spring break 2028.

Superintendent Joe Nelson reported enrollment has remained steady and discussed bringing back the district's cross country program, along with the end of a wrestling-sharing agreement with Belmond-Klemme starting in fall 2026.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 7 a.m.

## Driver Injured After Vehicle Enters River Near Clarksville

BY MITCH WILLIAMS  
RadioOnTheGo News

One person was injured after a vehicle left the roadway and entered the Shell Rock River just south of Clarksville Sunday morning.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, the crash happened near

the intersection of Highway 188 and 195th Street. A 2023 Toyota pickup driven by 45-year-old Adam Averhoff of Clarksville was northbound on Highway 188 when it went off the road just north of 195th Street and came to rest in the river.

Averhoff was able to get out

of the vehicle and was treated for injuries. He was transported by Clarksville EMS to UnityPoint Hospital. Authorities say he was wearing a seatbelt, which is believed to have saved his life.

No other vehicles or individuals are believed to have been

involved.

Agencies assisting at the scene included the Butler County Sheriff's Office, Clarksville Police Department, Clarksville Fire and EMS, Butler County Emergency Management, the Iowa DNR and the Iowa Dive Team.

## Early Morning Fire Causes Smoke Damage at Mason City Home

BY MITCH WILLIAMS  
RadioOnTheGo News

An early morning fire caused significant smoke damage to a Mason City residence Tuesday, though no injuries were reported.

According to the Mason City Fire Department, crews were dispatched at approximately 1:14 a.m. April 7 to a home in the 1400 block of North President Avenue after a report of a fire on the second floor. The caller indicated the flames had been extinguished, but heavy smoke remained inside the house.

When firefighters arrived, they encountered heavy smoke throughout the residence



and activated smoke alarms, but no active fire. The primary occupant was outside and

told crews that other residents had taken shelter at a neighboring home.

Firefighters ventilated the structure and investigated the scene. Officials say the occupant had used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire before crews arrived. The damage was contained to a single room, though smoke and soot affected much of the interior.

The fire was determined to be accidental and caused by the improper handling of smoking materials.

The Mason City Police Department and the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Department assisted at the scene. Fire crews remained on site until about 3:15 a.m.

## Iowa Falls, Alden Leaders Clarify Funding Drivers in Elementary Plan

BY MITCH WILLIAMS  
RadioOnTheGo News

Officials in the Iowa Falls and Alden school districts are providing new details as discussions continue on a proposed unified elementary system.

During a joint meeting in February, officials presented "current realities," highlighting concerns related to enrollment, finances and sustainability. One concept under consideration is a unified elementary system, which would group students by grade level in the same building rather than splitting them between communities.

In a recent Facebook post, district leaders say the primary financial goal of the proposal is to reduce the number of el-

ementary classroom sections from five per grade level across both districts to four, where possible. Officials say current enrollment and budget projections make additional staffing reductions at the middle and high school levels unlikely, and that elementary consolidation would help preserve intervention services, electives and fine arts programs.

The districts say class sizes would generally range from 21 to 25 students under the concept, with final decisions left to school boards.

Officials are also encouraging residents to review updated financial information and, if needed, revise their responses in the community survey, which remains open through April 17.

# A SPRING WALK



BY RICK JANSEN

A few weeks ago, we had one of those very warm spring Sundays. It was such a nice day that my wife and I decided to go for a walk out at Maynes Grove. The wind was blowing hard from the Southwest (does it seem like the wind is always blowing hard?) so we wanted to walk somewhere where we could get out of the wind.



As we drove into the back parking area, we noticed that MANY other people were just as anxious to get outside as we

were. There were two horse trailers parked, and we could see the riders just starting on their ride. Entering the wooded trail right in front of us was another family out for a hike. We did not want to infringe on their family walk, and we certainly did not want to follow a group of horses down the trail, so we decided to head in a new direction.

We started down the trail that is at the far Northwest edge of the pond and walked South. We had been on part of that trail in the past, so we "thought" we knew where we were going. There is a branch in the trail that will take you over a dam and into the Southwest section of the park. The other branch went further South and I remembered that the trail



would lead to a wooden bridge over a pond. We took off down that trail and when we got to where the bridge was supposed to be, there was no bridge. Off to the side of the trail were the remains of the old bridge. Now we had to turn back and decide where to go next.

When we got back to the main trail we decided to keep heading South. I don't remember being on this particular trail in the past. We followed the trail through some heavy timber areas and then the trail turned onto some open ground. The trail was now at the far Southern end of the park and then turned East. I knew that if we kept going, we would eventually run into the South pond of the park. The further we walked

to the East we discovered a whole new area of the park. There was a plowed crop area back there that I assume was a planted food plot for animals. I could not imagine someone wanting to farm that small area for the little crop they would get. When we got to the far East part of the trail I could see the pond, but there was not a path to get there.

We made a turn back to the North and finally came to a trail that brought us out to the pond. Now I knew where I was. There were multiple groups of people fishing in both ponds. My wife and I walked along the side of the pond until that trail ended. We headed back up the trail and continued around the Northern pond. It was such a nice day that



many people were out enjoying the weather. We stopped and sat on a bench along the trail. It was such a peaceful place to pause and just take in the day. Multiple geese were swimming in the pond. They are so graceful in the way they skim across the water. I think there were 6 different groups of people fishing along the shore. While I did not see anyone catch any fish, I could feel their urge to fish. I am almost desperate to get out myself.

Of course, two days later the temperature was back down in the 30's and even a forecast of snow. This spring has produced some strange days. I think everyone is ready for spring to get here so we can truly enjoy all the season has to offer.



## KWAY: Rolling Ford Addresses Fraud Investigation

BY SHAWN DIETZ  
RadioOnTheGo News

Authorities are investigating allegations of financial misconduct at a local dealership following a leadership shakeup earlier this month. Wednesday, April 8, 2026, Brad Roling, owner of Rolling Ford in Shell Rock, addressed the situation in an interview with Matt Ray of KWAY Radio in Waverly. Roling confirmed that former manager Greg Stockdale was fired at the beginning of April after fraud and theft were discovered at the store.

"What happened is that we came across some fraud and some theft and we ended up firing Greg Stockdale at the beginning of this month... we have turned everything over to the authorities. They are investigating now and I do not know when charges will be brought... we don't have a lot of information on what's going on there but it is in process."

The Butler County Sheriff's Office confirmed with RadioOnTheGo News that an investigation is currently ongoing. However, officials stated they could not comment further at

this time due to the active nature of the case.

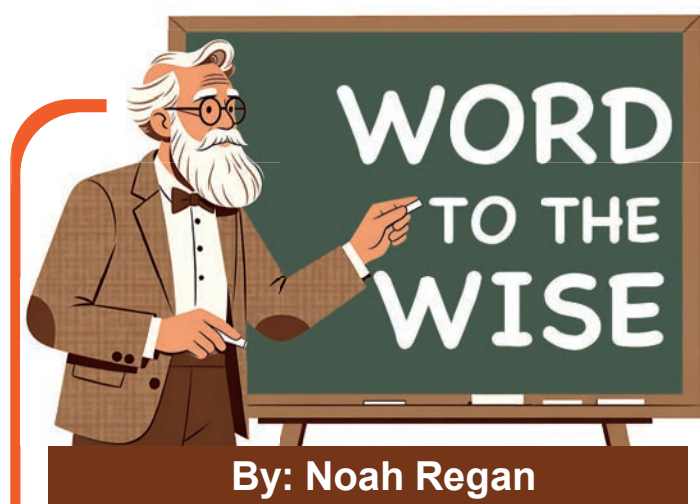
Despite the investigation, Roling emphasizes the dealership remains in a strong financial position and is not for sale. The store has transitioned to a new leadership team, including General Manager Craig Gunderson and 15-year veteran Nick Mills as the new General Sales Manager. Mills says that despite the internal changes, the atmosphere at the dealership remains positive as familiar faces return to the staff.

"Just being over there for a week, they have a great team

over there. I'm excited. We've even had some previous employees call and actually have come back to work for us. I'm excited to move forward and represent the Roling family."

Rolling Ford remains open during regular business hours for both sales and service. Roling noted that while he is waiting for a resolution through the court system, he is confident that authorities will get to the bottom of the situation.

Thanks to Matt Ray and KWAY Radio in Waverly for permission to use their audio in our coverage of this story.



By: Noah Regan

### Last Week's Trivia Questions:

This rock band, which features a lead singer who is native to Zanzibar, formed in London in 1970.  
**Answer:** Queen

This artist holds the record for the most number-one hits in country music history, with a total of 60 #1 songs.  
**Answer:** George Strait

### This Week's Trivia: (Answers are printed at the bottom)

#### Space Edition

This space shuttle was the very first shuttle launched by NASA?

The Apollo 11 Moon Mission crew were Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and this third astronaut who was the Commander Module Pilot.

### This Week in History:

**April 12, 1861:** The Civil War Begins. Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, SC. **Born:** David Letterman, American late-night television host.

**April 13, 1997:** Tiger Woods becomes the youngest golfer to win The Masters Tournament at 21. **Born:** Thomas Jefferson, the third U.S. President and primary author of the Declaration of Independence (1743)

**April 14, 1912:** The RMS Titanic hits an iceberg at 11:40 p.m. in the North Atlantic, sinking the following morning. **Born:** Loretta Lynn, American country music singer-songwriter (1932)

**April 15, 1947:** Jackie Robinson debuts for the Brooklyn Dodgers, becoming the first African American to play in Major League Baseball. **Born:** Leonardo da Vinci, Italian Renaissance artist and polymath (1452)

**April 16, 1963:** Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail". **Born:** Charlie Chaplin, iconic silent film actor and director (1889)

**April 17, 1964:** The Ford Mustang was officially unveiled by Henry Ford II at the World's Fair in New York. **Born:** J.P. Morgan, American financier and banker (1837)

**April 18, 1775:** Paul Revere and William Dawes began their famous ride to warn of British approaching at Lexington and Concord, signaling the start of the American Revolution. **Born:** Conan O'Brien, Emmy-winning talk show host and comedian. (1963)

### Fascinating Facts:

#### Space Edition

- One million Earths could fit inside the Sun – and the Sun is considered an average-size star.

- The sunset on Mars appears blue.

- Astronauts have described space as having a distinct smell of hot metal, seared steak, or welding fumes.

- The atmosphere on Venus is so thick that a moderate breeze has as much energy as a category 5 hurricane on Earth.

- Light from the Sun takes approximately 8 minutes and 20 seconds to reach Earth.

- Theoretically, it would take a jet plane 18.5 years to fly to the sun if it traveled at a consistent speed of 575 miles per hour.

### Quality Quotes:

#### Mark Twain Quotes

"The two most important days of your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why".

"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been".

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

"Never argue with stupid people, they will drag you down to their level and beat you with experience".

"Go to Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company".

"Always do right; this will gratify some people and astonish the rest".

#### Trivia Answers:

Answer #1: Columbia  
Answer #2: Michael Collins

## Iowa DOT Urges Rail Safety as Planting Begins

BY JASON EATON  
RadioOnTheGo News

As spring planting season begins, the Iowa Department of Transportation is urging farmers and agribusinesses to use caution at railroad crossings, where increased equipment traffic raises the risk of

collisions.

State officials say Iowa has more than 6,500 public and private at-grade crossings, many in rural areas where visibility can be limited. More than half of public crossings are passive, marked only by crossbuck signs, and account for most crashes.

The DOT warns that misjudging train speeds or failing to see or hear an approaching locomotive can have deadly consequences. A freight train traveling 55 mph can take more than a mile to stop, and nationwide, a person or vehicle is struck by a train about every three hours.

To reduce risk, officials recommend stopping at least 15 feet from tracks, avoiding gear changes while crossing, ensuring enough clearance and using emergency notification systems if equipment becomes stuck.

The DOT says rail safety remains critical during peak agricultural activity.

## Reynolds Signs Law Aimed at Strengthening Iowa Foster Care System

BY MITCH WILLIAMS  
RadioOnTheGo News

Governor Kim Reynolds has signed new legislation aimed at improving Iowa's foster care system and supporting families who provide care for children in need.

The measure, Senate File 2096, shifts foster parent training to a competency-based

model, focusing on skills rather than required hours. State officials say the change will better prepare caregivers while reducing barriers for those interested in fostering.

The state is also partnering with the Administration for Children and Families on its "A Home for Every Child" initiative, a national effort to improve placement stability and ensure

more children are placed in safe, supportive homes.

Reynolds says the changes will help remove obstacles for prospective foster parents and create stronger outcomes for children.

State leaders say the law is part of broader efforts to modernize Iowa's child welfare system and expand support for foster families across the state.



Gov. Kim Reynolds

## Rural Revival: Local Voices, Common Goals - Forum Series Kicks Off April 21

### PRESS RELEASE

Rural Revival: Local Voices, Common Goals is a series of public forums created by and for community conversation to explore key issues central to our communities' futures, build shared understanding of the forum topic, and encourage more active involvement with the issues.

The series will kick off Tuesday, April 21, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Clarion Public Library, 302 N Main St. focusing on Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement's (Iowa CCI) Public School Strong campaign. The public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Public School Strong is a people-driven, grassroots campaign that calls for Iowa's school boards to adopt a resolution seeking to fully fund public schools at a 5% increase in State Supplemental Aid and stopping the flow of public tax dollars to private schools.

To date, 11 of Iowa's 325 school boards have adopted the Public School Strong resolution. Two north central Iowa school districts, Belmond- Klemme (BK) and Clarion Goldfield Dows (CGD) school boards have both been encouraged by local citizens to adopt the resolution. BK School Board adopted the complete resolution unanimously last December.

CGD school board adopted a partial version of the resolution in March.

Tim Glaza, community organizer with Iowa CCI will explain the goals and practices of Public School Strong followed by open discussion. Mr. Glaza and local volunteers will also share what's involved with bringing this campaign to additional school districts.

If you want to learn more about this first forum, contact Kathy Schnell at klschnell@commlnet.net

Rural Revival is organized by participating Democrat county committees from the North Iowa County to County

Collaboration. This collaboration is committed to providing a welcoming space for all to learn from one another and gain a deeper understanding of the issues that affect the vitality of our communities. Please come ready to engage in the topic with respectful comments and be open to approaching the topics with curiosity.

Future forums will cover topics ranging from health care and Medicaid to water quality to candidate forums.

If you want to get involved with this regional collaboration or learn more about upcoming forums, contact libbey.jan@gmail.com

## Iowa AG Sues Meta

### RADIO IOWA

Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird has filed a lawsuit against Meta Platforms and several of its subsidiaries, including Instagram and Facebook.

The lawsuit alleges Meta violated Iowa consumer protection laws by promoting Instagram as safe for children and teenagers while allowing explicit content to be accessible on the platform. The state also

claims Meta designed Instagram to be addictive, particularly for youth, and that its use can harm children's health.

The lawsuit seeks both preliminary and permanent injunctions requiring Instagram

to change or stop what the state describes as deceptive and unfair statements about explicit content, as well as inaccurate age ratings in the App Store and other online marketplaces.

## Reader of the Week

at the Hampton Public Library

BY BRENDA VAN WERT  
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

The Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is Oliver Guy Simons, age 4. He is the son of Kris and Jasmine Simons.

His favorite books are the *Mighty Machine* books by M.T. Martin.



# AGRICULTURAL NEWS

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## From Field to Future: Learning Opportunities at the Iowa Youth Crop Scouting Competition

Register for the 2026 Crop Scouting Competition by July 1

BY SYDNEY PETERSON AND MAYA HAYSLETT  
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE



Photo courtesy: ISU Extension and Outreach Office

AMES – The 2026 Crop Scouting Competition for youth is set for July 27, according to Iowa 4-H and the Iowa State University Integrated Pest Management program. The competition will take place at the Field Extension Education Laboratory in Boone.

Students in grades 7–12 from across Iowa have the opportunity to showcase their crop scouting abilities in this statewide competition that emphasizes both skill development and career exploration. The event highlights the importance of integrated pest management while engaging youth in interactive, real-world learning experiences.

The deadline to register is July 1.

In preparation, teams collaborate to lay a foundation in pest and disease identification, crop growth and field scouting techniques. According to program coordinator Maya Hayslett, a crop science youth education specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, the experience

goes beyond memorization.

“The competition challenges students to think critically, communicate effectively and work as a team while making informed decisions about crop management in field-based scenarios,” Hayslett said.

On the day of the competition, participants rotate through multiple field stations set up in different crop plots. At each stop, they answer questions and complete hands-on tasks designed to test their knowledge and problem-solving skills. These stations are facilitated by university faculty, staff and professionals from the agriculture industry, offering students

valuable exposure to experts and insight into potential careers in agronomy and related fields. The competition covers a wide range of topics, including weed and insect identification, crop diseases, plant disorders, growth staging, cover crops, pesticide application and sprayer calibration.

“I would definitely recommend (the competition). You learn something different each year,” said participant Collin Harder from Pottawattamie County. “I’ve been doing this for five years and you always learn something new. (It’s) definitely fun to do.”

Beyond the contest itself,

students can connect with peers from around the state, enjoy a provided meal from Hickory Park and take part in additional activities that enhance the overall experience. Teams accumulate points based on their performance at each station. The highest-scoring teams are awarded cash prizes, and the top two teams earn the chance to represent Iowa at a regional competition in September, where they will compete against teams from six other states.

ISU Extension and Outreach has resources, including a coach’s guide, youth study guide, field guides, publications and presentations to help each team prepare for the event. For more information and resources, and to register, visit the Crop Scouting Competition webpage.

Iowa 4-H extends special thanks to Corteva Agriscience for continued support of this educational experience for Iowa youth. Iowa 4-H also appreciates the support of Wyffels Hybrids, Iowa 4-H Foundation, Bayer, Syngenta, Nutrien, United Soybean Board, Iowa Independent Crop Consultants Association, Iowa Certified Crop Advisors, Iowa Soybean Research Center and Environmental Tillage Systems.

For answers to questions, please contact Maya Hayslett at hayslett@iastate.edu.

## Wet Weather Limits Iowa Fieldwork in Early April

BY JASON EATON  
RadioOnTheGo News

Iowa farmers saw limited opportunities for fieldwork as wet and stormy conditions dominated the first full week of April, according to the latest crop progress report.

The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service reported just 2.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending April 5, slightly below last year. Corn and soybean planting remained at 0% complete statewide.

Topsoil moisture levels improved, with 63% rated adequate and 14% surplus, while only 23% was considered short

or very short.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Naig, says farmers continue to face economic pressure from high input costs and low commodity prices but noted spring brings optimism for the growing season.

A series of storms brought widespread rain and severe weather across the state, including large hail and an EF-1 tornado in eastern Iowa. The statewide average precipitation reached 2.31 inches, well above normal for early April.

Despite delaying fieldwork, the moisture is expected to help replenish soil conditions following a dry winter.



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## Leadership Programming Helps Communities Navigate Today’s Challenges

BY SANDRA OBERBROECKLING  
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – Strong communities depend on people who can bring others together, communicate across differences and guide local efforts that improve quality of life. In many Iowa communities, however, the number of people prepared to take on those roles is shrinking, even as expectations grow. Volunteers, nonprofit staff and local officials are being asked to navigate dwindling resources, demographic change, workforce pressures and new technologies, often without many opportunities to build the skills the work now requires.

“Leadership in communities today looks different than it did even a few years ago,” said Hinar Hernández, assistant program director and community development specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. “People are still stepping up, but the work now involves understanding data, working across differences and helping groups make decisions in more complex environments.”

ISU Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development has developed a series of two-to-three-hour leadership workshops centered on specific challenges leaders describe today, including understanding demographic trends, working through communication differences, lead-

ing more effective meetings, engaging community members and using artificial intelligence responsibly.

“We hear from local leaders that they want tools they can use right away,” Hernández said. “Whether someone is leading a committee, running a meeting or trying to understand what local data mean for their town, these skills help them do that work more confidently.”

The following workshops are scheduled for April and will be conducted virtually:

- AI Basics for Community Leaders – April 14, 1–4 p.m. This interactive session was designed specifically for local leaders and professionals in public-serving roles who are exploring AI for the first time. Participants will come away with practical tools and a better understanding of how AI can support day-to-day decisions without compromising trust.

- Effective Communication Approaches – April 21, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. This introductory session was designed specifically for local leaders and professionals in public-serving roles who want to improve how they connect, listen and respond across different communication styles.

Beginning in May and also open now for registration are:

- Demographics in your Community: Exploring Your Community Data

- Effective Communication Approaches

To learn more about these and other leadership workshops, visit the CED website.

## Prepare for Federal Aviation Administration Part 107 Certification with May Drone Workshop

PRESS RELEASE  
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE



### Federal Aviation Administration

AMES – Iowa State University’s Digital Ag Innovation team, in partnership with Terraplex Ag, will host a two-day Drone Workshop designed to prepare participants for the Federal Aviation Administration Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification exam. The workshop will take place May 27–28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, at the Alliant Energy Agricultural Innovation Lab, located at 3800 University Blvd., Ames.

The workshop is geared toward agricultural professionals, drone operators and others interested in using unmanned aerial systems commercial-

ly. Participants will receive in-depth instruction on FAA regulations and operations, including Part 107 rules and limitations, airspace classifications and requirements and key concepts needed to successful-

ly pass the Part 107 exam.

The course will include hands-on review sessions, group discussions, FAA-style practice tests and time for a Q&A session. Study materials, including practice exams, are included with registration, and lunch will be provided both days. In-class instruction will also guide participants through the process of registering for the FAA Part 107 exam at an FAA-designated testing center. The FAA exam fee is not included in the workshop registration cost.

The workshop will be led by Sam Welton, director of compliance at Terraplex Ag. Welton brings six years of military experience flying the U.S. Army’s RQ-7B.

Shadow unmanned aircraft system, five years of operating agricultural spray drones and extensive experience assisting operators with FAA certifications and licensing.

Registration is required. Early registration is \$449 by May 1, increasing to \$500 after. Registration closes on May 22. Enrollment is limited to a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 30 participants.

To register, visit FAA Part 107 Test Prep Course, Terraplex Ag at terraplexag.com/compliance/test-prep.

For more information, contact Doug Houser, digital agriculture extension specialist at Iowa State, at dhouser@iastate.edu.

## PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

### This Week’s Cup Series Race: AdventHealth 400

### Top News Stories

Location: Kansas City, Kan.  
Date: April 19th, 2:00 p.m.  
Last Year’s Pole: Kyle Larson  
Last Year’s Winner: Kyle Larson

The NASCAR Cup Series lands in the heart of the Midwest on April 19th, 2026, for the AdventHealth 400. Kansas Speedway is a premier 1.5-mile tri-oval featuring variable banking, which allows for multi-groove racing and high-speed momentum. For 2026, the track has introduced the “Sunbelt Social Deck” in Turn 4, offering fans a unique standing-room view of the action. This race also serves as the debut for Chevrolet’s updated ZL1 body style on an intermediate track, aimed at improving side-force aero. Defending winner Kyle Larson enters as the man to beat, having dominated the 2025 event by leading 221 laps. He faces a challenge from Chris Buescher, who was part of the closest finish in track history, and Tyler Reddick. Catch the race live on FOX at 2:00 PM ET.

### Administrative Overhauls and Engineering Transitions

This week’s developments underscore a global commitment to technical integrity and the structural future of open-wheel and sports car racing. Leading the technical headlines is the formal rollout of INDYCAR Officialing, a new independent, not-for-profit body now overseeing all competition. This past week, teams underwent rigorous evaluations at the “Gauge and Template Station,” where inspectors utilized 60 distinct jigs to ensure the Dallara IR-18 chassis met a strict 75.75-inch front-width mandate. This administrative shift is designed to insulate technical rulings from commercial interests as the series begins on-track testing for its 2028 Next-Gen chassis, which aims for a 100-pound weight reduction. In the sports car realm, IMSA recently concluded its “36 Hours of Florida” data review, officially confirming the entry of the Lamborghini Temerario GT3 for the upcoming Long Beach street circuit. The new twin-turbo V8 platform is being monitored closely by technical directors after promising cooling performance at Sebring. Meanwhile, the NASCAR garage is adapting to the new remote officiating center protocols. Following the first month of AI-monitored track limits, the league issued a technical bulletin on April 9, refining the “detection buffer” in high-speed runoff zones. This adjustment aims to reduce “false positive” penalties while maintaining the zero-tolerance policy on shortcuts that has defined the spring swing.

### Kansas Speedway

#### Track Details

Distance: 1.5 Miles  
Shape: Tri-Oval  
Banking / Turns: 17 - 20

### Last Weekend’s Race: Ty Gibbs Won at Bristol

Ty Gibbs won the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway on April 12, 2026, marking his first career NASCAR Cup Series victory. Driving the No. 54 Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing, Gibbs led the final 25 laps after staying out on older tires during a late caution. He held off Ryan Blaney in a two-lap overtime shootout, winning by 0.055 seconds, the closest finish at the track since 1991. Despite Kyle Larson and Blaney combining to lead 474 laps, Gibbs secured the win following a final caution for a Riley Herbst spin. “It’s awesome to be with great people,” Gibbs said. “I’d love for my father to have seen this. I knew he knew it was going to happen.”

#### Ty Gibbs

Born: Oct. 4, 2002  
Crew Chief: Tyler Allen  
Car: Toyota

#### 2026 Standings

#### Cup Series Top Ten

Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) Tyler Reddick	386	6
2) Ryan Blaney	324	6
3) Denny Hamlin	300	5
4) Ty Gibbs	281	4
5) Chase Elliott	264	4
6) Kyle Larson	260	5
7) William Byron	245	4
8) Bubba Wallace	236	4
9) Christopher Bell	231	4
10) Chris Buescher	230	3

#### O’Reilly Auto Parts Series Top Ten

Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) Justin Allgaier	470	8
2) Sheldon Creed	340	7
3) Jesse Love	324	5
4) Corey Day	304	8
5) Carson Kvapil	300	5
6) Austin Hill	293	4
7) Sammy Smith	284	6
8) Brandon Jones	275	3
9) Parker Retzlaff	257	4
10) William Sawalich	254	4

### Racing Trivia

What color flag is used to signal a hazard on the track?

- a) Black
- b) Yellow
- c) Red
- d) Blue

Answers: a) Yellow. The yellow flag, or caution flag, signals drivers to slow down and hold their positions.

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## Strengthening Iowa Ag in Global Markets Through a Strong Farm Bill



REP. RANDY FEENSTRA  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Over the last several years, farmers across Iowa have endured challenging market conditions as they dealt with weather, rising input costs, and other countries targeting American agriculture to gain unfair advantages. These conditions

affect their families, operations, and our rural economy, which is built on our strong agricultural sector. Growth in our agricultural industry starts with strong markets. That is why it's critical that Congress gets the Farm Bill across the finish line and onto President Trump's desk to be signed into law to deliver certainty and opportunity for our farmers.

Representing one of the largest agricultural districts in the country, I was proud to help move forward a comprehensive five-year Farm Bill out of the Agriculture Committee. This bill represents direct concerns and feedback I've heard from farmers and producers across the state. From rising input costs to unpredictable markets, our farmers continue to face serious challenges. But one issue came up time and time again during our conversations: the need for stronger access to global

markets.

Expanding trade isn't just helpful for agriculture, it's essential to ensure Iowa's economy flourishes. A significant share of what farmers produce is sold overseas, which means their success depends on fair and certain access to customers around the world. When producers have stronger market access, our commodities can compete on a global stage.

This Farm Bill works to strengthen those export opportunities and remove unnecessary barriers that have prevented our Iowa farmers from succeeding.

One key part of that effort is improving how products get to market and overcoming infrastructure challenges that prevent us from opening new markets. That's why I led the FRIDGE Act to address a major bottleneck and vulnerability in our supply chain. Issues from

insufficient cold storage to a lack of adequate refrigeration at our ports remain a consistent barrier for our producers. Without proper infrastructure and safeguards, high-quality products like beef, pork, turkey, and chicken risk spoilage before even reaching consumers overseas. By modernizing these facilities, we can help ensure that Iowa-grown products are the highest quality and arrive safely — opening the door to more reliable trade and better returns for our farmers.

Another priority is protecting our markets from disruptions beyond farmers' control. A foreign animal disease outbreak in one region can quickly trigger widespread trade restrictions, even if it does not affect another state or if the issue is contained. That's why I introduced the SAFE Act, which allows the United States to pursue regionalization agreements with

trading partners. These agreements ensure that unaffected areas can continue exporting, preventing unnecessary economic damage and maintaining confidence in our agricultural supply chain.

In addition to infrastructure and risk management, the Farm Bill strengthens programs that actively promote American agriculture abroad. By increasing funding for the Market Access

Program and the Foreign Market Development Program, we are equipping producers with the tools they need to compete in an increasingly competitive market. These programs help build strong relationships, promote U.S. producers, and create long-term demand in key regions.

We have seen significant new trade agreements under this Administration, and expanding trade policy plays an important role in this success.

Recent agreements have helped expand markets in countries like Japan, the United Kingdom, and across Europe, giving American farmers new opportunities and more access to sell their goods. The Farm Bill will build on this momentum by ensuring we have the support systems in place to take full advantage of these new openings.

When Iowa farmers have fair access to compete on a global stage, American agriculture succeeds. Our farmers need dependable markets, modern infrastructure, and policies that recognize the realities they face.

This Farm Bill will recognize and deliver on those priorities. Now, it is time to finish the job, get it to President Trump's desk, and ensure our farmers have the tools they need to keep feeding and fueling the world for the next generation.

## What's the Auditor Been Up to?!



KATY FLINT  
FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

It's the middle of April and things have been so busy! People ask me what I do in this job and it's so hard to put into words what my days look like, what tasks fill my days, etc, but... a lot of times, I get to the end of a day and my husband will ask me what I did all day and I often reply "I'm not sure,

but I was busy and it went fast". This is my reality. No two days are alike, some days the hours change my day on a dime. So, I thought I'd share with you what I've been up to for the last several months!

January and February (and even into March) were very busy with budget work and preparation. While you know I complete and manage the budget for the County, what you may not know is that I also work closely with all 16 townships, 5 fire districts, 2 sanitary districts, and 1 lighting district to help them get their budgets completed according to the laws. This takes time and lots of meetings with their clerks.

I've also spent considerable time during the last several months working with engineers and attorneys, making sure our i's are dotted and t's crossed for the Courthouse projects that are rapidly approaching. The Courthouse statues (that were damaged in the hail

& windstorm last spring) are scheduled to be repaired beginning in early May (weather pending of course). The tuck-pointing project will begin about June 1st, and then the electrical upgrade is sprinkled in there as well. Oh, we can't forget the GAR Memorial Hall roof replacement will occur this summer also as it was also damaged in the hail & windstorm. It's a lot of coordination, legal documents, and more to make sure we're doing them right and according to Iowa Code.

Myself and two members of my staff (and the EMA Director) attended what we call a Tabletop Exercise or a TTX. This is put on by the Iowa Secretary of State and helps us brainstorm ideas and be prepared should something happen on election day that impacts polling places and voting. It's a great training exercise and helps us be prepared for anything and everything. Our staff also attended Continuing Ed-

ucation for SEAT (State Election Administrators Training). More training to make sure we are always following laws and regulations where elections are concerned.

Coming up this month and into May I'll be conducting voter registration drives at the public libraries within the County, visiting classes at the high school to talk about civic involvement, and hosting three different classes at the Courthouse for tours! In the meantime, I'm attempting to get the rest of my job done, be the Clerk to the Board, answering emails and phone calls, making sure our financials are in good condition, and prepare for the Primary Election.

Some days my head spins and I just want a moment to breathe, but if I'm honest, being busy is where I thrive and what I love about this job. Anyway, this is just a sneak peak at what keeps the auditor so busy! Until next time...



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## Taxpayers Deserve Transparency



ROB SAND  
STATE AUDITOR

Transparency isn't just something I apply to my work as the State Auditor — it's part of my core.

My faith instructs me to live in light; to be honest, to look for the good, to be charitable, to lead with integrity. I teach my children that when they make a mistake — because we all do — own it. Trying to cover it up creates more trouble.

As State Auditor, I've stressed transparency for Iowa taxpayers from day one. I called out the Reynolds administration for refusing to release documents related to Iowa's school voucher program. I held their feet to the fire when we caught

them hiding public records requested by a state legislator. As if threatened by my pursuit of transparency, the Governor signed Senate File 478, a bill that hides corruption and makes it harder for the Auditor's Office to show you where your tax dollars are going.

But that hasn't deterred me. One of the most recent examples of my commitment to transparency is the Auditor's Office arguing before the Iowa Supreme Court for the release of recordings of closed-session meetings held by Davenport city leaders in 2023. I've fought this battle for more than two years because Davenport taxpayers deserve to know why the city paid nearly \$2 million to three former employees.

We know city leaders wrote some of those checks about two months before the city council approved the payments. What is not clear is how and why that happened. Davenport's internal controls — the safeguards that are supposed to be in place to prevent waste and fraud — should have prevented checks from going out before the Council approved payments.

Attorneys for the city have argued the recordings should remain sealed, claiming they are protect-

ed by the attorney-client privilege, which requires attorneys to keep information provided by their clients and their legal strategies confidential. As a prosecutor, I know that protection is closely guarded, but this should be an exception. Keeping the recordings confidential could also send a message to elected officials that calling an attorney into the room will provide cover when they want to keep financial decisions hidden from the public.

When key checks and guardrails designed to prevent the misuse of tax dollars are bypassed, we need to know what went wrong so we can prevent it from happening again. That's why the Iowa Constitution creates a taxpayers' watchdog in the form of the State Auditor.

We'll respect the decision of the Supreme Court, whatever they decide. But I will continue believing that shining a light on what transpired behind closed doors will go a long way toward rebuilding the community's trust, holding elected officials accountable, and answering taxpayers' questions about how their money was spent. That kind of transparency isn't a threat to good government; it's the foundation of it.

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### Cultural Evening

BY ISAAC VOSBURG  
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ISAAC VOSBURG?

Last night, at the time of my writing this, was Cultural Evening at Grinnell College. Overseen by the student-led International Student Organization (ISO), the tradition dates back decades, to the 1960s at least, and has likely gone through more changes in form and feel than even the U.S. music industry has in that same timeframe. Despite this, at least one thing about Cultural Evening has remained steadfast—that being an environment of appreciation.

The part I played in this year's celebration was rather minimal, making a brief appearance at the start of the show, and sticking around for the remaining three hours of performances in total awe. In my experience, it is a truly rare sight to see so much enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication put into student-led routines, let alone to have so many unique

cultures housed under a single roof in the first place. It is fair to say that Cultural Evening, with its vibrant dances, inventive storytelling, and flashy runway walk (to which yours truly [that is, I] was a party), has taken the cake as one of my most memorable and enjoyable moments here at Grinnell.

As alluded to just now, I was one of about twenty students to partake in the cultural runway walk, where I showcased my traditional Malay clothing, *Baju Melayu*, complete with a *tengkolok* (folded headwear), and properly tied *samping* (a side of cloth worn around the waist). As my name was called, I strutted my stuff out from backstage, paused at the end of the runway, then kept up the act as I headed back. While en route, the emcee reshaped a joke I had written into my clothing description as he read aloud, "You may notice the *samping* is worn above the knees tonight—traditionally a playful way of showing that this young man is unmarried!" I pointed to my empty ring fin-



ger as the next name was called, and a wave of giggles rippled throughout the crowd. I came off that stage absolutely beaming. This is where I am meant to be.

While it may just seem like a bit of college fun, to me, Cultural Evening represents so much more. To have so many groups hold so many performances, dances, and acts, and more-

over, to have that all seen by an event space packed to the brim with students, staff, faculty, and community members, shows a level of commitment and care like no other. It's what makes this place so welcoming and so warm. I guess what I'm attempting to really get at is this: I love Grinnell so much because it is at the same time wholly Iowan and unashamedly interna-

tional. It is not one or the other; it is most certainly "both and."

To be quite honest, this is something I have struggled with for quite some time now. That is, truly knowing my place. It's impossible to say that I am wholly one or the other, Iowan or international, as I've spent far too long and experienced far too much on the other ends of the Earth to say that my roots

are solely set in this state, and to claim that I am wholly international would just be a farce. I am "both and," and I am grateful for that. Although I walk a thin line between the two, nevertheless, at this point, to feel truly at home in either place, it is nights like these that remind me that I am not alone in this feeling.

When it comes down to it, I think that's why I feel so welcome here at Grinnell. With so many students from so many different backgrounds, the reverse culture shock I often experience upon returning to the U.S. is turned moot. Grinnell is a bubble of culture and proud diversity, bringing the best of all worlds forward in both our education and our activities.

Reflecting on Cultural Evening is interesting because, in the moment, none of this had really clicked. I was so caught up in cheering on my friends and their friends, so lost in admiration for my community here, that I never really realized I had sorted out a shared struggle of my own along the way.

### A Real Patriot



*The Alternative*  
FRITZ GROSZKRUGER  
COLUMNIST

General Smedley Butler received two Medals of Honor,

the Marine Corps Brevet Medal, and numerous other awards in his 34-year military career.

Smedley Darlington Butler served in the Philippine-American War, the Boxer Rebellion, World War I, and the Banana Wars. The Banana Wars had U.S. troops assisting in the confiscation of Central American land for fruit production. (Like in The Monroe Doctrine and Trump's Venezuelan oil theft.)

While in Nicaragua he led the capture of Granada while suffering from a 104-degree fever. Seeing the farmers turned into serfs for the United Fruit Company led him to be critical of our involvement in Central America, saying that it was instigated for investors in the U.S.

who intended to install a government that would enforce a monopoly for them.

(Britain and the U.S. did the same in Iran by ousting their elected Prime Minister and installing the brutal Shah of Iran in 1953. The backlash against the Shah's dictatorship led to the Islamic Revolution of 1979, a fact ignored by hawks in the present.)

After his retirement Butler became an outspoken critic of U.S. foreign policy and military interventions. He was busy spreading his anti-war message at meetings organized by veterans, pacifists, and church groups.

He wrote a book called *War is a Racket* in 1935 detailing

how private interests promoted war for profit, trivializing the value of servicemen and putting them in an ethical and moral no-man's-land.

I see the value of our "invasion" from the South, hard-working and family-oriented people filling the gaps in our economy created by federal student loans and a feminized aversion to dirty hands.

Our government's enforcement of the corporate invasion of Central America (along with the Drug War in Mexico) created poverty and lawlessness that drove out the civilized sector of the population. As my dad used to say, "Capitalism is such a powerful force that even though much of it has been lost it still

averts disaster." Our bloated government saves us from a total lack of productive workers through the inefficiency of our border.

As I brought hay to the cows yesterday, I tuned in the radio and heard a demented guy named Ferguson repeatedly bragging about "13,000 strikes" in Iran. It is so sad that Smedley Butler's message has been obliterated by the war profiteers. The cheapest "strike" would be a \$35,000 drone, and a Tomahawk cruise missile (such as the one that massacred all those Iranian school girls) costs \$3.6 million.

Ferguson gets a voice on the radio promoting massive amounts of wasted taxpayer

dollars. Bernie Sanders does the same thing by pleading to direct that spending toward emasculating the economy by replacing productive work with handouts.

The stagnant two party system is emulated by a choice of either hawkishness or socialism. The choice of individual sovereignty is off the table in public discourse because no one group would benefit from it. Peace would benefit each of us and that is what the Constitution tried to enable. The scoundrels in DC are doing a good job at marginalizing the message of people like Smedley Butler to our detriment.

### House Advances Agriculture and Economic Growth Legislation



REP. SHANNON LATHAM  
IOWA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The Iowa House took action during week 13 on a range of priorities including agriculture, workforce development, veterans services, and education. Several measures focused on supporting Iowa farmers, expanding opportunities for students, and improving services for those who have served our country.

The Iowa House debated and passed 25 bills this week. This brings our ongoing vote total to 106 unanimous, 99 bipartisan

and 9 party-line.

Here's a look at some of the key legislation we passed during Week 13:

- HF 2310 creates a Pediatric Cancer Research Program at the University of Iowa and appropriates \$3 million to the program.
- SF 2466 focuses on improving veterans' services in Iowa. It proposes increased oversight by requiring county veteran affairs commissions to review quarterly performance reports from the state, along with providing funding for veterans programs and system improvements.
- HF 2331 creates a loan repayment program for University of Iowa law graduates, as established by the College Student Aid Commission.

#### Iowa Farm Act

HF 2748, or the Iowa Farm Act, is a bundle of pro-agriculture topics. After working with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, this bill addresses a number of simple fixes to the Code of Iowa

that will help farmers statewide.

Provisions of the bill include:

- Expanding the Retired Farmer Lease Income Exclusion. Retired farmers over the age of 55 who lease their land via partnerships, S corporations, or trusts can deduct that lease income from their Iowa individual income tax.
- Repealing the long-standing excise tax of \$0.00025 per bushel on all grain handled in the state. While a fraction of a cent sounds small, when you multiply it by the billions of bushels Iowa produces, it adds up to approximately \$1.4 million in annual savings for the industry
- Expanding property tax exemptions for aboveground storage tanks, specifically those 91,000 gallons or less, providing a direct financial incentive for farmers and cooperatives to upgrade their fuel or liquid fertilizer storage.

HF 1050 language is also part of the Iowa Farm Act. This bill has already been unanimous-

ly passed by the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Ag Committee this year. Nearly all farms have on-farm diesel and gas on-farm property to fuel agricultural machinery. In some areas of the state, above-ground tanks have been assessed for property tax. This bill clarifies that above-ground storage tanks with a capacity of 91,000 gallons or less are not subject to property tax.

#### Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee

The Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee voted to approve HSB 773, the budget bill for fiscal year 2027. The bill is a strong investment in Iowa's future, supporting economic growth, workforce development, and much-needed housing expansion. By funding key agencies like the Iowa Economic Development Authority and the Iowa Finance Authority, the bill helps attract businesses and create jobs while making housing more accessible through a permanent renewal program. It also backs public universities



Rep. Shannon Latham speaking at the Franklin County Republicans' annual fundraiser event on Thursday, April 9.

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# What's At The Windsor

**BY JIM DAVIES**  
WINDSOR THEATRE  
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The *Super Mario Galaxy Movie* continues to be shown at the Windsor Theatre through Thursday, April 23.

The *Super Mario Galaxy Movie* is an animated sequel that follows Mario (voice of Chris Pratt) and Luigi (voice of Charlie Day) on an intergalactic adventure to protect the cosmos. While dealing with a miniaturized Bowser (voice of Jack Black), the brothers team up with Princess Peach (voice of Anya Taylor-Joy) and newcomers Rosalina (voice of Brie Larson) and Yoshi (voice of Donald Glover) to stop Bowser Jr. (voice of Benny Safdie) from restoring his father.

Distributed by Universal Pictures and produced by Illumination and Nintendo, the film is rated PG for action, mild violence, and rude humor, with a running time of 98 minutes.

**Upcoming Movies** (Subject to Change) **and Synopses**

• April 24 – *Project Hail Mary* - A sci-fi thriller starring Ryan Gosling as Ryland Grace, an amnesiac astronaut who wakes on a spaceship to discover he is on a desperate, one-way mission to save Earth from a sun-dimming parasite.

• May 1 – *Michael* - The story of pop superstar Michael Jackson -- from his extraordinary early days in the Jackson 5 to the visionary artist whose creative ambition fuels a relentless pursuit to become the biggest entertainer in the world.

• May 8 – *Animal Farm* - This animated George Orwell's 1954 satirical fable where farm animals overthrow their neglectful owner, Mr. Jones, to create a fair, self-governed society. However, their new pig leadership, led by the corrupt Napoleon, turns the farm into an oppressive dictatorship, echoing Soviet totalitarianism.

• May 15 – *The Devil Wears Prada 2* - Follows a nearing-retirement Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep) navigating the decline of print media. She faces off against a high-powered Emily Charlton (Emily Blunt), who controls luxury ad dollars, while forced to reunite with a seasoned Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) to save her career.

• May 22 – *The Mandalorian & Grogu* (2 weeks) - A Star Wars film directed by Jon Favreau that continues the journey of Din Djarin and his apprentice, Grogu. Following the fall of the Empire, the duo faces new threats from remaining Imperial warlords and a resurgent Imperial remnant.

• June 5 – *Masters of the Universe* (2 weeks) - He-Man (Dolph Lundgren) flees the war-torn planet Eternia for Earth after Skeletor (Frank Langella) captures Castle Grayskull, threatening the universe. Alongside his friends and

two Earth teenagers, He-Man fights to recover a stolen "Cosmic Key" and return to defeat Skeletor.

• June 19 – *Toy Story 5* (2 weeks) - Woody, Buzz, and Jessie face a new threat: modern technology. The toys combat the ob-

turing slapstick, monsters, and magic.

• July 17 – *Young Washington: A Founders Story* (TBD) - A historical epic directed by Jon Erwin, focusing on 22-year-old George Washington's formative, error-prone, and ambitious early military career. It highlights his role in sparking the French and Indian War and his subsequent journey to transform from a defeated officer into a resilient, capable leader.

• July 24 – *Moana* (2 weeks) - Disney's live-action *Moana* is a reimagining of the 2016 animated film, following a spirited young woman (Catherine Laga'aia) who sets sail on a daring adventure to save her people. She teams up with the demigod Maui (Dwayne Johnson) to restore the heart of Te Fiti.

• August 7 – *Spider-Man: Brand New Day* (2 weeks) - An adult Peter Parker (Tom Holland) is now living alone and fully devoted to being a street-level, anonymous Spider-Man. When a mysterious series of crimes hit New York, the intense pressure causes a dangerous physical evolution in Peter, while he confronts consequences from his past.

• August 21 – *The Odyssey* - An epic fantasy adaptation of Homer's ancient Greek tale, starring Matt Damon as Odysseus. It follows the Greek king's perilous, decade-long journey home to Ithaca after the Trojan War, facing mythical threats



like Cyclops and Sirens, while his wife Penelope (Anne Hathaway) awaits.

• August 28 – *Coyote vs. Acme* (2 weeks) - A live-action/animation hybrid film where Wile E. Coyote, tired of Acme Corporation's faulty products backfiring, hires a down-on-his-luck human lawyer to sue the company. Together, they take on Acme's intimidating CEO, who is the lawyer's former boss.

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# Stories from Franklin County's Past: The Civilian Conservation Corps and Beeds Lake DSP-4 Company 2717

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The Great Depression (1929-39) across the United States actually began in Iowa ten years earlier. Following the end of WWI, farm prices plummeted and drought/dust storms covered the Midwest. Land prices fell to new lows, and many farmers struggled to retain ownership of their farms. In the early 1930s unemployment reached 25% in Iowa and across the country.

Two days after Franklin Roosevelt, a Democrat, was inaugurated President on March 4 1933, he called a meeting of government officials to create the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). His New Deal programs were the first time the federal government accepted responsibility for the social welfare of its citizens, except for the Freedmen's Bureau following the Civil War, which supported former slaves. Roosevelt's plan was to have up to 500,000 unemployed youths work in forests, parks, and rangelands. They would live in camps that were run by the Army. He got the go-ahead from Congress on March 31.

The first enrollee signed on April 7, 1933; his name was Henry Rich of Alexandria, Virginia. He was sent to Camp Roosevelt near Luray, Virginia. The initial call was for 250,000 young men to be enrolled by July 1, 1933. They were required to be unemployed, between 18 and 25 years of age, unmarried, and to come from families on relief. On April 22 enrollment of 24,000 Local Experienced Men (LEM) was authorized. These were usually older men who had experience in woodworking and were hired to supervise the work crews. On May 11, 24,000 WWI veterans were authorized for enrollment as well.

The enrollment period was for six months with the option of re-enlisting for six month stints up to a total of two years. The enrollee was paid \$30 per month with \$25 of that amount going directly to his family. Room, board, clothing, and tools were provided by the government. The enrollee was expected to work a 40-hour week and abide by the camp rules.

In July of 1934, the CCC drought camp for the Beeds Lake project was established at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. The Isaak Walton League of Franklin County furnished the new company a campsite through the generosity of the Franklin County Fair Board. The board members voted unanimously to cooperate with the lake project by furnishing the U.S. Government a campsite at the county fairgrounds for \$1 per month. Three agencies cooperated to address the same problem: the federal government through the CCC; the state of Iowa through the State Conservation Commission; and Franklin County and the city of Hampton through the local chapter of the Isaak Walton League.

There were three military men in charge of the camp: Carl W. Tamminen (Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Reserve); Ralph L. Campbell (Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Reserve); and John V. Sheedy (medical reserve camp surgeon). The original cadre of 18 men was taken from Camp 1755 at Eldora. Camp D SP4, Company 2717, was first organized on July 4, 1934, coming under President Franklin Roosevelt's Drought Relief Measure of that



The construction of the Beeds Lake spillway 1935-36.

year. Before work could start, housing had to be secured. The company was first housed in tents. On July 13, 195 enrollees arrived just in time to experience a severe storm, which demolished all but two of the tents. On August 31 permanent buildings were started; and in a short month, the fairgrounds had nine barracks, a hospital, mess hall, recreation building, combination bathhouse and latrine, officer's quarters, and administration building completed. The nine barracks each housed 20-30 men.

Although CCC Company 2717 was originally a soil erosion camp, it was converted to Camp SP-22 by May of 1935. By Christmas 1935, 211 men were assigned to Camp 2717. An educational program was started and a sports program was adopted. Sports activities included pool, billiards, table tennis, and a camp basketball team, which practiced at the Hampton High School. Religious services were held every Thursday evening by local ministers. The educational program included educational rooms, typewriters, desks, textbooks, magazines, and outside connections with schools and colleges.

A camp reading room was established where over 300 of the latest novels, 200 general information books, and 59 different popular magazines were at the disposal of the men in the camp. The CCC enrollees had the opportunity of attending various classes: surveying, mathematics, first aid, and some thirty-odd classes in all.

Company 2717 began work on Beeds Lake in March of 1935, working two shifts of eight hours each at either the rock quarry or the dam. By May, the Spring Creek channel was blocked through the old dam so the water backed up into the lake bed west of the spillway.

The spillway was 170 feet long and the dam rose 40 feet above the rock foundation, which was 89 feet below the water level. The new dam was built across the natural gorge which almost enclosed the valley. The abutments and the spillway were anchored below the surface of the ground and into bedrock to a depth ranging from 10 to 23 feet. The dam itself was 55 feet wide at the base and 13 feet wide at the top. The large abutments on the north and south were encased with large building stone, giving the dam a natural effect. The old dike built by Mr. Hansberry and Mr. Beed was left with the exception of some added rip-rapping with boulders. The length was retained with one opening to join the old and new lake.

The CCC men also forged a truck trail and three miles of foot trails into the public areas

of the park. Fifty-five acres of native trees were planted, including 10,000 donated by Ferris Nursery of Hampton. Improvements were made to the 120-acre lakebed, sloping the banks and riprapping where necessary. Fish shelters were constructed and the old mill pond was rebuilt to create a filter house and a fish rearing pond. Two public restrooms were constructed at the picnic area as well as the bathhouse and concession stand. Parking space for 300 vehicles was cleared. By the fall of 1936, the dam was complete and the lake was filled. The cost of the entire project was more than \$1 million (equivalent to \$23.8 million today).

The materials used to build the dam included:

- 5,000 cubic yards of concrete
- 35 tons of reinforced steel
- 4,500 tons of prepared expansion joints
- 4,000 tons of field boulders
- 2,200 cubic yards of crushed limestone
- 3,400 cubic yards of sand and gravel
- 2,000 cubic yards of building stone
- 3,000 cubic yards of rip-rap stone

ALL THE ROCK USED FOR CONSTRUCTION WAS OBTAINED BY HAND LABOR.

It was faced with limestone from the Chapin quarry.

In September 1935, the state conservation commission stocked the new lake with 12,500 smallmouth bass and 12,000 crappies. In January of 1936, the State Board of Conservation approved the purchase of 16 acres just east of the dam for the development of fish nursery ponds. The lake was stocked in 1938 with more crappies and smallmouth bass, blue gills, and largemouth bass. To allow the fish to multiply, the lake was closed to fishing for two years.

On December 15, 1937, the project was ordered discontinued. The leading men of Hampton protested that there was still much work to be done. Iowa Governor Kraschael asked the Federal Conservation Commission for continuance of the project. A six-month extension was approved. On Oct 30, 1938, the head of the camp, Capt. Lillie, was ordered to move the camp out of the fairgrounds. Build-

ings were sawed into slices, so they could be moved and easily put back together again at camps in Guthrie Center and Lake View.

The CCC worked on the Beeds Lake project for four and a half years, finishing in 1938. They constructed the Park Ranger's house and service building, the stone toilet in the camping area, the concession building, and the bridges on the dike. The original dike built by Hansberry and improved by Beed was left the same as it was with the exception of reinforcing and the addition of bridges on each end. About midway from the new dike to the old, along the south shore, a small bay was excavated where the land was leveled off and dangerous stumps were removed. The swimming beach was placed on the south shore, which sloped very gradually toward the west and north. Flagstone steps led up from the beach to the bathhouse.

The Ferris Nursery donated many of the thousands of trees that were planted at the park. Among the tree and bushes started in this reforested area were arrowwood, snowberry, Russian olive, river birch, white birch, pin oak, sugar maple, mannyberry, wahoo, honey locust, black walnut, white ash, wild plum, red oak, maple, red dogwood, wild rose, sumac, elder, hawthorne, wild crab, black locust, hazel brush, Colorado spruce, white pine, ponderosa pine, Scotch pine, white spruce, American elm, catalpa, cattails, round and giant bullrushes, and Carolina poplar.

A continuous footpath about three miles long was laid out, winding through the trees around the lake shore. This area as a whole was intended for a game refuge but the west end of the old lake had been set aside especially for this purpose. It was intended to be a sanctuary for wild fowl with feeding stations and protection of all sorts of birds.

On the national level, the CCC program came to an end on June 30, 1942. Over its history, the CCC recruited over two million young men to restock streams and plant trees while keeping their families from relief rolls. There were 46 CCC camps in Iowa; 41 were in or around state parks. Forty-nine

See BEEDS LAKE:  
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Hand shoveling the road to the dam in the winter of 1935-36.

# SUDOKU

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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!

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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Monday, April 20

Scalloped Potatoes, w/ Ham  
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Frozen Fruit Cup

Tuesday, April 21

Salmon Loaf, Potato,  
Vegetable, Banana Bars

Wednesday, April 22

Chili, Crackers, Vegetable,  
Fruit, Cinnamon Roll

Thursday, April 23

Shepherd's Pie w/ Mashed  
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Roll, Vegetable, Fruit

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If someone moves into your neighborhood.  
If someone enters a hospital.  
If a business is opening or closing.  
If something interesting is happening.

The Hampton Chronicle attempts to cover the news in Franklin county and adjoining areas as thoroughly as possible, and we appreciate it when you let us help you get the word out! We hope you'll let us know if you have news by emailing news@hampton-chronicle.com, or by calling or texting 515-988-3726.

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## Iowa Gas Prices Rise Despite Drop in Crude Oil

BY JASON EATON  
RadioOnTheGo News

Gas prices jumped sharply across Iowa this week, even as crude oil prices declined.

According to AAA, the average price for regular unleaded gasoline in Iowa is \$3.64 per gallon as of Wednesday, up 21

cents from last week and 56 cents higher than a year ago. The national average sits at \$4.16, an increase of 10 cents from last week.

Diesel prices also climbed, rising 25 cents to a statewide average of \$5.10 per gallon. That remains 57 cents below the national average of \$5.67,

but well above last year's Iowa average of \$3.39.

Meanwhile, crude oil prices moved in the opposite direction. West Texas Intermediate crude dropped \$4.92 to \$94.94 per barrel, while Brent crude fell \$7.35 to \$94.51. One year ago, WTI crude was priced at \$60.04 and Brent at \$64.86.

At the local level, prices were slightly higher than the statewide average. According to GasBuddy, as of Wednesday afternoon, regular unleaded gasoline in Hampton, Parkersburg and Greene was \$3.79 per gallon.

## COUNCIL: FROM COVER

agreement between the City of Hampton and Teamsters Local 238 Police Department employees and authorization for the mayor to sign the final contract.

The council also approved the claims as recommended by the staff in the amount of \$229,294.49, along with the previous minutes as drafted from the March 26 meeting and setting the next regular meeting for April 23 at 6 p.m.

### Reports

For his report, Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison said they have four court-ordered cleanups coming up and that they've been ramping up enforcement of clean-up around the city.

"We do get a little more nitty-picky around this time of year because the opportunity is now," said Morrison.

He reminded everyone that city clean-up days are April 17, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 25, and that they will be working out of the new compost site at 1236 Olive Avenue. Pick-up days are on April 17 and 24, but those pick-up times must be scheduled through Center One. He added that the Goodwill truck will also be at the compost site on April 17 and 18.

He said they are also hoping to have a new officer hired within the next week or so.

City Manager Ron Dunt said they received official con-

firmation that the city will be receiving a \$100,000 grant for the work that needs to be done on the abandoned pharmacy on 1st St NW that the city acquired last year.

City Councilors Kristin Roode and Barry Lamos had no report for the evening.

City Councilor Jim Davies said that he had attended a tourism board meeting earlier that afternoon, where he learned that the Band Shell benches had been finished and that they were being reassembled by city employees.

"I just want to thank the City of Hampton for making this happen and the design committee at the Chamber for getting this organized, as well as the Barkema Trust for financing the project," Davies said.

During her report, City Councilor Jeanne Fay said they had an exciting week at Franklin General Hospital, where she works. She reported that the hospital performed their first total joint replacement surgery in decades.

"We have some specialists coming in now and a couple of those are orthopedic surgeons," she said. "Now people don't have to go up to Clarion or Mason City or wherever to have those kinds of surgeries. We can now have them right here in town."

For his report, City Councilor Bill Holmstrom thanked

Shawn Dietz, owner of OnTheGoMedia, for purchasing the Hampton Chronicle as it was set to close, along with the rest of Mid-America Publishing.

"It was quite the demonstration of pride in our city with that venture that he is taking on," he said. "I just want to wish him the best of luck and thank him again."

City Councilor Jerre Grefe addressed rumors that had been circulating about her, regarding her recent "no" vote to a request for a food truck on main street in downtown Hampton. She mentioned that she wasn't speaking on behalf of her fellow council members.

"I am not against food trucks," she said. "I am not against transient vendors. I acknowledge that they are fun, that they can bring things to the town that we don't normally have access to and they serve a real purpose during large community events. I am, however, against transient merchants parking on our main street of the downtown district. My first loyalty lies with our downtown permanent business members."

She said that the city council did look at the city's transient merchant ordinance several years ago, and that they did it in response to complaints from citizens regarding the smell and noise from food truck generators.

"We also looked at the po-

tential negative impacts it could have on our local restaurants and I think one business owner did a really good job. She cinched it. She compared transient merchants to the mistress and our permanent businesses to the spouse," she said. "The mistress is new and exciting, but she is only here for a short duration. The spouse, most often, lives in the community and provides loyal and stability through her dedication to the citizens, payment of property taxes, care and maintenance of her real estate and spending her hard-earned dollars in the community and donating to community events and fundraisers. And I feel it's important that the community does not waffle on our commitment to our spouse businesses."

Grefe said they have to consider the residents who live on that street. She ended her report by saying that she takes great offense to a rumor about her not liking children, as she spent decades working as a pediatric nurse and has recently taken in a young man in the community who needed a loving family.

Mayor Steve Birdsall ended the meeting by saying that any requests for food trucks need to go through city hall.

## REPUBLICANS: FROM COVER

ing to Party Chair Catherine Crooks.

"It was a good night and people gave us lots of compliments," said Sailer.

When it comes to his campaign for Franklin County's District 1 County Supervisor seat, Sailer said he is ready to get to work if elected.

"We have some issues coming up," said Sailer. "Different things between the state and local control and how things are funded ... They're talking about lowering the property taxes, but if they lower the property taxes, how do we fund the county? Say, for instance, one of those bills puts a limit at two percent on

growth of the county budget and that's fine, except for the bills that come into the counties, such as health insurance for employees, that doesn't stay two percent. Sometimes that jumps ten, twenty percent. If you can only increase your budget two percent, what do you cut? It's going to be a battle."

Sailer, a lifelong farmer, said he has stepped down from a number of boards in preparation for possibly being elected.

"[Gary McVicker] wanted to step down for some time and we have been talking about it," Sailer said.

Aside from funding issues, Sailer said he would also like to

focus on mental health issues for those in the area.

"There was a big push in the last twenty, thirty years to integrate some of these people with issues into the general populace, and I'm not sure that is the greatest solution. Then some people don't get the help that they need," Sailer said. "I don't like to institutionalize anybody but there are certain issues that we have to get taken care of and there is no great answer, so that's why it's not getting solved."

Sailer said he would encourage discussion about mental health issues, even suggesting a town hall meeting, to get feedback from the community about

next possible steps.

"I have family members who've had big issues with suicide, and had a friend say 'well, why didn't the county do something?'" Sailer said. "This all hits close to home and is pretty personal."

Sailer, who's served on the county's zoning board for years, said he would like to see changes with zoning, as well.

"I like discussions," Sailer said. "I don't hide my phone number. I keep pretty busy on the phone just talking to people about issues."

Sailer announced his candidacy for the supervisor seat last November.

## BEEDS LAKE: FROM PAGE 9



The road to the dam after it was cleared of snow.



The completed top of the spillway.



Harold Foglesong and Margaret Honeck at Pikes Peak.

thousand young men served in Iowa camps. The CCC planted over 30 million trees in Iowa; built hundreds of bridges; erected over 2,000 miles of telephone poles; and helped farmers by repairing gullies, terracing hills, and other soil conservation projects. The CCC also constructed roads, stocked fish, and fought forest fires. If a city or state park was built between 1933 and 1942, chances are very good that it was built by the CCC.

An individual example of the CCC's positive impact came to light when Harold Foglesong's daughter, Janice Fulmer, donated a collection of his CCC photographs and camp newspapers to the Franklin County Historical Society.

Harold Foglesong was the sixth of nine children in his family and was born in 1913. His father was a coal miner. Harold graduated from Valley Junction High School in 1933. Following high school, he worked in a restaurant until an opportunity to join the CCC came along. Harold was first stationed at Eldora but was among the first group to be sent to Hampton in the summer of 1934. Harold spent three years working on the Beeds Lake project in the roles of supply sergeant and miscellaneous construction foreman. He was one of the many young men who took advantage of the educational opportunities offered them by attending adult education classes. At one of these classes, he met a young lady from Hampton, Margaret Honeck. They were married May 7, 1939.

After the CCC, Harold had a successful career at Iowa Power and Light (now MidAmerican Energy) in Des Moines and retired in the late 1970s. He and Margaret raised two children.

Harold passed away in 1994. We honor his life with a display of his photographs at the Franklin County Historical Society and thank him for his service to our country and our county.



Just wanted to give a huge thank you to Shawn Dietz for stepping up and saving the paper. And a huge thank you to him for keeping me on as the editor. He has been so great throughout this whole process, and I look forward to working with him and his team!

The Chronicle lives on!  
Here he is delivering some of the papers to the post office last Tuesday, April 7.

—News Editor Jennifer Burnham

## Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Competition Now Accepting Applications

BY JASON EATON  
RadioOnTheGo News

The 2026 John Pappajohn Iowa Entrepreneurial Venture Competition is now accepting applications, offering \$100,000 in cash prizes to early-stage Iowa startups.

The annual statewide competition aims to support new and growing businesses that plan to expand operations in Iowa while promoting entrepreneurship and awareness of available resources.

Eligible applicants include Iowa-based businesses that have been operating for four years or less or are not yet cash flow positive. The competition is open to a range of industries, including technology, biotechnology, agriculture, advanced manufacturing, engineering and education. Businesses must be registered in Iowa and intend to scale within the state.

First-round applications are due May 15, with participants notified by June 1 if they ad-



vance. Final awards will be announced Aug. 19 during a luncheon in Ames.

Winners will receive \$40,000 for first place, \$25,000 for second and \$15,000 for third, with up to \$20,000 in additional awards.

Since 2006, the competition has awarded \$1.4 million to Iowa businesses. It is supported by the Iowa Economic Development Authority and led by Iowa's Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Centers.

Applications and additional information are available at [www.pappajohncompetition.com](http://www.pappajohncompetition.com)

## Archdiocese of Dubuque Announces Reorganization of Parishes

BY JASON EATON  
RadioOnTheGo News

Beginning July 14, 2026, the Archdiocese of Dubuque will reorganize its 160 parishes into 24 pastorates. Archbishop Thomas Zinkula announced the reorganization over the weekend following a yearlong "Journey in Faith" process.

In a letter to parishioners, Zinkula noted that Mass attendance has declined 46% over the past 20 years and that the number of available priests is decreasing. He said the decision followed a process that included input and feedback from parishioners through parish meetings, regional gatherings and conversations.

As part of the reorganization, St. Patrick's Church in Hampton and Sacred Heart Parish in Rockwell will join the Mason City Pastorate. St. Mark Parish in Iowa Falls, St. Mary Parish in Ackley, St. John Parish in Clarion, St. Francis Xavier Parish in

Belmond and St. Mary Parish in Eldora will join the Webster City Area Pastorate.

The reorganization will include changes to Mass schedules. Some churches will offer weekend Mass in English only, some in Spanish only, and some will not hold weekend Mass at all. Churches not used for weekend Mass may be used for weekday worship, faith formation, adoration, community service, weddings and funerals.

Mass schedules have not yet been finalized, as priests are also being reassigned. Incoming pastors will collaborate to create an interim schedule from July 15 through Jan. 15.

Mass times will be announced to their respective communities once finalized. More information is available at [dbqjourneyinfaith.org/final-pastorate-plan](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org/final-pastorate-plan).

This is a developing story and we will have more coverage in the future.

## FRAUD: FROM COVER

ted invoices seeking payment for work that had not yet been completed.

Starr was arrested March 27 and booked into the Cerro Gordo County Jail.

Under Iowa law, contractors who perform repair work are prohibited from acting as public adjusters on the same insurance claims. The Iowa Insurance Division encourages residents to

verify licensed public adjusters through its official website.

The case remains under investigation, and authorities say no additional details will be released at this time. Anyone with information related to insurance fraud is encouraged to contact the Iowa Insurance Division's Fraud Bureau at 515-654-6556.

**BAPTIST**

**Faith Baptist**  
*Lead Pastor: Robert Anderstrom*  
 Address: 1701 Central Ave E., PO Box 515, Hampton, IA 50441  
 Telephone: 641-456-4887  
 Website: faith-hampton.com  
 Facebook: FBC-Hampton  
 • Wednesday, April 15 8:30am Men's Prayer  
 6:45pm Youth Mentor Groups  
 • Saturday, April 18 9:00am Spring Clean up Day @ Faith  
 • Sunday, April 19 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School Classes Membership Class  
 • Tuesday, April 21 9:30am Women's Prayer 6:30pm Elder's Meeting  
 • Wednesday, April 22 8:30am Men's Prayer 6:45pm Youth Mentor Groups  
 • Saturday, April 25 8:30am Men's Breakfast of Champions  
 • Sunday, April 26 9:30am Worship 10:45am  
 • Sunday, School Classes  
 • Tuesday, April 28 9:30am Women's Prayer  
 • Wednesday, April 29 8:30am Men's Prayer 5:30pm Family Fun Night @ Faith 6:45pm Youth Mentor Groups

**CATHOLIC**

**St. Mary's Catholic**  
 611 Sherman Ave., Ackley  
*Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest*  
 • Sunday, 8 a.m.

**St. Patrick's Catholic**  
 1405 N. Federal St., Hampton  
*Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest*  
 Tuesdays 8:30 AM  
 Thursdays 5:30 PM with Adoration at 6:00 PM  
 Sunday 10:30 AM English  
 5:30 PM Spanish

**LATTER DAY SAINTS**

**The Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints**  
 Hampton / Miguel Sosa Garcia,  
 Branch President  
 • Sunday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service; Food Pantry Sunday

**LUTHERAN**

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

**Richland Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
 (ELS/WELS)

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

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

**Zion St. John Lutheran**  
*Sheffield*  
 422 Sherman St, Sheffield, IA 50475  
 • Sunday March 15 9:00 am Sunday Lenten Worship with Holy Communion  
 • Wednesday, March 18 5:15 pm Lenten Supper hosted by ZSJ Music Ministries 7:00 am Midweek Lenten Worship "Return of the Lord"  
 • Sunday, March 22 9:00 am Sunday Lenten Worship led by ZSJ Praise Team  
 • Wednesday, March 25 5:15 PM Lenten Supper hosted by church council. 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Worship "Return of the Lord"  
 March 29, 9:00 am Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion and SS and Adult choirs

**St. Paul's Lutheran**  
 304 W Main, Latimer  
*Reverend Joel Peter Wagner*  
 • Wednesday, March 4, 8:05 a.m. Matins; 6:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten 2 Service  
 • Thursday, March 5, 9 a.m. Sewing; Full School Day  
 • Friday, March 6, 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. Grandparent's Day  
 • Sunday, March 8, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:30 a.m. Family Bible Study & Sunday School; **Third Sunday in Lent**  
 • Monday, March 9, **No School - Spring Break**  
 • Tuesday, March 10, **No School - Spring Break; Pastor at Wink**  
 • Wednesday, March 11, 8:05 a.m. Matins; **No School - Spring Break**; 6:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten 3 Service

**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 - Tyler Linneman, Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen, Pastor*  
 • Sunday, April 19, 2025: 8:30

AM Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. Sunday Radio Broadcasts: 7:30 AM Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM 10:15 AM Radio Worship Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM

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

**First Lutheran Church - Dows**  
 206 W Ellsworth St, Dows  
 • Sunday, April 12, 9:00 SS/ Conf/Coffee 10:00 Worship  
 • Wednesday, April 15, 5:30-6:30 Free Community Meal  
 • Sunday, April 19, 9:00 SS/ Conf/Coffee 10:00 Worship  
 • Sunday, April 26, 9:00 SS/ Conf/Coffee 10:00 Worship

**METHODIST**

**Ackley United Methodist**  
 416 Hardin St., Ackley  
*Pastor Kalvin 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  
 • Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship

**Hampton United Methodist**  
 100 Central Ave. E, Hampton  
*Pastor Dennis Burns*  
 • Wednesday, April 15, 2:00pm NAOMI Circle 5:30pm Wacky  
 • Wednesday/Confirmation Class 6:00pm 10th, 11th, 12th WVV 6:30pm LEAH Circle  
 • Thursday, April 16, 9:30am BeFriends 10:30am Chapel @ Leahy Grove  
 • Saturday, April 18, 5:00pm Worship Service  
 • Sunday, April 19, 9:30am Adults Bible Study 11:00am Worship Service 11:30am Radio Broadcast-KLMJ 104.9 FM 12:00pm Fellowship 12:30pm Facebook Broadcast  
 • Monday, April 20, 1:30pm God's FLOCK  
 • Tuesday, April 21, 1:30pm Faithful Stitchers  
 • Wednesday, April 22, 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Wacky Wednesday/

Confirmation Class 6:00pm 10th, 11th, 12th WVV

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

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

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

**United Methodist**  
 Dows  
 • 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  
 641-456-8175  
*Pastor Brian Rihner*  
 www.clwhampton.org  
 • Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship  
 • Sunday: 9AM - Adult Sunday school  
 • Wednesday: 5:30PM- PK - Grade 6 WOW! and Adult Bible Study, 6:30PM: MS & HS Youth, 7:00PM - Adult Bible Study.  
 • Wee Ones Christian Preschool: Mon., Tues., Thurs.; Mary Mollenbeck, Director, 641-456-8471

**Living Well Fellowship**  
 917 Howard St. (First Presbyterian Church), Aplington • 319-247-5569  
 • Mondays, 7 p.m., Contemporary Worship Exploring Redemption and Healing. Come early for hot chocolate or cappuccino.

**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.  
 hamptonchurchofchrist.com  
*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

**REFORMED**

**Dumont Reformed**  
 912 Third St., Dumont  
*Pastor Scott Summers*  
 • Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship  
 • Wednesdays, 7 p.m. RCYF (High School youth group from 8-12 grade)  
 • 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, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Kids Choir & PreK-HS Sunday School;  
**Sunday School Children Sing during Worship Service**

**Zion Reformed Church**  
 2029 Jonquil Ave., Sheffield  
*Rev. Petri van Rooyen, Pastor*  
 Office Hours: M,W, Th: 8-Noon  
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 • Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. RCYF  
 • Sunday, March 22, 9:15 a.m. Worship & Welcome Kelly Bennett, 10:30 a.m.  
 • Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. RCYF  
 • Thursday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. Faith Circle  
 • Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m. Lent Brunch & Zion Outside Clean up 1:00 p.m.  
 • Sunday, March 29, 9:15 a.m. Worship & 10:30 a.m.

**Hampton Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
 605 4th St. NE, Hampton  
*Pastor Steven Shafer*  
 Phone: 641-424-3055  
 Email: SDAHamptonIA@gmail.com  
 • Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**First Congregational U.C.C.**  
 22 First Ave. SW, Hampton  
 (641) 456-2192  
*Pastor Karen Koenig and Pastor Peggy Allison*  
 April 12 - Sunday School (9:15am), Sunday Worship (10:30am), Congregational Meeting (11:30am), Coffee Fellowship  
 April 15 - Trustees Meeting (6pm), Cabinet Meeting (6:45pm)  
 April 19 - Sunday School (9:15am), Sunday Worship (10:30am)  
 April 26 - Sunday School (9:15am), Sunday Worship (10:30am)  
 April 27 - Monday - Newsletter deadline  
 April 28 - Tuesday - Sewing Circle will meet at 9:30am. All are welcome.

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and Thursday evening show.  
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Christians need to be continually on guard. Since ignorance of the nature of sin, the strategies of the enemy, and our own areas of weakness make us more vulnerable to stumbling, we cannot afford to be careless in our thinking. Anytime we find ourselves excusing, redefining, or rationalizing sin, we've lost our sensitivity to God.

If you've drifted from the Lord, turn back to Him by acknowledging your sin and accepting responsibility for it. Repentance means changing your mind and going in a different direction—toward God instead of away from Him.

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Bids may also be sent via fax 641-456-5750, emailed to [heiden@hdcsd.org](mailto:heiden@hdcsd.org) or hand delivered to the above address.

Deadline: April 23, 2026, by 3:00 p.m. We are an EEO/AA Employer.

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## NEWS

### TOWN HALL: FROM COVER

way to ask people about their concerns.

"There is a lot that people are worried about and I'm listening to all of it," she said. "With affordability, the war definitely affects the gas pump and the gas pump affects everything else, because transportation costs money. It costs money to bring those groceries to our grocery stores and unfortunately, I think we are going to see our grocery prices go even further because of this war, so it's really important that we elect people in November, who started in January of next year, will reintroduce some stability into our political climate and prevent these kinds of wars that nobody really expected and nobody really understands why we're doing it."

WolfTornabane said one of her highest priorities would be focusing on fixing healthcare for all Iowans.

"There has been a lot of money spent trying to get people scared of universal healthcare, but the truth is the happiest countries on earth, with the healthiest democracies have this healthcare style, where the taxes pay for everyone's healthcare, and it's cheaper than the system we have currently, and everyone gets to go to the doctor," she said.

In her press release for the town hall, WolfTornabane said that she also wants to focus on stopping corruption in the government, cleaning up our water, and supporting policies that favor small and midsized family

farmers.

WolfTornabane is running against Dave Dawson and Stephanie Steiner for the seat's Democratic nomination. The district is currently represented by Randy Feenstra, who is now running for Governor.

Franklin County Democratic Party Chair Catherine Crooks told the Chronicle that they appreciated Ashley and Cynthia planning a stop in Franklin County.

"I encourage everyone to come to candidate visits when they are in the area, not only to hear what they have to say, but also to tell them what issues are important to YOU," Crooks said. "Campaigning is a job interview."



Cynthia Paschen (left) and Ashley WolfTornabane at their town hall in Hampton on April 12. Photo by Mitch Williams.

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# April Events Program



**DOWS LEGION FISH FRY**, 4-7pm or until the fish is gone. Dine in and Drive thru. Freewill Offering.



**AC EQUINE SPRING OPEN HOUSE**, AC Equine Training & Lessons will be hosting a Spring Open House from 2-4 pm 650 Hwy. 3, Latimer. There will be a barn tour, refreshments and meet the horses. Ribbon cutting at 3 pm.



## WEEKLY

### FIRST AND SECOND VINTAGE TOO!

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Next class at First and  
Second Vintage Too  
April 26, 2-4  
Mosaic Tile Garden Posts

**SHOP HOURS**  
Wed-Fri 9-5,  
Saturday 9-4

**OPEN CERAMICS**  
Wed-Fri 9-4, Sat 9-3  
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appointment

## UPCOMING

### WELCOME BACK TO STORYTIME!

Storytime is for children 12 months of age through kindergarten. There will be books read, songs, rhymes, movement activities and more. Storytime will be held on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Families are welcome to stay afterwards for playtime. There will be different toys, games, and activities provided each week for informal play. Please do not bring your own toys. Storytime will repeat at 6:00 p.m. that same day. (without playtime)

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

Email us at: [news@hamptonchronicle.com](mailto:news@hamptonchronicle.com)

### Did you know it is the law that your dog is registered in the state of Iowa?

The City of Hampton is offering **FREE** registration for one year (9-25-25 thru 9-24-26) Registration forms available at City Hall, Center One, Post Office and Library.



## 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 6 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

### GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: DETAILS:

3rd Monday of the month at noon 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

### FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL: DETAILS:

Franklin County Extension Council ISU  
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Council members help determine  
local priorities for agricultural, youth  
(4-H), health and human science, and  
community/economic development  
program areas.

2025 Dumont Water Quality Report Part 1

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

Table with 6 columns: CONTAMINANT, MCL - (MCLG), Compliance (Type, Value & (Range)), Date, Violation (Yes/No), Source. Rows include Lead (ppb), Copper (ppm), Chlorine (ppm), and Fluoride (ppm).

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 4/7/2026 - Special

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS April 7th 2026

A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@Franklin County Board of Supervisors/streams

The Board of Supervisors met at 1:00PM on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, at the Franklin County Courthouse for a special session with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

This being the time and place fixed by the Board for the consideration of bids for the purchase of the County's General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2026, the Chairperson announced that bids had been received and canvassed on behalf of the County at the time and place fixed therefore.

Whereupon such bids were placed on file as attached.

After due consideration and discussion, Supervisor McVicker introduced the resolution next hereafter set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Lukensmeyer. The Chairperson put the question upon the adoption of said resolution, and the roll call being, followed named Supervisors voted:

Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness Nays: None Whereupon the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2026-29 RESOLUTION AWARDING GENERAL OBLIGATION URBAN RENEWAL BONDS, SERIES 2026

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Franklin County, Iowa (the "County"), heretofore proposed to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") and to issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 331.441(2)(b)(14), Section 331.402, Section 331.442, and Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of undertaking the 2026 Courthouse Urban Renewal Project, an urban renewal project of the County authorized by action of the Board of Supervisors on March 3, 2026, and in lieu of calling an election upon such proposal, has

published notice of the proposed action and has held a hearing thereon, and as of March 24, 2026, no petition had been filed with the County asking that the question of entering into the Loan Agreement be submitted to the registered voters of the County; and WHEREAS, a Preliminary Official Statement (the "P.O.S.") has been prepared to facilitate the sale of the General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2026 (the "Bonds") in evidence of the obligation of the County under the Loan Agreement, and the County has made provision for the approval of the P.O.S. and authorized its use by Speer Financial, Inc., as municipal financial advisor to the County; and WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement of sale, bids for the purchase of the Bonds were received and canvassed on behalf of the County and the substance of such bids noted in the minutes; and WHEREAS, upon final consideration of all bids, the bid of BOK Financial Securities of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (the "Purchaser"), is the best, such bid proposing the lowest interest cost to the County for the Bonds; NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, as follows: Section 1. The bid of the Purchaser referred to in the preamble is hereby accepted, and the Bonds are hereby awarded to the Purchaser at the price specified in such bid, together with accrued interest, if any. Section 2. The form of agreement of sale/official bid form (the "Sale Agreement") of the Bonds to the Purchaser is hereby approved, and the Chairperson and County Auditor are hereby authorized to execute the Sale Agreement for and on behalf of the County. Section 3. Further action with respect to the approval of the Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Bonds is hereby adjourned to the Board of Supervisors meeting to be held on April 21, 2026. Section 4. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 1:12PM until Tuesday, April 14th, 2026, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

ATTEST: Chris Vanness, Chairman Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

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Beverly Viet Estate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Beverly Mae Viet, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR502102 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Beverly Mae Viet, Deceased, who died on or about March 20, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on March 30, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Beverly Mae Viet, deceased, bearing date of March 27, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Donald Viet 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

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Dated April 1, 2026.

Donald Viet, 703 2nd Street, NE Hampton, IA 50441 Executor of Estate

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

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Coulter Council Claims 4.8.26

Table with 3 columns: General Fund, Description, Amount. Rows include AgSource Coop Services, Water testing, Utilities, Fire truck pump, City of Coulter WBM UB (20 Grant/ Office & Plant), City of Latimer, Lagoon, Sanitation/Recycling, Insurance renewal payment, Employees - City, Wages, Employees - Library, Wages, City sidewalks, Wages, Abstract exam & title, Water Service Excise Tax, Books, City sign, FS building supplies.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Mid America Publishing, Midwest Living, Mort's Water, Murphy's Heating & Plumbing, NAICOPtins, Cemetary fee, Office of Auditor of State, Pro Edge Building Solutions, Plywood, Steenblock, Shellie, Cleaning, UBTC, NSF Chargeback, ACH fees, VISA, Intuit fee, legals, fish fry/books, supplies, Westrum Leak Detection, Water leak detection, WEX Fleet Card, Fuel, Wmtel, Phone, Fax, ZZ IPERS, Retirement, ZZ IRS, Federal Payroll Tax, Total City of Coulter Expenses.

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Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the minutes from the 3/31/2026 regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: Lukensmeyer attended Together 4 Families. McVicker attended Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center & Northeast Iowa Workforce Development. Vanness brought concerns from a resident regarding two items: the agenda review on the radio station did not include enough details directly related to drainage and the drainage minutes not being part of the Supervisors' minutes. The Auditor explained that the radio station is provided with the full agenda and what they choose to share or not include is at their prerogative. The Auditor also explained that it had been brought to their attention from IDDA (Iowa Drainage District Association) legal counsel that because the Supervisors are not acting as Supervisors during a drainage meeting, but as Drainage Trustees, there needs to be clear separation in that portion of the meeting and separate minutes kept. The other option would be to have the Supervisors hold Drainage meetings separate from their regular Board meetings. The Auditor has received clarification from legal counsel that the way they are doing them is the best for Franklin County's situation. There will be a link added to the Supervisors' minutes page sending readers directly to the drainage minutes.

Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on his department. The Supervisors recessed at 9:15AM for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 9:30AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the County website.

Aaron Dodd, Sheriff, met with the Supervisors to provide them with an update on his department.

Katy Flint, Auditor, provided the Supervisors with an update on her department.

The Supervisors discussed the presentation about Strategic Planning that occurred last week. While they are interested in working on a Strategic Plan, they would like to wait to discuss it further until the legislative session is over in case changes are made to the property tax structure. This will come back for further discussion in late June or early July.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve an Ownership Change for an ABD License for Ites Properties LLC. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve an Ownership Change for an ABD License for the Hampton County Club. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution Adopting & Approving Tax Compliance Procedures Relating to Tax Exempt Bonds. The resolution reads in full:

2026-RESOLUTION #2026-30 RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING TAX COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES RELATING TO TAX-EXEMPT BONDS WHEREAS, pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa and Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code, Franklin County, Iowa (the "County"), acting by and through the authority of its Board of Supervisors, has issued, and likely will issue in the future, tax exempt municipal bonds, notes or other obligations (the "Tax Exempt Bonds"); and WHEREAS, the County deems it necessary and desirable to adopt certain procedures and practices to be followed by the County in connection with the issuance of Tax Exempt Bonds; and

WHEREAS, proposed tax compliance procedures are attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Compliance Procedures"); NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The Compliance Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby adopted and shall be dated as of the date hereof.

Section 2. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to periodically update the Compliance Procedures in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and supporting Internal Revenue Service Rulings and Regulations, with advice from bond counsel.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted. Exhibit A may be obtained by contacting the Auditor's office.

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2025 Dumont Water Quality Report Part 2

DEFINITIONS

• Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

• Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

• ppb -- parts per billion. • pCi/L -- picocuries per liter • N/A -- Not applicable • ND -- Not detected

• RAA -- Running Annual Average • Treatment Technique (TT) -- A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. • Action Level (AL) -- The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

• Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

• Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

• SGL -- Single Sample Result • RTRC -- Revised Total Coliform Rule • NTU -- Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the

Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Our water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formulas, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your

tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact DUMONT WATER SUPPLY at 319-883-6554. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Lead tap sampling data can be found in the Iowa Drinking Water Data Portal: https://programs.iowadnr.gov/iowadrinkingwater

Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the results.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION This water supply obtains its water from the limestone and dolomite of the Devonian aquifer. The Devonian aquifer was determined to be slightly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide moderate protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Devonian wells will be slightly susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and is available from the Water Operator at 319-883-6554.

CONTACT INFORMATION For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact DUMONT WATER SUPPLY at 319-883-6554. This year's report is not being mailed out to individual customers, but copies are available at City Hall during normal business hours.

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Notice to Bidders - 4 & 6 1st St NW

SECTION 00 1113 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE OF BID LETTING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON STOREFRONT STABILIZATION FOR THE CITY OF HAMPTON, IOWA, AND THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR SUCH CONSTRUCTION.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Hampton, Iowa, will receive bids at the office of the City Manager in said City until the 07th day of May, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., for the construction of the City of Hampton Storefront Stabilization in Hampton, Iowa in and for said City. Bids shall be submitted to Ron Dunt, City Manager, 122 First Avenue NW, Hampton, Iowa 50441. Bids will be publicly opened and tabulated on said day and hour, and will then be acted on by the City Council at their meeting on the 14th day of May, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for their consideration and action.

Project Scope: Demolition of additions on the backside of buildings 4 and 6. Structural repairs to the foundation and exterior walls; and other Work indicated in the drawings and specifications.

A prebid conference will be held on site on the 14th day of April, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., to review building and site conditions. Meet at 122 First Avenue NW Hampton, Iowa 50441

A more detailed description of the kinds and approximate quantities of materials and types of construction for which bids will be received are set forth in the Bidding Documents prepared by ISG, of Mankato, Minnesota, which, together with the proposed form of contract, have heretofore been approved by the City Council, and are now on file for public examination in the office of the City Manager, and are by this reference made part hereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

All sealed bids in connection therewith shall be submitted to the City Manager on or before the time herein set for letting. All proposals shall be made on official proposal forms furnished by the Architect/Engineer, and must be enclosed in a separate sealed envelope and plainly identified and addressed to the City of Hampton, Iowa. If a bid is to be mailed, the bid envelope shall be sealed in a regular mailing envelope. FAX and E-mail Bids will not be accepted. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities and to hold and consider the bids for 45 days after the date of the bid opening.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond, certified check, cashier's check or certified share draft in a separate sealed envelope, clearly marked "Bid Bond" or Bid Security", in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the proposal. The certified or cashier's check shall be drawn on a bank in Iowa or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States of America or the certified share draft shall be drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States and payable to the City. Said check or share draft may be cashed, or the bid bond forfeited as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract within ten (10) days of issuance of a Notice of Award and post bond satisfactory to the City insuring the faithful fulfillment of the contract and maintenance of said improvements as required by law. The bid bond should be executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, and must not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a corporate surety bond in an amount equal to one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, said bond to be issued by a responsible surety approved by the City, and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained, the payment for materials used in the project and the maintenance of said improvements in good repair for not less than one (1) year from the time of acceptance of said improvements by the City.

Payment of the cost of said project will be made from such cash funds of the City as may be legally used for said purpose at the

discretion of the City. The Contractor will be paid ninety-five per cent (97%) of the Architect's/Engineer's estimate of the value of acceptable work completed at the end of the preceding month. Final payment will be made not less than thirty-one (31) days after completion of the work and acceptance by the City, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 573 of the Code of Iowa.

No such final payment will be due until the Contractor certifies to the City that the materials, labor, and services involved in the final estimate have been paid for in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications.

The City of Hampton is exempt from paying Sales and Use Tax and will supply Contractor with an Iowa Sales Tax Exemption Certificate and an authorization letter to allow the Contractor to buy equipment and material for the project with-out paying Sales and Use tax.

The work on this project shall commence within ten (10) days after receipt by the contractor of a written notice to proceed, and shall be substantially completed on or before the 13th day of November, 2026, subject to any changes in the contract period as provided for in these specifications, and granted by the City Council. The Work on this project shall be finally completed by, and ready for final payment, on or before the 27th day of November, 2026 subject to any changes in the contract period as provided for in these specifications, and granted by the City Council.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa.

In accordance with Iowa statutes, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference, or any other form of preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that state or foreign country. The preference allowed shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. In the instance of a resident labor force preference, a nonresident bidder shall apply the same resident labor force preference to a public improvement in this state as would be required in the construction of a public improvement by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by the Architect/Engineer. These plans and specifications, and the proceedings of the City Council referring to and defining said improvements, are hereby made a part of this Notice and the proposed contract by reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed to comply therewith. Drawings, specifications, and other Bidding Documents may also be obtained online at www.questcdn.com. If you do not already have a free membership, you may sign up for one to gain access to the documents. The QuestCDN eBid Doc number is 10137326. There is no fee to access a pdf copy of the documents online.

Documents are viewable at both www.questcdn.com and www.isginc.com free of charge.

Any bidder or equipment supplier whose firm or affiliate is listed in the GSA publication "List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Procurement Programs" will be prohibited from the bidding process. Anyone submitting a bid who is listed in this publication will be determined to be a non-responsive bidder in accordance with 40 CFR Part 31.

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FGH JanFebMar FY26 Quarterly Checks

Table with 2 columns: Vendor/Internal Remarks, Sum of Amount. Lists various vendors and their payment amounts for the quarter.

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CIDCM Meeting 2 Minutes 3.27.26

Central Iowa Detention Commission Meeting Minutes March 27, 2026 CIJDC Iowa Room 2317 Rick Collins Way, Eldora IA

Contracts were presented. Talsma motioned to approve as presented, 2 nd Faisal. MCU.

CIDCM Exec Comm Meeting 4.9.26 Central Iowa Detention Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 04/09/2026

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Coulter Council Minutes 4.8.26

City of Coulter Unapproved Minutes of April 8, 2026 Council Meeting City of Coulter Council Meeting at Coulter City Hall called to order at 6:30pm on April 8, 2026 by Mayor Myron Lawler.

tended. Fun was had by all. Mayor Lawler called County Engineer regarding street repairs. Will inform Council when he hears from him.

CIDCM Exec Comm Meeting 4.7.26 Central Iowa Detention Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 04/07/2026

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FROM THE LOG

Franklin County

Police Reports

Small Claims

Stafonia Bamrick, of Mason City, versus Cody Maas, of Sheffield, non-jury trial set for April 16 at 10:30 a.m.  
 Jesse Emmanuel Resinos Escobar, of Hampton, versus Hauge Associates, of Sioux Falls, non-jury trial set for April 30 at 10 a.m.  
 Tyler Muhlenbruch, of Dows, versus W&H Cooperative Oil Co., of Humboldt, verification of account filed April 1  
 Carol Wood, of Alden, versus LNVN Funding LLC, of Alden, verification of account filed April 1  
 Lucas Tanner Ammerman, of Dows, versus Dani Eisentrager, verification of account filed April 2  
 Marina Guerrero, of Hampton, versus Quad Corporation, of Davenport, voluntary dismissal

Criminal

Carol Janette Wood, of Alden, theft in the third degree, aggravated misdemeanor, guilty – negotiated/volun plea, suspended jail time, probation, fine  
 Darrell Dean Kamrad, of Sheffield, violation of probation, revocation hearing set for April 27 at 10:15 a.m.  
 Nathaniel Samuel Ruiz, of Hampton, stalking using technological device, contempt – violation of no contact/protective order, violation of probation, revocation hearing set for April 20 at 11:30 a.m.  
 Joshua Rapp, of Coulter, kidnapping in the first degree – intentionally subject to torture or sexual abuse, willful injury causing bodily injury, domestic abuse assault impeding air/blood flow causing bodily injury, guilty – negotiated/volun plea, fine, suspended fine, DNA requirement  
 Victor Ivan Ferman Nava, intimidation with a dangerous weapon – injure/provoke fear, dismissed; assault while displaying a dangerous weapon, prison, probation, DNA requirement, fine, suspended prison time  
 Luis Adrian Ramirez, of Marshalltown, public intoxication, hearing set for April 9 at 8 a.m.  
 Todd James Franke, of Hampton, theft in the fifth degree, guilty – negotiated/volun plea, \$105 fine  
 Casey Fink, reckless use of fire/explosives/destructive devices, violation of probation, revocation hearing set for April 27 at 10:30 a.m.  
 Elizabeth Zeibot, of MO, assault causing bodily injury or mental illness, preliminary hearing set for April 16 at 3 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 7:**  
**Franklin County Sheriff's Office**  
 1:19 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 1800 block of Highway 3 in Hampton.  
 3:34 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 2100 block of Highway 65 in Sheffield.  
 10:58 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn on 55th St in Ackley.  
 12:08 p.m.: Motorist assist in the 1700 block of Highway 65 in Hampton.  
 2:07 p.m.: Traffic stop at Lark and 250th St in Sheffield.  
 2:22 p.m.: Motorist assist in the 500 block of 250th St in Thornton.  
 2:50 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 800 block of 190th St in Latimer.  
 5:34 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 700 block of Highway 3 in Latty.  
 7:48 p.m.: Misc call from the McDonald's parking lot in Hampton.

**Hampton Police Department**  
 11:06 a.m.: False 911 calls.  
 11:17 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 400 block of 12th Ave NE in Hampton.  
 11:51 a.m.: Phone call to return from the 200 block on 2nd St SE in Hampton.  
 2:26 p.m.: Phone call to return from the 400 block of 10th Ave NE in Hampton.  
 4:04 p.m.: Misc call from the 400 block of 7th St SW in Hampton.  
 6:05 p.m.: Report of a hit and run at the Wellness Center in Hampton.  
 9:36 p.m.: Welfare check in the 300 block of 1st St SE in Hampton.

**Wednesday, April 8:**  
**Franklin County Sheriff's Office**  
 7:22 a.m.: Traffic complaints on I-35 northbound, around mile marker 175, in Sheffield.  
 12:59 p.m.: False 911 calls from Club Drive in Hampton.  
 1:54 p.m.: Call regarding dogs from Latimer.  
 2:09 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right-of-way on I-35, around mile marker 153 southbound, in Dows.  
 2:22 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 1400 block of Gull Ave in Latimer.  
 2:36 p.m.: Motorist assist at Indigo and 170th St in Latimer.  
 4:25 p.m.: Report of animals other than dogs on Highway 6 and 95th in Hampton.  
 4:47 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 900 block of Highway 65 in Hampton.  
 5:51 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Highway 65 in Sheffield.  
 7:01 p.m.: Report of juveniles on Timber Ave in Hansell.  
 10:46 p.m.: Report of fire south of Highway 3 and east of Timber in Geneva.  
 11:40 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 800 block of Highway 3 in Latimer.  
 11:51 p.m.: Traffic stop at South St and Akir St in Latimer.

**Hampton Police Department**  
 1:39 a.m.: Medical assist in the 1300 block of N Federal in Hampton.  
 4:40 a.m.: Misc call from Central Ave W in Hampton.  
 8:39 a.m.: Phone call to return from the 200 block of 3rd Ave NE

in Hampton.  
 8:49 a.m.: Report of animals other than dogs from the 100 block of 2nd Ave SW in Hampton.  
 12:21 p.m.: Phone call to return from the 100 block of 1st St NE in Hampton.  
 1:30 p.m.: Report of property damage in the 100 block of 1st St NW in Hampton.  
 1:41 p.m.: False 911 calls in Hampton.  
 3:39 p.m.: Telephone call from Casey's in Hampton.  
 5:36 p.m.: Telephone call from the 900 block on 2nd St NE in Hampton.  
**Thursday, April 9:**  
**Hampton Police Department:**  
 3:09 p.m.: Call regarding nuisance/junk ordinance in the 100 block of 2nd Ave SW in Hampton.  
 3:23 p.m.: Misc call from the 400 block of 10th Ave NE in Hampton.  
 3:44 p.m.: Call regarding nuisance/junk ordinance in the 300 block of 5th St SE in Hampton.

**Franklin County Sheriff's Office:**  
 12:48 a.m.: Misc call from 190th St east of Nettle Ave in Hampton.  
 2 a.m.: Motorist assistance on I-35 mile marker 163-164 southbound in Coulter.  
 2:37 a.m.: Report of animals other than dogs on Highway 3 and Raven in Hampton.  
 8:08 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn on 220th St in Sheffield.  
 9:16 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn on 190th St in Latimer.  
 10:04 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Grouse Ave in Alexander.  
 10:17 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn at 70th and 80th between Killdeer and Lark in Bradford.  
 10:57 a.m.: Call regarding dogs on I-35 southbound I-64 in Coulter.  
 11:11 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn on 240th St in Sheffield.  
 11:19 a.m.: Phone call to return from Grant St in Coulter.  
 11:35 a.m.: Motorist assist on Highway 3 and Finch SPB300 in Coulter.  
 12:19 p.m.: Ambulance call from Gull Ave in Latimer.  
 12:15 p.m.: Traffic complaints from Highway 3 at the railroad tracks in Hampton.  
 12:54 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 900 block of Highway 3 in Coulter.  
 1:17 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on 30th St in Ackley.  
 1:43 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn at Cardinal Ave and 85th St in Dow City.  
 2:05 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Balsam Ave in Meservey.  
 2:06 p.m.: Traffic stop at Main and 5th in Coulter.  
 2:29 p.m.: Traffic complaints at Washington and South St in Geneva.  
 2:28 p.m.: Garbage complaint west of tracks on 125th St in Geneva.  
 2:27 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on I-65 in Hampton.  
 2:49 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Rail and Quail Ave in Geneva.  
 3:12 p.m.: Report of a controlled

burn on 170th St in Latimer.  
 3:51 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Olive Ave in Hampton.  
 4:19 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on 130th St in Hampton.  
 4:37 p.m.: Report of a family dispute in the 100 block of Grant St in Coulter.  
 4:44 p.m.: Report of a no contact order violation on Van Kirk St in Latimer.  
 8:39 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the 400 block of 190th St in Alexander.  
 9:55 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1300 block of Heather Ave in Coulter.  
 10:22 p.m.: Traffic stop on Highway 3 and Killdeer in Latimer.  
 11:13 p.m.: Traffic stop at Highway 3 and Killdeer in Latimer.  
 11:22 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle at Heather Ave south of Highway 3 in Coulter.

**Friday, April 10:**  
**Hampton Police Department**  
 8:33 a.m.: Report of an alarm on 1st St SW in Hampton.  
 10:12 a.m.: Call regarding a school problem in Hampton.  
 1:01 p.m.: Welfare check in the 300 block of 1st Ave NW in Hampton.  
 3:37 p.m.: Call regarding a family dispute in the 100 block of 1st St SE in Hampton.  
 3:49 p.m.: Phone call to return.  
 4:16 p.m.: Parking ordinance in the 200 block of 1st Ave SE in Hampton.  
 4:18 p.m.: Parking ordinance in the 200 block of 2nd St SE in Hampton.  
 4:38 p.m.: Traffic complaints on Highway 3 going into Hampton.  
 4:43 p.m.: Traffic stop south of Highway 3 on Olive Ave in Hampton.  
 6:02 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 10 block of 2nd St NE in Hampton.  
 6:14 p.m.: Traffic complaints in the 800 block of 6th St SW in Hampton.  
 6:16 p.m.: Motorist assist in the 1100 block of 4th St SE in Hampton.  
 7:02 p.m.: Report of illegal burning in the 100 block of 10th PI NW in Hampton.  
 7:21 p.m.: Traffic complaints on Highway 65 northbound from 140th St in Hampton.  
 7:42 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1300 block of Heather Ave in Hampton.  
 8:39 p.m.: Traffic stop at the Fairground entrance on Olive Ave in Hampton.  
 10:01 p.m.: Traffic stop on BSA and Highway 65 in Hampton.

**Franklin County Sheriff's Office**  
 1:25 a.m.: Traffic stop on I-35 northbound at around mile marker 159 in Dows.  
 1:46 a.m.: Traffic stop on I-35 northbound at around mile marker 170 in Latimer.  
 3:12 a.m.: Traffic stop at 100 St and Cardinal in Dows.  
 3:39 a.m.: Traffic stop on I-35 northbound at around mile marker 162 in Dows.  
 6:10 a.m.: Report of a fire on 250th St in Thornton.  
 8:16 a.m.: Report of false pre-

tense/swindle on N 4th St in Sheffield.  
 8:38 a.m.: Phone call to return from Grant St in Coulter.  
 12:15 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Don Roma Rd in Dows.  
 12:49 p.m.: Traffic complaints at 190th St and Olive Ave in Hampton.  
 2:04 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn at 95th st and Apricot Ave in Dows.  
 3:55 p.m.: Ambulance call from Eagle Ave in Latimer.  
 4 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on 255th St in Sheffield.  
 4:07 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Jonquil Ave in Latimer.  
 4:32 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on 240th St in Sheffield.  
 4:47 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Nettle Ave in Sheffield.  
 5:35 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Oaklan Dr and Finch in Alden.  
 5:40 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Timber Ave in Geneva.  
 5:54 p.m.: False 911 calls.  
 6 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn at E 160th and Lark in Latimer.  
 6:03 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn in Geneva.  
 6:08 p.m.: Traffic complaints from the walking trail in Latimer.  
 6:55 p.m.: Motorist assist at 70th and Lark in Bradford.  
 6:57 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Spruce Ave in Geneva.  
 7:19 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn at Violet and 135th in Hampton.  
 7:25 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn north of 125th, between Spruce and Timber, in Geneva.  
 7:51 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle on Heather Ave in Latimer.  
 8:11 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Lark Ave in Hampton.  
 8:12 p.m.: Traffic stop on 4th St NE in Hampton.  
 9:21 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Thrush Ave in Geneva.  
 10:03 p.m.: Report of property damage on Highway 65 in Hampton.

**Saturday, April 11:**  
**Hampton Police Department:**  
 12:33 a.m.: Neighborhood complaints near the 400 block of 8th Ave SW in Hampton.  
 3:06 a.m.: Parking ordinance in the 200 block of 1st St NW in Hampton.  
 6:02 a.m.: Report of an alarm in the 800 block of 4th St SE in Hampton.  
 10:48 a.m.: Report of nuisance/junk ord in the 100 block of 6th St NW in Hampton.  
 12:54 p.m.: Report of fraud in the 100 block of 5th St SW in Hampton.  
 3:53 p.m.: Phone call to return.  
 7:01 p.m.: Motorist assist at Kwik Star in Hampton.  
**Franklin County Sheriff's Office:**  
 12:09 a.m.: Booking information for violations of no contact order.  
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 2:23 a.m.: Drug/narcotic violation on US Highway 65 at 180th St in Hampton.  
 7:15 a.m.: False 911 calls.

7:40 a.m.: Motorist assist on I-35 northbound, near the Alexander exit.  
 9:43 a.m.: Call regarding dogs on I-35 in Latimer.  
 10:50 a.m.: Ambulance call on Eagle Ave in Thornton.  
 11:54 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn in the 400 block of 110th St in Dows.  
 1 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn at 190th and Jonquil Ave in Latimer.  
 1:20 p.m.: Report of a vehicle off the roadway at 1st St NW and Central Ave W in Hampton.  
 2:29 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn in the 2000 block of Wren Ave in Dougherty.  
 2:43 p.m.: Report of a vehicle off the roadway in the 1800 block of Highway 3 in Hampton.  
 7:13 p.m.: Request to assist the Hampton Police Department in Hampton.  
 10:50 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 1500 block of Highway 2 in Hampton.  
 10:59 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 1000 block of Highway 3 in Coulter.  
 11:13 p.m.: Misc call from 5th St SW in Hampton.  
 11:38 p.m.: Traffic stop at Highway 3 and Gull in Coulter.

**Sunday, April 12:**  
**Hampton Police Department**  
 3:26 a.m.: Motorist assist in the 400 block of Central Ave W in Hampton.  
 6:40 a.m.: Ambulance call in 20 block of 6th Ave in Hampton.  
 3:08 p.m.: Neighborhood complaints in the 300 block of 2nd Ave NE in Hampton.  
 5:13 p.m.: Ambulance call in the 20 block of Shar Denn Dr in Hampton.  
 9:59 p.m.: Report of suspicious noise/firework in the 400 block of 1st St NW in Hampton.  
 11:03 p.m.: Ambulance call in the zero block of 4th Ave NW in Hampton.

**Franklin County Sheriff's Office**  
 1:12 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 2000 block of Highway 3 in Dumont.  
 1:34 a.m.: Report of an alarm on 2nd St in Bradford.  
 8:26 a.m.: Ambulance call on Yarrow Ave in Hampton.  
 11:03 a.m.: Traffic complaints on Highway 65 and 210th St in Rockwell.  
 11:24 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 400 block of Highway 3 in Latimer.  
 11:55 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn in Geneva.  
 12:10 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 1300 block of Mallard Ave in Hampton.  
 12:18 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 1200 block of Mallard Ave in Hampton.  
 12:28 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 1100 block of Mallard Ave in Hampton.  
 1:13 p.m.: Traffic complaints on Interstate 35 southbound, near the Dows exit.  
 4:36 p.m.: Call regarding dogs on N Donovan St in Latimer.  
 5:35 p.m.: Traffic complaints on Highway 3 and Timber Ave eastbound in Hansell.  
 5:57 p.m.: Trespass of real property on Wren Ave in Dougherty.

Police & Sheriff report 4-7 to 4-11 Hampton

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Magner competed in Original Oratory and Program of Oral Interpretation (POI), earning second alternate status for the national tournament in POI.  
 In debate, students competed in both Student Congress and Public Forum. Ryne Magner and Reed Masters were awarded Medals of Excellence at the state debate tournament, while Magner and Carolina Gomez advanced to Student Congress

National Qualifiers.  
 The night also included recognition of individual achievements. Anna Robles was named Speech MVP, while Christina Hernandez and Autumn Jansen shared Rookie of the Year honors. Reed Masters was recognized as an IHSSA RISE member. In debate, Ryne Magner earned MVP honors, and Jonathan Zamora was named Rookie of the Year.

All-State honorees were recognized, including performers in Reader's Theater and Ensemble Acting, as well as individual standouts: America Dominguez (Prose), Marlee Maas (Poetry), Sariah Whalen-Flores (Poetry), Anna Robles (Literary Program and Acting), Nora Dunnwald (Literary Program), and Jovaner Camerillo-Calles (Expository Address). Robles made school history as the first stu-

dent to earn All-State honors in two individual events and two large group events. This is the most allowed a year by IHSSA.  
 Students were also acknowledged for their years of participation, including seniors James Chambers, America Dominguez, Arnold Guevara, and Emma Dietz, who each competed all four years in both large group and individual speech.  
 A major milestone for the

program came earlier this year when Hampton-Dumont-CAL was awarded National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) Charter School status on January 26, becoming just the sixth school in East Iowa to receive the distinction.  
 Looking ahead, the program is preparing to host the IHSSA District Individual Events in February, as well as a speech and debate tournament in No-

ember. Additional tournaments are also in the works.  
 "With a record setting season behind us, we'll use that momentum to continue to grow our program and showcase our students. Not only do we get to showcase our students, but they are also improving on their communication skills which will help them now and in the future," said Coach Magner.



Some of the large group speech students at their Preview Night at the Windsor Theater.



Some of the individual event speech students at State IE's at Maquoketa Valley High School.

# Senior Center Cribbage Tournament Fundraiser

The team at the Hampton Senior Center held their first cribbage tournament fundraiser on Saturday, April 11, to raise money for their upcoming projects and events. Check out photos from that event below.



Community members ready to play cribbage at the senior center.



Senior Center members Lynn Collins and Doug Turner ready to register those who stop by.



Larry Havig, Mayor Steve Birdsall and Tim Beer, who is giving the mayor bunny ears.



Senior Center Treasurer Vicki Claypool, Senior Center Manager Krysta Weinandy and Senior Center Board Vice President Mike Bridwell.



Bob Card, Nancy Richard, Dan and Judy before the cribbage tournament kicked off.

# High School Students Learn Budgeting Basics

H-D-CAL high schoolers in the adulting class taught by Sarah Baird practiced the basics of budgeting during a special financial simulation on Friday, April 10. Check out photos from that below.



Jerre Grefe going over entertainment budgeting with Joel Castillo.



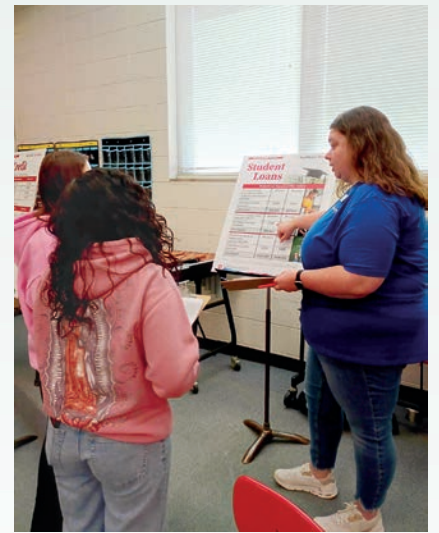
Jennifer Gruelke helping Shyanne Fuller.



Elliana Ragsdale helping Eva Rojas with budgeting for clothing.



Brad Scheideman talking finances with Ruben Betancourth and Gerardo Partida.



Kayleigh Bass speaking with Lilliana McNutt and Thalia Coloriano.



Kolette Janssen with Shyanne Fuller.



Laela Ragsdale with Ruben Betancourth, Joel Castillo and Gerardo Partida.



Quinn Miller getting tips on health insurance budgeting.



Robyn Kofoot sharing advice on budgeting for childcare.



Missy Crawford, Scott Sackville, Jennifer Gruelke and Laela Ragsdale ready to help students.



Dallas Winkowitsch, Liam Murray, Kaitlyn Emery, Jacob Cary, Cam Barber and Ayleen Rodriguez learning from Lili Velasco.

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## Celebrating America's 250th Birthday

The Republican Party of Franklin County held its annual fundraiser event at the Franklin County Convention Center on Thursday evening, April 9. Check out photos from that event below.



Chris Vanness, Carissa Sisson and James Sisson ready to enjoy some dinner catered by Mother's Place.



Marilyn Latham, Don Latham, Jim Latham, Marcia Latham, Chris Morton and Kent Morton.



Ian and Hope Foley with Ian's collection of artwork.



More than 200 people stopped by for the annual fundraiser.



James Fuchs, Dick Lukensmeyer, Linda Viet, Naomi Morton, Deb Lukensmeyer and Karen VanWert.



Lori and Doug Tarr taking tickets.



Senator Dennis Guth, Margaret Guth, junior delegate Ellie Borchering, junior delegate Gracelyn Abbas, Rep. Shannon Latham and John Latham.



Brad Sherman, a Republican candidate for Iowa Governor, with Robert Nazario.



Charlotte Lemke, Carlie Lemke and Carmen Hartkopp with the birthday cake.



Mitch Williams interviewing Brad Sherman, a Republican candidate for Iowa Governor.



Larry Sailer up at the podium at the start of the event.



Paula and Kent Craighton take a break from greeting community members.

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Partygoers filling up their plates at the buffet line.

# SPORTS

## AGWSR's Koop retiring from coaching football

BY JON MOHWINKLE  
RadioOnTheGo Sports

James Koop recently retired from his duties as the head football coach at AGWSR. He was the program's head coach for 10 seasons, and spent 27 seasons total among Northwestern College, AGWSR, Alden and Northeast Hamilton.

When he took over as the head coach for his alma mater, he had a mission to positively impact student-athletes beyond the game.

"I said when I became head coach, the goal is, yeah, you want to win ball games, but that can't be your mission as a head coach," Koop says. "Your mission needs to be helping young men become good fathers, good husbands, and good community leaders someday. Don't get me wrong. I don't like losing.

Never have, but football's a tool to greater things. And I hope the kids that I've coached over the years and the people I've coached with and associated with understand that."

He says throughout his coaching career, he's seen some changes to the game. But none are more impactful than the recent trickle-down effect of the college transfer portal.

"The biggest change I've seen has happened in the last five years, and it's trickled down from college. And it's also something that disappoints me,

the transfer portal mentality. Iowa State's women's basketball right now, 10 out of 12 girls left. Not completely, but we've lost the idea of 'This is my home.

This is where I want to win. And if we're not winning, I want to work hard enough to rebuild it.' It's not an AGWSR problem. It's a societal problem that if we're not winning instantly, if we're not getting enough playing time instantly, we're going to go somewhere else."

He hopes to have taught important life lessons along the way.

"Off and on over the years, I've talked to the kids about

handling adversity, because it's not about handling adversity on the football field. It's about when you're, God forbid this happened to anybody, but you're 40-years-old and the doctor comes in and says your wife has cancer. That's adversity. Or you go and serve our country, and you come home with PTSD. That's adversity. Hopefully little things we did in high school football helped prepare them for bigger adversities that they might, God forbid, have to deal with in the future, so that they know when bad happens, you don't quit. And you just keep plugging away, finding a way."

During his time as AGWSR Head Coach, the teams combined to go 43-44 with two playoff appearances. Five players earned all-state honors, and four were selected to play in the Shrine Bowl.



# ATHLETE of the Week

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

This week's Athlete of the Week is Victoria Flomo.

Flomo, a foreign exchange student from Liberia who's staying with the Schirmer family in Hampton, plays soccer for H-D-CAL. And she loves it, she said. According to her, the sport is all about passion and teamwork.

Flomo, who serves as the team's striker, has been playing soccer since 2017. She said that her school back home is a "soccer school," with around 99 percent of the students playing soccer. She hopes to play soccer at the collegiate level someday. She will graduate from H-D-CAL with her fellow seniors next month.

When she's not busy with schoolwork or sports, Flomo can be found spending time with the Schirmer family. They enjoy eating out together, especially at 805 Pizza and Chicken, where Flomo always orders the fried chicken and monkey bites.

When asked about her favorite part of Hampton, she said "the people."



Victoria Flomo

## H-D-CAL girls soccer in Iowa Falls

The H-D-CAL lady Bulldogs played at Iowa Falls Monday evening, April 6. They lost 10-0. Photos from that match below. Photos by Colt Powers



Heiskov (right) in action.



Maddie Pralle dribbling.



Grace Hartford ready to take a shot.



Grace Hartford ready to take a shot.



Maddie Pralle dribbling.



Goal keeper Madison Heiskov blocking a shot.



Heiskov making a goal kick.

## Bulldogs began boys golf season, tied in boys soccer Thursday

BY JON MOHWINKLE  
RadioOnTheGo Sports

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL boys golf team began its season last Thursday, April 9, at the Des Moines Christian Invite.

Competing at Jester Park Golf Course, the Bulldogs placed ninth with a score of 452. Caiden Heiskov finished with a team-best 99 strokes for 43rd place. Oliver Arenholz was

46th with 109, Gavin Rodemeyer was 50th with 121 and Maddan Abbas was 51st with 123. They'll return to action Tuesday for a home triangular.

The boys soccer team tied Humboldt 2-2 on the road. All four goals were scored in the first half, followed by a scoreless second half. Christian Zavala and Oziel Trevino scored the goals. Joseph Cruz recorded 11 saves.

## Bulldogs notch first win in boys soccer over IFA Monday

BY JON MOHWINKLE  
RadioOnTheGo Sports

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL boys soccer team earned a 7-2 win at Iowa Falls-Alden Monday, as aired on 104.9 KLMJ and RadioOnTheGo's YouTube channel.

Oziel Trevino and Owen Penning traded goals within the first 15 minutes for a 1-1 tie. With 3:53 left in the first half, Hunter Rieken connected on a shot for a 2-1 Bulldog lead, then

hit another 24 seconds later. With 0:58 until halftime, Jordan Sosa-Martinez capped off a strong half by the Bulldogs for a 4-1 halftime lead.

Jairo Martinez connected on a goal with 7:55 left in the game, then Rieken hit two more in quick succession before the end. The Cadets had one more score when Penning connected on his second goal of the game in the final minutes. Rieken says the team heated up as the game progressed.

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# H-D-CAL track in Humboldt



William Vosburg (middle) distance running.

The H-D-CAL track team gave it their all in Humboldt on Friday, April 10. Coach Dan Aalbers shared the following with the Chronicle: "We were really happy we were able to add this meet and get our 1st outdoor meet of the year in. The weather was better than we have had most of the spring and the winds were light. Overall, I was encouraged by what I saw from an effort and competing standpoint. Things that stood out to me: Beau Morton is off to a great start to his junior year. He threw a PR 147-04" in the discus for 2nd and 51'9" in the shot for 3rd. His disciplined approach and many extra hours outside of 'regular' practice are paying off. Bayden Wrich, a sophomore, is turning into a solid sprinter. He won the 200 meter dash in a time of 23.19 and also placed in the 100 and anchored our 4 x 100 to a 3rd place finish. (Briggs Gruelke, Aaden Keehn, Carter Arends, and Bayden Wrich). Aaden Keehn has improved his speed and is contributing heavily in sprint relays as well as his normal hurdle events. Finally, I want to highlight the efforts of Will Vosburg and Arnold Guevara placing 4th and 5th in the open 800 an event which we have struggled to score points in the last few years." -- Reporting and photos by Colt Powers



Joe Powers sprinting.



Joe Powers (left) and Jared Sosa shaking hands after their run.



Aaden Keehn (middle) hurdling.



Hudson Hansen sprinting.



Bayden Wrich sprinting.



Arnold Guevara distance running.



Joe Powers sprinting.



Emmanuel Iddrisu running hurdles.



Matthew Dohlman distance running.



Jared Sosa after finishing the relay.



Reed Masters running hurdles.



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## RadioOnTheGo Sports/99 The Wave to Broadcast Iowa Woo for 2026 Season

Hampton – OnTheGoMedia and the Iowa Woo are proud to announce a new partnership to bring professional arena football coverage to the airwaves. Under the agreement, RadioOnTheGo Sports will broadcast Woo home games on 99 The Wave (98.9 KQCR-FM) and @RadioOnTheGo on YouTube during the 2026 season.

The collaboration coincides with the Woo's move to the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls. Starting in May, RadioOnTheGo Sports will deliver play-by-play, analysis, and digital content, ensuring fans can follow every moment of the fast-paced Arena League action.

"We are excited to partner with the Iowa Woo as they take the field at the UNI-Dome," said RadioOnTheGo Sports Director and play-by-play voice Jon Mohwinkle. "Our team is ready to deliver a professional broadcast experience that matches the electric atmosphere Woo fans have come to expect."

Fans can stay up to date on game times and broadcast links by following 99 The Wave on Facebook or



visiting [RadioOnTheGo.com](http://RadioOnTheGo.com).

### About the Iowa Woo:

The Iowa Woo is a professional arena football team based in the Cedar Valley. Competing in The Arena League, the Woo provide a high-scoring, fast-paced brand of football focused on intense competition and community-driven, family-friendly entertainment.

### About 99 The Wave:

99 The Wave is the Cedar Valley's home for Yacht Rock and Classic Hits of the 1970's and 80's, delivering a mix of feel-good favor-

ites. We feature timeless music with local news, award-winning high school sports coverage from RadioOnTheGo Sports, and engaging on-air personalities.

### About OnTheGoMedia, Inc.:

OnTheGoMedia, Inc. is a locally owned and operated media company based in Hampton, specializing in radio broadcasting, digital content, and advertising solutions. With a deep commitment to community service, OnTheGoMedia strives to connect and engage audiences through quality programming and local support.

## MARATHON: FROM PAGE 2

knowing you can do hard things," she said.

Macala said qualifying for this marathon is more difficult than most realize.

"There are obviously tons of marathons out there that you don't necessarily have to have a certain time in order to even apply but for the Boston Marathon you have to run a pretty great time," she said. "If you don't have that time, you can't even apply, so for example, as a 36-year-old, I needed to have a 3 hours and 30 minutes marathon in order to even submit my application but just because you got the time doesn't mean you are going to get accepted. The Boston Marathon usually has an additional "buffer" time that athletes need to account for when trying to qualify. There were 10,000-12,000 runners who qualified this year and submitted an application and who were turned away for not having fast

enough times."

Macala said that Alexa trained for about four to five years in preparation to apply.

"For years, she was trying to get a time good enough to qualify for Boston and she kept getting close and eventually she qualified, but it wasn't good enough, and so finally this last year, in September, she ran a marathon and had a six-minute buffer for the Boston marathon and was finally accepted," Macala said. "She worked so hard for so long. This is a dream for a lot of marathoners to be able to run the Boston Marathon, because it is a prestigious race and this is where you get the best of the best. You have to compete at a higher level to even get into the marathon."

Macala re-qualified for this year's marathon with a time of 3:15:18, while Alexa qualified for this year's marathon with a time of

3:19:54 last September.

"I got to run with her the last mile and seeing her cross the finish line with over a five-minute buffer to qualify for Boston was one of my best memories that I will always cherish," said Macala.

Not only are the two sisters excited for themselves, but they are excited for their other sister, Olivia, who ran the Boston Marathon in 2013, as she will get to cheer them on from the sidelines this year.

Macala said this will be Olivia's first time back to Boston since 2013 when the Boston bombing took place. She is looking forward to having this trip be a redeeming experience for Olivia filled with good memories that will last a lifetime.

Alexa graduated from Hampton-Dumont High School in 2006 and Macala in 2008.

This year's Boston Marathon will be held on Monday, April 20.