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Hampton Tree Board Works Their Magic at Harriman Park

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Members of the Hampton Tree Board planted eleven new trees at Harriman Park Friday morning.

They opted for swamp bur oak, swamp white oak, basswood, walnut, sugar maple and Kentucky coffee.

Tree Board President Randy Sanders said they had planned on doing it last Friday, for Arbor Day, but that they had to reschedule due to the rain last week.

“We picked a diversity of native trees that can handle wet areas for this park. Hopefully, these will last more than a hundred years,” Sanders said. “Thank you to the city for removing the dead burr oak trees, so we could do this.”

Sanders said their efforts were made possible with grants and donations from community members and businesses, including First Bank Hampton.

“We’re lucky to have friends who



Franklin and Wright County Naturalist Aubrey Brown with Tree Board Members Dick Lukensmeyer, Jim Garrett, Patti Walker, Randy Sanders and Phil Strand. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

are willing to help with money,” he said.

Franklin and Wright County Nat-

uralist Aubrey Brown stopped by to help with planting.



Wise Choice Detailing Holds Grand Opening

BY JENNIFER
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The Wise Choice Detailing team held their grand opening celebration on Saturday, May 3.

The crew also celebrated becoming a member of the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce that morning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Owner Ron Wise told the Chronicle he was excited to join the Chamber and finally see his dream of opening his business come true. Throughout the day, community members stopped by for \$15 car washes. Whoever stopped by for a car wash also left with a \$20 voucher for their next service.

Wise Choice Detailing is located at 1014 4th St.

NE, the former BSA Auto building, and they’re open Tuesday through Thursday. Details can be scheduled by appointment. If interested in scheduling one, call 641-531-9211. Cash or card accepted.

Wise has worked in auto restoration and painting for more than twenty years.

“I’ve always worked to make things pretty,” he said. “When detailing became popular in 2020, I did it to make extra money and I thought it was something I could seriously get into.”

Wise said that he found the Hampton location on a whim, and that it was everything he was looking for.

“My intent is to be a part of the community,” Wise said. “I want to be helpful. I do coaching and scouts. I wanted my business to stay local.”



From left to right, Sue Followwill, Mandy Wise, Trey Wise, Dominic Wise, Jack Hanson, Lillian, Wise, Josh Snook, Dale Schirmer, Terry Carr, Ron Wise, Jim Davies and Dyanne Pralle at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, May 3.

While Wise Choice Detailing isn’t full-time as of yet, Wise said that is the goal.



Community members stopped by for \$15 car washes throughout the day.



The grand celebration ran from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 5.

Franklin REC Announces 2024-2025 Scholarship and Youth Tour Recipients

Hampton – Franklin REC has announced the recipients of its 2024-2025 scholarships and Youth Tour representative. These students showcase academic excellence and commitment to their communities.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarships:
Kierra Dodd (Iowa State University, Agricultural Business and Accounting)
Katelyn Witte (Iowa State University, Agricultural Studies)

Commitment to Community Scholarships:
Jana Harms (Ellsworth Community College, Pre-Veterinary)
Ellie Lauffer (North Iowa Area Community College, Health Science)

Katelyn Witte (Iowa State University, Agricultural Studies)
Youth Tour Representative:
This summer, Nicholas Quasdorf, a junior from Hampton-Dumont CAL,

will represent Franklin REC on a weeklong Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., where he will explore cooperative principles, visit historic landmarks, and engage with elected officials. “We’re proud to support

these students, whose leadership and commitment to service reflect the cooperative spirit,” said Christy Mason, Franklin REC Administrative Assistant.



Ellie Lauffer- Commitment to Community Scholarship Recipient



Jana Harms- Commitment to Community Scholarship Recipient



Katelyn Witte- Basin Scholarship Recipient and Commitment to Community Scholarship Recipient



Kierra Dodd- Basin Scholarship Winner



Nicholas Quasdorf - Franklin REC's 2025 Iowa Youth Tour Representative

1892 Hampton Home Gets Makeover

**BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE**

Hampton resident Justin Shoop likes to stay busy. His latest project: rehabbing the beautiful Victorian-style house located at 707 4th St. NE.

Built in 1892, the building was last used as the headquarters for a can redemption center. It is one of 139 homes in Hampton built before 1900.

Shoop, who bought the building last October, hopes to have the second floor ready to rent out by the end of the summer.

The upstairs features a bedroom, a living room, a kitchen and a bathroom. He plans on using the lower level as a place to work on projects and for his dad to stay when he visits town. And there's still plenty of exterior work to be done, he said.

"I'm really excited about this," he said. "I love this area and this is a fun project. It's something new and something different."

Originally from Rapid City, South Dakota, the 30-year-old first moved to Hampton in 2019 as a traveling nurse for a position with Franklin General Hospital. He liked FGH so much that he decided to stick around. He currently lives a couple blocks away from his purchase.



Justin Shoop in front of the house he purchased at 707 4th St. NE. Photo by Jennifer Burnham



Justin Shoop with a 1908 portrait of the house he purchased last October. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

No Rainout for Franklin County Protest

**BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE**

Franklin County residents gathered to peacefully protest in front of the Franklin County courthouse Thursday afternoon, May 1 despite intermittent rain.

The one-day protest was organized by the Franklin County Democrats Committee as part of "May Day National Day of Action" protests across the country.

"May Day is International Workers' Day, a day to commemorate the struggle for workers rights," said Franklin County Democratic Chair Catherine Crooks. "Many people feel that there is currently a threat to public services, labor rights, the working class, and immigrants' safety (regardless of their legal status), therefore May 1st rallies were set up in thousands of cities to show opposition to specific policies and actions."

Crooks said that the Franklin County Democrats organized the non-partisan gathering at the Franklin County Courthouse after receiving requests from community members who were interested in participating.

"This is not about 'us' versus 'them,' or 'Left' versus 'Right,'" she said. "You can be conservative and still oppose things that are happening in our government under the current leadership. I know that not everyone is comfortable putting themselves out there in a public manner, but I know there are a lot of people who are concerned and even frightened right now. I invite you all to step a bit out of your comfort zone for what you believe in. You will find you are not alone. Does it do any good? I certainly think so! We may not have the crowd size of a larger city, but I'm proud of everyone who shows up, or supports the cause in their own way."

Crooks said around fifteen people had shown up for the protest and that half left an hour into the rain. They plan on holding another protest to make up for it.



Photo provided by Catherine Crooks.



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Franklin County residents peacefully protesting in front of the courthouse on Thursday afternoon, May 1. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: FROM COVER

ra Sauls; and fundraising, which is overseen by Mike Thornburg, Jeff Kolb and Brittany Gronewold.

Kregel currently serves as the General Manager for Dumont Telephone Company, whose Board of Directors made a \$20,000 donation to Revitalize Dumont.

Revitalize Dumont's purpose: "We exist in order to promote and support proper maintenance and uses of property. We want to be the entity that can facilitate revitalizing vacated properties in the community by providing resources, helping with ideas and/or transitions to a new use and/or owner. We have no interest in owning property for long periods of time."

Want to help? Like "Revitalize Dumont" on Facebook to keep up with their latest updates. Donations can be made through Venmo or PayPal or by following the QR code to the right.

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Happy 90th Birthday

Happy 90th Birthday to Marvin Plagge (Latimer) on May 17th, 2025.

Birthday Wishes can be sent to Marvin at P.O. Box 427 Latimer, IA 50452

Happy 90th Birthday

Joan Leiran, formerly of Geneva, will celebrate her 90th birthday on May 14. In honor of the occasion, cards and well wishes may be sent to 507 5th Street SE, Waukon, IA 52172.

PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Weekend's Race: AdventHealth 400

Race Details			Race Preview		
Location: Kansas City, Kansas	The AdventHealth 400 is held at Kansas Speedway. The 1.5-mile track located in Kansas City, Kansas began hosting NASCAR races in 2001. Kansas Speedway is an asphalt oval with 17-20 degrees of progressive banking in the turns, 9-11 degrees of progressive banking on the frontstretch, and 5 degrees of banking on the backstretch. Denny Hamlin is the defending winner. In 2001, Busch Beer, held a contest to name the Spring race and the name, Busch McBusch Race 400 was picked through a contest. The speedway is owned and operated by the International Speedway Corporation.				
Date: Sunday, May 11, 3:00 p.m.					
Last Year's Pole: Christopher Bell					
Last Year's Winner: Kyle Larson					

Kansas Speedway

Shape: D-shaped Oval
Distance: 1.5 miles
Turns / Front / Back: 17-20° / 9-11° / 5°

Last Weekend's Race: Joey Logano won at Texas

Joey Logano took control of Sunday's Würth 400 and rode the NASCAR Cup Series rollercoaster to his first victory of the season. A week after a missing nut on a spoiler bracket cost him a disqualification from fifth place at Talladega Superspeedway, Logano beat runner-up Ross Chastain to the finish line by 0.346-seconds. "The sport changes so quickly," Logano said after climbing from his car. "It's crazy how you can just ride these rollercoasters and just proud of the team."

Joey Logano

Born: May 24, 1990
Crew Chief: Paul Wolfe
Car: Ford

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2025	1	2	18.0
2024	4	13	17.1

2025 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten				Xfinity Series Top Ten			
Drivers	Points	Top 10s		Drivers	Points	Top 10s	
1) William Byron	421	7		1) Justin Allgaier	471	8	
2) Kyle Larson	408	8		2) Austin Hill	420	8	
3) Denny Hamlin	338	6		3) Sam Mayer	391	7	
4) Chase Elliott	338	6		4) Jesse Love	374	8	
5) Tyler Reddick	337	4		5) Brandon Jones	326	6	
6) Christopher Bell	335	7		6) Carson Kvatil	324	4	
7) Ryan Blaney	313	5		7) Jeb Burton	320	4	
8) Bubba Wallace	306	4		8) Ryan Sieg	317	5	
9) Joey Logano	288	2		9) Sammy Smith	312	5	
10) Alex Bowman	284	6		10) Harrison Burton	307	6	

Top News Stories

Carson Hocevar wins first career NASCAR Cup pole at Texas
Decked out in Texas-appropriate attire, Carson Hocevar put his No. 77 Spire Motorsports Chevrolet on the pole for Sunday's WÜRTH 400 at Texas Motor Speedway. With the second fastest lap in the era of the Gen 7 car, Hocevar toured the 1.5 mile track in 28.175 seconds (191.659 mph) to edge 2023 race winner William Byron (191.564 mph) for the top starting position by 0.014 seconds. The Busch Light Pole Award is the first of Hocevar's career, and at age 22, he's the youngest-ever pole winner at Texas. Clad in a firesuit designed as a cowboy outfit, courtesy of sponsor Chili's, and sporting a black 10-gallon hat, Hocevar reveled in the moment after his lap stood up to all comers. "Having the cowboy outfit, what better place to be on the pole," Hocevar said. "I'm normally so hard on myself, and I didn't think I nailed that lap at all, but I'm super proud of this team. I'm so proud, because I've never had the No. 1 pit stall, and I've had a lot of issues with pit road and we've had a lot of bad luck. So I finally get the No. 1 pit stall, and I'm pumped about that." Since the Gen 7 car was introduced in 2022, only Christopher Bell at Michigan International Speedway in 2023 has run a faster lap than Hocevar at Texas. Bell's speed at the 2.0-mile track was 193.382 mph.

Racing Trivia

Which of these drivers failed to qualify for the playoffs in 2004?

a) Kevin Harvick c) Dale Earnhardt Jr.
b) Elliott Sadler d) Mark Martin

earn one of the top 10 playoff spots
NASCAR playoffs. Harvick failed to win a title in 2014, in the first year of the playoffs.

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100 days of promises kept under President Trump

REP. RANDY FEENSTRA
COLUMNIST

der the Biden administration. President Trump was absolutely right when he remarked during his joint address to Congress on March 4th that “it turned out that all we really needed was a new President” to secure our border.

Strengthening his work to close the border, President Trump honored families who have lost loved ones to illegal immigrant crime by signing the Laken Riley Act – the first piece of legislation to become law this year. The Laken Riley Act also included Sarah’s Law, in honor of 21-year-old Iowan Sarah Root, who was senselessly killed by a drunk driving illegal immigrant in 2016. Instead of answering for his crimes, this criminal posted bail, was released from jail, and fled our country never to be seen again. Sarah’s Law – now the law of the land thanks to President Trump – ensures that illegal immigrants who murder or seriously injure American citizens are detained without bail and held accountable for their actions. Fortunately, the illegal immigrant who killed Sarah Root was recently arrested in Honduras and the Trump administration worked quickly with Honduran authorities to extradite this criminal back to the United States to face justice. This is the action that the American people wanted to see, and President Trump is delivering.

Upon his return to the White House, President Trump also announced that he would do everything in his power to restore American energy dominance – and that he did. He created the National Energy Dominance Council to determine every avenue available to increase energy produc-

tion, lower gas prices, and make the United States the world’s energy powerhouse. He rescinded countless Biden executive orders that promoted the Green New Deal over affordable gas and electricity prices and cut needless red tape that prevented American energy producers from reaching their full production capacity. He overturned the Biden administration’s ban on liquefied natural gas exports, signed a resolution – that I voted for – to completely repeal Biden’s costly tax on natural gas production, and stopped the Biden administration’s ridiculous electric-vehicle mandates on American families. Under President Trump’s watch, we will use the energy resources abundantly available in our own country and reduce our dependence on our foreign adversaries for our energy needs.

Government efficiency is another bright spot of President Trump’s America First agenda. The Biden administration exploded our national debt with trillions of dollars of wasteful spending that fueled inflation and made life more expensive for Americans. As promised, the Trump administration uncovered example after example of waste, fraud, and abuse in our federal government. DEI positions in federal agencies have been cut, spending on liberal initiatives has been slashed, and welfare for illegal immigrants has been suspended. Eliminating this type of waste ensures that programs like Medicare and Social Security – intended for American citizens only – can remain solvent now and well into the future. With President Trump in the White House, taxpayer

dollars are being treated with the care that they deserve.

Additionally, because of President Trump’s mission to hold our trading partners accountable to our laws and protect our farmers, workers, manufacturers, and businesses from unfair and unlawful trade practices, business investment is accelerating in our country. More than \$5 trillion in new investments in America have been announced, which will create over 451,000 new jobs in American communities. This impressive figure does not even include pledges that other countries have made to bring manufacturing and jobs to the United States, spurring additional economic growth. To complement these investments, my Republican colleagues and I are working hard to extend President Trump’s Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to deliver tax relief for our families, farmers, workers, and businesses. While Democrats want Americans to see the highest tax hike in U.S. history, President Trump and Republicans are committed to lowering taxes and unleashing U.S. economic prosperity. The American workforce and American industry will no longer be taken advantage of by foreign nations, and American citizens will rightfully keep more of their hard-earned money.

This is not an exhaustive list of the amazing achievements that President Trump has delivered in just 100 days, but it does prove that he is working harder than ever to serve the American people. I know that President Trump will take this same aggressive and results-oriented approach to his next four years in office.

So You Graduated High School, Now What?

reading between the lines
with Amanda Rink

BY AMANDA RINK

“Success is loving life and daring to live it” - Maya Angelou

When I was 17, Facebook was just starting to take off. Back then, one of the big trends was filling out these wildly unnecessary questionnaires or joining 30-day photo challenges that required you to “post a photo of your favorite snack”, “The last time you cried watching a movie.” Naturally, I participated in a lot of them.

I wasn’t really a social butterfly. I stuck to my main group of mostly older friends, so I wasn’t exactly packing my schedule with Friday night parties once they left for college. So, I spent a lot of time on social media, it was before we knew how damaging it was to the developing mind, but hey, I turned out okay-ish.

It was where I uploaded way too many moody selfies, stayed connected with my long-distance bestie, and where I discovered the kind of music that made me feel like the misunderstood main character of a coming-of-age film. So, you can see why I took part in a lot of these “challenges,” like the one which required us to “post a picture of what you want to be when you grow up.”

Now, 17-year-old me, full of dramatic flair and enough angst to believe I was deep, couldn’t find an image that summed it all up. So, I shared a black-and-white photo with just the words: “To be happy and make a difference.” Profound, right? Very Live Laugh Love, but make it philosophical.

I may have been borrowing a bit from that famous John Lennon story. Allegedly, Lennon was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up and he said “happy.” That stuck with me, mostly because it made being a directionless dreamer emo kid seem wise and poetic.

Now, as a kind-of adult, I want to propose the question a little differently, especially for those graduating seniors. While I still stand by my previous advice—not writing off your hometown just because it is small (big opportunity still waits here)—there is something else I think you should consider while planning your life before your frontal cortex develops.

How do you want to feel when you grow up?

Do you want to feel proud? Fulfilled? Connected? Or constantly exhausted, juggling deadlines and paperwork for a career that doesn’t seem to achieve anything in life. Do you want a life full of family and purpose, or just a very well-organized calendar? Do you want to end your day knowing you provided the food on the table that surrounds your family? Do you want a new experience every day or to stick to a schedule? Comfort or chaos?

There’s no wrong answer, and I may have proposed too many, but figuring out the answer will help you as you consider your newly acquired adult life.

As for me, who is still a little bit of that directionless dreamer, I had a full-circle moment last week, which inspired this very (good or bad, jury is still out) advice.

At the Wright County Charitable Foundation grant award ceremony, someone told me that the work I do makes a difference. Those were words I really needed to hear, as I left my crazy kids with their equally crazy dad for the night while I covered two events for The Wright County Monitor.

I realized that, somewhere between those ridiculous social media questionnaires and adult responsibilities, I actually landed in the place 17-year-old me dreamed about.

I’m happy. I have a wonderful husband, a gaggle of amazing kids, a roof over my head, and a few four-legged freeloaders. Most importantly, I have love... and a life that feels meaningful.

So, graduates, as you head out into the world, here is some advice from someone who chased meaning instead of a job title (and still ended up with deadlines anyway): don’t just chase a title, a salary, or someone else’s definition of success. Ask yourself the bigger question... How do I want to feel at the end of the day? Then build a life that answers it.

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

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So You Want to Be Rich



THE ALTERNATIVE
FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
THE ALTERNATIVE

After I wised up and quit college, I installed skylights in giant houses in Berkeley, California. I still can't believe I did that way up there without a net. It didn't last long but it gave me a chance to experience entrepreneurship. Getting a job with an established business is one thing, being your own boss from scratch is something else.

With all the layoffs lately, a few people are probably ready to write their own paychecks, pursuing a dream that has seemed too risky for years. I know there were lots of times when I would have welcomed a regular paycheck instead of dealing with all the decisions and responsibilities that come with owning our own business. But the pride of ownership is the other side of the coin.

I've had a few great ideas for a new business but farming was already there with a lot of things tried and failed

by others. Here are some of those ideas I throw out there for others to try because I'm too old to start myself: Cud. I've never been much of a gum chewer. It seemed like kind of a waste to do all that chewing and then not swallow any food. But then to each his own, right? Cud is my idea for an alternative chewing gum. It could be alfalfa flavored, or grass or a mix. It could come wrapped like little hay bales. There could be commemorative editions with a larger package in the back of a Ford or Dodge pickup. And the ones in the Chevy would have a light working on only one side.

Not only would Cud be more chewy than regular gum, it could be fibrous and packed with vitamins and minerals. It has been shown that cavemen had straighter teeth than modern people. This is attributed to the more vigorous chewing required by the less processed food of those primitive times. I expect that the Orthodontist Association will try to lobby for bans on Cud in order to preserve their business. This, and other challenges yet to be discovered will make this product launch difficult. But the long term benefits of Cud will make it a winner. I believe.

The First Piece. We've all

experienced the difficulty of getting that first piece of cake out of the pan without messing up the frosting or making it misshapen. The First Piece is a fake first piece of cake made of some heat resistant material. It goes in the corner or end of the pan and has a little handle on top so it can easily be lifted out. Then a spatula can slide right under the next piece and out she comes, no problem. It could also be used in lasagna if it is not made of some material like cast iron that reacts to tomato sauce.

One great marketing scheme would be through culinary programs in schools such as Hampton's "Pro Start" with an individualized logo on top. A very successful example of this is Francis Bellamy, the socialist minister and flag salesman who originated the Pledge of Allegiance. Using his example, who would want to limit their upside potential by having a regular job or going on welfare?

The Keloid Studio. The third idea is the one that could easily make someone a multi-billionaire. This one comes with the risk of being blamed for everything. As we see today billionaires are terrible people who steal and cheat everyone else out of their rightful piece of the pie. A choice has to be made.

Do you want to be hated for being successful and learn to live with the guilt, or do you want to languish in a dull, drab existence with that monster truck or yacht club membership being an unachievable dream?

If you've chosen to be evil and selfish, The Keloid Studio is the best path. Piercings and tattoos are not just for pirates anymore. Even lawyers and surgeons have them. A robber would be dumb to want such an identifiable feature, but then, thieves are often dumb.

Keloids take tattoos to another level: 3D tattoos. They are scars that, in cultures of Africa, Australia, and ancient Aztec and Maya, were produced by cutting the skin, then applying wood ashes. They could be used to produce 3D images of balloons or chubby cheeks, even a hot dog.

Observe the history of economic trends and how they, if analyzed correctly, can be turned into gold mines. Tattoos and piercings are right up there with giant pickups and sneakers worn with suits. It's time to get on board, no matter what the envious socialists say.

Kindly respond to my column with a letter to the editor or directly to me at 4selfgovernment@gmail.com

SUDOKU

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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

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

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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By Katy Flint
Franklin County Auditor

I know I've spent the last several weeks talking about the different reasons we can't reduce budgets so I feel it is necessary to tell you that we are working diligently to always find ways to be efficient and save money.

Recently the Auditor of State, Rob Sand, stopped in

Franklin County to present us with a P.I.E Award. P.I.E. stands for Public Innovations & Efficiencies. This is a survey that is sent to all schools, cities, & counties in the state to complete annually. It is a way for us to see ways we are being efficient and find areas that we can improve upon.

We were awarded the Best Performing County of Its Size for 2024. This is exciting in many ways because it shows the effort we are making to operate efficiently. So, what are we doing to save every penny possible?

- We have implemented weekend/day off shutdown programs. This means at night, on the weekends, or days we are not here, the furnace and air conditioning is

set to run warmer (or cooler depending on the time of year). Additionally, lights are off (except for a few for security purposes). This saves dollars in energy bills. As you can imagine, lighting as well as heating & cooling the Courthouse specifically, is not cheap!

- To piggyback on this, temperatures are set within a certain range. This means we don't have one office running warm while another runs cool. This helps save money because the system is running consistently and keeping all temps even.
- Lighting in all county owned buildings has been upgraded to LED lighting to save energy, and we are using blinds and curtains to

help regulate light and block excess heat. Additionally, we are utilizing occupancy sensors (motion light switches) in certain rooms, so lights are not necessarily on.

- Offices either print double sided as much as possible to save paper and many are transitioning to retaining things by scanning them or eliminate as much paper by doing forms electronically, etc.
- When one department has furniture or office supplies that they no longer need, it is made available for all other departments to utilize. This helps avoid buying new furniture when options are available or one department having a surplus of an office supply that another depart-

ment can use (and ultimately not have to buy).

- Back in 2021 the county was the recipient of ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act) as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. We used those funds to invest in a variety of projects that were needed to either maintain buildings, improve buildings, or other items and we didn't have to utilize tax dollars for these things. (More on all those projects in a future article).
- We do not water the Courthouse lawn or any other lawn of county buildings. While we all love green grass, we understand the cost

that is associated with watering lawns.

While some of these items may not seem like big money-saving things, over the months and years they add up. In addition, they are things that the State Auditor's office has identified as helping the County be more efficient with your tax dollars. I hope you can see that we are truly making an effort to be efficient. If you have questions about the PIE program or the award (or have an idea of how we can be more efficient), feel free to stop by my office or give me a call. My door is always open. Until next time...

CAREGIVER: FROM COVER

couldn't kiss my husband for months because there was always the possibility that I had picked something up."

In Spring of 2022, his cancer returned. And since then, Heath has continued to travel up to the Mayo Clinic for immunotherapy every two weeks.

Taking care of her husband has become a big job, but one that she gets help with, Jen said. At first, she insisted on driving up with him, but after time, his sister and parents began driving up with him, so she could stay behind and take care of busi-

ness at home.

"I'm a very private person and I don't like to ask for help," Jen said. "I like to be able to handle things on my own. I'm super thankful for the help we received when we first found out and now."

The support has extended beyond their friends and family, though, Jen said. She explained that back in 2018, after they found out about his original diagnosis, the community held a silent auction for them at Church of the Living Word to raise money to help cover their medical costs. Their church

family has always been there for them, said Jen. She was touched by the support. And their coworkers at H-D-CAL High School, where they both work (she as an administrative assistant and he as a social studies teacher), have been supportive as well.

"Those are the blessings that you get out of a small town," Jen said. "If we were in a bigger town, I'm not sure we would get that."

When asked what the most challenging part has been, Jen said "the unknown" — never knowing what the doctors will say at

their next appointment.

"The uncertainty of what each day would bring," she added.

But Heath and Jen have continued to focus on the positive throughout their journey.

"Heath has never asked 'why me?'" said Jen "We walk through chemo units and see children. Our situation could be so much worse. You have to look on the bright side."

Jen said that she initially declined the offer of serving as the honorary caregiver, as she doesn't like the spotlight,

but she eventually changed her mind.

"I didn't want to be vulnerable because I've always been more of a listener, but God was telling me this was my turn," she said. "This is a huge honor."

Jen and Heath currently reside in Hampton. They share two sons: Brody, 19, and Eli, 21.

Franklin County Relay for Life Chair Lisa Rodriguez told the Chronicle that choosing Jen as this year's honorary caregiver was an easy decision.

"She was the first person

I thought of," she said. "I knew her from school and church and knew about her story. I followed her posts on Heath and thought 'what a strong woman to balance everything like she has been.' For me, she exemplifies what a caregiver is. She probably doesn't see herself that way but she's amazing. I really admire her."

Jen will be recognized at the upcoming Relay for Life event on Sept. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Franklin Wellness Center.

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Chamber-Main Street News and Knows: Become an Ambassador

BY JIM DAVIES
INTERIM DIRECTOR

Being an ambassador for The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce can be a valuable and rewarding role, both personally and professionally. Here are the main reasons why someone might choose to become one:

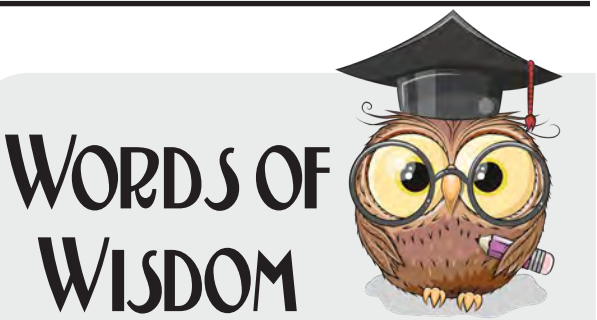
1. Networking Opportunities
Ambassadors attend ribbon cuttings, mixers, and events where they meet business owners, community leaders, and other professionals. This builds strong local connections and opens doors to potential partnerships, referrals, or even job opportunities.
2. Increased Visibility
As a public face of the chamber, ambassadors gain exposure in the community. Their name and business are often promoted through chamber events, social media, and newsletters.
3. Professional Development
The role sharpens leadership, public speaking, and relationship-building skills. Ambassadors also gain insight into local business trends, economic development, and community issues.



4. Community Involvement
Serving as an ambassador shows a commitment to local growth and support for small businesses. It's a chance to give back and help others succeed.
5. Recognition and Influence
Ambassadors are often seen as leaders or influencers in the community. Their active involvement can lead to leadership positions within the chamber or other civic organizations.
6. Fun and Fulfillment
Many ambassadors enjoy the social aspect—attending events, celebrating business milestones, and being part of a dynamic group of people with shared values.

Characteristics of a Chamber

- Ambassador:
- Must be a Chamber member or work for a Chamber business.
 - Has a lively, engaging, and proactive personality.
 - Projects a positive image for their company and/or Chamber.
 - Has confidence to make personal contact with any Chamber member.
 - Encourages others to become Chamber members.
 - Volunteers about 3-4 hours a month as an Ambassador.
- As a dedicated advocate for local business and community growth, I'm honored to serve as a Chamber Ambassador. With a passion for building meaningful connections and supporting fellow business owners, I actively engage in welcoming new members, promoting chamber events, and representing the voice of local business. My goal is to help strengthen our business community through collaboration, visibility, and shared success.
- Interested in learning more about the Chamber Ambassador Program? Stop by Center 1 during business hours Monday-Thursday 8am – 4pm. Or call/text me at 641-425-4707.



Last week's trivia questions:

What country singer had hit songs in the late 70s and early 80s with "Every Which Way But Loose", "Drivin' My Life Away", and "I Love a Rainy Night"? Answer: Eddie Rabbitt.

What female country duo had hit songs in the 1980s with "Mama He's Crazy", "Why Not Me?", and "Girls Night Out"? Answer: The Judds.

This week's trivia questions:

What band, named after their lead singer, had hit songs in the 1970s including "Fly Like an Eagle", "Take the Money and Run", and "Jet Airliner"? Answer: The J. Geils Band.

What band had hit songs in the 1970s with "More Than a Woman", "Jive Talkin'", and "Stayin' Alive"? Answer: The Bee Gees.

May is National Barbecue Month, National Blood Pressure Month, Building Safety Month, Brain Cancer Awareness Month, National Egg Month, National Foster Care Month, National Hamburger Month, Healthy Vision Month, National Inventors Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Military Appreciation Month, National Pet Month, National Salad Month, National Strawberry Month, National Dental Care Month, National Stroke Awareness Month, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, National Water Safety Month, National Photography Month, National Bike Month, and American Cheese Month.

May 7 is School Nurse Day, and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day; May 8 is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, and Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who Lost their Lives during WWII; May 9 is National Public Gardens Day; May 10 is Archery Day, National Golf Day, and National Small Business Day; May 11 is Mother's Day, and National Technology Day; May 12 is National Hospital Day; May 13 is Tulip Day, and National Apple Pie Day.

This week is National Small Business Week, Children's Book Week, Sun Awareness Week, Drinking Water Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, National Pet Week, and National Nurses Week.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

– Ecclesiastes 3:1

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

– Ephesians 2:8-9

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

– John 10:11

Hit songs by famous singers that were actually written by other famous singers

"I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston, written by Dolly Parton.

"My Way" by Frank Sinatra, written by Paul Anka.

"My Girl" by the Temptations, written by Smokey Robinson.

"Islands in the Stream" by Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton, written by the Bee Gees.

"I'm a Believer" by The Monkees, written by Neil Diamond.

"Respect" by Aretha Franklin, written by Otis Redding.

"Crazy" by Patsy Cline, written by Willie Nelson.

"Manic Monday" by the Bangles, written by Prince.

"Red Red Wine" by UB40, written by Neil Diamond.

The Kentucky Derby marks the oldest continuously running sport event in the U.S., dating back to 1875. The race, which is one-and-a-half miles long, kicks off the Triple Crown, including the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore and the Belmont Stakes in New York. Only 13 horses have won the Triple Crown, the last being "Justify" in 2018.

This past Saturday, May 3, racehorse "Sovereignty" won the 151st running of the Kentucky Derby, narrowly defeating the favorite "Journalism." The winning time on the muddy track was 2 minutes 2.3 seconds. "Secretariat", the horse who won the Kentucky Derby in 1973, still holds the record for fastest winning time at 1 minute 59.4 seconds.

Code Counsel: Tree Ordinances

BY JIM DAVIES
MEMBER AT LARGE,
HAMPTON CITY
COUNCIL

Planting trees is important for several environmental, social, and economic reasons:

1. Environmental Benefits
Carbon Sequestration: Trees absorb carbon dioxide (CO₂), a major greenhouse gas, helping to combat climate change.
- Air Quality: They filter pollutants like sulfur dioxide, ammonia, and nitrogen oxides from the air.
- Water Regulation: Trees reduce stormwater runoff, prevent soil erosion, and help recharge groundwater.
- Biodiversity: Forests provide habitat for a wide range of species, supporting biodiversity.
2. Climate Regulation
Trees provide shade and

release water vapor, which helps cool the environment. Urban trees can significantly reduce the "heat island" effect in cities.

3. Health and Well-being
Exposure to green spaces has been linked to lower stress levels, improved mental health, and increased physical activity.
4. Economic Value
Trees increase property values, reduce energy costs (by providing shade and windbreaks), and support industries like forestry and tourism.
5. Social and Community Impact
Trees can improve aesthetics and create more pleasant, livable communities. They also offer educational opportunities and foster community engagement through planting events.

There are two chapters in the City of Hampton's Code of Ordinances dealing with trees.

Chapter 125 requires Tree Service Professionals to apply for a license, pay a fee, provide a certificate of insurance carrying liability insurance, and file a certificate of training.

Chapter 151 encourages safe and educated land stewardship practices. The Hampton Tree Board is established by this section of the Code.

No person shall plant or cause any tree to be removed on any City-owned property or public right-of-way without first obtaining an approved permit.

Tree species will be monitored as part of the permitting process and only those species identified on the permit form will be allowed for planting. This subsection is implemented to encourage the planting of trees, promoting safety, educated land stewardship, and protection

of vital infrastructure.

An application must be submitted, reviewed, and approved by the City before a tree is allowed to be removed or planted along any street, avenue, or highway between the outer line of the sidewalk and the curb, where the curb line is established, or within any public right-of-way, parking, or street.

The application for permit is subject to denial based on potential height and root interference with utility infrastructure and services as well as current health and condition of an existing tree.

The Tree Planting/Removal Permit Application can be obtained at City Hall or found online on the City's website, www.hamptonia.us, on the home page under Forms & Permits. On the backside of the application for permit form is an acceptable tree list.



The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Siblings Roofing LLC, welcoming them as their newest chamber member, on Thursday, May 1. Photo provided by the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce Welcomes Roofing Company as Newest Member

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON
CHRONICLE

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce welcomed Siblings Roofing LLC as their newest chamber member Thursday afternoon with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Band Shell Park.

The roofing company out of Belmont prides itself on having a high-quality crew, said employee Joe Starr. The company has six full-time employees who are dedicated to roofing and six for siding. The crew is made up of family members (brothers, uncles and cousins) and close family friends.

"We know what we know, so we're confident," Starr said. "We let our work speak for itself. You are only as good as your crew."

Starr, who's originally from Rockwell, urges homeowners to do their homework and be patient when looking for roofing companies to work with, even if it's not them.

"It's so important that people educate themselves and take their time," he said. "The biggest thing we're running into is that (some companies) will have you sign a contract that is not a legal contract. In the state of Iowa, you have to have a signed contract and money exchanged and typically be on the business

property, for that contract to hold."

Starr said that Iowa is like the "Wild West" when it comes to working with contractors.

"Some of these places say they know the proper way of putting on roofs but they don't know the little techniques that you're supposed to use that'll make them last 30, 40 years," he said. "Our crew has a little over 20 years of experience, and that is the key. The biggest thing in the construction business is that crews change companies every year, but we don't have that, because we pay more than most. And they're family."

When asked why they

decided to join the Chamber, Starr said they want to do their part for the community.

"We want to provide the community with a service that people deserve," he said. "You're paying for a service. You should get the service you're paying for. Not just 'get the job done.' We're excited to help as many people as we can."

Siblings Roofing LLC provides a range of roofing services, including new installations, repairs, maintenance and specialized solutions for hail damage and severe weather conditions. The company can be contacted at 641-384-8115 or Darwin@siblingsroofing.com.

What's At The Windsor

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER

The Last Supper will show for one week at the Windsor Theatre starting Friday, May 9 through Thursday, May 15

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

The Last Supper is a low-budget drama about the life of Jesus and his disciples in Jesus' final days of ministry, death, and resurrection.

While the movie has moments of bloody violence—including multiple crucifixion scenes—overall it's a few levels below that of The Passion of the Christ,

and the story's focus is less on the crucifixion and more on the disciples, tensions, and events leading up to Jesus' betrayal. Expect hand-to-hand fighting (including an ear being removed) and suicide by hanging.

The cast includes Robert Knepper, Jamie Ward, and James Faulkner, and the film was produced by Christian songwriter Chris Tomlin.

The Last Supper is distributed by Pinnacle Peak Pictures and the run time is 114 minutes. It is rated PG-13 for violent content,



bloody images and suicide.

Regular ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$4 for youth aged 16 and under. Seniors aged 60 and over are \$4 each on Sunday. All tickets

are \$4 on Thursdays

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

Gift certificates (Windsor Bucks), punch cards good for a discount on admission, and movie sponsorship opportunities are available.

Upcoming movies:

Lilo & Stitch, May 23 (2 weeks)

Thunderbolts, June 6

How to Train Your Dragon, June 13 (2 weeks)

Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning, June 27



35 people attended The Amateur at the Windsor Theatre last weekend. Two more opportunities at 7 PM Wednesday and Thursday night to see this movie.

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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
Suzy Knipfel.

Suzy has worked at the library for 40 years and became the director in April of 2024. She enjoys interacting with the patrons and making book recommendations.

Suzy's favorite books are any by Alice Hoffman, Chris Bohjalian, Chris Whitaker, Shari Lapena, Anita Shreve.



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Weekly Recap:

Hampton-Dumot-CAL:

April 29. Boys golf won their match versus BCLUW with a total of 183 strokes. Charlie Showalter and Chase Johnson were the Bulldogs lowest scorers, each shooting 45. The third lowest scorer for the Bulldogs was Colin Grover, who shot 46.

Girls golf lost their match versus BCLUW with a total 237 strokes. Kenzie Moorehead was the Bulldogs lowest scorer, shooting 54. The second lowest scorer for the Bulldogs was Elsie Kuper, who shot 58. Isabella Salinas was the Bulldogs third lowest scorer, shooting 61.

Boys tennis won their match versus St. Edmond 8-1. Andyn White, Jaxson Rew, Jerry Flores, Noe Flores and Nicholas Quasdorf all won their singles sets. White and Flores won their doubles match. Rew and Alexis Sosa won their doubles match. Noe Flores and Quasdorf won their doubles match.

Girls tennis lost their match versus St. Edmond 9-0.

Boys soccer won their match vs Grand View Christian 6-0. Christain Zavala, Hunter Rieken, Fernando Mota, Jordan Sosa, Brandon Garcia and Silas Buesman all scored goals.

Girls soccer lost their match versus Grand View Christian 10-0.

April 30. Boys soccer won their match vs Clear Lake 4-2. Fernando Mota scored three goals and Christain Zavala scored a goal.

May 1. Girls golf finished second out of three teams in the meet at the Ackley Country Club with a total of 220 strokes. Kezie Moorehead was the Bulldogs lowest scorer, shooting 43. The second lowest scorer for the Bulldogs was Elsie Kuper, who shot 56. Isabella Salinas was the Bulldogs third lowest scorer, shooting 59.

Boys tennis lost their match versus Aplington-Parkersburg 5-0.

Boys soccer won their match vs Belmont-Klemme

3-1. Jesus Flores, Christain Zavala and Hunter Rieken scored the Bulldogs goals.

Girls soccer lost their match versus Belmont-Klemme 2-0.

May 2. Boys golf finished third out of three teams in their meet at the Hampton Country Club with 197 total strokes. Charlie Showalter was the Bulldogs lowest scorer, shooting 46. Ryder Strother was the Bulldogs second lowest scorer, shooting 49. Sean Heilskov was the Bulldogs third lowest scorer, shooting 50.

Girls golf finished third in their match at Veterans Memorial Golf Club with a total of 256 strokes. The Bulldogs lowest scorer was Kenzie Moorehead, who shot 52. Elsie Kuper was the second lowest scorer for the Bulldogs, shooting 61. Isabella Salinas was the Bulldogs third lowest scorer, shooting 69.

Girls tennis lost their match versus Aplington-Parkersburg 9-0.

Boys soccer won their match vs Charles City 8-0. Fernando Mota and Christian Zavala both scored two goals. Jesus Flores, Silas Buesman, Wael AlHabarie and Eric Bobadilla Santana each scored one goal.

Girls soccer forfeited their match vs Charles City.

Boys track and field finished third out of 10 teams with a total of 82 points. The Bulldogs top performers: Beau Morton finished first in the shot put throw with a throw of 46 feet, 7.5 inches and finished second in discus throw with a throw of 140 feet, 9 inches. Briggs Gruelke finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 54.03 seconds. Jacob Donnenworth finished third in the 1010-meter hurdles with a time of 17.21 seconds.

Girls track and field finished ninth out of 14 teams with a total of 41 points. Some of the Bulldogs top performers: Charlee Morton finished first in the shot put throw with a throw of 44 feet, 10.5 inches, and she also finished first in the discus throw with a throw of

157 feet, 3 inches. MacKenzie Valley finished second in the 3000-meter run with a time of 11 minutes, 45.53 seconds.

West Fork:

April 29. Boys track and field finished sixth out of 11 teams in their meet at Garner-Hayfield-Ventura. Some of the Warhawks top performers: Xavier Haller, who finished first in the high jump with a jump of 6 feet, 3 inches. Dax Sunket, who finished first in the discus throw with a throw of 145 feet, 8 inches. Brett Behr, who finished fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.80 seconds. Aaron Ihrke, who finished fifth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11 minutes, 17.36 seconds.

Girls track and field finished second out of seven teams with 157 total points. Some of the Warhawks top performers: Keara Wood, who finished first in the high jump, with a jump of 5 feet, 4 inches. Brylee Dickman, who finished first in the shot put throw with a throw of 35 feet, 7.50 seconds. Dickman also finished third in the discus throw with a throw of 100 feet, 2 inches. Evie Hitzhusen, who finished first in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1 minute, 8.79 seconds. JoAnna Wallace, who finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.12 seconds. Wallace also finished third in the long jump, with a jump of 15 feet, 5.50 inches. Alyssa Wood, who finished third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.78 seconds. Abby Schoning, who finished third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.96 seconds.

May 2. Boys track and field finished seventh out of 10 teams with a total of 69 points. Some of the Warhawks top performers: Xavier Haller, who finished tied for first in the high jump with a jump of 6 feet. Haller also finished fourth in the long jump with a jump of 18 feet, 8 inches.

Girls track and field finished fourth out of 14 teams

with a total of 71 points. Some of the Warhawks top performers: JoAnna Wallace finished first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.99 seconds, which set a West Fork school record. Keara Wood finished in a tie for first in the high jump, with a jump of 5 feet, 2 inches. Evelyn Hitzhusen finished second in the

400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute, 1.34 seconds.

Boys golf finished first in their meet at Highland Park Golf Course with a total of 162 strokes. The Warhawks lowest scorer was Nolan Shreckengost, who shot 37. The next two lowest scorers for the Warhawks were Wyatt Bonnema and Jordan Demaray. Who both

shot 41.

Girls golf finished second in their meet at Highland Park Golf Course. The Warhawks lowest scorer was Brooke Rother, who shot 47. The second lowest scorer for the Warhawks was Ava Huff, who shot 49. The Warhawks third lowest scorer was Caitlin Pitzenberger, who shot 55.



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development program areas.

Bulldogs Girls Drop Game Against Grand View Christian

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs girls soccer team lost their match vs the Grand View Christian Thunder 10-0 on Tuesday, April 29. It was the first game for the Bulldogs since April 17, after their last three games were canceled or postponed. Bulldogs head coach Ben Schlatcher discussed how that long lay off could lead to some rust from his team on the field.

“Last game against Charles City we played our best game of the year and to-night we fell into some of our old habits and that’s probably a little rust for being off for pretty much two weeks,” said Schlatcher. “Our girls are resilient as they come. You won’t see them hang their heads, they

just ran out of gas today.”

The Thunder discord four in the first half before adding six goals in the second half. The loss dropped the Bulldogs record to 0-6-1. Coach Schlatcher discussed the improvements his team has made through the half-point of the season.

“They are just constantly trying to improve,” he said. “Not just day to day but play to play. The biggest thing is just communication, they have learned to move together and play together.”

The Bulldogs lost at home against Clear Lake 7-0 on Wednesday(see page 12), and had to forfeit at Charles City on Friday night. They played at Webster City on Monday, May 5 (see weekly recap for results) and their next game will next take



Karen Lopez defending a Thunder attacker on Tuesday, April 29. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Brissa Rojas dribbling the ball away from two Thunder defenders on Tuesday, April 29. Photo by Evan Pharr.

place on Thursday, May 8, when they play at Humboldt at 5:30 p.m.

Bulldogs Boys Finish Third, Girls Finish Ninth in Coed Track Meet

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL (HDCAL) boys and girls track and field teams both competed in the Jim Basye Coed Relays at HD-CAL on Friday, May 2. The boys finished third out of 10 teams with a total of 82 points while the girls finished ninth out of 14 teams with a total of 41 points.

The Bulldogs boys team would finish in the top five in six different individual events. Colin Bird finished first in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 55.76 seconds. Beau Morton finished first in the shot put throw with a throw of 46 feet, 7.5 inches and finished second in discus throw with a throw of 140 feet, 9 inches. Briggs Gruelke finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 54.03 seconds. Jacob Donnenworth finished third in the 1010-meter hurdles with a time of 17.21 seconds. Brady Harr finished fourth in shot put with a throw of 41 feet. Isaac Sauke finished fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.72 seconds.

The boys also finished in the top five in four different team events. The team of Collin Bird, Jacob Donnenworth, Carter Arends and Jory Angstman finished first in the 4x100-meter

shuttle hurdle relay with a time of 1 minute, 7 seconds. Arends, Isaac Sauke, Carson Helmke and Bayden Wrich made up the 4x100-meter relay team that finished second for the Bulldogs with a time of 45.32 seconds. Arends, Helmke, Wrich, and Joseph Powers made up the 4x200-meter relay team that finished forth with a time of 1 minute, 38.88 seconds. Bird, Powers, Sauke and Briggs Gruelke made up the 4x400-meter relay team that finished fifth with a time of 3 minutes, 42.42 seconds. The head coach of the Bulldogs boys team, Dan Aalbers, was very happy with how his team performed in a home meet.

“I thought the guys ran really well,” said Aalbers. “At home you would hope you can run your best but it was a cold and windy night and sometimes that can dampen performances. Despite that we had some really good performances and a lot of season bests again.”

The Bull-

dogs girls team would finish in the tip five in five different individual events. Charlee Morton finished first in the shot put throw with a throw of 44 feet, 10.5 inches, and she also finished first in the discus throw with a throw of 157 feet, 3 inches. MacKenzie Valley finished second in the 3000-meter run with a time of 11 minutes, 45.53 seconds. Lily Hamby finished fifth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1 minute, 11.54 seconds, and she also finished fifth in the high jump with a jump of four feet, 6 inches.

The girls best finish in a team event was finishing 12th place in the 800-medley relay. That team was made up of Drew Horton, Adelee Gronewold, Noel Hansen

and Megan Severs and they finished with a time of two minutes, 13.54 seconds.

Both the boys and girls teams competed in their last regular season meet on Monday at Garner-Hayfield-Ventura before their respective district qualifying meet on Thursday. The boys district qualifying meet will be on Thursday, May 8 at Clear Lake at 4:30 p.m. with the girls district qualifying meet will be at Iowa Falls-Al-

den at the same time. Head coach of the Bulldogs girls team, Nikki Doneneworth, talked about what she expects from her team as the season begins to wind down.

“We just hope that people are healthy and injury free as we get into the district qualifying meet and the state qualifying meet,” said Donnenworth. “We are going in with 12 available to compete so we’re in the best shape we have been in all season.”



Lily Hamby competing in the high jump on Friday, May 2. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Colin Bird jumping over a hurdle on Friday, May 2. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Beau Morton throwing shot put on Friday, May 2. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Warhawk Girls Finish Fourth, Boys Finish Seventh in Meet at Hampton

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The West Fork boys and girls track and field teams both competed in the Jim Basye Coed Relays at Hampton-Dumont-CAL on Friday, May 2. The girls finished fourth out of 14 teams with a total of 71 points while the boys finished seventh out of 10 teams with a total of 69 points.

The Warhawks girls team finished in the top five in five different individual events. JoAnna Wallace finished first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.99 seconds, which set a West Fork school record. Keara Wood finished in a tie for first in the high jump, with a jump of 5 feet, 2 inches. Evelyn Hitzhusen finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute, 1.34 seconds. Abby Schoning finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.86 seconds. Brylee Dickman finished fifth in the shot put throw, with a throw of 36 feet, 4.5 inches.

The girls also finished in the top five in four team events. Preslee Dickman, Alyssa Wood, JoAnna Wallace and Evie Hitzhusen made up the 800-medley relay team that finished third with a time of 1 minute, 54.95 seconds, which set another West Fork school record. Wallace, along with Keara Wood, Alyssa Wood and Karma McMorris made up the 4x200-meter relay team that finished fourth with a time of 1 minute, 53.49 seconds. McMorris along with Masey Mayland, Ellie Harms and Jenny Ramirez made up the 4x800-meter relay team that

finished fifth with a time of 11 minutes, 34.69 seconds. The Warhawks shuttle hurdle relay team, made up of Keara Wood, Abby Schoning, Zada Huff and Mya Marzen, finished fifth with a time of 1 minute, 25.40 seconds. The head coach of the Warhawks girls team, Ashley Sears, spoke on how her team's depth leads to the consistent results this season and how they are preparing for the last few meets of the season.

“We have a pretty talented group this year and having plenty of girls out makes it easy to fill a line-up and strategize who needs to go where in order to maximize points,” said Sears. “We tend to use these meets as conditioning this time of year with plenty of rest days which helps to maximize performance.”

The Warhawks boys team finished in the top five in five different individual events. Xavier Haller finished tied for first in the high jump with a jump of 6 feet, and he also finished fourth in the long jump with a jump of 18 feet, 8 inches. Jarren Hitzhusen finished in a tie for fifth in the shot put throw, with a throw 40 feet, 9 inches. Brett Behr finished fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.80 seconds. Jasper Jones finished fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.06 seconds.

The boys also finished inside the top five in three different team events. Blaine Shulz, Zander Hansen, Brett Behr and Rykan Dorenkamp made up the 800-medley relay team that finished second, with a time of 1 minute, 39.58 seconds. Those same four boys also made up the 4x100-meter team that fin-



Ellie Harms running in a relay race on Friday, May 2. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Xavier Haller competing in the long jump on Friday, May 2. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Libby Trewin throwing shot put on Friday, May 2. Photo by Evan Pharr.

ished fourth with a time of 46.08 seconds. Dorenkamp, Behr, Dax Untken and Xavier Haller made up the Warhawks 4x200-meter relay team that finished third with a time of 1 minute, 36.21 seconds. The head coach of the Warhakes boys team, Caleb Hovenga, discussed how he felt his team has performed to this point in the season.

“Some good stuff this year has been showing up,” said Hovenga. “My favorite thing to see that we’ve done this year has been seeing some of these guys really step up in a pinch. There were a couple injuries, a couple of the things going on that just prevented a few people from being able to compete. So we’ve had a few people kind of step up and bite off a little more than maybe they can chew.”

Both the boys and girls teams competed in their last regular season meet on Monday at West Hancock before their respective

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girls district qualifying meet will be on Thursday,

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Bulldogs Defeat Clear Lake for Second Time This Season

EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL boys soccer team defeated the Clear Lake Lions by a score of 4-2 on Wednesday, April 30. It was their second matchup of the season versus the Lions, having beat them 3-2 in their first match-up, which was the Bulldogs first game of the season. The Bulldogs would strike early, which seems to be a trend for HDCAL, when Fernando Mota took advantage of a one on one opportunity with the Lions goalkeeper and scored the first goal of the game just under 10 minutes into the first half. Mota would score another goal at about the halfway point of the first half to extend the Bulldogs lead to 2-0. The Lions would not go down quietly however, scoring two goals in the last 10 minutes of the first half to tie the game 2-2, which would be the score going into half time.

Just over 17 minutes into the

second half, Mota received a long pass from goal keeper Jose Aragon-Mendez and struck the ball into the back of the net for his third goal of the game. Mota said it was his first career hat trick and he was super thrilled to achieve that accomplishment.

“Just a great game and a really good experience,” said Mota. “My first ever hat trick. I mean I just feel amazing. It felt amazing to do it for my team and the fans.”

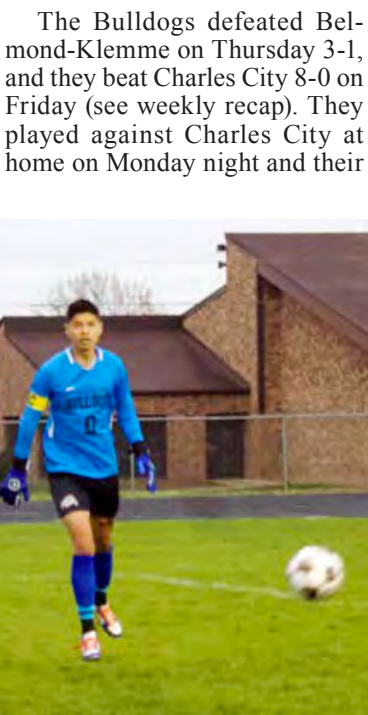
The Bulldogs would tack on another goal with just over 16 minutes to go in the game, after an impressive strike from Christain Zavala zoomed past the goalie into the upper right hand corner of the net to push the lead to 4-2. The Lions looked like they were about to get within one after a hand ball gave them a penalty kick, but the Lions shooter shot too far right, missing the goal and keeping the score 4-2, which is how the game would end. Bulldogs head coach, Danille Arana,

gave her team credit for flushing out the bad end of the first half and refocusing themselves and coming out strong in the second half.

“We had a lot of emotions at half time,” said Arana. “A lot of different emotions from a lot of different people and we kind of just shared things and let it go and just refocused on what we needed to do. We realized where we made mistakes to let that lead go. We came out in the second half like nothing happened and they just played their game.”

The win pushes the Bulldogs record to 5-1-2, and it was their third consecutive victory. Coach Arana talked about how her team is starting to play their best soccer.

“They just want it,” she said. “They want the wins, they want the progress and they want to do good. We just work hard from practice and keep trying to learn from our games.”



Jose Aragon-Mendez watching the ball go out of bounds on Wednesday, April 30. Photo by Evan Pharr.

next game is Thursday, May 8 vs Humboldt at home at 5:30 p.m.



Brandon Garcia dribbling the ball along the sidelines on Wednesday, April 30. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Bulldogs Girls Soccer Lose Game to Clear Lake

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL girls soccer team lost their match vs the Clear Lake Lions by a score of 7-0 on Wednesday, April 30. It was the Bulldogs second matchup of the season vs the Lions, losing to them 8-1 the first time they played. After the Lions scored two quick goals in the first ten minutes of the game, the Bulldogs defense was able to settle in and hold them scoreless the remainder of the first half. Bulldogs head coach Brian Schlatcher said that Clear Lake is one of the better teams and offenses they will face all season and is proud of his team's defensive effort in the first half.

“Defensively, honestly that’s one of the

best games we played,” said Schlatcher. “Clear Lake is a powerful team and they can score a lot of goals in a hurry, so a lot of credit to our defense.”

After the Lions took a 2-0 lead into halftime, they would add five more goals in the second half to secure their 7-0 victory. Coach Schlatcher was again impressed with goalkeeper Madison Heilskov’s game, despite seeing constant pressure.

“Madison is just playing lights out,” he said. I don’t know if I have seen a better goalie this year.”

The loss dropped the Bulldogs record to 0-6-1. They had to forfeit at Charles City on Friday night. They play at Webster City on Monday and their next game is Thursday, May 8 at Humboldt at 5:30 p.m.



Yoseline Ramirez chasing the ball with a defender behind her on Wednesday, April 30. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Brissa Rojas dribbling the ball with Yoseline Ramirez on Wednesday, April 30. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Bulldogs Boys Soccer Defeats Grand View Christian

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL (HDCAL) boys soccer team took down the Grand View Christian Thunder by a score of 6-0 on Tuesday, April 29. It was the first game for the



Filemon Flores getting ready to pass the ball on Tuesday, April 29. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Bulldogs since April 17, as their last two games were postponed due to weather. The Bulldogs would strike quickly, when Christain Zavala would strike the back of the net for the first goal of the game just over 11 minutes into the first half, giving HDCAL an early 1-0 lead. Zavala said he felt good that he was able to get the Bulldogs on the scoreboard early.

“It felt really good,” said Zavala. “It felt amazing. I thought that really got our team started up. That goal just made us feel like it's time to get going.”

Zavala's goal would be the only goal the Bulldogs would score in the first half, but their defense would hold the Thunder scoreless to take a 1-0 lead into half time. Bulldogs head coach Danille Aranan said she thought her team was looking rusty from the long break during warm ups.

“We definitely saw the rust in warm ups and that

made me a little nervous,” said Arana. “I saw it a lot in the first half, we were moving the ball but we were playing at a slower pace.”

It wouldn’t take long into the second half for the Bulldogs to add on their second goal of the game, as Hunter Rieken scored to make it 2-0 just over four minutes into the second half. HDCAL would add on a third goal just eight minutes later when Fernando Mota struck the back of the net. With just over nine minutes to go in the game, Jordan Sosa would score the fourth goal of the night for the Bulldogs and just a minute later Brandon Garcia would score to extend the lead to 5-0. Defenseman Silas Buesman even got in on the scoring action, scoring his first career varsity goal with just two minutes left in the game, to put the finishing touches on the 6-0 Bulldog win. Coach Arana spoke on how her team has improved their teamwork throughout



From left to right: Christian Zavala, Fernando Mota, Hunter Reiken, Jordan Sosa, Brandon Garcia and Silas Buesman, all six goal scorers on Tuesday, April 29. Photo by Evan Pharr.

the season.

“Yea I think they have evolved a lot,” she said. “Sometimes it is a little harder when we play a really tough team or when we play a team that has a different kind of defensive strategy. We definitely proved

that we’re growing today and hopefully we do that the rest of the week.”

The Bulldogs would go on to defeat Clear Lake 4-2 at home the next day, they then went on to beat Belmont-Klemme 3-1 on Thursday night, and they

defeated Charles City 8-0 on Friday night(see weekly recap). They played at home versus Webster City on Monday night and their next game is Thursday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m. at home vs Humboldt.

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RITES OF SPRING



BY RICK JANSSEN

For some people it is the opening day of baseball. Others will say when the first lilacs bloom. I have even heard some people say it is the first robin they see. For me, my honorable rite of spring is when I get my boat out of the barn I store it in and bring it home.

I managed to get my boat home last Wednesday. Every year when I

bring my boat home, I get excited to think about all the fishing that will occur this summer. I have owned this particular boat for 10 years now. I have owned several boats over my lifetime, but this boat is the best boat I have ever owned. My other boats were all old beaters that served their purpose at the time. My wife and I knew someday we would own the boat of our dreams, and we do now.

Once the boat is home, then I start in on the work that needs to happen before I hit the water. Before I store my boat away in the fall I take out almost everything in my boat. In the past I have had problems with mice, and I don't want to experience that again. All the life jackets, electronics, paperwork, tackle and some poles. Now that my boat is back home, I bring

all that stuff up from the basement and check everything out to be sure it is in good shape. I bought my wife a new inflatable life jacket this season so that went into the storage compartment with all the other life jackets and throw pad. Tackle boxes were put back in their storage compartments along with my fishing tools.

This year was a year to get new license stickers for the boat and a new license plate for the trailer. I removed the old ones and got everything on the boat up to date with the registrations and license. I noticed that some of my identification numbers were starting to wear off, so I made a note to purchase some new numbers soon.

Next, I work on my batteries. I have two batteries in a front storage

area that powers my trolling motor and one in the rear that starts my motor and runs the electronics. I cleaned the batteries and checked the water levels. Then I charged all the batteries to be sure they were ready to go. Now I can hook up my electronics in the front and rear of the boat and check the horn to be sure everything is functioning properly. I noticed the fire extinguisher is out of date so another note to self to get a new one soon.

The jobs so far have been fun for me. I like to have a place for everything and everything in its place. My wife and I selected this boat because it is wide enough to walk around in and has a lot of floor space. This is especially nice when we take our grandkids with us. That is another reason I like to have all

my gear tucked out of the way if I can.

Now a job that I don't particularly like. I always check the wheel hubs on my boat trailer. I have covers over the hubs to keep the dirt out, but they still need to be greased every year. This is a messy job, so I put on plastic gloves and get at it. With my grease gun it does not take long, but I always manage to make a mess somewhere.

With all these jobs done I put the cover back on the boat and just smile. I picture my wife and I out fishing soon. In my mind I already have my first three fishing trips all planned out. Now I just need the weather to cooperate with me so I can hit the water and reel in some fish.



Walk with Ease Program Can Help People Manage Arthritis

AMES – Arthritis is the number one cause of disability in the United States. During Arthritis Awareness Month every May, the Arthritis Foundation calls extra attention to this painful and debilitating condition that affects nearly 60 million men, women and children in the U.S., says Dawn Dunnegan, a health and human sciences educator with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 26 million of those with arthritis in the U.S. are unable to do everyday activities.

“Arthritis can limit an individual's ability to work, manage household chores, attend to personal care needs, and participate in social events and hobbies that bring them joy. Even walking can be difficult or painful,” Dunnegan said.

That is why Walk with Ease is being offered in many communities across Iowa. This evidence-based

program has been shown to reduce some of the pain and limitations facing individuals with arthritis. People who participate in Walk with Ease have shown an increase in strength, flexibility, endurance and balance. The program is developed and endorsed by the Arthritis Foundation.

Many organizations are becoming involved in offering Walk with Ease, such as public health, hospitals, YMCAs, Area Agencies on Aging, and ISU Extension and Outreach county offices. Visit Walk with Ease at Iowa State University for more information on ISU Extension and Outreach's offerings and how to register for a face-to-face or virtual class.

CDC and health care professionals recognize the many benefits of a walking routine. Walking has shown improvement for those managing diabetes, heart disease, weight and more. Walk with Ease also has been shown to improve



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social connectedness in communities, Dunnegan said.

There are more than 100 types of arthritis and related rheumatic diseases, according to the Arthritis Foundation. About 1 in 4 adults and hundreds of thousands of children in the U.S. have been diagnosed by a doctor with a form of arthritis or related illness. About two-thirds of those living with arthritis are age 65 and under.

The Arthritis Foundation also notes that arthritis is the top cause of disability

in the U.S. and costs the economy over \$300 billion annually in medical bills, lost wages and associated expenses. In addition, most people with arthritis have accompanying conditions, like heart disease, diabetes and obesity that add to health concerns and complications.

If you or a loved one are managing the limitations of arthritis, talk to your health care provider about a Walk with Ease Program or contact your ISU Extension and Outreach county office.

Joshua Showalter joins Green Belt Bank & Trust Board of Directors

Joshua Showalter has been elected to the Green Belt Bank & Trust Board of Directors effective immediately, according to Christopher Weaver, Chairman of the Board.



Joshua Showalter

Josh has been a full-time farmer, both grain and livestock, for twenty years, assisting his family and taking on a leadership role for Showalter Farms. Following in his father, Richard's footsteps, Josh and his brothers have helped to build Showalter farms through the years into the successful operation it is today. Showalter Farms has a strong presence in cattle, hog, and row crop farming in North Central Iowa.

“As we grow our presence in the markets we serve, it's important that Green Belt Bank & Trust finds strong operators to serve on our board who know agriculture and ag business within those markets and who fit within the value system of our company. Josh, with his quality character, experience and energy, will make a great addition to our board,” said Chris Weaver – Owner/Board Chairman of Green Belt Bank & Trust.

Josh, 39, earned an Associate's of Applied Science Degree in Agriculture Operations Management from NIACC in 2006. Josh currently serves as an officer on several boards including the Franklin County Cattlemen and Fire District 3. He's an active member of his church and enjoys the outdoors, boating, and assisting with his kid's activities in 4-H.

Green Belt Bank & Trust CEO & President, Kirk Yung, related, “We appreciate the strong agricultural and business background Josh brings to our board. His expertise in an ever-changing agricultural industry, will help us become a stronger organization. Our continued focus on filling our board with individuals who embrace family, community, and building a successful and lasting enterprise, makes Josh a great fit for the Green Belt Bank & Trust Board of Directors.”

Josh and his wife, Lindsay, live in Sheffield, where she commutes to Mason city, working as a Radiation Therapist at Mercy One Cancer Center. They have three children, Tenley, 11; Tate, 8; and Noah, 5.

Green Belt Bank & Trust has offices in six markets: Iowa Falls (HQ), Ackley, Eldora, Grundy Center, Belmond & Parkersburg. Green Belt Insurance Services, a subsidiary of Green Belt Bank & Trust, serves all six markets and is based in Iowa Falls and Ackley.

Improve Vegetable System Weed Management with Tarping

New resource from ISU Extension and Outreach outlines using tarps in vegetable growing

AMES – Managing weeds is one of the greatest challenges for vegetable growers, accounting for significant yield loss each year. While cultivation and herbicide use can combat weed growth, over time, these methods can cause soil erosion issues and human health concerns.

A new resource from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offers guidance on an excellent weed management alternative: tarping.

“Tarping to Improve Weed Management and Reduce Tillage in Vegetable Systems” outlines methods of tarping use and provides information on tarp implementation and installation.

Publication co-author and graduate research assistant in the ISU Department



of Horticulture, Carly Strauser, noted its benefits.

“Tarps can provide many of the same functions tillage does, such as killing weeds or decomposing cover crops, making it great for no-till systems. They are a great investment for growers and are relatively inexpensive because they

are multifunctional and can be used for multiple years,” she said.

The resource also demonstrates the effectiveness of two tarping processes: occlusion and solarization.

Occlusion aims to kill weeds by blocking access to sunlight with a black and

white tarp, which prevents weeds from photosynthesizing. Solarization uses a clear tarp to create a warm environment, killing weeds due to excess heat.

Ajay Nair, professor and chair of the Department of Horticulture at Iowa State University, shared the findings of the study in the resource.

“Spring temperatures in the north central United States are typically not warm enough to terminate weeds via solarization,” he said. “Clear tarp treatments and no-tarp control treatments required cultivation to terminate weeds prior to planting the cash crop, whereas black and white tarps did not.”

Ashyr Wiseman of Sheffield Recognized by Governor’s Office for Academic Excellence

West Des Moines, Iowa – May 2, 2025 – Ashyr Wiseman, a student at West Fork High School, was recognized by Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Chris Cournoyer for outstanding academic achievement at the 23rd Annual Governor’s Scholar Recognition Ceremony on April 27 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

The statewide program, sponsored by the Iowa Governor’s Office, Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and its title sponsor the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF), honored 424 high school seniors from across Iowa.

“Iowa Farm Bureau has a long history of supporting students in their educational journey knowing they represent the leaders of tomorrow,” said IFBF President Brent Johnson. “From providing more than a half-million dollars in college scholarships annually to our long-time title sponsorship of the Annual Governor’s Scholar Recognition Ceremony, we’re honored to support and celebrate Iowa’s outstanding students.”

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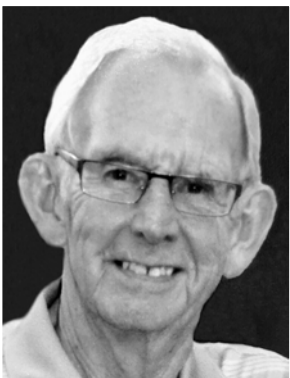
“The principles learned through academic success, like those learned from participation in education-based activities, help develop outstanding leaders and citizens,” said IHSAA Executive Director Tom Keating. “The partnership between the IHSAA and the Iowa Farm Bureau, along with the great cooperation of the Governor’s Office has made this event possible for many years.”

Ninety-eight percent of those recognized participate in extra-curricular school activities, with more than 82 percent participating in at least one interscholastic sport. More than 63 percent of the group plan to continue their education in Iowa.



Gov. Kim Reynolds and Ashyr Wiseman. Photo credit: Office of the Governor of Iowa

In loving memory of John Campbell 1942-2025



John Campbell, 82, of Hampton, passed away April 24, 2025, in Apache Junction, Arizona. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 12, 2025, at Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Hampton. John will be laid to rest at the Hampton Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Hampton is caring for John and his family.

John Richard Campbell was born July 11, 1942, in Iowa City and grew up in Nevada, Iowa, until moving to Dumont. He was a typical kid, riding bikes with his brother from the farmhouse to town. He worked on the family farm and graduated from Dumont High School in 1960. On January 22, 1966, John was united in marriage to Linda Bailey. To this union, two daughters were born.

John worked for Hampton Heating for 52 years, then ‘retired’ and worked for Mort’s Plumbing and Heating part-time for several more years. There are only a few homes in Hampton and the surrounding areas that he has not been in. John was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Hampton. He enjoyed golfing, camping and reading. John was always tinkering; he needed something to do to keep busy, but restoring old cars was his true passion. His 1961 Pontiac Bonneville convertible even made its debut in the Action Track magazine and he was so proud of that!

John is survived by his wife Linda Campbell of Hampton; daughters Jackie (Dennis) Benning of Hampton and Chris (Kris Jarrard) Campbell of Iowa City; grandson Josh (Lauren Phan) Benning and their daughter Della of Owatonna; granddaughter Mackenzie (Tyler) Kokemiller of Pleasant Hill; sister Rosemary Hinderaker of Nevada; brother Don (Jan) Campbell of Hampton; along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Agnes (Fred) Hopkes.

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Gov. Kim Reynolds and Jaxson Moats. Photo credit: Office of the Governor of Iowa

In loving memory of Marie Paullus Rodemeyer 1924-2025



Marie Paullus Arctander Rodemeyer, of Des Moines and formerly of Hampton, left us peacefully on May 1, 2025 surrounded by her family. She was 101. A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 5th, at the Hampton Cemetery and a Celebration of Life will be held 1-3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 13th, 2025, at the Harriman Park Shelter in Hampton. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

Marie was born April 29, 1924, on the family farm in Hampton, Iowa and was the fourth of six children born to Clara and Fred Paullus.

A beloved wife, mother, grandma, and aunt, Marie will always be remembered for her kindness, gift of gab, and caring personality.

Raised on a dairy farm near Hampton, she attended a one room country school and graduated from Hampton High School in 1941. She was crowned Franklin County Health Champion in her early teens and went on to compete in the state contest in Des Moines. She was also Drum Majorette in high school along with many other activities. When she was 16, her father asked her to be his secretary at the State Legislature where he was a State Representative. She was (and still is) the youngest to ever work in this position. She did this for 3 sessions in the Legislature. Marie attended AIB in Des Moines and then went to Flight Attendant school to become a stewardess for TWA. She moved to Kansas City and flew many trips around the country, mainly to New York City.

Marie married Bill Arctander in 1947 and moved to Cedar Rapids. They moved in 1952 to Des Moines and their only child, Julie Marie was born in 1956. They were married until Bill died suddenly in 1974. She then married an old Hampton acquaintance, Arnie Rodemeyer in 1994 and made their home in Hampton. They had 9 wonderful years together until his death in 2004.

Always a people person, Marie loved being involved. She was a member of Des Moines Women’s Club, Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Des Moines Women’s Garden Club, and Master Gardeners which she shared her compassion and creativity. She was also a long-standing member of Lamda Phi Alpha sorority, nurturing many life-long friendships. While in Hampton, she was a volunteer for the Women’s Auxiliary at the local hospital.

Marie was a remarkable and devoted grandma to her three grandsons. Going to grandmas as always an adventure. She was so caring and would share her zest of life with them. She instilled her values and love of family to her precious grandsons. Wonderful memories were made.

Marie loved everyone. Her kindness, affection, and love of life was apparent. She loved to dance, but nothing made her happier than having a houseful of family and friends to visit with. She was a strong, independent, and selfless woman who was curious about everything! And her secret to a long life, “stay away from sugar”!

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Ralph, Robert, and Rex, sister Mildred, first husband Bill, and second husband Arnie. Marie is survived by her daughter, Julie Coy, Son-in-law Joe, and grandsons Spencer, Riley, and Connor. Also, her sister, Phyllis Herman and many special nieces and nephews.

A very special heartfelt thankyou to our hospice team: Jamie, Katarina, Greg, Holly, David, and Leslie for their love and compassion that was given to Marie.

H-D-CAL Competes at ProStart Nationals in Baltimore

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The H-D-CAL ProStart team gave it their all at nationals in Baltimore over the weekend.

The culinary team competed Saturday morning at Marriott in Baltimore, whipping up a three-course menu featuring potstickers, shoyu chicken and chocolate lava cake in just one hour.

This was their fourth consecutive year competing at nationals, and this year’s team was led by H-D-CAL Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Emma Poppe. They placed 41st this year, and the results were announced during a ceremony Sunday evening.

“I’m so proud of these kids and their dedication to ProStart,” Poppe told the Chronicle before they competed. “They’ve worked count-

less early morning hours for this opportunity.”

On the culinary team: Jade Johnson, Aaden Keehn, Abigail Drier, Graciella Urbina, Zandrea Erdman and Jaxson Rew.

“I had lots of fun competing with this group,” said Rew. “Everyone did so well and we were very proud of how we competed.”

Photos by Christi Weiser and Leslie Pralle Osborn.



Aaden Keehn and Abigail Drier finishing up the potstickers.



Jaxson Rew and Zandrea Erdman perfecting a sauce.



Jaxson Rew, Abigail Drier, Zandrea Erdman, Aaden Keehn and Jade Johnson at the 2025 ProStart Nationals in Baltimore, Maryland.

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Zion St. John Lutheran Sheffield
422 Sherman St, Sheffield, IA 50475
• Wednesday, May 7, 8:30 a.m. Quilting; 2:45 p.m. **JAM**; 5 p.m. **7-8 Confirmation Retreat**; 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
• Thursday, May 8, 2 p.m. West Fork Food Pantry
• Sunday, May 11, 9 a.m. Worship Service with Sunday School Choir singing; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship & Sunday School;

Mother's Day
• Wednesday, May 14, 8:30 a.m. Quilting; 5 p.m. **7-8 Confirmation End of Year Celebration**; 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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

St. Paul's Lutheran
304 W Main, Latimer
Reverend Joel Peter Wagner
• Wednesday, May 7, 8:10 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. **St. Paul's Spring Concert**
• Friday, May 9, 9 a.m. **Quad School Softball Tournament**
• Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. **LWML Spring Rally at St. Paul's**
• Sunday, May 11, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:30 a.m. Family Bible Study & Sunday School; **LWML Mite Coffee**
• Tuesday, May 13, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Pictures for Directory**
• Wednesday, May 14, 8:10 a.m. Matins; 6:30 p.m. **Youth Group**

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
• Sunday, May 11, 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

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

First Lutheran Church - Dows
206 W Ellsworth St, Dows
• Sunday, May 11, 9 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation, & Coffee; 10 a.m. Worship Service with **Senior Recognition**

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

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

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

Hampton United Methodist
100 Central Ave. E, Hampton
Pastor Dennis Burns
• Wednesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m. Wacky Wednesday
• Thursday, May 8, 9:30 a.m. BeFriends
• Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. **Cans/Bottles Redemption**; **9 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast**; 5 p.m. Worship

Service
• Sunday, May 11, 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. Fellowship; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast
• Monday, May 12, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK
• Tuesday, May 13, 1:30 p.m. Faithful Stitchers

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

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

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Church of the Living Word
420 First Ave. NE, Hampton
641-456-8175
Pastor Brian Rihner
www.clwhampton.org
• Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship
• Sunday: 9AM - Adult Sunday school
• Wednesday: 5:30PM- PK - Grade 6 WOW! and Adult Bible Study, 6:30PM: MS & HS Youth, 7:00PM - Adult Bible Study.
• Wee Ones Christian Preschool: Mon., Tues., Thurs.; Mary Mollenbeck, Director, 641-456-8471

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

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

Hampton Church of Christ
811 4th St. NE, Hampton, IA.
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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, May 7, 7 p.m. **Hope Circle**; RCYF
• Saturday, May 10, 1:30 p.m. **Women of Zion May Program "Come to the Ranch"**
• Sunday, May 11, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service; 7 p.m. **Joy Circle**; **Happy Mother's Day!**
• Wednesday, May 14, 9 a.m. **Sunrise Circle**; 7 p.m. RCYF

Hampton Seventh Day Adventist Church
605 4th St. NE, Hampton
Pastor Steven Shafer
Phone: 641-424-3055
Email: SDAMhamptonIA@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, May 7, **Pastor Peggy will provide morning worship at Leahy Grove Assisted Living**
• Sunday, May 11, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service; 11:30 a.m. **Coffee Fellowship**; **Mother's Day**

Immanuel U.C.C.
204 E. South St., Latimer
Pastor Joe Dunnwald
• Sunday, May 11, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ – Geneva
496 Raven Ave # B, Geneva, IA 50633
• Sunday, May 11, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Sheryl Arends – **Senior Recognition**

In loving memory of
Charlene Mildred Hanson
1933-2025



Charlene Mildred Hanson, age 92, of Maple Manor Village in Aplington, Iowa, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2025. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton, as well as one hour prior to the service on Friday, May 2, 2025. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025, at Woodley Funeral Home, with burial to follow at the Hampton Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Charlene and her family.

Charlene was born on February 1, 1933, in Ottosen, Iowa, to Oscar William Movick and Evelyn Pearl Anderegg Movick. On August 29, 1951, she was united in marriage to Merrildean Charles Hanson at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Buffalo Center, Iowa. Together they shared a life filled with love, adventure, and dedication to their family.

Throughout their marriage, Charlene and Merrildean lived in many communities, including Madelia, Minnesota; Fenton, Iowa; and Aplington, Iowa, where they operated the Village Motel. In 1991, they retired in Hampton, Iowa, where Charlene became an active member of the community and a faithful parishioner of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Charlene was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother whose life centered around caring for others. She was an avid gardener and took great joy in growing flowers, especially as a member of the Hampton Garden Club. Her home was a gathering place, filled with the warmth of homemade meals and the comforting smell of fresh-baked bread and cinnamon rolls. Her love and care extended far beyond the kitchen—she was her grandchildren's greatest supporter, often driving them to dance and cheering them on in all they did.

Charlene is survived by her children: Cheryl Botten of Mesa, AZ; Kevin (Susan) Hanson of Fenton, IA; and Kerri (Jeff) Mohwinkle of Aplington, IA. She leaves behind 15 cherished grandchildren: Jodi (Todd) Maas, Jessica (Troy) Mediger, Jason (Kelly) Eager, Joshua (Jen) Eager, Jennifer (Tom) Foley, Jeremy Frechette, Nathan (Sarah) Hanson, Kiya Knowles, Lance (Tracy) Hanson, Chelsie (Brandon) Rolling, Haylie Hanson, Jonathon Mohwinkle, Kaitlyn (Carter) Harris, Kasidy Mohwinkle, and Kinsey Mohwinkle; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Roberta Movick; many nieces and nephews; and special friends Jim and Sue Garrett.

Charlene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Merrildean, two brothers, her beloved daughter Arlis Frechette, and great-grandson Larzen Hanson. Memorials may be directed to the family in loving memory of Charlene.

Death Notices

James Saylor

James Saylor, 83, of Sheffield, passed away on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 9, 2025 at First United Methodist Church in Sheffield with burial in the Hillside Cemetery. Visitation will be an hour before the service. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

Catherine (Cole) McCord

Catherine (Cole) McCord, 95, of Iowa Falls, Iowa passed away Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Scenic Manor Nursing Home in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Graveside services for Catherine McCord will be held at a later date.

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“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”
Deuteronomy 10:12 NIV
Speak Lord, Your Servant Is Listening
When God speaks to us, it is more often a whisper than a shout and it is usually not obvious how we should interpret God's message. We are free to interpret and act on God's message as we see fit. When the Old Testament prophet Samuel heard the voice of God, he apparently heard—or thought he heard—an audible voice, and thought he was hearing Eli calling to him (cf. 1 Samuel chapter 3). Eli, finally realizing that Samuel is hearing the voice of God, tells him to respond, the next time he hears the voice, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:9) We don't normally hear God's message audibly; it's more like the whisper of conscience or the gentle urging of the heart and thus we must take time to listen and reflect on what we're hearing. We learn to hear God's voice, however it may come to us, and we must also learn how to interpret it. The deeper lesson of Samuel's story is that God can use anyone as His instrument who is humble and attentive enough to heed the call. Are we not all called to be servants of the Lord?
—Christopher Simon

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Franklin County

Traffic: Portia Jermerial Jackson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, speeding;

Demeranique Dajier Hodges, of Des Moines, speeding and failure to use child restraint device;

Jose Luis Camarillo Narvaez, of Fort Worth, Texas, no valid driver's license;

Juan Carlos Ant Mendez Vargas, of Montevideo, Minnesota, speeding;

Jeffrey W Qualle, of Grantsburg, Wisconsin, speeding;

Nicole Rachelle Thogmartin, of Cameron, Missouri, speeding;

Matthew Christopher Durham, of Pattonsburg, Missouri, maximum gross weight violation – 6001 to 7000 and maximum group axle weight violation – 1001 to 2000;

Nicholas Earnhardt Kelley, of Humboldt, failure to maintain or use safety belts;

Cael Anthony Nicolaus, of Parkersburg, unsafe passing;

Aaron John Seliga, of West Saint Paul, Minnesota, speeding;

Cole William Patton, of Shawnee, Kansas, speeding;

William Wayne Burman, of Dumont, failure to maintain or use safety belts;

Edward Michael Roberts, of Hudson, Wisconsin, speeding;

Civil: Credit Acceptance Corporation versus Arlene Rodriguez, order for judgment, \$22,298.01 fine;

Greenstate Credit Union versus Karrine Kuepfer, petition filed;

OWI: Jose Sergio Hernandez Rodriguez, of Hampton, order of arraignment; order setting trial, July 17, 9 a.m.;

Cole David Oberender, of Galt, order of disposition; pled guilty for operating while intoxicated – first offense, 90 days jail time, 60 days jail time suspended, \$1,250 fine, and serving 1 year probation time;

Natalie Marie Green, of Mason City, order of arraignment; order setting trial, June 19, 9 a.m.;

Kevin Anthony Bevans, of Coulter, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance;

Small Claims: Greenstate Credit Union, of Des Moines, versus Jennifer Sue Shreckengost, of Thornton, judgment default, \$2,865.99 fine;

Quad Corporation INC, of Davenport, versus Brittany Ann Stevens, of Hampton, Daniel Ray Stevens, of Kensett, judgment default, \$1,413.11 fine;

Quad Corporation INC, of Davenport, versus Jason Allan Harms, of Ackley, judgment default, \$6,123.49 fine;

Hauge Associates INC, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, versus Ryan William Owen Schmidt, of Sheffield, judgment default, \$859.12 fine;

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, of Des Moines, versus Anthony John Harper, of Hampton, original notice;

NCB Management Services INC, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Wyatt Carriger, of Eldora, Gay Woodley, of Hampton, original notice;

Xingmin International Holdings LLC, of Des Moines, versus Trans Texas Tire LLC D/B/A/ Taskmaster Component, of Hampton, original notice;

Midland Credit Management INC, of West Des Moines, versus Daniel Cid Vega, of Hampton, original notice;

Midland Credit Management INC, of West Des Moines, versus Jessica Rowe, of Geneva, original notice;

Midland Credit Management INC, of West Des Moines, versus Lessie Jean Love, of Geneva, original notice;

Timothy Lee Springer, of Hampton, versus Jordan Lee Chamberlin, of Hampton, original notice;

T & I Enterprises LLC, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Trista Haller, of Sheffield, original notice;

Citibank NA, of Des Moines, versus Michael Wayne Betten, of Hampton, original notice;

Criminal: Stephanie Rae Carstens, of Hampton, criminal complaint;

Douglas Ross Welsher II, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for dominion or control of a firearm by a felon, 5 years prison time, 5 years prison time suspended, \$1,025 fine, \$1,025 fine suspended, and serving 3 years probation time;

Joshua Daniel Sellers, of Eldora, order of arraignment; order setting trial, May 6, 9 a.m.;

Brandon Scott Smith, of Hampton, criminal complaint

and hearing for initial appearance;

Samantha Jean Orozco, of Mason City, order of disposition; pled guilty for theft 5th degree, serving 7 days jail time;

Vanessa Lillian King, of Iowa Falls, order of disposition; pled guilty for disorderly conduct – loud raucous noise, serving 5 days jail time;

Aura Aron Lane, of Hampton, guilty plea;

Ernesto Josaphat Favela, of Des Moines, criminal complaint;

Alahn Demetrius Holland, of Trotwood, Ohio, order of arraignment; order setting trial, June 19, 9 a.m.;

Jeshaud Thomas Castorena, of Sheffield, order of arraignment; order setting trial, June 19, 9 a.m.;

Isaiah Alan Kulow, of Hampton, criminal complaint

Police & Sheriff report 4-28 to 5-4 Hampton Police Reports

Monday, April 28: Officers assisted with two medical calls and received six general calls.

6:04 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of Hwy 3 and the Hospital, Hampton.

7:52 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3, Hampton.

9:37 a.m.: Report of theft of services in the 300 block of 1st St. SW, Hampton.

10:28 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 100 block of 2nd St. NE, Hampton.

10:50 a.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in an unknown area, Hampton.

2:28 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the 100 block of 3rd St. SW, Hampton.

3:21 p.m.: Report of a stolen property offense in the 200 block of 2nd St. SW, Hampton.

3:31 p.m.: Report of a weather issue in an unlisted area, Hampton.

5:22 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 700 block of 7th Ave SW, Hampton.

7:21 p.m.: Officers conducted a residence/building check in the 500 block of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

Tuesday, April 29: Officers executed one traffic stop and received four general calls.

1:16 a.m.: Report of a drug/narcotic violation in the 100 block of 3rd St. SW, Hampton.

8:21 a.m.: Report of found articles in the 700 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

9:26 a.m.: Report of juveniles in the 100 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

9:40 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 10 block of 3rd St. SW, Hampton.

2:12 p.m.: Report of a stolen property offense in the 200 block of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

2:56 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the 100 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

3:12 p.m.: Report of a school bus violation in the area of 6th St. NW and 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

10:34 p.m.: Report of theft/larceny in the 900 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.

Wednesday, April 30: Officers executed one traffic stop and received three general calls.

8:08 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and 12th Ave, Hampton.

8:50 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the 500 block of S Federal St. , Hampton.

2:53 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 1700 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

3:18 p.m.: Report of a stolen property offense in the area of 6th Ave SW and 7th St. SW, Hampton.

4:22 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 1200 block of Olive Ave, Hampton.

11:03 p.m.: Report of a drug/narcotic violation in the 100 block of 3rd St. SW, Hampton.

11:56 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

Thursday, May 1: Officers received five general calls.

7:05 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Hwy 3 and McDonalds, Hampton.

8:44 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Federal St. , Hampton.

11:30 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 700 block of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

2:57 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the area of 12th Ave NE and Hwy 65, Hampton.

11:04 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 200 block of 1st St. SW, Hampton.

11:13 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of the Hampton-Dumont High School, Hampton.

Friday, May 2: Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted one motorist, and received four general calls.

12:57 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 200 block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton.

1:59 p.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the area of Woodley Funeral Home, Hampton.

2:23 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 00 block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton.

2:34 p.m.: Report of lost articles in an unknown area, Hampton.

3:22 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 600 block of 12th Ave NE, Hampton.

6:53 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 600 block of 4th Ave NW, Hampton.

6:55 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 1900 block of Hwy 3, Hampton.

8:25 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of the Hampton-Dumont High School, Hampton.

Saturday, May 3: Officers assisted with three medical calls, received a report for one controlled burn, and received three general calls.

12:59 a.m.: Officers assisted other agencies with an issue in an unknown area, Hampton.

1:59 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 40 block of Windsor Blvd, Hampton.

8:12 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 200 block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton.

2:17 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 300 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

4:55 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 300 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

8:14 p.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 700 block of 2nd St. NE, Hampton.

8:53 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 500 block of 1st Ave NE, Hampton.

Sunday, May 4: Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with two medical calls, and received one general call.

1:29 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of the Police Department parking lot, Hampton.

2:03 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

8:49 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 200

block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton.

9:00 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 200 block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton.

1:32 p.m.: Report of juveniles in the area of Progress Park, Hampton.

9:59 p.m.: Report of illegal burning in the 700 block of 3rd St. NE, Hampton.

Franklin County Sheriff Reports

Monday, April 28: Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, and received a report for one controlled burn.

1:24 a.m.: Officers assisted other agencies with an issue in the area of 170th St. , Latimer.

5:09 a.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of 190th St. and Mallard Ave, Hampton.

11:17 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of W 9th St. , Waterloo.

1:26 p.m.: Report of trespass in the area of Hwy 3, Dumont.

3:30 p.m.: Report of a weather issue in an unlisted area, Franklin County.

4:21 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Mallard Ave, Iowa Falls.

6:01 p.m.: Officers assisted other agencies with an issue in the area of Warbler Ave, Dumont.

7:44 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 170 northbound, Latimer.

Tuesday, April 29: Officers executed one traffic stop, received a report for two controlled burns, and received two general calls.

2:35 p.m.: Report of trespass in the area of 2nd St. , Bradford.

3:02 p.m.: Report of trespass in the area of Balsam Ave, Alexander.

3:41 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 157 northbound, Dows.

6:34 p.m.: Report of a family dispute in the area of Faulkner Lane, Faulkner.

11:09 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Gull Ave, Latimer.

Wednesday, April 30: Officers executed two traffic stops, received a report for eight controlled burns, and received five general calls.

1:25 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Central Ave E, Hampton.

3:35 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the area of CAL School, Latimer.

4:09 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of I-35 and mile mark 157 northbound, Dows.

7:14 p.m.: Report of a family dispute in an unlisted area, Hansell.

7:16 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of 90th St. , Hampton.

8:36 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of 210th St. and Kildeer Ave, Latimer.

Thursday, May 1: Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted one motorist, received a report for three controlled burns, and received four general calls.

5:14 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the area of Olive Ave and 200th St. , Chapin.

11:37 a.m.: Officers assisted the Hampton Police Department with an issue in the area of Olive Ave, Hampton.

3:14 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of 250th St. , Sheffield.

4:45 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of I-35, Latimer.

4:52 p.m.: Report of an abandoned vehicle in the area of Hwy 65 and Hwy 57, Iowa Falls.

5:29 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of Hwy 65 and 200th St. , Chapin.

Friday, May 2: Officers executed four traffic stops and assisted with one medical call.

5:58 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of Hwy 20 and Hwy 65, Iowa Falls.

8:47 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of S Garfield Ave, Eagle Grove.

10:11 a.m.: Report of lost articles in an unknown area, Franklin County.

12:51 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in an unknown area of Iowa.

4:11 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of 255th St. and Yarrow Ave, Dumont.

6:20 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Villa Ave, Alexander.

6:58 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 1900 block of Hwy 3, Hansell.

Saturday, May 3: Officers executed 11 traffic stops, received a report for 11 controlled burns, and received one general call.

12:57 a.m.: Officers assisted other agencies with an issue in an unknown area of Iowa.

9:13 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

9:24 a.m.: Report of a stolen property offense in the area of Dows Ponds, Dows.

9:08 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the area of West St. , Latimer.

10:40 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of I-35 and mile mark 159 northbound, Dows.

Sunday, May 4: Officers received a report for 14 controlled burns, and received one general call.

12:12 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in an unlisted area.

12:16 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Villa Ave, Alexander.

2:13 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the 100 block of 1st Ave SW, Hampton.

3:23 a.m.: Report of an operating while intoxicated issue in the area of Heather Ave and 110th St. , Coulter.

12:09 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of 250th St. , Dogwood Ave, and Cardinal Ave, Meservey.

2:54 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of Olive Ave, Hampton.

Butler County Sheriff Reports

Monday, April 28: Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with four medical calls, assisted four motorists, received a report for one controlled burn and received six general calls.

12:39 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 600 block of N High St.

1:33 a.m.: Terry Lee Davies, 32 of Allison, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.

1:37 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:10 a.m.: Report of a chase in progress in the 700 block of 8th St, Grundy Center.

8:22 a.m.: Report of a road closed in the area of 330th St and Holly Ave.

8:44 a.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 1100

block of 14th Ave, Eldora.

10:18 a.m.: Report of a road closed in eha area of 135th St and Keystone Ave.

12:57 p.m.: report of theft in the 700 block of Pine St.

1:23 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 600 block of N Bluff St.

3:38 p.m.: Christopher Shawn Stout, 41 of Clarksville, arrested for possession of a controlled substance 1,2,3rd and possession of drug paraphernalia, jailed.

3:41 p.m.: Kelley Kristine Stout, 49 of Clarksville, arrested for possession of a controlled substance 1,2,3rd and possession of drug paraphernalia, jailed.

3:57 p.m.: Report of a domestic/family matter in the 400 block of East St.

2:40 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:20 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 1000 block of Railroad St.

5:10 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:21 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 500 block of E Courtland St.

5:51 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:54 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:59 p.m: Report of a 911 call in the area of Franklin St and Hwy 3.

6:57 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 100 block of S Cherry St.

Tuesday, April 29: Officers executed seven traffic stops, assisted with three medical calls, assisted two motorists, received a report for six controlled burns and received two general calls.

12:00 a.m.: Cody Lee Matteson, 38 of Allison, arrested for domestic assault-bodily injury-1st, jailed.

7:52 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 25100 block of Martin Ave.

8:26 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:32 a.m.: Report of the department of human services in the 200 block of W Dale St.

8:44 a.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:04 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:58 a.m.: Report of probation calls in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:44 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 200 block of N Main St.

1:16 p.m.: Officers conducted fingerprints for the public in the 10500 block of 130th St.

1:48 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:30 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 100 block of E Ridge Ct.

4:32 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 17200 block of 160th St.

5:12 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 28300 block of Evergreen Ave.

6:45 p.m.: Report of trespass in the area of 290th St and Quail Ave.

6:49 p.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the 300 block of E Iowa St.

7:40 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 500 block of N Main St.

11:37 p.m.: Jermaine Eugene Taylor, 38 of Hampton, arrested for driver's license denied/revoked, jailed.

Wednesday, April 30: Officers executed five traffic stops, assisted with five medical calls, assisted four motorists, received a report for ten controlled burns and received one general call.

8:02 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 200 block of E 6th St.

8:29 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 28200 block of Ivy Ave.

8:32 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Tax Sale Deed: Chad Murray Treasurer, Mike Klemme, Dan Dea Dannen, Yulia Vladimirovna Dannen, Dusty Dannen, Sarah Goetz, Franklin County Treasurer, State of Iowa, Franklin County Auditor, Franklin County Attorney, Iowa Attorney General, Midland Funding LLC to Elm Grove Investments INC; 33-92-20 SE NW Part

Warranty Deed: Symens Grain LLC to Douglas M Symens, Karen K Symens; 31-92-19 NE Parcel A

Contract: Bridgett E Golman, Daniel Elliott to Robert Darnell Luckett III; Lati Latimer Harriman's 2nd Blk 4 Lot 2

Quit Claim Deed: Michael D Schroeder, Tracy L Schroeder to Debra K Winter; 5-93-19 N2 SW, 6-93-19 SE SE

CT Officer Deed: Mavis L Schroeder Estate, Michael D Schroeder Executor, Debra K Winter Executor to Michael D Schroeder; 6-93-19 SE Parts, 6-93-19 SE SW Part, Shef Sheffield Perrin's Lot 16 Part, Shef Sheffield Perrin's Lot 17 Part

Quit Claim Deed: Debra K Winter, Roger A Winter to Michael D Schroeder; 6-93-19 SE Parts, 6-93-19 SE SW Part, Shef Sheffield Perrin's Lot 16 Part, Shef Sheffield Perrin's Lot 17 Part

CT Officer Deed: Mavis L Schroeder Estate, Michael D Schroeder Executor, Debra K Winter Executor to Debra K Winter; 5-93-19 N2 SW, 6-93-19 SE SE

Quit Claim Deed: Samuel A Miller, Jerry I Miller Revocable Trust; 34-92-20 SE SW Tract

Warranty Deed: G A Cady III Trustee, George Arthur Cady Revocable Trust to G A Cady III Trustee, Mary Helen Cady Revocable Trust; Hamp Orig Blk 19 Lot 5-6 W ½ Undiv ½ Int

Warranty Deed: Jose Garcia Sosa, Jose Sosa Garcia, Rosa Azucena Sosa Elivar, Rosa Azucena Elivar Sosa, Miguel Baez Calles to Miguel Calles Baez, Luz Del Carmen Garcia Sosa, Luz Del Carmen Sosa Garcia; Lati Latimer Clock's 1st Blk 4 Lot 7 Part

CT Officer Deed: Gary Shoning Estate, April Shoning Executor to April Shoning; 3-93-21 NW Part Undiv ½ Int, 7-93-19 NE, 7-93-19 W2 SE Part, 33-93-19 N2 NE, 4-93-20 SE Parts, Shef Sheffield Gilman's 1st Parts undiv ½ Int

FROM THE LOG

8:42 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:52 a.m.: Report of probation calls in the 400 block of 6th St.

8:55 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 800 block of 3rd St.

9:08 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 13300 block of 170th St.

9:11 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 33800 block of Grand Ave.

9:14 a.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Hwy 3 and Terrace Ave.

9:50 a.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 900 block of Hwy 69, Forest City.

10:22 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 15600 block of Clay Ave.

10:25 a.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the 700 block of Caldwell St.

12:19 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 17200 block of 160th St.

1:40 p.m.: Report of a test in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:02 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 1000 block of Parriott St.

2:41 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 32500 block of Forest Ave.

2:59 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

3:14 p.m.: Officers conducted fingerprints for the public in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:13 p.m.: Officers conducted fingerprints for the public in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:23 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 300 block of Main St.

6:00 p.m.: Report of road debris in the area of Franklin Ave

7:14 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 26100 block of Range Rd.

8:10 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 600 block of S Pearl St.

9:33 p.m.: Melinda SueFlaten, 57 of Dumont, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Cody Brunstein, 35, Sheffield, to Sophie Dietz, 21, Hampton.
Melanie White, 48, Iowa Falls, to Mark Rankin, 46, Iowa Falls.

Christie Althiser, 56, Hampton, to Pedro Enrique Castillo-Morales, 49, Hampton.
Stephen Bardole, 50, Geneva, to Lindsay Jones, 24, Geneva.

Marvin Rodemeyer Estate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Marvin O. Rodemeyer, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR502021
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Marvin O. Rodemeyer, Deceased, who died on or about April 12, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on April 30, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Marvin O. Rodemeyer, deceased, bearing date of December 8, 2015 , was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jan Rodemeyer was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims

against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated May 2, 2025.
Jan Rodemeyer
903 2nd Avenue, SE
Hampton, Iowa 50441
Executor of Estate

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

Probate Code Section 304

Beth E. Reinhart Charitable Trust

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Beth E. Reinhart Charitable Trust will be accepting Applications for grants during the period of July 1 to August 31. Charitable purposes for the benefit of children shall include educational activities, youth programs, delivery of health care services and any other charitable purpose benefitting children and acceptable to the Trustees within a fifty (50) mile radius of Mason City, Iowa. For complete procedure details, please contact:

Beth E. Reinhart Charitable Trust
c/o Sandy Benson
P.O. Box 894
Mason City, Iowa 50401
Phone: 641-430-4563
Email: bethcharitabletrust@outlook.com

Applicants must be a "public charity" within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) or Internal Revenue Section 170(c)(1).

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Hampton Notice Public Hrg FY25 Budget Amend				
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
City of HAMPTON				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The City of HAMPTON will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/22/2025 06:00 PM		Contact: Ron Dunt	Phone: (641) 456-4853	
Meeting Location: Hampton City Council Chambers				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	1,725,623	0	1,725,623
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	1,725,623	0	1,725,623
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	47,800	0	47,800
Other City Taxes	6	700,187	0	700,187
Licenses & Permits	7	376,600	-14,000	362,600
Use of Money & Property	8	199,650	114,000	313,650
Intergovernmental	9	1,252,429	0	1,252,429
Charges for Service	10	2,139,550	0	2,139,550
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	288,213	85,300	373,513
Other Financing Sources	13	2,500,000	0	2,500,000
Transfers In	14	1,708,000	38,000	1,741,000
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	10,938,052	218,300	11,156,352
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	1,755,150	347,800	2,102,950
Public Works	17	823,350	29,000	852,350
Health and Social Services	18	2,700	0	2,700
Culture and Recreation	19	910,400	85,000	995,400
Community and Economic Development	20	249,500	0	249,500
General Government	21	606,000	31,000	637,000
Debt Service	22	127,500	0	127,500
Capital Projects	23	730,000	80,000	810,000
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	5,204,600	572,800	5,777,400
Business Type/Enterprise	25	4,369,050	176,000	4,545,050
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	9,573,650	748,800	10,322,450
Transfers Out	27	1,708,000	33,000	1,741,000
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	11,281,650	781,800	12,063,450
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-343,598	-563,500	-907,098
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	30	8,101,801	0	8,101,801
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	31	7,758,203	-563,500	7,194,703
Explanation of Changes: Fire truck delivery delayed into fiscal year 25, equipment repair-maintenance, professional fees, wages, capital project, misc contract work. Amended revenues re-estimated for downward trend in building permits, upward trend in interest earned on funds, misc donations and grants.				

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H-D Minutes & Claims 4/28/25

HAMPTON-DUMONT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 4/28/2025

1. The Hampton-Dumont Board of Education met in a Regular Meeting on April 28, 2025, in the District Boardroom. President Erran Miller called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Board members Erran Miller, Matt Showalter, Brent Hansen, Mark Morrison and Stephanie Powers were present in person. Board member Elisa Van Wert arrived late to the meeting. Board member Steve Severs was absent. Also present were: Superintendent Aaron Becker, Business Manager Lisa Lewis, Human Resources Manager Anne Lewis and Secretary Amanda Heiden.

There were no visitors present.

2. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Hansen, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Van Wert was not present at time of vote.

3. The board held a public hearing to amend the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. The hearing opened at 4:30 p.m. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed at 4:31 p.m.

4. The board held a public hearing on the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. The hearing was opened at 4:31 p.m. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed at 4:32 p.m.

5. The board held a public hearing on the 2025-2026 school year calendar. The hearing opened at 4:32 p.m. Board member Matt Showalter asked the board to consider moving the professional development day scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2026, to Friday, February 20, 2026, to better accommodate individuals who would like to attend state wrestling. The hearing was closed at 4:34 p.m.

6. The board reviewed donations received by the district.

7. There were no communications.

8. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Morrison, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes.

The minutes of the March 24, 2025, Budget Hearing, minutes of the March 24, 2025, Regular Meeting and minutes of the April 7, 2025, Special Meeting were approved.

The board approved the treasurer's reports and to allow for payment of the bills listed.

Contracts were approved for: Megan Fischer as Substitute Paraeducator and Teacher; Kimberly Foell as Summer Custodian; Estefani Francisco Mateo as Interpreter; Briana Grover as Volunteer; Tyler Heiden as Summer Mower; Caitlin Mason as Summer Custodian; Hayley McNealy as High School English Language Arts Teacher; MaKenna Meyer as Third Grade Teacher; Sarah Miller as Head Volleyball Coach; and Colin Muller as Head Boys Wrestling Coach.

Transfers were approved for the following: Jennie Barkema from Second Grade Teacher to Kindergarten Teacher; Erin Miller from English Learners Teacher to Second Grade Teacher; Erin Toomsen from Second Grade Teacher to Kindergarten Prep Teacher; and Tara Zakeer from Middle School Paraeducator to Family Consumer Science Teacher, FCCLA Advisor and Bulldog Cafe/ProStart Sponsor.

Resignations/retirements were accepted from: Ryan Chaney as Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach; Brian Niesen as Head Boys Basketball Coach; Trinity Valenzuela as Kindergarten Prep Teacher; and Daniel Stevens as Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach.

The board approved two open enrollment applications into the district from Iowa Falls for 2024-2025. The board also reviewed one open enrollment application out of the district to North Butler for 2025-2026 and two out to West Fork for 2025-2026.

The board approved the following fundraisers: Softball fundraisers including: youth softball clinic in May; annual business sponsorship and banners and raffle tickets to be a bat kid for home games and Industrial Tech CTSO to make and sale spring planter boxes.

9. There were no items removed from the agenda.

10. The board reviewed reports on the following: activities; transportation; technology; child nutrition; business; curriculum; Elementary; Middle School and High School.

11. There was no old business.

12. New Business

a. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Van Wert, to adopt the amendment to the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget as presented. All ayes.

b. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Van Wert, to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 as presented. All ayes.

c. Motion was made by Showalter, seconded by Hansen, to approve the 2025-2026 calendar with an amendment to the proposal to move the professional development day scheduled for February 16th to February 20th. All ayes.

d. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Morrison, to approve the tentative agreement with the H-D Education Association and to approve the certified, extended and schedule D contracts for 2025-2026. All ayes.

e. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Showalter, to approve the Apprenticeship Memorandum of Understanding with Franklin General Hospital. All ayes.

f. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Morrison, to approve the 6-12 Science Kit Curriculum Purchase. All ayes.

g. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Morrison, to approve the 6-12 grade Math Curriculum Purchase. All ayes.

h. Motion was made by Showalter, seconded by Powers, to approve the list of 2024-2025 graduates as presented. All ayes.

i. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Van Wert, to approve the quote from Bluum for the purchase of Clev-erTouches for the High School and North Side as well as upgrade boxes for the current Middle School and South Side devices. All ayes.

j. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Van Wert, to approve the 2025-2026 membership and policy subscriptions with Iowa Association of School Boards as presented. All ayes.

k. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Morrison, to approve Victoria Flomo as a foreign exchange student through the IRIS for the 2025-2026 school year. All ayes.

l. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Hansen, to dispose of the following district property by the proposed methods: Row Machine by resale; Shoulder Press Machine by resale; Chest Press/Lat Pulldown Machine by resale; Assisted Squat Machine by throwing away; Black Lat by throwing away. All ayes.

m. Motion was made by Showalter, seconded by Morrison, to award the mowing bid for the Dumont Bus Barn for 2025-2026 to Reid Menken. The motion was made based on a recommendation from Maintenance Director Marlin Smith to award the bid to the second-lowest bidder due to concerns about the quality and consistency of past service received from the lowest bidder. All ayes.

n. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Van Wert, to award the milk bid for 2025-2026 to Anderson Erickson who submitted the only bid. All ayes.

o. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Van Wert, to reject the lone bread bid from Pan-O-Gold Baking Co. due to the company not meeting the bid specifications to deliver the bread to each building and instead approve use of Martin Brothers for bread orders. All ayes.

p. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Powers, to award the cleaning supply bids for 2025-2026 as presented. All ayes.

q. Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Van Wert, to seek more information from locals about moving dirt from the High School project to the Middle School practice field and leveling it. All ayes.

13. There were no discussion items.

14. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the District Boardroom with a tour of the High School construction at the start of the meeting.

15. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Hansen, to adjourn. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

16. The board met in exempt session for negotiations.

Hampton-Dumont CSD Claims for Presentation

Board Meeting Date: 4/28/2025

General/Management/Management

/SAVE/PPEL/Activity and Child Nutrition Funds

Vendor

Visa6786

Anderson Erickson Dairy

Bimbo Bakeries USA

Fareway Stores

Goodwin Tucker

Martin Bros Dist Co

AgVantage FS

Visa6554

Visa6596

Visa6638

Description	Paid
SNAI Spring Conference Registration	\$274.68
Milk	\$11,578.36
Bread	\$826.71
Purchased food	\$9.99
Steamer parts	\$2,693.77
Purchased Food	\$20,516.63
Route Diesel	\$6,595.85
Supplies-Dumont Bus Barn	\$580.84
ERV HVAC controler	\$1,306.28
Office Supplies	\$1,427.79

Visa6695
Visa6737
VISA6794
Visa6810
Visa6828
VISA6836
Visa6901
Visa6927
Visa6950
Gopher
Castle, Dick & Kelch Insurance
Column Software PBC
Ecobal Inc
EMERGENT ARCHITECTS
Federal Fire Equipment Co
Franklin General Hospital
Larson Construction Co., Inc
Marco Technologies LLC
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY
Per Mar Security Service
Quill LLC
Reliable1
Rifton Equipment
Woodriver Energy LLC
Ahlers & Cooney P C
Apple Financial Services
Blick Art Materials
CENTURYLINK
DEMCO INC
Digital Dumpsters
EMERGENT ARCHITECTS
Feldman
Hampton-Dumont Ins Account
Larson Construction Co., Inc

Quill LLC
Rockwell Cooperative Telephone
School Specialty
VISTA SOFTWARE LLC
Drive Wise
Tim Feldman
Follett Content Solutions, LLC
Glenda R Green
Hampton Hardware
ISFIS, INC
School Health Corp
SimpliFaster LLC
Bio Corporation
Capital Sanitary Supply
CITY OF HAMPTON
Column Software PBC
Fareway Stores
Hampton-Dumont Child Nutrition
Iowa Communications Network
Iowa High School Music Association
Martin Bros Dist Co
Mediacom
MP Backhoe LLC
One Source The Background Check Company
Rieman Music
Shred-It USA
Taylor Music Inc
Townsend Ventures, LLC
Unite Private Networks
West Music Co
Eocene Environmental Group, Inc
Fareway Stores
Hotsy Equipment Company
JW Pepper
Konken Electric, LLC
Marco
Napa Auto Parts
AgVantage FS
Auto Parts Whse Inc
Avant Assessment, LLC
Bio Corporation
DEMCO INC
E & E Repair
EMERGENT ARCHITECTS
Eocene Environmental Group, Inc
Fareway Stores
Katherine M Harr
Larson Construction Co., Inc
Medical Enterprises, Inc
Dustin G Moorehead
Traci Moorehead
Susan A. Nolte
Erin Plagge
Tech Zone
U S Cellular
Family, Career and Community
Leaders of America
Visa6554
Visa6838
Visa6729
Visa6745
Visa6935
Visa6943
Clear Lake High School
210th Street Bakery
805 Pizza and Chicken
American Cancer Society
Hampton Hardware
IHSSA
Iowa High School Music Association
National FFA Organization
North Iowa Golf LLC
SimpliFaster LLC
Windor Theatre
Hampton-Dumont General Fund
Danielle Arana
Fareway Stores
Gilbert Schools
Hewett Wholesale
IHSA
National Speech & Debate Association
Riddell/All American
Roland-Story High School
Southeast Polk High School
2025 BWR
Clarion-Goldfield-Dows High School
Clear Lake High School
Everbloom Flower Co LLC
Franklin Grassland Seed Co
Hampton-Dumont General Fund
Wood Vision Clinic Inc
Total Claims Paid

Certified Letters
art supplies
certified mail
UFI Materials
Science supplies
ProStart
Greenhouse Supplies
Bandaid
Screens
PE Supplies
Vehicle insurance
Minutes Publications 3/4/25
Sanitation Supplies
Architect Fees-SAVE-HS
extinguisher insp
Health Grant Equipment
SAVE Bond Pay App #7
Staples
HS Elec
burglary and security monitoring
Headphones
gym units HVAC
Rifton Gait Trainer
HS Natural Gas
Legal Services
Annual Lease Payment
supplies
District Wide Tele
Bk cover
HS Garb Svcs
Elem SAVE Bond-Final Arch Inv
Decals for new vans/suburban
Escrow Expenses 1/1/25-3/26/25
SAVE Bond 23-Elementary-Final
Payment
Office supplies
Transp Internet
Office supplies
Accounting Software/VISTA Time
Drivers Ed (5 students)
Supplies
Books
Solo/Small Ensemble Accompanist
softer salt
Budget Program
AED ped Pads
2025 PE/Wgts/Trk
Science Supplies
Dishwasher Supplies
HS Water
Minutes & Claims Publication 3/24/25
Bulldog Cafe - Catering Order
ISASP treats
Long Distance
IHMSA Large Group Registration
Bulldog Cafe - Catering Order
HS Phone
sanding lots
March 2025 Background Checks
lesson books
District Shredding
alto sax reeds
bleacher inspections
Fiber
Music Supplies
Asbestos testing
laundry supplies
Pressure Washer
Concert & Solo Music
electrical locate
EQUIP COPIER LEASE
Impact socket
Route Diesel
Oil and Filter
Billeracy Seal Tests
Science Supplies
Book Covers
Tow bus 14-1
High School SAVE Arch Fees
Asbestos extra tests
Life Skills Class
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CPR Cert
Cameras
District Cell
FCCLA dues

MS Meal Pack Expenses
24-25 BWR
24-25 GWR
PBIS
24-25 FB
24-25 BWR
2025 B/G TK
2025 Cool to be Kind
24-25 Concessions
Donation-Coaches vs Cancer
2025 Drama
24-25 Speech
Large Group Registration
24-25 FFA
25 G GF
2025 PE/Wgts/Trk
PBIS Movie
Bound-General Fund portion
2025 BSOC
24-25 FFA
2025 BTRK
24-25 Concessions
24-25 BWR
24-25 Speech
2025 FB
2025 B/G Trk
24-25 BWR
2025 BTRK
2025 GTRK
24-25 StuCo
1/4 of Beef-After Prom
Winter 24-25 Workers
Student In Need Expense

\$26.85
\$475.87
\$4.85
\$1,049.06
\$417.04
\$689.64
\$1,903.30
\$144.79
\$1,695.98
\$302.90
\$1,746.00
\$28.30
\$501.62
\$9,910.24
\$1,168.00
\$2,449.00
\$324,452.61
\$106.75
\$17,111.55
\$20,975.52
\$208.95
\$59,556.76
\$1,426.25
\$6,883.34
\$2,929.50
\$138,320.00
\$693.20
\$942.55
\$59.19
\$8,340.00
\$2,156.25
\$175.00
\$43,990.47
\$5,000.00
\$68.71
\$104.95
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\$4,475.00
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\$1,518.20
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\$2,000.00
\$218.50
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\$718.58
\$1,170.90
\$1,406.93
\$577.06
\$625.52
\$381.06
\$64.15
\$360.00
\$1,505.02
\$333.28
\$1,225.00
\$95.50
\$340.21
\$344.32
\$270.92
\$3,000.00
\$1,791.96
\$199.49
\$3,000.00
\$2,484.29
\$5,999.00
\$375.91
\$328.00
\$1,786.28
\$14.49
\$3,288.41
\$240.57
\$448.20
\$983.02
\$97.86
\$700.00
\$9,910.24
\$100.00
\$204.95
\$39.59
\$302,376.39
\$32.00
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\$39.59
\$2,920.91
\$742.79
\$233.00
\$279.37
\$1,069.62
\$868.04
\$317.66
\$3,202.39
\$3,505.01
\$300.00
\$110.00
\$2,726.00
\$2,484.29
\$139.19
\$91.00
\$145.00
\$1,391.00
\$168.00
\$649.50
\$294.00
\$546.52
\$100.66
\$1,247.94
\$150.00
\$1,600.37
\$396.00
\$120.00
\$4,810.00
\$240.00
\$115.00
\$100.00
\$150.00
\$360.00
\$780.50
\$6,955.15
\$210.00
\$1,400,946.39

Estate of Ronald D. Zickefoose

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
IN THE ESTATE OF
RONALD D. ZICKEFOOSE,
DECEASED.
PROBATE NO. ESPR502012
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Ronald D. Zickefoose, Deceased,

who died on or about the 11th day of February, 2025.

You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of March, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Ronald D. Zickefoose, deceased, bearing the date of February 12, 2014, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Nicole Zickefoose was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter for forever barred.

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

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2025.

Date of second publication

7th day of May, 2025.

Nicole Zickefoose 6232 Yucca Lane North Maple Grove, MN 55311 Exec-utor of the Estate

Jeremy J. Gray

Newman Thompson & Gray, PC

36131 Highway 69 Forest City, IA 50436

Attorney for Executor

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CAL 25-26 Calendar Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed CAL 2025-2026 Calendar

The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing for the proposed 2025-2026 school calendar on May 20, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the CAL CELL. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the calendar. The proposed calendar is available for viewing on the district website's home page.

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2024 Water Quality Report: Hampton Muni

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:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	23.00 (23 - 23)	09/30/2024	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAAS]	60 (N/A)	LRAA	18.00 (18- 18)	09/30/2024	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	6.20 (ND - 7)	2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.202 (0.0182 - 0.458)	2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.2 (0.6 - 2.0)	12/31/2024	No	Water additive used to control microbes
06 - SEP WELL 4(71),5(71),6(75),7(75)-TREATED						
Arsenic (ppb)	10 (0)	SGL	<1.00	12/20/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronic production wastes
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	5.19	01/12/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	.72 (.58 - .89)	11/14/2024	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural Deposits
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.207	11/07/2017	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrates [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	<0.1	10/10/2024	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; Sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	50 (50)	SGL	2.40	11/07/2017	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Discharge from mines
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	SGL	1.1	1/14/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits

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

Our water system participated in the EPA Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5, which required us to collect samples for lithium and PFAS. Below is a chart showing the results of our Sampling. We did not detect any PFAS compounds in our water source.

Analyte	Collection Date	Result
Lithium	12/6/2023	11 ug/l

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

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- ppb – parts per billion.
- ppm – parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND – Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- RTCR –Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. HAMPTON MUNI WATER WORKS is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the buried sand and gravel of the Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer. The Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide little protection from contamination at the land surface. The Buried Sand and Gravel wells will be highly susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 641-456-2124.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact HAMPTON MUNI WATER WORKS at 641-456-2124. Decisions are made at the city council meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and are open to the public.

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 5/5/2025

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS May 5th 2025

A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSupervisors

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, May 5th, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the agenda with one change that Jody Hepler, Dispatch Director, is unable to attend to provide her update. She emailed one to the Auditor who will read that instead. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the regular minutes from 4/28/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: McVicker attended Workforce Development Finance Committee.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the closure of Indigo Ave between 110th Street and 100th Street as of 4/28/25 at 10AM for bridge construction/repair. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve an application to perform work within Franklin County Highway Right-of-Way for Bill Robinson to excavate Spruce Ave. from 70th Street (C55) to 80 th Street to locate & tie into DD69 Lat 67. All ayes. Motion carried. Andrea Miller, County Attorney, met with the Supervisors to discuss RAGBRAI and how it affects Franklin

County regarding licensing and ordinances. After discussion, the Supervisors decided not to take any action on a new ordinance or amending an ordinance. All licensing for vendors in the rural portion of Franklin County will be handled by the Dept. of Inspections & Appeals at the state level.

The Auditor read an update from Jody Hepler, Dispatch Director, who was unable to meet with the Supervisors. Ned Parker, Conservation Director, met with the Supervisors to provide them with an update on his department. The Supervisors recessed at 10:00AM for a drainage meeting. They reconvened at 10:19AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor’s office or on the County website.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve an IT Support Contract with CICS for FY2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a FY2026 Lease with 43 North Iowa. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a FY2026 lease with Onward Therapy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a tobacco license for Casey’s Marketing Company #4504 (Dows). All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the Franklin County Medical Examiner Service Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:19AM until Monday, May 12th 2025, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

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

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Latimer Special Session 4.23.25

The Latimer City Council met in special session on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at Latimer City Hall. Mayor Mark Johansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with Randy DeBour, Catherine Crooks, Deon Juhl, Eric Bruns and Elizabeth Symens all answering roll call. Mayor Johansen led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a motion made by Bruns to approve the agenda and was seconded by Symens. Motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing for the proposed budget was opened with a motion made by Crooks and seconded by Juhl. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

No residents were present, so Bruns made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2025-04 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2026 was approved with a motion made by Symens and seconded by Bruns. Resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The public hearing for the vacation of property: That part of Lot Four (4), Block One (1), Latimer, Iowa and the vacated Alleyway between Lots Four (4) and Five (5), Block One (1), Latimer, Iowa, lying South of the Southerly right-of-way line of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad (now abandoned) was opened with a motion made by Crooks and seconded by Juhl. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

No residents present for the public hearing, so DeBour made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Symens. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2025-05 approving the vacation of the following real estate to wit: That part of Lot Four (4), Block One (1), Latimer, Iowa and the vacated Alleyway between Lots Four (4) and Five (5), Block One (1), Latimer, Iowa, lying South of the Southerly right-of-way line of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad (now abandoned) and approval for the mayor and clerk to sign the Quit Claim Deed was approved with a motion made by Symens and seconded by Bruns. Resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The liquor license for Latimer Grocery to accommodate RAGBRAI and Latimer Fun Day effective July 14 was approved with a motion made by Bruns and seconded by Crooks. Motion passed unanimously.

The liquor license for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife for RAGBRAI effective 7/21/25 was approved with a motion made by Symens and seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

The Council reviewed the proposed budget amendment and set the public hearing for May 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm. This was set with a motion made by Crooks and seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously. At 7:10 pm, Bruns made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Johansen, Mayor
ATTEST:
Melissa Simmons, City Clerk

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Board & Commissions Notice - Spring 2025 - #3

Franklin County Board/Commission Applications
Applications are now being accepted for appointments that will be made June 2025

The Franklin County Board of Supervisors will be considering appointments to:

- Board of Adjustments – 5 Year Term
- Veterans Affairs Commission – 3 Year Term
- Civil Service Commission – 6 Year Term

State law requires the Supervisors to make a good faith effort to balance most appointive boards, commissions, committees, and councils according to gender. Applications for Board or Commission appointments may be filled at any time with the Board of Supervisors. A separate

form must be filed for each Board or Commission on which you would consider serving. Please be advised that this application is a public document and may be reproduced and distributed to the public upon request. You may attach additional sheets if more space is needed.

The membership of some boards is also regulated by state law and may impact who can serve on certain boards on the basis of location of residence, veteran status, occupation, or other lawful criteria.

All applications should be turned into the Auditor’s Office by Friday June 13th , 2025

Questions may be directed to the Franklin County Auditor’s Office at 641-456-5622. Forms to fill out and more information can be found at www.franklincountyia.gov.

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Notice: Franklin Co. BOA Hearing 5.19.25

PUBLIC NOTICE

nia at the following location:

A HEARING OF THE Franklin County Board of Adjustment will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. at the Franklin County Law Enforcement Center (105 5 th St. SW in Hampton , Iowa to consider a Conditional Use Permit for additional storage of anhydrous ammo-

PARCEL LETTER "A" BE G @ NW COR SEC 31; E 990.00'; S1320.83'; W990.01'; N1322.38' TO POB SRVY 2014 16 16

Applicant: NEW Cooperative Inc..

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Latimer Council Minutes/Claims 4.09.25

The Latimer City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Mayor Mark Johansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the following council members answering roll call: Randy DeBour, Catherine Crooks, Deon Juhl, Eric Bruns and Elizabeth Symens.

Mayor Johansen led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a motion made by Symens to approve the agenda and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

The Director of Maintenance reported 4H kids are cleaning up the parks this weekend. Trees will be hopefully cut down next week. New water pump in the treatment plant has been installed.

The Clerk reported she will be working on a budget amendment for the next meeting to include the fire department and community center budgets.

The RAGBRAI committee reported they are starting the process of planning for July 23 rd . We are the lunch town for the day so we will have food trucks and entertainment in town for the day.

Bruns made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12 th , and 2 meetings on March 26 th . This motion was seconded by DeBour and passed unanimously.

Crooks made a motion to approve the bills to be paid and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

The council reviewed the Budget Report, Revenue Report and Fund Balance Report.

Under routine maintenance issues, after some discussion, DeBour made a motion to purchase 8 more replacement gate valves for the lagoon and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2025-02 setting the public hearing for the parcel of property listed in the resolution for Larry Treinen for April 23, 2025 for 6:30 pm was approved with a motion made by Symens and seconded by Bruns. Resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2025-03 setting the wages for the city clerk effective 4/1/25 to include a 3% increase (\$1,334.15) for a total yearly wage of \$45,805.81 was approved with a motion made by Juhl and seconded by Bruns. Resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The council reviewed the estimations received for work on Harriman St and E South St. Bruns made a motion to approve the work to be done on Harriman St for \$51,873. This was seconded by DeBour and passed unanimously. Bruns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Johansen, Mayor
ATTEST:
Melissa Simmons, City Clerk

General	
Alliant Energy, city sign electricity	\$27.76
Aramark, office mats	\$158.56
Auto Parts, supplies	\$29.87
Card Services, credit card payment	\$230.25
Cady & Rosenberg, attorney fees	\$50.00
Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc, professional services	\$2,393.00
DingesFire, helmet front	\$104.17
Dudley's, FD fuel	\$38.45
EFTPS, payroll taxes	\$394.35

Frontier Communications, phone service \$137.35
Hampton Hardware, supplies \$17.11
IPERS, payroll withholding \$282.76
MartiCruz Santos, community center cleaning \$200.00
Melissa Simmons, phone reimbursement, mileage to IMFOA \$166.48

MidAmerican Energy, electricity \$486.85
NAPA Auto Parts, FD supplies \$58.47
Prairie Event Supply, CC chairs \$10,490.00
Wayne Pralle, phone reimbursement \$40.00
TOTAL \$15,305.79
Road Use Tax \$61.10
EFTPS, payroll taxes \$593.23
IPERS, payroll withholding \$427.98
MidAmerican Energy, street lights \$538.36
TOTAL \$1,559.57

Water
AgSource Cooperative Services, water testing \$14.50
EFTPS, payroll taxes \$417.67
Frontier Communications, phone service \$123.98
Hampton Hardware, supplies \$32.49
IPERS, payroll withholding \$334.35
MidAmerican Energy, electricity \$263.91
Quality Pump & Control, new pump at water shed \$10,476.48
Franklin REC, water tower electricity \$343.90
Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment \$336.06
TOTAL \$12,343.34

Sewer
D&D Distributing, chemicals \$1,680.00
DeBour Electric, service call \$94.00
Dakota Supply Group, gate valves \$3,667.59
EFTPS, payroll taxes \$305.00
Frontier Communications, phone service \$123.87
IPERS, payroll withholding \$218.52
MidAmerican Energy, electricity \$61.10
Mort's Water, industrial park manhole \$1,430.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment \$27.31
TOTAL \$7,607.39

Garbage
EFTPS, payroll taxes \$285.14
IPERS, payroll withholding \$235.93
Landfill of North Iowa, scale tickets and annual dues \$583.12
Metro Waste Authority, recycling \$276.48
MidAmerican, shed electricity \$74.01
Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment \$67.42
TOTAL \$1,522.10

Stormwater
Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment \$25.99
TOTAL \$25.99

Total payroll \$7,488.67

March Receipts
General \$26,072.82
Road Use \$3,462.34
LOST \$4,379.48
Debt Service \$1,892.34
Water \$6,230.90
Sewer \$6,225.12
Garbage \$5,629.86
Storm Water \$2,742.94

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CAL BOE Sp Mtg Minutes 4.29.25

CAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 4/29/2025
1. The CAL Board of Education held a Special Meeting on April 29, 2025, in the CAL CELL. President Beth Podolan called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Board members Beth Podolan and Joe Campbell were present in person. Board members Cathy Carlson and Brad Wessels were present via phone call and board members Shon Osborn was present via Zoom. Also present were Superintendent Todd Lettow and Secretary Amanda Heiden.

2. Motion was made by Wessels, seconded by Campbell, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes.

3. Motion was made by Osborn, seconded by Wessels, to approve the tentative agreement with CAL Education Association and the certified contracts for 2025-2026. All ayes.

4. Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Campbell, to approve the 2025-2026 contracts for classified staff. All ayes.

5. Motion was made by Wessels, seconded by Osborn, to dispose of band instruments no longer need by selling to a company who buys back used instruments and to dispose of the press box/crow's nest by closed-bid sale. All ayes.

6. Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Wessels, to adjourn. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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Maynes Grove Craft & Vendor Show!

The Friends of Franklin County held their second semi-annual Vendor and Craft Show on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3 at Maynes Grove. The two-day event featured a variety of vendors, selling everything from makeup and jewelry to stuffed animals and wine slushies. Check out these photos of the fun from the Chronicle.



Perfect P's Bakery



Woden Wooden Designs



Farmasius



Janey's Heart Attack Shack



Sip N Savor



Crafty Creations



Extension Office staffers Laela Ragsdale and Lili Velasco enjoying lunch from Janey's Heart Attack Shack



1876 Designs



Wired Up Gifts by Rice Crafts



Chris' Kettle Corn



Forever Lynked Permanent Jewelry



Sugar Spruce Soaps



Creative Laser LLC



Lucky Wife Wine Slushies



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LACY SCHOENFELDT
NMLS ID: 2087672

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NMLS ID: 1165136

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