



Tensions Rise at Senator Grassley's Town Hall in Hampton Friday Morning

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Around one hundred people packed into the Franklin County Courthouse courtroom Friday morning for Senator Chuck Grassley's town hall meeting.

Crowds of constituents filled the main lobby of the courthouse — some holding signs — once the courtroom was full.

Grassley started the event by saying that he felt it was important to speak with constituents in person — the reason for his annual 99-county tour.

Questions from those in attendance began shortly after that. Some of the questions: What are you doing to save Democracy? Where is Congress? How are you going to protect Iowans that are a part of the LGBTQ community? How are tariffs going to affect Iowa farmers? He was also asked about the future of veterans and government cuts.

Regarding the Department of Education, Grassley said he believes issues involving education should be dealt with at a local level, which is why he voted against establishing the Department of Education in September 1979. When asked if he be-



Senator Chuck Grassley answering a question from a constituent at the March 21 town hall in Hampton.

lieved President Donald Trump is above the law, he said "nobody is above the law." Some questions he didn't answer.

One woman told Senator Grassley that she wanted him to go back to being the

Senator he once was. Several thanked him for having the courage to continue with in-person town halls. When people began shouting out while he answered, others would yell "let him answer!"

Franklin County Democratic Chair Catherine Crooks, who attended the event, told the Chronicle she felt Grassley didn't truly answer any questions.

"People are very upset. This is one of the only public events by this type of official that is being held anywhere, so they don't have a lot of opportunity to ask these questions and get a straight forward answer," she said. "Emails don't work. Contacting the office doesn't work. You get in touch with a staffer and they may give you a canned answer. So this is the only opportunity that people have to get real answers in real time and I think we had an excellent crowd. I didn't hear anyone say 'I think you're doing a great job and we're really happy with what's going on in the country,' so I appreciate those that were willing to put themselves out there and ask the tough questions. I don't think anyone got the answers that they were looking for, but at least now he knows how we feel."

Franklin County Republican Chairman Larry Sailer, who was also in attendance, said he didn't feel they accomplished any-

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Hampton Resident Reflects on 75 Years with Pen Pal

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Seventy five years ago, Frances Huling answered a notice in a Sunday school newsletter that would lead to a decades-long friendship.

The ad was placed by Lois Grosse, who was 12 years old at the time and living in Australia. She hoped to find a pen pal who lived in the United States.

Fran, 87, who was also 12 years old at the time, was one of many to respond to her ad.

"I didn't know if she would write back, but she did," said Fran, who was living between Garner and Ventura, Iowa, at the time.

At first, they wrote to each other about school and their day-to-day lives, said Fran. While they've continued to stay in touch over the years, their methods of doing so have changed — sea mail, air mail, phone calls, texts, email and video calls.

After 33 years of staying in touch, they

finally met in person in the late '80s.

Fran, who worked as a nurse, said she and her husband, Gary, went to visit Lois and her husband in Australia in 1983. They went for their 25th wedding anniversary. And while they were excited, she was a little bit nervous.

"I wasn't sure how we were going to get along in person," she said. "But we had no problems. We were like family."

The two ladies (and their husbands) hit it off, with Fran and her husband staying in a small guest house on the Grosse's property.

The four explored the area together and made memories that would last a lifetime, and their adventures didn't stop there. They would go on to visit each other seven more times. Sometimes they visited in Australia and other times they met in the United States.

In 1988, they met in Iowa. In 1990, they met in St. Louis. In 1993, they went to Alberta, Canada. In 1995, they went to Kansas City. In 1998, they went to New Zealand. In 2003, they went to Sydney, Australia. And in 2011, they met one last

time, in Brisbane, Australia.

Fran, who is a month younger than Lois, said their last visit was a bittersweet one.

"We knew we wouldn't see each other again," she said. "We decided not to be sad because it was over, but to smile because it had happened."

When asked what the friendship meant to her, Fran said she considers Lois a sister and she appreciates all of the memories they have made together over the years. These days, Fran and Lois video call each other at least once a month to stay in touch and they enjoy talking about the good times they've had together.

"It has been a very special friendship," Fran said. "I feel blessed that we've had this beautiful friendship."

Fran's husband, Gary, passed away seven years ago, and she currently lives in the assisted living home at Franklin General Hospital. She still visits regularly with her son, Steven, who lives in Hampton. She also has another son and a daughter, along with five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.



Frances Huling looking through a photo album to find photos of her and Lois.

More photos on page 2. See: Pen Pal

Ward 3 Seat Hopefuls Face Council



From left to right, Jeanne Fay, Crystal Wolvers, Justin Lieth and Bill Holmstrom, as they waited for questions to begin at the March 24 city council meeting

rounds of questions from city councilors during the March 24 city council meeting. The applicants, all of whom reside in Ward 3, are Jeanne Fay, Crystal Wolvers, Justin Lieth and Bill Holmstrom. Councilors took turns asking questions and one by one, the applicants responded at the podium.

Some of the questions that were asked: If we had an unlimited amount of money, how would you spend that on the city? How do you stay informed on city issues? What are some issues that you've recently heard from constituents? What are your thoughts on repairing and saving the abandoned pharmacy across from the courthouse? What inspired you to apply for this position?

Holmstrom formerly served as the postmaster for the area and he's now retired. In his application, he wrote that he applied for the opportunity after reading Jim Davies's latest column in the Chronicle, in which he encouraged constituents to step up. "Jim quoted that from Main Street Iowa Downtown Economic Development Specialist Jim Thompson, 'negative people find a problem with every solution.' I on the other

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Hampton City Council interviewed four local applicants for the vacant Ward 3 council position Monday night, March 24. Their decision will be announced

Thursday night, and the selected candidate will be sworn in immediately after that. The council recently decided to appoint a candidate rather than hold a special election. The seat opened up after the recent resignation of Kevin Blanford.

The four applicants answered several

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Upcoming Events

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The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce held their rescheduled quarterly coffee in Latimer on Friday morning, where the following events were discussed.

March 25 — Youth for Christ, Stories of Hope, Franklin County Convention Center, doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

March 26 — Safe Sitter Babysitting Course, Franklin General Hospital

March 27 — CAL Prospective Parent Night

March 27-29 — Specialty Shops Spring Open House; pick up shop hop card at any specialty shop (Britt's Boutique, Christensen Jewelry, Wood Cellar, Everbloom Flower Co., Fireside Gifts, Rustic Brew)

March 29 — Relay for Life Cribbage Tournament, Aredale United Methodist



Chamber members at their quarterly coffee on Friday, March 21

Church, playing starts at 1 p.m.

March 29 — Bridge of Hope Game Show Night, Church of the Living Word. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and trivia games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds support Bridge of Hope's mission.

March 30, 31 — Iowa River Players Auditions

March 31 — Hansell Fire Department Soup Supper Fundraiser, Hansell Community Center, from 5 to 7 p.m.; proceeds will go

towards an upgraded fire station

March 31 — Career Development Workshop

April 1 — Auxiliary Scrub Sale, Franklin General Hospital

April 4 — Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 4, 5 — H-D-CAL "The Little Mermaid"; 7 p.m. on the 4th and 3 p.m. on the 5th; at Church of the Living Word

April 12 — First & Sec-

ond Vintage Too! Latina Pop-up Market

April 13 — Spring! New Life, New Beauty Tea

April 18 — Relay for Life Bake Sale, First Bank Hampton

April 19 — Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt, 1 p.m. at Band Shell Park

April 25, 26 — Mystery Dinner Theater, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

April 25, 26, 28, 30 & May 2, 3 — Hampton Clean-Up Days

May 25 — Hampton Cemetery Walk

May 18 — Mother & daughter fairy/gnome gardens, First & Second Vintage Too!; call Jerre Grefe at 515-851-0518 if interested

May 2, 3 — Vendor show at Mayne's Grove

May 10 — CAL School Plant Sale

May 13 — Relay for Life Walking Tacos, First Bank Hampton

May 16 — Quarterly

Wellness Screens, Franklin General Hospital

June 4-7 — 10th Annual Bluegrass & Country Music Festival

June 6-8 — Iowa River Players Presenting presenting "Leaving Iowa"

June 3, 10, 17, 41 — Tuesday on the Town

June 7 — Gran Festival, hosted by La Luz Centro Cultural, noon to 10 p.m. at Band Shell Park

June 12-14 — Mystery Bus Trip. Contact Derek Juhl at 641-425-8068 for more.

July 26-Aug. 2 — Alaskan Cruise, the four ports of call are Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Victoria Canada. Contact Derek Juhl at 641-425-8068 for more.

November 10-14 — Branson Trip. Live shows, scenic beauty, great shopping and more. Four nights of lodging along with admission to six shows. Contact Derek Juhl at 641-425-8068 for more.

Scholarship Benefit Concert



(Above) The combined high school choir from H-D-CAL and West Fork performed with guest soloists at the Faith Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon, March 22. Photo by Jim Davies.



Baritone Chad Sonka, composer and pianist Jodi Goble, and soprano Victoria Erickson at the conclusion of Saturday's arts council scholarship concert. 150 people attended. Photo by Jim Davies.



Jodi Goble accompanies Chad Sonka and Victoria Erickson performing Letter Scene/Farewell at the Train Station, from The Elephants, at the Franklin County Arts Council Scholarship Benefit Concert on March 22. Photo by Jim Davies.

Poet Takes First in Franklin County Farm Bureau Breakfast Battle

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FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Hampton - Teams from area businesses and organizations competed on Thursday, March 20 at Fareway in Hampton in the Franklin County Farm Bureau Breakfast Battle. Central Park Dentistry, First Bank Hampton, First Security Bank Hampton, Franklin County Extension, Franklin General Hospital, Franklin Ministerial Association, Franklin REC, JT Machine & Tool, Poet and Sukup all had teams of 2 people vying for the trophy.

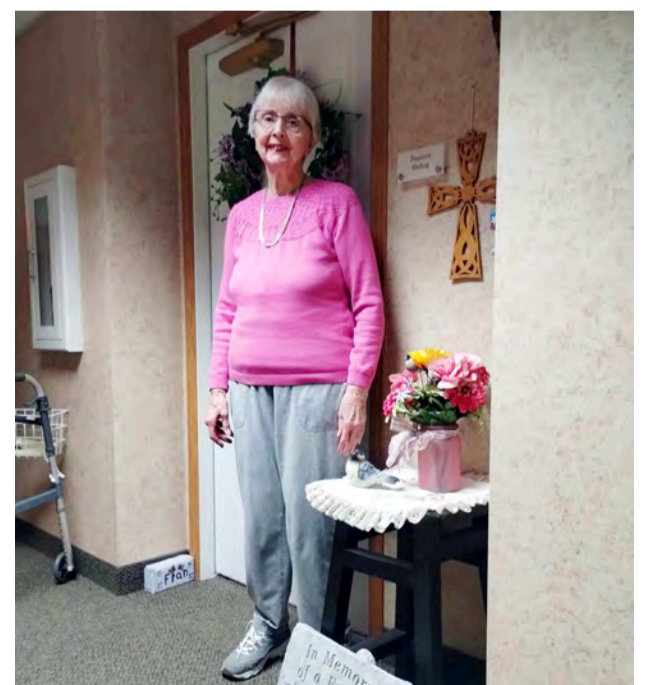
Teams started the morning with an ag trivia competition to earn bonus time off their race total. Then they drew their grocery lists and had one minute to prepare their plan. After that, all was chaos

for about ten minutes in Fareway as the teams raced around trying to purchase breakfast, dinner, and supper for a family of four based on recipes provided. They could pick up additional items trying to get their grocery totals between \$55 and \$60.

The trophy went to first time winner, Poet, this year with Franklin General Hospital a close second. The traveling "Cereal Bowl" trophy will be displayed at Poet until next year's race. All groceries were provided to Franklin County Food Pantry and La Luz Food Pantry in Hampton and West Fork Food Pantry in Sheffield and distributed to local families that day. Thanks to Franklin County Extension office for contributing cookbooks for the families and to the staff at Fareway for always helping us host a great race!



PEN PALS: FROM COVER



Frances Huling, 87, outside of her room at the assisting living home where she lives.



Pen pals Frances Huling and Lois Grosse during one of their visits. They visited each other a total of eight times.

GRASSLEY: FROM COVER



A constituent speaking to Senator Chuck Grassley at his town hall on March 21.



Constituents filled the lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse once the courtroom was full.



Protestors waiting for Senator Chuck Grassley to depart from the Franklin County Courthouse after his town hall on March 21

thing, as there was too much yelling.

“He did as good as he could but it was difficult,” Sailer said. “You couldn’t hear the questions and you couldn’t hear the answers.”

Sailer said he recognized about 15 people in the courtroom out of the 100 in attendance.

“We were very quiet and respectful and we let him talk,” Sailer said. “But this wasn’t Franklin County’s opinion.”

Bltches Get Stuff Done

Founder Heather Ryan, who’s known for traveling to different protests and public meetings, attended the event. She told the Chronicle that Grassley “ducked and dodged every question” and that he “spun” everything.

“He has control of a lot,” she said. “He has a lot of input but he just chooses not to use it to protect his constituents.”

Ryan said she started the organization “Bltches Get Stuff Done” three years

ago. According to her website, the group was “founded in Iowa as an answer to the unprecedented, abusive Republican super-majority in the House and Senate as well as the Governor and Supreme Court. We declared that ‘Iowa Nice’ doesn’t work.”

Grassley, 91, remained composed throughout the town hall and moved from question to question, as those in the courtroom chanted periodically and yelled out of turn.

A crowd of angry protestors yelled at Grassley and held signs as he got into his vehicle and was driven away from the courthouse.

Numerous outside media outlets were in attendance, including Channel 6, Iowa Public Radio and the Des Moines Register. The town hall was also brought up on “Meet the Press” Sunday morning.

Several contentious town halls by Republican Congress members have gained attention online

and across the country in recent months. News reports indicate Republican leaders have encouraged their party members to hold fewer in-person town hall meetings.

A flurry of comments appeared under the Chronicle’s story on the town hall, after it was posted on Facebook, with some pointing out that many at the town hall were not from the area, while others argued that a Senator is meant to serve all constituents in the state.

Community Leaders Honored at Annual Chamber Celebration

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The folks at the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce held their annual appreciation celebration on Saturday, March 22, and it was, without a doubt, a huge success.

The event, which was held at the Hampton Country Club, kicked off with a social hour, followed by a silent auction, awards and games.

The following people and organizations were honored at the event:

La Luz Centro Cultural was named the "Organization of the Year." According to La Luz Centro Cultural Director Janette Flores Acolt, the non-profit was first established by the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (PBVM) in 2013 before transitioning its focus to community-based leadership in 2018. The organization hosts a number of regular events throughout the year, including block parties, a back-to-school event, a Day of the Dead celebration and Gran Festival, which serves as a way to celebrate Latino culture. The following people make up the organization: Director Janette Flores Acolt, Intake Specialist Adilene Andrade, DOJ Accredited Representative Valeria Gonzalez. On the Board: President Jim Kohls, Vice President Kevin Earleywine, Secretary Emma Calles, Treasurer Ricardo Perez, Pia Hovenga and Kyle Whalen.

Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison received the “Leadership Award.”

Morrison has been with the Hampton Police Department since 2002, serving as the Chief since September 2022. He worked as an EMT with the Franklin General Hospital Ambulance Service for 25 years before that. He is currently serving his second term as Vice President for the Hampton-Dumont Board of Education and is an active member of his church, recently participating in several mission trips to Haiti. Morrison has served on a number of other boards in the community, including at La Luz Centro Cultural. One community member told the Promotions Committee that Morrison is “a friend and confidant to many,” while another said he serves “as a voice for the voiceless.” When asked what this award meant to him, Morrison called it “a great honor.”

The Hampton Public Library was named “Member of the Year.” Director Knipfel said she and her colleagues were beyond thrilled to learn that they had been named “Member of the Year” by the Chamber of Commerce, and that one of their main goals is to collaborate with as many local organizations and businesses as possible. The library is currently being led by Director Suzy Knipfel, along with Brenda VanWert, Children’s Librarian; Esmeralda Ramirez, Assistant Librarian; Marilyn Moser, Assistant Children’s Librarian; Laela Ragsdale, library clerk; and Misty Sosa, library clerk.

Christensen Jewelry received the Community Pride Award. The jewelry store was also recognized for 55 years of chamber

membership.

Staley Real Estate & Farm Management was honored for 65 years of membership with the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

The most impressive part of the evening was easily the game show host Adam Ace with Neon Entertainment, who led a Family Feud-style game.

After a number of rounds, the “The Good Time Gang” was able to trounce “The Mayor’s Office” in a close game. The winning team was made up of Tonya Halsne, Mike Halsne, Nick Bretz, Beth Bretz, Jon Ault and Rebekah Ault. They went up against “the Mayor’s Office” — Kelsey Baskerville, Becky Fink, Ron Dunt, Krista Dunt, Steve Birdsall and Doug Tarr.

The winning team went home with \$300 in chamber bucks. Hampton Public

Works Director Doug Tarr said this is the most fun he’s had in years.

This year, the chamber created a promotions committee — made up of Jerre Grefe, Holly Narber and Rebecca Ault — to organize the event. Overseen by Grefe, the committee met once a week for three months to sort out the details of the big celebration.

According to Grefe, the annual appreciation celebration is a way to recognize outstanding chamber members and those who are doing great things to uplift the community, while bringing everyone together to enjoy each other’s company. And she felt this year’s celebration was fantastic.

“The food provided by ProStart was perfect and definitely award-winning. Adam with Neon Entertainment, did a super job for us, and the crowd was

a great blend and ready for fun,” she said. “A huge thank you to our support staff, sponsors and donors! The Promotion Committee is already working on next year’s celebration but we are keeping the theme a mystery.”

Narber said she was also very pleased with how the evening went, especially the games.

“Adam did a great job interacting with the community and bringing out information he had learned about the contestants and made it hilarious,” she said.

A total of 126 tickets were sold for the big event. The annual chamber celebrations have been held for decades now, constantly evolving. This year may have been the best one yet.

(See “Chamber-Main Street News and Knows” on page 6 for more about the event.)

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This Week’s Cup Series Race: Cook Out 400

Race Details	Race Preview
<p>Location: Ridgeway, Va. Date: Sunday, March 30, 3:00 p.m. Last Year’s Pole: Kyle Larson Last Year’s Winner: William Byron</p>	<p>The NASCAR Cup Series returns to Martinsville Speedway for the Cook Out 400. The 0.526-mile track is located in Martinsville, Virginia and is the shortest track on the schedule. The track was one of the first paved oval tracks in stock car racing, being built in 1947 by partners H. Clay Earles, Henry Lawrence, and Sam Rice, nearly a year before NASCAR was officially formed. It is also the only race track that has been on the NASCAR circuit from its beginning in 1948. The track is often referred to as paper clip-shaped and is banked only 12° in the turns. The combination of long straightaways and flat, narrow turns makes hard braking going into turns and smooth acceleration exiting turns a must.</p>

Martinsville Speedway

Shape: Oval
Distance: 0.526 miles
Turns / Straights: 12° / 0°

Last Weekend’s Race: Kyle Larson won at Homestead

Kyle Larson capped off an extraordinary three-day performance with a victory in Sunday’s Straight Talk Wireless 400 NASCAR Cup Series race. Larson was able to seize upon a miscue by his Hendrick Motorsports teammate, Alex Bowman, who put his pole-winning No. 42 Chevrolet in the outside retaining wall with six laps remaining Sunday. That contact allowed Larson’s No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet to pass him for the race lead and jet off to a 1.205-second win. Larson also won the Truck Series race on Friday.

Kyle Larson
Born: July 31, 1992
Crew Chief: Clifton Daniels
Car: Chevrolet

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2025	1	4	14.5
2024	6	18	8.8

2025 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten				Xfinity Series Top Ten			
Drivers	Points	Top 10s	Drivers	Points	Top 10s		
1) William Byron	244	4	1) Justin Allgaier	249	4		
2) Kyle Larson	208	4	2) Sam Mayer	220	5		
3) Alex Bowman	205	5	3) Jesse Love	218	5		
4) Tyler Reddick	189	3	4) Austin Hill	202	4		
5) Christopher Bell	186	3	5) Sheldon Creed	187	3		
6) Chase Elliott	181	3	6) Sammy Smith	184	1		
7) Bubba Wallace	166	2	7) Connor Zilisch	164	2		
8) Denny Hamlin	164	3	8) Ryan Sieg	156	2		
9) Chris Buescher	164	4	9) Taylor Gray	151	3		
10) Ryan Blaney	162	2	10) Aric Almirola	151	3		

Top News Stories

Progressive Insurance sponsoring Denny Hamlin in 18 races
Joe Gibbs Racing announced that the organization has signed an agreement with Progressive Insurance to sponsor Denny Hamlin’s No. 11 Toyota Camry XSE in 18 NASCAR Cup Series races this season. Progressive’s name and branding will be prominently displayed on Hamlin’s No. 11 car and fire suit, and his crew will also be sporting Progressive branded gear. “Progressive is a premiere national brand and a leader in the insurance industry. We are thrilled to have them partner with Denny Hamlin and our No. 11 team,” said Joe Gibbs, owner of Joe Gibbs Racing. “We all know that NASCAR fans love being active, and on the move, whether it is in their cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats or recreational vehicles, and we look forward to raising awareness on how Progressive can protect them and their families.” Hamlin is competing in his 20th full-time season in the NASCAR Cup Series. He is tied for 12th on the all-time wins list with 54 victories, including three wins last year. His Cup Series career has included monumental wins like his trio of Daytona 500 victories (2016, 2019, 2020), three Southern 500 wins (2010, 2017, 2021), and a Coca-Cola 600 triumph in 2022. Early in the new season, Hamlin currently sits 12th in the Cup Series standings with a best finish of second at Phoenix Raceway.

Racing Trivia

Who is the youngest champion in NASCAR’s playoff era?

a) Kyle Busch c) Chase Elliott
b) Kurt Busch d) Joey Logano

ANSWERS : (a) Chase Elliott won the 2020 Championship his three weeks before turning 25, making him the third youngest champion in history.

NOTICE

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Monday, March 31
 1:00 BINGO

Tuesday, April 1
 10:30 BLOOD PRESSURE;
 12:30 CRIBBAGE

Wednesday, April 2
 12:45 500 CARDS OR HAND AND FOOT

Thursday, April 3
 1:00 BINGO
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Friday, April 4
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Monday, March 31
 Goulash - Vegetable - Fruit

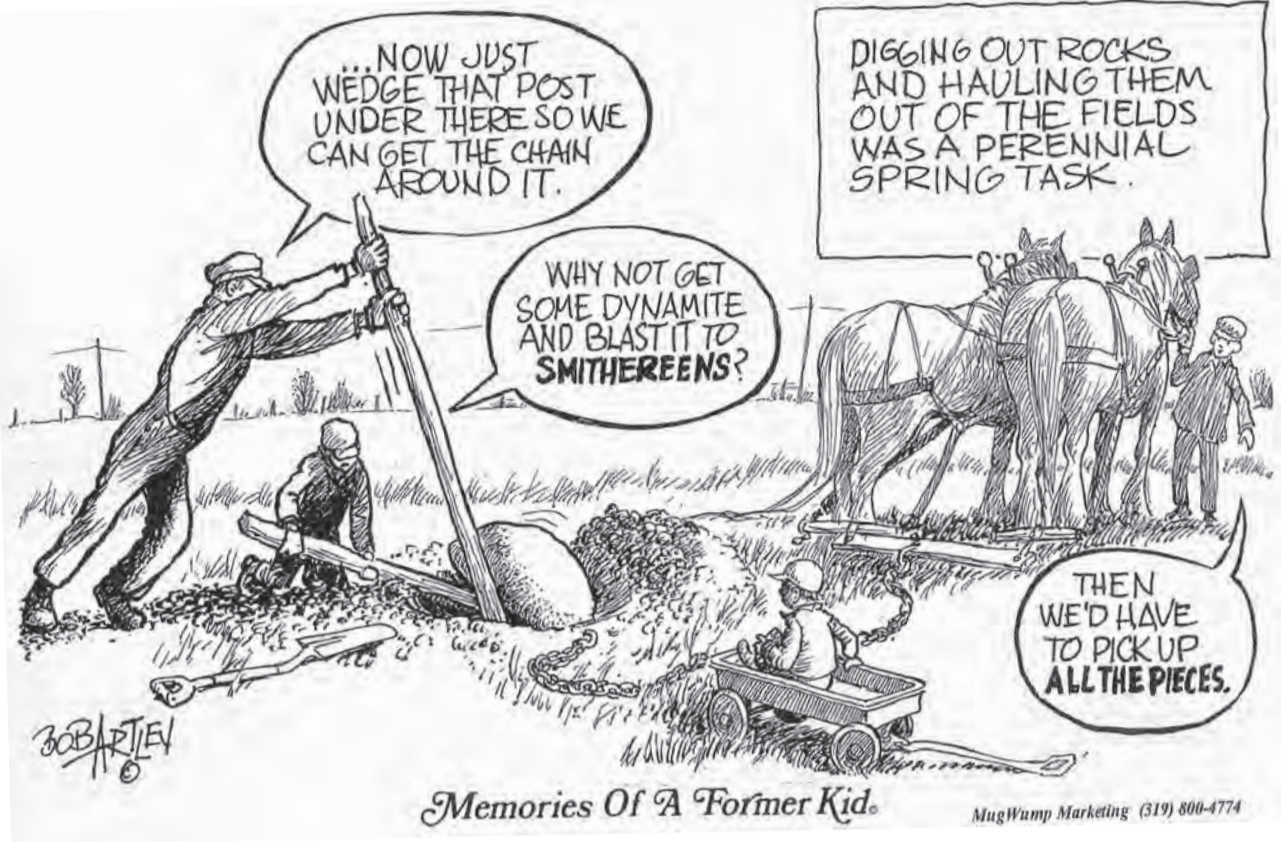
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 Meatballs in Creamy Mushroom Sauce over Egg Noodles - Roll - Vegetable - Fruit

Wednesday, April 2
 Chicken Alfredo - Roll - ColeSlaw - Fruit

Thursday, April 3
 Open faced Hot Beef Sandwich - Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy - Vegetable - Fruit

Friday, April 4
 Fish - Potato Wedges - Roll - Vegetable - Fruit

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REP. RANDY FEENSTRA
 COLUMNIST

Domestic energy production is a critical component of both our short- and long-term economic growth, bolsters our national security, and strengthens our international competitiveness. From getting to work and heating and cooling homes to keeping the lights on and growing crops, our families, farmers, businesses, manufacturers, and many other sectors of our economy rely on reliable, affordable, and abundant sources of energy. President Trump recognized this reality when he declared a national energy emergency on his first day in office and later established a National Energy Dominance Council to explore and implement ways that we can increase domestic energy production and lower energy costs for American families and consumers.

In his declaration of a national energy emergency, President Trump explicitly noted what those of us in Iowa and across the Midwest have known for a long time – biofuels play a pivotal role in restoring American energy independence and supporting U.S. energy dominance.

I thank President Trump for recognizing the importance of homegrown Iowa biofuels and appreciate his commitment to our energy security. Now, it is incumbent upon lawmakers to put these words into action. Representing the largest biofuel-producing congressional district in the nation, I have led and cosponsored several pieces of legislation to unleash the full potential of American biofuels and prioritize our energy independence.

First, I helped introduce the Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act with my colleague from Nebraska, Rep. Adrian Smith, to make E-15 permanently available year-round at gas stations in all fifty states. Homegrown fuels like E-15 lower gas prices for our families, support our farm producers, and reduce our dependence on foreign energy from countries like China, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela. This simple amendment to federal law would not cost taxpayers a single penny but would deliver fuel savings for drivers to the tune of nearly \$21 billion every year and generate more than \$66 billion to our Gross Domestic Product annually. Reducing gas prices for Iowans means that our families can save at the pump and invest their money in other ways.

Second, I recently introduced the COST Act, which would direct the Comptroller General of the Government Accountability Office and U.S. Secretary of Energy to compare the financial and environmental costs of replacing the entire federal gasoline-powered vehicle fleet with either electric ve-

hicles or E-85 capable flex fuel cars and trucks. Back in 2021, President Biden pledged to replace the entire federal fleet with electric vehicles – a decree that would have been extremely costly and inefficient. That's why we need to study the full cost of making the entire federal fleet electric because I am confident that vehicles powered by biofuel blends would be much more cost-effective and reliable.

Furthermore, I appreciate President Trump for ending the Biden administration's radical electric-vehicle mandate on our families, farmers, and businesses. Electric vehicles are expensive, unreliable, and unworkable, especially in rural communities. The components needed to make EV batteries are also largely sourced from China, and we should not be bankrolling the Chinese Communist Party's mission to undermine the United States and hurt our economy. By promoting flex fuel vehicles, we can support Iowa's farmers and biofuel producers, prioritize homegrown U.S. fuels over foreign batteries, and strengthen our strategic position against China.

Third, I helped introduce the Farm to Fly Act with my colleague from Ohio, Rep. Max Miller, to advance the production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) and promote the role that Iowa agriculture plays in developing this future fuel. This legislation would add a definition of SAF to USDA programs, advance SAF research and development, and promote the use of the GREET model. It would also direct the

Secretary of Agriculture to work collaboratively with-in USDA and with other federal agencies to find ways to promote the commercial adoption of SAF. By converting agricultural biomass into airplane fuel, Iowa farmers and producers will benefit from new markets, and we can use domestic energy – instead of foreign oil – to power our planes.

Finally, I helped lead the Renewable Fuel for Ocean-Going Vessels Act with my colleague from Iowa, Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, to support the use of biodiesel and other biomass-based diesel for ships, boats, and other ocean-going vessels. Growing new markets for biofuels is crucial to increasing demand for Iowa agricultural goods and putting more money into the pockets of our producers. Just like we're doing with jet fuel, we need to expand the use of renewable fuels across more transportation sectors, including boats and ships, to promote homegrown fuels and support our agricultural community.

As the only member of Congress serving on both the House Agriculture Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, I'll continue to push for policies that open new markets for biofuels, lower energy costs for our families, and support our farmers, energy producers, and rural communities. Liquid fuels and homegrown energy will grow our economy, strengthen our energy security, and put American families and farmers first.

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Death, Taxes, and Horror Novels

Only One Was a Certainty for Edgar Allan Poe



reading
 between
 the lines

with Amanda Rink

BY AMANDA RINK

"No live organism can continue for long to exist sanely under conditions of absolute reality; even larks and katydids are supposed, by some, to dream." - Shirley Jackson

As I'm writing this, the temperature gauge reads 91 degrees, but the real feel is 110 with a heat advisory in Wright County. But the calendar is about to flip to September and to me, that means "Spooky Season". I love Halloween and

all that is odd or macabre. Since I am a slow reader these days, I got a jump start on my spooky season material and cracked open Nick Cutter's horror novel, "The Handyman Method" last week.

While the "horror genre" was around long before it was a lucrative business through word-of-mouth folklore, Edgar Allan Poe really put the horror genre on the map. He was the first to use psychological horror and often wrote his stories where the veritable monster was the

capacity for evil that is inside everyone.

Like in his work, "The Tell-Tale Heart" where he explored real-life psychological feelings of guilt and paranoia.

Poe had a unique ability to take the darker aspects of life and twist them into terrifying tales that blurred the line between reality and fiction. That is what is most terrifying to people...when real life mimics fiction. And as wild as it sounds, an interesting tale involving Poe himself did just that.

Poe's death in 1849 is more perplexing and scary than anything he's written, and it remains a mystery to this day. We don't know all the details of the days leading up to Poe's death, but we do know a few things for sure.

Poe left Richmond, Virginia, for a fresh start on September 27th. It is not a mystery that Mr. Poe suffered from alcoholism and

was often with little money. He was planning to travel to New York to move his Aunt, with stops in Baltimore and Philadelphia. The end goal was Richmond, where Poe's fiancée was. Poe arrived in Baltimore the following day and checked his bags into a local hotel.

This might seem normal to anyone traveling, but Poe was said to have been planning to travel directly to Philadelphia on the same day. After checking into the hotel, no one saw the writer until October 3rd. No one knows where he was during this time, and he never accounted for his whereabouts.

Poe was found in a bar near a polling station, incoherent and dressed in clothes that were not his. An acquaintance from Baltimore retrieved Poe and took him to Washington

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Iowa House Passes Education-Related Bills



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COLUMNIST

House bills and joint resolutions must be reported out of the Senate committees and vice versa prior to April 4. So once again, our focus was on floor debate during week 10. This week the Iowa House of Representatives passed several bills directing Iowa's institutions of higher education to lower costs for students, as well as replace identity politics with intellectual diversity.

Education-related bills that were passed this week by the Iowa House of Representatives include:

- **House File (HF) 782** requires school districts to adopt policies for student use of personal electronic devices during instructional hours. It also outlines specific requirements for communication methods between parents and students during school hours. This bipartisan bill passed 88-9.

- **HF 784** reforms mathematics instruction by requiring the development and distribution of family-centered resources to support mathematics knowledge at home. Schools must assess students in kindergarten

through sixth grade at least three times each year. This bipartisan bill passed 82-16.

- **HF 787** modifies the calculation of teacher salary supplement (TSS) district cost per pupil to ensure it meets minimum salary requirements, including costs associated with retirement contributions. It allows for adjustments in salary calculation if discrepancies in reported teacher experience are found. It also updates pre-student teaching field experience requirements. This bipartisan bill passed 96-1.

- **HF 440**, the College Affordability Act, requires the Regents to make a final decision on tuition be made no later than December 31 of the year before the increase occurs. It limits the annual increase for in-state students to no more than 3%.

- **HF 856** prohibits state entities from using funds to establish or support diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) offices. This bill replaces DEI with MEI (Merit, Excellence, and Intelligence). It roots out DEI from community colleges and private institutions accepting taxpayer funding through the Iowa Tuition Grant.

- **HF 269**, the Freedom from Indoctrination Act, ensures students at Regents universities aren't required to enroll in DEI- or CRT-related courses to satisfy the requirements of any degree program. It also ensures this act does not limit academic freedom or the free discussion of ideas in the classroom.

- **HF 401**, the Core



Rep. Shannon Latham with Kaitlyn Porter, a Franklin County Farm Bureau board member, who advocated for farmers at the Iowa Statehouse on National Ag Day, March 18

Curriculum Act, requires Regents universities to adopt general education requirements. It also outlines required content, including Western Heritage and American Heritage. Courses cannot distort significant historical events or curriculum that teaches identity politics, systemic racism, sexism, oppression or privilege.

- **HF 295**, the Accreditation Autonomy Act, allows the universities or the attorney general to sue an accreditor if an accreditor forces a university to violate state law to maintain their accreditation status.

Additional bills of interest that passed off the House floor this week include:

- **HF 624** allows income from a farm tenancy agree-

ment by a disregarded entity, partnership, S corporation or trust or estate to be eligible for the farm tenancy lease income exclusion.

- **HF 524** requires in-person, written parental consent for minors to use a tanning device. The consent shall include a warning of UV radiation at a young age.

- **HF 779** allows reserve forces and Iowa National Guard members, regardless of years of service, to receive the United States veterans license plate.

- **HF 777** provides an alternative way for insurers to get a salvage certificate on a vehicle that is a total loss without having the original title to the vehicle. An insurer would be able to submit one or more documents showing

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a transfer of ownership and would also have to indemnify the DOT for any claims due to the issuance of the certificate.

- **HF 793** prohibits a person on the sex offender registry from being a certified, or noncertified, firefighter or volunteer firefighter.

Grassley's Visit to Hampton



FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
THE ALTERNATIVE

I lucked out finding a parking place right by the courthouse. By the looks of the big city license plates, this was probably the most city slickers we've had visit Hampton in forty years. Once inside, I wove my way through the crowd to the treasurer's window to pay my property taxes and learned that I could read lips better than I thought.

Torches and pitchforks were absent, which reassured me that some civility remained. The shouting and chanting made it hard to visit. There was no eye contact anywhere. I was alone in a crowd. I did see a local gal but it would have been hopeless to barge my way over there to say hi.

I had come to pay taxes and give Senator Grassley a piece of my mind. Being 12 miles from town, we try to consolidate errands. We even go to the grocery store hungry so we can do a good

job of shopping.

The scene was reminiscent of my Vietnam War protest days. I get pretty nostalgic of a time when there was a worthy cause and fantastic music. This time was different. We weren't being sent off to kill or be killed. That's not to say the issues nowadays aren't important. For example, immigrant families established in a community and then sent off to a lawless and dangerous place is horrible. This country has gone so long without enforcing the law that it is a shock when the laws are enforced.

I wish ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) could single out the bad eggs and leave our respectful and respectable neighbors alone. But government doesn't work that way. Natives who work like these family-focused immigrants are extremely rare. But the old pool hall axiom, "Take the easy ones first," will probably take precedence. The criminals know how to hide.

I also sympathized with the obnoxious crowd regarding the carbon pipeline. There was a familiar sign there opposing it. They call it eminent domain "abuse" so as to reserve eminent domain for causes deemed more wor-

thy of their Utopian dream, to avoid supporting a right to private property.

The downsizing and firing by Elon Musk was high up on the agenda of these folks. I can't imagine that a productive worker would be offended by an email requesting an account of their activities at work. It would present an opportunity to boast, unless there was something else going on. Eliminating DEI (Diversity Equity Inclusion) is another place the protesters don't seem to understand. With the proliferation of computers and unlimited data, maybe those who want to skip merit-based employment should go into a database where their surgeon or aircraft engineer is hired because of their identity instead of their skill and leave the rest of us to a market-based system.

I have written to Mr. Grassley over the years and I've been astonished at the regularity of his responses. Oftentimes, I have received a canned response. But on several occasions only a personal message could suffice. The fact that he showed up to this hostile crowd shows an integrity that doesn't carry through to the policies he supports. "Policy" is a word that means force. It is the opposite of freedom,

as is democracy. How can rule by a majority benefit minorities?

Grassley supports many policies that make Americans poorer. He supports subsidies for alternative energy that disrupt markets and drain research funds from finding true alternatives and improvements. In my travels around this country I have found that Iowa farmland is an anomaly of landscapes. It is a valuable product of extremely rare mineral and organic coincidence. South of Mason City is a plot of this land, perfectly level black dirt, covered with plastic solar panels and a soy diesel plant. Neither one of these things would cover that soil without Chuck Grassley's blessing and our tax dollars. They are a slap in the face to our Creator.

When we think of homeland security, too many times our thoughts go to the Theodore Roosevelt bully mindset, diplomacy be damned. What serious person actually believes "They hate us for our freedoms," as GW Bush proclaimed? If we have a friend who we constantly push around, eventually we should expect that friend to push back. No one can deny that to be the case with 9/11 unless we delve more

deeply.

If I force myself to look at politicians as a benevolent force, they could simply intervene when we tangle with each other. Such would be the case when Grassley goes on about whistleblowers. I wrote to him imploring him to push for a pardon of WikiLeaks' Julian Assange. We had an exchange of a few emails and the bottom line was that what Assange did was illegal. I said "...like in North Korea and China?" That's where our exchange stopped. Grassley should have demanded a follow-up, not an arrest. What are journalists for if not to help expose waste, fraud, and abuse? The things Assange exposed may have made some American servicemen vulnerable (that's what the government says), but it was a step toward making them and the rest of us less so. Assange is the ultimate example of a whistleblower.

If I were to limit my conversation with Senator Grassley to one subject it would be the genocide in Gaza. (Note: Being anti-war is not the same as anti-Semitic.) Just the other day the IDF (Israel Defense Force) killed 400, of which 70% were women and children, and wounded 500. On that day Hamas (invented

and funded by Bibi Netanyahu to compete with the Palestinian Authority) sent three missiles into Israel. Two were intercepted and one landed resulting in no injuries. Trump wants to flush all those people out of their homeland and build a resort there.

Are not all people God's creatures? What kind of sick mind does it take to kill 50,000 people and rejoice in it? I can look back at what our European forebears did to the people who lived here when they arrived and say that was a cruel thing. But that happened already. Tens of thousands of Israelis have now taken to the streets protesting Netanyahu's continuation of the war, yet Grassley and almost all of his pals are cool with it.

So out of all the issues I have with Charles Grassley, his acceptance and enabling of the military/industrial complex in Ukraine, the Middle East, and around the world, tops them all. Like a good doctor, he should first do no harm.

Taxes paid, I went on home to a bomb free zone.

Any comment on my column is gladly appreciated through a letter to the editor or directly to me at 4selfgovernment@gmail.com

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College Hospital. Poe was said to be in a state of delirium for several days before his death on October 7th. The only words Poe uttered during this time were the name Reynolds.

Jeremiah N. Reynolds was an explorer and journalist who Poe had worked with, and who inspired some of Poe's work. Poe could have been calling the journalist, but that remains unclear. It is even more un-

clear as to why Poe would have been calling out to the man. It is also worth noting that Dr. Moran, who was the source of the "Reynolds Rumor", was accused of fabricating the tale.

Since Poe's death, many other theories have sought to explain his mysterious end. Some consider Poe may have been beaten to delirium by "street thugs" or by his fiancée's brothers, who were rumored to

have disapproved of the marriage.

A prominent theory considers that Poe was a victim of election day "cooping" where men were kidnapped, drugged, and then forced to vote in multiple locations for a particular candidate. However, reports about cooping on October 3rd, 1849 are inconsistent.

Others consider the large possibility that Poe,

who again was a known alcoholic, simply became too intoxicated. But on the other hand, tests on his hair have cast doubt on that theory and outright disproved the use of drugs. Other theories point to medical explanations like a brain tumor, rabies, or epilepsy. However, those theories discount the particulars of the change of clothes and the use of a hotel. There are over twenty theories pub-

lished that try to explain Poe's untimely death.

As more time passes, the chances of solving Poe's death grow slimmer, leaving his readers with a chilling reminder that some of the darkest horrors are those with roots in reality. In the end, the unanswered questions surrounding Poe's demise add a spooky, final chapter to his legacy, reminding us that real life can be far more terrifying

than anything found in the pages of a book. Perhaps this is Poe's final and most enduring tale... a haunting tale where the truth remains out of reach forever.

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Chamber-Main Street News and Knows

BY JIM DAVIES
INTERIM DIRECTOR

It was a busy and exciting week for the chamber.

Approximately 100 people attended the rescheduled chamber quarterly coffee held at 8 am on Friday, March 21st at the Latimer Community Center, hosted by Mort's Water Company.

New chamber members Koenigs' Acres Farms, Christian Motorcyclists Association, Kelly Lawn Care, and Kurt Theilen were acknowledged.

New employees were recognized. They are Kian Gibson from Christensen Jewelry; Jen Hobson and Ian Rapiere from Franklin General Hospital; Jalen Peters from First Bank Hampton; Pastor Adam Baumann of St. Paul's Lutheran School; Jordy Kampman, Briana Everts, Brooke Harlan, and McKayla Bales of the Rehabilitation Center of Hampton and Leahy Grove Assisted Living; and Aubrey Brown of Franklin/Wright County Conservation.

There were seven items of community interest shared. These were the Franklin REA Power Plant receiving National Landmark status; the New Friends of the Old Stone restoration work on the Leander Reeve House near Geneva; the Hampton Public Library's 120th anniversary of their dedication; status of replacement of bronze plaques stolen from area cemeteries and historic sites; and updates from the Coulter Library and of Coulter Fun Day activities.

Several Hampton-Dumont-CAL students were honored for their extraordinary achievements: State tournament wrestlers, all-state cheerleader Kodey Eilderts, all Iowa dance team members, all-state large group and individual speech performers, and the Pro-Start Team who will be representing Iowa at national competition for the fourth year in a row. Isaac Vosburg was recognized for his many outstanding accomplishments including being selected as a Coca Cola Scholar, a DAR Good Citizen, PSAT/NMSQT finalist, and a summer internship in India with the World Hunger Organization. After Prom and high school play updates were also given.

Representatives from different organizations presented a brief synopsis of their event that was happening. A total of 37 events were on the quarterly coffee agenda. If a person believes there is nothing to do in Franklin County, that person is incorrect and must live in a van down by the creek!

Join us for the next chamber quarterly coffee at 8 am, June 6, sponsored by First Bank Hampton. There is no cost to attend. This gathering promotes upcoming events, welcomes new chamber members, provides an opportunity for chamber members to share what is happening at their business or with their organization, and networking with others.



Britt's Boutique, downtown Hampton, celebrated two years in business last weekend. It was quite busy when I stopped in. I hope owner Britt Lumley was happy with the turnout and sales.

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's "Better Together" annual appreciation night was held on Saturday, March 22 at the Hampton Country Club with over 100 in attendance. The social time began at 5:00 pm serving hors d'oeuvres provided by H-D-CAL ProStart. Prior to the award presentations, Heads & Tails was played. A silent auction and raffle were also held.

Certificates were presented to those with membership milestones.

New members joining in 2024 Beyond Spotless Auto Detailing, Bill Hodge, Bin Town Childcare, Central Iowa Board of Realtors, Friends of Franklin County Vendor Events, Koenigs' Acres Farm, Lance Studer Customs, Medical Associates health Plans, Metronet, Olive Ave. Redemption, Reborn Ranch, The Manicure Bar, and West Fork Food Pantry.

Five-year members are Bee Inspired Program, Immanuel United Church of Christ, Memories by Molly, and St. Paul Lutheran School.

Ten-year members are Brook & Carol Boehmler, Cellular Advantage, Church of Christ, Franklin County Historical Society, Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm, and St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus.

15-year members are Abbott Realty, Brent's Ag & Auto Repair, First Congregational United Church of Christ, North Iowa Youth for Christ-Franklin County, and Tupperware Go For It Enterprises.

The 20-year member recognized was Pralle's Machine & Welding.

25-year members are Fireside Gifts, United Bank & Trust Company, and the Windsor Theatre.

30-year members are Franklin County Farm Bureau, Hampton Public Library, Hampton Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club of Hampton, and United Methodist Church.

35-year members are Corn Belt Power Cooperative, Hampton Motel Corp., Koenen-Collins Chiropractic Clinic, and Murphy's Heating & Plumbing Inc.

Christensen Jewelry was recognized as a 55-year member.

One of the longest established busi-

nesses in our community is 65-year member Staley Real Estate & Farm Management.

The first of four awards, Community Pride Award, was then presented by Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce President Terry Carr to Christensen Jewelry for their generous support of local organizations for many years including donating awards and trophies for the Franklin County Fair and chamber events.

Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison was next presented the Leadership Award by last year's recipient Michelle Hartman.

The Organization of the Year Award was given to La Luz Centro Cultural. Tyler Heeren, President of First Bank Hampton, a member of the Hampton Rotary Club, last year's recipient, presented the award.

The Member of the Year Award was given to the Hampton Public Library. Jerre Grefe, 2023 Member of the Year, presented the award.

The festivities concluded with a lively game of "The Survey Says" chamber edition. This is a version of a current popular game show hosted by Steve Harvey.

Special thanks to everyone who made the annual chamber appreciation night a huge success and almost more fun than humans should have:

Event sponsors: Cast LLC, First Security Bank & Trust, Franklin General Assisted Living/Franklin Country View, Franklin R.E.C., Holly Narber State Farm, J-T Machine & Tool Co., Koerner Whipple Pharmacy, Mort's Water Company, Sietsema-Atkinson Family Funeral Home, Sietsema Family Monument Sales, and Sukup Manufacturing.

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The Chamber Appreciation Night "Better Together" was brought to you by the Promotion Committee of Jerre Grefe, Holly Narber, and Rebekah Ault; Ambassadors Haleigh Hittle, Janae Eisentrager, and Megan Mollenbeck; Board Members Kaleigh Bass and Sue Followwill, Board President Terry Carr; and office staff Ally Spohr, Julie Frericks, and yours truly.

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

What actor starred in movies including "Mad Max", "Lethal Weapon", "Braveheart", and "The Patriot"? Answer: Mel Gibson.

What actor starred in movies including "Pulp Fiction", "A Time to Kill", "The Negotiator", and "Coach Carter"? Answer: Samuel L. Jackson.

This week's trivia questions:

In the TV sitcom "Seinfeld", what was Kramer's first name?

In the TV sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond", what were the names of Raymond's parents?

March 26 is Wear a Hat Day, and National Spinach Day; March 27 is World Theater Day; March 28 is World Piano Day, March 29 is National Vietnam Wars Veterans Day; March 30 is Doctor's Day, and Take a Walk in the Park Day; March 31 is National Farm Workers Day, and Crayola Crayon Day; April 1 is April Fools' Day.

"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!"

– 1 Chronicles 16:11

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome."

– 1 John 5:3

When Jesus went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

– Mark 6:34

Funny Quotes from basketball players and coaches

"I'd say I gave it the old college try, except that I never went to college."

– Darryl Dawkins

"I never thought I'd lead the NBA in rebounding, but I got a lot of help from my teammates - they did a lot of missing."

– Moses Malone

"Fans never fall asleep at our games, because they're afraid they might get hit by a pass."

– George Raveling

"We're shooting 100 percent - 60 percent from the field and 40 percent from the free-throw line."

– Norm Stewart

After Michael Jordan had scored a playoff record 69 points - "I'll always remember this as the night Michael and I combined to score 70 points."

– Stacey King

"I don't like all the TV timeouts. I run out of things to say to my team."

– Jimmy Valvano

"They say that nobody is perfect. Then they tell you practice makes perfect. I wish they'd make up their minds."

– Wilt Chamberlain

"The Philadelphia 76ers are so bad, the last time they won, Ben Franklin had courtside seats."

– unknown

"We have a great bunch of outside shooters. Unfortunately, all our games are played indoors."

– Weldon Drew

The first end-of-season tournament in college basketball history began back on March 17, 1939, and had just eight teams. The NCAA Division I Championship was won by Oregon that year, in a 46-33 win in the title game over Ohio State.

All four #1 seeds have advanced to the "Final Four" only once. It happened in 2008 when Kansas, Memphis, North Carolina and UCLA all qualified. Kansas ended up winning the tournament.

North Carolina holds the record for most "Final Four" appearances with 21.

Code Counsel: Characteristics of a Good Council Member

BY JIM DAVIES
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COUNCIL

The Ward 3 Council position is vacant. Four candidates for the Ward 3 Council vacancy were interviewed at the Monday, March 24 Council Workshop. An appointment will be made at the Thursday, March 27 Council Meeting.

What are the characteristics of a good city council member? A good city council member should have the following characteristics:

Integrity & Ethics – Honest, transparent, and committed to serving the public interest rather than personal or political gain.

Strong Communication Skills – Listens actively to residents, speaks clearly on issues, and effectively communicates policies and decisions.

Community Engagement – Regularly interacts with constituents, attends community events, and is responsive to concerns and feedback.

Problem-Solving Ability – Analyzes complex issues, considers multiple

perspectives, and finds practical solutions to community challenges.

Collaborative Mindset – Works well with fellow council members, city staff, and the public to achieve shared goals.

Fiscal Responsibility – Understands budgeting, prioritizes spending efficiently, and ensures taxpayer dollars are used effectively.

Vision & Leadership – Has a long-term perspective for the city's growth and development while addressing immediate needs.

Accountability – Takes responsibility for decisions, explains reasoning to the public, and is open to constructive criticism.

Commitment to Equity & Inclusion – Advocates for fair policies that serve all residents, including under-represented and marginalized groups.

Knowledge of Local Issues & Policies – Understands city laws, zoning regulations, public safety, infrastructure needs, and economic development.

A strong city council member is one who genuinely cares about their community and works diligently

to improve the quality of life for all residents.

Policy priorities for a city council member should focus on the following key areas:

1. **Economic Development & Job Growth:** Support small businesses and local entrepreneurship. Attract new industries and investments. Promote workforce development programs. Encourage responsible zoning and development to create a thriving economy.

2. **Affordable Housing:** Expand affordable housing options for diverse income levels. Implement policies to reduce nuisance properties.

3. **Public Safety & Crime Prevention:** Support community policing and build trust between law enforcement and residents. Invest in mental health crisis response and de-escalation training. Supporting the expansion of access to and awareness of mental health and substance abuse services. Ensure emergency response services are well-funded and effective.

4. **Infrastructure & Transportation:** Improve roads, bridges, and sidewalks.

5. **Environmental Sustainability & Climate Resilience:** Implement programs to reduce waste and increase recycling. Support renewable energy initiatives. Protect parks and water resources. Address flooding and other climate-related threats.

6. **Education & Youth Development:** Work with school districts to improve public education and after-school programs. Support safe spaces for youth activities and recreation.

7. **Government Transparency & Accountability:** Strengthen open government initiatives to keep residents informed. Encourage community participation in decision-making.

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What's At The Windsor

**BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER**

Disney's Snow White continues showing at the Windsor Theatre for a second week, concluding Thursday, April 3.

The next movie starting Friday, April 4 will be A Minecraft Movie. A Minecraft Movie is being sponsored by Franklin County Family Focus.

Showtimes are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm with a Sunday afternoon matinee at 1 pm.

Snow White is distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures. The run time is 109 minutes. It is rated PG for violence, some peril, thematic elements and brief rude humor.

Snow White is Disney's live-action remake of its classic 1937 animated feature film. The story still follows Snow White (Rachel Zegler) as she's exiled to a cottage in the forest by the Evil Queen (Gal Gadot), where she befriends seven

dwarfs with distinct personalities. Be ready for music, humor, some peril and tension, and likely plenty of heartwarming moments, too.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$4 for youth aged 16 and under. Seniors aged 60 and over pay \$4 on Sunday. All tickets are \$4 on Thursdays. Tickets can be purchased online at www.windsortheatre.com. Credit cards are accepted.

For \$100, a person will receive a card entitling them to one free popcorn and one free refill each day, ending March 1, 2026. If you are interested stop by the theatre during hours of operation or mail a check made out to the Windsor Theatre for \$100 and mail to PO Box 303, Hampton, IA 50441. Or call or text me, Jim Davies, at 641-425-4707.

Kiwanis Club of Hampton is hosting an Easter Egg



hunt for children on Saturday, April 19 at 1pm at Hampton Band Shell Park. After the Easter Egg hunt, everyone is invited to a free showing of the 2018 movie Peter Rabbit, sponsored by the Hampton Kiwanis, to be shown at the Windsor Theatre starting at 1:30 pm.

The Windsor Theatre is available for birthday parties. Email windsortheatre@msn.com for more information.

The Windsor Theatre is looking for businesses, or

organizations or individuals to sponsor a movie. The cost is \$300 per movie. The sponsor will receive 100 tickets to give away. Sponsorship of a movie is a great way to create good will for friends and customers as well as help bring people to the Windsor Theatre.

If you are interested in sponsoring a specific movie, please call or text me, Jim Davies, at 641-425-4707. First come, first served. Here is a tentative schedule of upcoming movies.

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| Movie, Start Date | |
| The King of Kings, | April 18 |
| The Day the Earth Blew Up: A Looney Toons Story, | April 25 |
| The Amateur, | May 2 |
| A Big Bold Beautiful Journey, | May 9 (2 weeks) |
| Lilo & Stitch, | May 23 (2 weeks) |
| Thunderbolts, | June 6 |
| How To Train Your Dragon, | June 13 (3 weeks?) |
| Jurassic World Rebirth, | July 2 (2 weeks) |
| Elio, | July 18 |



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| Superman: Legacy, | July 25 | 1 (2 weeks) | The Last Cowboy, | August 15 |
| The Bad Guys 2, | August | | | |

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3/28/25 thru 4/3/25
(Week 2 of 2))

REGULAR SHOWTIMES

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Friday, Saturday,
Sunday, Wednesday &
Thursday

1:00 PM Sunday

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A Minecraft Movie
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The King of Kings 4/18

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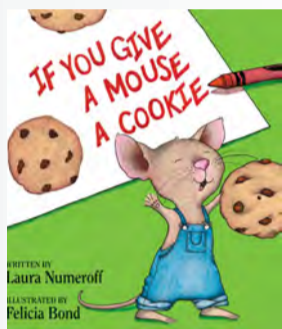
Readers of the Week at the Hampton Public Library



BY BRENDA VAN WERT
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is Oliver Stefanec, age 2.

Oliver is the son of Abigail and Jacob Stefanec. His favorite book is *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff. Oliver enjoys attending Storytime and Playtime on Wednesdays.



COUNCIL: FROM COVER

hand believe that is the responsibility of the City Council to seek out and find solutions so that there are no problems for negative people to seek out. If the council actually performs the functions of the City Powers given in the Code of Ordinances, to protect and preserve the rights, privileges and property of the City and its residents, and preserves and improves the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort and convenience of its residents, then there should be no negative problems to be found. I would like to be a part of that type of City Council."

Fay's been in Hampton for three years, after living in Colorado, and she currently works at Franklin General Hospital. In her application, she wrote "I am essentially an introvert who comes out of her shell when there are marginalized people who need a voice. Being a member of City Council would give me the opportunity to serve my neighbors and this town that I have made my home. I am passionate about Hampton and want to contribute to creating a greater sense of pride in our community. Where there is pride in a community, crime rates fall. Home values rise. Businesses thrive. Families want to live here and work here. Pride is contagious. I have heard stories of what Hampton was like in its heyday and I would like to see it get back to that; not to become a big city but rather a thriving town."

Lieth is currently employed with Lutheran Services in Iowa in human resources and talent acquisition. He worked in IT for twenty years before that. In his application, he wrote "I would like to have a direct impact on my community and help improve the lives of those living and working here. Further, I would like to introduce and utilize different technologies and automation where appropriate and if it improves the lives of the citizenry."

Crystal Wolvers is a stay-at-home mom of two small children, with a background in healthcare. She was born and raised in Hampton. In her application, she wrote "I wish to serve with both compassion to bring a different perspective as a mother of small children from my age demographic. I want to be out in the community and available to bring positive feedback and concerns to meetings from our community."

The Ward 3 appointment will fill the vacancy until the canvassing of the November 2025 city election results.

According to the application for the city council appointment, the candidates must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of Iowa and at least 18 years of age. Candidates may not be a convicted felon or currently judged incompetent to vote by court. They can also not claim the right to vote in any other place.

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CIVIC CALENDAR

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

DETAILS:
Monday 8:30 AM
Franklin County Courthouse

ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

DETAILS:
Second Tuesday

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
Second Tuesday of every month
6:30 PM

ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD:

DETAILS:
Third Wednesday of every month

CAL SCHOOL BOARD:

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM BOARD:

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

ALEXANDER CITY COUNCIL:

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

HANSELL CITY COUNCIL:

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

HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:

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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

DETAILS:
5:30 PM
City Council Chambers

FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD:

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

COULTER CITY COUNCIL:

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

LATIMER CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
Second Wednesday,
6:30 PM

DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD:

DETAILS:
Dumont Public Library
Second Wednesday of every month

HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL:

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

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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

DOWS CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
First Monday of every month
6:00 PM

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
Every second Monday
of the month at 7 PM

HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD:

DETAILS:
Fourth Monday of the month
6:00 PM

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION:

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

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

DUMONT CITY COUNCIL:

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS:

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

WEST FORK SCHOOL BOARD:

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

ISU EXTENSION COUNCIL:

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

Young Bulldogs Boys Soccer Aims To Put It All Together

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON
CHRONICLE

The season is fast approaching for the Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs boys soccer team as the team's first game is on the road at Clear Lake on March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Last year the Bulldogs went 8-8 on the year and made it to the Class 2A Substate 2 semifinal before falling to Webster City 4-0 in the semifinals.

Bulldogs' head coach Danielle Arana said that heading into this season that a goal for the team is to combine the different levels together.

"We have a really young team this year," Arana said. "So there is a lot of devel-

oping going on right now. Very talented players, but a lot of young players that don't have that varsity experience yet. So our goal is to really become that one unified strong team."

With having a younger team this year, Arana said that during the first couple of games this season that she would like to see the team work on building their chemistry.

"They are talented players, the young ones and so they have good touches, it is all about bringing it together as one," Arana said. "I am really hoping to see the chemistry continue to grow and get stronger."

For the returning players, Arana said they have shown strong leader-

ship when it comes to the younger players.

"They are good at helping the young players," Arana said. "They are working their butts off and they are working with the other players. This group is really like ok this where we are messing up, this is what we have to do, this is what we have to change and correct. It is really helpful with the young players."

As the season moves along, Arana said she would like to see the Bulldogs hopefully have some success. Arana also said that she would like to see the team develop into one unit.

"Move together and the communication, the speed of the game, and the effortless passing. That is what I really want to see from this group," Arana said. "I think we can and I want that to happen this year before we lose

these seniors. Because they have done a lot to help me build this program and that would be great for them to experience that success as well."

There are a couple of players that Arana said can have a big year this season for the Bulldogs.

"Fernando Mota, he has come a long way and he is amazing," Arana said. "He has good ball control and we have tried to figure out where he fits in each group through the years, but this year I feel like he has taken a leadership role. Jose Aragon our goalie, he has been doing amazing and has grown from year to year and it is entertaining to watch him. Silas Buseman, we had one center defend-

er the past few years that was our rock on defense and even though Silas was there to help and he was a big part of our defense. This year Silas is that rock and I think he is going to do amazing."

One area that can be a strength for the Bulldogs this year according to Arana is their touch.

"I am hoping to see a lot more pressure offensively from us," Arana said. "In the past we have been a little bit more midfield and defense strong so I am hoping to see a lot more pressure on the goal and to see a lot more forcing the way through the other team's defense. I am hoping to see a lot of strength offensively."



Hampton-Dumont-CAL Girls Golf Looks To Rebuild

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON
CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs girls golf team will have their first competition against another team this season at the Best Ball Scrimmage against AGWSR at Ackley Country Club on April 1 at 4:15 p.m. As that approaches, Bulldogs' head coach Dustin Moorehead said that this season will be a little bit of a rebuilding year for the team.

"We lost four out of our six varsity golfers last year, so we have a lot of girls with a little experience," Moorehead said. "We even have some girls with JV experience who are going to have to step up to the varsity level for us. So learning

about the basics and pushing ourselves to shoot lower and lower scores each time."

For the girls that are getting their first varsity experience, Moorehead said that hopefully the two returning seniors Kenzie Moorehead and Ava Abernathy's leadership can show the younger girls what is like at the varsity level especially during the first couple of meets.

With the scrimmage coming up, Moorehead said that is a way to help the younger girls get some experience.

"We try to match up less experienced girls with more experienced girls so they can walk and talk them through how an actual meet would work and what is expected from

them," Moorehead said.

There are a few golfers that Moorehead said can have a big year.

"Kenzie Moorehead is coming with three years of varsity experience and she finished in seventh in conference last year which is a good finish," Moorehead said. "I am hoping she can hit the ground runnings. She has been in the simulator a little bit. A couple of the experienced girls are showing signs of improvement already and the girls that have a lot to learn are learning a lot already. Kenzie and Ava, we are going to rely heavily on their experience. Then we have Lilly Rosenberg who has been on the JV team for a couple of years. So she is coming back with some JV experience which will be

good. Isabella Salinas, is a sophomore that got a ton of JV experience and even sniffed some varsity experience last year so those will be some good ones. We have Keely Moorehead who is a freshman that has grown up around the sport and she still has a ton to learn but has some of that golf knowledge. There is Avalon Mulford we had

last year and she has shown a lot of improvement already."

As the season moves along, Moorehead said one thing that can be viewed as the biggest goal this year is team camaraderie.

"Make sure everyone gets along and make sure that everyone is a good teammate and helping each other out," Moorehead said.

"But also showing signs of improvement. It doesn't always mean lower scores, it might mean course knowledge and you know what shot to hit where and you are starting to learn which clubs go which distances and you are understanding the rules a lot better and use those to help your scores out throughout the year."


Upcoming Sports Events

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

- March 31. Girls soccer at Clear Lake, 5:30 p.m.
- March 31. Boys soccer at Clear Lake, 7:30 p.m.
- April 1. Girls golf at Best Ball Scrimmage at Ackley Country Club, 4:15 p.m.
- April 1. Girls tennis at Clear Lake, 4:30 p.m.
- April 1. Boys tennis vs Clear Lake, 4:30 p.m.

West Fork

- April 1. Girls track and field at 2025 Saint Relays at St. Ansgar, 4:30 p.m.
- April 1. Boys track and field at 2025 Saint Relays at St. Ansgar, 4:30 p.m.
- April 3. Girls track and field at CS COED Relays at Central Springs, 4:30 p.m.
- April 3. Boys track and field at CS COED Relays at Central Springs, 4:30 p.m.



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Bulldogs Girls Compete At Wartburg Meet

BY KEVIN LABOTKA
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

WAVERLY— The Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs girls track and field team took 13th place out of 18 teams with a score of 20 points at the meet at Wartburg College on March 18.

In the 55-meter dash, Drew Horton took 20th place with a time of 8.73 and Abigael Flores took 28th place with a time of 8.97. In the 200-meter dash, Noel Hansen took 36th place with a time of 35.36 and Alisenne Storr took 38th place with a time of

39.59. In the 800-meter run, Marlee Maas took 18th place with a time of 3:08.73. In the 1500-meter run, Maas took 21st place with a time of 6:37.43. In the 3000-meter run, MacKenzy Valley took fourth place with a time of 12:41.54. In the 4x200-meter relay, the team of Adelee Gronewold, Megan Severs, Payton Arends, and Madison Arends took 16th place with a time of 2:11.39.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the team of Lily Hambly, Addison Aalbers, Brooklyn Valley, and MacKenzy Valley took fifth place with a time

of 4:36.35. In the shot put, Charlee Morton took first place with a throw of 44'8.75 and broke her own school record with the throw and she qualified for the Drake Relays on April 24. In the high jump, Lily Hambly took eighth place with a jump of 4'8. In the long jump, Addison Aalbers took 10th place with a jump of 14'1.5 and Adelee Gronewold took 19th place with a jump of 13'0.25.

The team's next meet is at the North Iowa Indoor Championships on March 27 at the Clear Lake Athletics and Wellness Center at 4 p.m.



Charlee Morton won the girls shot put at the Wartburg High School Indoor Track Meet on March 18. Photo by Molly Bird

Weekly Recap

Hampton-Dumont-CAL:

March 18. Boys track and field took 16th place out of 19 teams at the Wartburg HS Meet #2. In the 55-meter dash, Carter Arends took 10th place with a time of 6.90 and Carson Helmke took 26th place with a time of 7.23. In the 200-meter dash, Briggs Gruelke took sixth place with a time of 24.60 and Joseph Powers took 25th place with a time of 26.50. In the 400-meter dash, Jacob Donnenwerth took 15th place with a time of 59.93 and Jory Angstman took 19th place with a time of 1:01.85.

In the 800-meter run, Will Warneke took 23rd place with a time of 2:39.04 and Luke Showalter took 24th place with a time of 2:40.66. In the 55-meter hurdles, Aaden Keehn took fourth place with a time of 8.40 and Colin Bird took seventh place with a time of 8.88. In the 4x200-meter relay, the team of Carter Arends, Isaac Sauke, Bayden Wrich, and Bird took 11th place with a time of 1:40.55. In the 4x400-meter relay, the team of Brody Peters, Briggs Gruelke, Keehn, and Brady Harr took 14th place with a time of 3:54.34. In the 4x800-meter relay, the team of Rem Powers, James Chambers, Luke Showalter, and Arnold Guerava took 10th place with a time of 10:17.49.

In the shot put, Beau Morton took seventh place with a throw of 43'7.25 and Emmitt Elling took 29th place with a throw of 33'10.75. In the high jump, Bayden Wrich took 13th place with a jump of 5'2 and Brody Peters took 18th place with a jump of 4'10. In the long jump, Carter Arends took 11th place with a jump of 18'5 and Jory Angstman took 25th place with a jump of 15'10.75.

West Fork:

March 17. Boys track and field competed at the Riverhawk Boys Indoor Track Invitational at Mason City. In the 200-meter

dash, Dax Suntken took 14th place with a time of 25.00 and Caden Stanbrough took 29th place with a time of 26.48. In the 400-meter dash, Connor Swenson took 27th place with a time of 1:03.57 and Owen Schmidt took 32nd place with a time of 1:07.03. In the 4x200-meter relay, West Fork took fourth place with a time of 1:40.31.

In the 800-meter run, Xavier Haller took seventh place with a time of 2:16.65 and Tyler Harley-Meints took 25th place with a time of 2:32.05. In the 4x400-meter relay, West Fork took 15th place with a time of 4:04.37. In the 4x800-meter relay, West Fork took 14th place with a time of 10:18.92. In the 1600-meter run, Kaden Graf took 28th place with a time of 6:02.30 and Aaron Ihrke took 37th place with a time of 6:26.70 and Eli Muhlenbruch took 44th place with a time of 6:51.30.

In the 1600-meter medley relay, West Fork took fourth place with a time of 3:57.38. In the long jump, Xavier Haller took fourth place with a jump of 19-09.00 and Zander Hansen took sixth place with a jump of 19-01.50. In the shot put, Jarren Hitzhusen took 17th place with a throw of 39-11.00 and Braydon Smit took 31st place with a throw of 34-04.50.

March 18. Girls track and field competed at the Riverhawk Girls Indoor Track Invitational at Mason City. In the 200-meter dash, Cadence Eddy took 24th place with a time of 31.78 and Hudson Butler took 39th place with a time of 34.49. In the 400-meter dash, Evelyn Hitzhusen took first place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.79 and Maesy Maryland took 24th place with a time of 1:13.33. In the 4x200-meter relay, West Fork took 20th place with a time of 2:09.90.

In the 800-meter run, Jana Harms took 27th place with a time of 3:13.74. In the 4x400-meter relay, West Fork took 20th place with a time of 5:07.67. In the 1500-meter run,



The West Fork Warhawks girls track team competed at the Riverhawk Girls Indoor Track Invitational on March 18. Photo by Ashley Sears

Autumn Schilling took 40th place with a time of 7:23.37. In the 4x800-meter relay, West Fork took 13th place with a time of 12:43.65. In the 1600-meter medley relay, the team of Preslee Dickman, Karma McMorris, JoAnna Wallace, and Hitzhusen took third place with a time of 4:42.06. In the long jump, Wallace took eighth place with a jump 15-06.25 and Dickman took 15th place with a jump of 14-08.75. In the high jump, Keara Wood took second place with a jump of 5-00.00. In the shot put, Brylee Dickman took fourth place with a throw of 33-10.00 and Jennifer Ramirez took 14th place with a throw of 30-00.00 and Josi Janssen took 16th place with a throw of 29-03.00.



Aaden Keehn (left) took fourth place in the 55-meter hurdle finals at the Wartburg High School Indoor Track meet. Photo by Molly Bird



Beau Morton took seventh place in the shot put at the Wartburg High School Indoor Track Meet on March 18. Photo by Molly Bird



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CLOSE CALLS 3



BY RICK JANSEN

For this week's Close Call I want to share with you an adventure I had with my extended family while we were at a family reunion in Colorado. For this reunion we had 19 members of our extended family. We were based out of Breckenridge which allowed us to do many different activities during the week. Not everyone participated in all the activities.

One day we decided to rent some UTVs and do a trail ride up into the mountains. One of my nephews was living in the area and was on the search and rescue team. He had previously scouted a rental place for us and an area we could ride. He also brought along his own 4-Wheeler to help guide us on this trip.

We picked up our 3 side by side UTV's and headed up into the mountains. There would be thir-

teen of us on this trip. Ages ranged from 9 to 69. We loaded up 4 people per UTV and my nephew took the lead on his 4-wheeler.

The first part of the trip was awesome. We crossed mountain meadows and enjoyed getting sprayed by water when we drove through the creeks along the route. As the day progressed, we ascended higher into the mountains until we found ourselves above the tree line. Everything was going smoothly, and everyone was enjoying the ride.

Our leader approached a fork in the path, and we gathered to decide which way to go. In this area riders are free to travel wherever they want to go and there are not any maps. We all decided to take the path to the right based on my nephew's recommendation since he knew the area. Soon this path presented us with some tricky driving situations that would take some very skillful driving. In a few spots we had to get out and crawl over some large boulders and let my experienced nephew drive over the obstacles. While this caused some excitement no one was worried at this point. It was fun.

The trail kept winding higher and higher into the mountains. We could see snow along the route with more snow above us. This was in

mid-July so we enjoyed a short snowball fight among the vehicles. The trail just kept switching back and forth as we ascended the mountain. The higher we went the rougher the trail became.

At one point we stopped in mid trail as there was a building along the route. We got together to discuss our options. The trail was very rocky and narrow and there was not much room to turn around. We looked up the trail and saw that the route just kept climbing, getting narrower as it went. My nephew decided to take the 4-wheeler up the trail on his own to see if there was another route we could take. At this point I think the adults in the group were getting nervous since we did not know where we were or how much more we could take of this hard rocky, steep trail.

My nephew waved us on, so we all loaded up and continued up the trail. Now things have become scary. With every switch back the UTV's had to get very close to the edge and as they made the turn, accelerate to make it up and over the boulders in the trail.

I was sitting next to my wife in the back seat of one of the UTV's and we were afraid that we would roll off the side of the trail. If this happened there was nothing that



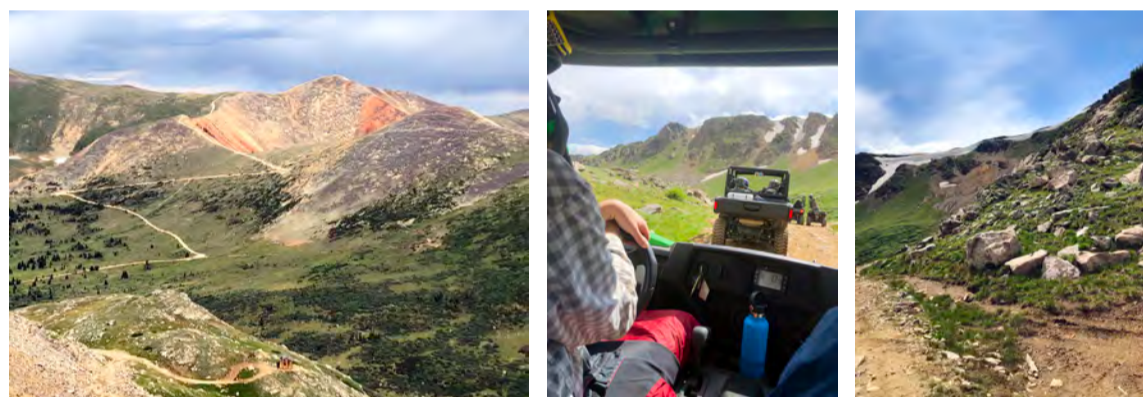
would stop us rolling down the mountain to certain death. This is when we decided to get out and walk. As soon as we got out of our UTV other riders from the group also abandoned their rides thinking it was safer to walk up the mountain rather than risk riding in the vehicles. We had brought along some canned oxygen since the air is so thin at this altitude. Of course, the kids in the group were unaware of the danger, but most of the adults were shaking at this time.

The most experienced drivers kept heading up the mountain while the rest of us walked. We could see the top of the mountain and hoped that we could all get up there safely and then figure out what to do next. When we got to the flat top of the mountain, we all exchanged hugs and a few tears. A family of mountain goats met us at the top along with a lone motorcycle rider. He had come up the other side of the mountain and was surprised to see us there. He asked us what route we took, and we pointed down the

mountain we had just come up. He just shook his head and told us we were lucky to be alive.

The trip down the other side of the mountain was beautiful and peaceful. When we reached our parking lot we breathed a sigh of relief. As we were loading up our vehicles, a group of riders came into the lot. I went to talk to them and found out they were from Iowa. They were on top of the next mountain over and had been watching us through their binoculars. They told us they were very afraid watching us come up that mountain and were worried they were going to watch us fall.

Everyone was quiet on the ride back to our rented homes. I think we were all re-playing the trip trying to determine if we could have done anything differently. As we chatted later that night, we all joked about how scared we were, but also how we all stood together to get everyone through the adventure. It was fun, but not something I want to do again.



4-H Day at the Museum

BY LAELA RAGSDALE

Franklin County, Iowa – On March 14, sixteen youth in grades 4th-8th grade visited the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium and John Deere Tractor and Engine Museum in Waterloo, Iowa. Youth participated in a demonstration from staff the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium called “Super Cold.” Youth learned all about liquid nitrogen and the differenc-

es between liquid nitrogen and dry ice. They even got to try a Cheeto puff that had been dipped into liquid nitrogen! After the demonstration students were given time to explore the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium which contains hands-on exhibits on many different science concepts, including robotics, weather, balance and so much more. After a quick lunch, youth tracked over to the John Deere Tractor and Engine

Museum where they participated in a guided tour through the museum. Students learned all about the start of John Deere, the history of the tractors in the museum, the steps of building a tractor and more. This trip was made possible with the financial support of the Franklin County 4-H Foundation. Transportation was provided by Dale Howard's Auto Center of Iowa Falls.



Sixteen 4-H members in grades 4th-8th grade pose at the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium.



Lauren Plagge demonstrates how to use an early plow at the John Deere Tractor and Engine Museum.



Logan Burkley explores pulleys at the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium.



Liberty Varrelman explores sound at the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium.



Jack Crawford tries a Cheeto puff that had been dipped in liquid nitrogen at the demonstration at the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium.



Youth design their own tractors at the John Deere Tractor and Engine Museum.

First Security Announces Hire of Cleo Spencer as Senior Ag Lender

PRESS RELEASE

First Security Bank and Trust is pleased to share that Cleo Spencer has joined the bank as Senior Ag Lender.

Cleo is originally from Idaho, where he grew up in a small agricultural community. He later joined the military and then received an associate's degree in business administration from the College of Southern Idaho and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Boise State University.

Cleo joins with both hands-on ag experience as well as years of banking experience. He has worked as a lender with a focus on row crops and cattle op-

erations while owning a registered cow-calf operation. He also was the CEO of a company that grew seed and processed potatoes, and most recently, he owned an aviation company that sprayed and sold chemicals.

In his new role as Senior Ag Lender, he will be involved in training other staff on the Ag/Commercial Lending Team.

“One of my passions is helping other people develop, and I look forward to doing that here,” said Cleo. “I am looking forward to getting back into ag lending, and I enjoy smaller communities like the ones First Security serves.”

Chief Lending Officer

Scott Smits added, “Cleo's deep knowledge of row crop and cattle operations, combined with his passion for ag, makes him a valuable asset to our team. His ability to teach others about lending and proactively seek new opportunities—whether attending auctions or connecting with farmers—reflects his commitment to supporting rural communities. Cleo's values align with ours, ensuring that we meet the goal of building and protecting our customers' legacies.”

Outside of work, Cleo enjoys hunting and is traditionally a volunteer with Kiwanis and 4-H. However, he is currently busy with relocating his family of 6 to



Cleo Spencer

the Charles City area and exploring all it has to offer.

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Franklin County Bucket Calf Mentorship Program

BY LAELA RAGSDALE

Franklin County – The Franklin County Cattlemen have partnered with ISU Extension & Outreach Franklin County to offer an opportunity for 4th & 5th grade youth who don't have access or funding to show a bucket calf at the Franklin County Fair! The goal of this program is to make the bucket calf project area available to Franklin County Youth in grades 4th & 5th grade who have the interest in a livestock project, but lack facilities, financing or a supervising adult to allow for participation. Participants do need to pay \$25 per head fee to participate in this program, but the Franklin County 4-H Foundation has scholarships available. To register, youth should turn in the registration form to the ISU Extension & Outreach Franklin County Office, 62nd Street NW, Hampton, by May 20, 2025. Participation will be determined on the availability of bucket calves among the mentors. The registration form, youth, family and adult mentor responsibilities can be found on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/county-fair>. Any livestock owner interested in mentoring a 4-H youth should contact Laela Ragsdale at laela@iastate.edu or at 641-373-3874.

H-D-CAL Speech to Perform at All-State

BY LEE NELSON

Six Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School speech students have been selected to perform at the Iowa High School Speech Association's (IHSSA) All-State Festival to be held at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) on Monday, March 31.

America Dominguez Rincon, Kinlee Chaplin, Chloe Craighton, Elian Trevino, James Chambers, and Jaxson Rew were selected from the 35 H-D-CAL performances that received Division I ratings at the IHSSA state individual event contest held on Saturday, March 15 at Starmont High School. Craighton was selected to perform both events she entered. Craighton, Trevino, and Rew are seniors. This is

Rew's third year and the second year for Trevino and Craighton at the All-State Festival. This is the first year for juniors Chambers and Dominguez Rincon and freshman Chaplin.

The students are assigned to perform at different centers at various locations on the UNI campus. Building/center maps, parking map, ticket, and other information is found at <https://www.ihssa.org/contests/individual-events/all-state/>. The cost to attend is \$12 plus an online fee.

There are four sessions per center. Each session has 8-9 performances. Center, building, room, and session time assignments of the Bulldog speech performers are listed below.

America Dominguez Rincon: Poetry, CENTER 3, Scholarship Space, Rod Library, Session 4: 3:00 - 4:15 (2nd of 8), performing "Hush Little Baby"

Chloe Craighton: Prose, CENTER 14, Commons Ballroom, The Commons, Session 2: 11:30 - 12:45 (5th of 9), performing "Mourning Love"

Elian Trevino: Literary Program, CENTER 7, University Hall, Maucker, Session 4: 3:00 - 4:15 (3rd of 9), performing "Silent Echoes"

James Chambers: Solo Musical Theatre, CENTER 1, Strayer Wood Main House, Strayer Wood Theatre, Session 2: 11:30 - 12:45 (4th of 9), performing "Friends on the Other Side"

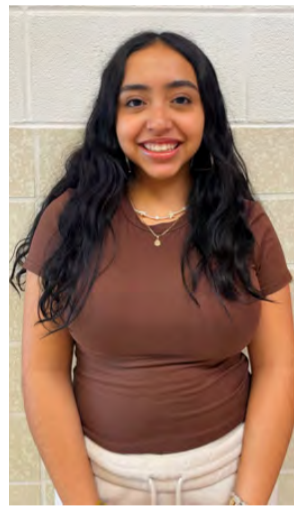
Jaxson Rew: Prose, CENTER 14, Commons Ballroom, The Commons, Session 4: 3:00 - 4:15 (9th of 9), performing "Beautiful Boy"



2025 H-D-CAL Individual All-State Performers, left to right, are James Chambers, Chloe Craighton, and Elian Trevino. Missing from the photo are America Dominguez Rincon, Kinlee Chaplin, and Jaxson Rew. Photo by Wendy Buseman.

Kinlee Chaplin: Prose, CENTER 14, Commons Ballroom, The Commons, Session 1: 10:00 - 11:15 (5th of 8), performing "I'm Not a Bully"

Approximately 450 students from 150 school districts will perform in one of these categories: Public Address, Acting, Solo Musical Theatre, Interpretive Reading-Poetry, Interpretive Reading-Prose, Literary Program, Original Oratory, Spontaneous Speaking, Radio News Announcing, Expository Address, Storytelling, Improvisation Acting, Reviewing, and After Dinner Speaking.



H-D-CAL junior America Dominguez Rincon qualified to perform for her first time at the IHSSA All-State Festival at the University of Northern Iowa on Monday, March 31.



Pictured: Most of the KLMJ team at their office this afternoon.

Bravo, KLMJ Radio

Last week's appreciation post was for the one, the only ... KLMJ Radio.

Do we see KLMJ as competition? Yeah, I do at times, but I think it's good to have a little competition, and I'm sure they feel the same way. I'd also like to think we both have our strengths. They are better at certain things than we are, I'll admit that. (They are able to cover much more, while we have the time to dig a little deeper on certain stories. That's usually how it goes with print vs. radio.)

As I've already told owner Shawn Dietz, I relied heavily on KLMJ right when I moved here, constantly checking their website and Facebook to see what was going on. I knew that if they were covering something, I also needed to be covering it. After a few months, I had enough tips coming in that I didn't have to check as often, but I still check daily. I stay in touch with Shawn and others on the KLMJ team, and I think it's safe to say we have a solid relationship.

I like to joke with friends that if I see the KLMJ car going somewhere, I immediately wonder "WHERE THE HECK ARE THEY GOING?" I could follow them, but that might come off as a bit much. It's also not uncommon for a friend to message me on Facebook or a coworker to run into my office saying "did you see what KLMJ just posted?" In other words, they just broke a story and I need to get on it. They do a good job and I appreciate that.

All this to say: it's not often that small cities like Hampton have TWO media outlets, but it's pretty cool that we do. (Shoot, there are plenty of small cities that have NO media outlets!)

Thank you for all that you do, KLMJ!

—News Editor Jennifer Burnham



Senior Jaxson Rew has been to All-State Speech with two individual events his sophomore year, one individual event his junior year, and one each this year with group and individual events. Photo by Molly Bird.

Britt's Boutique Turns Two!

Britt's Boutique owner Britt Lumley celebrated two years of her store being open with an open house on Saturday, March 22. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., customers new and old stopped by to shop hot deals and enjoy mimosas and cookies. "I couldn't have done this without my customers," Lumley said. "Thanks so much for all the support!"



Iowa mowing law designed to protect roadside habitats

PRESS RELEASE

The Franklin County Weed Commissioner reminds Iowans to protect roadside habitat for nesting game birds and song birds this spring and early summer.

According to Iowa Code 314.17, mowing roadside ditches is restricted until July 15, to protect young pheasants and other ground-nesting birds until they are ready to fledge. The law, which applies to county secondary roads as well as state primary and interstate highways, also protects habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects, including crop-pest predators.

Exceptions for visibility and weed control are built into the law, but non-essential mowing – including cutting for hay – is prohibited.

Iowa Code 314.17 states: Mowing roadside vegetation on the rights-of-way or medians on any primary highway, interstate highway, or secondary road prior to July 15 is prohibited, except as follows:

- Within 200 yards of an inhabited dwelling
- On right-of-way within one mile of the corporate limits of a city
- To promote native species of vegetation or other long-lived and adaptable vegetation
- To establish control of damaging insect populations, noxious weeds and invasive plant species
- For visibility and safety reasons
- Within rest areas, weigh stations and wayside parks
- Within 50 feet of a drainage tile or tile intake
- For access to mailbox or for other accessibility purposes
- On right-of-way adjacent agricultural demonstration or research plots

Iowa's roadsides provide a valuable refuge for wildlife. The mowing law serves as a reminder to only mow shoulders during the critical nesting season and leave the rest of the roadside for the birds. For more information, see a brochure called Iowa's Mowing Law for Roadsides, available at: tallgrassprairiecenter.org/irvm-brochures.

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 • Wednesday, March 26, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer; 4:30 p.m. Pathfinders K-6; 6:30 p.m. SWAG 7-12
 • Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast of Champions
 • Sunday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 11 a.m. Sunday School Classes; Membership Class
 • Tuesday, April 1, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer
 • Wednesday, April 2, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer; 4:30 p.m. Pathfinders K-6; 6:30 p.m. SWAG 7-12

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
 Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 AM
 Sunday 10:30 AM English
 5:30 PM Spanish

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

First Christian Church
 605 Fourth St. NE, Hampton
 • Sunday, March 30, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; 11:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday Potluck Dinner

LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

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

Zion St. John Lutheran Sheffield
 422 Sherman St, Sheffield, IA 50475
 • Wednesday, March 26, 8:30 a.m. ZSJ Piecemakers; 5:15 p.m. Lenten Supper & 7-8 Confirmation Class; 6 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal; 7 p.m. Midweek Worship Service; 7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 • Thursday, March 27, 2 p.m.
 West Fork Food Pantry
 • Sunday, March 30, 9 a.m.
 Worship Service led by Praise Team; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship & Sunday School; **Mayberry Adult Bible Study**

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

St. Paul's Lutheran
 304 W Main, Latimer
Reverend Joel Peter Wagner
 • Wednesday, March 26, 8:10 a.m. Matins; 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Lent 3 Service; LWML Serves after Lenten Service**
 • Sunday, March 30, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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

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

Trinity Lutheran Church
 16 12th Ave. NE, Hampton
 www.trinityhampton.com
Vicar - Jacob Stefane, Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen, Pastor
 • Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m. **Wednesday Lenten Service**
 • Sunday, March 30, 8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
 • Sunday Radio Broadcasts: 7:30 a.m. Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 10:15 a.m. Radio Worship Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM
 • Wednesday, April 2, 7 p.m. **Wednesday Lenten Service**

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar
Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor
 • Sunday, March 30, 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, March 26, 5:30 p.m. **Lenten Meal**; 6:30 p.m. **Lenten Worship Service**
 • Sunday, March 30, 9 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation, & Coffee; 10 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

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

Hampton United Methodist
 100 Central Ave. E, Hampton
Pastor Dennis Burns
 • Wednesday, March 26, 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal & Wacky Wednesday
 • Thursday, March 27, 9:30 a.m.

BeFrienders
 • Saturday, March 29, 5 p.m. Worship Service
 • Sunday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. Adults Bible Study; 11 a.m. Worship Service; 11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 12 p.m. **After Worship Service Fellowship Meal**; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast
 • Monday, March 31, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK
 • Tuesday, April 1, 1:30 p.m. Faithful Stitchers
 • Wednesday, April 2, 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal & Wacky Wednesday

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

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 917 Howard St. (First Presbyterian Church), Aplington
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Sovereign Grace Church
 109 N Eskridge St., Dows
Pastor Doug Holmes
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 • Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; 11:15 a.m. Worship at First Presbyterian in Dows

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

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

p.m. Worship
 • Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. Bible Study

PRESBYTERIAN

Aplington Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 917 Howard St., Aplington
Rev. Michael McLane
 • Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with fellowship following services

REFORMED

Dumont Reformed
 912 Third St., Dumont
Pastor Chris Meester
 • Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship (nursery care provided each week)
 • First Monday of the month, 1 p.m. Reformed Church Women (RCW)
 • Wednesdays, 7 p.m. RCYF (High School youth group from 8-12 grade)
 • All times and schedules are subject to change due to pandemic. You can join us online Youtube and Facebook: **Dumont Reformed Church**, website: dumontreformed.com, and Dumont Cable 1000

First Reformed
 214 Brown St., Alexander
 • Sunday, 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*
 • Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m. RCYF
 • Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m. **Faith Circle**
 • Sunday, March 30, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service with Children Singing; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 • Wednesday, April 2, 7 p.m. **Hope Circle & RCYF**

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Congregational U.C.C.
 22 First Ave. SW, Hampton
 (641) 456-2192
Pastor Karen Koenig and Pastor Peggy Allison
 • Wednesday, March 26, 6 p.m. **Lenten Soup Supper**
 • Sunday, March 30, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Immanuel U.C.C.
 204 E. South St., Latimer
Pastor Joe Dunnwald
 • Sunday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. **Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ - Geneva
 496 Raven Ave # B, Geneva, IA 50633
 • Sunday, March 30, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with James Koop

In loving memory of
Janelle Lynn Wilson
 1955-2025



Janelle Lynn Wilson, a beacon of laughter and courage, passed away on March 16, 2025, after a valiant battle with breast cancer. Born on October 3, 1955, in Hampton, IA, Janelle's vibrant spirit and loving nature left an indelible mark on the hearts of those she encountered throughout her 69 years of life. She departed from this world in Des Moines, IA, surrounded by the love of her family and the warmth of memories shared.

Janelle was the cherished wife and soulmate of David Wilson, with whom she shared a lifetime of love, laughter and companionship. They met at the age of 15, in their hometown of Hampton IA, and never looked back. A true love story that the foundation of the Wilson family was built off of. Together, they raised a family that was the center of Janelle's world. She was a devoted mother to her son, Jade Wilson (wife Beckye), and her daughters, Nicole Happe (husband Mike), and Lindsey Wilson. Her role as a grandmother was one she embraced with joy and pride, doting on her six grandchildren, Jaislynn (Tyler), Mason (Kristin), Elyssa, Max, Wilson, and Charlie. The delight of her later years was her great-grandchild, Tate, and the anticipation of welcoming another great-grandson, due on June 4th.

For 35 years, Janelle worked for Optometrist, Dr. Terry Brown, where she not only found her professional calling but also fostered lifelong friendships. Her colleagues were among her very best friends, and together they created an environment of support and camaraderie that extended far beyond the workplace.

Janelle's interests were a reflection of her love for life and her unwavering support for her family. She found immense joy in watching her grandchildren compete in volleyball, dance, football, and basketball. These moments were cherished opportunities for her to express her pride and encouragement. Janelle's presence at these events was a source of inspiration and comfort to her loved ones.

Beyond the sidelines and dance recitals, Janelle relished in the simple pleasure of visiting with friends and family. Especially her siblings, Audrey Karinen (Bob), Denise Figueroa (Luis), Kim Shugar (Jim) and Charlie Thielen (Sue). The Wilson home was often filled with laughter and stories, a testament to her ability to bring people together. Her sense of humor was infectious, and she had a unique talent for finding light in even the most challenging situations.

And, we can't forget her forever love for all things fashion. She always had the latest trend in shoes, purses and clothing...especially donning all things Cyclone or Hawkeye, to support her pride for her favorite Iowa teams! Of course, this love for fashion started when she was a little girl with her patent leather shoes and tulle slits that she wore everywhere. She loved hearing the tap, tap, tap of the shoes as she proudly wore them around.

Janelle's life was a portrait of courage. She faced her illness with a resilience that inspired others to find strength in their own struggles. Her loving nature was a constant in the lives of those she touched, and her memory will continue to be a guiding force of love and kindness. Janelle's legacy is one of love, laughter, and the enduring strength of family. Her spirit will live on in the stories told, the memories cherished, and the lives she has touched. Though her physical presence is no longer with us, the essence of Janelle Lynn Wilson will forever be a part of the fabric that binds her family and friends together. Rest in peace, dear Janelle. You have left us richer for having known you, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

Janelle was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Lindsey. Her parents, curly (Duane) and Cora Lee Thielen, her parents in law, Max and Dorothy Wilson, and brother's in law, Rick Wilson and Bud Rew.

Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home in Jefferson is assisting the family. Services will be planned for a later date.

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Transformative Experiences

There are many types of transformative experiences: having a child, living in a foreign culture and learning their customs and language, losing a limb or having a near death experience, and of course religious conversions. Sometimes we can choose to have the transformative experience, such as when one chooses to have a child or go live in a foreign country; other times these experiences happen to us uninvited, such as when one suffers a heart attack or has some other life-altering but unexpected experience. But even when we choose to have the transformative experience, we often can't control exactly how it will change us. We can't know ahead of time if we'll love being a parent or living in Alaska and so the question arises how we decide what to do. Our current values may change so thoroughly through the transformative experience that we have to ask who is doing the deciding, the future self or the current self?
 -Christopher Simon

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
 Romans 12:2 NIV

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FROM THE LOG

Franklin County

Traffic: Cristhian D Iriarte Banegas, of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, no valid driver's license and speeding; Zackary Bodia Wagner, of Fertile, speeding; Dat Vu Nguyen, of Saint Paul, Minnesota, speeding; Gabriel Mauricio Munguia Pacheco, of Alexander, no valid driver's license; Adrian Shai Hernandez, of Dumont, speeding; Steven Matthew Nelson, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, speeding; Jenna M Kleifgen, of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, speeding; Heather Lynn Biffert, of Lakeville, Minnesota, speeding; Jared Benjamin Degroot, of Urbandale, speeding; Kristopher Ryan Johnson, of Ames, speeding; Cody Lee Turner, of Coulter, failure to yield upon entering through highway; Nairon Aaron Motilal, of Brooklyn, New York, no valid driver's license and hours of service violation; Leona Jean Hudson, of Norwalk, registration violation and speeding; Gary Lynn Schaefer, of Sheffield, speeding; Chase Johnson, of Hampton, parks and public lands – littering; Shaw Anson Wiczek, of Andover, Minnesota, speeding; Dennis Ronald Hennen, of Jordan, Minnesota, speeding; Cody L Lebahn, of Cedar Falls, failure to maintain or use safety belts; Yudith Dinora Torres Valencia, of Iowa Falls, speeding; Christian Aceves Torres, of Hampton, failure to license dog; **Civil:** Tamara Ann Miller, of Alexander, versus G A Cady III, of Hampton, petition filed; Brooke Gordon, of Hampton, versus Nicholas Dean Freitag, of Readlyn, non jury order setting trial; Wells Fargo Bank NA versus First State Bank, Andrew James O'Connor, Carrie Lea O'Connor, parties in possession, spouse of Andrew O'Connor, spouse of Carrie O'Connor, State of Iowa, State of Iowa Department of Revenue, petition filed; Greenstate Credit Union versus Austin Parks, order for judgment, \$14,805.16 fine; Edith Lanene Trammell versus State of Iowa, order setting trial; order setting trial, November 2, 2026, 9 a.m.; Farm Credit Services of America PCA versus Levi Sheldon Pratt, petition filed; **OWI:** Miguel Angel Moreno Ramirez, of Des Moines, order for arraignment; arraignment, March 31, 10 a.m.; Bonnie Lou Underwood, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for operating while intoxicated – first offense, serving 3 days jail time and \$1,250 fine; James A Emmerson, of Des Moines, motion to dismiss; Jermaine Eugene Taylor, of Hampton, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance; Travis Jon Doyle, of Story City, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance; Small Claims: Credit Bureau Services of IA INC, of Oskaloosa, versus Sara Shreckengost, of Sheffield, Todd Shreckengost, of Sheffield, dismissed without prejudice; Quad Corporation INC, of Davenport, versus Brittany Ann Stevens, of Hampton, Daniel Ray Stevens, of Kensett, original notice; United Bank & Trust Company, of Hampton, versus Krystal Ann Weide, of Alexander, original notice; Quad Corporation INC, of Davenport, versus Jason Allan Harms, of Ackley, original notice; **Criminal:** Matthew Joseph Koenig, of Eldora, order of disposition; pled guilty for violation of probation, residing 180 days at a residential correctional facility; Richard Fermin Martinez, of Hampton, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance; Luis Ezequiel Rodriguez Trejo, of Storm Lake, criminal complaint and order setting initial appearance; Joshua Daniel Sellers, of Eldora, order of arraignment; order setting trial, May 6, 9 a.m.; Dilmer Benjamin Ramos

Oliva, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for possession of drug paraphernalia, \$105 fine; Juan Vazquez Aldaba, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for theft 5th degree, 5 days jail time with credit for previous time served; Mark Melvin Anderson, of Forest City, criminal complaint; Amarjot Singh, of Toccoa, Georgia, criminal complaint and order setting initial appearance;

Police & Sheriff Reports 3/17-3/23 Hampton Police Reports

Monday, March 17: Officers assisted with two medical calls and received two general calls. 8:24 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the 100 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton. 10:29 a.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the area of 1st St. NE and 1st Ave NE, Hampton. 12:04 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 400 block of 8th Ave SW, Hampton. 3:05 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 200 block of 5th St. SE, Hampton. 3:22 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Country View Assisted Living, Hampton. 10:57 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 200 block of 3rd Ave SW, Hampton. **Tuesday, March 18:** Officers executed one traffic stop and assisted one motorist. 8:37 a.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 200 block of 4th St. NW, Hampton. 10:11 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 800 block of 2nd St. SE, Hampton. 11:55 a.m.: Report of juveniles in the 100 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton. 12:27 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 700 block of 2nd St. NE, Hampton. 3:54 p.m.: Report of found articles in an unknown area, Hampton. **Wednesday, March 19:** Officers received four general calls. 5:39 a.m.: Report of a weather issue in an unlisted area, Hampton. 3:20 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and Hwy 65, Hampton. 6:51 p.m.: Officers assisted the county department with an issue in the area of Hwy 3 and Quail Ave, Hampton. 6:58 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the area of the high school, Hampton. 10:10 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the area of the Heritage Place Apartments, Hampton. **Thursday, March 20:** Officers assisted with one medical call and received five general calls. 1:25 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in an unlisted area, Hampton. 5:53 a.m.: Report of a snow/snowmobiles issue in the 600 block of 6th St. NW, Hampton. 9:43 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 100 block of 2nd St. NW, Hampton. 9:50 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 500 block of 3rd Ave SW, Hampton. 11:33 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Hwy 65 and Hickman's, Hampton. 8:23 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 600 block

of 7th Ave SW, Hampton. 9:42 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of Pit Row, Hampton. **Friday, March 21:** Officers received two general calls. 9:16 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Hwy 3 and the Court House, Hampton. 12:32 p.m.: Report of theft/larceny in the 300 block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton. 9:28 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and the Hansell corner, Hampton. **Saturday, March 22:** Officers received two general calls. 2:50 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 400 block of 10th Ave NE, Hampton. 3:08 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 700 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton. 9:23 a.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the area of Fareway, Hampton. 2:23 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the area of 4th St. SE and the crossroads, Hampton. 5:56 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 200 block of 1st St. SW, Hampton. **Sunday, March 23:** Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, and received one general call. 11:47 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 10 block of 6th Ave NW, Hampton. 1:54 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 400 block of S Federal St., Hampton. 3:25 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of Central Ave E, Hampton. 3:32 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 700 block of 8th St. NW, Hampton. 4:29 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 1300 block of N Federal St., Hampton. 4:32 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 20 block of 2nd Ave NW, Hampton.

Franklin County Sheriff Reports

Monday, March 17: Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with two medical calls, received a report for two controlled burns, and received five general calls. 12:16 a.m.: Officers assisted Iowa State Patrol with an issue in the area of Heather Ave and 230th St., Sheffield. 1:58 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton. 7:59 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the area of Hwy 65 and 105th St., Hampton. 9:47 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in an unknown area of Iowa. 6:23 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in an unlisted area, Hampton. 6:37 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton. 8:03 p.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the area of Beeds Lake Dr, Hampton. 11:18 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Balsam Ave and 190th St., Alexander. 11:28 p.m.: Officers assisted the county department with an issue in the area of Oakwood Dr, Sheffield. **Tuesday, March 18:** Officers executed three traffic

stops, assisted one motorist, received a report for two controlled burns, and received two general calls. 9:43 a.m.: Report of juveniles in the area of Beeds Lake Dr, Hampton. 12:59 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of 255th St. and Franklin Ave, Aredale. 1:33 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of West St., Latimer. 6:40 p.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the area of Oakwood Dr, Sheffield. 7:56 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and Cardinal Ave eastbound, Alexander. 9:32 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of 190th St., Mallard Ave and the tracks eastbound, Hampton. **Wednesday, March 19:** Officers executed two traffic stops and received one general call. 3:03 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 158 southbound, Dows. 3:11 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton. 4:07 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 167 southbound, Latimer. 5:13 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the 1000 block of Hwy 3, Hampton. 5:37 a.m.: Report of a weather issue in an unlisted area, Franklin. 7:13 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Olive Ave and 170th St., Hampton. 9:59 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the 1200 block of Hwy 3, Hampton. 10:34 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of I-35 and mile mark 170, Latimer. 10:44 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of I-35 and mile mark 169, Latimer. 12:12 p.m.: Report of harassment in the area of Balsam Ave, Meservey. 1:27 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 and mile mark 176 southbound, Thornton. 3:44 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 170, Sheffield. 3:56 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 159 northbound, Dows. 4:19 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 171 southbound, Latimer. 4:24 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 168, Latimer. 4:57 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of 190th St. and Heather Ave, Latimer. 5:00 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the 500 block of 100th St., Dows. 5:39 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Heather Ave and 190th St., Latimer. 6:13 p.m.: Report of juveniles in the area of Reynolds St., Latimer. 7:22 p.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the area of Wren Ave, Dougherty. 10:13 p.m.: Officers assisted the Hampton Police Department with an issue in the area of the Heritage Place Apartments, Hampton. **Thursday, March 20:** Officers assisted one motorist and received three general

calls. 6:06 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Hardin Rd and Mallard Ave, Iowa Falls. 6:13 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of Mallard Ave, Bradford. 9:34 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Hwy 3 and Olive Ave, Hampton. 12:27 p.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 169, Latimer. 1:31 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Killdeer Ave, Hampton. **Friday, March 21:** Officers executed one traffic stop, received a report for one controlled burn, and received three general calls. 12:43 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of Marion Cemetery, Latimer. 8:58 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton. 4:06 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 162 southbound, Latimer. 6:55 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of 220th St. and Lark Ave, Sheffield. 9:25 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of the Hansell corner and Hwy 3 westbound, Hampton. 9:32 p.m.: Report of an operating while intoxicated issue in the area of Hwy 3 and 2nd St. NW, Hampton. **Saturday, March 22:** Officers received a report for two controlled burns and received two general calls. 6:25 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 500 block of Mallard Ave, Iowa Falls. 11:23 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 100 block of Van Kirk St., Latimer. 1:55 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of the rail road crossing and 190th St., Hampton. 3:33 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 northbound and mile mark 163, Hampton. 3:43 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 170, Hampton. 7:55 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of Hwy 65 and Midwest Meter, Hampton. **Sunday, March 23:** Officers executed seven traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, and assisted one motorist. 11:04 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of Elm St., Thornton. 5:03 p.m.: Officers assisted other agencies with an issue in an unlisted area, Sheffield. 6:14 p.m.: Report of theft/larceny in the area of Dudley's Corner, Latimer. 8:01 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 153 northbound, Dows. 10:33 p.m.: Officers assisted with delivering a message in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

Butler County Sheriff Reports

Monday, March 17: Officers executed 10 traffic stops, assisted with six medical calls, assisted three motorists, received a report for three controlled burns and received two general calls. 7:10 a.m.: Report of the veterans van in the 400 block of 6th St. 7:56 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of 310th St

and Hickory Ave. 1:32 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St. 2:17 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 15800 block of Kilpatrick St. 2:34 p.m.: Matthew Ross Anderson, 33 of Cedar Falls, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed. 2:50 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the 26500 block of Elm Ave. 5:44 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in 13400 block of 110th St. 6:51 p.m.: Officers conducted a search warrant in the 200 block of E Superior St. 7:10 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 1000 block of Parriott St. 7:15 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 700 block of Nash St. 7:53 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-us in the 400 block of N public Rd. 9:42 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 20200 block of Yale Ave. 9:56 p.m.: Joseph Lee Foster, 40 of Aplington, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed. **Tuesday, March 18:** Officers executed 12 traffic stops, assisted with six medical calls, assisted four motorists, received a report for six controlled burns and received one general calls. 7:24 a.m.: Report of harassment in the 400 block of 6th St. 9:45 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the area of 400 block of 6th St. 10:03 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 30100 block of Superior Rd. 10:04 a.m.: Report of trespass in he 30100 block of Superior Rd. 10:34 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St. 10:37 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 19000 block of Yale Ave. 11:06 a.m.: Report of probation calls in the 800 block of Water St. 11:21 a.m.: Report of a trespass in the 20300 block of Yale Ave. 12:17 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 100 block of S Main St. 12:34 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the 32900 block of Wayland PL. 2:16 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St. 2:57 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St. 4:38 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the 1300 block of Circle Dr. 4:50 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 11800 block of Sandhill Rd. 4:51 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 13400 block of 110th St. 5:27 p.m.: Ryan Donald Krueger, 46 of Greene, arrested for harassment - 1st degree and violation of parole, jailed. 5:28 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St. 5:52 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the area of E Mill St and S Paul St. 6:22 p.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 200 block of 19th St, SW, Mason City. 7:10 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 700 block of N Public Rd. 8:17 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 100 block of Saratoga St. 9:51 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of 120th St and Lodge Ave. **Wednesday, March 19:** Officers executed 11 traffic stops, assisted with seven medical calls, assisted four motorists, and received three general calls. 6:46 a.m.: Report of road debris in the area of Butler Center Rd and Vail Ave. 7:00 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St. 8:21 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 100 block of S 1st St.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Change of Title: John Rusinack to Beverly Ann Rusinack; 28-92-20 SW NE Tract, Hamp Oakhl Lot 1
Warranty Deed: ABG Restaurant LC to Ryan S Koenen, Jennifer M Koenen; 13-92-21 NW Part

Warranty Deed: Timothy L Johnson, Suzanne Johnson to Ryan S Koenen, Jennifer M Koenen; 13-92-21 W2 NW Part
Warranty Deed: Doug J Bradley, Mary Bradley to Ronnie James Frazier, Tullie Arabella Frazier; Lati Latimer

North's Blk 1 Lot 5
Affidavit of Transfer: Penny J Price to Beverly J Bangs, Beverly J Bangs Life Estate, Becky L Bangs; 31-90-21 SE Part
Warranty Deed: Becky L Bangs to Becky L Bangs Revo-

cable Trust; 31-90-21 SE Part
CT officer Deed: Melvin M Bangs Trust, Melvin M Bangs, Douglas B Truex Trustee to Paul Price Trustee, Jason Jedele Trustee, Becky Bangs; 31-90-21 SE Part
Affidavit of Transfer: De-

lores J Benning Life Estate to Paul D Benning; 18-92-19 NW Part Undiv ½ Int, 15-92-19 NE NW Undiv ½ Int, 10-92-19 SW Part Undiv ½ Int, 19-92-19 W2 NE Undiv ½ Int, 19-92-19 NW SE Undiv ½ Int, 18-92-19 N2 SE Undiv 2/3 Int, 18-92-19 SW

SE, 18-92-19 SE SE Part, 16-92-19 E2 NE, 6-92-19 NE NE, 18-92-19 SW, 16-92-19 W2 NW, 14-90-20 NE Part Undiv ½ Int, 20-90-20 NW Part Undiv ½ Int, 19-92-19 SE SE Part Undiv ½ Int

FROM THE LOG

8:32 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Hwy 3 and Newell Ave.
 9:03 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 400 block of E Oakland St.
 10:21 a.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 29200 block of Butler Center Rd.
 10:48 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 400 block of 10th St.
 11:13 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 11:23 a.m.: Gabriella Grace Garbes, 25 of Shell Rock, arrested for driving while barred, jailed.
 11:25 a.m.: Report of property damage in the 28300 block of 110th St.
 11:59 a.m.: Officers conducted welfare check in the 100 block of Saratoga St.
 2:13 p.m.: Report of maintenance in the 400 block of 6th St.
 3:29 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 800 block of 3rd St.
 4:06 p.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Hickory Ave and Hwy 3.
 4:18 p.m.: Report of a road

closed in the 15200 block of 250th St.
 4:27 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.
 5:40 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 7:40 p.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the 200 block of W South St.
 8:20 p.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the 600 block of 1st St.
 11:29 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of 150th St and Franklin Ave.
Thursday, March 20:
 Officers executed three traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, received a report for seven controlled burns and received two general calls.
 1:52 a.m.: Javier Espejo Hernandez, 43 of Hampton, arrested for OWI - 1st offense and driving under suspension, jailed.
 6:06 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.
 9:25 a.m.: Report of maintenance in the 00 block of 10th St.
 11:04 a.m.: Report of a ha-

ssment in the 200 block of Locust St.
 11:25 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 1500 block of Watson Way.
 12:53 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 2:17 p.m.: Report of vandalism/criminal mischief in the 600 block of 1st St.
 3:01 p.m.: Officers conducted search warrant in the 400 block of 6th St.
 5:25 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 10th st.
 6:08 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 100 block of Cherry St.
 7:13 p.m.: Report of hazmat in the 20900 block of Hwy 3.
 8:13 p.m.: Report of road debris in the area of Hwy 3 and Jay Ave.
 9:04 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 200 block of W Adair St.
Friday, March 21:
 Officers executed five traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, assisted two motorists, received a report for one controlled burns and received two general calls.

10:24 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 12:23 p.m.: report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 12:40 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 1100 block of Lozmar L.
 2:11 p.m.: Report of theft in the 200 block of Harvest Ln.
 2:20 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.
 2:30 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 600 block of Highland Dr.
 2:37 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 27100 block of 150th St.
 3:55 p.m.: Brandon Quarion James, 33 of Allison, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.
 5:54 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 6:01 p.m.: Report of a vehicle inspection in the 100 block of Ash St.
 7:20 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of N Public Rd.
 7:34 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 15200 block of 250th St.
 10:46 p.m.: Report of a 911

call in the 400 block of 6th St.
 10:50 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 700 block of Beaver St.
Saturday, March 22:
 Officers assisted with three medical calls, assisted one motorists, and received a report for 20 controlled burns.
 8:32 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 400 block of 3rd St.
 9:10 a.m.: report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 600 block of Main St.
 9:25 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of N Public Rd.
 9:41 a.m.: Report of property damage in the 21300 block of Sinclair Ave.
 11:00 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St.
 11:44 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 400 block of S Albright St.
 1:03 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the 31600 block of 290th St.
 3:44 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 21200 block of Union Ave.
 4:56 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the area of

Hwy 57 and Jay Ave.
 6:48 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of Pittsford St and State St.
Sunday, March 23:
 Officers executed nine traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, and assisted one motorists.
 2:37 p.m.: Report of vandalism/criminal mischief in the 21500 block of Hwy 57.
 4:00 p.m.: Report of maintenance in the area of 150th St and Packard Ave.
 5:30 p.m.: Report of the Sunday night test page in the 400 block of 6th St.
 5:55 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 500 block of Locust St.
 6:10 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 15200 block of 250th St.
 6:48 p.m.: Report of a road closed in the area of 120th Stand Clay Ave.
 6:58 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Hwy 57 and Spring Ave.
 7:37 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 1200 block of Wemple St.



106 people attended Disney's Snow White last weekend. Two more showings this week on Wednesday and Thursday at 7pm, and then for another week.

NPH Conditional Use Permit - 420 8th Ave SW
PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC HEARING
 The Board of Adjustment of the City of Hampton will conduct a Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at the City Council Chambers at 122 First Avenue NW, Hampton, Iowa. The Board will consider granting an applicant's request for a Conditional Use Permit. The applicant seeks to operate a day habilitation program at property located at 420 8th Ave SW. The property is located within the R-2 Two Family Residential zoning district. The public is invited to make comments.
 Doug Tarr
 Director of Public Works, Planning and Zoning
 641-456-4853
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Public Hearing: FGH Proposed Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 FRANKLIN GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Board of Hospital Trustees of this County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/7/2025 Meeting Time: 12:00 PM Meeting Location: Franklin General Hospital Board Room

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the secretary.

Contact Name: Kim Price Contact Telephone Number: (641) 456-5000

Table with 10 columns: FUND, A Expenditure June 30, 2024 Actual, B Expenditure June 30, 2025 Re-estimated, C Expenditure June 30, 2026 Proposed, D Transfers Out, E Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2026, F Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2026, G Estimated Other Receipts, H Transfers In, J Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: 1.35000 Virtual Meeting Information:

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Coulter Claims for Approval 3.12.25

Table listing City of Coulter Claims Approved for Payment 3/12/2025 with items like AgSource Coop Services, Alliant, Bonnsetter Towing LLC, etc.

Table listing various services and their costs, including IA Auditor, Employees Library, Lohrbach, Joel, Macqueen, etc.

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Coulter Council Minutes 3.12.25

City of Coulter Unapproved Minutes of March 12, 2025 Council Meeting. City of Coulter Council Meeting at Coulter City Hall called to order at 6:30pm on March 12, 2025 by Mayor Myron Lawler.

ted grants to Prairie Meadows and Lowes as well. Reminded Council they need to be considering what they would do regarding residents wanting chickens. New Business: Updated Contract for garbage service was discussed.

ATTEST: Myron Lawler, Mayor Jory Rapp, City Clerk

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Sheffield Library Bills February 2025

Table listing Bills to be Paid for February 2025 - Sheffield Public Library with items like Vendor, Amazon, Baker and Taylor, etc.

Table listing MidAmerica, Murphy's Heating and Plumbing, Payton Plagge, U.S. Cellular, Visual Edge IT, etc.

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2024 Water Report: Sheffield

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

Table with 6 columns: CONTAMINANT, MCL - (MCLG), Compliance, Date, Violation, Source. Lists various contaminants like Trihalomethanes, Haloacetic Acids, Copper, Lead, Chlorine, Barium, Fluoride, Sodium.

DEFINITIONS
• Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.
• Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections.

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City of Hampton v. Sanders Notice

FRANKLIN - CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CITY OF HAMPTON, IOWA, a municipal corporation, Petitioner, VS. JOSALYN R. SANDERS, JOHN BENJAMIN SANDERS, MATTHEW SPANGENBERG, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; PARTIES IN POSSESSION, FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA, TREASURER, Respondents.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDENTS: No.: EQCV502217 ORIGINAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as the defendant in this action, which petition prays that the court award title to the real estate legally described as: THE EAST HALF (E) OF LOT FOUR (4) AND THE SOUTH SIXTEEN (16) FEET OF THE EAST HALF (E) OF LOT THREE (3) AND THE SOUTH TWENTY (20) FEET OF THE NORTH FIFTY (50) FEET OF THE EAST HALF (E) OF LOT THREE (3), ALL IN BLOCK ELEVEN (11) IN GILLETTS ADDITION TO HAMPTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA (Locally known as 120 1st Avenue NE Unit 120 1/2, Hampton, Iowa) to the Plaintiff free and clear of all other parties right, title, interest, and claims in said real property.

Clerk of Court Franklin County Courthouse Hampton, Iowa 50441 IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS. Iowa Judicial Branch Case No. County EQCV502217 Franklin

Case Title CITY OF HAMPTON VS JOSALYN R SANDERS ET AL You must file your Appearance and Answer on the Iowa Judicial Branch eFile System, unless the attached Petition and Original Notice contains a hearing date for your appearance, or unless the court has excused you from filing electronically (see Iowa Court Rule 16.302).

For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure in chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules at www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/Court Rules Chapter/16.pdf. Court filings are public documents and may contain personal information that should always be kept confidential.

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Idaho Housing v. Merino 249401

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY Idaho Housing and Finance Association Plaintiff, vs. Maria Alicia Abrego Merino; Unknown spouse, if any, of Maria Alicia Abrego Merino; Parties in Possession; Iowa Finance Authority, et al. Defendants.

EQUITY NO: EQCV502218 ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of this court naming you as a defendant in this action. The petition was filed on February 7, 2025, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiffs Mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described in this notice and judgment for the unpaid principal amount of \$232,159.82, with 6.625% per annum interest thereon from July 1, 2024, together with late charges, advances and the costs of the action including (but not limited to) title costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as well as a request that said sums be declared a lien upon the following described premises from January 26, 2024, located in Franklin county, Iowa:

Lot 23, TERRACE HILL, Subdivision to Hampton, Franklin County, Iowa., commonly known as 1642 Club View Dr, Hampton, IA 50441-7463 (the "Property") The petition further prays that the Mortgage on the above described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

NOTICE The plaintiff has elected foreclosure without redemption. This means that the sale of the mortgaged property will occur promptly after entry of judgment unless you file a written demand with the court to delay the sale. If you file a written demand, the sale will be delayed until twelve months (or six months if the petition includes a waiver of deficiency judgment) from the entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is your residence and is a one-family or two-family dwelling or until two months from entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is not your residence or is your residence but not a one-family or two-family dwelling. You will have no right of redemption after the sale. The purchaser at the sale will be entitled to immediate possession of the mortgaged property. You may purchase at the sale.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before 22nd day of April, 2025, and within a reasonable time thereafter, you must file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Franklin County, at the county courthouse in Hampton, Iowa. If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in a court action because of a disability, immediately call your District ADA Coordinator at 641-494-3611. If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.

This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You may find more information and general rules governing electronic filing in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16. You may find information concerning protection of personal information in court filings in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, Division VI. By: CLERK OF THE ABOVE COURT Franklin County Courthouse 12 1st Avenue Northwest, Suite 203 Hampton, IA 50441 IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

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CAL Sp Mtg Minutes 3/6/25

CAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 3/6/2025 1. The CAL Board of Education held its Regular Meeting on March 6, 2025, in the CAL CELL. President Beth Podolan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members Beth Podolan, Cathy Carlson, Joe Campbell, Brad Wessels and Shon Osborn were present. Also present were Superintendent Todd Lettow, Principal Abby Meyer, Curriculum Coordinator Jen Koenen, Human Resources Manager Anne Lewis and Secretary Amanda Heiden. Visitors included Heather Koenen, Kelsey Enslin, Karly Nederhoff, Brittany Disney, Becca Kaefring, Cassidy Riley, Tara Lincicum, Krista State, Ciana Peil, Kim Anderson and Jesse Anderson. 2. Motion was made by Wessels, seconded by Osborn, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. 3. Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Osborn, to approve the following budget reductions/increased revenue streams to the general fund proposed by Superintendent Lettow: \$25,000 - Operation Sharing Agreement for Transportation with Belmont-Klemme CSD; \$25,000 - Increase tuition costs for 3-year-old preschool; \$12,000 - Increase rent for the daycare as they move from 2 classrooms to 4 classrooms; \$68,000 - Reducing the half an hour a day teachers are here covering as students are shuttled to/from Hampton-Dumont; \$50,000 - Reducing a Permanent Sub/Driver position; and \$25,000 - Reduce school counselor position from full-time to half-time. Roll was called: Carlson aye; Podolan aye; Campbell aye; Wessels nay; Osborn aye. With a vote of four ayes and one nay the motion passed. 4. Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Wessels, to adjourn. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm.

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West Fork CSD Bills March 2025

Table with 4 columns: Vendor Name, Description, Amount, and Total. Lists various vendors and their bills for March 2025, including items like 'Board Report - Newspaper', 'QUILL CORPORATION', and 'ELEMENTARY SUPPLIES'.

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West Fork CSD Board Minutes March 17, 2025

West Fork Community School District Board Minutes Official Proceedings - Regular Meeting - March 17, 2025 - unapproved

The West Fork Board of Education met for its regular meeting in the Media Center in Sheffield. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President, Holly Henricks. Board members present: Grant Petersen, Amber Marzen, Travis Butler and, Erin Suntken. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kruger, High School Principal Daren Huisenga, Middle School Principal Lance Thompson, and West Fork Board Secretary Lacey Pueggel.

Marzen, Suntken. Absent: N/A. Vacant: N/A. The matter of the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds was discussed. It was the consensus that the District should offer for public sale the bonds described in the following resolution. Director Suntken introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Petersen seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: AYES: Butler, Petersen, Marzen, Suntken, Henricks. NAYS: N/A.

gregate amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000, to be issued as referred to in the preamble of this Resolution, to be dated the date of delivery, will be offered for sale pursuant to published advertisement.

Section 4. That the Secretary of the Board of this School District publish notice of the sale of bonds at least once, the last one of which is not less than four days nor more than twenty days before the date of the sale. Publication will be in the Hampton Chronicle and the Clear Lake Mirror Reporter, legal newspapers published wholly in the English language, published within the County in which the bonds are to be offered for sale or an adjacent County. Notice is given pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 75 that bids will be received and acted upon by this Board at a meeting to be held on April 24, 2025;

Principals Report:

- 1. Prepping for ISASP Testing
2. Spring Sports have started
3. Working on planning Prom, Senior Breakfast, Awards Night, Graduation, Senior Class trip
4. Working on JH Basketball schedule to allow more practice times
5. JH Track will start March 24 th
6. MS Spelling Bee Thursday at the AEA in Clear Lake
7. MS Battle of the Books
8. SAMI work with MS staff
9. This Friday is the last day of the 3 rd Quarter
10. Celebrated Read Across America the First week in March with Dress up days and Guest Readers
11. Conferences had a 97% attendance rate at the Elementary
12. Preschool registration is open and the Open House will be in April

Superintendent's Report

- 1. Legislative Update

New Business:

Ava Huff, Sydney Heinz, and Libby Trewin presented information about their upcoming Senior Class Trip. The Class of 2025 will be going to Chicago, April 11-13 th. There will be 34 classmates attending with 4 Chaperones. Some of the places they will be visiting are as follows: Navy Pier, Fly over Chicago, Chicago River Cruise, and more! The board approved their travel plans as presented.

Ava, Sydney, Libby and Stacey left the meeting at 5:15pm. Following discussion, Petersen moved to approve the Preliminary Official Statement for issuing GO Bonds; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board of Directors of the West Fork Community School District, in the Counties of Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa, met in regular session, in the Media Center, 504 Park Street, Sheffield, Iowa 50475, at 5:00 P.M., on the above date. There were present President Henricks, in the chair, and the following named Board Members: Butler, Petersen,

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025, APPROVING ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURES AND APPROVING OFFICIAL STATEMENT

WHEREAS, at a special election of the qualified electors of the West Fork Community School District in the Counties of Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa, held on November 5, 2024, the voters authorized the issuance of \$16,865,000 of General Obligation School Bonds for the District for the purpose of providing funds to remodel, repair, and improve the HVAC and electrical systems at the Rockwell elementary building and the Sheffield middle school / high school building, including related remodeling and improvements; to replace roof sections at both facilities; to replace horizontal runs of the domestic water system piping at the Sheffield facility; and to add a secure entrance at the Sheffield facility; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds it advisable and necessary that bonds authorized at the election be offered for sale for the purpose authorized at the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it in the best interests of the School District and the residents thereof to receive bids to purchase such General Obligation School Bonds by means of both sealed and electronic internet communication; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information from its Municipal Advisor, recommending the procedure for electronic bidding so as to provide for the integrity of the competitive bidding process and to facilitate the delivery of bids by interested parties

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST FORK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF CERRO GORDO, FRANKLIN, HANCOCK, AND WRIGHT, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the PARITY ® Competitive Bidding System described in the Notice of Sale and the Electronic Bidding Procedures attached hereto are found and determined to provide reasonable security and to maintain the integrity of the competitive bidding process, and to facilitate the delivery of bids by interested parties in connection with the offering at public sale of not to exceed \$10,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025.

Section 2. That all electronic bidding shall be submitted in substantial conformity with Iowa Code Section 75.14 and Chapter 554D.

Section 3. That General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025, in the ag-

Section 4. That the Secretary of the Board of this School District publish notice of the sale of bonds at least once, the last one of which is not less than four days nor more than twenty days before the date of the sale. Publication will be in the Hampton Chronicle and the Clear Lake Mirror Reporter, legal newspapers published wholly in the English language, published within the County in which the bonds are to be offered for sale or an adjacent County. Notice is given pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 75 that bids will be received and acted upon by this Board at a meeting to be held on April 24, 2025;

Section 5. That the preliminary Official Statement in the form presented to this meeting be and the same hereby is approved as to form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, subject to such revisions, corrections or modifications as the Superintendent and Board Secretary, upon the advice of the District's Municipal Advisor, shall determine to be appropriate, and is authorized to be distributed in connection with the offering of the Bonds for sale.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of March, 2025.

Following discussion, Butler moved to set the 2 nd Public Hearing for the FY2026 Budget for April 21, 2025 at 5pm in Rockwell in the Supt. Office; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 5-0.

Marzen moved to approve the Local Government Risk Pool Agreement for Natural Gas Costs for the 25-26 school year; seconded by Petersen. Motion carried 5-0.

Suntken moved to approve the Open Enrollment Request(s) as presented; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Marzen moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement with UNI for Student Teacher Placements in the 2025-2026 school year; seconded by Petersen. Motion carried 5-0.

Petersen moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Morningside for Student Teacher Placements in the 2025-2026 school year; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Suntken moved to approve a contract to Desirae Randall to serve as the JVV Softball Coach; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Suntken moved to approve a contract to Edison Maske to serve as the JVV Baseball Coach; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve the resignation of Lance Thompson, MS Principal and MS Athletic Director; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed possible changes to the district's health insurance plan due to the high cost of insurance premiums for the 25-26 school year. The SIAC meeting will follow this meeting at 6pm.

Next Board Meeting: April 21st at 5pm in the Rockwell Supt. Office. There will be a Special Board Meeting for the 1st Public Hearing for the FY2026 Budget on March 24th, 2025 at 5:00pm in Sheffield in the Library.

Butler moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Holly Henricks, Board President Lacey Pueggel, Board Secretary

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Franklin Co Claims, 3/17/25

Table with 3 columns: Vendor/Description, Amount, and Total. Lists various claims for Franklin Co, including items like 'Hampton Hardware Sup', 'City of Hampton Water', and 'Pralles Wash City Veh Clng'.

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 3/24/25

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS March 24th, 2025

A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@Franklin-County-Board-of-Supervisors/videos The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, March 24th, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

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

Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the regular minutes from 3/17/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Vanness attended North Iowa Community Action Organization & CAL Over 60's. Lukensmeyer attended Board of Health, Together 4 Families, & D-CAT. McVicker attended NIACOG Housing Trust Board & Workforce Development finance committee.

Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on his department.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, Seconded by McVicker to closure Mallard Ave. between Hardin Road & 30th Street as of 8:05AM on 3/20/25 for an incident (vehicle-hazard-etc). All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a Franklin County Utility Permit Application for Router 12 Network to cross county portion of right-of-way along Balsam Ave (S14) and Villa Ave (S25) within the city limits of Alexander, Iowa. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Lukensmeyer to open a public hearing

pertaining to Ordinance 2025A "Amending Chapter 46 Nuisance Regulations" at 9:30AM. All ayes. Motion carried. There was no public present, and no comment had been received prior to the meeting. Motion by Lukensmeyer, Seconded by McVicker to close the public hearing at 9:31AM.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Vanness to waive the 1st reading of Ordinance 2025A "Amending Chapter 46 Nuisance Regulations". Ayes: McVicker & Vanness. Nays: Lukensmeyer. Motion carried. Lukensmeyer opposed waiving the first reading and felt the public should have been allowed an additional time to voice their concerns, if there were any.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Vanness to waive the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2025A "Amending Chapter 46 Nuisance Regulations". Ayes: McVicker & Vanness. Nays: Lukensmeyer. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Vanness to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 2025A "Amending Chapter 46 Nuisance Regulations". Ayes: McVicker & Vanness. Nays: Lukensmeyer. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Vanness to approve the final reading and adopt Ordinance 2025A "Amending Chapter 46 Nuisance Ordinance". Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and the ordinance duly adopted upon publication.

The Supervisors recessed at 9:45AM for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 9:47AM.

Andrea Woodard, Executive Director for the Iowa State Association of Counties, met briefly with the Supervisors. She mentioned ISAC would be launching a 99-county tour once the legislative session is over to meet with representatives from each county.

Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve an Agreement with Funding with Franklin County Development Association for FY2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve an Agreement for Funding with CAL Over 60's for FY2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, Seconded by McVicker to approve an Agreement for Funding with the Hampton Senior Center for FY2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve an Agreement for Funding with the Health Harvest of North Iowa for FY2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, Seconded by McVicker to approve an Agreement for Funding with the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce for FY2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors acknowledged the Sheriff's monthly report for February 2025.

Chairman Vanness reminded the Supervisors that they have a Conference Board meeting at 12:00PM and a special session for the proposed property tax levy public hearing at 1PM today.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:11AM until Monday, March 24th, 2025, at 1:00PM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a special session.

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

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

Dumont City Council Meeting 3.13.25

March 13, 2025
The Dumont City Council met on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Edwin L. Mouw presiding.

Mayor Mouw opened the Public Hearing on Accepting Input Regarding the Butler County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Said Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Hampton Chronicle on March 5, 2025.

Tyrrell presented and moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-3 a RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF DUMONT, IOWA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2025 UPDATE. Day seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

In time for public comment, Mary Tyrrell suggested ways to make more visible the speed signs entering Dumont from the North by adding a red flag and painting the posts red. We will contact Butler County Engineer's Office regarding this request.

Tyrrell/Shear moved to approve the February 13, 2025 City Council minutes as published. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Ton Stephany with Stephany Insurance did not receive our insurance quotes for next year's insurance coverages. He will present them at our April 17, 2025 City Council meeting.

Tyrrell/Pecha moved to approve the mailing of the letter to all citizens regarding the City's nuisance violation intentions for the upcoming spring/summer season. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

The 2025 Bridge/Culvert replacement has been delayed to 2026 due to coordination issues with impacts to the NRCS property along IA 3. Pecha/Gronewold moved to contact a tree removal service to remove the remainder of the tree that was damaged during one of the last wind storms at the Dumont Cemetery. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

At this time, Mayor Mouw opened the one sealed bid for Cemetery Sexton from Tuftes Excavation for the 2025 season as follows: Full Grave-Opening and Closing Cremation-Opening and Closing \$650.00 for weekdays \$300.00 for week days Evening (after 5 pm) and weekends \$750.00 Evening (after 5 pm) and weekends \$375.00 Holidays \$775.00 Holidays \$400

Day/Shear moved to approve the bid from Tuftes Excavation as indicated above. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Mayor Mouw then opened the one sealed bid for Cemetery Caretaker for the 2025 season which was from Diane Gronewold for \$9000. Shear/Tyrrell moved to accept this bid. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Abstain-Gronewold; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Shear moved to approve this month's Clerk's Report. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried. Shear/Pecha moved to approve the purchase of four new tires for the Fire Department's grass rig at a price of \$1109.76. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Day/Shear moved to approve the Fire Department's election of officers as follows: Fire Chief-Zach Lewis, Assistant Chief-Gary Bierman, 2nd Assistant Chief-Austin Rieken, Captain-Jason Rieken and Lieutenant-Chris Showalter. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

After much deliberation and discussion, the Council directed the Clerk to include the following rate increases to the Revenues for the 2025-2026 Budget: changing the water/sewer rates from \$5.00/1000 gallons to \$8.00/1000 gallons, increasing each garbage container by \$3.00 and

adding an additional \$1.50 to the tower maintenance fee. We will have the first reading of the Ordinances to change these rates at our April 17, 2025 City Council meeting. The projected increases will begin with the June 30, 2025 billing cycle.

Tyrrell/Shear moved to pay this month's bills. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried. The bills are as follows:

Table listing various utility and service bills including AGCO Finance LLC, Auto Parts, Inc., Column Software PBC, Country Home, Dave Gronewold Construction, Debra J. Eisentrager, Dumont Harken Lumber, Inc., Dumont Telephone Company, Hawkeye Communication, IAMSU, IPERS, Internal Revenue Service, J & C Grocery, Joe's Htg., Cooling & Plumbing, Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, Mid-American Energy, Office Express, Office of Auditor of State, Playaway Products, U.S. Cellular, Wedeking Electric LLC, Wellmark, and GENERAL FUND.

Table listing ROAD USE TAX bills including Ag Resources Unlimited, AGCO Finance LLC, Airgas USA, LLC, Butler Co. Engineer's Office, Dumont Harken Lumber, Inc., Hampton Hardware, IPERS, Internal Revenue Service, Kwik Trip, Inc., Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, Mid-American Energy, Swart Tire Services, RUT FUND, and RUT FUND PAYROLL/2-2025.

Table listing WATER bills including AgSource Cooperative Services, Gordon Flesch Company, Inc., Hawkins, Inc., IPERS, Internal Revenue Service, Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, Mid-American Energy, PeopleService, Inc., Quality Pump & Control, Wellmark, WATER FUND, WATER FUND PAYROLL/2-2025, and TOTAL WATER FUND.

Table listing SEWER bills including A & M Electric, Inc., AgSource Cooperative Services, Dumont Post Office, and Dumont Telephone Company.

Table listing IPERS, Internal Revenue Service, Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, Mid-American Energy, PeopleService, Inc., Wellmark, and SEWER FUND PAYROLL/2-2025.

Table listing LANDFILL/GARBAGE bills including Butler Co. Solid Waste Comm. disposal fee-March 2025, IPERS, Internal Revenue Service, Jendro Sanitation Services, Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, Wellmark, LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND, LANDFILL/GARBAGE PAYROLL/21-2025, TOTAL LANDFILL/GARBAGE, TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, and PAYROLL-FEBRUARY 2025.

Table listing November 2024 Revenue including General Fund, Road Use Tax, Local Option, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, Water, Sewer, and Landfill/Garbage.

Table listing December 2024 Revenue including General Fund, Road Use Tax, Local Option, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, Water, Sewer, and Landfill/Garbage.

Table listing January 2025 Revenue including General Fund, Road Use Tax, Local Option, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, Water, Sewer, and Landfill/Garbage.

Table listing February 2025 Revenue including General Fund, Road Use Tax, Local Option, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, Water, Sewer, and Landfill/Garbage.

Edwin L. Mouw, Mayor
Rhonda L. Schmidt, Attest
Jodi L. Angstman, Attest

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Ordinance 2025A: Franklin Co.

Franklin County Ordinance No 2025A ORDINANCE 2025A - AMENDING Chapter 46 "NUISANCE REGULATIONS"

Be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Franklin County, Iowa:

46.01 PURPOSE. These regulations are intended to protect and promote the health, safety, and well-being of the public and to prevent degradation of the environment by defining and prohibiting nuisances and providing for their abatement.

46.02 APPLICATION. These regulations shall apply to all public and private property in the unincorporated areas of the County.

46.03 DEFINITIONS. "Abate" or "Abatement" means the removal, discontinuance or correction of a nuisance or the making of improvements needed to affect a rehabilitation of property or bring it into compliance with existing regulations and to maintain safe and habitable conditions over the remaining useful life of the property.

"Board" means the Franklin County Board of Supervisors. "Building" means any structure designed or intended for the support, enclosure, shelter or protection of persons, animals, or property.

"Dwelling" means any building or mobile home except temporary housing, which is wholly or partly used or intended to be used for residential purposes. "Emergency" means unforeseen circumstances requiring prompt action to prevent, avoid or minimize any significant possibility of loss of life, serious injury, transmission of infectious disease, substantial contamination of the environment or significant damage to real estate.

"Garbage" means all solid, semisolid, and liquid putrescible and non-putrescible animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparing, cooking, storing and serving of food or of material intended for use as food. "Habitual Violator" means any person or business that is found to be in violation of these regulations three (3) times in a twenty-four (24) month period, at any one or more locations in the County.

"Hazardous Material" means any chemical and/or biological material that is, or has the potential, to create a health or an environmental hazard. "Health Nuisance" or "Nuisance" means whatever is injurious or dangerous to public health or safety, or degrades the natural environment, including but not limited to those things, conditions or actions which are offensive to the senses, or an obstacle to the free use of property, so as to essentially interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

"Nuisance Officer" means The Franklin County Environmental Health Director as appointed by the Franklin County Board of Health, or his/her designee(s), authorized to carry out the provisions of these regulations.

"Inoperable Vehicle" means a motor vehicle which lacks a current registration and/or any components which renders the vehicle incapable of self-locomotion or legal use on public roadways or in the case of a trailer, incapable of being legally towed.

"Junk" means all scrap copper, glass, lead, iron, steel, or other scrap ferrous or nonferrous metals; tin-ware, plastic, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber, building materials, dismantled or inoperable vehicles, machinery and appliances or parts thereof; including but not limited to discarded, abandoned, unattended or used refrigerators, freezers and similar containers; or any other kind of scrap or waste materials.

"Noxious Substances" means substances, solid or fluid, which are detrimental to health, environment, harmful or dangerous. "Noxious Substances" shall include, but not be limited to, any dead animal or portion thereof, together with human or animal excrement.

"Occupant" means any person living in, sleeping in, cooking in or having actual possession of a dwelling.

"Owner" means any person holding title to property, having a present possessory interest and/or having an equitable interest in property. This definition shall apply to those with a leasehold interest or easement only to the extent that the lease or easement provides the holder thereof with the authority to control the condition which is subject to a nuisance determination.

"Person" means any individual, firm, corporation, or other legal entity and authorized agents and/or officers thereof.

"Refuse" means any waste that is putrescible, non-putrescible solid wastes, except for body wastes, and shall include, but not be limited to, garbage, paper, yard waste, ashes, street sweepings and residential waste.

"Residential waste" means any refuse generated on the premises as a result of residential activities. The term includes landscape waste grown on the premises or deposited thereon by the elements, but excludes garbage, tires, trade waste, and any locally recyclable goods or plastics.

"Unsafe Building" means a building that is found to be dangerous to the life, health or safety of the public or the occupants thereof because such building contains unsafe equipment or is so damaged, decayed, structurally unsound or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation, that partial or complete collapse is possible.

"Vermin" means various small animals or insects that are destructive, potential vectors of diseases to humans, or otherwise injurious to health and are often difficult to control, including but not limited to cockroaches, bedbugs, lice, fleas, mosquitos, Racoons, Skunks, Opossums, Wood Chucks/Ground hogs, mice and rats.

46.04 CAUSING, PERMITTING OR FAILING TO ABATE A NUISANCE. No person shall cause or permit the occurrence or continuation of a nuisance, on property owned, controlled or occupied by the person; or fail to abate a nuisance caused by the person or existing on property owned, controlled or occupied by the person when ordered to do so by the Nuisance Officer. A Nuisance includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. Presence of Garbage, Refuse and Junk Prohibited. The owner, manager, agent, occupant, or lessee of any property, shall not allow the accumulation on such property of garbage, refuse or junk as to constitute a nuisance.
2. Presence of Inoperable or Unlicensed Motor Vehicles Prohibited. The owner, manager, agent, occupant or lessee of any property shall not allow more than a total of three (3) motor vehicles, trailers, boats, snowmobiles,

campers, and any other vehicles required to be registered or titled by the State of Iowa which are unlicensed or otherwise inoperable, to be stored or to remain on the property for more than thirty(30) continuous days. Mere licensing of such vehicle shall not constitute a defense to the finding that the vehicle is inoperable. This paragraph does not apply to:

- a. Operable race cars currently being raced in sanctioned events.
b. Antique or classic vehicles actively involved in the process of restoration, not to include parts.
c. Junk or salvage materials properly stored in a junk or salvage yard permitted under Iowa Code Chapter 306C.
d. Vehicles stored within an enclosed building.
e. Motor vehicles, trailers, boats, snowmobiles, campers or other vehicles which are kept on the premises of a commercial or agricultural operation which is operating in compliance with applicable zoning regulations and the presence of the various vehicles is directly related to the ongoing business activities of the commercial or agricultural operation.

3. Presence of Vermin Prohibited. The owner, manager, agent, occupant, or lessee of any property where the presence of vermin or the conditions that allow for the harborage of vermin exists and presents a threat to the public's health, as determined by the Nuisance Officer, shall abate the presence of such vermin and the conditions that allow for the harborage of vermin. Abatement shall be sufficient to eliminate the vermin and the conditions that allow for their harborage. Conditions that allow harborage include, but are not limited to stagnant water, dense growth of weeds and unsanitary conditions.

4. Disposal of Dead Animals No person shall allow or cause the unlawful disposal of the carcasses of dead animals or fail to properly dispose of the carcasses of dead animals. Such carcasses shall be disposed of as provided in Chapter 167 of the Code of Iowa.

5. Fire Hazard No person shall collect, store, deposit or discharge flammable refuse, liquid or other material in any building or on anyplace in such a manner as to constitute a hazard of fire injury to individuals or the public.

6. Abandoned or Unsafe Building No person shall own, operate, use or continue to allow an abandoned or unsafe, building as defined in Section 46.03 of this ordinance to remain on their property.

7. Habitation Without Adequate Facilities No person shall own, operate for use, for human habitation, any building or place with inadequate or unsanitary wastewater disposal facilities, or which otherwise fails to meet applicable state and local sanitary standards. Additionally, any abandoned well shall be properly plugged as provided in Iowa Code 455B.190 and 567 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 39.

8. Depositing Materials on Right of Way No person shall deposit or permit to be deposited dirt, debris, junk, garbage, solid waste or other material onto a public right-of-way which could be injurious to the public, or into a public or private storm sewer or drainageway so as to obstruct flow

or cause pollution, or onto public or private property so as to obstruct or divert the natural flow or cause pollution, or into a public stream, river, pond, lake or drainageway so as to cause pollution or to obstruct the flow thereof.

9. Pollution of Land, Water or Air No person shall emit toxic, noxious, poisonous, injurious, unsanitary or offensive pollutants to the air, land, ground water, or surface water in a way that is a danger to public health, safety or the environment.

46.05 INVESTIGATION The Nuisance Officer shall investigate, upon complaint of any person or on his/her own initiative, any potential nuisance in the County and shall, upon finding of a nuisance, order the person on whose property the nuisance exists or the person whose act or omission to act gives rise to the nuisance, to abate said nuisance.

46.06 REFUSAL OF ADMITTANCE The Nuisance Officer shall have the right, upon presentation of proper credentials, to request entry into or upon any property or premises, public or private within the County at any reasonable hour for the purpose of investigation of any complaint or alleged violation of this ordinance. If permission to enter onto the property for the purpose of investigation under this ordinance is not obtained, the Nuisance Officer may obtain an administrative search warrant as provided by law to gain entry on to the property for inspection and to obtain such samples as may be required to carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

46.07 NOTICE Whenever the Nuisance Officer determines that there has been a violation of any provision of this ordinance, he/she shall order the person on whose property the nuisance exists, or the person who occupies or controls the property, or the person whose act or omission to act gave or gives rise to the nuisance, to abate the nuisance. An abatement notice shall be in writing and include (1) through (7) below as applicable:

- 1. A description to the extent possible of the condition(s) which constitute the nuisance.
2. A description of the location of the nuisance.
3. A listing of the applicable portion(s) of this ordinance violated.
4. An outline of the remedial action necessary for compliance and a reasonable time for performance of any required act.
5. Notice that the person is liable for the costs of abating the nuisance and any civil and/or criminal penalty and associated court costs.
6. Notice that if not corrected in the time set forth, the County may issue a civil infraction citation and seek a court judgment and an order allowing the County to abate the nuisance, and assess damages, the costs of abatement and civil penalties against the real estate and collect those costs in the same manner as property taxes.
7. Notice of right to a hearing as described in section 46.10 of this ordinance.

46.08 SERVICE The Abatement Order shall be delivered by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested. Failed attempts at personal service and certified mail shall be documented by the Nuisance Officer and placed on file with the Franklin County Board of Supervisors. If service cannot be obtained by personal service or certified mail, service may be made by publication once in one newspaper of general circulation in the County. The published notice

shall contain the information prescribed in section 46.07 of this ordinance. 46.09 EMERGENCY ABATEMENT ORDER

If it is determined that an emergency exists by reason of the seriousness of the nuisance or condition, the County may perform any action which may be required under this ordinance without prior notice. The county shall assess the costs of the emergency abatement as provided in section 46.13 of this ordinance, after giving notice in accord with section 46.07 to the owner, occupant or appropriate party and providing opportunity for hearing regarding costs of the abatement.

46.10 HEARING Any person ordered to abate a nuisance may have a hearing with the Franklin County Board of Supervisors if within 20 days of the date of the abatement order. Request for hearing must be made in writing to the Franklin County Board of Supervisors. The person shall state in his/her writing the reasons for requesting the order be rescinded or modified. The Board of Supervisors shall review the action of the Nuisance Officer and if reasonable grounds exist, shall modify, withdraw, or order compliance with said order. Any final order of the Franklin County Board of Supervisors may be appealed to the District Court for Franklin County, Iowa. Said appeal shall be filed with the Clerk of Court for Franklin County within 20 days of the date of the Board's final order.

46.11 PENALTIES Any person, firm or corporation violating any regulation or provision of this ordinance or any amendment or supplement thereto, shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor and shall be guilty of a county infraction. Legal proceedings may be initiated against the alleged violation when appropriate by: 1. Issuing a civil citation for a county infraction as authorized in Iowa Code Section 331.307 punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed seven hundred and fifty dollars

(\$750.00) for a first offense and not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for repeat offenses. 2. Filing a criminal simple misdemeanor or complaint for a county violation as authorized in Iowa Code Section 331.302(2) and punishable by the fine and term of imprisonment as set out therein.

3. Each day a violation occurs or is permitted by the defendant to exist constitutes a separate offense.

4. In addition to any civil citation which is initiated by the Nuisance Officer, the aforementioned legal options may be pursued individually or in combination, as determined by the Franklin County Attorney's Office after reviewing the circumstances surrounding each individual case, including but not limited to the nature and seriousness of the violation, corrective action attempted by the County and the impact or potential impact of the violation on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Franklin County.

46.12 HABITUAL VIOLATOR The Nuisance Officer shall keep a record of violations in their office. If any person, firm, corporation or other legal entity whether acting directly or indirectly violates the provisions of this ordinance three (3) or more times in a three-year period, they shall be deemed a habitual violator. The Nuisance Officer may file a civil action seeking an order enjoining the habitual violator from further violation of this ordinance on all real estate owned or controlled by the violator and may request that the Nuisance Officer be allowed to abate all future nuisances found on real estate owned or controlled by the habitual violator without further notice.

46.13 COLLECTION OF COST OF ABATEMENT When a person fails to abate a nuisance pursuant to the notice given and the County abates the nuisance, all expenses incurred by the County shall be paid by the owner, agent or occupant of the property and the same shall be a lien upon said property and shall be assessed against the property in the same manner as general property taxes.

46.14 AMENDMENTS Amendments and additions to this ordinance shall be made as required by Iowa Code, Chapter 137.104(1)(b). The Board of Health shall propose amendments and additions to this ordinance to the Board of Supervisors whenever the Board of Health determines such changes are necessary to fulfill

the purpose of this ordinance. 46.15 CONFLICT If any federal or state law, municipal ordinance, or other existing code or regulation allows lesser regulation, this ordinance shall govern; if any federal or state law, municipal ordinance, or other ordinance requires greater regulation, the regulation imposed by that authority shall govern. Regardless of any provision of this ordinance, a nuisance shall not be created or continued in violation of state or federal law. Nothing herein is intended to regulate that which the County is preempted from regulating pursuant to Iowa Code 331.304A.

46.16 SEVERABILITY Should a court of competent jurisdiction hold any article, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance is invalid, such decision shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining parts of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision.

46.17 ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE UPON PUBLICATION This ordinance being deemed essential and imperative for the preservation of public health, shall be in force and effect from and after its approval by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors and publication as provided by law.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Vanness to approve the final reading of Franklin County Ordinance 2025A, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 46 "Nuisance Violations" Votes Taken Resulted as Follows:

Ayes - Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness Nays - None Absent - None Passed and Approved this 24th day of March 2025

Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

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Dougherty Soup Dinner a St. Patrick's Day Tradition

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The soup and party was on again in Dougherty, Iowa March 17th, for the Dougherty American Legion Post 354 and town's annual St. Patrick's Day Soup and Costume contest. During the annual event held this year on St. Patrick's Day, legion members come together to throw the Irish themed affair, paying homage to the town's Irish ancestry and celebrating the holiday for at least the 50th year.

The town of Dougherty just over the Cerro Gordo county line was formed in 1870 and was originally named Prairie, but the name was changed to Dougherty in 1871 to honor the first settler there, Dan Dougherty, an Irishman. Dougherty had come from Norristown, Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia, where he had worked in an iron furnace or foundry, it's rumored.

In 1856 Dougherty came to Decorah, Iowa, to the site of the United States Land Office, and filed a claim on 160 acres of government land in section 36 of what is now Dougherty Township in Cerro Gordo County, paying \$1.25 an acre. He then returned to Norristown, PA. In the fall of 1858 he moved his family to Clayton county, Iowa, farming there until 1863 when he moved to Cerro Gordo County.

Dan Dougherty was said to have been the driving force in persuading many Irish families to settle in the area. A number of the Irish families who first settled in Dougherty township were from Donegal, Ireland, as was Dan Dougherty.

The land reserved for a then new town along the railway had been purchased from Daniel and James Dougherty, Robert Mullin, and the Independent School District of



Dennis Campbell, American Legion post 354 commander, donned Irish themed garb to attend the event for the 50th year.



Blaise Miller beams after winning the 7-13 year old costume contest at St. Pat's March 17th.



Becky O'Litterer showed her Irish pride as she helped set up, run, and take down the Dougherty soup supper held at St. Pat's March 17th.



Judy Vorhees usurped Beck O'Litterer to take the adult costume prize at the March 17th soup dinner and costume contest held at St. Pat's.

Dougherty Township, with construction on the railroad started in 1899 and completed in 1900.

On the inaugural stop there with a contingent of 2,000 joining a large group from Mason City it was reported that, "When the train reached Dougherty, John Duff, who can take more liberties than most anybody else and yet not step on a banana peel, called out: "The next station is Dougherty, change cars for Dublin and Belfast." and that, "like all gatherings in Dougherty township the good feeling was abundant and predominant."

Fast forward 125 years and that same sentiment could have been accurately expressed of the St. Patrick's Day soup supper and costume contest, good feelings were abundant and prominent, as were the echoes of its Irish heritage.

The supper is held in the aptly named St. Pat's, formerly a church and school named St. Patrick's, which had served as the town's catholic place of worship and education, but now is

owned and operated by the Legion and townspeople as an event venue hosting everything from breakfasts to weddings.

Strung up along the wall of the former gymnasium, now dining area for the Soup and Costume Contest were strings of Irish flags with holiday lights, hung above full sized Irish flags imprinted with Irish names such as Rooney, O'Connor, Cunningham, Mullen, Dolan, Hogan, and others, 12 names in all. Strung above it all were more flag streamers flying over 12 shamrock clad tables set up for the event.

The townsfolk and attendees all looked like they could have easily been pulled from the crowd at any St. Patrick's day parade, bedecked all in green and festive Irish themed garb as they were.

Diners this year were able to sample twenty one different soups, more than a dozen different desserts, and if of age, grab a green beer or toss back a tumbler of one of many whiskeys available at the open bar.

The affair used to be a

soup contest, but because of logistics, has been morphed into just the soup dinner with a three age bracket costume contest.

The three winners of the costume contest this year were Archer Reitz in the 0-6 division, Blaise Miller, in the 7-13 division, and Judy Vorhees in the adult division.

Legion Commander Dennis "Denny" Campbell, 46 years in the role, officiated the event once again. Dennis changes up his costume every year and this year was decked in a leprechaunish ensemble complete with green buckled top hat, green tie, tweed vest, shamrock green coat and green plaid kilt that left no question as to what occasion was being celebrated. Campbell, a Sheffield-Chapin community high grad had worn the kilt last in 2023 he said, and brought it back this year. He completed the ensemble with leggings, corn cob pipe and rabbit's foot belt.

The contest started out life as an Irish stew supper originally, but changed for

mats about twenty six years ago to become the soup contest for twenty some odd years. At one time the event had judging by celebrity judges, with celebs such as Linda Upmeyer, Amanda Regan, Tim Fleming from Channel 3 and other locally famed people judging the best three soups. However, last minute scrambles when judges couldn't make it led the post to abandon the judging of the soup, and instead just focus on the costumes. Denny said it didn't make any difference, people still loved coming in just to eat the soup and get together in

Dougherty. Campbell, in addition to being Commander of the 22 member post, is also president of the non-profit which owns the former church, school, and rectory, run by a nine person committee.

Legion Post 354 sponsors the event, but when St. Patrick's Day rolls around, people just start coming together to make the event happen. The original St. Patrick's church in Dougherty had been the first catholic church in Cerro Gordo County, but had closed some twenty odd years before, leading citizens to form a non-profit to purchase and maintain it for things like the soup dinner, weddings, parties and reunions.

This year's array of 21 soup entries was ahead of last year's 16, and diners enjoyed delicacies such as tortellini burger & vegetable, Guinness stew, beef and barley, ham and bean, Santa Fe cheese, Italian wedding, corned beef and cabbage and other traditional favorites. In St. Patrick's pot luck style there were also many green foods such as green pea salad, green jello, iced green cupcakes, shamrocks cookies and other hearty sides and sweets.

If you missed it this year, be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss it in 2026! For information about how to book St. Pat's for your event, call 641-794-3322.



The Cerro Gordo town of Dougherty traces its roots back to 1870, when settlers from Ireland homesteaded the area. Because of its Irish population it was dubbed "Lil Ireland," a name that has stuck through the ages.



Archer Reetz clinched the 0-6 division against tough competition at the Dougherty soup supper and costume contest held on St. Patrick's Day in Dougherty.



Elizabeth Dougherty came in from the Bay Area to reunite with the townspeople at this year's dinner. Liz enjoyed spending time with Sarah Noss, long time resident of the area.



Diners filled the former gym at St. Pat's on March 17th for the annual Dougherty soup dinner and costume contest.



Twenty one steaming cauldrons of hot soup greeted diners at St. Pat's Mar 17, ensuring all found a pot of gold on St. Patrick's day in Dougherty.

Senate Votes to Restrict Drivers' Use of Handheld Devices, Then Raises Speed Limits

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The Iowa Senate voted to ban the use of handheld cellphones and other devices behind the wheel, while turning down an effort to extend the ban to drivers of farm implements.

A few minutes later, senators also voted to raise the state's "default" speed limit from 55 mph to 60, a change that largely affects undivided paved highways.

Senators approved Senate File 22 on a vote of 47-1 with Republican Sen. Kerry Gruenhagen of Walcott as the only "no" vote.

The bill expands Iowa's current prohibition on texting while driving to any use of a handheld cell phone or other electronic device while driving.

State law enforcement officials have been asking for the change for years, arguing that the current law is difficult to enforce. While an officer may see a device in a driver's hand, they typically can't see whether it's being used for text messaging or some allowed use, like navigation.

Sen. Tony Bisignano, D-Des Moines, proposed an amendment to eliminate an exemption in the bill for drivers of farm equip-

ment, saying lawmakers should focus on safety for all Iowans on the roads.

The amendment failed on a vote of 13-35, with opponents arguing in part that the bill would not pass the House if senators expanded the bill.

Sen. Dan Zumbach, R-Ryan, said the bill needed to be narrowly crafted to make it through both chambers of the Legislature, and he said the legislation is focused on where there are problems. "I don't think anyone has a statistic on distracted driving with a piece of farm equipment that created an accident. I tried to find those

statistics. They're not out there," he said.

The bill now moves to the House.

Senate votes to raise speed limit

Senators also passed Senate File 378 to raise the speed limit to 60 mph on roads where a limit is not otherwise designated. Gruenhagen, who led debate, said the change brings Iowa in line with other states.

Gruenhagen cited the Department of Public Safety saying that the average speed on paved, undivided highways is 62 to 64 mph, exceeding the current lim-

it. Opponents argued that drivers would go even faster if the limit were raised.

"It's easy to state the reason for opposing this. Two words: speed kills," Sen. Herman Quirnbach, D-Ames, said.

Read more from Kathie Obradovich online at IowaCapitalDispatch.com

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Coulter Fire Department Raises Money for Fire Station Through Fish Fry

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Coulter Fire Department held a fish fry on Saturday, March 22, to raise money for their new fire station.

Locals stopped by the Coulter Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. for their fill of fried fish, au gratin potatoes, macaroni salad, green beans, a dinner roll and ice cream.

Fire Chief Kevin Erickson and five crew members staffed the fryers in the old fire station, while about a dozen more volunteers helped out at the community center.

The event was originally set for Wednesday, March 19, but was rescheduled due to the bad snow storm earlier in the week.



Volunteers Terry Turner, Hannah Turner and Juan Velasco are making sure everyone gets fed and feels welcomed at the Coulter Fire Station Fundraiser March 22.

According to Erickson, who's been in his role for the last 15 years, the city has held the fish fry for more than 75 years. The fire department is currently made up of nine area residents. The old fire station, which was

originally a creamery, has been in use since the '70s.

"When the creamery closed, it was turned into a fire station, and it's just way too small," he said. "We don't have enough space. In the new station we would have room for

the trucks and room to train. It's needed."

Erickson estimated that the fire station project is about halfway complete, but another approximately \$200,000 will be needed to finalize the project by their fall 2025 target date.

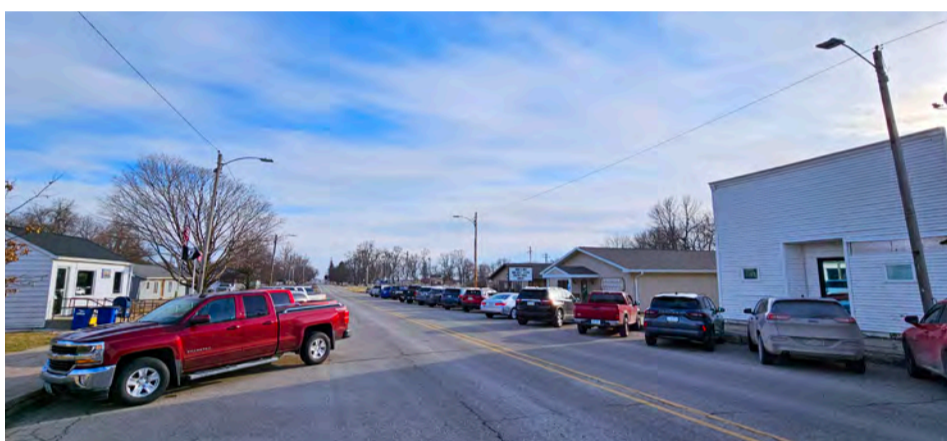
He said they plan to move into the fire station in the fall, even if it isn't completely ready.

The firefighters will complete most of the interior renovations at the new station themselves. Now that the ceiling is

done, their next goal is to put steel inside of the building. There are also plans of adding new restrooms with showers in them, along with a kitchen and a meeting room. One item they will not be leaving behind at their old station: the big bell, which was once used to notify firefighters. It will be moved to the new station, once they're ready, said Erickson.

"The community has been great for donations and really supportive of us," said Erickson. "But we're going to continue to fundraise so watch out for upcoming events."

If you couldn't make the dinner but you'd like to make a contribution, you can send a check to: Coulter Fire Department PO Box 60, Coulter, Iowa 50431.



Downtown Coulter was busy Saturday for the Coulter Fire Department Fundraiser as residents come to show their support for the project.



The Coulter Fire Department Fundraiser drew a capacity crowd and turned over 8 tables of 8 chairs several times on Saturday March 22 in Coulter, Iowa.



The Coulter water tower makes sure the Coulter Fire Department gets the water pressure it needs to save property and lives in Coulter and Hamilton and Morgan townships.



The new Coulter Fire Station is half complete. The city and department are working to raise approximately \$200,000 dollars to be able to finish the project.



Volunteer fire fighter Nate Turner mans the door at the Coulter Fire Station Fundraiser Mar 22nd in Coulter.



The old Coulter Fire Station has served the community since the 1970s. It was originally built as a creamery in the 1930's.



Volunteer fire fighter Nick Gamble serves beverages at the Coulter Fire Station Fundraiser March 22 at the Community Center in Coulter.

148 Meals Served at Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

BY MATT GROHE HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Knights of Columbus fish fry was in full swing at St. Patrick Church in Hampton on Friday, March 21st. The Knights sold out the 150 lbs of fish they had prepared by about 6:15 pm as crowds surged compared to two weeks prior.

Patrons starting lining up at the event before 5 p.m. for what's rumored to be the best fried fish in town. About a dozen volunteers work to prepare the fish for frying for the Friday lenten dinners, and

an equal number show up to help with the dinner. The fish is purchased locally at Fareway in Hampton.

The meal includes all you can eat fish and side dishes of baked beans, potato chips, rolls, ice cream cup, and beverages (coffee, milk, lemonade, water). Serving time is 5pm until the fish is gone. The cost is \$16 per person. Dining in or carrying out is available.

The Knights had prepared for the first Fish Fry with 220 pounds of fish, but dropped down to 150 pounds for the 21st after only 117 attended the week before, according

to Knight Jim Davies. Davies thinks that based on Friday's good showing, the Knights will probably prepare an equal amount for the next Fish Fry to be held from 5-7pm on March 4th at St. Patrick in Hampton.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, with the core principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Locally the Knights of Columbus raise money for efforts such as Coats for Kids, natural disaster relief, Bridge of Hope, Special Olympics, parish activities, individual charity projects, vocation assistance, the Tootsie Roll Drive to aid persons

with intellectual disabilities, maintenance of the community nativity scene, St. Patrick food pantry and a crisis fund.



One more fish fry will be held at St. Patrick in Hampton on April 4th. The Knights have scaled back the number of Lenten dinners this year to three.



Knights Bob Schaefer and Dwight Petersen are frequent faces at St. Patrick Fish Frys in Hampton.



148 meals were sold March 21st as the second Knights of Columbus was held at St. Patrick in Hampton.



Knight Jim Garrett handles the fish as Knights Mike Arndorfer and Sue Garrett serve sides and rolls at the Knights of St. Patrick fish fry Mar 21.



Knight Rick Schall supplies a fresh tray of fish for patrons at the Knights fish fry Mar 21. The fish is fried outside the building in a trailer that has been retrofitted with a large kettle, staffed by three volunteers.

CHAMBER

Banquet

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce held their annual appreciation celebration on Saturday, March 22. Check out some photos from the event below.



ProStart student America Dominguez Rincon placing desserts at one of the tables at the start of the event on Saturday, March 22.



Christensen Jewelry received the Community Pride Award at the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday, March 22. Here is Mardel Sidmore-Vankleek receiving the Community Pride Award.



Game show host Adam Ace led a Family Feud-style game at the Chamber event, which led to endless laughter



La Luz Centro Cultural was named the "Organization of the Year" by the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, March 22. Here's Director Janette Flores-Acolt with the award.



Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison received the Leadership Award from Michelle Hartman of the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, March 22. Morrison has served as the police chief since September 2022.



The Schirmers at the Annual Appreciation Celebration.



Mayor Steve Birdsall was surprised with a "happy birthday" song at the Chamber's Annual Appreciation Celebration on Saturday, March 22. He attended the event with his wife, Tammy.



Promotion Committee members Holly Narber, Jerre Grefe and Rebekah Ault take a break from working the room for a quick photo.



Staley Real Estate & Farm Management being honored for 65 years of membership with the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, March 22.



The Hampton Public Library was named the "Member of the Year" by the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, March 22.

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Families and students made their way to H-D-CAL Middle School Friday night for an evening of games, face painting, goodies and more. Proceeds from the event, which was organized by H-D-CAL PTO, will go towards helping schools and teachers (kindergarten through eighth grade) with any needs they may have.



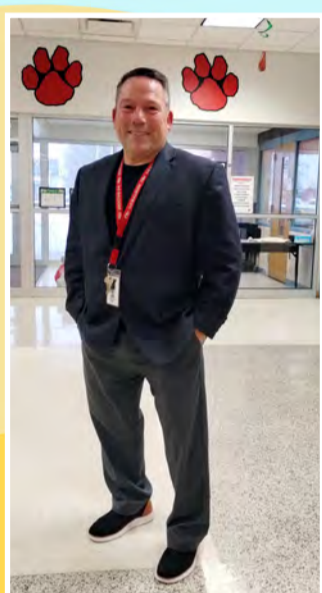
A family enjoying some goodies at the event.



Judy Larson whipping up cotton candy.



Jody White and Wendy Wilkert at the dessert table.



H-D-CAL Middle School Principal Anthony Spradlin excited for another Family Fun Night



Patricio del Angel trying out plinko.



H-D-CAL senior Maren Subbert painting a Pokemon ball onto first grader Mason West's face.



Patricio del Angel and Zayden Smith after playing a couple rounds of plinko.



Sarah Hovinga and Brody Brinker at the ticket table.



Weston Hesse with his mother at Family Fun Night.



Sarah Morton, Kate Meader, Sarah Hanson, Tracy Bruns and Kary Chaplin working the prize table.



Samantha and Brian Mitterer hanging out before more games at Family Fun Night.



A group of volunteers working the concession stand.

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