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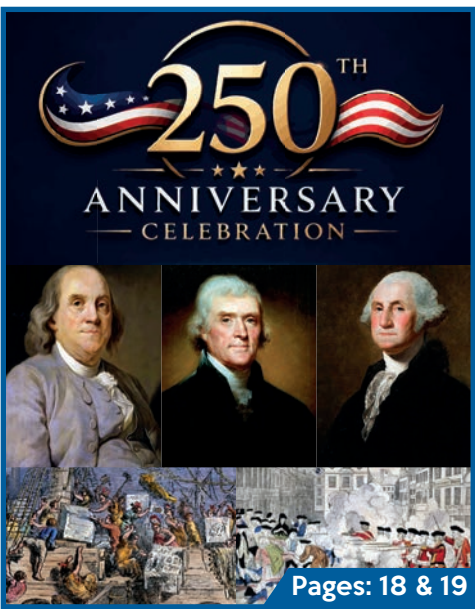
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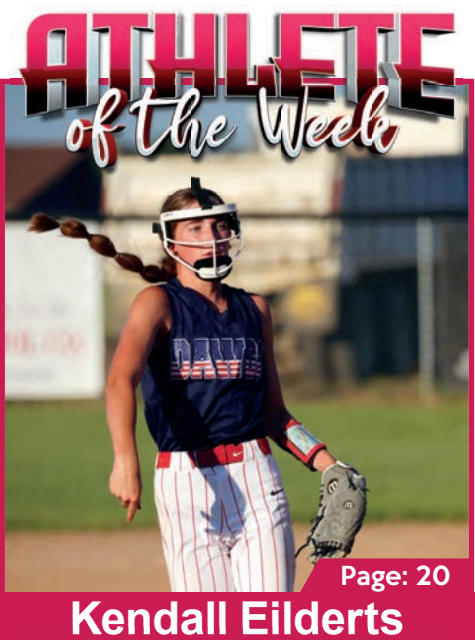
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Temporary Repair Completed Following Hampton Water Main Break

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

A temporary repair has been completed following Friday's water main break along Highway 3 near the Franklin County Courthouse in Hampton.

Hampton Public Works Director Doug Tarr tells RadioOnTheGo News city crews have installed a temporary patch and are hoping to complete a permanent repair by the end of next week.

Water service has been restored to the affected area, but Tarr says residents and businesses along the Highway 3 corridor may continue to experience lower-than-normal water pressure until permanent repairs are finished.

Traffic control will remain in place near the repair site until the



Crews worked to temporarily patch the broken water main that occurred along Highway 3 near the Franklin County Courthouse.

permanent fix can be completed. Motorists are asked to obey traffic control devices and use caution while traveling through the area.

The water main break Fri-

day temporarily disrupted water service for customers along the Highway 3 corridor and forced the closure of the Franklin County Courthouse.

Gettin' Toasted Turns Setback Into Community Support After Accident

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

ROCKWELL – A local food truck business is temporarily off the road after an accident, but Gettin' Toasted owner Pat Hurley, also known as "Mr. Toasty," is finding a way to continue serving the community.

On June 19, Hurley was traveling a route he had driven many times when, for reasons still unknown, he ended up in the ditch and rolled his truck. Hurley said he does not remember leaving the roadway but was thankful to walk away with only minor injuries.

The accident totaled his truck and may have also resulted in the loss of the trailer, forcing Gettin' Toasted to temporarily shut down operations.

"Equipment can be replaced. People can't," Hurley said.

While the accident created an unexpected challenge, it also led to an opportunity to help others. Bread and supplies that had already been ordered for Gettin' Toasted arrived after the accident, leaving Hurley with a decision on what to do with them.

"I had two choices: let it go to waste or find a way to help someone else," Hurley said. "That's not really a difficult decision. Food is meant to feed people, and if I couldn't turn it into grilled cheese sandwiches, I wanted to make sure it still found its way to people who could use it."

The extra supplies were donated to the Community Kitchen, allowing the food to continue benefiting people in need.

Hurley said giving back has always been part of what Gettin' Toasted represents.

"Helping people isn't something you only do when things are going well," he said. "Community has always been a huge part of what Gettin' Toasted stands for."

Since the accident, Gettin' Toasted has received an outpouring of support from people, including calls, messages, offers of help, equipment, job opportu-

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The Gettin' Toasted food truck, owned by Pat Hurley.

Hampton Municipal Band Bridges Generations of Musicians

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

The Hampton Municipal Band's 105th season is bringing together musicians whose experiences with the group span more than six decades, helping continue a tradition that has entertained the Hampton community for generations.

Among them is clarinet player Donna Dorsey, who has performed with the Hampton Municipal Band for more than 60 years. Dorsey grew up on a farm between Kelsey and Aplington before graduating from Dumont High School. She has played the clarinet since the fifth grade and says her love of music is what first inspired her to join the band.

"I love music," Dorsey says. "I love to sing and I wanted to play an instrument and I got started there and I never quit. I like to listen to music and we are a bunch that plays and I think that people enjoy it in the summertime. I enjoy this, otherwise I wouldn't be here."

While Dorsey represents decades of dedication to the band, trumpet player Casey Michelson is experiencing the tradition for the first time. Originally from Worthington, Minnesota, Michelson began playing trumpet in the fifth grade and continued performing through college as a member of the concert bands at Iowa State University. Now living in



Hampton Municipal Band members Casey Michelson, a first-year trumpet player, and Donna Dorsey, a clarinet player who has performed with the band for more than 60 years, represent the generations of musicians continuing the group's 105-year tradition.

Iowa Falls, he decided to join the Hampton Municipal Band for its 105th season.

Michelson says even though he's not originally

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Grand Marshal Roger Madsen leads the parade during the celebration.

Sheffield Marks 150 Years with Celebration, Community Pride

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

SHEFFIELD – The Sheffield community celebrated a major milestone of 150 years of history June 27th with a day full of activities, community gatherings and recognition of the people who have helped shape the town.

Residents and visitors gathered throughout the day to celebrate the milestone anniversary, which featured events for all ages and highlighted the community organizations and individuals who continue to make Sheffield a special place.

The celebration began with a 5K and kids dash organized by Megan Hejlik, with proceeds benefiting the Sheffield Betterment Foundation. Throughout the day, attendees enjoyed activities including a car show hosted by Wise Choice Detailing, waterball hosted by the Sheffield Fire Department, face painting by the West Fork Dance Team, a vendor show, live music in the city park and children's activities.

Local groups also helped bring the celebration to life by providing food, fundraising opportunities and activities for the community. The day wrapped up with the parade at 4 p.m. followed by a street dance featuring live music.

The event was organized by a special anniversary committee made up of Becky Moellers, Jill Conlon, Amy Stevens, Ron Wise, Megan Hejlik, Bonnie Theis, Julia Showalter, Sheri Bogue, Nathan Buss and others.

A highlight of the anniversary celebration was honoring four community members who were selected as this year's dignitaries.

Roger Madsen, who moved to Sheffield in 1965, served as grand marshal for the celebration. Madsen spent 34 years as a school coun-

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H-D reviews meal debt procedures after community support clears balances

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

The Hampton-Dumont Community School District says a strong response from the community has eliminated all outstanding student meal debt, while also prompting a review of how the district communicates with families about lunch accounts.

Superintendent Tim Felderman tells RadioOnTheGo News the district is grateful for the donations that came in after concerns were raised about unpaid meal balances.

"So one of the questions that's out there that has been brought up is, well, per the board's motion of having using Kinum as a debt collection, well, you had to buy these licenses. Well, actually right now we have not had to buy any licenses," Felderman says. "So there is not a cost at all for utilizing their services. Because again, there was no need to do that based on the generosity of our community. So the second thing that we then did was the remaining balances. Right now we have no lunch accounts with a negative balance. And that's a fantastic thing. Again, the generosity of our community, what they have done to step

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Water Aerobics Brings Summer Fitness to Hampton Aquatic Center

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON – As the summer season continues, the Hampton Aquatic Center is giving community members a chance to stay active and enjoy the benefits of exercising in the pool through its water aerobics classes.

The classes are held Monday through Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. during the pool season, providing participants with an evening workout option that combines movement, cardio, and plenty of energy. The class offers a chance for participants to get exercise while also enjoying

the social side of spending time with others in the community.

Water aerobics provides a low-impact workout that uses the resistance of the water to help participants build strength, improve flexibility and increase endurance. The pool environment allows participants to stay active while providing support for their bodies during exercise.

For Ruth Tapp, water aerobics has become a summer tradition because of both the fitness benefits and the friendships made along the way.

“The fellowship, knowing I’m not the only one who’s ag-

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Luann Huling, Carol Snell, Payton Buseman, Wendy Buseman, Linda Miller, Dorothy Madetzke, Ruth Tapp, Sue Guffey, Brooke Tapp, and Julie Abendschein enjoying water aerobics and the summer sunshine.

West Fork Food Pantry Celebrates 10 Years of Serving the Community

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

SHEFFIELD – The West Fork Food Pantry celebrated a decade of serving area families Thursday, recognizing 10 years of growth, community support and helping provide resources to those in need.

The pantry began in 2016 as a mobile pantry at the Lutheran Church after Diane Wills heard about an opportunity through the Food Bank of Iowa.

“When we first started, they dropped the pallets, we’d carry everything inside, organize it on our tables, and then clean it all up when we were done,” Wills said, reflecting on the early days. “They would send



Diane and Kim Wills, founders, stand with volunteers celebrating West Fork Food Pantry’s 10th anniversary.

us pallets of food, and we would just literally give it all away.”

The pantry served 16 families during its first distribu-

tion and continued growing. In 2018, the organization became a full-time pantry, allowing it to order specific food items based

on what families needed. After several years of operating out of the church, the pantry moved into its current Sheffield location in 2021. The building, which was previously the town’s bowling alley, has since been transformed into a larger facility with storage areas, freezers, coolers and organized sections where families can select the items they need.

Today, the West Fork Food Pantry serves between 35 and 50 families each week, representing more than 800 people each month. The pantry serves families throughout the West Fork school district and parts of

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Children, volunteers and church members gather for a group photo celebrating Zion Reformed Church’s Vacation Bible School.

Rural Church Attracts 87 Kids for Week of Vacation Bible School

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

SHEFFIELD – Zion Reformed Church in rural Sheffield welcomed children from across the area for its annual Vacation Bible School June 22-26, bringing together 87 students for a week of focused faith, learning and community.

The program continues to bring families together from several surrounding commu-

nities, including Sheffield, Hampton, Latimer and Belmond. Under the leadership of Pastor Petri van Rooyen, Zion Reformed Church continues to provide opportunities for children and families to connect through faith and fellowship.

Wendy Buseman, co-director of Zion Reformed Church’s Vacation Bible School alongside Bev Moore, has been involved with the program for more than 30 years. Buseman first began

helping with VBS at Zion in 1993 and has served as a director for the past decade.

This year’s VBS theme was “Snowball Mountain Challenge,” a winter-sports themed program that focuses on resilience and faith. The program teaches students the message of Philipians 4:13, “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” The theme’s mascot is Ollie, a seal who helps bring the lessons and activities to life throughout the week.

Zion used the Cokesbury curriculum, which Buseman said has been a strong fit for the church’s VBS program.

“We went with the Cokesbury curriculum because it’s one that we’ve used for several years,” Buseman said. “What I like about it is the stories that it has are kind of unique and some that are really interesting for the kids to learn about.”

Throughout the week, children participated in Bible lessons, music, science activities, recreation, themed snacks and other activities. Students also learned a daily memory verse and took part in skits and videos connected to each day’s lesson.

A special part of Zion’s VBS experience is the use of puppets to engage students and make

learning more memorable.

“I am the puppet master for the puppet that we like to use,” Buseman said. “It’s just a really fun thing to get kids pumped up and excited about learning about God.”

The free program welcomed children from preschool through sixth grade and attracted about 87 students this year. While some students are connected to Zion Reformed Church, many participants attend because of friendships, family connections or hearing about the program through the community.

“We are a rural church, and it’s really neat that the last two years we’ve actually offered a free VBS,” Buseman said. “It doesn’t matter what town you live in. It doesn’t matter what denomination you are. Everybody comes, and we all have a good time.”

Each year, Zion Reformed Church chooses a mission to support through the VBS offering. This year’s offering will go to Reborn Ranch, located north of Hampton on Highway 65. Reborn Ranch began its program two years ago and provides camps and opportunities for children at no charge. Zion

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Zion Reformed Church’s VBS winter-themed decorations set the stage for the week’s activities, featuring Ollie the mascot.

FGH Clinics and Business Office CLOSED Friday, July 3rd



In observance of the holiday, the Franklin General Hospital Clinics and Business Office will be closed July 3rd.

As always, our Emergency Department is open 24/7 for your emergent healthcare needs.



Tuesday on the Town Welcomed Cam Shelton

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON – Growing up in Casscoe, Arkansas, Cam Shelton found his passion for music at an early age. From picking up his first drum kit at just three years old to creating and performing his own songs, Shelton’s journey has been shaped by family, faith and the real-life experiences that inspire his music.

Shelton recently brought his music and story to Hampton during “Tuesday on the Town”, where he connected and shared songs with the community.

Music has always been a part of Shelton’s life, thanks to his father. Shelton shared that his father played music for many years and even moved to Nashville to pursue music as a keyboard player. After returning home, his father continued playing, keeping music present throughout Shelton’s childhood.

That influence helped Cam begin his own musical journey. After receiving his first drum kit around the age of three, Shelton started playing drums before eventually learning piano and expanding his skills as a musician.

By the time he was 14 years old, Shelton began traveling down to Gulf Shores, Alabama, to perform music. Those experiences helped him grow as a performer and continue developing his passion for music.

Shelton later began creating



Country artist Cam Shelton performed at Tuesday on the Town.

his own songs, with his debut song “Momma’s Bible” becoming a major milestone in his career. The song went on to win Song of the Year at the Mid-South Gospel Music Convention.

For Cam, songwriting comes from personal experiences and real-life stories. He explained that the songs he creates need to have a personal connection behind them.

“To write a song, it’s got to directly affect me,” Shelton said.

Outside of music, Shelton enjoys spending time outdoors and is an avid fisherman. He shared that his biggest bass catch was a little over nine pounds.

Shelton continues sharing his music with audiences and is preparing for the release of his upcoming song “Country Boy’s Creed,” which is set to be released on July 3rd.

Father Kevin’s Farewell Sunday, July 12

PRESS RELEASE

The public is invited to attend a farewell celebration for Father Kevin Earleywine who has been transferred to the Waterloo Area Pastorate as a part of the Journey in Faith reorganization of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Join parishioners of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church on Sunday, July 12 after 10:30 AM Mass from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the church, 1405 N. Federal, Hampton. A meal of grilled hamburgers and hotdogs with side dishes and desserts will be provided.



Father Kevin Earleywine

For more information, contact St. Patrick’s Church office at 641-456-4857.

Extreme heat warning issued for NC Iowa

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo News

The National Weather Service in Des Moines says an extreme heat warning remains in effect for portions of north central and northeast Iowa from noon Monday until 9 p.m. Tuesday.

The warning includes the entire RadioOnTheGo News listening area. Forecasters say dangerously hot conditions are expected, with heat index values above 100 degrees. The weather service says heat-related illnesses increase significantly during periods of

extreme heat and high humidity.

Residents are urged to drink plenty of fluids, stay in air-conditioned rooms, avoid the sun and check on relatives and neighbors.

Those who must be outside should wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing and limit strenuous activity to the early morning or evening. The weather service says people should take action if symptoms of heat exhaustion or heat stroke develop.

Forecasters say extreme heat could persist through much of the week and potentially into the Fourth of July weekend.

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nities and encouragement.

A friend even started a GoFundMe without Hurley asking.

“The support has meant more than I can put into words,” Hurley said.

While the business works through insurance and figures out what rebuilding will look like, Hurley said the goal remains the same: getting back on the road and continuing to serve the communities that have sup-

ported Gettin’ Toasted.

The experience has also changed the way Hurley views the community around him.

“When I started Gettin’ Toasted, I thought I was building a food truck,” Hurley said. “What I’ve learned over the last few days is that we built something much bigger than that. We built a family.”

He said the support has shown him that Gettin’ Toasted has become more than just grilled cheese sandwiches.

“It’s become a community of people who show up for each other when it matters most,” Hurley said.

As the business looks toward the future, Hurley said this is not the end of Gettin’ Toasted – just the next chapter.

“When Gettin’ Toasted returns, it’ll be with the same mission it’s always had – great food, great people and a whole lot of gratitude.”

With the support of “Toasty Nation” behind him, Hurley said Gettin’ Toasted’s next journey is already beginning.



Cheers to 60 Years

The children of Marlyn & Karen (Lehmann) Tripp happily announce their parent’s 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 9, 1966 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton, IA. They were blessed with their children, Brent (Brandy) Tripp, Ryan (Stephanie Zumbach) Tripp, Jolee (Greg) Mosier and Matthew (Kristina) Tripp and always remembering their beloved son, Brian, who lives forever in their hearts. They are further blessed with eight grandchildren, Hannah (Nathan) Winters, Garrison, Marshall, Elle, Britta, and Ava Tripp, Jacob and Jonathan Mosier. Marlyn and Karen farmed east of Dows during their 60 years of marriage and now live in Hampton.

Cards of congratulations may be sent to:
1547 140th Street, Hampton, IA 50441

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MidAmerican restores power after Sheffield area outage affects over 1,200 customers

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

More than 1,200 Mid-American Energy customers in Franklin and Cerro Gordo counties were without power Sunday morning before service was fully restored early in the afternoon.

In an email to RadioOnTheGo News, MidAmerican Energy Media Relations Manager Geoff Greenwood said a distribution circuit went offline in the Sheffield area, initially affecting 558 customers. The company later identified an issue at the Sheffield substation

that caused low voltage in the area.

For safety reasons, MidAmerican de-energized additional circuits while a substation crew investigated, increasing the number of affected customers to 1,288.

Line crews began restoring service late Sunday morning by switching affected circuits to an adjacent substation. Greenwood says all customers had power restored by 12:36 p.m.

A MidAmerican substation crew remained on-site Sunday afternoon making repairs inside the Sheffield substation.

Dows Man Headed to Trial Following Waverly Assault Charge

BY SHAWN DIETZ
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

WAVERLY, Iowa — A Dows man facing a simple misdemeanor assault charge in Bremer County is now scheduled for trial later this summer. According to Iowa court records, Magistrate Judge Karen Thalacker issued an order on Friday, June 26th setting a non-jury trial for Elian Angel Trevino, 21, for August 25, 2026, at 9:00 AM. The trial date follows a brief delay in the preliminary proceedings. Trevino was originally scheduled for an initial appearance on June 12th, but court documents show he filed a written plea of not guilty alongside a motion for a continuance. Judge Thalacker granted the extension, resetting his initial appearance to June 26th before formally scheduling the August bench trial. Trevino is currently acting as his own legal counsel.

Because the matter has been designated as a non-jury trial,

Judge Thalacker will preside over the courtroom, hear the arguments from both sides, and render the final verdict herself, rather than a traditional jury of peers.

As originally reported by RadioOnTheGo News on June 24th, the charge stems from an incident on December 7, 2025, near the Wartburg University campus in Waverly. Police allege that a confrontation took place around 1:19 AM near Wartburg Boulevard and First Avenue Northwest, during which Trevino is alleged to have pushed a female victim in the chest. According to the police report, witnesses at the scene had to restrain him from making further contact. Following a police investigation, a criminal complaint was officially filed via summons on May 26, 2026.

Under Iowa law, a simple misdemeanor is the lowest level of criminal offense but can still carry penalties including fines and potential jail time if a conviction is reached.

Rockwell City Council sets July 1 meeting agenda

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo News

The Rockwell City Council will consider annual utility rate increases and employee raises during its regular meeting Wednesday.

Other items on the agenda include nuisance properties and a levy assessment on utility

ills.

The meeting also will include committee reports, council discussion and employee discussion.

The meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the Rockwell Council Chambers. Council meetings also can be viewed on the city's YouTube page.

Marshall County Begins Road Work Ahead of RAGBRAI

BY ANDY JENNINGS
RadioOnTheGo News

The Marshall County Engineer's Office has begun a pair of road improvement projects, including one aimed at preparing for thousands of cyclists during this year's RAGBRAI ride.

On Friday, crews closed a portion of Green Mountain Road in the community of Green Mountain for construction. The closure extends from Wallace Avenue to Somers Street on the east side of the cemetery. Officials say local access will be maintained throughout the project, but motorists should expect delays

and use caution when traveling through the area.

In the coming weeks, the county will also resurface and smooth a section of Wallace Avenue just north of the Highway 96 T-intersection before the road enters Grundy County. The work is being completed ahead of the RAGBRAI route on July 23, helping provide a smoother and safer ride for participants as they travel through Marshall County.

Drivers are encouraged to watch for construction signs, slow down in work zones, and allow extra travel time while the improvements are underway.

Hampton Council awards street project contract

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

The Hampton City Council approved several items during its regular meeting Thursday.

Following a public hearing, the council approved plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2026-27 HMA street rehabilitation program. The council then awarded the contract to Heartland Asphalt of Mason City for just over \$666,700.

The council also approved expenses for an "America 250" window art project at 4 and 6 First Street Northwest as part of the nation's upcoming 250th anniversary celebration.

In other business, council members acknowledged receipt of the city's annual audit and approved a request from Charlane Pralle-Janssen for street closures near Access, Inc. for the Kansas City Barbecue Society contest and related events July 31 through August 1.

Cause undetermined in fatal Aplington house fire

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

The Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office has ruled the cause of a fatal house fire in Aplington as undetermined.

The fire was reported Wednesday around 10:30 p.m. at a home on Parriott Street. Fire departments from Aplington and Parkersburg responded, and firefighters were advised one person was inside the residence.

Butler County Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Showalter previously told RadioOnTheGo News the individual was rescued but later died. Investigators were working to determine whether the death was directly related to the fire.

Showalter says the State Fire Marshal's Office has now completed its investigation into the cause of the fire but was unable to determine how it started.

The identity of the deceased has not been released.

Iowa counties face big expense to change speed limit signs by next week

RADIO IOWA

A bundle of new state laws take effect next Wednesday, and one in particular has county crews across Iowa scrambling to comply by July 1st. The new law will raise the speed limit on all two-lane state highways by five miles an hour. While it doesn't sound like much, Hamilton County Supervisor Chairman Rick Young says it will require a lot of work — and expense — for county road workers to install scores of new signs.

"There'll be a change of speed limits from 55 to 60," Young says. "We're working with the sheriff and the engineers department are working on satisfying those needs."

Many studies indicate faster speeds can lead to more severe injuries and deaths in crashes, so Young says he's disappointed by the speed limit hike after so much progress to make the roads safer.

"We have lowered the death rate on highways to nearly 250



Photo courtesy: Adobe Stock

people, as compared to multiple years prior where there was 350 deaths in the state, so it's unfortunate," Young says. "Many of us believe that the legislature chose to do that for lack of safety for one, and also for the cost. It's going to cost thousands of dollars for the county."

The Iowa legislature approved the speed increase this spring. Governor Kim Reynolds signed the bill into law earlier this month.

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up through individuals as well as some collective efforts along the way. And that's fantastic."

Looking ahead, Felderman says the district is reviewing its procedures to make sure families receive timely information about account balances. That includes better use of communication tools like the MySchoolBucks app, as well as additional notifications sent directly to parents.

"So what the protocol was, especially now with the MySchoolBucks app, what we rolled out in November, and I can go into that app and set that once any of the individual or collective balances are below, it might be \$5, okay? You can set it to be \$10, whatever remaining balance is in there, you receive an email from this

app," Felderman says. "And then from there, you can deposit funds, it can be reallocated within that based upon what the remaining balance is there. One thing that we're gonna do better though is not just rely on that school app. On a weekly basis, we're going to see where the remaining balances are. We're to start sending letters home to parents just in case we don't have the right information. So we're not just going to rely on technology to be the avenue of communication during all of that. We're actually going to be a lot more diligent about that as well."

Felderman says the district will continue working with staff, families and community partners to address questions and prevent similar situations in the future.

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ing, and recognizing the need to keep moving... having the option of water aerobics at Hampton's Aquatic Center has been a major summer plus," Tapp said.

Beyond the workout itself, Tapp said the people involved are what make the experience special.

"The ladies, the socialization, and getting to know the aquatic pool's life-guards," Tapp said. "I love the ability to talk and laugh with younger people."

The class has become a place where

participants can stay active, catch up with friends and enjoy the summer season together. Whether attending regularly or joining when schedules allow, water aerobics provides an opportunity for community members of different ages and fitness levels to take part.

As the summer continues, the Hampton Aquatic Center remains a gathering place for residents looking to stay healthy, have fun and make the most of the pool season.

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JUNE 16, 2026 RESULTS

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- Meal prepared by First Security brought in a total of \$643.00
- First Security rounded that number up to \$700.00
- All funds will be donated to American Legion Post 183 in Hampton

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Sheffield 150th Celebration

Sheffield's 150th Celebration brought the community together for a day filled with tradition, memories and hometown pride. The celebration featured local vendors, activities, the parade and moments highlighting the people who make Sheffield special. Check out photos from Sheffield's 150th Celebration.



Mary Sukup rides in the parade after receiving the C.C. Gilman Award.



Sue Levitt cruises in a convertible after receiving the Outstanding Citizen Award.



Cars were displayed during the car show, showcasing a variety of vehicles.



A 1980 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 is displayed during the community car show.



Community members enjoy waterball activities with the Sheffield Fire Department. Photo provided by Sheffield Fire Department.



Anthony Martin demonstrates wood carving with Logs 4 Heroes



Community members enjoying the dunk tank during the celebration event.



Sharon Sanders is recognized in the parade after receiving the C.C. Gilman Award.



BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

SHEFFIELD, Iowa – Macaeen Pralle is taking center stage this week as he explores his passion for the arts through acting, music and creativity. The 13-year-old Sheffield native and incoming ninth grader at West Fork High School has found a variety of ways to express himself through performing and other creative activities.

Pralle has been involved in theater and is constantly sharpening his skills as a performer. One of his biggest accomplishments was playing the role of Silas in the Franklin County Arts Council Christmas play two years ago. Taking on a character who was different from his own personality challenged him and

helped him further develop his acting skills. More recently, Pralle was part of the Iowa River Players' production of "The Diary of Anne Frank," giving him another opportunity to perform and build his experience on stage.

"My brother and father have introduced me to and

mentored me throughout my acting journey," Pralle said.

Through their support, Macaeen has built his confidence and found new opportunities within the arts. That family connection extends to music, too; another highlight for Pralle has been joining the Hampton Municipal Band for the 2026 season. Performing alongside his brother and father has made the opportunity even more meaningful as he explores his passion for music. He hopes to stay heavily involved in theater productions, playing instruments and singing in choir.

Outside of the arts, Pralle enjoys a variety of hobbies, including playing video games, pickup basketball, swimming, drawing and coding. His creativity extends beyond the stage as he enjoys ex-



Macaeen Pralle as Mr. Krahler during the production of "The Diary of Anne Frank." Photo taken by Firefly Photos by Abi Aswegen.

ploring different interests.

Looking toward the future, Pralle's dream job would be to act on Broadway. While he hopes to pursue a career in performance, he is also considering other paths, including becoming a chiropractor or computer scientist. As he moves forward, Macaeen plans to stay involved in the arts and take advantage of opportunities that allow him to perform, create and grow.

Macaeen lives in Sheffield with his mom, dad, brother and cats.

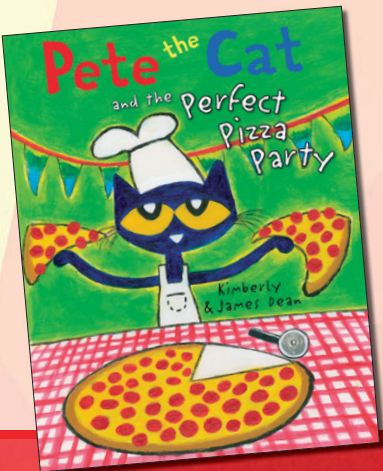
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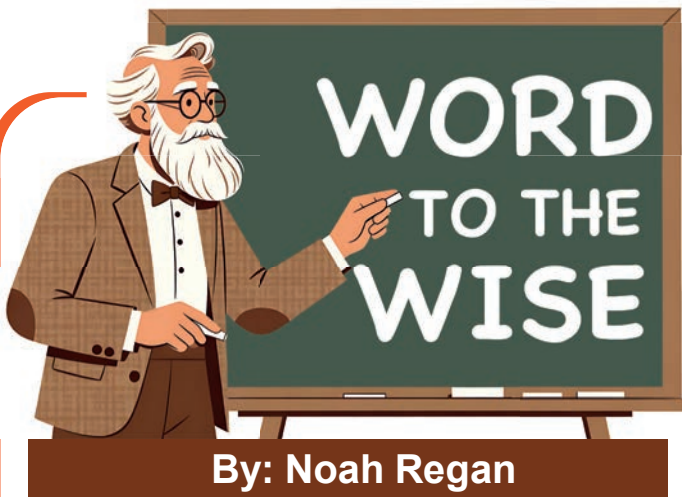
BY BRENDA VAN WERT
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is Jayari Tello, age 5. Jayari will be in kindergarten this Fall. He is the son of Jessilyn Spurgeon and Joshua Tello-Calles.

His favorite book is *Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party* by Kimberly and James Dean.



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By: Noah Regan

This Week's Trivia:

(Answers are printed at the bottom)

Independence Edition:

#1: Who was the oldest signer of the Declaration of Independence?

#2: Who was the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence?

This Week in History:

Courtesy: Britannica.com

June 28, 1969: Stonewall riots begin in New York City, marking the start of the Gay Rights Movement. **Born:** Mel Brooks, American actor, director, producer, and screenwriter (1926)

June 29, 2007: Apple Inc. officially released the first-generation iPhone, permanently altering the consumer electronics and mobile phone industry. **Born:** Gary Busey, American actor (1944)

June 30, 1894: London's iconic Tower Bridge was officially inaugurated and opened to the public. **Born:** David Alan Grier, American comedian and actor (1956)

July 1, 1943: The U.S. Postal Service officially introduced the five-digit ZIP code system to improve mail sorting and delivery. **Born:** Dan Aykroyd, Canadian actor and comedian (1952)

July 2, 1881: U.S. President James A. Garfield was shot and mortally wounded at a Washington, D.C. railway station by Charles J. Guiteau. **Born:** Margot Robbie, Australian actress and producer (1990)

July 3, 1775: George Washington officially took command of the Continental Army in Cambridge, Massachusetts, during the American Revolution. **Born:** Tom Cruise, American actor (1962)

July 4, 1776: The Second Continental Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, severing political ties with Great Britain. **Born:** Post Malone, American singer/songwriter (1995)

Fascinating Facts:

Patriotic Edition:

• There are currently six American flags that are on the moon. The flags are from the Apollo 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17 missions.

• The Pledge Of Allegiance has been changed four times. It was first written in 1892, but was then changed in 1923 (briefly again in 1924), and then one more time in 1954.

• The Macy's 4th of July Fireworks celebration in New York City is the largest display in America.

• It is believed that there are 200 original copies of the Declaration of Independence printed. That's apparently the number John Dunlap (an American printer) had in mind when producing them. Though, today there are only 26 known copies floating around.

Quality Quotes:

America Edition:

"Loyalty to country ALWAYS. Loyalty to government, when it deserves it." — Mark Twain

"Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but the democrats believe every day is April 15." — Ronald Reagan

"In the face of impossible odds, people who love this country can change it." — Barack Obama

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Americanism is a question of principle, of idealism, of character. It is not a matter of birthplace, or creed, or line of descent." — Theodore Roosevelt

Trivia Answers:

Answer #1: Benjamin Franklin was the oldest signer of the Declaration Of Independence. He was 70 years old at the time of the signing in 1776.

Answer #2: Edward Rutledge was the youngest signer of the Declaration Of Independence. The representative from South Carolina was just 26 at the time.

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US Supreme Court hands win to Monsanto in case related to claims Roundup causes cancer

BY: JACOB FISCHLER
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

State courts cannot find liability for labeling shortcomings in pesticides and similar products because such products are covered by federal law, the U.S. Supreme Court said Thursday in a decision backing agricultural giant Monsanto.

The justices, in a 7-2 decision, threw out a \$1.25 million verdict a Missouri court awarded to a man who said long-term use of the weedkiller Roundup caused him to develop non-Hodgkin lymphoma, a type of blood cancer.

The herbicide, produced by Monsanto, does not include any warning of carcinogenic material. Monsanto and parent company Bayer deny there is any link and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has routinely found that glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup, does not likely cause cancer.

Consumer and health advocates, though, said the decision provided companies immunity from health-related claims.

The decision created an unusual split for the conservative-dominated court, with Justice Brett Kavanaugh writing the majority opinion and his fellow conservative Justice Neil Gorsuch joining a dissent writ-

ten by liberal Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Federal law trumps state

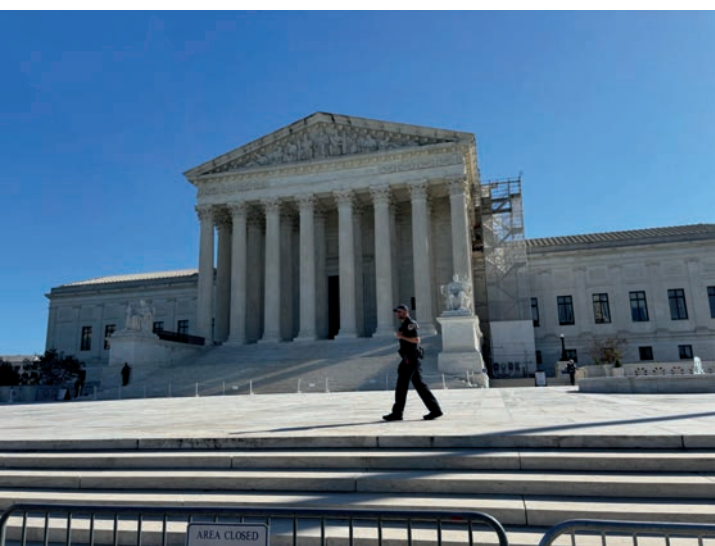
The majority ruled that the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, or FIFRA, which governs herbicide use, explicitly preempts state claims like the one awarded to John Durnell of St. Louis.

Roundup's label complied with EPA regulations, to which states cannot add requirements, Kavanaugh wrote. Placing a cancer warning would open the company up to civil and criminal penalties for using a label the EPA did not approve, he said.

"In sum, federal law requires Monsanto to sell Roundup with the label that EPA approved at the initial registration and that EPA has subsequently re-approved on multiple occasions—that is, the label without a cancer warning," he wrote.

"Durnell's state tort claim, by contrast, would require Monsanto to add a cancer warning to its labels. That Missouri-law requirement is 'in addition to' and 'different from' Monsanto's federal-law labeling obligations."

In a statement, Bayer CEO Bill Anderson praised the ruling for providing regulatory certainty to farmers and the herbicide producer.



The U.S. Supreme Court on Oct. 29, 2024. (Photo by Jane Norman/States Newsroom)

"This decision is good for American farmers who help feed the world," he said. "It provides the regulatory clarity necessary for innovators like us to develop the agricultural tools that guarantee an affordable food supply."

Closing the courthouse doors

In her dissent, Jackson wrote that the majority's decision improperly prioritized national uniformity over consumer protection.

While the federal law does include a preemption clause, it

also includes a provision against "false or misleading" statements. That provision covers the absence of a warning necessary to protect health and the environment, she wrote.

"Ultimately, the effect of the majority's interpretation is both remarkable and regrettable, for it unjustifiably closes the courthouse doors to state tort plaintiffs like Durnell," she wrote.

Advocates also criticized what they said was the ruling's creation of legal immunity for manufacturers.

Bill Jordan, whose 40-year EPA career included three years

as the deputy director of the Office of Pesticide Programs during the Obama administration, said in a statement distributed by the Environmental Protection Network, a coalition of former EPA officials, that the decision leaves people "with fewer tools to protect themselves."

"When people are exposed to pesticides, they deserve honest warnings about the risks," Jordan said. "If federal protections aren't enough, states should be able to act before people get sick. This Supreme Court decision favors companies and takes away one of the important ways states can require stronger health warnings for the public."

Farm bill amendment

U.S. Sen. Cory Booker said on a press call the decision reversed thousands of jury awards to people who said they were harmed by herbicides like Roundup.

The court "sided with the wealthy, powerful multinational corporations, reversing years and years of precedent, dismissing, ultimately, effectively hundreds and hundreds, in fact thousands, of cases," the New Jersey Democrat said. "They sided with the big multinational corporations against the people."

Booker said he would introduce an amendment to the farm bill to strip out the preemption clause.

He also suggested that corporate lobbying and campaign contributions influenced the decision.

"We have seen hundreds of millions of dollars, billions of dollars pouring into our political system, corrupting all three branches of government," Booker said.

Missouri verdict

Durnell sued Monsanto and parent company Bayer in 2019, claiming that exposure to Roundup over two decades led to his cancer diagnosis. A Missouri trial court awarded him \$1.25 million, and a state appeals court affirmed the ruling.

The Supreme Court was the first federal court to hear the case.

Federal law typically trumps state law, which Monsanto and the Justice Department emphasized during April oral arguments. Industry groups across the economy tend to support federal supremacy because it saves companies from complying with 50 separate regulatory schemes across states.

Survey shows farmers split on AI use in the fields, majority skeptical

BY: CAMI KOONS
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

About half of farmers and ranchers regularly use artificial intelligence tools, like Chat GPT or Gemini, to support their operations, according to a report from the agricultural marketing firm MorganMyers and Ag Access, an agricultural market researcher.

While farmers split almost evenly on AI usage — 48% of survey respondents said they used the tools on a weekly or more frequent basis — just 24% of farmers said they fully or somewhat trust the recommendations made by AI models in relation to their farming businesses.

Forty-five percent of farmers said they were "uncomfortable" with allowing AI to influence real decisions on their operations.

According to the survey, which included a sample of 166 producers, farmers were mostly concerned with the accuracy of recommendations made by

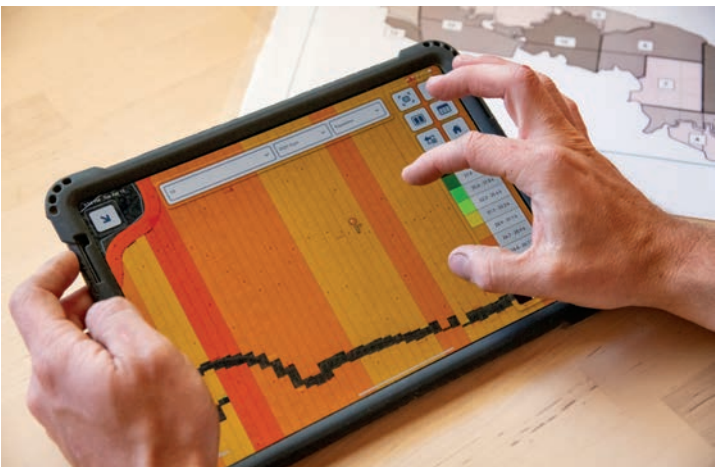
AI models. Other top concerns surrounded data ownership and privacy, biases in the models and a fear that AI would replace human experience.

A majority of those surveyed, 62%, said "real-world farm results" would boost their trust of AI. Thirty percent said the ability to override AI suggestions would boost trust, and 27% said they wanted transparent data sources.

Greg Ehm, senior vice president of agriculture at MorganMyers, said farmers are "weighing" AI recommendations against "years of personal experience and practical knowledge."

"Farmers and ranchers aren't resistant to AI," Ehm said in a news release. "Our survey confirms they're trying it out and can already see areas where it delivers value and could help them become even better operators in the future."

The survey also concluded that dairies, large-scale operations and farmers under the age



Results from a survey show that farmers are skeptical of integrating artificial intelligence models into their operations. (Photo by Lance Cheung/USDA)

of 35 had higher AI-adoption rates. While 64% of dairy producers were classified as "active users" of AI models, 55% of row crop farmers surveyed reported low or no use.

A 2025 study from the agricultural company Syngenta reported that large farms were more likely to adopt AI and dig-

ital farming tools. The Syngenta study also found that farmers struggled with trusting AI platforms, worried about how their data was used and most farmers said AI in agriculture felt "distant and alien."

The term "digital farming" however, was more relatable to Syngenta farmers in the survey.

The report noted that digital farming tools like GPS guidance on farm equipment, cloud-based management platforms, drone and imagery tools, weather applications and other monitoring services were already widespread in the U.S.

Some research suggests that AI tools like precision farming, robotic automation and machine learning applications can help boost agricultural yields.

The MorganMyers study found that 49% of farmers primarily use AI for "personal research and drafting" and 40% use it for crop planning or planting decisions. Over 30% of respondents said they use AI models for livestock nutrition insights or for business management.

Agricultural retailers surveyed had even lower rates of regular AI usage and trust in AI-generated recommendations. Fewer than 40 ag retailers were surveyed, but 60% said they have low or no trust in AI business recommendations and

38% said they use AI tools on a weekly or more frequent basis.

Some agricultural technology has its own AI models built in, but according to the report, farmers are even less likely to use these models than they are to use large language models like Chat GPT or Claude. The survey showed 39% of farmers use the AI-enabled features integrated into their existing ag platforms on a daily or weekly basis, compared to 48% of respondents who said they use more generic AI models with the same frequency.

Thirty percent of farmers and ranchers surveyed said they never use the integrated AI features on ag platforms.

MorganMyers, which represents agricultural industries, commodity groups and food companies, said AI models will be most successful in agriculture industries if they back claims with "real-world outcomes," support human expertise and improve farmer workflows.

PANTRY: FROM PAGE 2

Franklin County.

The pantry's success has been supported by volunteers and community members. Wills said the organization has between 50 and 60 volunteers who help with tasks including unloading trucks, organizing food, collecting donations and assisting families during distribution.

Reflecting on the pantry's 10-year milestone, Wills said the

growth has been more than she expected when the organization first began.

"It's been a ride, I have to tell you," Wills stated. "Would we have known it would be this way? No. I don't think so."

Wills said her connection to the pantry goes beyond providing food, as she understands the importance of having support when families face difficult times.

"I know what it's like to have to rely on other people," Wills said. "It's nice to be able to give back."

Wills said over the years the pantry has become more than a place where families receive food. It has become a place where people can connect with one another and feel supported by their community.

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



BY RICK JANSSEN

We interrupt our regularly scheduled article to bring you this special announcement!!

I know I am writing way out of my lane this week, but it just can't be helped. I want to introduce you to my NEW GRAND-DAUGHTER, Vera Claire Janssen.

When my son and daughter in law told us back in October of 2025 that they were expecting a baby we were totally surprised. My son was 46 at that time and his wife was 38. They had been

married for 13 years and during those 13 years I had pretty much thought that they were never going to have children. They were both involved in so many fun things that I did not think they would choose to give up that freedom. As we all know, having kids will take up your entire life.

Being that both Mom and Dad were a bit on the "older" side of childbirth years, this pregnancy could get a bit tricky. Lucky for everyone, medical care has come a long way in prenatal care, and the new Mom, Dad, and child would be well cared for.

One of the first differences my wife and I noticed was the amazing photos and videos we would receive during the pregnancy. When my son was born 47 years ago, I know we got to listen to the sonograms and saw one or two ultrasound photos before he was born. When my

daughter was born 42 years ago, we got to see more sonograms, and we were able to watch a few ultrasound videos. Improvements have been made in those five years.

With our new granddaughter we were able to track her prog-

ress throughout the entire pregnancy with the multiple photos and videos that were sent to us after each of our kids visits to the doctor. The technology is amazing.

Through the photos and videos, we got to see little Vera

grown and change. Soon we were able to see her little feet and hands and eventually watch her sucking on her toes and moving around. We could clearly see her facial features. I knew right away that she would NOT have the Janssen nose or slanted fore-

head. Lucky girl.

When the time got close a date was picked for the delivery. The doctors had told Mom and Dad that if nothing happened on June 20, that they would induce the delivery. Not to worry as things happening naturally and the new Mom and Dad went to the hospital on June 20 to start the delivery process. After some tough hours of labor Vera Claire was born on June 21 at 3:02 am on June 21. She weighed at 6 lbs, 14 oz and was 18" long. That was the best Father's Day gift I could receive. As far as I can tell she is by far the prettiest granddaughter I know that is under 15 years old. Probably the smartest too.



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Q&A: Historic Pace of Judicial Confirmations



SEN. CHUCK GRASSLEY
U.S. SENATOR

Q: Why are Article III judges confirmed by the Senate?

A: Our system of checks and balances is a founding doctrine enshrined in our Constitution that limits government overreach and gives sovereignty to the people. Article III of the Constitution outlines the au-

thority of the federal judiciary, often called the third branch of the federal government. Dividing the appointment process between the executive branch (the president) and the legislative branch (the Senate) is a stroke of genius by our nation’s founders to prevent one person or one branch from having unilateral control of the federal judiciary. Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution authorizes the president, by and with the “advice and consent” of the Senate, to nominate Supreme Court justices. Congress has exclusive authority to create Article III judgeships, including Supreme Court justices, federal circuit and district judges. The Judiciary Act of 1789 established the current three-tiered hierarchy of the federal judiciary.

In Federalist No. 78, Alexander Hamilton fleshed out the reasoning for Article III that establishes the independence of the federal judiciary and strengthens the separation of

powers. He explained the judiciary has no influence over either the “sword” or the “purse” of the community. Whereas the executive branch has military power and the legislative branch has the authority to tax and spend, the judicial branch renders judgment. Hamilton explained that establishing lifetime appointments “during good behavior” is the best remedy to secure an “impartial administration of the laws.” Such permanency insulates the federal judiciary from political whims and empowers the third branch of the federal government to be the guardian of liberty and “citadel of the public justice and the public security.”

Q: How do you manage judicial nominations as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee?

A: As one of the original standing committees in Congress, the Senate Judiciary Committee has exclusive ju-

risdiction to vet judicial nominees appointed by the president. Since 1981, I’ve served on this influential committee and currently serve as chairman. I work to ensure nominees are qualified for these lifetime appointments. The thorough examination includes extensive background checks, written questionnaires and review of legal records, rulings and writings. Senators on both sides of the aisle support the century-old Senate tradition that requires the approval of both home-state senators for federal district court judges. The so-called blue slip custom upholds the shared authority between the White House and U.S. senators for lifetime appointments to the federal district court. It preserves the ability of lawmakers to shape the types of judges who apply the law, conduct trials and resolve disputes on behalf of the people we are elected to represent. While I reject efforts to do away with the blue

slip process as a pivotal tool to help keep the people’s branch accountable to the people, I also reject bad-faith, partisan obstruction that undermines the precedent and institutional integrity of our advice and consent responsibilities.

The American people deserve their government to work efficiently and effectively. That includes having a say in the types of judicial nominees appointed to the federal bench, as well as efficient consideration of the nominations. Under my leadership during the 119th Congress in President Trump’s second term, we’re processing judicial nominations at a historic pace. In fact, the Senate Judiciary Committee is advancing and confirming Article III judges faster than at any time since the Reagan administration, eclipsing records not seen in decades. For example, in 2025 and 2026, the committee has confirmed circuit court judges nearly twice as fast as

during the first Trump and Biden administrations. What’s more, we’ve had even greater success with federal district court nominations, tripling the pace of Trump’s first term. That success can be attributed to collaboration by members of the committee and to the highly qualified individuals Trump is nominating to serve on the federal bench.

From the Supreme Court to 13 federal appellate courts and 94 federal district courts, lifetime appointments to Article III judgeships will hear cases that shape our way of life and define individual rights and protections for generations to come. That’s why I take the confirmation process so seriously and will continue working to fulfill this constitutional responsibility in faithful stewardship on behalf of the American people.

Rob-Publicans: Over 100 Republicans, One Simple Idea



ROB SAND
STATE AUDITOR

A lot of politics is spent trying to figure out where people disagree. Too often, it turns into a search for the one issue that divides people, while everything else they might actually agree on gets ignored. There’s a lot of finger pointing, and not enough listening, and not nearly enough time spent on what it would take to actually solve problems. The last decade of one-party control here in Iowa has shown exactly what that looks like.

But when you talk to people across Iowa, that’s not how most of them see it. They’re look-

ing at the same challenges and asking, in different ways, why things aren’t working the way they should, and what it would take to fix them.

That’s part of what this campaign has reinforced for me. Most Iowans are more focused on results than labels, and they agree on more than headlines often reflect.

That’s why I’m proud to announce more than 100 registered Republicans across Iowa have chosen to publicly support our campaign for governor. They’re part of a growing group

we’ve been calling “Rob-Publicans.” They didn’t switch parties to do it, and I didn’t switch mine. That’s not what this is about, and it never has been.

Most Iowans aren’t thinking about party labels when they get up in the morning. They’re thinking about whether the roads are safe, whether their kids are getting a good education, whether their tax dollars are being spent wisely, and whether the people in charge are being straight with them. That’s what this comes down to.

Over the years, first as Io-

wa’s chief public corruption prosecutor and now as State Auditor, I’ve tried to do the job the same way every time: follow the facts, follow the money, and hold people accountable no matter who’s in charge. Waste, fraud, and abuse don’t care about party labels. So accountability shouldn’t either.

People are fed up with the failed status quo that has left them behind, and they’re ready to do something about it. Most people, when you get past all the noise, want the same basic things: leaders who do the job,

tell the truth, and treat them with respect.

I’m grateful to every Iowan — Rob-publican, Democrat, and independent — who’s part of this campaign. And I’m especially grateful to those who don’t come from my party but are still willing to say they believe in what we’re trying to do.

It’s a reminder that we don’t have to agree on everything to agree on enough, and that’s usually where real progress starts.

Nothing Has Changed Except For the Loss of Life and \$300 Billion



The Alternative
FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
COLUMNIST

“We” lost another war. Perverts like Sean Hannity and Mark Levin are furious that the killing and wasting of ordnance

might come to an end. Jeffrey Dahmer and John Wayne Gacy were just a couple of screwballs compared to the folks promoting this war against a country that never actually threatened us; unless it was hyperbole rooted in Iran’s understandable animosity over our deposing of their elected Prime Minister in 1953.

The schism between “facts” coming out of the Middle East is so deep that it takes hours of reading and analysis to even guess at what’s going on. I try. I really do try to listen to the Hannitys and Levins and the politicians who have the power to confiscate our earnings for these sick pursuits. When I put the pieces together it always

seems to point to a US government that is so corrupt it is beyond repair whether intentional or by accident. The “facts” presented by the mainstream news in support of the war can easily be used to oppose it with just a little objectivity and moral grounding.

I urge readers to do their own research and not just with Google. I know the Covid days said that is disrespectful to the powers-that-be, but I believe the results will be the same. The Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinations and the 9/11 attacks are easy beginnings to start on a road of skepticism.

When I talk with supporters of the war I find no evil intent, just separation from actuality.

An admitted \$300 billion worth of destruction in Iran represents capital that could have been spent to improve things, here or there. But that idea is glossed over, apparently by a view of us financiers as being players of a board game from which we can walk away.

The bottomless pit meme obscures the fact that Americans are becoming steadily poorer as their savings erode through inflation caused by money printing thereby erasing the scarcity premium of our dollars. The shock at the grocery store checkout counter is somehow not correlated to the \$3.6 billion worth of Tomahawk missiles showered down on Iranian humans. That is ten times the an-

nual production of Tomahawks. We have reduced our preparedness for actual threats.

The war mongers’ biggest argument against us peaceniks is crying “RINO” or “gone off the rails.” No mention of a goal or any possible positive outcome at all.

Speaker of the House Thomas “Tip” O’Neill, Jr. used to verbally spar with Ronald Reagan like two gentlemen. They never called each other “anti-western civilization” or “anti-capitalist” like Hannity’s big government soulmate John Fetterman labeled Tucker Carlson. They discussed pros and cons of policy.

Tip O’Neil said, “All politics is local.” The distance between where our money goes

and our homes is the real issue for Americans today. Dead Iranian schoolgirls translate to a choice between beans-and-rice and meat here. That brings the controversy of school lunch debt home. Socialists decry the heartless nature of insistence that parents pay for their own children’s food. That local aspect can easily be applied to the decrepit moral character of the people spending our tax money with an illusion of ethical superiority.

Neo cons ask, “Then why did we do this?” So do I.

Please add to the conversation with a letter to the editor or directly to me at 4selfgovernment@gmail.com

Siku njema from Tanzania!

BY ISAAC VOSBURG
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ISAAC VOSBURG?

I can think of about a million adjectives to describe this last week in Nyamuswa, Tanzania—insightful, humbling, productive, and intriguing—though the word I find most fitting is “fruitful.” I say this not only as a synthesis of the million adjectives described above, but also as a double entendre. In fact, I write this having freshly eaten a banana from the local market for breakfast while eyeing a watermelon just across the room. All told, this week has included run-ins with lemons, oranges, sugarcane, and mulberries; side acts from papayas and mangoes; small, sweet bananas, and yes, watermelon too. All happened by some form of chance or happenstance; all showed me a new side of Nyamuswa; all were more than welcome as I learned to further find my footing here.

For context, the bulk of my time this past week has been spent in the field, conducting interviews with farmers alongside William Moseley, a distinguished geography professor from Macalester College. Building off of research that a few students of his had completed last summer regarding meal programs in rural schools in and around Nyamuswa, we had tracked down a few of the parents to get their perspectives on agriculture and food security.

Our interviews consisted of a questionnaire about the types of crops they grew, how they took care of their land, and whether their children had taught them anything from their involvement in the school farm and garden programs, among other things. We asked questions based on (the now eviscerated) USAID’s Household Food Insecurity Access Scale, as well as a 24-hour total dietary recall, through the consensus of which we could draw conclusions concerning the family’s food security situation.

For each of these interviews, Professor Moseley, myself, and Simba, our translator, would trek out to the farms, meeting people in their homes and yards, and exploring their fields and gardens once the interview was finished. Most times, our driver was able to drop us off near the farms via a sprawling network of dirt roads of varying navigability, but on a handful of occasions, we ended up walking for a mile or more along footpaths before we finally found the family and farm we were looking for. Needless to say, then, I spent this week up close and personal with East African agriculture, smallholder farming, and simply, people. In administering many of these interviews, I came to know Nyamuswa much more intimately, which has had a slew of interesting and unanticipated effects on my experience at large.

This is where the fruit



comes in (though I use the term as a bit of a catchall). Just before the midway point of our six-day spree of interviews, Professor Moseley and I were sitting with a family, our third that day. Beneath the shade of a knotted tree, Professor Moseley conducted the interview while I sat entranced by the dinosaur-looking ducks and their stumbling ducklings that wandered through our little encampment. Behind me, some boys were chopping sugarcane—one boy stripped the bark away from his to make for easier enjoyment, while the rest were simply cutting the canes

into simpler-to-transport sections, essentially the difference between a meter-long Snickers bar and a fun-sized one, just scaled up a bit.

As the interview came to a close, the boys offered each of us a full-length sugarcane, and despite our protests, their hospitality came out on top. Since it was our last interview of the day, we headed back to the Project Zawadi office together and shared the sugarcanes amongst the staff, grateful for their gift.

After a long trek to an interview the next day, I couldn’t help but notice (rather surprisedly) that we had plopped our-

selves down beneath a mulberry tree. The chickens were pecking away at the windfalls, and once Simba and I had finished the interview, we asked if we could try a few. We each plucked two or three ripe ones from the lower-hanging branches, content with our sweet snack. Little did we know, as we toured the family’s intercropped plot of cassava and maize, one of the children had scrounged up a plastic container and filled it to the brim—later insisting that we all take a handful.

The next day it was a lemon tree, the next, bananas, one day oranges at the office, then sugarcane again—this time cut straight from the field. The only one we were able to pass on was the unpasteurized milk one grandmother had offered. Though by no means occurring at every household, the sequence replayed day after day: The professor or I handling the interview, Simba translating, and about every second or third family absolutely adamant that we take some form of produce with us. This was a gift economy, and I vowed to repay them through my work with Project Zawadi, helping to ensure that their children receive consistent access to adequate and nutritious meals at school—the effort these interviews were forwarding and informing.

After seven days in the village, six of those spent completing these surveys, Professor Moseley left for Nairobi, where

he was due to deliver a speech at a conference on agroecology and decolonizing African agriculture (areas in which he is a foremost scholar). I, on the other hand, remained in the village and, it being Sunday, explored the bustling weekly market which had sprung up that morning. In the course of administering these interviews alongside Simba, my understanding and confidence with Swahili, via exposure, had grown somewhat. Naturally, then, I gravitated toward the farmers selling their produce—one of the only areas where I had enough vocabulary to get by. I bought a bunch of bananas and two watermelons, my contentment spilling out through the smile I wore when walking back to the guest house where I stay.

As I ate one of those very bananas for breakfast this morning, I was left deeply appreciative of those who had grown it, the labors that had gone into its nurture, as well as for the sun and soil who provided its nutrients. With these thoughts in mind, I turned, too, to my experiences earlier in the week. To see people for who they are, where they are, so engaged with their work and their land—it was exactly the perspective shift I never knew I needed. I only hope that my work the rest of this summer can remain as fruitful as it was this week.

Iowa River Players Bring Anne Frank Story Alive

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

ROWAN – For their first production of the season, the Iowa River Players stepped into history, sharing a story that continues to impact audiences nearly 80 years later.

The group brought The Diary of Anne Frank to the stage on June 20, 21, 27, and 28. The production explored themes of courage, hope, and the importance of standing up for others, continuing the Iowa River Players' mission of bringing meaningful stories to the community.

LuAnne Krabbe, one of the founders of Iowa River Players and a graduate of the University of Iowa in theater, served as director for the production. Ali Holmes, who grew up around Dows and has been involved with Iowa River Players since she was a child, served as stage manager. Holmes has been part of the organization through ushering, performing on stage and joining the board in 2024.

For Krabbe, the production represents another milestone in Iowa River Players' 27-year history.

"The 27th anniversary means that we are in this for the long haul," Krabbe said. "The five-year mark was, for me, the most impactful because I didn't know that we would ever survive five years, and here we are at 27 years."

The idea for The Diary of Anne Frank came from a board member who suggested the production and offered to help organize the show. Krabbe said the opportunity was exactly what Iowa River



The Diary of Anne Frank Cast includes Bella Calles, Gary Berkland, Emma Calles, Chloe Morales, Brooklyn Miller, Joshua Holmes, Macaeen Pralle, Tish Arnold, Lance Arnold, Steve Huling, and Keston Pralle. Directed by Luanne Krabbe. (Not pictured- Nathan Pralle and Dan Krabbe). Photo taken by Firefly Photos by Abi Aswegen.

Players needed, and Holmes became an important part of bringing the production together.

Krabbe also had a personal connection to the play, having performed the role of Mrs. Van Daan when she was in high school. After returning to theater, she continued considering the story as a possible production.

While Iowa River Players has performed a variety of genres, including

comedies, melodramas, fantasy productions and musicals, Krabbe wanted to challenge audiences with something different.

"I wanted to challenge the audience to experience reality and all its ways of heartache, bravery in uncertainty, joy and sorrow," Krabbe said.

For Krabbe, the story of Anne Frank has remained meaningful since she first learned about it as a young actor. She

said the play shows that even in times of suffering, people can still create moments of compassion and hope.

"I hope the audience leaves not only with a heavy heart from the outcome of the cruelty of mankind, but also to speak up for those who do not have a voice," Krabbe said.

The production also required dedication from the cast and crew. Holmes said the cast approached the story with respect while learning about the people and time period they were portraying.

"The cast took one respectful step at a time, growing in knowledge of the people and the times," Holmes said.

Rehearsals included studying history, learning about Jewish traditions and incorporating Hebrew prayers and songs into the process.

"The rehearsals were somewhat intense, because eight of the actors were needed on stage almost all the time, so rehearsals included almost everybody, without much time out," Holmes said.

Holmes said the cast overcame challenges through teamwork and dedication, including adapting when actors were unavailable during rehearsals. Krabbe said opening night was a memorable moment as the cast brought the Secret Annex to life. She said theater creates a unique connection between performers and audiences.

Iowa River Players will continue its season with The Hallelujah Girls by Jones Hope Wooten, with auditions scheduled for July 27-28.

Gran Festival Marks Decade of Culture and Connection

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON, Iowa – The Gran Festival celebrated its 10th year of bringing music, food, culture and community together Saturday, June 27, at Bandshell Park.

Hosted by La Luz Centro Cultural, the annual event welcomed community members for a day filled with live entertainment, food vendors, family activities and cultural performances. The milestone celebration marked a decade of creating a space where people could gather, celebrate traditions and connect with one another.

For La Luz Centro Cultural Director Janette Flores Acolt, bringing the Gran Festival to life requires months of preparation, teamwork and dedication.

"My role, alongside our incredible Associate Director Adilene Andrade, is to essentially bring this massive celebration to life from the ground up," Flores Acolt said. "We manage everything from mapping out logistics, securing local sponsors, and coordinating our amazing volunteers,

to locking in food vendors and entertainment.

Flores Acolt said the festival is truly a team effort, with her and Andrade working together to ensure every detail is ready for the community.

The Gran Festival began as a way to create a celebration centered around Latino culture in North Iowa. According to Flores Acolt, the event was started by Sister Carmen and Sister Maura, the founders of La Luz Centro Cultural, with the goal of creating a space where people could celebrate their heritage while also inviting the broader community to experience those traditions.

"The Gran Festival originally started as a way to create a vibrant, joyful space that celebrates Latino cultures right here in North Iowa," Flores Acolt said.

She said the festival was created with two goals in mind: giving the local Latino community a place to celebrate cultural heritage, traditions, music and food, while also allowing the larger Hampton community to experience and connect with that culture.

"It's all about bridging cul-



Don and Sonja Vosburg offer mule rides with Jack Hindin around the bandshell

tures, fostering hospitality, and supporting the ongoing mission of La Luz," Flores Acolt said.

Over the past decade, the Gran Festival has grown from a smaller celebration at the First Bank Hampton's parking lot into a highlight of the summer for the whole region. Flores Acolt said the festival began at the First Bank Hampton parking lot before growing into the larger celebration held today.

"Hitting our 10th anniver-

sary is a massive milestone," Flores Acolt said. "Over the past decade, the festival has grown from a small celebration at the First Bank Hampton's parking lot into a highlight of the summer for the whole region."

She said the festival has seen increased attendance, more diverse food and craft vendors,

and larger entertainment opportunities throughout the years.

Planning for the annual event begins months before the celebration. Flores Acolt said the team officially begins the planning process every January, but experience from previous years helps create a strong foundation.

"Even with that experience, an event of this scale takes an immense number of moving parts," Flores Acolt said.

She said planning includes securing sponsorships with local businesses, coordinating city logistics, working with vendors and organizing volunteer teams to help make the festival successful.

This year's festival featured a full day of entertainment and activities for attendees of all ages. The event included performances by DJ Fanatico, Stacy De La Cruz, Cristal Fuentes and Grupo De Mexico, which closed out the night.

The festival also highlighted local talent, including Jovenes

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SHEFFIELD: FROM COVER

selor for the Sheffield-Chapin and Meservey-Thornton school districts.

Throughout his retirement, Madsen has continued serving the community through volunteer work, including helping at the West Fork food pantry, serving at Zion St. John Lutheran Church and being involved with the Sheffield Lions Club.

Madsen said receiving the honor was meaningful because of the connection he has built with the town of Sheffield.

"It makes me feel more special than I really am," Madsen said.

Sue Levitt was named Sheffield's Outstanding Citizen for her continued service to the community. Levitt spent 20 years working at United Bank

& Trust Company before focusing on more of her time volunteering with organizations including West Fork food pantry, Girl Scouts and the Sharing Shoppe.

Levitt said she was surprised to receive the recognition.

"I'm surprised by this," she said. "I don't think what I do is special."

The CC Gilman Award was presented to Sharon Sanders and Mary Sukup.

Sanders has been a long-time part of Sheffield's history through her involvement in several local businesses, including the Peppermint Inn, Bo-Shar and a photography business with her husband. She also helped bring Mickey Mouse to Sheffield in 1998, when a local

cornfield shaped like the character gained national attention.

Sukup, along with her late husband Eugene Sukup, helped establish Sukup Manufacturing in Sheffield during the 1960s. The company became an important part of the community by creating jobs and supporting local growth.

Through the Sukup Foundation, Sukup has continued supporting local efforts, including the Path of Progress trail connecting Sheffield and Chapin.

The 150th anniversary celebration gave the community a chance to honor Sheffield's past while celebrating the people who continue to contribute to its future.



145 people attended the second weekend of Toy Story 5 at the Windsor Theatre. There are three more showings this week: Wednesday and Thursday at 7 PM with a 2 PM matinee on Wednesday afternoon. Minions & Monsters opens at the Windsor Theatre on Friday, July 3.

PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: eero 400

Race Details			Race Preview		
Location: Joliet, Ill.					
Date: July 5th, 6:00 p.m.					
Last Year's Pole: None					
Last Year's Winner: None					
Chicagoland Speedway					
Track Details Distance: 1.5 Miles Shape: D-Shaped Oval Banking / Turns: 5, 11, 18					

Last Weekend's Race: Shane van Gisbergen Won at Sonoma

Shane van Gisbergen won the Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma Raceway on June 28, 2026. Starting sixth in the No. 97 Chevrolet for Trackhouse Racing, van Gisbergen utilized a strategic pit cycle to take the lead in the final stage. Despite a late-race handling fade, he led 74 of the 110 laps and fended off a fierce final-lap charge from Chase Briscoe to secure the victory by a close 0.357-second margin. The win is his second of the year, second straight at Sonoma, and his eighth career Cup victory. "We were really bad yesterday, and these guys did an amazing job turning this car into a winner," van Gisbergen said.

Shane van Gisbergen

Born: May 9, 1989

Crew Chief: Stephen Doran

Car: Chevrolet

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2026	2	5	18.556
2025	5	7	21.00

Top News Stories

Endurance Triumphs and Late Qualifying Drama

High-stakes technical adaptation and endurance drama dictated the professional racing landscape this past week. Teams faced intense physical pressure on both sides of the Atlantic, relying heavily on calculated pit-lane strategies, precise setup maps, and raw mechanical execution to survive punishing long-distance events. The headline domestic spectacle belonged to the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship at Watkins Glen International for the grueling Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen on Sunday. The action turned into a pure war of attrition, neutralized by nine separate full-course caution periods. Defying the chaos, the No. 31 Cadillac Whelen V-Series.R, piloted by Jack Aitken, Earl Bamber, and Frederik Vesti, put on an absolute masterpiece. After capturing the pole position, the trio led 143 of the 182 laps. They surrendered the top spot late but executed a brilliant, lightning-fast final pit stop under green, successfully jumping the Meyer Shank Racing Acura to claim their second consecutive victory. Meanwhile, across the Atlantic, Formula 1 tackled the sweeping elevation changes of the Red Bull Ring. Heavy mechanical drama unfolded during Saturday's high-octane final qualifying segment when Max Verstappen suffered a sudden, high-speed loss of control, crashing into the retaining barriers. While the resulting caution flags instantly disrupted flying laps for championship frontrunners, Mercedes' George Russell successfully navigated the caution zone. Russell delivered a flawless final lap of 1:06.113 to snatch a dramatic pole position, narrowly edging out Ferrari's Charles Leclerc and paving the way for a stellar race weekend.

Racing Trivia

What is the device that keeps the car's engine running at a limited RPM during pit stops?

a) Speed governor

c) ECU restrictor

b) Pit road limiter

d) RPM dampener

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What's At The Windsor

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER

Minions & Monsters will open nationwide with its first show at the Windsor Theatre on Friday, July 3rd. The film will continue to run through Thursday, July 16.

The Minions are a fictional species of yellow, pill-shaped creatures that serve as the breakout stars of the Despicable Me media franchise, produced by Illumination and distributed by Universal Pictures.

Since their debut in 2010 film *Despicable Me*, they have grown into a global cultural phenomenon and one of the highest-grossing animated franchises of all time.

Minions & Monsters is an animated horror/comedy film that follows a rogue tribe of Minions in 1920s Hollywood who try to make their own monster movie, but accidentally unleash real, globe-threatening monsters and must band together to save the planet.

A new tribe of Minions accidentally crash a Hollywood film set and become massive silent-film stars.

When sound is introduced to film, they lose their fame because they can only speak in Minionese and cannot follow scripts.

Determined to stay in show business, three ambitious

Minions—James, Henry, and Ed—decide to make their own monster epic.

They steal a spellbook from a former sorcerer boss to summon actors but accidentally befriend a cute Lovecraftian creature named "Goomi" and summon a chaotic horde of real monsters.

The Minions must work together to wrangle the monsters and save the world from the destruction they unintentionally caused.

The film is rated PG for violence/action, language, and rude/macabre humor. It earns its rating due to the frantic, creature-feature nature of the film, as the Minions face off against literal monsters in a loud, action-packed save-the-world battle. Running time is 90 minutes.

Showtimes and Ticket Prices

Regular movie admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth ages 16 and under. Seniors aged 60 and older receive discounted admission of \$4 on Sundays. All tickets are just \$4 for the Wednesday matinee and Thursday evening show.

Regular showtimes are Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Matinees are offered on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at www.windsortheatre.com. Credit cards are accepted.

Upcoming Movies (Subject to Change)

- July 17 – Moana (2 weeks)
- July 31 – Spider-Man: Brand New Day (2 weeks)
- August 14 – Young Washington: A Founders Story

- August 21 – The Odyssey
- August 28 – Coyote vs. Acme (2 weeks)

Gift Options

- “Windsor Bucks” are available in \$5 and \$1 amounts for tickets or concessions.
- Movie passes are \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth, and a Punch Card offers 25 admissions for \$20.
- A \$100 Popcorn Card includes one free large popcorn plus a daily refill through March 1, 2027 (no ticket required).
- Businesses or individuals can also sponsor a movie for \$300 and receive 100 tickets.

The Windsor Theatre is available for individuals, businesses, and organizations to rent at a price of \$50/hour. Consider the Windsor for a birthday party, private showing, employee training, group meeting, awards ceremony, family reunion, or a wedding ceremony.

A microphone sound system and overhead stage and spotlights are included. A laptop can be hooked up to the digital projector to show PowerPoint presentations or used with Wi-Fi. A DVD/Blu-ray player is ready to use with the digital projector. The concession stand can be open for your event.



visit www.windsortheatre.com or call or text theatre manager Jim Davies at 641-425-4707

For more information or to contact the Windsor Theatre,

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Stories from Franklin County's Past: 1921 Bank Robbery in Coulter

BY CAROL SENSOR
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Nearly 106 years ago, a bold bank robbery was executed in Coulter at the Coulter Savings Bank. This story is based on information in the *Hampton Chronicle*, July 14, 1921.

The Coulter State Bank was established in 1908 and was housed in a building constructed of Coulter cement blocks on the corner of Main and First Street. During the early years of the bank, W. O. Robinson was president, Neils Petersen was vice president, and Ole Hansen was the cashier.

The robbers entered the town at approximately 1 a.m. on July 8th and shot out the street light near the bank. Two brothers, Tom and Harold Johansen, who lived about a half block from the bank, heard the shot, and opened their door to investigate. They saw one of the robbers who was standing guard in front of the bank and were told to “get back or go to hell.” The brothers chose to go back inside and close the door.

A short time later, several persons heard loud noises. Due to the closeness to July 4, some thought it might be young men shooting left-over giant fire crackers. Ole Hansen, after hearing the second explosion, dressed and headed for the bank. When he got close, he was also ordered to go back. When Mr. Hansen heard yet another explosion and the bank

windows crash, he was convinced it was a bank robbery. He went home and called other townspeople including H. O. Hansen, Tom C. Hansen, John Johansen, N. B. Christensen, and Peter Norgaard. These men were soon up and ready to confront the robbers; however, the only gun in the group jammed which made it useless. Not knowing how many robbers were involved or their weapons, the men made the safe choice not to approach them.

Mrs. Edna Aagesen, who lived over the drug store across from the bank, probably had the best view of the heist. According to her report, she saw the men entering and leaving the bank and the man directing the outside guards as well as the men inside trying to open the safe. According to Edna, there were at least five men involved.

Another witness, barber Louis Rodemeyer, lived above the N. R. Christensen store just north of the bank. He was awakened by the first explosion and could see and hear the man directing the operation. A.F. Horn was in the office of his livery barn near the bank. He saw all of the men leave the bank and go up the alley in front of his barn. He was in possession of a gun but was significantly outnumbered, so he did not pursue them.

The bandits used nitroglycerine to blow up the safe. Residents reported hearing six to seven explosions. The robbers spent at least 45 minutes getting into the safe. The safe was

finally breached with a terrific smash. After taking a few minutes to sort out the cash and bonds, the men hurried away with \$1,800 in cash and \$1,600 in liberty bonds. They left several dollars in small change lying around the ruined safe. As they left town, they fired a parting shot.

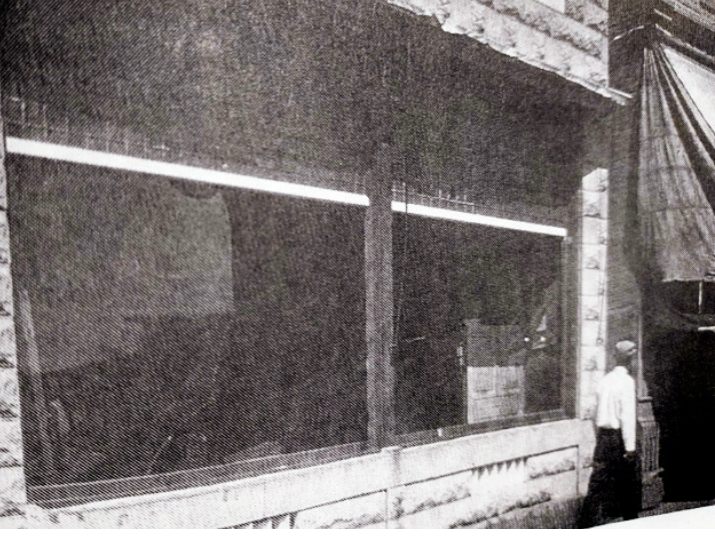
Evidently, the robbers had cut the phone lines from Coulter, so officials in Hampton and other neighboring towns did not receive immediate word of the robbery. A.F. Horn, Jim Hansen, and Anton Clause drove to Latimer and awoke the telephone operator who contacted the sheriff in Hampton. Although several people came to assist, no one knew how the robbers were traveling or in which direction. Hounds brought in from Waterloo were helpful in following the robbers’ trail to two blocks north of the Great Western Railroad crossing. It was speculated that their car was parked there.

The safe explosions severely damaged the safe and the bank building itself. The safe’s door was torn off, and holes were blown down through the safe. The money box apparently took at least five explosions to open. The counter in front of the safe was blown to pieces, several windows were broken out, parts of the safe were found in the street in front of the bank, and pieces of the safe tore holes in the bank’s steel ceiling. All the contents of the safe, including deeds and other valuable papers, were strewn in front of the

exploded safe. A small roll of paper money was overlooked by the robbers in their scramble to sort the money and papers.

The loss to the bank was close to \$5,000 but was covered by insurance, both for the loss of the money and property damage. No one in town was injured during the robbery. The Coulter State Bank reopened and remained a community bank until 1932 when it went into receivership during the depression.

The men were never caught. This brazen incident, along with a string of other regional heists, prompted the Iowa Bankers Association to establish a highly effective, state-wide group called the Iowa Vigilante Crime Fighters. This group operated as a protective, semi-secret arm of local financial institutions. There was a group in each county composed of local business owners, clerks, farmers, and mechanics chosen for their reliability and marksmanship. Every selected member was formally deputized by the County Sheriff, which gave them legal authority to carry specialized arms and to use force during an active robbery. Local telephone operators were also considered vital honorary members of the network. They were trained to immediately sound the alarm and coordinate the vigilantes’ movements if a bank reported a robbery. The associations began scaling back around 1938, but some groups remained official active as late as 1949.



Coulter State Bank with windows destroyed.



Destroyed Coulter State Bank safe.

Design Committee Completes Band Shell Park Enhancement Projects

BY LEE NELSON

The Design Committee of the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce/Main Street program has been busy making improvements to the City of Hampton’s Band Shell Park.

One recently completed project was the refurbishment of the park’s 35 portable benches, funded through a grant from the Barkema Trust. The benches, which had fallen into disrepair, were completely restored through a collaborative community effort.

City of Hampton employees disassembled the benches and disposed of the deteriorated wooden boards. Hamilton Sandblasting of Coulter sandblasted and powder-coated the cast metal frame legs. New lumber and hardware were purchased from ProEdge Building Solutions of Hampton. Spartan Painting LLC of Latimer cut, sanded, primed, and painted the new boards. City employees then reassembled the benches and returned them to service.

The Design Committee also partnered with the City of Hampton to install four permanent memorial benches in Band Shell Park. The benches honor the memory of Joe and Shirley Pitsor, Steve VanKleek, Jackie Buss, and the Hampton High School Class of 1976. Funding for each memorial was provided by family members, friends,



Mardell Sidmore-Van Kleek and Michelle Schaefer assisting Adam Johnson attaching American pleated fan flags to Band Shell Park arches.

and classmates of those being honored.

The permanent benches were purchased from Global Industrial Supply. City of Hampton employees poured three of

the four concrete pads, while Wirtjes Construction completed the concrete pad for the Class of 1976 memorial bench. City employees assembled and installed all four benches, and the me-

morial plaques were purchased from Christensen Jewelry.

The Design Committee expresses its appreciation to the Barkema Trust for funding the portable bench restoration project. Because the project came in under budget, and with the Trust’s approval, the remaining funds will be used to purchase three picnic tables that match the color of the new memorial benches for placement in Band Shell Park.

In recognition of the United States’ semiquincentennial—the nation’s 250th anniversary—Design Committee members Adam Johnson, Mardell Sidmore-Van Kleek, Michelle Schaefer, and Jim Davies attached sixteen 2-by-4-foot American pleated fan flags to the arches over sidewalks in the Hampton Band Shell, adding a patriotic touch to the historic park.



Five of the newly refurbished 35 Band Shell Park benches.



Four recently installed memorial benches in Hampton’s Band Shell Park.

MUSICIANS: FROM COVER

from the area, he’s enjoyed becoming part of a community band with more than a century of history.

“Yeah, the history of it (the Hampton Municipal Band) is just amazing,” Michelson says. “I mean, I come from a decently-sized town in Minnesota and

we had a city band, too. I didn’t get the chance to be a part of that in my time there, but just seeing the history of it here and the quality of the music. Yeah. And just being able to perform for the crowds, it’s really a cool thing. Like some of the slow pieces that we got to do tonight,

especially, it’s nice to be able to close my eyes and kind of enjoy that environment again, like I did all the way back in high school. Definitely transports me back.”

The Hampton Municipal Band will perform twice this week, including Tuesday eve-

ning following the final Tuesday on the Town event at Band Shell Park. Music begins at 8 p.m. They will also perform Friday evening ahead of Hampton’s Fourth of July fireworks celebration.

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!

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Tuesday, July 7

Philly Chicken Hoagie, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit

Wednesday, July 8

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit and Cookie

Thursday, July 9

Chili, Cornbread, Vegetable, Fruit

Friday, July 10

Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Whole Wheat Roll, Vegetable, Fruit

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It's NEWS To US!

If you're having a party.
If you have out-of-town guests.
If you take a trip.
If a son or daughter leaves for college, or comes back for a visit.
If a son or daughter enlists in the Armed Forces.
If a son or daughter receives scholastic honors.
If someone in your family or business receives a promotion, job change or retires.
If a former resident passes away.
If you entertain at a dinner or a party.
If your club meets.

If your class holds or plans a reunion.
If you're celebrating a wedding anniversary.
If you move out of town.
If someone moves into your neighborhood.
If someone enters a hospital.
If a business is opening or closing.
If something interesting is happening.

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ECC 2026 Spring Graduates Announced

IOWA FALLS – On Friday, May 15, graduates of Ellsworth Community College took their next step as they became alumni of the college. Graduates listed below represent those who completed their degree or diploma work during the Spring 2026 term.

Graduates are listed by their hometown, followed by the degree/diploma awarded (AA is Associate of Arts, AS is Associate of Science, AGS is Associate of General Studies and Associate of Applied Science is AAS), and the students' majors.

MCC 2026 Spring Graduates Announced

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (June 23, 2026) – On Friday, May 15, graduates of Marshalltown Community College took their next step as they became alumni of the college. Graduates listed below represent those who completed their degree or diploma work during the Spring 2026 term.

Graduates are listed by their hometown, followed by the degree/diploma awarded (AA is

Area students named to the President's List at Iowa State University

AMES — The following students were named to the President's List at Iowa State University. Students achieving this prestigious designation have maintained a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters.

Allison
Lauren Fleshner, Animal Science, B.S.

Symbols following the names signify the following: **4.0 GPA, *Honors, 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher (Honors).

Hampton
Kera Nicole Anderson*, AA (Liberal Arts)
Kaden Vincent Rodamaker, AAS (Biology)

Sheffield
Lily Dirksen*, AAS (Animal Science Track)
Justin Schulz*, APS (Agriculture)

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Hampton
Chase Johnson, Diploma (Utility Technician)

Dougherty
Ellie Marie Weaver, Elementary Education, B.S.

Hampton
Jaxon J Moats, Agricultural Engineering, B.S.

Rockwell
Collin Leif Witte, Agricultural Studies, B.S.

Iowa State University announces spring 2026 Dean's List

AMES – More than 11,200 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2026 spring semester Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Alexander
Colleen Corin Pals, Agricultural Business, B.S.

Allison
Macy Endelman, Kinesiology and Health, B.S.
Lauren Fleshner, Animal Science, B.S.
Blayne Luhring, Political Science, B.A.

Dougherty
Ellie Marie Weaver, Elementary Education, B.S.

Dumont
Trinity Anara Swart, Agricultural Communication, B.S.

Hampton
Madison Dohlman, Fashion Design and Merchandising, B.S.

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Tiffany Dawn Howrey, Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies, B.S.

Lauren Marie Meader, Finance, B.S.

Jaxon J Moats, Agricultural Engineering, B.S.

Charlee Lea Morton, Kinesiology and Health, B.S.

Tate B Schmitt, Kinesiology and Health, B.S.

Charlie Showalter, Agricultural Studies, B.S.

Jack Showalter, Agricultural Studies, B.S.

Latimer
Samuel VanHorn, Mechanical Engineering, B.S.

Rockwell
Breea Weaver, Agricultural Studies, B.S.
Emma Ann Weiner, Agricultural Studies, B.S.
Collin Leif Witte, Agricultural Studies, B.S.

Sheffield
Sarah Marie Ubben, Criminal Justice, B.A.
Ashyr Jaden Wiseman, Mechanical Engineering, B.S.

Death Notices

Gene Bobst

Gene Bobst, 88, of Hampton, passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at Franklin General Hospital in Hampton. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton with burial in the Hampton Cemetery. Visitation will be an hour before the service. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

RECORDS

POLICE & SHERIFF REPORT

Monday, June 22
Hampton Police Department
3:00 AM: Parking Ord., 100 Blk 2 Ave NW, in Hampton
3:05 AM: Parking Ord., 10 Blk 1st St NE, in Hampton
8:09 AM: Trespass Of Real Property, 100 Blk 1st Ave SW, in Hampton
10:41 AM: Phone Call To Return, 400 Blk S Winnebago St, in Hampton
11:14 AM: Security (Doors/Patrol), 200 Blk 1st Ave NW, in Hampton
11:33 AM: Traffic Complaints, Hwy 3 East, in Hampton
11:58 AM: Alarm, 1200 Blk Olive Ave, in Hampton
12:23 PM: Found Articles, Hwy 3 West, in Hampton
1:38 PM: False 911 Calls, 1200 Blk Imperial Rd, in Hampton
3:02 PM: Misc/, 2nd Ave NE, in Hampton
3:22 PM: Phone Call To Return, 600 Blk 6th St SW, in Hampton
3:39 PM: Suspicious Noise/Firework, 0 Blk 1st Ave NW, in Hampton
4:39 PM: Suspicious Activity, 4th St, in Hampton
5:30 PM: Ambulance Call, 700 Blk Central Ave W, in Hampton
8:26 PM: Traffic Stop, Hwy 3 / Fareway, in Hampton
9:19 PM: Medical Assist, 300 Blk 9th PL NE, in Hampton
10:24 PM: Neighborhood Complaints, Sherwood Apts, in Hampton
11:49 PM: Misc/, FGH ER, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
2:59 AM: Ambulance Call - 210th and Hwy 65 SB, Chapin
6:23 AM: Suspicious Noise/Firework - 1st Ave NW, Hampton
8:26 AM: Assist HPD - 1st Ave SW, Hampton
8:28 AM: Phone Call To Return - Grant St, Coulter
9:13 AM: Controlled Burn - Washington St, Geneva
10:51 AM: Controlled Burn - Nuthatch Ave, Iowa Falls
11:45 AM: Traffic Complaints - Hwy 3 EB From Dogwood, Alexander
2:15 PM: Phone Call To Return - West St, Latimer
2:18 PM: Traffic Stop - 135 SB MM155, Dows
2:26 PM: False 911 Calls - Wren Ave, Dumont
2:42 PM: False 911 Calls - 70th St/US Hwy 65, Bradford
2:57 PM: Welfare Check - Unknown, Unknown

5:21 PM: Phone Call To Return - Club View Dr, Hampton
7:22 PM: Alarm - Washington St, Geneva
7:28 PM: Controlled Burn - 40th St, Ackley
9:12 PM: 10-50 Car - Deer - Hwy 65/110 St, Hampton
11:42 PM: Traffic Stop - 2200 Blk Hardin Rd, Ackley

Tuesday, June 23
Hampton Police Department
9:36 AM: Information, Hampton
2:10 PM: Telephone Call, 1700 block Central Ave East, in Hampton
3:05 PM: Weapons, 200 block 1st St NW, in Hampton
3:08 PM: Stolen Property Offense, 200 block 1st Ave NW, in Hampton
5:16 PM: Suspicious Activity, 700 block S Federal St, in Hampton
6:16 PM: Welfare Check, 100 block 2nd St NE, in Hampton
9:28 PM: Ambulance Call, 600 block 4th St NE, in Hampton
11:02 PM: Traffic Stop, Northside School, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
2:00 AM: Information - 5th St SW, Hampton
6:41 AM: False 911 Calls - South St, Geneva
9:10 AM: Information - 30th St, Iowa Falls
9:15 AM: Controlled Burn - Raven Ave, Hampton
9:23 AM: Controlled Burn - Warbler / 175th, Aredale
9:34 AM: Information - Franklin County
11:14 AM: Fraud - Borst St, Sheffield
12:13 PM: False 911 Calls - Unknown, Franklin County
1:18 PM: Vehicle Off Roadway - N Franklin St, Ackley
2:15 PM: Controlled Burn - Highway 65, Sheffield
4:00 PM: 10-96 Transport - Mason City
5:22 PM: Assist HPD - S Federal St, Hampton
5:54 PM: Misc - Grant St, Coulter
6:12 PM: Misc - Marsten St, Coulter
6:20 PM: Warrants-Local, Hampton
6:31 PM: Assist HPD, 2 St. NE, Hampton
7:16 PM: Warrants-Local, Hampton
8:19 PM: Property Exchange, Marston St., Coulter
8:40 PM: Controlled Burn - Highway 3, Hampton
9:53 PM: Suspicious Activity -

Heather Ave, Coulter
11:20 PM: Assist Other Agencies, 10th Ave, Ackley

Wednesday, June 24
Hampton Police Department
1:02 AM: Misc/ at Bandshell Park, in Hampton
3:36 AM: Ambulance Call at 1300 block North Federal Street, in Hampton
4:04 AM: Parking Ord. at 10 block 1st Street Northwest, in Hampton
6:53 AM: Misc/ at Walking Trail by Caseys, in Hampton
8:38 AM: Information at Central Avenue West between 9th and 10th, in Hampton
8:48 AM: Information at Cerro Gordo County
2:08 PM: Trespass Of Real Property at 900 block 4th Street Northwest, in Hampton
3:35 PM: Misc/ at 400 block 3rd Street Southwest, in Hampton
5:16 PM: Ambulance Call at 100 block 8th Street Southeast, in Hampton
5:23 PM: Theft/Larceny <\$200 at 400 block 10th Avenue Northeast, in Hampton
5:25 PM: Misc/ at Bike Trail under bridge by Seabees, in Hampton
8:12 PM: Misc/ at 900 block 2nd Street Northeast, in Hampton
9:42 PM: Traffic Stop at 6th Street Northeast, in Hampton
10:42 PM: Misc/ at 1700 block Central Avenue East, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
5:58 AM: Telephone Call - Marston St, Coulter
7:00 AM: Misc - Grant St, Coulter
7:38 AM: Information - Cerro Gordo County
8:38 AM: Abandoned Vehicle - Hwy 65, Hampton
1:12 PM: Prisoner Transport - 5th St SW, Hampton
1:40 PM: Phone Call To Return - 5th St SW, Hampton
3:50 PM: Traffic Stop - Hwy 3 and Lark, Hampton
4:02 PM: Disabled Vehicle - Nettle and Hwy 3, Hampton
6:11 PM: Phone Call To Return - 140th St, Coulter
6:34 PM: Controlled Burn - Oakland Dr, Alden
6:41 PM: Controlled Burn - Olive Ave, Iowa Falls
7:40 PM: Animals (Except Dogs) - Hwy 3 and Wren, Hansell
8:42 PM: Ambulance Call - 200th, Hampton
8:52 PM: NCO Violation - Gold Key Motel, Hampton
9:32 PM: Phone Call To Return - Allen Ave, Garner

Thursday, June 25
Hampton Police Department
12:13 AM: False 911 Calls - 300 block 2nd Avenue NE, in Hampton
1:55 AM: Phone Call To Return - 100 block 2nd Avenue SE, in Hampton
2:10 AM: False 911 Calls - 300 block Central Avenue W, in Hampton
9:56 AM: Suspicious Person - North City Lot, in Hampton
10:21 AM: Telephone Call - 1000 block 4th Street NW, in Hampton
11:27 AM: Parking Ord. - 300 block 1st Street SW, in Hampton
11:43 AM: Property Exchange - 500 block 8th Avenue SW, in Hampton
2:23 PM: Misc/ - 200 block 2nd Avenue SW, in Hampton
4:34 PM: Property Exchange - 100 block 5th Street SW, in Hampton
7:21 PM: Suspicious Activity - 400 block 3rd Street SW, in Hampton
9:22 PM: Misc/ - 100 block 5th Street SW, in Hampton
9:57 PM: Misc/ - 5th Street SW, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
12:35 AM: Traffic Stop: Nettle/ Hwy 3, Hampton
5:11 AM: Fire: State St, Alexander
7:20 AM: Information: Juniper Ave, Iowa Falls
7:46 AM: Information: Franklin County, Unknown
8:49 AM: False 911 Calls: 85th St, Dows
10:11 AM: Information: Central Ave E, Hampton
11:50 AM: Phone Call To Return: Franklin County, Franklin County
11:59 AM: Warrants-Local: 3rd St NE, Hampton
12:00 PM: Booking Information: 5th St SW, Hampton
1:05 PM: Lost Articles: Van Kirk St, Latimer
2:58 PM: Prisoner Transport: 5th St SW, Hampton
3:19 PM: Controlled Burn: 130th St, Hampton
4:22 PM: Telephone Call: Hwy 69, Galt
8:09 PM: Controlled Burn: Oakland Dr, Alden

Friday, June 26
Hampton Police Department
8:14 AM: Suspicious Activity - 500 Block of 8th Ave SW, in Hampton
9:01 AM: Found Articles - Hwy 3, in Hampton
9:02 AM: Information - Hwy 3 (By Courthouse), in Hampton

OBITUARIES

In loving memory of **Jacqueline Jean Campbell** 1935-2026



Jacqueline "Jackie" Jean Campbell passed away on June 20, 2026, at the Alaska Pioneer Home in Anchorage, at the age of 91. She was a woman who kept life running on schedule, remembered every date worth remembering, and loved her family in ways that showed up in every quilt she stitched, every pie she baked, and a cookie jar that was never empty.

Jackie grew up in Geneva, Iowa, where she was a standout on the basketball court. Not long after, she married her high school sweetheart, Curtis Keith Campbell, and the two of them would go on to share 72 years of marriage — a partnership that carried them from the heartland of Iowa to the wilds of Alaska, where they made their home in Seward.

She was a steadfast member of the Seward United Methodist Church, a dedicated volunteer at the Seward Food Bank, and an active contributor to the Seward Historical Society.

Throughout her life, Jackie turned her hands to many kinds of handicrafts, but it was quilting that stayed with her the longest. She made quilts for each of her sons' weddings and baby quilts for her grandchildren.

Raising three boys, Jackie was known for two things: order and a wooden spoon. The spoon, it should be noted, was mostly a matter of reputation — few can confirm it was ever actually used. But its mere mention had a near-miraculous effect on the grandchildren.

Jackie is survived by her beloved husband, Curtis Keith Campbell; her sisters Patty Rodemeyer of Hampton, Iowa, and Shirley Strong of Latimer, Iowa; her sons and spouses: Daniel and Teresa Campbell of Kenai, Alaska, David and Noriko Campbell of Obihiro, Japan, and Douglas and Iris Campbell of Wasilla, Alaska; and 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by Baluku Augustine and his wife, Phyllis, of Las Vegas, Nevada, who came to the Campbells as a foreign exchange student and became family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Owen Jon (O.J.) Stackhouse and Maxine Hattie Stackhouse, her youngest sister LaDonna Roelf, and great-grandchild Ollie Jak Svabik, beloved daughter of Bethany and Brian Svabik.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 18, 2026, at the Seward United Methodist Church, 321 Fourth Avenue, Seward, Alaska, at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to The Geneva Betterment Committee 322 Washington St, Geneva, Iowa 59633

10:39 AM: Information - 700 Block of 1st Ave SE, in Hampton
11:17 AM: Welfare Check - 1300 Block of N Federal St, in Hampton
12:32 PM: Suspicious Vehicle - Unknown, in Hampton
1:43 PM: Property Exchange - 500 Block of 8th Ave SW, in Hampton
2:48 PM: Misc - Central Ave and 1 St NW, in Hampton
4:43 PM: Misc - 700 Block of 8th St SW, in Hampton
6:08 PM: Traffic Stop - 100 Block of 7th St SW, in Hampton
8:01 PM: Telephone Call - 200 Block of 2 St NW, in Hampton
9:04 PM: Suspicious Noise/Firework - 100 Block of 4 Ave NW, in Hampton
9:51 PM: Traffic Stop - 140th St / Hwy 65, in Hampton
9:58 PM: Traffic Stop - 100 Block of 1st Ave SE, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
5:30 AM: 10-50 Car - Deer, Hwy 3 / E of Jonquil, Latimer
6:14 AM: Animal On Roadway, Lark Ave, Sheffield
6:20 AM: Traffic Complaints, 2000 Block Lark Ave, Sheffield
7:20 AM: Suspicious Activity, Violet South of 135th St, Geneva
7:59 AM: Information, 40th St / Nuthatch, Iowa Falls
8:38 AM: Telephone Call, 5th St SW, Hampton
9:23 AM: Animals (Except Dogs), 170th St, Latimer
11:41 AM: Animals (Except Dogs), Clubview Dr, Hampton
12:10 PM: False 911 Calls, Thrush Ave, Geneva
12:28 PM: Vehicle Off Roadway, Hwy 3 / Spruce, Hampton
2:43 PM: Information, Highway 3, Hampton
3:01 PM: Traffic Complaints, 190th St / Grouse Ave, Latimer
3:36 PM: Traffic Stop, 700 Block 190th, Latimer
3:46 PM: Traffic Stop, 1900 Block Grouse, Latimer
4:00 PM: Traffic Stop, 2400 Block Grouse, Sheffield
4:06 PM: Traffic Stop, 250th and Grouse, Sheffield
4:12 PM: Traffic Stop, 2400 Block Grouse, Sheffield
4:20 PM: Traffic Stop, 2400 Block Grouse Ave, Sheffield
6:42 PM: Traffic Stop, 1300 Block Gull, Latimer
7:22 PM: Traffic Stop, 2300 Block Hwy 3, Hansell
7:35 PM: Traffic Stop, 1800 Block Hwy 3, Hampton
7:45 PM: Traffic Stop, Hwy 3 and Timber, Hansell

7:51 PM: Traffic Stop, 1800 Block Hwy 3, Hampton
9:05 PM: Traffic Complaints, 160th, Latimer
9:55 PM: Traffic Stop, 800 Block Hwy 3, Coulter
11:03 PM: Misc, Hampton

Saturday, June 27
Hampton Police Department
8:28 AM: Misc - 10 block of 1st Ave SW, in Hampton
9:01 AM: Ambulance Call - 400 block of 8th Ave SW, in Hampton
12:17 PM: Motorist Assist - 0 block of S Federal St, in Hampton
1:49 PM: Motorist Assist - 0 block of 1st Ave NW, in Hampton
3:00 PM: Lost Articles - 300 block of Central Ave W, in Hampton
3:30 PM: Trespass Of Real Property - 900 block of 4th St NW, in Hampton
5:07 PM: 10-50 Property Damage - Hwy 3 and 2nd St, in Hampton
5:59 PM: Phone Call To Return - 500 block of 8th Ave SW, in Hampton
6:22 PM: Phone Call To Return - 500 block of 8th Ave SW, in Hampton
6:59 PM: Alarm - 0 block of N Federal St, in Hampton
8:44 PM: Misc - H&R Block, in Hampton
9:03 PM: 10-57 Hit & Run - McDonalds, in Hampton
9:08 PM: Misc - Kwik Star, in Hampton
10:26 PM: Neighborhood Complaints - 400 block of S Federal St, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
12:28 AM: Traffic Stop - 1500 Blk Yarrow Ave, Dumont
12:47 AM: Motorist Assist - 1900 Blk 190th St, Hansell
2:23 AM: Traffic Stop - 2100 Blk Olive Ave, Sheffield
6:21 AM: Misc/ - 1st Ave NW, Hampton
6:35 AM: Traffic Complaints - 255th and Raven, Sheffield
7:04 AM: Animal On Roadway - 255th and Spruce, Sheffield
8:01 AM: Ambulance Call - Eagle Ave, Latimer
8:40 AM: Misc/ - 50th St and Nuthatch, Iowa Falls
9:11 AM: Misc/ - Harriman St, Alexander
11:13 AM: Controlled Burn - 180th St, Sheffield
11:20 AM: Trespass Of Real Property - 2nd St, Bradford
1:47 PM: Controlled Burn - 80th St, Dows

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
• Tuesday, June 30 9:30am, Women’s Prayer
• Wednesday, July 1, 8:30am, Men’s Prayer
• Saturday, July 4, Happy Independence Day
• Sunday, July 5, 9:30am
Worship, Sunday School Classes
• Tuesday, July 7 9:30am, Women’s Prayer
• Wednesday July 8 8:30am, Men’s Prayer
• Sunday, July 12, 9:30am
Worship, Sunday School Classes
• Tuesday, July 14, 9:30am, Women’s Prayer
• Wednesday July 15, 8:30am, Men’s Prayer

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, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

St. Paul’s Lutheran
17 2nd St NE, Hampton
Vicar Caitlin Tauro
• Sunday service, 9 a.m.
• Quilting, Wednesday at 9 a.m.
• Sunday radio broadcast, 8 p.m. on KLMJ 104.9

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

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

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

Trinity Lutheran Church
16 12th Ave. NE, Hampton
www.trinityhampton.com
Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen, Vicar - Tyler Linneman,
• Sunday, July 5: 8:30 AM
Worship Service with Holy Communion, 9:45 AM
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
• Wednesday, July 8 - Friday, July 10: 1:00pm-3:30pm
Emerald Crossing VBS. Call the church office to register!
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, 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
• Wednesday, July 1: 6:00 First Council
• Sunday, July 5: 10:00 worship
• Sunday, July 29: 10:00 worship
• Sunday, July 5: 10:00 worship
• Wednesday, July 22: 5:30-6:30 FREE Community meal
• Sunday, July 26: 9:00 worship. 1:00-5:30 VBS for 8th-12 graders

METHODIST

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

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

Geneva United Methodist
603 Front St., Geneva
• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship

Hampton United Methodist
100 Central Ave. E, Hampton
Pastor Dennis Burns

• Thursday, June 25, 9:30am BeFrienders
• Saturday, July 4, NO CleanUp Closet in July. NO Worship Service
• Sunday, July 5, 9:30am Women's Bible Study, 11:00am Worship Service, 11:30am Radio Broadcast-KLMJ 104.9 FM, 12:00pm Fellowship, 12:30pm Facebook Broadcast
• Tuesday, July 7, 1:30pm Faithful Stitchers
• Wednesday, July 8, 6:30pm Leadership Council

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, 9 a.m. Worship
• Wee Ones Christian Preschool: Mon., Tues., Thurs.;

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
• Bad Weather KLMJ*
• Thursday, June 4, 10am Hope Circle
• Sunday, June 7, *Food

Pantry* 8:30 am Men’s Bible Study, Holy Communion, 9:15am Worship, WOZ Meeting @10:30am
• Monday, June 8, 1:30pm Vesper Circle
• Wednesday, June 10, 9am Sunrise Circle
• Thursday, June 11, 7pm Consistory
• Sunday, June 14, Flag Day! Outside Service Potluck to follow service-dedication to the new playground, 7pm Joy Circle
• Wednesday, June 16, Latimer Over 60’s
• Wenesday, June 17, 6:30pm Family Ministry
• Sunday, June 21, *Happy Father’s Day*
• Monday, June 22, VBS WEEK
• Thursday, June 25, 7pm Faith Circle
• Sunday, June 28, 9:15am Worship 9:15 am service, VBS Program/10:30am RCYF serving Beef burgers/ice cream, Freewill offering
• Tuesday, June 30, Latimer Over 60’s

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

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In other words, when suffering shows up in this life, Peter would have us be ready. Instead of responding to suffering with shock and surprise, responding with a smile saying, “Ah, I’ve been expecting you,” shows we’re entrusting ourselves into the hands of God. We are to welcome trials with gratitude and thanksgiving in our hearts. God uses trials to serve us, to prove the authenticity of our faith. He purifies us. He burns off things that are weighing us down so we move from fear and doubt in our suffering to faith and joy in it.

God brings out our best qualities when the curtain is drawn and the light of human joy has been shut out. He takes us into the darkroom in order to develop us into the image of Christ. We’re to expect suffering and rejoice in it, to examine our lives according to the will of God (v. 19). God’s the supreme ruler and has a purpose and design. What do you do? You say, “Lord, I trust you.”

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FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR PARADE,

3PM parade line-up, 5PM parade starts

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FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS 250TH FREEDOM MOTORCYCLE RIDE,

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The Midnight Library

By Matt Haig

Between life and death there is a library.

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The books in the Midnight Library enable Nora to live as if she had done things differently. With the help of an old friend, she can now undo every one of her regrets as she tries to work out her perfect life. But things aren't always what she imagined they'd be, and soon her choices place the library and herself in extreme danger.

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CIVIC CALENDAR

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: DETAILS: Tuesday 8:30 AM Franklin County Courthouse	FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM BOARD: DETAILS: Second Thursday, 4:30 PM, Center 1	FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD: DETAILS: Second Monday of month, 6:30 PM Maynes Grove Shelter	FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH DETAILS: Second Monday every other month (usually) February 13th 4:00 PM	GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: DETAILS: 3rd Monday of the month at noon at Center 1.
ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING: DETAILS: Second Tuesday	ALEXANDER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Alexander Library, 409 Harriman St City Council meetings on the First Tuesday of every month	COULTER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Wednesday of the month, 6:30 PM	DOWS CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: First Monday of every month 6:00 PM	DUMONT CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Thursday 7:00 PM At EMS Center Dumont
GENEVA CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Tuesday of every month 6:30 PM	HANSELL CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Wednesday every month, Community Center 7:00 PM	LATIMER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Wednesday, 6:30 PM	SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Every second Monday of the month at 6 PM	FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS: DETAILS: First Tuesday of the Month 4:00 PM, Franklin County Veterans Affairs Office
ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS: Third Wednesday of every month	HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS: Board meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 PM Library board meets to discuss library business, budgeting, funding and happenings.	DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS: Dumont Public Library Second Wednesday of every month	HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: Fourth Monday of the month 6:00 PM	WEST FORK SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: Third Monday of the Month, 5:00 PM, West Fork High School Sheffield
CAL SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM	ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: DETAILS: 5:30 PM City Council Chambers	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 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: DETAILS: First Wednesday of month, 7:00 PM Franklin County Law Enforcement Center	FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL: DETAILS: Franklin County Extension Council ISU Extension & Outreach 6 2nd St. NW, Hampton 50441 Council members help determine local priorities for agricultural, youth (4-H), health and human science, and community/economic development program areas.

H-D Minutes & Claims 6/22/2026

HAMPTON-DUMONT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 6/22/2026	
1. The Hampton-Dumont Board of Education met in a Regular Meeting on June 22, 2026, in the District Boardroom. Vice President Stephanie Powers called the hearing to order at4:30 pm. Board members Stephanie Powers, Matt Showalter, Elisa Van Wert, Steve Severs and Brent Hansen were present. Board members Erran Miller and Mark Morrison arrivedlate. Also present were: Superintendent Tim Felderman; Principal Beth Frenchick; Director of Academic Services Jen Koenen; Child Nutrition Director Sarah Bohmke; Human Resources Manager Anne Lewis and Board Secretary Amanda Heiden.	
Visitors were Cynthia Krull, Patrick Palmer, Jason Zak, Bridget Zak, Joslyn Stock and Kate Hindin.	
2. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Van Wert, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, Miller and Morrison were not present at time of vote.	
3. President Erran Miller arrived at 4:31 pm and took over the meeting. Board member Mark Morrison arrived at 4:33 pm. Felderman recognized donations received.	
4. Public comment was heard by Patrick Palmer and Jason Zak who both addressed the board regarding meal balances and the nutrition program.	
5. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Severs, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes. The minutes of the May 26, 2026, Regular Meeting were approved. The board approved the treasurer's reports and to allow for payment of the bills listed. Contracts were approved for: Dan Aalbers as PLC Coach 9-12 Math; Jennie Barkema as PLCCoach Kindergarten; Flor Cavazos as Paraprofessional/Interpreter; Sarah Hansen as Part-Time Life Skills Teacher; Ashley Hofmeister as PLC Coach 3rd Grade; Tina Humrichouseas PLC Coach 1st Grade; Matt Lokenvitz as PLC Coach 9-12 CTE; Hayley McNealy as Student Council Co-Sponsor; Leslie Pralle Osborn as Student Council Co-Sponsor; AnthonySpradlin as Middle School Activities Director; Britany Stevens as PLC Coach 6-8 Social Studies; and Alexis Vosburg as CPI Instructor. Resignations/retirements were accepted from:Stacey Jones as Mechanic; Stephanie McGuire as Paraprofessional; Colt Powers as Girls Assistant Wrestling Coach; Shiona Stewart as Paraprofessional; and Stephanie Swieter asAssociate. The board approved the following fundraisers for the 2026-2027 school year: FFA Fruit Sales; FFA Pork Loin Supper; FFA Brevant Seed Sales; FFA Greenhouse Sales;FFA Strawberry Sales; Publications selling newspaper ads for local businesses; Cross Country Booster Club Windsor Chop meal; Cross Country Kona Ice as meet and footballgame; Girls Golf Egg Your Yard fundraiser; Volleyball Booster Club cookie dough sale fundraiser; Volleyball Booster Club youth volleyball camp; Hope Squad concessions at football,volleyball, basketball, wrestling and soccer events; Hope Squad Chuck a Duck fundraiser; Hope Squad Bake Sale/Concessions at cross country meet; and All athletics Bulldog Cluband TV Sponsorships.	
6. There were no items removed from the consent agenda.	
7. Felderman went over the nutrition processes the district currently does and stated the district would work to enhance and make them better. He also went over state guidance on8th grade participation in high school sports. Hansen stated what was said in the previous meeting was not portrayed accurately in the newspaper article.	
8. There was no old business.	
9. New Business	
a. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Morrison, to approve the proposed Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy and regulations as presented. All ayes.	
b. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Severs, to approve the Preschool Handbook for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
c. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Severs, to approve the Elementary Student Handbook for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
d. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Severs, to approve the Middle School Student Handbook for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
e. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Severs, to approve the High School Student Handbook for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
f. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Severs, to approve the Coach/Sponsor Handbook for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
g. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Hansen, to approve the Employee Handbook for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
h. Motion was made by Showalter, seconded by Hansen, to approve the classified salary schedule as presented. All ayes.	
i. Motion was made to approve the substitute rates for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
j. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Hansen, to approve the activity pass rates for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
k. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Van Wert, to approve the meal prices for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
l. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Hansen, to approve the contract with Central Rivere Area Education Agency (AEA) for Transfer of State Funding for 2026-2027 aspresented. All ayes.	
m. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Showalter, to approve the Concurrent Enrollment Career Link Programs Contract with NIACC for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
n. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Van Wert, to approve the Simbli subscription renewal for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
o. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Severs, to approve the Iowa School Finance Information Services Membership for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
p. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Severs, to approve the Rural School Advocates of Iowa membership for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
q. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Severs, to approve the IXL contract renewal for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.	
r. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Hansen, to approve the contract with ByteSpeed for a visitor check-in Program as presented. All ayes.	
s. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Severs, to call for fuel bids for 2026-	

2027. All ayes.
t. The board held a second reading of the 200 series board policies, and a motion was made by Powers, seconded by Severs, to approve the policies.
10. There were no discussion items.
11. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the District Boardroom
12. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Severs, to adjourn. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm.

HAMPTON-DUMONT CSD BOARD CLAIMS FOR PRESENTATION BOARD MEETING DATE: 6/22/2026 GENERAL/ACTIVITY/MANAGEMENT/ SAVE/PPPEL/CHILD NUTRITION FUNDS	
Vendor Description Paid	
210th Street Bakery Buns	\$406.25
805 Pizza and Chicken Concessions	\$3,248.00
Abby L. Sheeler Mileage	\$93.59
ABDO Set of state books.	\$1,349.40
ABDO Library Books	\$1,722.75
Advance Environmental Testing & Abatement, Inc Asbestos Abatement\$29,850.00	
Ahlers & Cooney P C Legal Services	\$142.00
Ashley Wrich Reimbursement- lost book found	\$23.00
Ashlynn Sue McCallum Balance Refund	\$15.00
ASSA ABLQY Entrance Systems US Inc. door repair	\$461.50
Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company Concessions.....	\$3,025.55
Award Emblern Mfg. Co., Inc Chamber Choir Lettering Pins	\$202.95
Brenda Drake MS Softball 6/5/26	\$105.00
Bryan Foster G. Soccer vs Wright County 5.14.26.....	\$156.96
BSN Sports, LLC HS Windscreens.....	\$2,343.00
Buldogg Cafe Senior Breakfast Meal Cost	\$2,200.00
Caden Krabbe Lost Book Found	\$17.00
Caitlin Ann Meader Mileage	\$224.28
Central Rivers AEA AEA Services FY 26	\$64,377.29
Chad Van Cleve G. Soccer vs Clear lake 5.18.26	\$156.96
Chance Crippen G. Soccer vs. Wright County 5.14.26	\$156.96
CITY OF HAMPTON Water Bill.....	\$2,398.38
Colin K Muller CAI- Mileage	\$1,169.49
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Communications Engineering Company cable repair	\$966.50
Culver-Hahn Electric Supply skylight lenses	\$1,638.64
Dale Howard Auto Center Recall Complete/Oil Change	\$96.54
Dan McColloch Baseball vs Clear Lake 6.1.26	\$225.00
Decker Sporting Goods Game balls	\$980.00
Denielle J Conlon Mileage	\$174.49
Department Of Education Vehicle Inspection	\$1,000.00
E & E Repair Vehicle Repair 19-1	\$80.36
E & E Repair Vehicle Repair 18-1	\$1,256.21
Ecolab Inc MPPA charges.....	\$366.04
Elite Exteriors LLC Athletic Facilities Upgrade	\$6,800.00
EMS Dental Referral Services Co. Chemicals	\$1,958.35
Ethan Lambert JV Baseball vs Iowa Falls- Alden 5.27.26	\$120.00
Everbloom Flower Co LLC Graduation Flowers	\$545.50
Fareway Stores Supplies	\$498.02
Fareway Stores Life Skills Class	\$376.29
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PBIS.....	\$80.50
Hampton-Dumont General Fund NS PBIS SUPPLIES	\$57.24
Deposit by DE in error	\$195,895.82
VISA PAYMENT	\$212.50
Hampton-Dumont Ins Account Escrow Exp: 1/29/26- 6/4/26	\$30,643.88
Hewett Wholesale Concessions	\$3,143.83
Holli R Carr Softball vs Nashua Plainfield 5.28.26	\$135.00
Iowa Assoc Of Ag Educators Fee	\$225.00
Iowa Association For College Admission Counseling Counselor R.I.D.E.	\$25.00
Iowa Communications Network Long Distance.....	\$101.24
Iowa FFA Association Convention	\$515.00
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Kari L Chaplin Mileage	\$49.00
Kay L Thompson, CPA PC Audit Fee FY 25	\$8,750.00
Lance Champman Reimbursement	\$47.94

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West Fork CSD Board Minutes June 22, 2026

West Fork Community School District Board Minutes Official Proceedings – Regular Meeting – May 22, 2026 – unapproved	
The West Fork Board of Education met for its regular meeting in the Supt. Office at the Sheffield Campus. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President, Holly Henricks. Board members present: Ashley Wilkinson, Amber Marzen, Travis Butler, and Erin Suntken via Google Meet. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kruger, MS/HS Principal Darren Huisenga, Elementary Principal Ashley Flatebo, and West Fork Board Secretary Lacey Pueggel.	
Visitors: Tom Christianson, Scott Huntbatch, Bruce Wonsmos, Brennan Laugen, Ellie Harms, Reed Lundt, Mya Marzen, Presli Busch, Addyson Moellers.	
Butler made a motion to approve the Agenda, Minutes from May 18 2026, Minutes from May 26, 2026, June 2026 bills, and May 2026 Financials; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.	
Principals Report: 1. Mrs. Flatebo attended Standards Based Grading Conference and presented along with Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Nielsen 2. Two teachers attended River Hills Professional Learning	

3.Construction at the Rockwell Campus is moving along at a good pace
4. We are continuing to serve families thru the Summer Food Pantry
5. Working on scheduling to incorporate some of the new legislation that was signed
6. MS staff attended ISAP Training
7. Mrs. Emhoff put up a Gazebo at the Sheffield Campus for outdoor learning purposes, a big thank you to everyone who has helped with this project
8. Summer Maintenance is in full swing

Superintendent's Report:
1. Huge thank you to Mrs. Flatebo, Mrs. Wagner, and Mrs. Nielsen for presenting and representing West Fork at the Standards Based Grading Conference
2. Phase II construction is going well and on track timewise
3. Working on some more Grant opportunities in partnership with the WF Booster Club for the All Weather Track in Sheffield
4. Addressing some concerns about the Baseball/Softball Complex concession and restroom area and working with the little league to come up with solutions

Old Business:
Supt. Kruger gave an update on the construction progress for Phase II work. They are still on target to complete the work by

August 8th.
Supt. Kruger gave an update/review on the Strategic Planning workshop with IASB.

New Business:
Tom Christianson presented the board with the 26-27 Insurance renewal update. There was a slight decrease in the policies. Wilkinson moved to approve the policy package for \$230,286.19 which includes the builders risk insurance for construction; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.
Tom, Scott, Bruce left the meeting at 5:30pm.
FFA members presented the information about the Greenhouse project they have been raising money for. The officer team shared the specs and costs of the project, as well as some of their ideas/plans for using the greenhouse. The project will be fully funded by grants and donations. Following discussion, Marzen moved to approve the Greenhouse project as presented; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 5-0.
Mya, Reed, Presli, Addyson, Ellie left the meeting at 5:38pm.
Mr. Laugen, MS/HS Band/Choir Instructor, shared with the board some of the things going on in the Music Department and asked for suggestions and feedback

with regard to where the board would like to see the Music Program. The board encouraged Mr. Laugen to continue what he's doing to get kids involved and seek out the interests of the kids.
Brennan Laugen, Ashley Flatebo, and Daren Huisenga left the meeting at 6:11pm.

Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Open Enrollment requests as presented; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Marzen moved to approve the Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel Services Agreement for the 2026 Series General Obligation School Bonds with Ahlers and Cooney; seconded by Wilkinson. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve the 28E Sharing Agreement with Mason City CSD to share a HR Director for the 26-27 school year; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Marzen moved to approve the 28E contract for Educational Services for Concurrent Enrollment Career Link Programs and Courses for 26-27 with NIACC; seconded by Wilkinson. Motion carried 5-0.

Marzen moved to approve the resolution for safety equipment as follows: RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of West Fork CSD, will transfer expenditures from the Activity Fund to the General Fund for FY25-26 to help cover the

Lance Studer Customs Vehicle Service	\$801.83
Leann M Braun Mileage	\$135.73
Legacy Golf Course at the Nineteen, LLC Boys Conference Golf Meet	\$274.00
Marco Copier staples	\$110.10
Martin Bros Dist Co Foods, Prom	\$290.11
Martin Bros Dist Co Fundraiser.....	\$217.20
Martin Bros Dist Co May MB Order.....	\$32,231.85
Mary A Fulton Mileage	\$155.19
Mason City Glass Service Door repair	\$59,459.00
Mediacom District Internet.....	\$327.67
Michael Holm MS Baseball 6/3/26.....	\$240.00
Michelle M. Spradlin Mileage	\$200.34
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY Utilities	\$16,569.02
Mike Arndorfer Softball vs Nashua Plainfield 5.28.26.....	\$135.00
Moritz Parker MS Baseball 6/3/26	\$120.00
Mosyle Corporation licenses.....	\$22,992.00
Murphy Heating & Plumbing Foods room dishwasher	\$210.53
Plumbing repair	\$121.20
Napa Auto Parts Genuine Parts Company Tool Set w/Cart.....	\$1,048.61
Nassco Inc summer supplies	\$15,127.70
Nate Subbert Spring Worker Pay	\$50.00
New Day Dairy LLC Supplies.....	\$60.00
Nichole M Prantner Mileage.....	\$35.76
North Iowa Golf LLC Team golf balls	\$55.98
One Source The Background Check Company May 2026 BG checks	\$184.00
Orkin Pest Control Pest Control.....	\$78.24
Orkin Pest Control Spraying	\$382.95
Phillip Scott O'Brien Baseball vs Clear Lake 6.1.26	\$240.00
Reliable1 HVAC repair diagnose compressor fail.....	\$3,317.59
Rieman Music mallets	\$562.54
Rockwell Cooperative Telephone District Internet	\$104.95
Ron's Roofing New Roof at HS-Insurance	\$115,750.00
School Bus Sales Co Vehicle Supplies.....	\$952.57
School Specialty classroom.....	\$36.84
Segra WAN renewal.....	\$364.44
SmartPass Inc HS/MS Smart Pass Subscription	\$3,530.26
Splash Multipsport & Custom, LLC SFSP Promo	\$1,246.46
STEVE BAHM MS Softball 6/3/26, 6/5/26	\$210.00
Subscriber Services Time for Kids	\$795.60
Tammy L Schimp Spring Worker Pay	\$50.00
Team Concrete & Construction LLC Softball Work	\$11,175.00
Team Concrete & Construction LLC Softball Upgrade.....	\$37,575.00
The Shredder - Medshred Fuel Surcharge	\$252.00
Theron Hitchman G.. Soccer vs Wright County 5.14.26.....	\$156.96
Theron Hitchman G. Soccer vs Clear Lake 5.18.26	\$148.00
Tiffany Miller Mileage	\$383.95
Tim Felderman Mileage FY 26	\$834.40
Tim Kangas G. Soccer vs. Clear Lake 5.18.26	\$149.68
Traci Moorehead Mileage.....	\$121.59
Traci Moorehead Spotify	\$220.32
Tracy L. Baltes Reimbursement Class D	\$17.50
Ty Dillavou JV Baseball vs Iowa Falls Alden 5.27.26.....	\$120.00
U S Cellular Phone Bill	\$17.08
Varsity Group Signage for Athletic Fields.....	\$3,200.00
Varsity Group.....	\$4,350.00
Visa6828 School Supplies	\$374.33
Visa6828 Conference Registration.....	\$165.00
Visa6901 Impact bits and carpenter pencils.....	\$39.39
Visa6901 Meal	\$1,579.60
Visa6927 med gloves	\$74.98
Visa6950 NetCloud Renewal	\$783.81
VISA6976 North Side Supplies.....	\$597.00
Visa6984 Concessions	\$71.99
VISA6992 Athle Live scoring app for golf	\$474.95
VISA7008 Perkins Equipment-FCS	\$1,669.86
Visa7024 Amazon Purchases	\$279.55
VISA7040 SS General Supplies-Insurance	\$1,032.48
VISA7057 MS General Barkema Supplies	\$920.70
VISA7057 MS General conference	\$185.00
VISA7073 Business Manager Transportation Supplies	\$301.37
Grill for Concession Stand	\$498.54
VISA7081 Maintenance replacement drill	\$963.01
VISA7107 Board Sectary Supplies	\$24.17
VISA7115 Superintendent Spanish Translation service	\$721.69
VISA7123 HS Activity Director Drake Relays	\$816.18
VISA7131 MS Principal Postage	\$156.00
Waverly-Shell Rock Schools Soccer entry fee.....	\$150.00
WAYZATA Coed Track Meet	\$1,319.00
West Delaware Community School District Regional meet fee	\$90.00
Wilson Restaurant Supply LLC Fridge Part	\$435.50
Woodriver Energy LLC Natural Gas.....	\$1,421.36
Xello Inc Xello HS.....	\$6,100.00
Z & A Tire Service LLC Vehicle Repair/Brakes #30	\$3,230.56
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	\$754,100.74

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 6/23/2026

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOS June 23 rd , 2026	
A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCounty-BoardofSuperviso/streams	
The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Tuesday, June 23 rd , 2026, at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.	
Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the agenda with the removal of "Acknowledgement of Sheriff's Monthly Report for May 2026" as it was from the last meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.	
Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the minutes from the 6/16/2026 Regular Session. All ayes. Motion carried.	
Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: McVicker attended NIACOG Housing Trust Fund Board. Vanness attended Franklin County Development Association.	
Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, provided an update on his department to the Supervisors.	
Road Crew (R3) Wage Adjustments Discussion – After extensive discussion, it was decided to wait until more information regarding property tax reform is available. It will be revisited September 15 th or as soon as more information is available regarding property tax reform.	
Battery Storage Facilities Discussion – Vanness asked about the status of the Drainage District Utility Permit Applications. Payments were received late Monday so they will be on next week's agenda. The Board of Adjustment will meet on the 29 th at 1PM	

to consider their Conditional Use Permits.
Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve claims as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a fireworks permit for Doug Tarr. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve an ABD Outdoor Service license for JJ's Bar & Grill in Bradford. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution correcting Resolution #2026-31 "Setting Franklin County Elected Officials Compensation for FY2027". The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2026-48 RESOLUTION CORRECTING RESOLUTION 2026-31 "SETTING FRANKLIN COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL COMPENSATION FOR FY2027"			
WHEREAS Resolution #2026-31 "A Resolution Setting Franklin County Elected Official Compensation for FY2027" was passed on April 14 th , 2026, by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors. WHEREAS errors have been discovered for two elected officials in the previously mentioned Resolution #2026-31. WHEREAS the Franklin County Board of Supervisors did determine wages for county elected officials for FY2027 as follows:			
<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$86,457.25	5%	\$90,780
Recorder	\$82,502.75	4.5%	\$86,215

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RECORDS: FROM PAGE 10

2:32 PM: Controlled Burn - 155th St, Hampton
4:21 PM: Controlled Burn - 130th St, Hampton
7:24 PM: Family Offenses - Van Kirk St, Latimer
7:36 PM: False 911 Calls - I-35 173MM, Latimer
10:31 PM: False 911 Calls - 240th St, Sheffield

Sunday, June 28

Hampton Police Department
3:46 AM: Parking Ord., 10Blk 2nd Ave NW, in Hampton
3:50 AM: Parking Ord., 10Blk 1st Ave NE, in Hampton
3:53 AM: Parking Ord., 100Blk S Federal St, in Hampton
7:45 AM: Phone Call To Return, in Hampton
9:47 AM: Information, 4th St and 3rd Ave, in Hampton
12:31 PM: Animals (Except

Dogs), 1000Blk 2nd St NW, in Hampton
3:55 PM: Animals (Except Dogs), 0Blk 3rd Ave NW, in Hampton
4:22 PM: Family Dispute, 0Blk 2nd St SE, in Hampton
5:22 PM: False 911 Calls, 100Blk Wilshire Cir, in Hampton
8:03 PM: Animals (Except Dogs), 700Blk Central Ave E, in Hampton
8:54 PM: False 911 Calls, 600Blk 6th Ave SW, in Hampton

10:33 PM: Traffic Stop., 700Blk 1st Ave NW, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
2:06 AM: Traffic Stop - 1000Blk Hwy 3, Coulter
3:26 AM: Misc/ - Central Ave, Hampton
8:45 AM: Stolen Property Offense - Grant St, Coulter
9:01 AM: Misc/ - Franklin Co,

Hampton
10:30 AM: Misc/ - 5th St SW, Hampton
10:31 AM: Family Offenses - Latimer
1:22 PM: Misc/ - Grant St, Coulter
4:09 PM: Phone Call To Return - 5th St SW, Hampton
5:35 PM: False 911 Calls - 4th St, Coulter
6:18 PM: Misc/ - Ulmus Ave, Rockwell

7:38 PM: Phone Call To Return - Franklin Co, Franklin
8:29 PM: Traffic Stop - 700Blk Hwy 3, Coulter
9:31 PM: 10-50 Car - Deer - Hwy 65, Hampton
9:31 PM: Misc/- 140th St, Coulter
10:16 PM: Warrants-Other - Hampton
10:50 PM: Booking Information - 5th St SW, Hampton

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Maguire Miles Flint and McKenna Grace Quinlan (6-9-26)

Itzul Sue Torres and Marbin Daniel Hernandez Chirinos (6-17-26)

Franklin Co Claims, 6/23/2026

Publication List by Vendor/Description		
AireSpring File 1422 Srvs	584.18	1
Adam Akers Reimb	127.66	1
City of Alexander Frm to Mkt	271.06	1
Alliant Energy Util	370.33	3
Amazon Capital Services Sup	3749.78	3
Valerie Anderson Srvs	245.00	1
Auto Parts Rep/Parts	29.57	1
Jeff Baltes Wk Appl	225.00	1
Ann Bobst Elec Wrkr	49.00	1
Mary Bradley Elec Wrkr	277.00	1
Brents Ag & Auto Repair Rep/Parts	165.85	1
Michael Brodie Srvs	263.13	1
Tessa Brodie Srvs	241.50	1
Kay Brower Elec Wrkr	242.60	1
Zoe Brown Elec Wrkr	42.00	1
Butler Co Auditor DHS Exp	3417.95	1
Ella Butler Elec Wrkr	245.00	1
CAM Spray Sup	360.18	1
Campbell Supply Co Rep/Parts	3041.76	1
Carl A. Nelson & Company Srvs	28721.00	1
Elizabeth Jean Carr Srvs	24.50	1
Central IA Detention JV Detention	88.50	1
Central Iowa Distributing Sup	621.00	1
CenturyLink Srvs	387.65	4
Zella Charlson Elec Wrkr	305.65	1
Chemsearch Shop Sup	139.02	1
Cintas Corporation Srv/Sup	46.69	1
City Laundering Sup	175.40	1
Elaine Clemens Elec Wrkr	245.00	1
COBRA Solutions, Inc Srvs	395.00	1
Column Software PBC Srvs	475.73	3
Consolidated Energy Fuel	54191.30	1
Midwest Pipe Pipe	3686.52	1
City of Coulter Frm to Mkt	426.80	1
Craighton Electric Rep/Parts	2627.15	1
D&L Sanitation Srvs	230.50	3
Dan Corbin Inc Srvs	5051.00	1
Rick DeGroot BOA Mtgs	65.95	1
Cindy Dirksen Elec Wrkr	262.98	1
Donna Dorsey Elec Wrkr	262.50	1
Dultmeier Sales, LLC Srvs	3179.00	1
Dumont Telephone Srvs	220.37	1
E & E Repair Rep/Parts	86.07	1
Electronic Engineering Srvs	435.96	1
Electronic Services System Srvs	1626.72	1
Sharon Elling Elec Wrkr	245.00	1
Eric Craighton Construction Co Srvs	6700.00	1
ESRI Sftwr Maint	120.00	1
Fareway Sup	187.43	1
First Grace Baptist Church Polling Place	75.00	1
Katy Flint Reimb	179.75	1
Hope Foley Srvs	28.00	1
Franklin Co Secondary Rds Srvs	1084.61	3
Franklin Co Sheriff's Office Srvs	493.10	3
Franklin General Hospital Rent	125409.32	3
Franklin Grassland Seeds Inc Seed	3675.00	1
Franklin REC Util	1851.65	3
Barbara Furman Elect	266.25	1
City of Geneva Frm to Mkt	347.60	1
Travis Gerrish Mileage	115.57	1

Giddings Signs Signs	200.00	1
Gordon Flesch Co Inc Srvs	496.01	1
Got You Covered Wk Appl	215.06	2
Robert Grant BOA Mtgs	59.57	1
Gordon Greimann BOA	52.90	1
Newton Hamilton Wk Appl	105.00	1
Ted Guldberg Elect Delvr	184.00	1
Rodney Hamilton Wk Appl	225.00	1
Hampton Vet Center Srvs	210.00	1
Hansell Community Center Poll Plc	75.00	1
City of Hansell Frm to Mkt	321.74	1
Hardin Co Sheriff Prisoners	8820.00	1
Hawkeye West Pest Cntrl Srvs	72.76	1
Heartland Asphalt Srvs	742.65	1
Heartland Tire Equip	552.00	1
Marsha Heilskov Elec Wrkr	42.00	1
Angela Horner Reimb	96.30	1
LuCinda Horner Srvs	17.40	1
Luann Huling Elec Wrkr	332.00	1
IACVS Trng/Dues	50.00	1
Iowa Communications Network Srvs	538.50	1
ISAC Trng	825.00	3
J-T Machine & Tool Rep/Parts	719.25	1
Betsy Jess Well	224.95	1
Gabe Johanns Reimb	136.16	1
KAM Line Highway Markings Srvs	92834.32	1
JoAnn Kellison Elect	57.00	1
Koenen Lawn Care Srvs	324.75	1
Karen Koenig Srvs	285.95	1
Koerner-Whipple Srvs	85.70	1
Kathy Kroll-Oldenburger BOA Mtgs	63.05	1
Lance Studer Custom Auto Srvs	7298.70	3
Rebecca E LaRue Reimb	73.85	1
City of Latimer Util	2201.26	1
Becky Lohrbach Elec Wrkr	306.00	1
Debbra Lukensmeyer Srvs	262.50	1
M & G Tire Service Srvs	60.48	1
M & K Truck Centers Srvs	127.25	1
Eldean Madetzke Commissioner	268.71	1
Martin Marietta Road Stone	369551.90	1
Christy Mason Elec Wrkr	45.00	1
Gary McVicker Reimb	150.00	1
Karen McVicker Elect	317.98	1
Virginia Meinberg Reimb	50.00	1
Becky Menning Srvs	24.50	1
Microbac Laboratories, Inc Water Testing	57.50	1
Mid American Energy Util	2831.20	7
Mid American Research Chemical Cust Sup	231.85	1
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY Equip	61427.20	1
Carol Miller Elec Wrkr	304.55	1
Karen Mitchell Elec Wrkr	259.50	1
Marilyn Moser Srvs	245.00	1
Northern IA Construction Sup	39718.00	1
David O'Connor Srvs	267.95	1
Kim O'Connor Srvs	317.85	1
ODP Business Solutions LLC Sup	225.25	2
OnTheGo Media Pub	171.10	1
Patten Equip & Trailer Sales Equip	11790.00	1
Mary Ann Patton Elec Wrkr	249.11	1
Dick Paulsen Elect	245.00	1
Sharon Paulsen Elec Wrkr	241.50	1

Petty Cash Sheriff Pstg	144.55	1
Pitney Bowes Qrtly Pstg	970.29	1
Val Plagge Elec Wrkr	57.25	1
City of Popejoy Frm to Mkt	192.90	1
Dyanne Pralle Elec Wrkr	262.50	1
Pralles Wash City Veh Cing	157.01	2
Stacey S Pratt Srvs	8.70	1
Quill Corp Sup	94.79	1
Reminder Printing Ads	216.70	2
Raymond A Rice Reimb	225.00	1
Rinker Materials Supp	17422.72	1
Carole Robertson Elec Wrkr	45.65	1
Megan Roelfs Elec Wrkr	326.20	1
Router12 Networks Srvs	95.00	1
Sadler Power Train Srvs	1403.99	1
LaVerne Sanders Srvs	184.00	1
Tammy Schimp Elec Wrkr	53.38	1
Dale Schirmer Srvs	266.25	1
Mary Schlichting Elec Wrkr	306.73	1
Schumacher Elevator Co Maint Agrmnt	2067.24	1
Secure Shred Solutions Srvs	4.00	1
Kathy Sheppard Elec Wrkr	35.00	1
Jacob Showalter BOA Mtgs	56.53	1
Jean Showalter Srvs	508.65	1
Debbie Silver Srvs	241.88	1
Vicki Smith Srvs	278.35	1
Carol Snell Elec Wrkr	262.50	1
St Patrick's Catholic Church Poll Plc	75.00	1
St Paul's Lutheran Church Poll Plc	75.00	1
State Hygienic Lab Sup	1148.00	1
Robbi Stevens Elec Wrkr	37.50	1
Shiona Stewart Elec	24.50	1
Mike Stock Srvs	255.66	1
Diane Storey Srvs	258.75	1
Streichers Sup	290.00	2
LeAnn Strother Elec Wrkr	262.50	1
Sunset Law Enforcement Ammo	3813.75	1
Tom Teggatz Commssioner	259.14	1
Dan Tilkes Reimb	158.97	2
Titan Energy Srvs	1285.15	1
Cheryl Ubben Elec Wrkr	245.00	1
US Cellular Srvs	131.66	1
USPS Pstg	1180.00	7
Chris Vanness Mig/Comm	102.50	1
Giles Varrelmann Srvs	37.00	1
Visa Trng/Sup	1204.34	3
Visual Edge IT Srvs	824.54	4
John Waddingham Reimb	25.00	1
Layne Walvatne Reimb	147.97	1
Diane Weldin PEO	284.50	1
Jim Wessels Elec Wrkr	322.20	1
Collette Wiarda Elec Wrkr	270.00	1
Gwana Wirtjes Srvs	302.63	1
Ann Wolf Elect	278.45	1
Troy Wood Srvs	37.00	1
Margaret Wosepka Elec Wrkr	271.15	1
Karen Zander Elec Wrkr	310.25	1
Grand Total	906795.37	
Approved 6/23/26 to be paid 6/24/26.		

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Dumont Council Minutes/Claims 6.11.26

June 11, 2026

The Dumont City Council met Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Carson Freese presiding. Those present were Council Members Mike Day, Marty Evans, Valerie Menken and Lukas Smith. Wayne Pecha was absent. Representing the Fire Department was Fire Chief Zach Lewis. Representing the Butler County Sheriff's Department was Deputy Curt Lubben. Visitors present were John Bierbrodt, Michael Kulish and Keeley Stanbrough.

Mayor Freese opened the Public Hearing on the Amendment to 2025-2026 Current Budget for the City of Dumont, Iowa. Said Notice of the City Council's intent to conduct a Public Hearing was published in the Hampton Chronicle on June 3, 2026. As no one appeared to comment on the Amendment, and there were no written objections filed at City Hall, Day moved to close the Public Hearing. Menken seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Smith presented **RESOLUTION 2026-5 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 2026** and moved for its passage. Evans seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes. A copy of Resolution 2026-5 can be viewed at City Hall. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

During Public Comment at the May 14, 2026, City Council meeting, the owner of the animal alleged to be a "vicious" animal addressed the Council regarding the City's determination. The City subsequently received a written request from the owner appealing the matter. The appeal was scheduled for consideration at tonight's June 11, 2026, regular City Council meeting; however, the owner did not attend. Following discussion, Smith/Evans moved to direct staff to send a Proof of Breed Letter to the owner of the dog located at 217 2nd Street and require that documentation verifying the dog's breed be submitted to City Hall no later than the next regular City Council meeting on July 9, 2026. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

During public comment, Council person Menken asked if the Public Works Dept. could purchase a new level.

Smith/Day moved to approve the May 14, 2026 City Council minutes as published. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Smith/Menken moved to promote Brian Angstman to the vacant Public Works position. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Day/Evans approved the building/flood plain permit for ABCM at 931 Third Street. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Smith/Evans moved to direct staff to send a letter to the owner of the residence at 407 Second Street informing him that the City has received a complaint regarding the deteriorating condition of the sidewalk and requesting that the necessary repairs be made. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Day/Evans moved to reaffirm the Council's original motion adopted on April 16, 2026, stating that the City will cover the service call fee and labor costs associated with the inspection at 611 Main Street. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Smith/Day moved to approve and sign the contract with Mosquito Control of Iowa for the 2026 mosquito spraying season at a contract price of \$3500, with services beginning June 1, 2026, and continuing through approximately September 1, 2026. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

The Public Works Department was directed to obtain pricing estimates for cleaning the ditch located between 401 Cedar Street and 410 Cedar Street and to present the information to the Council at its July 9, 2026 meeting for further review and consideration. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Smith/Evans moved to approve Dumont Harken Lumber's bid in the amount of \$2,126.68 for materials to repair the Park Bathroom roof. Labor bids were received as follows: Dave Gronewold in the amount of \$1000.00; Cody Nederhoff in the amount of \$1100.00; and Jones Home Construction in the amount of \$1000.00. Smith/Evans further moved to accept Dave Gronewold's bid in the amount of \$1000.00 for labor. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried. The water tower cleaning is scheduled for June 25, 2026.

Mayor Freese will visit with Roger Kregel regarding fiber installation to the cemetery. The solar speed signs have been installed. Thank you to Brian Angstman and Ryan Freese for their work in completing the installation.

Evans/Day moved to set the hourly wage for Brian Angstman at \$22.00 per hour, with a \$1.00 per hour increase upon obtaining his CDL and an additional \$1.00 per hour increase upon obtaining his pesticide licenses. Evans/Day further moved to set the hourly wage for Dennis Burkett at \$35.00 per hour in recognition of his knowledge on upcoming projects. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Evans/Day moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-6, Setting Salaries for Appointed Officers and Employees for the City of Dumont for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. A copy of Resolution No. 2026-6 is available for review at City Hall. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Day/Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-7, authorizing the Transfer of Funds. A copy of Resolution No. 2026-7 is available for review at City Hall. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

The Trees Forever Community Visioning group has been very active and is excited to showcase several planning concepts for the City of Dumont during Sandbaggin' Day. Smith/Day moved to forgo payment of the first installment of the T-16 Repaving Project until the project has been fully completed to Iowa DOT standards, as well as to the satisfaction of Butler County and the City of Dumont. Ted Nellesen, Fiscal & Policy Analyst Senior for the State and Local Budgets Division, Iowa Department of Management, indicated that the City may and should carry over the Debt Service fund balance into Fiscal Year 2027; however, if the carryover debt payment is not budgeted in FY27, a budget amendment will be required in order to utilize those funds. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Evans/Smith moved to approve the Clerk's report as presented. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Evans/Smith moved to authorize the mailing of nuisance abatement notices by certified mail for properties located at 403 Second Street, 126 Highland Avenue, and 230 Second Street, and further moved to require the property owner at 115 Montrose Avenue to install a gate on the property by August 1, 2026. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Smith/Evans moved to approve payment of this month's bills as presented. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried. The bills are as follows:

GENERAL	
Public Safety-Ambulance/Fire/Law Enforcement	
Dumont Telephone	phone/internet 108.96
Got You Covered	t-shirts & polos 753.30
MidAmerican Energy	utilities 131.10
U.S. Cellular	unlimited data plan 43.79
Library	
Access Systems	maintenance contract 123.21
Deb Eisentrager	mileage 116.00
Dumont Telephone Company	phone/fax 37.65
Hawkeye Communication/Fandel24/7 monitoring fire system	564.00
IPERS	IPERS 412.88
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes 432.42
Linda A. Allen	books 235.67
MidAmerican Energy	utilities 155.70
MidAmerica Books	books 73.90
Visa-Dumont Community Library	books 220.56
Wix Water Works	six bags of solar salt 59.00
Cemetery	
Diane Gronewold	cemetery contract #3 1667.00
Heritage Mutual Insurance	property insurance 341.00
City Hall/General	
Column Software PBClegals-mins. 4/16; 5/6; 5/14/Amendment	557.22
Dumont Telephone Company	phone/fax/internet 186.35
IMFOA	IMFOA dues 50.00
IPERS	IPERS 324.77
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes 402.36
Jodi L. Angstman	mileage to Hampton 17.40
Kwik Trip, Inc.	dog food 9.62
MercyOne Occupational Health	drug screening 74.00
MidAmerican Energy	utilities 150.66
On The Go Media	help wanted ad 70.00
Rhonda L. Schmidt	mileage to Hampton 34.80
The Computer Guy	remote repair-one year "seat" 40.00
Wellmark	insurance-payroll 523.17
Park & Recreation	
Hampton Hardware	P & R bathroom repair 15.99
MidAmerican Energy	utilities 56.07
Roger Grover	bathroom repair-city park 90.00
Street Lights	
MidAmerican Energy	utilities 1103.74
GENERAL FUND	9182.29
GENERAL FUND PAYROLL/5-2026	3718.44
TOTAL GENERAL	12900.73
ROAD USE TAX	
AGCO Finance LLC	oil filter/oil 150.47
Airgas USA, LLC	cylinder rental 77.49

Dumont Harken Lumber	washer and bit 8.67
IPERS	IPERS 395.46
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes 447.46
Kwik Trip, Inc.	fuel 364.05
MidAmerican Energy	utilities 125.48
RUT FUND	1569.08
RUT FUND PAYROLL/5-2026	2055.83
TOTAL RUT	3624.91
DEBT SERVICE	
First Security Bank & Trustprincipal/interest loan #9300029649	16332.60
WATER	
Hampton Hardware	galvanized nipple 6.99
IPERS	IPERS 275.06
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes 372.16
Jodi L. Angstman	mileage 11.60
Microbac Laboratories, Inc.	water analysis 41.25
MidAmerican Energy	utilities 85.32
PeopleService, Inc.	monthly service-June 2026 1105.00
Rhonda L. Schmidt	mileage 23.20
Treasurer-State of IA	wet tax-April 26 390.11
Wellmark	insurance-payroll 209.26
WATER FUND	2519.95
WATER FUND PAYROLL/5-2026	1354.45
TOTAL WATER FUND	3874.40
SEWER	
Dumont Harken Lumber, Inc.sump pump and parts for pump	159.16
Dumont Post Office	billing postage 5-31-26 169.58
Dumont Telephone Company	phone 38.47
IPERS	IPERS 252.26
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes 345.95
Jodi L. Angstman	mileage 11.60
Microbac Laboratories, Inc.	wastewater analysis 399.25
MidAmerican Energy	utilities 991.59
PeopleService, Inc.	monthly service-June 2026 1070.00
Rhonda L. Schmidt	mileage 23.20
Wellmark	insurance-payroll 209.26
SEWER FUND	3670.32
SEWER FUND PAYROLL/5-2026	1235.02
TOTAL SEWER FUND	4905.34
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	
Butler Co. Solid Waste Comm	disposal fee-June 2026 2694.50
IPERS	IPERS 103.52
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes 129.42
Jendro Sanitation Services	May 2026 collection 2458.10
Jodi L. Angstman	mileage 11.60
Rhonda L. Angstman	mileage 23.20
Wellmark	insurance-payroll 104.64
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	5524.98
LANDFILL/GARBAGE PAYROLL/5-2026	523.86
TOTAL LANDFILL/GARBAGE	6048.84
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	38799.22
PAYROLL-MAY 2026	8887.60
TOTAL	47686.82
SANDBAGGIN' DAYS-MAY 2026	
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	liquor license 89.38
TOTAL	47776.20
March 2026 Revenue	
General Fund	5,990.73
Road Use Tax	6,017.71
Local Option	5,395.65
Employee Benefits	313.41
Debt Service	1,102.85
Water	9,232.23
Sewer	9,359.81
Landfill/Garbage	6,161.84
Total	43,574.23

Smith/Day moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Smith; Absent-Pecha; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Carson W. Freese, Mayor

Rhonda L. Schmidt, Attest

Jodi L. Angstman, Attest

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BIBLE SCHOOL: FROM PAGE 2

chose to support the organization as a way to help continue its local mission.

Each morning began with pledges to the American flag, Christian flag and Bible before students moved into lessons and activities. Recreation was another favorite part of the week, with kickball being one of the activities students enjoyed most.

The week concluded with a Sunday program where children shared songs and a skit with the congregation. Following the program, Zion hosted an ice cream social and beef burger fundraiser organized by the church's youth group.

Preparing for VBS takes months of work, with organizers ordering mate-

rials, recruiting volunteers and finding teachers and helpers. With nearly 90 students attending, volunteers play an important role in making the week successful.

"It's hard getting enough teachers with so many kids," Buseman admitted. "But it's a good problem to have—too many kids and not enough helpers. We make it work. It always works out in the end."

For Buseman, her decades-long involvement stems from a genuine love for children and youth ministry.

"I always loved going to Vacation Bible School growing up," Buseman said. "To be able to use my talents of ventriloquism and my communica-

Hampton Council Minutes/Claims 6.25.26

COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

The Hampton City Council Regular Session Meeting was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Jeanne Fay, Jerre Grefe, Bill Holmstrom, and Kristin Roode. Barry Lamos was absent. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Police Chief Mark Morrison and Public Works Director Doug Tarr. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Mayor Birdsall called for a motion to **approve the agenda**. Motion by Fay, second by Davies to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Birdsall read the **Mayors Leadership Statement**.

Council Workshop Report: Mayor Birdsall presented minutes from the June 22, 2026 workshop.

Public Comment: None.

Public Hearing: The mayor opened the public hearing on the adoption of **plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as the 2026-2027 HMA Street Rehabilitation Program** at 6:02pm. Mark Crawford from Crawford Engineering provided details. City Manager Dunt reported no written objections. Mayor Birdsall called for oral objections and none were made. Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:06pm.

Council considered **Resolution 2026-15 "RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE 2026-2027 HMA STREET REHABILITATION PROGRAM"**. Motion by Fay, second by Grefe to approve Resolution 2026-15. Roll call vote: Ayes: Fay, Davies, Holmstrom, Grefe, Roode. Nays: None. Absent: Lamos. Resolution 2026-15 passed.

Resolution 2026-16: "RESOLUTION MAKING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE 2026-2027 HMA STREET REHABILITATION PROGRAM." Motion by Davies, second by Roode to approve Resolution 2026-16. Roll call votes: Ayes: Holmstrom, Grefe, Roode, Davies, Fay. Nays: None. Absent: Lamos. Resolution 2026-16 passed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Rachele Thompson, CPA, presented **FY25 Financial Audit**. Motion by Holmstrom, second by Fay to acknowledge receipt of the FY25 Financial Audit. Motion approved unanimously.

Janette Flores Acolt from La Luz requested **street closure for Gran Festival this Saturday, June 27**. Motion by Davies, second by Roode to approve street closure request from La Luz for Gran Festival this Saturday, June 27. Motion approved unanimously.

Jennifer Rooney from Pit Row requested to have a **food truck parked within the June 27 street closure, approved by council on Thursday, March 26**. Motion by Roode, second by Davies to approve request from Pit Row. Ayes: Davies, Fay, Holmstrom, Roode. Nays: Grefe. Absent: Lamos. Motion passed.

Charlane Pralle-Janssen requested **street closures for BBQ Contest July 31 and August 1**. Motion by Holmstrom, second by Fay to approve street closures for the July 31 and August 1 BBQ contest. Motion approved unanimously.

Council considered request from Amber Rodgers of Nice Beans Coffee to have her **food truck parked in the Hampton Aquatic Center parking lot on July 2 and July 8**. Aquatic Center Manager Emileigh Eilderts provided details. Motion by Davies, seconded by Grefe to approved request from Amber Rodgers for July 2 and July 8. Motion approved unanimously.

Council considered expenses related to **"America 250" window art painting at 4 & 6 1st St NW**. Motion by Fay, seconded by Roode approve "America 250" window painting

expenses up to \$600 at 4 & 6 1st St NW. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of claims. Motion by Grefe, second by Fay to approve the **claims as submitted by staff** in the amount of \$196,405.32. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions: Ordinance 411: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55.05 LIVESTOCK, MUNICIPAL CODE OF HAMPTON, BY DELETING EXISTING SECTION 55.05 AND REPLACING WITH NEW SECTION 55.05 MUNICIPAL CODE OF HAMPTON." (first reading). Motion by Grefe, seconded by Holmstrom to approve Ordinance 411 (first reading). Roll call vote: Ayes: Grefe, Roode, Fay, Holmstrom. Nays: Davies. Absent: Lamos. First reading passed.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda. Motion by Fay, second by Davies to approve the Consent Agenda and the following items: approve previous minutes as drafted from Thursday, June 11, 2026 Regular Session; schedule the next Regular Session for Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; approve Alcohol licensing for: Fareway Stores, 309 Central Ave W; approve of tobacco licensing renewal for: A to Z Liquor, 721 Central Ave W and La Frontera Tienda, 200 1st St NW. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Council Reports given by Holmstrom, Fay, Grefe, Roode and Davies

Mayor's Report given by Mayor Birdsall.

Motion to adjourn by Grefe, second by Roode at 6:46 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager
Mayor Steve Birdsall

CITY OF HAMPTON FINANCIAL REPORT CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL	
VENDOR/DESCRIPTION/AMOUNT	
A&M ELECTRIC INC REPAIR.....	#1,381.86
AGSOURCE LABORATORIES LAB TESTING	#91.50
AGVANTAGE FS INC FUEL.....	#560.77
AUDITOR STATE OF IOWA AUDIT FEES	#425.00
BOLTON & MENK INC MISC CONTRACT	#7,800.00
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN ROCK.....	#639.72
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT BOOKS	#97.08
CRAWFORD ENG & SURVEY INC ENGINEERING	#24,000.00
CULLIGAN WATER LIBRARY MAINT.....	#42.00
CURRY CONSTRUCTION LLC ROOFING	#21,351.00
D&L SANITATION INC GARBAGE.....	#678.23
DAVIES, JAMES REIMBURSEMENT.....	#252.88
E&E REPAIR REPAIR	#76.07
EBS HEALTH- PRE-TAX	#4,404.18
EBS - CITY'S PORTION HEALTH INS.....	#32,017.56
EFTPS FED WH FED/FICA TAX	#14,029.38
FAREWAY STORES INC SUPPLY.....	#96.45
FILE, LINDSAY LIBRARY MAINT	#200.00
FRANKLIN GRASSLAND SEED C SUPPLY	#300.00
FRANKLIN REC UTILITIES.....	#538.62
GORDON FLESCH – NASPO SUPPLY.....	#82.54
GUIDEPOSTS PERIODICAL	#20.94

HACKBARTH, JANET SHELTER DEP.....	#100.00
HAMPTON VETERINARY CENTER POUND FEES.....	#255.00
HANSELL AG REPAIR REPAIR	#5.04
HAWKINS, INC. CHEMICALS.....	#3,316.15
HEARTLAND ASPHALT INC SUPPLY	#1,782.31
IDALS01 APPLICATOR CERT	#30.00
IOWA DOT SUPPLY.....	#239.48
JANSSEN, JEFF SHELTER DEPOSIT	#100.00
KOENEN LAWN CARE LLC CHEMICALS	#480.00
KWIK TRIP INC / KWIK STAR FUEL	#2,566.05
LEAF SUPPLY.....	#192.02
MACQUEEN SUPPLY.....	#103.48
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS SUPPLY.....	#405.11
MCKINNEY, BEN MOWING	#560.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO ELECTRIC.....	#255.88
MILE HIGH LLC STUMP	#350.00
MONTALVO, PATTY SHELTER DEPOSIT	#50.00
MURPHY'S HTG & PLMBG REPAIR	#19.20
NORTH IOWA LIBRARIES LIBRARY BEACON	#1,846.77
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS SUPPLY.....	#58.69
PRESERVATION IOWA MEMBERSHIP.....	#50.00
READER'S DIGEST PERIODICAL	#30.00
REMINDER PRINTING CO, THE PRINTING	#208.00
RINCON, MARGARITA SHELTER DEP	#100.00
ROCKWELL COOP TELEPHONE PHONE	#148.41
SCHUMANN AVIATION CONTRACT FEES	#3,327.08
SHULTZ, ALEX REIMBURSE	#20.00
SIROVY, ANGELA SHELTER DEP.....	#100.00
THOMPSON, RACHELLE CPA, P AUDIT FEES.....	#15,800.00
UNUMPROVIDENT CORPORATION DISABILITY INS.....	#908.16
VAN WERT, JAY SHELTER DEP	#100.00
VELASQUEZ, JESUS SHELTER	#200.00
VISA LIBRARY SUPPLY	#2,335.90
WIKERT, JERROD REIMBURSE	#32.29
WINFREY, TREVOR REIMBURSE	#60.00
PAYROLL CHECKS TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS.....	#51,184.52
CLAIMS TOTAL	#196,405.32

CLAIMS BY FUND:	
GENERAL FUND	#65,589.58
GENERAL - LOST/POOL FUND	#8,751.64
LIBRARY FUND	#10,624.18
ROAD USE TAX FUND	#23,004.63
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	#18,464.25
CAPITAL PROJECT - FAA GRA FUND.....	#7,800.00
CAPITAL PROJECT - STREETS FUND	#24,000.00
WATER OPERATING FUND	#22,663.62
SEWER FUND	#14,971.43
SOLID WASTE FUND.....	#535.99
CLAIMS TOTAL	#196,405.32

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GRAN FESTIVAL: FROM PAGE 7

Embajadores, traditional dancers Luna Acolt and Amaya Sosa, and student vocalists Sariah Whalen and Bella Duran through the Talent Show.

For families, the event included trolley rides, free inflatables, games, a dance contest and free watermelon slices provided by A&J Concrete. Guests could also enjoy local food and craft vendors throughout the day.

Janette said choosing performers and activities is always focused on representing the community.

“Our priority is always to root this festival in our community,” Flores Acolt said. “Giving a stage to our own neighborhood students, singers, and dancers is what makes this event feel like home.” She said the festival also aims to balance local talent with larger entertainment that the

entire community can enjoy.

Food and music remain important parts of creating connections during the event.

“When you’re standing in line for a pupusa or a taco, listening to live music, and watching traditional dancers alongside your neighbors, those cultural differences turn into shared experiences,” Flores Acolt said.

As the Gran Festival reached its 10th

year, Janette said her favorite part is seeing the community come together after months of planning.

“There is a specific moment every year when the music is playing, the park is packed, people are eating, and you just look around and see everyone smiling,” Flores Acolt said. “That exact moment is always my favorite – it makes all the late nights completely worth it.”



Soleda Delfin cooks up meat at the La Frontera vendor.



Alicia Garcia and Joanna Patino showcase silver jewelry from Alicia Silver Shop.



Payton and Rylie Arends enjoy sweet treats from the Sky Kone vendor.



Susanna Hernandez and Benson Wright enjoy a game of soccer at Gran Festival.



Robin Smith enjoys ice cream with her two dogs at the Gran Festival event.



Colt Westendorf and Krista Dunt weave together a USA flag at the First Bank Hampton tent.



Vanessa Contreras takes her shot during one of the festival's game activities.



Monica Vela showcases Floral Delights with beautiful bouquets alongside Alex Canseco, Ana Lopez, Alicia Saldivar and Simona Saldivar.



Brently Bass catches flying cash in the Cash Cube game at First Security Bank & Trust tent.



Janette Flores Acolt and Adilene Andrade Calles represent La Luz Centro Cultural alongside Alexis Sosa and David Trejo.



A worker showcases cultural clothing and traditional styles at Monarca's Boutique.



250TH ANNIVERSARY — CELEBRATION —

Compiled by: Noah Regan

By the Numbers

230,000: Over that many men served in the Continental Army, although General Washington's forces rarely numbered more than 20,000 at any given time.

17,000 to 25,000: The number of soldiers who died from disease during the war, compared to 6,800 soldiers killed in battle.

8: The number of years the conflict lasted. It began on April 19, 1775, with the Battles of Lexington and Concord, and officially concluding with the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1783.

10,000: The estimated number of African Americans who fought for the Patriots.

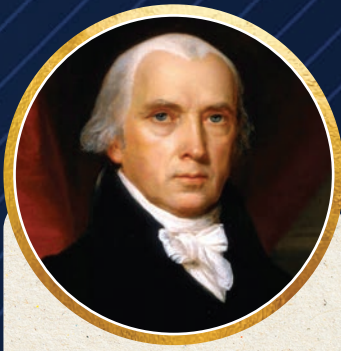
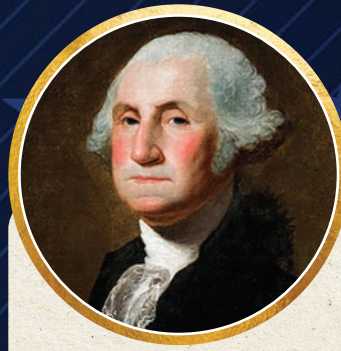
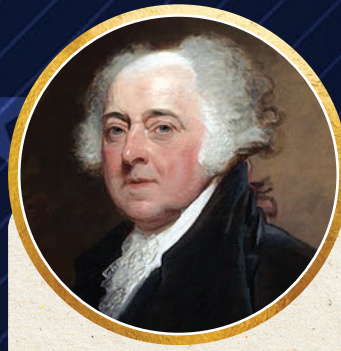
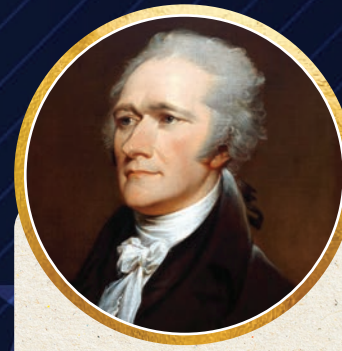
101,000,000: That is the number of dollars it cost the United States to fight the war.

250,000,000: That is the number of pounds it cost Britain to fight the war.

40%: That is the casualty rate at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Lesser-Known Founding Father Facts

We all know the basic facts about our country's founders, but do you know these lesser-known pieces of trivia?

					
Thomas Jefferson	James Madison	Benjamin Franklin	George Washington	John Adams	Alexander Hamilton
• Thomas Jefferson died broke. Before his death, Jefferson was able to alleviate part of his financial problems by accepting \$25,000 for his books from Congress. Those books were used to begin the Library of Congress. Friends even tried to organize a lottery to sell part of his land to help, but it was not enough. • Jefferson sometimes spent \$50 a day (about \$1,273 today) for groceries because of his lavish entertaining. The wine bill for the eight years he served as president was \$11,000 (about \$280,000 today!). He was also the first President to grow tomatoes in North America. • Jefferson also introduced the avocado to the United States. Nicknames: • The Sage of Monticello: Reflects his intellectual status in his later years. • Long Tom: A nod to his towering 6'2½" stature compared to many of his shorter contemporaries. • Red Fox: Coined by Hamilton, it refers to his red hair and political cunning.	• While serving at the Battle of Trenton in 1776, Madison was shot in the shoulder and nearly bled to death before an artery was successfully tied off by a surgeon. • Madison proposed that congressional pay would be determined by the average price of wheat during the previous six years of a congressional session. • Both of Madison's vice presidents died in office. His original VP George Clinton died in 1812, and Clinton's successor Elbridge Gerry later suffered a fatal hemorrhage in 1814. Madison finished his second term without a number two. • Madison was the only sitting president to accompany troops into battle. He rallied American troops at the front lines during the War of 1812. He also fled with the troops when defeated. Nicknames: • Father of the Constitution: Acknowledges his instrumental role in drafting the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. • Little Jemmy: a reference to his short frame (he was only 5'4").	• While many people often associate Ben Franklin with Philadelphia, he was born in Boston, baptized in the Old South Meeting House and attended Boston Latin School. • In addition to his passion for science and literature, Franklin spoke five languages including English, French, Latin, Italian and Spanish. • Franklin engaged in strange morning rituals, including taking "air baths," where he would sit completely naked in his room reading and writing for up to an hour. He claimed it helped prevent illnesses. • Franklin made enough money to effectively retire at age 42, which allowed him to dedicate the rest of his life to science, civic duties, and diplomacy. Nicknames: • The First American: Celebrates his tireless promotion of colonial unity and the distinct American identity. • The Newton of Electricity: A European nickname recognizing his groundbreaking scientific discoveries.	• Washington never wore a wig. He actually had long, reddish-brown hair. He simply followed the fashion of the time by dusting it with white hair powder. • Washington operated a massive commercial distillery. In 1799, Washington's distillery at his estate produced 11,000 gallons of whiskey, making him one of the largest distillers in the country at the time. • Washington owned more than 50,000 acres in the western portions of Virginia and what is now West Virginia, as well as in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky, and the Ohio country. • Washington's teeth were primarily crafted from animal teeth, elephant ivory and real human teeth. Nicknames: • Father of His Country: The most enduring title, recognizing his unparalleled role as military commander and first president. • The American Cincinnati: A reference to the Roman statesman who left his farm to lead his country and then returned to private life.	John Adams was the first President to live in the White House when he came to Washington, D.C. in November of 1800. However, he was only there for four months after losing the election of 1800 to Thomas Jefferson. • Adams died at age 90, remaining the longest-living U.S. President for 178 years until Ronald Reagan. • He famously defended the British soldiers involved in the 1770 Boston Massacre, securing acquittals for most of them to ensure a fair trial. • Unlike the majority of the early presidents (including Washington, Jefferson, and Madison), Adams was a staunch abolitionist who never enslaved anyone. • Adams graduated from Harvard at the age of 15, and taught himself law independently before passing the bar. Nicknames: • The Duke of Braintree: Due to residing in Braintree, Massachusetts. • His Rotundity: For his girthy bodily figure.	• Hamilton founded the <i>New York Post</i>. He established the <i>New York Evening Post</i> in 1801 to promote his Federalist Party ideals. More than two centuries later, it remains one of the oldest continually published newspapers in the United States. • Both he and his son died in the exact same way. Hamilton tragically died after a notorious duel with Aaron Burr in Weehawken, New Jersey. Years prior, Hamilton's eldest son, Philip, was fatally shot in a duel at the very same dueling ground defending his father's honor. Nicknames: • The Little Lion: This was given to him by fellow officers and members of Washington's inner military circle during the Revolutionary War, a reference to both his short stature and his fierce, courageous demeanor. • Jack: A casual, affectionate nickname he occasionally used in his private correspondence with close friend and fellow officer John Laurens.



Time Was on Their Side!

Often viewed as old men with white wigs and false teeth, many of the Founding Fathers were quite young when they helped create the Country. George Washington was 43 years old when he accepted command of the American Army during the war. Thomas Jefferson was 33 years old when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. John Adams was 40 years old when he argued for American independence. James Madison was 36 years old when he was at the Constitutional Convention. John Jay was 43 years old when he became the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Alexander Hamilton was 33 years old when he was made Secretary of the Treasury. The oldest was Benjamin Franklin who was 70 years old at the Second Continental Congress.



What is in a name?

The phrase "Founding Fathers" was first coined and popularized by Warren G. Harding, who was then a U.S. Senator (and later President). He used the term in a keynote speech at the Republican National Convention in 1916 and later repeated it in his 1921 presidential inauguration address.

Child's Play

Nathan Futrellis widely recognized as the youngest recorded drummer boy. He served in the North Carolina Continental Militia starting at just 7 years old. It should be noted that young children weren't placed on the front lines to fight, but rather used their instruments to relay orders through the chaos of battle, assist cannon crews, and march with the troops.



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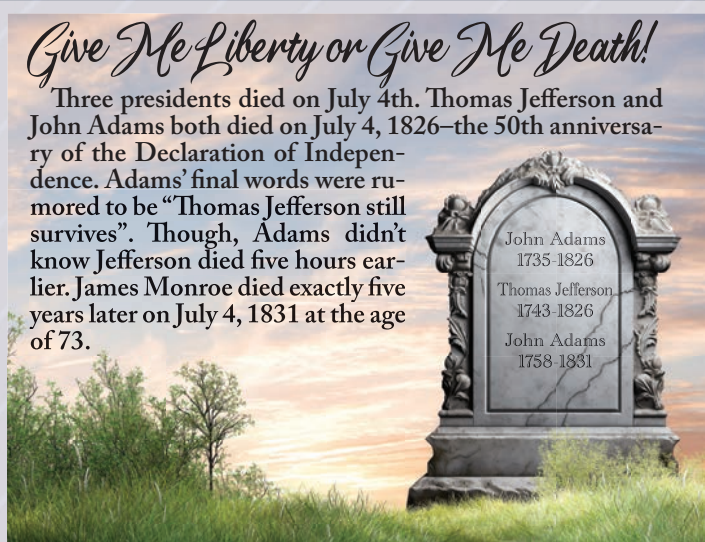


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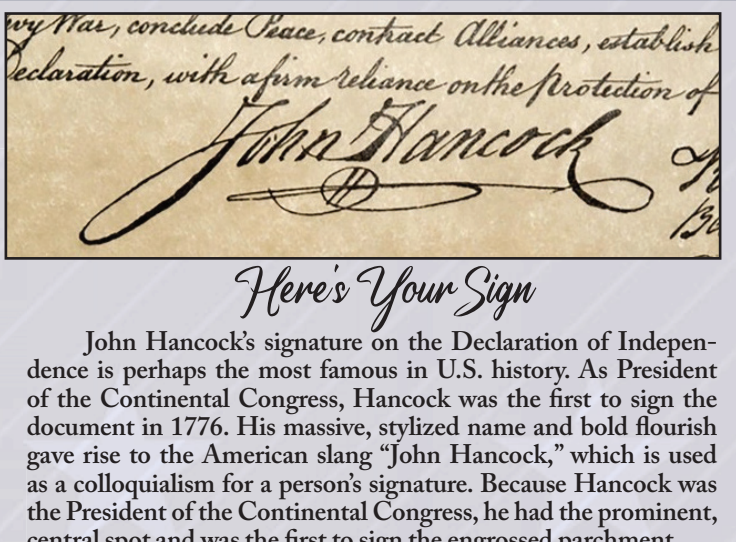
Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!

Three presidents died on July 4th. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Adams' final words were rumored to be "Thomas Jefferson still survives". Though, Adams didn't know Jefferson died five hours earlier. James Monroe died exactly five years later on July 4, 1831 at the age of 73.



Here's Your Sign

John Hancock's signature on the Declaration of Independence is perhaps the most famous in U.S. history. As President of the Continental Congress, Hancock was the first to sign the document in 1776. His massive, stylized name and bold flourish gave rise to the American slang "John Hancock," which is used as a colloquialism for a person's signature. Because Hancock was the President of the Continental Congress, he had the prominent, central spot and was the first to sign the engrossed parchment.



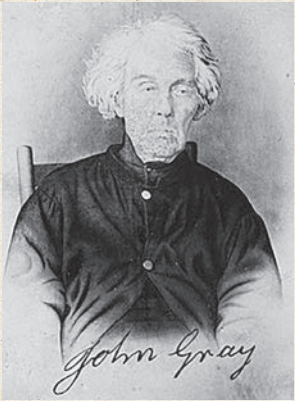
Oh, Say Can You Believe?

Francis Scott Key was an American lawyer, author, and poet from Frederick, Maryland, best known as the author of the poem "Defense of Fort M'Henry", which was set to a popular British tune and eventually became the American national anthem "The Star-Spangled Banner". In 1814 Key observed the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore during the War of 1812. He was inspired upon seeing an American flag flying over the fort at dawn. The Star Spangled Banner achieved official status as the national anthem more than a century later in 1931. Fun Fact: Notable 20th Century author, F. Scott Fitzgerald was a distant cousin to Key and was named after him—Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald.



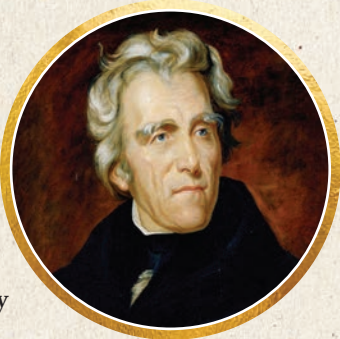

Old and Gray

John Gray (1764-1868) was the last verified veteran of the American Revolutionary War. Gray was born near the Mount Vernon plantation, home of George Washington. His father, John Gray Sr., fought in the war and was killed in the Battle of White Plains. Gray joined at age 16 in 1780, and was present at the Battle of Yorktown. After the war he moved to the Northwest Territory, and lived out most of his life in Noble County, Ohio. He had three wives during his life and fathered at least four children. He died at age 104 years, 2 months, 23 days.



Young Hickory

Andrew Jackson served as a teenage courier for the local Patriot militia during the Revolutionary War. Captured by the British at age 13, he was slashed with a sword by a British officer after refusing to clean his boots. His mother and brothers died from wartime illnesses and imprisonment, leaving him an orphan by age 14. Fun fact: Andrew Jackson is widely recognized as the founder and original figurehead of the modern Democratic Party. Following the contentious 1824 election, Jackson and his supporters broke away from the Democratic-Republican Party to establish a new grassroots political organization specifically championing the "common man".



It's a Family Affair

Benjamin Harrison V (1726-1791) was a Founding Father of the United States. Among his many accomplishments were being a delegate to the Continental Congress, Governor of Virginia, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Harrison was 46 years old when he fathered the future ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison (1773-1841). Benjamin Harrison V is also the great-grandfather to the 23rd president, Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901).



Silver Spoons

We all know about Paul Revere's midnight ride in 1775 to alert nearby minutemen of the approach of British troops prior to the battles of Lexington and Concord. But, did you know that Paul Revere's profession was silver-smithing? Many original, authentic pieces of silverware (including spoons, teapots, and Revere bowls) crafted by Paul Revere are still in existence. However, they are highly valuable artifacts—often selling at auction for five to six figures—and are primarily housed in major museums or held by private collectors, rather than being actively used as everyday tableware. Revere also produced copper engravings with political themes—the most famous being the depiction of the Boston Massacre that was based on an illustration by Henry Pelham. The engraving was created without Pelham's permission. The colored engraving titled "The Bloody Massacre" was used as propaganda throughout the Thirteen Colonies.



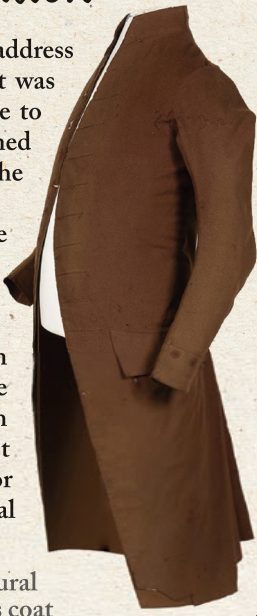

Tea Time!

On December 16, 1773 a group called "Sons of Liberty" staged a political protest against the tax enforced by the British government on imported tea. About 60 to 150 protesters dressed as Mohawk warriors and dumped 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbor. This equated to more than 92,000 pounds of tea. The tea was valued at £18,000 (the equivalent of almost \$3 million today). While the men disguised themselves as Mohawk Indians, they didn't wear stereotypical feather headdresses. They simply wore blankets and smeared their faces with soot. While it may have looked like mayhem, there was a strict code of conduct. The Sons of Liberty were incredibly careful to destroy only the tea. When a padlock belonging to a ship's captain was broken during the raid, the protesters actually purchased a replacement padlock to cover the damages. Also, they didn't steal any tea for themselves. One participant named Charles Conner attempted to pocket a small amount of loose tea for himself. The others caught him, stripped him of his clothes, covered him in mud, and beat him.



The Inaugural Inauguration

George Washington delivered the very first inaugural address on April 30, 1789, at Federal Hall in New York City. It was a brief, humble speech where he expressed his reluctance to leave retirement, acknowledged his own limitations, declined a presidential salary, and invoked divine providence for the success of the American experiment. George Washington's second inaugural address is the shortest inaugural speech in American history. Spanning just 135 words, his second address was delivered in the Senate chamber of Congress Hall in Philadelphia and took less than two minutes to complete on March 4, 1793. Conversely, William Henry Harrison gave the longest inaugural speech at 8,443 words on March 4, 1841 on a cold and blustery day in Washington, D.C.. It took nearly two hours to deliver and is widely blamed for the cold that Harrison received that developed into a fatal case of pneumonia just one month into his term.



Washington's inaugural address coat

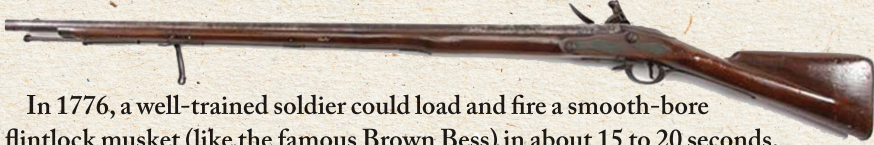
Shot Fired!

The identity of the person who fired the "shot heard 'round the world" on April 19, 1775, remains unknown. The opening volley of the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Lexington broke out in confusion, and both sides blamed the other for firing first.



Rapid Fire

In 1776, a well-trained soldier could load and fire a smooth-bore flintlock musket (like the famous Brown Bess) in about 15 to 20 seconds. This cadence allowed disciplined infantrymen to shoot three to four volleys per minute.



Tough as Nails

Samuel Whittemore is considered the oldest combatant in the Revolutionary War. Whittemore, who was 78 at the time, was ambushed a British brigade on April 19, 1775, during their retreat from Lexington and Concord. Armed with a musket, dueling pistols, and a sword, he killed three British soldiers before being shot in the face and bayoneted multiple times. Left for dead, he miraculously survived this harrowing encounter and went on to lead a full life, passing away at the remarkable age of 96 in 1793. Whittemore is officially recognized as the state hero of Massachusetts.

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ATHLETE of the Week

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Freshman Kendall Eilderts has been named this week’s Athlete of the Week after making a major impact for the Hampton-Dumont-CAL softball team. Along with softball, the Hampton athlete participates in volleyball, track, dance, and cheer, staying highly involved in activities year-round.

After a challenging start to the season, Eilderts said the Bulldogs have continued to improve with each game.

“This year started off kind of rocky,” Eilderts said, “but it has been getting better each game.”

One of her biggest accomplishments this season came when she reached 100 strikeouts—a personal goal she set before the season began. Reaching the milestone was a rewarding moment that highlighted the immense progress she has made in the circle. Combined with her eighth-grade varsity season last year, she has now achieved 117 career strikeouts.

“It was one goal I had set for myself, and I’m glad I accomplished it,” she said.

Kendall credits the unwavering support of her teammates as a primary reason for her success this year.

“My teammates always being supportive definitely helps,” Eilderts said.

She has also received steady encouragement from her family throughout her athletic career—especially from her dad, Dusty Eilderts, who helped her develop as a pitcher.

“My dad helped, especially when he caught for me at pitching lessons,” Eilderts noted.

As the summer rolls on, Eilderts remains focused on helping the Bulldogs improve.

“Getting better as a team and working together,” Eilderts explained. “Hopefully we can pick up a few more wins.”

Kendall hopes to finish the season strong, maintaining her momentum on the mound while pushing her team toward a successful finish.



Kendall Eilderts on the field.
Photo by Molly Bird.

SPORTS

Cadets hold off Bulldogs in NCC Softball

BY JON MOHWINKLE
RadioOnTheGo Sports

The Iowa Falls-Alden softball team earned a season sweep of Hampton-Dumont-CAL, winning 12-8 at home Wednesday, as aired on 104.9 KLMJ and RadioOnTheGo’s YouTube channel.

The Cadets built a 9-0 lead before the game became interesting. Abigail Janssen drove in two runs in the first inning to set the tone. In the second, the Cadets had a two-out rally, which began when Izzy Janssen reached on an error that allowed two runs to score. Then, Aubree Silvey hit a three-run home run to make it 7-0. Noelle Winters and Andie Kruger each drove in

runs in the fourth, giving IFA its largest lead of the night.

A Bulldog rally immediately began. Megan Severs scored on a passed ball, a sac bunt by Keely Moorehead scored a run, and Maren Subbert scored on an error in the fourth. Moorehead and Brocka each had RBIs, and Brocka scored on a throw in the fifth, cutting the deficit to 9-6. But the Cadets found a response in the next half inning. Winters drove in two runs on a single, then Abigail Janssen drove in another. A home run by Harper Nielson got the Bulldogs within four in the sixth, finishing the scoring. Montana Thies describes the win and offensive performance.

“I’ve struggled most of the

season with hitting, and I think just getting the ball in play really kind of helped bring everyone up,” Thies says. “And I think everyone having at least some contact with the ball and not having any outs, that really helped us. Usually we end up with two outs and then get things rolling but I think going early really kind of helped.”

Silvey and Winters each had three RBIs on three hits, and Thies had three singles. Izzy Janssen struck out eight batters with six hits and two walks.

“We talked about last time we played, I think we were down 6-1, and not letting that happen and coming back earlier, scoring earlier,” HDCAL Coach Kelsey Enslin-Vogel

says. “We kind of dug ourselves that hole again. I was proud of the girls for coming back, and we had a lot of different girls in the lineup doing things, being involved, contributing. So, yeah, I’m proud of them for their fight. We just need to score earlier, and then there was just a few plays here and there that made a difference.”

Addison Aalbers had two hits to lead the Bulldogs, with two RBIs each by Nielson and Moorehead.

The Cadets will return to action Thursday by hosting Southeast Valley, and the Bulldogs will be at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Friday.

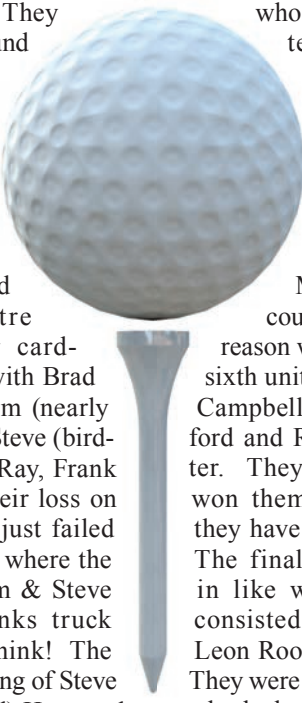
Ridgestone Senior Golf

BY NED BOHACH

The bugles were blowing, the birds were chirping, and the boys were humming the tune, “Let’s go get em.” I haven’t heard that one before; however, coming from those old gents who knows. Twenty-one in numbers graced the links with faaaar in their eyes, (that’s fire) destined to take home the big trophy. That is if there was one! The weather was like it was drawn up by the boys, just perfect as perfect can get. Fearless Frank O Schnoes our leader barked out the command for the day: “Men (used loosely) today we shall be as pure as the elements.” Everyone looked at each other wondering where that guy came from? Must be MARS! The command given, out the door the boys flew, well walked anyway, destined to whip up on their foe! Les (not more) Hurd, Doug (not dug) Hahn and Jim (door) Dorenkamp

mopped up the other hackers by firing a solid 68. Doug and Les each walked away with a hernia because they tried to out drive each other! They each won a trip around Lake Sheffield on the ship (Lady of the Great Lake). The second team found DelRay (makeeser) McKee, Frank (furter) Schnoes and Dave (ND—Notre Dame) O’Connor carding a 70 and tied with Brad (nails) Mulford Kim (nearly retired) Wills and Steve (birdman) Birdsall. DelRay, Frank & Dave blamed their loss on their putters. They just failed to tell their putters where the cup was. Brad, Kim & Steve took home a Brinks truck full of \$\$\$\$\$\$ I think! The fourth unit, consisting of Steve Heeren, Ed (injured) Hert, and

Phil (stranded) Strand shot a 73. They were tied with Darryl (long putt) Peter, Paul (the man) Ricke and Tom (FLA) Severe who also shot 73. The team of Steve, Ed & Phil lost out on the big prize on the tie-breaker. Oh did they sob! Drops flowed from their eyes like the mighty Mississippi. Of course the number one reason was poor golf! The sixth unit was Denny (soup) Campbell, Nick (less) Mulford and Randy (rookie) Peter. They fired a 74 which won them a dandelion but they have to pick their own. The final squad stumbling in like war-torn warriors, consisted of Larry Fanny, Leon Root and Al Menning. They were mumbling so much nobody knew what their ex-



cuse was. I mean a 77 is down right sick, well at least a slight headache. Thus no matter which way the wind blows, the boys always seem to enjoy themselves—until they get home. The longest putt on hole seven went to Darryl Peter at 11’11”——now why didn’t the measurer just say, "Yup, 12 feet?" It was totally an awesome day for the boys and they all went home with sunburns! Les gave me some good advice: don’t worry about getting older; you are still gonna do dumb stuff only slower. Brad told me his golf is improving, he’s missing the ball much closer than he used to. Severe said he lives by the rules: long gimme putts, whiffs don’t count, you can improve your lie, shocking find (drop a ball) and finally poor math! As the Bohemians would say.....tak dlouho!

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