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## C H R O N I C L E

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# Annual Christmas Play Shares Lesson on Valuing Different Cultures

**BY WREN MASTERS**  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Nathan Pralle's "Tradition Collision" — a play about a man who tried to uphold their Christmas traditions but failed — was performed at the Windsor Theatre last weekend.

It was the Franklin County Art Council's annual Christmas play, and once again, it drew crowds from across the county.

In the play, a new family moved in next door to Charlie Thompson, which led to the uprooting of the Christmas traditions he had grown to love over the years. Charlie and his new neighbor, Rafe, were at odds with each other, as they struggled to understand and accept how the other celebrated the holiday season. But by the end of it, they had reached not only an understanding but an appreciation for each other and their customs.

Nathan Pralle, the director and writer of the play, said "The cast and crew pulled off three nearly flawless performances; thanks to hard work, the props were ready at the correct times, the jokes landed well with the audience, and the applause reflected that. I am extremely proud of the



The "Tradition Collision" actors after their performance at the Windsor Theatre on Friday evening, Dec. 12.

entire cast and crew for so much hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication to producing excellent theatre. Everyone should be very proud of this production."

Reed Masters, the cast member who played "Carlos," stated that "It was an

amazing experience for everyone involved, and we couldn't have been happier with the turnout."

The following students participated in the play: Keston Pralle, as "Charlie"; Haylee Hanna, as "Maggie"; Macaeen

Pralle, as "Danny"; Liberty Varrelmann as "Abby"; Jackson Opperman, as "Rafe"; Genevieve Foreshoe, as "Anika"; Natalie Birdsell, as "Zara"; Miyah Arana, as "Lee-la"; Logan Folkerds, as "Niko"; Emmanuel Iddrisu, as "Okai"; Victoria Flomo, as "Kamara"; Tshephang Mphateng, as "Jade"; Evelyn Osborn, as "Kira"; Reed Masters, as "Carlos"; Viktoria Foksha, as "Rosa"; Noe Flores, as "Mateo"; Bella Duran, as "Clara"; Jack Hindin, as "Grant"; Tammy Schirmer, as "Tracy"; and Charleigh Schirmer, as "Lacy

**More About the Cast and Crew**  
(Biographies provided by Nathan Pralle)

Nathan Pralle (Playwright & Director) has a long history of theatre involvement, appearing in many musicals and plays, and this is his twentieth production as Director and fourth writing credit, including Oliver Twisted, Closed for the holidays, REUNION, An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas, The Witches Princess, Barely in Time for Christmas, OZ, A Colorless Christmas, A Snowed-in Student Christ-

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# Latimer Native Steps Into New Role at Iowa Specialty to Make a Difference

**BY JENNIFER BURNHAM**  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Chrysten Dohrmann knows that some people find feet to be unappealing, but as she's seen through her new role with Iowa Specialty Hospitals & Clinics, the state of someone's feet can determine what kind of day they have.

Dohrmann, who's worked in an array of specialties over the last 20 years, joined the ISHC team in July as their new podiatry advanced registered nurse practitioner — and she's loving it so far, she said.

"Our feet affect our daily lives and if somebody has pain, even if it's just an ingrown nail, callus or corn, it will directly impact their quality of life," she said. "I took this position to help those people!"

The Latimer native said she chose to work in podiatry because of her grandma.

"She was a cosmetologist and was on her feet for long hours at a time, often in poor shoe choices," she said. "She had so many foot problems as she got older and she was so relieved when podiatrists were able to intervene and help."

Before working at Iowa Specialty, Dohrmann worked in areas ranging from emergency medicine to cardiac and even weight loss management. Her favorite area so far has been podiatry, she said, as she feels like she's making the biggest difference in her current role.

She explained that one of her recent patients was a 90-year-old woman, who'd been walking around in pain for nine months. After some quick foot care, this woman was back on her way and so appreciative for the care. Dohrmann said this makes it all worth it.

Dohrmann, who works closely with ISHC podiatrists Dr. Greenfield and Dr. Hensley, has a FNP post-master certificate from Chamberlain College and a Master's of Science in Nursing from Walden University. She also taught nursing for five years at NIACC, where she met her current nurse, Micayla Lahner, who she recruited for the position when she joined Iowa Specialty. Lahner joined the clinic in September and assists Dohrmann with all of her work.

Dohrmann can be found at the Clarion clinic on Tuesday, Hampton clinic on Thursday and Garner and Belmond on Fridays. She'll be traveling to their Mason City location as well, once it opens in March.

She sees patients for the following foot conditions: nail care, sprains, fractures, injections, plantar fasciitis and ingrown toenails (she will assess these and determine if they need procedure).

"I see patients for basically all foot problems," Dohrmann. "And I can help facilitate things for the patient that



Chrysten Dohrmann demonstrating how she provides foot care at their Hampton clinic.

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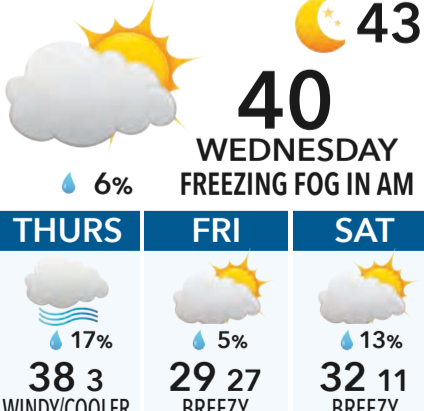
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# City Council Makes Number of Appointments for 2026 Through 2030

**BY JENNIFER BURNHAM**  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton City Council approved a number of appointments for 2026 and 2027 during their Dec. 11 meeting.

During the new business portion of the meeting, the following appointments were made: Ron Dunt as city treasurer for 2026 to 2027, Megan Rosenberg as city attorney for 2026 to 2027, the Hampton Chronicle as the official newspaper for 2026 and Russell Morgan as the North Iowa Land-fill Board Representative for 2026.

After this, Patrick Sietsema was reappointed for a 5-year term on the Board of Adjustment, Don Warneke was reappointed for a 5-year term on the Planning & Zoning Commission, Brian Stevens was reappointed for a 3-year term on the Hampton Historic Preservation Commission, Michelle Schaefer was reappointed for a 3-year term on the Hampton Historic Preservation Commission, Mel Brown was reappointed for a 5-year term on the Hampton Tree Board and Lori Poulos was reappointed for a 5-year term on the Hampton Tree Board.

Following the appointments, the council acknowledged the Teamsters Local 238 Public Works Revocation of Certification, moving all of the public works employees



Hampton city officials during their Dec. 11 meeting.

policy and benefits provisions to the City of Hampton Employee Handbook effective Dec. 11. The motion was approved unanimously.

The council then approved the claims as submitted by the staff in the amount of \$242,873.66. The motion was approved unanimously.

Before staff reports were given, the following consent agenda was approved unanimously: approve previous minutes as drafted from the Nov. 24 regular session; schedule the next regular session for Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; approve renewal of alcohol li-

ensing for: Projecto X at 11 2nd Ave NW; approve ownership update on liquor licensing for Projecto X at 11 2nd Ave N; Casey's General Store at 719 4th St NE; and Kwik Trip Inc. at 300 Central Ave W.

**Reports**  
Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison reported that Officer Bo Brass would be graduating from the police academy the following week, and that he planned on attending the graduation ceremony. He also reported that as part of their snow removal

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## Deadlines

## Ackley Firefighters Honor Late Chief

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Ackley Fire Department honored one of their own, Keith DeVries, on Thursday evening, Dec. 11.

DeVries — who served with the volunteer fire department from 1974 to 1989, leading as chief for the last nine years of his tenure — passed away on Dec. 6, 2025.

His daughter, Christil, told the Chronicle that the Grundy County Fire Honor Guard was scheduled to stand guard during his public visitation on Thursday evening but had to cancel due to the weather.

“Ackley Chief Kendall Meyer, along with Travis Woodley, got several of the Ackley firemen to stand guard in their place,” she said. “So dad was not left unguarded.”

Chief Kendall Meyer, Trent Meyer, Dave Abbas, Clarence Schipper and Brenda Ulfers served as the honor guards during the ceremony. They also joined the Grundy County Fire Honor Guard for his funeral on Friday, Dec. 12.

Throughout his life, DeVries held many jobs and roles, including working as a farmhand and as a portable grain mill owner. He was also an active member of his community, serving on his church council and city council, as well as being involved with the Lions Club and Ackley Heritage Center. When he wasn't busy helping others or working, he could be seen cruising around town in his golf cart with his dog, Gretchen.

As noted by his family members, DeVries was a proud supporter of

Ackley, lending a hand to his neighbors whenever possible.



Keith DeVries passed away on Dec. 6, 2025.



A couple of the firefighters standing guard.



The Ackley firefighters standing guard at his public visitation.

## DOHRMANN: FROM COVER

may be a surgical candidate for problems such as bunions, arthritis, ankle pain, foot and ankle injuries, etc.”

She added that Diabetic patients typically qualify for regular nail services and it's great for them to see a provider regularly to ensure that they don't get any wounds, as they're more prone to this with diabetic complications, such as neuropathy.

To schedule an appointment with Dohrmann, call Iowa Specialty Hospitals and Clinics at 515-532-9310.



Micayla Lahner and Chrysten Dohrmann at the Hampton clinic on Thursday, Dec. 12.

## City Council Approves 'No Parking' Zone for Side Lot at Hardee's

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The side lot between Hardee's and Kwik Star, along the 10 block of 3rd St Sw, will no longer be available for public parking.

The Hampton city councilors approved the third and final reading of Ordinance 408 with a roll call vote, starting with a motion by City Councilor Bill Holmstrom and a second by

Councilor Jerre Grefe. Ordinance 408 is defined as "An ordinance amending section 69.08 of the Hampton Municipal Code by adding subsections thereto designating an additional no parking zone."

The new ordinance goes into effect Tuesday, Dec. 16, upon publication of the news in the Chronicle. City Manager Ron Dunt said a "no parking" sign will be installed in the area once the ordinance goes into effect.



The lot is located along the the 10 block of 3rd St SW in Hampton, between Hardee's and Kwik Star.

## Franklin REC Announces Expanded Education Opportunities for 2026

PRESS RELEASE

Franklin Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) is excited to announce its 2026 education opportunities! After reviewing the needs and priorities of the communities we serve, Franklin REC has revamped its scholarship program to better support local students and members pursuing new career paths.

Scholarship opportunities are open to all dependents of active Franklin REC members. Eligible applicants include graduating high school seniors in the 2025–2026 academic year, home school equivalents, and current post-secondary students. Multiple scholarship options are available to help support educational goals and career aspirations.

In addition, Franklin REC is introducing the Reignite Your Future Scholarship, designed specifically for members looking to restart their educational journey or pursue a new career path. This scholarship provides support for advancing skills, earning a degree, or training for new opportunities, helping members spark their next chapter.

For high school sophomores and juniors, including homeschool equivalents, Franklin REC is also accepting applications for the 2026 Youth Tour. Each year, one student is selected to join fellow Iowa students on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., exploring national landmarks, meeting elected officials, and learning about the cooperative business model firsthand. This opportunity is open to all eligible high school students, regardless of cooperative membership.

“Our members are at the heart of everything we do,” said Christy Mason, Youth Opportunities Coordinator. “We're thrilled to offer scholarships and programs that support both students beginning their educational journey and adults ready to take the next step toward a brighter future.”

Franklin REC is proud to invest in the next generation of local learners and leaders.

To learn more and apply, visit [www.franklinrec.coop](http://www.franklinrec.coop).

## Hampton Firefighters Battle Blaze at Brother Auto Sales

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton Fire Department and other emergency personnel responded to a fire at Brothers Auto Sales in Hampton early Monday afternoon.

According to family members of the owners, co-owner Jose Sosa heard a loud pop, so he ran to go get the fire extinguisher, but the building was on fire when he returned. He doesn't know what caused the loud noise or the flames.

Hampton Assistant Fire Chief Rory Fender called the building "a total loss" Monday evening, between



First responders were called to a fire at Brothers Auto Sales on Monday, Dec. 15.

the water and smoke damage. He said the call came in at 1:03 p.m. and they returned to the station around

4 p.m. A total of 13 firefighters assisted at the fire.

The cause is currently under investigation, Fender

said.

According to family members of the owners, co-owner Jose Sosa heard a loud pop immediately before the fire began. He ran to go get the fire extinguisher after hearing the pop, but the building was on fire when he returned. He doesn't know what caused the loud noise or the flames.

A Franklin County Sheriff's dispatcher told the Chronicle that the Hampton Police Department, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Franklin General Hospital also responded to the Monday fire.

There have been no reports of injuries due to the fire.

## Sackvilles Named Recipients of Image of Pride Award

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton residents Dave and Pat Sackville were named the recipients of the December 2025 Image of Pride Award for their property at 21 Shar Denn Drive during the Dec. 11 city council meeting.

City Councilor Jerre Gefe selected them for the award, saying their home has always stood out for its neatness and order.

They've been in their home for the last 23 years.



Mayor Steve Birdsall, Dave Sackville, Pat Sackville and City Councilor Jerre Gefe at the Dec. 11 council meeting. Photo by Wren Masters.

## Hoeghs Win Chamber's \$10K Raffle

BY WREN MASTERS  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The winners of the \$10,000 Christmas Raffle have been announced — and they are Scott and Jane Hoegh.

The winners of the \$250 and \$100 chamber bucks were Gunnar Myers and Dyanne Pralle.

The winners of the door prizes were Carol Snell and Stacey Koch (\$20 Wood Cellar gift card), Liz Carr (\$100 Christensen Jewelry gift card), Paulette Beyer (First Security insulated tote bag) and Dawn Collins (First Bank Hampton prize basket).

Businesses from around Hampton donated prizes for the raffle and the winners.

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**First Bank Hampton**  
2025 Light Up the Night Parade Runner Up

## Franklin REC Announces Lighted Float Winners

Franklin REC is pleased to announce the winners of its 2025 Light Up the Night lighted float contest. First place went to St. Paul's Lutheran School, Latimer, and sec-

ond place to First Bank Hampton. Although challenging weather limited opportunities to see the floats in person, Franklin REC wanted to ensure the hard work and

creativity of participating businesses, organizations, and individuals were recognized. To do this, the cooperative hosted online voting via Facebook, allowing the public

to view the floats and vote for their favorites.

Franklin REC thanks all participants and voters for helping bring holiday cheer to the community.

## COUNCIL: FROM COVER

and nuisance clean-up, the city towed six disabled vehicles off the street. Also mentioned: One property had been cleaned up before the snowfall. They had written four citations the previous week. And nine of their court cases had recently been moved to Dec. 18. He said they'd also been working on their budget for the coming year. He and the rest of the first responders in the county also participated in a parade at South Side Elementary earlier in the week.

During his report, Public Works Director Doug Tarr said his department had been busy with snow removal as of late, and that earlier that day, he had read a victim impact statement at the courthouse regarding the stolen cemetery plaques case. He added he had one case coming up the following week.

For his report, City Manager Ron Dunt said he had recently met with Rep. Shannon Latham, voicing his concerns about property tax reform ahead of the upcoming legislative session. He said it was a good discussion. He also

mentioned that they had received many calls over the last several days from citizens who had yet to receive their water bills. He said there had been an issue at the Post Office but that it seemed the issue had been cleared up and the bills were eventually sent out.

City Councilor Kristin Roode thanked the city employees who'd been tirelessly working on clearing the snow from the roads and sidewalks.

"Thank you for showing up, day after day, even when it's completely awful outside," she said. "I know it's often a thankless job. Also, cold and very tiresome. Even when the community doesn't show it, your work does matter. Please know that there are many of us who appreciate you and the work that you do."

Next, for her report, City Councilor Jerre Grefe agreed with Roode, thanking the city employees for their work clearing the snow from the roads. She said she received notifications from her Ring camera that they were plowing the snow in front of her house

at 2:30 a.m. one morning. She applauded Franklin REC for all the work they did for their annual Light Up the Night event, even though they had to cancel the parade due to the weather. She encouraged everyone to vote for their favorite floats on Franklin REC's Facebook page. She said the Chamber of Commerce's Friday Uncorked event and Quarterly Coffee both went well. She invited the community to attend future Quarterly Coffees to keep up with upcoming events. She and the rest of the promotions committee will be meeting every week until February to nail down the details for the Chamber's annual appreciation dinner.

"I want to urge people to please send in their nominations for the leadership award, community pride, membership award and community organization," she said. "We give four awards out and we need the nominations, so think about it and send me a note on Facebook or contact Center One."

City Council Patrick Palmer reported that he

visited the Hampton Public Library during their open house earlier that day.

"They do a good job there and they really take pride in how the building looks," he said.

Palmer added that he didn't think residents within the city should be able to burn leaves at all anymore, and he urged the other councilors to consider changing those rules next year, as his term expires at the end of this year.

"Everybody seems to have breathing problems or whatnot these days," he said. "I hate it when my house gets full of smoke because the neighbor decides to burn. Yes, I could call the police department to call it in as a nuisance but that doesn't put me in a good light with my neighbors."

For his report, City Councilor Bill Holmstrom said he also wanted to thank the city street employees for all of their snow removal efforts.

"I know that everyone thinks their town looks extra special during the holidays, but with our new lights at the city park,

Hampton really paints a beautiful picture," he said.

City Councilor Jim Davies then thanked the street department and mentioned attending the Hampton Public Library's open house. He also mentioned the nativity scene (provided by the Knights of Columbus) and invited everyone to the children's play that was scheduled to take place at the Windsor Theatre that weekend.

Finally, Mayor Steve Birdsall thanked the five who signed up for the Municipal Leadership Academy through the Iowa League of Cities.

"It's a great course and it gives us a lot of information," Birdsall said. "So thank you to everybody that signed up for that. That goes a long ways."

Birdsall added that he was sad about Franklin REC'S parade cancellation but glad to hear they were still holding an online contest for floats.

## Alleged Gravestone Vandal Has Trial Delayed

BY MICHAEL HOHENBRINK MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING

An individual charged in connection with gravestone vandalism has had her court date pushed back, a second defendant has changed his plea to guilty as he awaits a determination of his ability to pay restitution and an additional defendant is now on her third lawyer in under a year as her case continues.

With her trial now coming in a few weeks, Lauren Alexandria Johnson, 34 of Dumont, is facing a pair of Class C felony charges that could see her in prison for up to 20 years with theft - first degree and criminal mischief - first degree.

Her trial had been set for Dec. 2 but Prosecuting Attorney Andrea Miller sought a continuance for a medical procedure on her part. A jury trial is now set for Jan. 13, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Johnson was one of four people charged after the Franklin County Sheriff's Office took a report about a historical plaque stolen out

of a historical site close to the intersection of Mallard Avenue and 210th Street.

"Investigations led to identifying additional missing plaques that were affixed to boulders from historical and/or memorial sites, as well as veterans' headstones across at least six cemeteries in Franklin County," said Deputy Joshua Einspahr in a sworn statement. "Several other cemeteries in surrounding counties also had plaques stolen from headstones and/or historical/memorial sites. Further investigations led to reaching out to different salvage yards."

Bronze plaques had their etching and many distinctive features destroyed before thieves then sold the metal for salvage.

Also charged were Brandon Scott Smith, 43, of Hampton, Rachel Card, 31 of Hampton, and Joshua Sellers, 41, of Manly.

Smith had already entered a guilty plea and has been sentenced to 20 years in prison with suspended fines of \$1,370 on both theft and criminal mischief charges.

### Additional Defendant On Her Third Lawyer

Meanwhile, an additional suspect, Rachel Card, is likewise looking at a Jan. 13, 2026 trial date after the court recently appointed a third defense attorney in under a year.

Card was appointed an attorney, Elizabeth Marie Wayne, back in January and then petitioned the court in October to ask for a new attorney after Wayne

saw her law license in Iowa suspended. The Supreme Court of Iowa had issued an order Oct. 8 to suspend Wayne's license after finding she had failed to give a response to the Attorney Disciplinary Board about a complaint filed against her.

Then, Card's second attorney was appointed but reported three days later back to the court that he was already representing one of Card's co-defendants.

Card's third attorney has been on the job for a few weeks, since Nov. 13 and will represent her in a few weeks with her new trial.

The fourth defendant, Joshua Sellers, has changed his plea to guilty to theft - first degree with one charge, criminal mischief - first degree, dismissed. Sellers awaits a determination on his ability to pay restitution.

### PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

#### This Week's Racing News

**Ross Chastain 2025 season in review**  
After missing the Cup Series Playoffs last year, Ross Chastain powered his No. 1 Tricklehouse Racing Chevrolet back into the postseason following his win in the Coca-Cola 600 on Memorial Day Weekend at Charlotte, which turned out to be his only victory of the 2025 season. The native of Alva, Florida, made it to the Round of 12 before getting eliminated from the playoffs after the chaotic final lap of the Charlotte Roval cutoff race. Chastain made contact with Denny Hamlin in the front stretch chicane at the Roval to get a spot he needed to keep his title hopes alive, but he ended up spinning them both out and ultimately watched his playoff run conclude on the Charlotte front stretch in reverse across the start/finish line.

#### All-Time Top Driver's Bio

**Bobby Allison**  
Born: December 3, 1937  
Cup wins: 85  
Cup top-tens: 447  
Cup championships: 1

Robert Arthur Allison was born on December 3, 1937, in Miami, Florida. His passion for racing began early, entering his first race as a high school senior. In 1959, seeking more lucrative competition, he and his brother, Donnie, moved to Alabama, forming the roots of the legendary "Alabama Gang" alongside Red Farmer. Allison's career quickly gained momentum. He began competing in the NASCAR Cup Series (then Grand National) in 1961, achieving his first major victory in 1966. A pivotal era came in the early 1970s, establishing him as one of the sport's premier drivers and earning him the 1972 National Driver of the Year award. His rivalry with Cale Yarborough, highlighted by their scuffle after the close finish of the 1975 Daytona 500, helped propel NASCAR into national prominence. Allison reached the pinnacle of his career in the 1980s, winning the 1983 NASCAR Winston Cup Series Championship. He also became a three-time winner of the sport's biggest race, the Daytona 500, with victories in 1978, 1982, and his final career win in 1988, where he famously finished 1-2 with his son, Davey Allison. His distinguished career, which included 85 credited wins, was abruptly ended on June 19, 1988, by a severe crash at Pocono Raceway, which left him with serious head injuries and forced his retirement from driving. He was later inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2011.

#### Racing History

**Nov. 15, 1992** - One of the most significant races in NASCAR history, the 1992 season finale at Atlanta Motor Speedway. It is Richard Petty's last race and Jeff Gordon's first in NASCAR premier series competition. Five drivers were eligible to win the title as the race began. Driver-owner Alan Kulwicki ends up leading one more lap than Bill Elliott to earn the five-point bonus for leading the most laps - and win the championship by 10 points.

#### Racing Trivia

**Which Hall of Fame driver holds the record for consecutive victories in the Southern 500?**

a) David Pearson      c) Dale Earnhardt  
b) Cale Yarborough    d) Jeff Gordon

ANSWER: d) From 1966-1968, Gordon (2019)

## Latimer News

Marion-Scott Farm Bureau ladies and husbands met for their Christmas party on Monday, December 8th. They enjoyed lunch in 805 Pizza. After eating and visiting Joan Pralle had word games and then the group played Bingo. Everyone had brought a white elephant gift for the Bingo prizes. Anyone could either choose a new prize gift or steal one from another person. Everyone got a gift.

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**Securing the future of the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City**



REP. RANDY FEENSTRA  
 COLUMNIST

On Wednesday December 10th, I voted for, and the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed, the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This annual legislation sets defense policy, authorizes funding for military operations and projects, and ensures that our troops and military families have the support that they need and deserve.

This year's NDAA delivers particularly exciting news for Sioux City and the surrounding region. It includes my work to au-

thorize construction of a new runway, aircraft parking apron, and a warmup/holding pad for the KC-135 Stratotanker at the Sioux Gateway Airport, which is home to our incredible 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. This bill ensures that these projects are eligible for funding that will protect nearly 1,000 jobs, promote continued economic growth in the region, and strengthen our national security.

Since being elected to Congress, I have worked to secure the future of the 185th, ensuring that the men and women who keep this unit running can continue to support our communities, respond to disasters, and defend our state and nation. I've met with leadership in both the U.S. Air National Guard and the Iowa National Guard to discuss how we can quickly fund a new runway and other military operations at the 185th. By authorizing these critical projects, we are honoring the hard work of the Iowa National Guard, protect-

ing almost 1,000 jobs, and growing the local economy.

Last month, to support inclusion of provisions beneficial to the 185th in the NDAA, I led the full Iowa congressional delegation in sending a letter to the leadership of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee and the U.S. House Armed Services Committee urging that the military construction projects at the Sioux Gateway Airport included in the Senate-passed version of the NDAA be retained in the final conference agreement for the Fiscal Year 2026 NDAA. This request was ultimately honored and cemented with House passage of the NDAA, and I'm grateful to my colleagues in both chambers for hearing our joint voice.

The NDAA also secures important wins for our troops and national security. It delivers a pay raise for U.S. servicemembers and supports military families through more affordable housing and childcare. It further eliminates red tape to streamline defense ac-

quisition, strengthens our nuclear deterrence capabilities, supports President Trump's Golden Dome Missile Defense System, and counters our adversaries by promoting U.S. shipbuilding and implementing cutting-edge defense technologies. Additionally, this legislation includes provisions to rebuild our military and domestic defense manufacturing - defending Iowa jobs and investing in our nation's security and stability.

As a strong supporter of our troops and military families, I will always work to ensure that our military remains the strongest and most feared fighting force in the world. By securing authorization for a new runway and other urgent projects at the 185th, we will deter our enemies, defend our national security, and advance peace through strength. I look forward to seeing President Trump sign the NDAA into law and keeping our military the strongest on the globe.

**When Baking Became Solo**



reading between the lines

BY AMANDA RINKE

*"An open Facebook page is simply a psychiatric dry-erase board that screams, 'Look at me.'"*  
 - Shannon L. Alder

There was a time when baking wasn't done alone, especially in the winter.

For decades, centuries, probably, women cooked and baked together, not always because they wanted to but because it was how social life functioned. Kitchens were gathering places out of necessity as much as companionship. Heat was essential for survival, especially in cold climates, and baking generated warmth.

So women, probably men too, gathered around ovens and stoves, surrounded by neighbors, friends, and sometimes people they barely tolerated, yet still found ways to coexist.

I know this not from nostalgia, I turn 32 in January, but from history. While vacationing near Yellowstone, I read "The Martins of Gun Barrel" by Mildred Albert Martin. It is an autobiography recounting her life in the early to mid-1900s, spending winters in the unforgiving cold of the Yellowstone area. She admitted she didn't much care for many of the women

she spent time with. To be honest, she was kind of terrible herself, but she welcomed visits and returned them to fend off loneliness.

When winter stretches on for weeks without the warm rays from the sun, when the cold becomes a burden that takes more energy than it gives, and the people you love begin to feel unbearable, they gathered, baked, and endured together.

Fast forward to now, and our world could not look more different.

Those of us born around 1990 occupy a unique middle ground. We were '90s kids, playing outside without grown-ups, VHS tapes on Friday nights, and snow forts in the backyard when school was canceled. But we were also 2000s young adults, watching technology change the world in such a rapid way, never seen before.

We knew the world before the technology ran it all, and we learned the tech as it was being built. So my generation, maybe a little before mine, too, understands the balance between the modern world and the world of our childhood.

And lately, I find myself wanting the world I grew up in. I miss not allowing constant access to myself or my life serving as entertainment for others.

I miss when social interaction needed intention... picking up the phone, hearing someone's voice. A single ten-minute phone call leaves me feeling more fulfilled than the endless scrolling and silent comparisons ever do. Even a simple text mes-

sage exchange feels like a throwback effort.

Somehow, baking became solo. Our kitchens are still warm, but they're quieter. We cook alone while our phones glow nearby, connected to everyone but no one.

Maybe something was lost when, as a society traded shared labor, shared warmth for convenience, face-to-face conversation for handheld digital access.

I don't think we need to return to baking out of necessity, although a wood stove seems cheaper to maintain than my current LP bill, or endure toxic companionship out of survival. But maybe there is something to be learned from the way people once gathered.

Maybe the overall issue isn't how connected we are, but how present we are for one another.

Maybe the warmth we are missing isn't from the oven at all... but from choosing, once again, to share our space.

Amanda Rinke is the Editor of The Wright County Monitor and a children's book author. Her (mostly) weekly column is published in The Wright County Monitor and The Hampton Chronicle. She writes about everyday life in rural Iowa through a unique lens filtered through motherhood and other life experiences. 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.

**It's Time to Rethink**



FRITZ GROSZKRUGER  
 THE ALTERNATIVE

Boy, he really knows how to pick them. Now it's war with Venezuela. A tiny trickle of dope comes through that country but they have valuable resources so let's just pretend.

Why not war with Mexico, where the dope comes from? Please, somebody answer! Is it because the fallout would hit Marco Rubio's apartment in Miami? Is it because U.S. soldiers would be sacrificed instead of Ukrainian or Israeli? People might finally have had enough of this silliness.

We paid our taxes already and it looks like things are too good to complain about. The Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier can go 90,000 miles before refu-

eling because it is nuclear powered, so why complain? We can just keep making enemies of these failed backwater countries as distractions from Trump's flights with Epstein. If we kill a million people in Venezuela like we did in Iraq, well they were having trouble feeding them all anyway.

On another note if Cuba has no fuel as was supplied by Venezuela's Maduro, maybe the people will rise up and throw out the communists there and Rubio's family can go back to making cigars. There's more than just baseball players produced there.

But really, now it's the War Department. It's about time some truth came out of that den of liars. The Defense Department hasn't been doing defense since 1949, when it was renamed the Defense Department. And now they are getting right out there and starting wars like the name implies.

After 80 years of drug war the drugs are still here. The flow of heroin was stopped for a while out of Afghanistan but the CIA soon reclaimed that job

from the Taliban, who had actually shut down that industry. They did have some complaints as the poppy farmers didn't know what crop to switch to.

We've recently celebrated Veterans Day, renamed that because apparently Armistice Day was offensive. I bet Pete Hegseth had nightmares about peace breaking out. Naming a school mascot the Warhawks wouldn't have occurred to my dad, who firebombed apartments in Tokyo and survived a crash landing because the tail broke off and his buddies all burned up in the main part of the B-29.

That's the kind of stuff that is best forgotten but remembered as a lesson to avoid. He said we can't stop it. It's our culture. The two oceans' effect has generally saved us from the horrors of war. But my classmates who made it back had/have some pretty serious scars from Vietnam. It looks really easy to impose it on anyone else for some reason. (It certainly isn't to stop drugs or defend the homeland.)

Has anyone noticed ac-

celerated technological advancements? Ever heard of an EMP? Hypersonic missiles?

Several countries have the capability to launch Electromagnetic Pulse devices. These can ruin any electric device. Can you imagine our country without refrigeration or operating vehicles?

The U.S. is way behind on development of Hypersonic Cruise Missiles. In 2023 China launched one that circumnavigated the world at 15,000 miles per hour. There is no defense against these weapons.

The country that was developed through free market capitalism, the one so many want to live in, has been eroded by childish fascism. America is no longer capable of following through on its threats. We would be better off cherishing relationships with other countries than acting like a blowhard bully.

Please feedback through a letter to the editor or directly to me at 4selfgovernment@gmail.com

# The Hitchhiker's Guide to Foreign Exchange

BY ISAAC VOSBURG

My eyes were open. Staring through the dark at the bunk above me, I wondered quite literally what in the world this next year would hold in store.

My eyes were closed. My mind raced laps around the same old track, recounting memories, just not in the form of dreams; then went off the beaten path, a trail filled with fantastic features of futures yet to come.

I hadn't slept a wink that night (my minimal efforts to no avail), for when my alarm went off at 2:00 AM, I was already wide awake. Everything was packed and ready to go—I'd made sure of that four days ago. I had said my goodbyes to friends, relatives, and pets—that was all last night. The only thing left now was to say goodbye to my own family.

Oh, and to make sure I'd actually have a plane to Newark, which at the moment was still a bit up in the air (pun fully intended). Allow me to backtrack and explain.

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Rather than backtracking, Isaac from the future is here to elaborate. The excerpt above is taken from an abandoned autobiography of mine, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to Foreign Exchange*. It's about 20,000 words, 45 pages, and four and a half full-length chapters long, and it details the pertinent life events that lead up to my exchange—such as the night before I left, described above. It has always been a dream of mine to write and publish stories of my time in Malaysia, and this is as close as I ever got. For almost the entirety of my eighth month of exchange, I spent an hour



or two each night sitting out on the painted metal swing, typing away until the bugs started to come out. It was only after a month of this work that I realized, despite my outpouring of hours, I still had not set foot in Malaysia within the story. I soon came to view the project as temporally costly, as it dawned on me that I had only one month before returning to the U.S. As such, I abandoned the book, and in its place, I learned to cook with my Amma—an experience I am incredibly grateful for.

Though two years have passed by, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to Foreign Exchange* has sat derelict upon the shelves of my Google Drive for almost the entirety of that time, with one clear exception: Yesterday.

As my final projects have stacked up, I decided to go digging for sources yesterday afternoon. For one class, I checked the course bibliography, the readings we had had throughout the term, and nothing was fitting quite the way I needed it to. I was at a point of personal reflection in the essay, and I wanted to contrast my experiences this first semester at Grinnell with something else. In such a deep

dive, this is what I stumbled upon, sourced, of course, from my failed narrative:

"I don't remember much of that car ride, largely because it was an uneventful journey. Sitting in the same seat I always had as a kid, driving down a route I'd taken about a million times, a feeling of bittersweet nostalgia passed over me and retreated like waves splashing upon a shoreline; toes in the sand. Those tepid waters washed away the mud and manure of my years as an Iowa farmboy, and I could feel my identity beginning to shift. As cornfields gave way to concrete, I realized that in the rich, black soil of my heart, something incredible was beginning to take root; and no matter how far the tides of change carried me, they could never drown out what was inside."

It might seem pretentious to cite oneself, especially within a final project (though this was certainly never my intent), but seeing as I had already included the recommended number of outside sources directly related to the coursework, I figured it was no harm, no foul—my professor encourages unique usage of sources anyway, and the class itself is based on narrative.

While the jury is still out on my final grade, what I can tell you is this: In two weeks' time, I will be fulfilling the promise I first laid forth two years ago, writing tales of my time in Malaysia as I experience them in the moment. No longer will I be writing in hindsight, nor will I be pounding away at my keyboard for a book that will likely never see the light of day—I will be expressing experiences live, or as "live" as print news can get.

Thank you for helping to make that dream come true.

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## CHRISTMAS PLAY: FROM COVER

mas, and this production. By day he is the Director of Applications for Airlife and lives in Sheffield with his wife Yolanda, sons Keston and Macaeon, and foreign exchange daughter Viktoria. His hobbies include 3D printing, airplane tracking, flight simulators, home DIY construction, vintage computer technology, home-brewing, cooking, singing, and playing the tuba.

**Yolanda Pralle** (assistant director/stage manager) is a veteran of stage operations in theatre. A native of Whyalla, Australia, she now lives in Sheffield with her husband Nathan, sons Keston and Macaeon, and foreign exchange daughter Viktoria. She is a Local Coordinator with Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS). In her spare time, she enjoys doing crafts and watching hallmark Christmas movies.

**Madonna Weiland** (Associate Director) - Madonna has helped with the past five years of production. Her favorite part is working with the actors old and new to watch them grow in their roles from start to finish. She also enjoys wrestling and loves being at the meets cheering on the HD-CAL bulldogs every year. At home she has three puppies and a husband. She also does some crafting with counted cross stitch and is involved with her church

**Natalie Birdsell** (Zara) - Natalie Birdsell is the 12th grade child of Tom and Jessica Birdsell of Hampton. She has appeared in 17 theatre productions playing characters like Little Red Riding Hood, Queen of Hearts, and many more. Her favorite part of this production was getting to watch everyone grow into their characters. In her spare time, she does speech, student council, high school drama, and choir. Her favorite Christmas tradition is waking up her family every Christmas morning for presents.

**Noe Flores** (Mateo) - Noe is the son of Elizabeth and Taurino Flores of Hampton and is a Junior. He has appeared in school productions like Aladdin, Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery, Into the Woods, The Little Mermaid, and Snow White. His favorite part of the production was acting with people other than his classmates. He also participates in speech and is the art club president. His favorite tradition of the holiday season is dressing up like Santa Claus and handing out presents.

**Emmanuel Iddrisu** (Okai) - Emmanuel is a foreign exchange student from Ghana hosted by Jason and Bridget Zak of Hampton. This is his first stage production. His favorite part of the play is how diversified the play is, incorporating

traditions from around the world, as raising awareness to know those traditions. He also participates in speech, mock trial, and basketball. His favorite aspects of the holiday season are gathering with friends and family.

**Bella Duran** (Clara) - Bella is the 7th grade child of Emma Calles of Hampton. This is her second production on stage having appeared last year in A Colorless Christmas. Her favorite part about acting is the opportunity to express a different character. She also enjoys dance, volleyball, and reading. Her tradition is celebrating El Dia del los Reyes Magos - The Day of the Three Kings - when we share Rosca De Reyes and remember the visit of the Wise Men. Then, on Dia de la Candelaria, we gather again for tamales!

**Charleigh Schirmer** (Lacy) - Charleigh is the 9th grade child of Dale and Becky Schirmer of Hampton. She appeared in 2 previous plays, Barely in Time for Christmas, and A Colorless Christmas. Her favorite part of this production is how many props there are. She also enjoys art club, 4-H, reading, and music. Her favorite tradition is watching Christmas movies after presents until dinner time.

**Evelyn Osborn** (Kira) - Evelyn is the 2nd grade child of Shon and Leslie

Osborn from Latimer. Evelyn appeared last year as Fynnian in A Colorless Christmas. Her favorite part of this production was doing more acting and the funny line she gets to say. She also enjoys singing, taking classes at the Steben's Children's Theater, gymnastics, soccer, basketball, and softball. Her favorite tradition of the season is going to grandma house on Christmas Eve and playing games like sran wrap ball.

**Genevieve Foreshore** (Anika) - Genevieve is a sophomore and child of Jessica and Douglas Foreshore of Sheffield. She has appeared before as the grandma in the Addams Family, ensemble in Tuck Everlasting, Tina in Popstars, and has appeared in many others (11 total) productions. She enjoyed hanging out backstage with her friends. In her spare time, she likes to ride horses, shoot archery, and play tennis. Her favorite tradition of the holiday season is watching the movie Elf on a non-stop loop.

**Haylee Hanna** (Maggie) - Haylee is a senior and the daughter of Lyle and Katie Hanna from Sheffield. She has appeared in Tuck Everlasting, The Witch's Princess, OZ, A Colorless Christmas, and Popstars: The Musical. Her favorite part of this production is acting with and doing TikToks with her best friend Glenna and hearing

Nathan tell her lines are too fast. In her spare time, she likes football and basketball cheerleading, archery, band, and choir. Her favorite Christmas Tradition is putting on matching Christmas PJs after Christmas Eve service at church.

**Jack Hindin** (Grant) - Jack is the sophomore son of Paul and Kate Hindin of Hampton. He has appeared in several productions: Treasure Island as Seaweed Willy, Closed For The Holidays as Dana, An Enchanted Bookshop, and A Colorless Christmas as Trent. He really enjoyed playing the part of the goat before it was constructed. In his spare time, he does marching band, concert band, pep band, jazz band, municipal band, farmers market (he is Sconeboy), cross-country, tennis, esports, intercultural Club, 4-H, county council, student council, debate, and speech. His favorite family tradition is family Lego Building on Christmas Day.

**Liberty Varrelman** (Abby) - Liberty is the 6th grade daughter of Starla and Tyrel Varrelman of Hampton. She first appeared in Barely in Time for Christmas and has also been in A Colorless Christmas and the short film, The Grey. Her favorite part of this production is the sledding scene, and she likes to do ceramics and make bracelets in her spare time. Her favorite Christ-

mas tradition is going to a tree farm to pick out a real Christmas tree.

**Logan Folkerds** (Niko) - Logan is the 6th grade child of Becky and Jesse Folkerds of Hampton and this is his second appearance on stage having also preformed in A Colorless Christmas as Merrick. His favorite part of this production is the props of the log and the goat. In his spare time, he likes to read and play video games. His favorite Christmas tradition is putting up the tree.

**Macaean Pralle** (Dannny) - Macaeon is the 8th grade son of Nathan and Yolanda Pralle of Sheffield. He has appeared as Brick in A Fairy Tale Christmas, Pink in Closed for the Holidays, Velvetreen Rabbit in An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas, Crink in Barely in Time for Christmas, ensemble in Tuck Everlasting, the Cowardly Lion in OZ, Silas in A Colorless Christmas, ensemble in Popstars: The Musical, Clay in the short movie The Grey, and Eliot in A Snowed-in Student Christmas. His favorite part about this production is tossing the garbage bag into the audience. In his spare time, he likes to play video games, clarinet and piano, and drawing and coding. His favorite Christmas tradition of the season is making a picnic around the television and watching Home

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## NW Franklin 4-H Seeks Local 4-H History for Coulter's 125th Anniversary Display

PRESS RELEASE

Latimer, Iowa, December 2025 – The Northwest Franklin 4-H Club is gathering information to create a special 4-H history display for the upcoming Coulter 125th Anniversary celebration on June 20, 2026. To begin the project, club members recently visited the Franklin County Historical Museum to explore the 4-H room and invited local 4-H alumni to share stories from their time in the program.

The club hopes to learn more about the history of 4-H in the CAL (Coulter, Alexander, and Latimer) area over the last 100+ years.



They are seeking memories, photos, and information about former clubs, including:

- Where meetings were held
- Activities and projects
- Favorite 4-H experienc-

es or stories

- What 4-H looked like for members, leaders, and parents in past generations
- Advice for today's 4-H youth

Anyone with information, photos, or memora-

bilia is encouraged to reach out to club leaders Kristin Borcharding or Val Plagge. The club will be working on the display throughout the winter and spring in preparation for the community celebration.

## First Bank Hampton Christmas Party

The crew at First Bank Hampton held their annual Christmas open house on Friday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The staff had prepared four dozen cookies each, so there were plenty to go around. The open house has been held for decades as a way to thank their customers and the community, said FBH employee Emma Calles. And, as always, the bank gave away \$2 donations to local churches at the request of community members.



Pictured: From left to right, FBH employees Teresa Fielding, Emma Calles, Bruce Harris, Krista Dunt, Maria Siems and Elle Miller with their assortment of cookies. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

## First Security Bank & Trust Holiday Open House

First Security Bank and Trust held their holiday open house on Friday, Dec. 12. Community members and customers stopped by throughout the day for baked goods from 210th Street Bakery out of Chapin and to catch up with the team at the bank, as they celebrated the holiday season and the new year. First Security employee Kayleigh Bass said they've held this annual celebration since they opened their location ten years ago.

"We're excited to see you all and have a very Merry Christmas!" she said.



Pictured: From left to right, bank employees Michelle Schaefer, Haleigh Hittle, Kayleigh Bass, Hannah Kew, Corie Miller, Kati Woodley, Jessica Hambly and Chris Corcoran. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



## Hampton Lions Celebrate the Holidays

The Hampton Lions gathered for their annual holiday party at the Franklin County Farm Bureau office on Thursday evening, Dec. 11, enjoying both good food and good company. At the end of the party, the group an-

nounced the following winners for their holiday raffle: Jim Davies (\$500), Janeen Butson (\$250), Lee Schaefer (\$150) and Rodney Reiken (\$100).  
Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Last week's trivia questions:

What singer had popular versions of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman" in 1949 and 1950? Answer: Gene Autry.

What singer is known for his version of the song "White Christmas" in 1942? Answer: Bing Crosby.

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This week's trivia question: Match the college or university in Iowa with the town where it's located -

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Coe          | A) Cedar Rapids |
| 2. Cornell      | B) Decorah      |
| 3. Dordt        | C) Dubuque      |
| 4. Ellsworth    | D) Forest City  |
| 5. Loras        | E) Indianola    |
| 6. Luther       | F) Iowa Falls   |
| 7. Northwestern | G) Mount Vernon |
| 8. Simpson      | H) Orange City  |
| 9. Waldorf      | I) Sioux Center |
| 10. Wartburg    | J) Waverly      |

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Dec. 17 is National Maple Syrup Day; Dec. 18 is Anwer the telephone like Buddy the Elf Day; Dec. 19 is National Hard Candy Day; Dec. 20 is Games Day, and Go Caroling Day; Dec. 21 is the First Day of Winter, and World Snowboard Day; Dec. 22 is Forefathers' Day, and National Short Person Day; and Dec. 23 is National Christmas Movie Marathon Day.

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"But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." – Psalm 86:15

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." –

Romans 3:23-24

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

– Matthew 6:14-15

### Funny newspaper corrections:

"A previous version of this story stated that the bear is a brown bear. While it is a bear that is brown, it is not a brown bear; it is a black bear (that is brown). The story has been updated to reflect this."

"Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II) was referred to in Saturday's column as "the first non-Catholic pope in 450 years." This should have read "non-Italian."

We apologize for the error."

"A previous version of this article suggested that Katie Hopkins was stopped from leaving South Africa because of the consumption of Ketamine. We are happy to clarify that Ms. Hopkins was detained for spreading racial hatred, which took place after the Ketamine incident."

"Correction - There was an error printed in a story titled "Pigs float down the Dawson." The story reported that "more than 30,000 pigs were floating down the Dawson River." What the pigs' owner actually said was "30 sows and pigs," not "30,000 pigs." We apologize for this error."

"Clarification - The old pouffe which started the fire at Douglas Cottages as reported last week, referred to an item of furniture and not the owner, Mr. Donnie McArthur."

"Correction - An article yesterday about Marcia Lowry, a lawyer arguing in a federal lawsuit, included an erroneous description. The first sentence should have begun with "Attorney Marcia Lowry," not "A tiny Marcia Lowry."

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After an audition at Decca Records in 1962, the Beatles were turned down in favor of another band. An executive at the company said the group "had no future in show business."

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Walt Disney was fired from the Kansas City Star newspaper in 1919 because, his editor said, he "lacked imagination and had no good ideas."

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# What's At The Windsor

**BY JIM DAVIES**  
WINDSOR THEATRE  
MANAGER

Wicked: For Good will show at the Windsor Theatre now through Thursday, December 25.

Regular showtimes are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7:00 PM, with a Wednesday matinee at 2:00 PM and a Sunday matinee at 1:00 PM.

Join us for 4-H Night at the movies for a free showing of Wicked: For Good on Friday, December 19 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome! Come to enjoy the movie and learn more about 4-H and Clover Kids in Franklin County. Come dressed up as your favorite Wicked character.

The Windsor Theatre will be closed on Decem-

ber 24, Christmas Eve, for employees to attend church services and family holiday celebrations. There will be a showing of Wicked:

For Good on Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25 at 7:00 PM.

The film picks up after the events of the first movie, with Elphaba now demomized as the Wicked Witch of the West and lives in exile in the Ozian forest. Meanwhile, Glinda resides at the palace in Emerald City, reveling in the perks of fame and popularity.

As tensions rise, the film delves into political conflicts, social injustice, and the consequences of power

imals and creatures.

Glinda becomes engaged to Fiyero, creating emotional and ideological distance from Elphaba.

When a mysterious girl from Kansas enters their world (connecting to the world of the original The Wonderful Wizard of Oz), the tension between Elphaba's rebellion and Oz's ruling regime escalates.

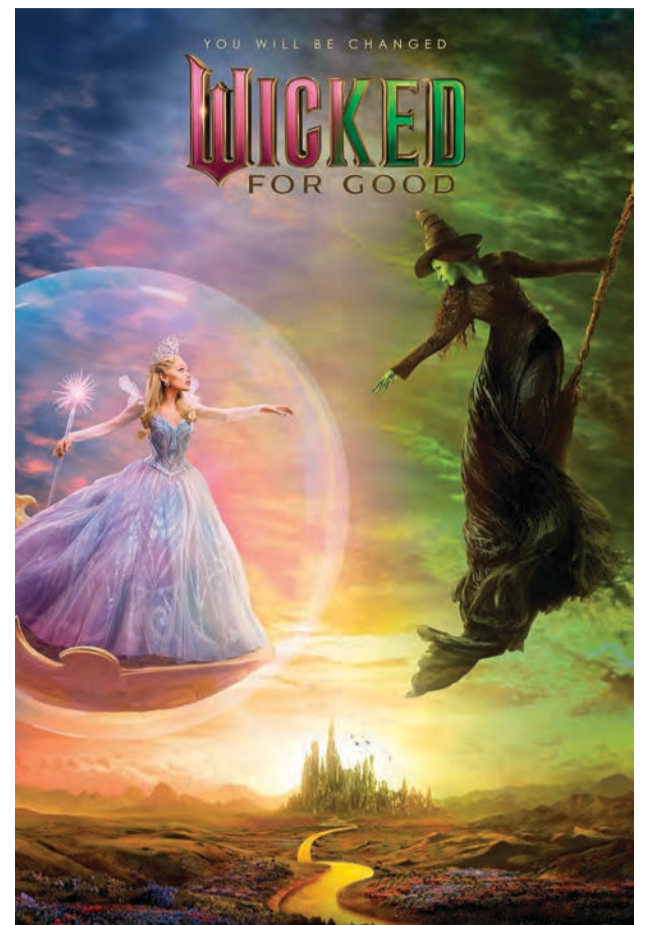
As an angry mob rises against the Wicked Witch, she'll need to reunite with Glinda to transform herself, and all of Oz, for good.

The film explores themes of identity, morality, power, justice, and how public perception can shape who's deemed "good" or "evil" — often irrespective of truth.

At its core, the story questions whether the bonds of friendship and compassion can survive under political pressure and societal expectations, and whether redemption and change are possible in a world built on lies.

Wicked: For Good is distributed by Universal Pictures and is rated PG for action/violence, some suggestive material, and thematic elements that may not be suitable for younger viewers. The running time is 138 minutes.

Regular movie ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth age 16 and under. Seniors (60 and over) receive a discounted price of \$4 on Sundays. All tickets are



— especially as Elphaba fights for the rights and liberation of Oz's oppressed an-

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The free 1:00 PM showing of National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation on Saturday, Dec. 20 is sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council.

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\$4 for the Thursday evening show.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door or online at [www.windsortheatre.com](http://www.windsortheatre.com). Credit cards are accepted.

'Read the Book Before You See the Movie' promotion. To check out a copy of the book, contact the Hampton Public Library.

**Upcoming movies:**  
• Saturday, Dec. 20 - National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation - A free 1:00 PM showing sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council.

• Dec. 26-Jan. 1 - David  
• Jan. 2-8 - The Housemaid - The film adaptation of Freida McFadden's bestselling 2022 novel is the first featured title

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

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**WINDSOR THEATRE**

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12/14/25 thru 12/25/25

**REGULAR SHOWTIMES**  
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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 Teagan Beadle, age 4.

Teagan is the daughter of Alexis and Brock Beadle. Her favorite book is *Exactly as Planned* by Tao Nyeu.



## WINDSOR: FROM PAGE 7

For the regular movie-goer, a punch card is available. Each punch card has 25 punches for \$20, a 20% discount. One punch equals one dollar good for admission only. There is no expiration date on punch cards, Windsor bucks, or movie passes.

### More Than Movies

Besides showing first run movies, the Windsor Theatre also provides a venue for several live events. The Franklin County Arts Council has had numerous productions, the most recent, *The Tradition Collision*, a children's play written and directed by Nathan Pralle.

Since 2011 "An Evening Like It Used To Be" has been held in October. This visit to the early 1900's features vintage

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Old Time Country Hoedowns, birthday parties, class reunions, weddings, family reunions, the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 raffle drawing have all been held at the Windsor Theatre. Private and school tours are also available, upon request. For more information and to contact the Windsor Theatre, visit [www.windsortheatre.com](http://www.windsortheatre.com) or call/text me, theatre manager Jim Davies, at 641-425-4707.

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230 people attended the Franklin County Arts Council production of *The Tradition Collision* at the Windsor Theatre last weekend.

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**CHRISTMAS PLAY: FROM PAGE 5**

Alone 1 and 2."  
**Miyah Monroe Arana (LEELA)** - Miyah Monroe Arana is the 5th grade child of David and Danielle Arana of Hampton. She has appeared in 3 other productions: Little Match Girl in An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas and as Hima in Barely in Time for Christmas, Eira in A Colorless Christmas, and Mouse in Wind in the Willow. She loves that her character this time around has so much energy. In her spare time, she plays softball, basketball, and volleyball, as well as attending Steben's Children's Theatre and singing and dancing with her friends. Her favorite holiday tradition is inviting a bunch of people over to her house for a party.  
**Tammy Schirmer (TRACY)** - Tammy Schirmer is the 10th grade daughter of Becky and Dale Schirmer of Hampton. She has appeared in An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas as The Book

Fairy, Barely in Time for Christmas as Lachesis, and Into the Woods Jr. as Granny and Lucinda, A Colorless Christmas as Peggy, The Little Mermaid as The Stylist, and Snow White and the Seven Dwarves as Christabel. She loves that Keston got creeped out when they turned their heads in synchronization on the first scene and loves watching Christmas movies after opening presents on  
**Keston Pralle (CHARLIE)** - Keston is the senior son of Nathan and Yolanda Pralle of Sheffield and has appeared in many productions throughout his career, including An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas, Barely in Time for Christmas, A Colorless Christmas, The Witch's Princess, The Addams Family, Popstars: The Musical, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, and A Snowed-In Student Christmas and the short film, The Gray. His favorite part of this production is where he gets

to scream about America and he loves the Christmas tradition of having a picnic while we watch movies on Christmas Eve. In his spare time he likes to play video games, do eSports, produce and compose music, and play piano.  
**Reed Masters (CARLOS)** - Reed is the son of Kelli and Howard Masters and is a junior at Hampton. He has appeared in three productions before, Into the Woods Jr (as Milky White), The Little Mermaid (as Latchkey), and Snow White (as the Prince), as well as the short film, The Gray. His favorite part is watching this show come together and all the hard work paying off. In his spare time, he likes to stay busy with cross country, track, speech, debate, mock trial, band, choir, chamber choir, jazz band, volunteer boards, and other things. His favorite holiday tradition is the pickle on the tree, finding it, and getting an extra small gift.

**Viktoria Foksha (ROSA)** - Viktoria is the foreign exchange daughter of Nathan and Yolanda Pralle from Bulgaria and is a senior at West Fork. She has appeared in one production before, A Snowed-In Student Christmas as Iris. Her favorite part of the production is the last scene where everyone is together on stage. In her spare time, she likes to draw, write, and create stories and essays, along with learning new languages. Her favorite tradition is decorating the Christmas tree as each ornament has its own meaning.  
**Jackson Operman (RAFE)** - Jackson is the son of Anna Allen and is a senior at Hampton from Parkersburg. He has appeared in Into the Woods Jr, The Little Mermaid, and Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. His favorite part is pantomiming the prop scene with Keston. It was really goofy but he enjoyed getting in character with his co-actor. In his spare

time, he likes to do speech, write stories, draw, skateboard, and play guitar. His favorite Christmas tradition is setting up a Russian nesting doll (matroishka) nativity set that you take apart slowly during the days up to Christmas; baby Jesus is at the center and you take him out on the day.  
**Tshephang Mphateng (Tee) (JADE)** - Tshephang is the foreign exchange daughter of Hannah and Dick Burlingame and is from South Africa. She is a senior at Hampton. This is her first production and she says she loves how this play makes everyone be seen and the different cultures. In her spare time, she likes to dance and cheer and her favorite holiday tradition is cooking and eating lots of food with friends and family.  
**Victoria Princess Flo-mo (KAMARA)** - Victoria is the senior foreign exchange student from Liberia of Dale and Becky

Schirmer of Hampton. This is her first theatre production and she says her favorite part is the message that behind everyone's tradition is meaning and everyone should have the freedom to celebrate as they do. Her other hobbies include soccer, basketball, cooking, dancing, music, debate, and video games. She loves the tradition of going to church and cooking food with family and having fun.  
**Tam Hindin (BACKSTAGE)** - Tam Hindin is the collegiate sophomore son of Kate & Paul Hindin of Hampton. He has assisted backstage with ~10 productions overall (including high school). His favorite part is supporting those who can act. He also enjoys participating in eSports, band, jazz band, digital artwork, and music composition. He loves having butter braids on Christmas morning.

# December Events Program



**STORYTIME WITH THE GRINCH**, at the Hampton Public Library at 5:30 p.m. Stop by to hear the Grinch read a story and have your photo taken with him. Wearing pajamas is optional but encouraged. There will also be cookies and Christmas ornaments.



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**DETAILS:**  
 Second Tuesday

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**DETAILS:**  
 Second Tuesday of every month  
 6:30 PM

### ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD:

**DETAILS:**  
 Third Wednesday of every month

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

### FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM BOARD:

**DETAILS:**  
 Second Thursday,  
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### ALEXANDER CITY COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
 Alexander Library, 409 Harriman St  
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**DETAILS:**  
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**DETAILS:**  
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### FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD:

**DETAILS:**  
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 Second Wednesday of the month,  
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### LATIMER CITY COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
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### DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD:

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

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

### FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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

### DOWS CITY COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
 First Monday of every month  
 6:00 PM

### SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
 Every second Monday  
 of the month at 6 PM

### HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD:

**DETAILS:**  
 Fourth Monday of the month  
 6:00 PM

### FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION:

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

### GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

**DETAILS:**  
 3rd Monday of the month at noon  
 at Center 1.

### DUMONT CITY COUNCIL:

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

### FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS:

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

### WEST FORK SCHOOL BOARD:

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

### FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL :

**DETAILS:**  
 Franklin County Extension Council  
 ISU Extension & Outreach 6 2nd St.  
 NW, Hampton 50441  
 Council members help determine  
 local priorities for agricultural,  
 youth (4-H), health and human  
 science, and community/economic  
 development program areas.

## Warhawks Boys Basketball Drops Game to Knights

BY EVAN PHARR  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

SHEFFIELD - West Fork boys basketball has fallen to 0-2 to start the season after falling 65-55 to the Newman Catholic Knights on Friday, Dec. 12. The Warhawks started hot, as they outscored the Knights 15-12 in the first quarter. However, that would be the only quarter the Warhawks would win, as the Knights outscored them 14-10 in the second quarter, 19-15 in the third quarter and 20-15 in the second quarter. The Warhawks were battled as they brought the game to within one point in the fourth quarter before the Knights pulled away. Head coach of the Warhawks, Abraham Maske, was pleased with how his team played despite the loss.

"We played much better than we did the first game defensively," Maske said. "We did some really good things, but when we

made a few defensive mistakes, Newman's top two players, Wesley Cole and Thomas McGuire, really made us pay. We had a good game plan going in, and as the game went on in the fourth quarter, we kind of struggled to defend McGuire, who really became hot, and it was just tough to overcome his hot shooting."

Junior Zander Hansen led the Warhawks in scoring with 14 points, junior Ayden Bonner scored 11 points and junior Keston Lambertson added 10 points of his own. The Warhawks fall to 0-2 on the season and 0-1 in conference play. Coach Maske discussed how the Warhawks can improve after the first two games of the season.

"We are a very good and solid team," he said. "We need to start shooting the ball with confidence, play defense all four quarters from start to finish and continue to get better."

The Warhawks hosted Central Springs on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and their next game is on Friday, Dec. 19 when they host Saint Ansgar at 7:30 p.m.



Lane Kollman shoots a free throw in game vs Newman Catholic on Friday, Dec. 12. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Zander Hansen attempts a layup in game vs Newman Catholic on Friday, Dec. 12. Photo by Evan Pharr.

## Warhawks Girls Fall to Knights for Third Consecutive Loss



Mya Marzen attempts a layup in game vs Newman Catholic on Friday, Dec. 12. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Brylee Dickman attempts a three-point shot in game vs Newman Catholic on Friday, Dec. 12. Photo by Evan Pharr.

BY EVAN PHARR  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

SHEFFIELD - The West Fork girls basketball team fell to the Newman Catholic Knights by a score of 56-37 on Friday, Dec. 12, the third loss in a row for the Warhawks. This came after their game at Northwood-Kensett on Tuesday, Dec. 9 was postponed due to weather. The Warhawks couldn't overcome a strong shooting night from the Knights as they knocked down six three pointers at a 33% clip. Head coach of the Warhawks, Rodney Huber, discussed the three-game losing streak against three tough teams.

"Yea, it's been tough, especially with a young, inexperi-

enced team," he said. "The great thing is, it can get easier from here. Hopefully, it will make the games coming see a lot easier and the games feel slower for our players."

Senior Brylee Dickman led the Warhawks with 11 points. Freshman Dazie Huff scored eight points, sophomore Mya Marzen scored seven points, junior Evelyn Hitzhusen scored six points and junior Maesy Mayland scored five points.

The Warhawks are now 1-3 on the season and 0-1 in conference play. The Warhawks hosted Central Springs on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and their next game is on Friday, Dec. 19 when they host Saint Ansgar at 6:15 p.m.

## Bulldogs Boys Wrestling Places Fourth in Keith Vry Invitational

BY EVAN PHARR  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

PARKERSBURG - The Hampton-Dumont-CAL boys wrestling team had a solid performance in the Keith Vry Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 13, as they placed fourth overall out of nine teams with a score of 154.5. Head coach of the Bulldogs, Colin Muller, was very proud of how his team performed in the tournament.

"I am very proud of all of the boys," Muller said. "We are trending in the right direction as individuals and as a team. The boys are improving every time the step on the mat and that comes from their ability to be coachable, along with working hard in the practice room."

The Bulldogs had four wrestlers place inside the top three, including senior Brody Strother, who placed second in the 138 pound class and scored 20 points for the team, and sophomore Luke Showalter, who placed second in the 144 pound class and scored 19 points for the team. Junior Beau Morton placed third in the 190 pound class and scored 21 points for the team, and senior Maddon Evans placed third in the 215 pound class and scored 21 points for the team. Coach Muller expressed how proud he was of those four wrestlers for placing in the top three in their respective weight classes.

"Luke and Brody both competed very well to make the finals and then ran into some ham-

mers," he said. "Beau and Maddon both are consistently hard workers and it is great to see that work pay off."

The other Bulldogs wrestlers that scored points for the team: senior Jacobb Mahler placed fourth in the 150 pound class and scored 15.5 points for the team, junior Cooper Bird placed fourth in the 175 pound class and scored 16 points for the team, senior Emmett Elling placed fourth in the 285 pound class and scored 20 points for the team, senior Ryder Strother placed fifth in the 165 pound class and scored 13 points for the team and freshman Kinik Perez placed sixth in the 126 pound class and scored 8 points for the team.

The Bulldogs next competi-

tion is the NCC triangular versus St. Edmond and Humboldt at St.

Edmond high school on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.



Cooper Bird wrestles in the third place match in the 175 pound class in Keith Vry Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 13. Photo by John Jensen.

## Bulldogs Girls Wrestling Places Third in Go-Hawk Invitational

BY EVAN PHARR  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE



The HDCAL girls wrestling team poses for a team photo after placing third in the Go-Hawk Invitational on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Photo submitted by Brittany Stevens.

WAVELY - It was a strong showing for the Hampton-Dumont-CAL girls wrestling team at the Go-Hawk invitational on Tuesday, Dec. 9 as the Bulldogs finished in third place out of eight teams with a score of 95. Bulldogs head coach, Brittany Stevens, spoke on the strong performance the girls had in the tournament.

"This was a big competition for the girls and we knew it would be tough," Stevens said. "We look for these opportunities to grow and get better. We showed up, and we gave it all we had and their hard work paid off. Every team point matters in a tournament, and these ladies were on it. There were so many hard fought battles, and every girl rose to the occasion."

The Bulldogs had four girls place in the top two, including sophomore Juliet Koch and junior Avalon Mulford, who placed first

in their respective weight classes. Koch was thrilled with her performance in the tournament.

"Getting first meant a lot to me," Koch said. "Wrestling is very important to me and I work at it year-round, so being able to see growth and success at a tournament like this was very rewarding."

Mulford also explained what placing first meant to her.

"It meant a lot to me to get first because it was my first getting first ever for wrestling in my first year," Mulford said. "It really proved to me that I want to continue doing wrestling the rest of my high school career."

Koch placed first in the 155 pound class, winning all three of her matches and scoring 20 points for the team. Mulford placed first in the 235 pound class, winning all three of her matches and scoring 20 points for the team. The other wrestlers that scored points for the Bulldogs: junior Elsie Kuper placed second in the 170 pound class and scored 18

points for the team, junior Marlen Subbert placed second in the 190 pound class and scored 12 points for the team, sophomore Megan Severs placed fourth in the 140 pound class and scored four points for the team, sophomore Yoselin Ramirez placed fourth in the 145 pound class and scored four points for the team, freshman Caiya Bolland placed fourth in the 170 pound class, junior Adriana Gomez placed fifth in the 125 pound class and scored seven points for the team, freshman Hazel Menken placed fifth in the 235 pound class, junior Marlee Maas placed sixth and scored five points for the team and sophomore Ava Blau placed eighth and scored one point for the team.

The Bulldogs wrestled in the Michelle Jensen Invitational at Humboldt High School on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and their next competition is the Iowa Falls-Alden Invitational at Ellsworth College on Friday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.

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## Bulldogs Defeat Wolverines for First Win of Season

BY EVAN PHARR  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL boys basketball team picked up their first win of the season after defeating the Dike-New Hartford Wolverines 70-61 on Tuesday, Dec. 9. The Bulldogs offense exploded for 70 points, more than they scored in any game last season, to lead them to the victory. Head coach of the Bulldogs, Matt Lokenvitz, expressed that this is the offensive output he wants to see from his team.

"That's exactly the way we want to play every single night," Lokenvitz said. "We want to get up and down the floor. When you get up and down the floor and you run the way we run, you get a lot of possessions. When you have that many possessions, you can score 70 points."

The Bulldogs were led by monster games from senior Brady Harr, who was one assist shy of a quadruple-double, and senior Caden Woods, who led the team with 26 points. Harr recorded a triple-double, with 10 points, 15 rebounds and 10 blocks, and

assisted many of Wood's buckets. Harr spoke on the connection he and Woods have on the court.

"I see the defender come up, and I know Caden is going to be in the right spot every time," Harr said. "Most of the time I don't even have to look. He finds the ball, finds the area and I hit him every time."

It was a competitive first half, as the Bulldogs took a 33-32 lead into half time. The Bulldogs would pull away in the second half, outscoring the Wolverines 20-15 in the third quarter and 17-14 in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. Coach Lokenvitz spoke on what getting the first win of the season did for the confidence of the team.

"I'm so proud of these kids," he said. "They won four games last year, so then I come in here and changed up the system. We're going to run the guys a little bit. We got to get in shape, but we can do this. The players deserve the credit; they listened, and they want to get better. Your scheme is only as good as your players want to do it."

The Bulldogs took the momentum into their game at Webster City on Friday, Dec. 12 as the Bulldogs took down the Lynx by a score of 47-46 to improve to 2-1 on the season and 1-0 in conference play. The Bulldogs hosted Humboldt on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and their next game is on Friday, Dec. 19 when they host St. Edmond at 7:45 p.m.



Brady Harr looks for an open teammate in game vs Dike-New Hartford on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Aaden Keehn attempts a layup in game vs Dike-New Hartford on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Photo by Evan Pharr.

## Bulldogs Girls Basketball Falls to Wolverines



Mackenzey Valley dribbles the ball up court in game vs Dike-New Hartford on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Keely Moorehead attempts a layup in game vs Dike-New Hartford on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Photo by Evan Pharr.

BY EVAN PHARR  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton-Dumont-CAL girls basketball fell to the Dike-New Hartford Wolverines by a score of 45-19 on Tuesday, Dec. 9. The Bulldogs struggled to get an offensive rhythm going in the first half, as the Wolverines took a 24-6 lead into halftime. The Bulldogs would pick up the offensive production in the second half, but it wouldn't be enough as the Wolverines outscored the Bulldogs 21-13 in the second half to walk away with the 45-19 victory. Head coach of the Bulldogs, Miranda Stafford, was proud of how the girls kept fighting until the end.

"It shows their grit and their work ethic," Stafford said. "Their ability to continue to be coachable and compete. The second

half, they did a good job of making adjustments that we talked about at half time, so it shows that they are willing to learn and listen."

Junior Madison Heilskov was the Bulldogs leading scorer, as she scored eight points on 4-of-13 shooting from the floor. Sophomore MacKenzy Valley led the Bulldogs with 10 rebounds, five steals and two assists to go along with her five points scored. Junior Addison Aalbers led the Bulldogs with four blocks and she scored five points.

The Bulldogs rebounded on Friday, Dec. 12 with a 36-32 victory over Webster City, to improve their record to 2-3 and 1-1 on the season. The Bulldogs hosted Homboldt on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and their next game is on Friday, Dec. 19 when they host St. Edmond at 6 p.m.

## Weekly Recap

### Hampton-Dumont-CAL:

December 9. Girls wrestling finished in third place out of eight teams with a score of 95. See results in tournament story on page 11.

December 9. Girls basketball lost their game versus Dike-New Hartford 45-19. Junior Madison Heilskov led the Bulldogs with eight points.

December 9. Boys basketball won their game versus Dike-New Hartford 70-61. Senior Caden Woods led the Bulldogs with

26 points.

December 12. Girls Basketball won their game versus Webster City 36-32. Stats not available for this game as of Monday, Dec. 15.

December 12. Boys basketball won their game versus Webster City 47-46. Senior Brad Harr was the Bulldogs leading scorer with 23 points.

December 13. Boys wrestling finished in fourth place out of 12 teams with a score

of 154.5. See results in tournament story on page 11.

### West Fork:

December 11. Boys wrestling lost both of their duels to Nashua-Plainfield and Northwood-Kensett. The Warhawks lost 74-6 to Nashua-Plainfield and 42-24 to Northwood-Kensett.

December 12. Girls basketball lost their game versus Newman Catholic 56-37. Senior Brylee Dickman led the Warhawks with 11 points.

December 12. Boys basketball lost their game versus Newman Catholic 65-55. Junior Zander Hansen led the Warhawks with 14 points.

December 13. Boys wrestling finished in ninth place out of nine teams with a score of 27. Preston Starr placed sixth in the 144 pound class, Aarin Ihtke placed fifth in the 157 pound class, Andrew Baker placed fourth in the 165 pound class and Jensen Robbins placed sixth in the 215 pound class.



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## Upcoming Sports Events

### Hampton-Dumont-CAL:

Dec. 18: Boys wrestling NCC Triangular vs. St. Edmond and Humboldt @ Humboldt 6 p.m.  
Dec. 19: Girls wrestling Iowa-Falls Alden Invitational @ Ellsworth College 5 p.m.  
Dec. 19: Girls basketball vs. St. Edmond at home 6 p.m.  
Dec. 19: Boys basketball vs. St. Edmond at home 7:45 p.m.  
Dec. 20: Boys wrestling Jim Kinon Norsemen Invitational @ Roland-Stor High School 10 a.m.  
Dec. 20: Girls basketball vs. Saint Ansgar 1 p.m.  
Dec. 20: Boys basketball vs. Saint Ansgar 2:30 p.m.

### West Fork

Dec. 18: Boys Wrestling home quad vs. Osage, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura and Central Springs 6 p.m.  
Dec. 19: Girls wrestling Iowa-Falls Alden Invitational @ Ellsworth College 5 p.m.  
Dec. 19: Girls basketball vs. Saint Ansgar at home 6:15 p.m.  
Dec. 19: Boys basketball vs. Saint Ansgar at home 7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 20: Boys wrestling Ron Dodd Viking Invitational @ Northwood-Kensett High School 9 a.m.

## ICE FISHING AGAIN



BY RICK JANSSEN

Everywhere I go lately the first question that people have been asking me is “have you been ice fishing yet?” The interesting thing is when I say yes, the response seems to be “are you crazy, there can’t be enough ice yet!” I think they must have forgotten the multiple days we have had already with below zero temps and even more days below freezing. I think in the last 15 days we have had 30 minutes above freezing. Ice gets made fast in those temperatures.

My first day out was December 5. I went to Beeds lake and drove into the campground area. I am very appreciative of the snow being moved so that people can get in there. I really wanted to fish along the north jetty, but the giant flock of geese had been working hard to keep the water

open in that area and I did not think the ice would be safe there.

I pulled my ice fishing sled down the jetty by the campground and took my first steps on the ice for the 2025-2026 season. The first thing I did was drill a hole close to the shore to check the ice. It was about 4 inches thick, so I felt OK about that. My goal for this outing was just to check the ice and maybe fish a bit. I then took about 4 more steps and drilled another hole. Ice was still good. I continued with this process out onto the lake. I did not want to press my luck too much and stopped about 50 yards from shore.

Now that I had determined that the ice was safe it was time to find some fish. I took out my depth finder and put it in the hole. My normal procedure is to check out the drilled holes until I can see a blip of a fish on my depth finder. Remember ice fishing is straight down so if I don’t see anything on my depth finder I move on to another hole. I did this for 15 holes in the area I was in, and I did not see a thing. Time to move.

I grabbed my auger and started drilling random holes moving



back towards the fishing jetty. I drilled 6 more holes and then grabbed my depth finder to check those out. On hole number 20 I finally saw a fish on my screen. I then got into my fish shelter and pulled the top over me. It was not very cold that day, but I fired up my little heater just to be sure it worked. AHHH toasty. I got out my fishing rod and baited up. I could still see the blips of fish on my depth finder, so I was thinking I was in a good spot.

On my first drop down the

hole a fish came up to check out my bait. NO bites though. I tried another lure and sure enough I caught the fish. Game on!! Just then I noticed my depth finder was starting to act strange. The lights were getting dimmer and I could not see much. Then it just faded out completely. HMMM maybe I didn’t charge it enough for the first trip out. I decided to pack up and head home to charge it more.

The next day was a Saturday, and my charger was ready to go. I went back to the lake and the first thing I noticed was the number of trucks parked along the road and people on the ice. I remember the day before while I was out, seven different trucks drove along the road and watched me. I guess they were curious about what kind of an idiot was out there, and was he going to break through. Once I proved it was safe then more people came out.

I headed out further into the lake where there were others fishing and started drilling some holes. I saw a man and his son fishing, so I stopped to talk with them for a while. They had just

gotten started so had not caught anything yet. I asked if I could fish in the same area and I got the OK.

After checking out 5 more holes I spotted some fish. I set up my shack and started fishing. I caught 3 fish immediately but then they stopped biting. I moved one more time and got the hot spot. I sat there for the rest of the day and ended up catching plenty of fish. I brought home 11 for supper.

My next trip out was a week later, and the ice had grown 2 more inches. I felt safe enough to walk across the lake to the north side to check it out. I drilled 15 holes on the north side and did not mark one fish. I decided to move back to the area I had fished on Saturday and started drilling holes. I managed a few fish and then ended up in about the same place I had caught the fish on Saturday.

This was Thursday the 11th of December and if you remember it was snowing that day. When I finally went to set up my shack I had a lot of snow piled up in it. I had to brush everything off to get set up. I fired up the heater and sat down for some serious fishing. For the next hour I caught fish after fish. All the bluegills were very nice sized. I did not want to clean any fish that night, so I put them back.

What a great day of fishing. I am sure I will be fishing now at least a few times per week. I like to go out during the week when there are less people out. I need to add something for my fellow ice fishermen. PLEASE pick up your trash. My heart breaks when I see the junk left on the ice. It is not too much to ask if you pick up your bait containers, food wrappers etc. Enjoy your time out, but keep it clean.



## Holiday Plant Care

Keep the season fresh and festive with tips from an extension consumer horticulture specialist

BY AARON J. STEIL  
ISU EXTENSION AND  
OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – Holiday plants bring color and life to our homes during the winter months. From the scent of a fresh-cut Christmas tree to the bright bracts of poinsettias and the bold blooms of amaryllis, these plants are a big part of seasonal decor.

Aaron Steil, consumer horticulture extension specialist at Iowa State University, offers care tips to keep holiday plants healthy and appealing throughout the holidays and beyond.

### Keep cut trees watered

A fresh-cut Christmas tree is often the centerpiece of holiday decorating. When choosing a tree, look for green needles that bend easily and stay attached when you shake the branches. Before placing the tree in its stand, cut about half an inch off the base of the trunk. This helps the tree absorb water. Keep the stand filled with water at all times. A tree can absorb a gallon or more in the first day.

Additionally, place the tree away from fireplaces, radiators and sunny windows to prevent it from drying out too quickly. “Checking the water level daily is the most important thing you can do to keep your tree fresh,” said Steil.

### Live wreaths stay fresh outdoors

Live wreaths are another holiday favorite. To keep them looking fresh, start with greenery that is not dry or losing its needles. “The ideal conditions for wreaths are moist and cool,” Steil noted.

In most cases, live wreaths will only last a week indoors before drying out; however, in outdoor winter



Image courtesy ISU Extension and Outreach Office

temperatures, they can remain green for months. Keeping wreaths out of direct sunlight and heat can also further their longevity. Additionally, an anti-desiccant spray can help slow moisture loss, keeping them fresher for a longer period.

### Don’t overwater poinsettias

Poinsettias are known for their colorful bracts and deep green leaves. They thrive in bright, indirect light and temperatures between 65 F and 75 F. Keep them away from drafts and heating vents to avoid leaf drop. Water them only when the top of the soil feels dry, and avoid letting the plants sit in water.

If your plant is wrapped in decorative foil, drain the excess water. “Most poinsettias do not need abundant watering through December,” said Steil. “Overwatering might be the number one reason why poinsettias die before the end of the year.”

### Amaryllis makes an easy-to-care-for gift

Amaryllis bulbs produce large,

showy flowers that brighten any space. Plant the bulb in a pot with the top third of the bulb above the soil. Water lightly until growth starts, then keep the soil moist. Next, place the pot in bright light so the stalk grows strong. “When growing in low light, the stalk may get quite tall and lean. By placing it in abundant light, flower stalks will stay shorter and are less likely to tip over,” mentioned Steil.

Waxed amaryllis bulbs have become popular for their convenience and ease. They require no soil or watering. Simply place the bulb in a bright location and enjoy the blooms. “Waxed bulbs are a great low-maintenance option, making them a great gift,” Steil said.

### Save plants at the end of the holidays

After the holidays, don’t throw your holiday plants away. While poinsettias and waxed amaryllis bulbs are intended to be composted at the end of the season, they can be saved and even rebloom with the right care. After the flowers fade on amaryllis bulbs, cut the stalk, but leave the leaves. Continue watering and fertilizing to allow the bulb to store energy for next year. “Amaryllis can bloom year after year if you care for the bulb properly,” Steil explained.

Evergreen branches from wreaths and trees can also be composted or chipped for mulch. Trees can be set outside for the remainder of winter for birds and animals to use as shelter, or branches can be laid over perennial garden beds to provide additional protection from the cold.

“With a little attention, holiday plants will stay fresh and add beauty to your celebrations,” said Steil.

## Commercial Manure Applicator Training Scheduled for Franklin County

PRESS RELEASE  
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE  
FRANKLIN COUNTY

HAMPTON – Commercial manure applicators should plan to attend the Commercial Manure Applicator video training program scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026, from 9 a.m. to noon in 72 counties. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, will conduct this required three-hour video-based training workshop.

There is no fee to attend the workshop; however, pre-registration is required, and walk-ins are not allowed. Please contact Traci Kloetzer at the ISU Extension and Outreach Franklin County office at 641-456-4811, Ext 1.

Commercial manure applicators needing to recertify and those wanting to certify for the first time should attend. The workshop will provide the required three hours of annual training and will cover rules for applicators and land-application requirements, soil compaction, DOT Rules of the Road, commercial manure manager’s survey, variable rate systems, and a national manure nutrient database.

### Live workshops

Eight locations will host live workshops for Commercial Manure Applicator Certification as part of the Confinement Site Manure Applicator Training. Those seeking the Confinement Site certification will be excused after the two-hour session. However, to obtain the Commercial certification, participants must remain for the additional hour to fulfill the three-hour training requirement.

The dates, counties, workshop locations and phone numbers for the locations hosting a Live Commercial Manure Applicator Workshop are provided below:

Jan. 15, Johnson County, 9:30 a.m. Johnson County Extension Office, Iowa City; 319-337-2145.

Jan. 20, Osceola County, 1:30 p.m., Willow Creek County Recreation, 5945 Hwy 9, Ocheyedan; 712-754-3648.

Jan. 26, Davis County, 1:30 p.m., Davis County Extension Office, Leitchville; 562-333-3333.

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## Applications Open for First Impressions

BY ESTHER CROMPTON AND ANN VOGELBACHER  
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH

AMES – Iowa communities have the chance to see themselves through the eyes of first-time visitors by applying for the 2026 First Impressions Tourism

and Community Assessment program. Applications are due by 4 p.m. Feb. 18.

The program, developed by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development and offered in partnership with the Iowa Economic Development Authority and

the Iowa Tourism Office, helps small towns uncover insights that can grow tourism, attract new residents and improve quality of life. Five communities will be selected for the 2026 program year.

“This program gives communities an honest look at how they present themselves to visitors,”

said Ann Vogelbacher, community and economic development specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “That perspective helps local leaders take concrete steps that make their town more welcoming and better positioned for future growth.”

Each participating community goes through

a structured process that includes advance research and unannounced visits by a trained assessment team. Findings are compiled into a comprehensive report with actionable recommendations. The report is then shared in a public forum to spark discussion among residents and local leaders. Communities with

populations of 20,000 or fewer are eligible to apply. Program information, responsibilities, fees and the application form are available on the First Impressions webpage.

For more information, contact Vogelbacher at [anvog@iastate.edu](mailto:anvog@iastate.edu).

## Veterans Visit Camp Algona POW Museum

## TRAINING: FROM B1

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

A group of Franklin County veterans (and their family and friends) visited the Camp Algona POW Museum last Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The day trip was coordinated by Franklin County VA Director Adam Akers, who said they had a great time. He recently told the Chronicle that these trips are a great way for veterans to socialize with one another.

Lunch was provided for the veterans last Tuesday, as always.

While at the museum,

the group had the chance to see the nativity scene built by Eduard Kaib, Horst Wendlandt, Eric Knoll and three friends who were Prisoners of War at Camp Algona. (When the war ended, they donated the scene, which includes 65 one-half life size figures, to the town of Algona.)

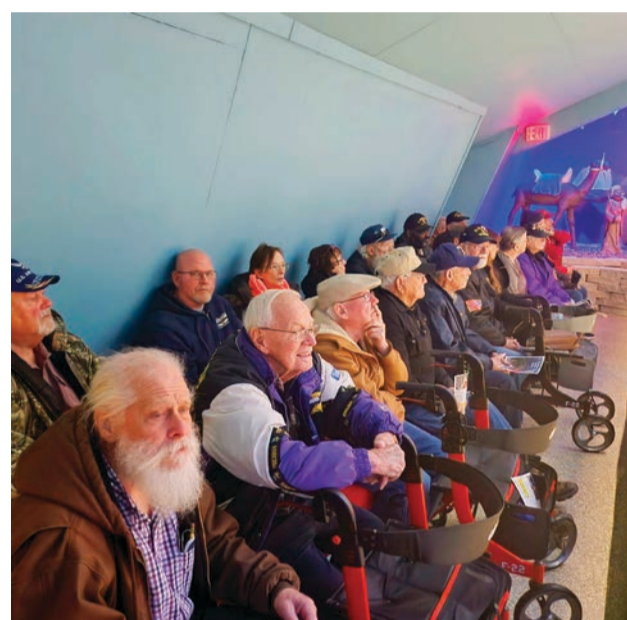
According to Akers, the funding for the bus trip was made possible by Clinton Poley, who left a monetary donation to Franklin County after his death in 2020. The Board of Supervisors designated the money to be spent on veterans in the county to honor Clinton's time in service.



Franklin County VA Director Adam Akers (left) and the local veterans and their friends and family ready to take the bus to the Camp Algona POW Museum last Tuesday, Dec. 9.



Veterans Bob Forr and Darryl Mayer at the museum on Dec. 9.



Veterans enjoying the nativity scene at the museum.



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## More Updates from the Latest Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Coffee

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The team at the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce held their quarterly coffee at the Franklin County Fairgrounds on Friday morning, Dec. 5.

The event was sponsored by the Franklin County Fairgrounds, which provided the space to meet and breakfast for those in attendance.

### For the Chamber highlights:

Erran Miller with Franklin General Hospital spoke about one of their new providers,

Emily Melendez. She's a family nurse practitioner who went back to school, spending two years at the University of Iowa getting her degree as a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

"She's one of those lifelong learners," Miller said. "We're excited for Emily and for what this means for our clinic and community."

Miller also congratulated a couple FGH employees for their outstanding work, starting with Megan Abbas.

"Her enthusiasm and tireless advocacy inspires her team and keeps everyone motivated and moving forward," he said.

He also recognized FGH CNO Rebekah Ault, who he said "exemplifies

leadership through her actions."

"She motivates staff by engaging with them in meaningful ways," he added. "Thank you for setting the standard."

Ault then updated everyone on the changes with their specialty clinic.

"You have probably noticed that some of the providers that used to come to us have had to pull back so we're trying to work to get all of the specialties that we need within that clinic," she said. "Recently, I signed a contract with McFarland and they are going to send us four providers. Those services will be provided by Franklin General as if they were our own. We're going to have an

orthopedic surgeon who does anything ortho-wise, whether you need an injection or total hip or knee or shoulder. He does everything that you need. We will have a new podiatrist, who will specialize in foot and ankle surgeries. And then we will have two new general surgeons, so we'll be able to do more with hernia repairs and stuff with reflux, so hopefully we can cover more of the needs of our community."

Ault said the new providers will all be starting late January.

Chamber Director Elisa Van Wert spoke about their chamber raffle, which re-

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## Special Announcement

Readers,

We've got some exciting news over at the Chronicle! We recently found out that we've been named a finalist for the "Best Use of Social Media" category (for our class) for the Iowa Newspaper Association's annual contest! We won first place last year, so we're hoping to do that again.

A huge thank-you to my trusty sidekicks, news intern Wren Masters (who just joined our team) and sports writer Evan Pharr. This really is a group effort. We spend a great deal of time and energy coming up with ideas and creating content for our Facebook and the printed edition.

Also, we couldn't do this without all of you, our dedicated readers. Thank you for all the story ideas and for the constant collaboration. We are truly grateful.

We're heading down to the award ceremony in Des Moines in February, so stay tuned for the results!

—News Editor Jennifer Burnham

(Right) News Editor Jennifer Burnham, News Intern Wren Masters and Sports Writer Evan Pharr at the Chronicle office on Wednesday, Dec. 10.



## Hansell Fire Dept. to Hold Soup Supper Dec. 18

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hansell Fire Department has announced that they'll be holding their second soup supper of the season next Thursday, Dec. 18.

The supper, which is being sponsored by Butch Gruelke Auto Body, will be held at Hansell Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. On the menu for night: chili, chicken noodle, tomato soup and cheeseburger soup.

Proceeds from the free-will donation meal will go towards building their new station, which they've already begun working on. If interested in ordering carry-out, call 641-251-1507.



## Death Notices

### Pauline Tibbs

Pauline Tibbs, 90, of Williams, passed away on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at Scenic Manor in Iowa Falls. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Williams with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be an hour before the service. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Surls Funeral Home in Iowa Falls.

### Thomas John Moravec

Thomas John Moravec, 76, of Marshalltown and formally of Iowa Falls, Iowa, passed away Monday, December 8, 2025, at the Marshalltown Veterans Home Marshalltown, Iowa. A memorial services for Thomas John Moravec will be 11:00 am, Saturday December 27, 2025 at the Bethany Lutheran Church 2712 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa. Visitation will be one hour before services at the church. Inurnment will be at a later date at Friends Cemetery Iowa Falls. Memorials may be directed to the family of Thomas Moravec Memorial, c/o Linn's Funeral Home 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126.

### Daryl Norman

Daryl Norman, 79, of Hansell, passed away on Monday, December 8, 2025, at his home in Hansell. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 12, 2025, at the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton with burial in the Ingham Township Cemetery in Hansell. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday at the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

### Shirley June Scougal

Shirley June Scougal, 89, of Aplington, Iowa, passed away Thursday, December 11, 2025 at Maple Manor Village, Aplington, Iowa. Services for Shirley June Scougal will be 11:00 am, Friday, December 19, 2025, at the Church of the Open Bible, 408 Collage Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126. Visitation will be one hour before services at the church. Burial will be directly following at Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3601 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50317. Memorials may be directed to the family of Shirley Scougal Memorial, c/o Linn's Funeral Home, 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126.

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 • Sunday, December 21, 9:30 a.m. **Worship Service with Children's Christmas Message;** 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School; 11 a.m. Sunday School Class  
 • Tuesday, December 23, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer  
 • Wednesday, December 24, 6 p.m. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

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

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 • Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Divine Service (Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th); 11 a.m. Fellowship  
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 300 Elm St., Thornton  
 952-607-1293  
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 • Bible class Tuesday 10:00 a.m. September through May.

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

**Zion St. John Lutheran Sheffield**  
 422 Sherman St, Sheffield, IA 50475  
 • Wednesday, December 17, 8:30 a.m. ZSJ Quilters; 3 p.m. 7-12th Christmas Trip; 6 p.m. ZSJ Handbell Rehearsal; 7 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship Service "Holden Evening Prayer"; 7:30 p.m. ZSJ Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 • Thursday, December 18, 2 p.m. West Fork Food Pantry  
 • Sunday, December 21, 9 a.m. **Worship Advent Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion;** 10:15 a.m. Fellowship; **First Day of Winter**  
 • Wednesday, December 24, 5 p.m. **Christmas Eve Worship Service with children in Mind; Christmas Eve;** 10 p.m. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**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, December 17, 8:05 a.m. Matins; 6:30 p.m. Advent Service  
 • Thursday, December 18, 9:30 a.m. **Students sing for Latimer Park Society;** 4:30 p.m. **Baseball game versus Mount Olive at home**  
 • Sunday, December 21, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:30 a.m. Family Bible Study & Sunday School Program Practice; 6:30 p.m. **Sunday School Christmas Program**  
 • Monday, December 22, **No School - Christmas Break**  
 • Tuesday, December 23, **No School - Christmas Break**  
 • Wednesday, December 24, No School - Christmas Break; 6:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

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

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

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 16 12th Ave. NE, Hampton  
 www.trinityhampton.com  
*Vicar - Tyler Linneman, Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen, Pastor*  
 • Wednesday, December 17, 7 p.m. **Midweek Advent Service**  
 • Sunday, December 21, 8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
 • Sunday Radio Broadcasts: 7:30 a.m. Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 10:15 a.m. Radio Worship Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM  
 • Wednesday, December 24, 5:30 p.m. **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**  
 • Thursday, December 25, 9 a.m. **Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar**  
*Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor*  
 • Sunday, December 21, 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice; 10 a.m. Worship Service; 11 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

**First Lutheran Church - Dows**  
 206 W Ellsworth St, Dows  
 • Wednesday, December 17, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Community Meal**  
 • Sunday, December 21, 9 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation, & Coffee; 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion  
 • Wednesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service**

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

**First United Methodist**  
 510 Thompson St., Sheffield  
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 • 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, December 17, 11:30 a.m. **NAOMI Circle Christmas;** 4:30 p.m. **Christmas Program Practice;** 5:30 p.m. Wacky Wednesday & Confirmation Class  
 • Thursday, December 18, 9:30 a.m. BeFRIENDers; 10:30 a.m. **Chapel at Leahy Grove;** 5:30 p.m. **LEAH Circle Christmas**  
 • Saturday, December 20, 9 a.m. **Christmas Program Practice;** 5 p.m. Worship Service  
 • Sunday, December 21, 9:30 a.m. Adults Bible Study; 11 a.m. **Worship Service Christmas Program;** 11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 12 p.m. Fellowship; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast; 4:30 p.m. **Caroling**  
 • Monday, December 22, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK  
 • Tuesday, December 23, 1:30 p.m. Faithful Stitches  
 • Wednesday, December 24, 5:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Worship Service**

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

**New Hope United Methodist Parish: Aredale, Bristow, Dumont**  
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 • 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*  
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 • Lay Speaker Richard Eichelberger  
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 420 First Ave. NE, Hampton  
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 • Wednesday: 5:30PM- PK - Grade 6 WOW! and Adult Bible Study, 6:30PM: MS & HS Youth, 7:00PM - Adult Bible Study.  
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 • Wednesday, December 24, 6 p.m. **Candlelight Service**

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 605 4th St. NE, Hampton  
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 • Wednesday, December 24, 6 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service**

**Immanuel U.C.C.**  
 204 E. South St., Latimer  
*Pastor Joe Dunnwald*  
 • Sunday, December 21, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**St. Peter's United Church Of Christ - Geneva**  
 496 Raven Ave # B, Geneva, IA 50633  
 • Sunday, December 21, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

*In loving memory of*  
**Renee Hansen**  
 1953-2025



Renee Hansen, 71, of Hampton, passed away on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at Methodist Mayo Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, surrounded by her loving husband and family. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 19, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home of Hampton.

Renee was born on December 14, 1953, at Saint Joseph's Mercy Hospital to Joy (Nielsen) and John Andersen. She grew up in St. Ansgar, Iowa, alongside four sisters and one brother. The sisters were known as "Joy's Girls." Fashionable from the beginning, after graduating from St. Ansgar High School in 1972, she pursued a career in Fashion Merchandising at Hamilton Business College in Mason City, Iowa, a natural fit for someone who grew up sewing her own clothes. It was in Mason City also that Renee met the love of her life, Larry. The two were married on August 10, 1974, at First Lutheran Church in St. Ansgar, Iowa. Shortly thereafter, she moved to the farm, where Renee embraced a new and meaningful calling as a farmer's wife. She served endless meals in the fields during the busy seasons, completed countless hours of farming bookwork, and was never afraid to step in wherever she was needed.

Renee loved spending time in Marco Island, Florida, with her husband and family, and snowmobiling through the mountains in West Yellowstone for over 40 years. She was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton, serving on several committees and contributing her time and talents to the life of the church.

She found happiness in simple, meaningful moments—strolls down the gravel road, walks on the beach, and enjoying coffee in the morning. She loved crafting with her sisters on Sister Day, cooking, and sewing with her grandchildren. Renee's children were never surprised by the mischief she and the grandkids got into at the farm.

Above all, Renee treasured her grandchildren. Nothing brought her more joy than watching them play sports, traveling to spend weekends with them, and making memories together. To her grandchildren, there was nothing better than time spent with Grandma at the farm.

Renee was the most loving and selfless person. No matter what she was doing, she would drop everything to be there for the people she loved. Her children often joked, "Never tell Mom you need something—because she will have it for you the next day." Giving came naturally to her, and she found joy in meeting the needs of those she loved. Her life reflected a servant's heart, lived faithfully and generously, leaving behind a legacy of love that will continue through her family for generations.

She is survived by her husband Larry, with whom she shared 51 years of marriage; three children: Troy (Sarah) Hansen of Hampton, Nate (Ginger) Hansen of Hampton, and Dana (Clayton) Crutchfield of Bentonville, AR. Her grandchildren: Hudson, Lincoln, Noel, Cooper, Molly Joy, Vivian, Carson, and Carver. Her loving sisters and brother: Vickie (Don) Voorhees of Hudson, WI; Penny (Don) Pederson of Garner, IA; Jill (Marv) Pederson of Stacyville, IA; Jonnie (Ken) Olsen of Melbourne, IA; and Daren (Christine) Bulow of Casper, WY. Her sister-in-law's Patty Voy, Eileen Murry, and Norma Caruth. Renee is also survived by many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and a broad circle of friends, all of whom she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Joy Andersen, and her stepfather, Helge Bulow.

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“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”  
 Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

**God's Timing in a Slow Season**

Winter can sometimes feel dreary or sluggish. The onset of dread some feel for the season can even begin the first moment they feel a chill outside. In addressing feelings of this kind, we're often led to reflections on our patience and the benefits we can see from it. During moments in which we feel ready to forgo our responsibilities and go on a beach vacation, knowing we cannot, we can try to think about God's timing. There are many areas in which we always trust it, and some in which we do not think to. However, the timing of God as we go about our lives can be something to have strong faith in: we are often graced by it in the most unexpected moments.

-James Stone

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**Traffic:** Anthony Rhea Davis, of Ackley, speeding;  
Devon Patrick Krantz, of Fort Dodge, speeding;  
Emily Elizabeth Valladares, of Alexander, no valid driver's license;  
Charles Patrick Allison III, of Waterloo, failure to comply with safety regulations rules;  
Burgess Palmore Jr. III, of Saint Paul, Minnesota, speeding;  
Mauricio Alexander Sierra, of Hampton, no valid driver's license;  
Dylan Charles Claiborne, of Pavo, Georgia, no valid driver's license;  
Jerre Jo Grefe, of Hampton, failure to yield to vehicle on right;  
Cristian Alexander Acosta Romero, of Hampton, careless driving;  
James Kevin Emerson, of Anson, Texas, failure to maintain control;  
Kiera Elizabeth Hochstein, of Missouri Valley, speeding;  
Merrick Lewis, of Meservey, speeding;  
Ben J Devries, of Hampton, failure to maintain or use safety belts;  
Derek R Acree, of Ackley, failure to maintain or use safety belts;  
Ruben Mendoza, of Clarion, failure to maintain or use safety belts;  
James Steven Mogg, of Hamilton, Missouri, speeding;  
Zadin Michael Tom Whitehurst, of Dougherty, failure to maintain control;  
Kevin Laverne Bell, of Nevada, fishing and hunting – failure to carry or display license, orange apparel violation, and restrictions on taking game – deer and turkey;  
Jessica Lynn Jimenez Martinez, of Eldora, at large prohibited – second offense;  
Jeffrey Scott Springer, of Hampton, at large prohibited – first offense;  
Civil: Andrew John Vantil, of Eldora versus Andrea R Grimm, of Jackson County, non jury order setting trial;  
Credit Corp Solutions INC versus Neal Johnson, order for judgment, \$6,566.78 fine;  
Capital One NA versus Connie Witcraft, order for judgment, \$9,113.82 fine;  
Wells Fargo Bank NA versus Becky Dohman, non jury order setting trial;  
**OWI:** Maicol Vinicio Lopez Barrios, of Clarion, probation revocation;  
Natalie Marie Green, of Mason City, motion to dismiss;  
Jose Timoteo Hernandez Zapeta, of Osage, guilty plea;  
Christopher Evan Cox, of Greene, guilty plea;  
Rodolfo Lopez, of Latimer, order of arraignment; order setting trial, February 12, 2026, 9 a.m.;  
Tomas Cavazos, of Hampton, criminal complaint;  
**Small Claims:** Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, of Des Moines, versus Alex J Hert, of Hampton, dismissed without prejudice;  
LNVN Funding LLC, of Plymouth, Minnesota, versus Carol Wood, of Alden, original notice;  
Capital One NA, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Seth Michael Munoz, of Hampton, original notice;  
**Criminal:** Sarah Jane Brinkman, of Dows, guilty plea;  
Darrel Dean Kamrad, of Sheffield, order of arraignment; order setting hearing, February 12, 2026, 9 a.m.;  
Sarina Jenny Burgin, of Mason City, order setting hearing;  
Nathan Lee Pigman, of Latimer, order of dismissal;  
Joshua Michael Rapp, of Coulter, order of arraignment; order setting trial, February 10, 2026, 9 a.m.;  
Corey Ryan Casady, of Eldora, order for arraignment; arraignment, January 8, 2026, 1:15 p.m.;  
Kyle William Kaehn, of Hampton, arrest warrant and hearing for initial appearance;  
Britt Elmer Pleggenkuhle, of Hampton, criminal complaint;  
Gregory Ray Eyanson, of Alexander, criminal complaint;  
Eduardo D Sanchez, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance;  
Ansel Gabriel Ramirez, of Hampton, guilty plea;  
Tyrel Dean Varrelman, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for disorderly conduct, \$250 fine

## Police &amp;

Sheriff report  
12-8 to 12-14

## Hampton Police Reports

## Monday, December 8:

- Officers assisted with two medical calls and received four general calls.
- 12:37 p.m.: Report of lost articles in the 10 block of 2nd St. NW, Hampton.
- 1:43 p.m.: Report of a hit and run accident in the 800 block of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.
- 1:48 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Hwy 3, Hampton.
- 3:23 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and Hwy 65, Hampton.

- 5:57 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of 1st St. SE and 3rd Ave SE, Hampton.

- 6:02 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 300 block of 1st Ave NE, Hampton.

- 7:07 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 800 block of Glendale Park Dr, Hampton.

## Tuesday, December 9:

- Officers assisted with three medical calls, assisted one motorist, and received three general calls.

- 6:00 a.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 300 block of 3rd St. SW, Hampton.

- 11:34 a.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the 1200 block of 3rd St. NW, Hampton.

- 3:03 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 1600 block of 140th St. , Hampton.

- 4:15 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 900 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

- 4:58 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the 400 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

- 6:13 p.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 100 block of 5th St. SE, Hampton.

- 6:32 p.m.: Report of a weather issue in the area of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

- 10:19 p.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 100 block of 6th St. NW, Hampton.

## Wednesday, December 10:

- Officers received five general calls.

- 12:04 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 400 block of 7th Ave NE, Hampton.

- 2:10 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of Hwy 65 and Harriman's Park, Hampton.

- 3:32 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 20 block of 18th Ave NE, Hampton.

- 3:32 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 20 block of 18th Ave NE, Hampton.

## Thursday, December 11:

- Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with three medical calls, and received three general calls.

- 5:54 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of 155th St. and 12th Ave, Hampton.

- 8:32 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 200 block of 4th St. SE, Hampton.

- 8:34 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 600 block of 4th St. SE, Hampton.

- 11:45 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 100 block of 1st Ave SW, Hampton.

- 2:44 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the 700 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.
- 8:15 p.m.: Report of vandalism in the 400 block of 12th Ave NW, Hampton.

- 8:51 p.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 1700 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

- 9:52 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

## Friday, December 12:

- Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, and received three general calls.

- 9:15 a.m.: Report of identity theft in the 900 block of 2nd St. NE, Hampton.

- 10:13 a.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the 1300 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

- 12:53 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the 400 block of 8th Ave SW, Hampton.

- 1:42 p.m.: Officers assisted with traffic control services in the 20 block of N Federal St. , Hampton.

## Saturday, December 13:

- Officers assisted with one medical call and received two general calls.

- 11:55 a.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of 12th Ave NE and the middle school, Hampton.

## Sunday, December 14:

- 1:23 a.m.: Report of vandalism in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton

## Franklin County Sheriff Reports

## Monday, December 1:

- Officers executed one traffic stop and assisted four motorists.

- 12:04 a.m.: Report of an attempt to locate issue in an unlisted area, Franklin.

- 6:03 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of 50th St. and Hwy 65, Bradford.

- 8:07 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of I-35 northbound, Dows.

- 9:44 a.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the area of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

- 9:50 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- 12:47 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- 2:15 p.m.: Officers assisted the Hampton Police Department with an issue in an unlisted area, Hampton.

- 2:45 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the 1300 block of Mallard Ave, Hampton.

- 7:10 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of I-35 and mile mark 176 northbound, Sheffield.

## Tuesday, December 2:

- No information received for this day.

## Wednesday, December 3:

- Officers executed one traffic stop and received three general calls.

- 12:06 a.m.: Officers executed an arrest in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- 4:18 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the 1600 block of Hwy 65, Hampton.

- 7:53 a.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the area of N St. , Latimer.

- 8:28 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of 50th St. and Mallard Ave, Hampton.

- 11:24 a.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in an unlisted area, Alexander.

- 2:05 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of 240th St. , Dougherty.

- 5:03 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the Hwy 65, Hampton.

- 8:25 p.m.: Report of a family dispute in the area of Nuthatch Ave, Bradford.

## Thursday, December 4:

- Officers executed one traffic

stop, assisted with one medical call, assisted one motorist, and received seven general calls.

- 11:08 a.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of 170th St. , Hampton.

- 5:45 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of 155th St. and Olive Ave, Hampton.

- 8:26 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Imperial Ave and 140th St. , Hampton.

- 9:38 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of State St. and Center Ave, Alexander.

## Friday, December 5:

- Officers executed three traffic stops and received one general call.

- 12:52 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and the overpass, Coulter.

- 8:20 a.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of Mallard Ave, Hampton.

- 9:02 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 170, Latimer.

- 9:13 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the area of 210th St. , Hampton.

- 9:51 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in an unknown area, Franklin County.

- 11:44 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- 11:52 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call in the area of I-35 southbound and mile mark 169, Latimer.

- 5:05 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the area of 3rd St. , Parkersburg.

## Saturday, December 6:

- Officers assisted eight motorists, received a report for one controlled burn, and received two general calls.

- 5:54 a.m.: Report of a deer accident in the 800 block of Hwy 65, Geneva.

- 9:32 a.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of 170th St. and Hwy 65, Hampton.

- 9:41 a.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the area of Hwy 3 and Franklin Ave, Dumont.

- 3:18 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

## Sunday, December 7:

- Officers assisted with one medical call, assisted three motorists, and received two general calls.

- 9:50 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of 250th St. , Hwy 65, and Raven Ave, Sheffield.

- 11:34 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of Mallard Ave and 90th St. , Hampton.

- 12:24 p.m.: Report of trespass in the 200 block of 2nd St. , Bradford.

- 1:12 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 1000 block of 250th St. , Sheffield.

- 8:00 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in an unlisted area, Wright County.

- 9:46 p.m.: Report of a hit and run accident in the 200 block of Marston St. , Coulter.

- 11:40 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of Lemon Ave and Hwy 3, Hansell.

## Sunday, December 7:

- Officers assisted with one medical call, assisted three motorists, and received two general calls.

- 9:50 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of 250th St. , Hwy 65, and Raven Ave, Sheffield.

- 11:34 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of Mallard Ave and 90th St. , Hampton.

- 12:24 p.m.: Report of trespass in the 200 block of 2nd St. , Bradford.

- 1:12 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 1000 block of 250th St. , Sheffield.

- 8:00 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in an unlisted area, Wright County.

- 9:46 p.m.: Report of a hit and run accident in the 200 block of Marston St. , Coulter.

- 11:40 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of Lemon Ave and Hwy 3, Hansell.

## Butler County Sheriff Reports

## Monday, December 8:

- Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with five medical calls, assisted one motorist, and received two general calls.

- 6:09 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St;

- 8:29 a.m.: Report of a property exchange in the 300 block of W Prospect St.

- 9:13 a.m.: Report of road debris in the 700 block of N 2nd St.

- 9:52 a.m.: Report of jail inquires in the 400 block of 6th St.

- 10:35 a.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the 600 block of Coates St.

- 10:48 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 14000 block of West Brook St.

- 11:26 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

- 12:56 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 1000 block of Mason Way.

- 1:16 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 29900 block of Horseshoe PL.

- 2:36 p.m.: Report of DNR Calls in the 800 block of N Public Rd.

- 4:10 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 1200 block of Florence St.

- 4:48 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 11600 block of 140th St.

- 4:51 p.m.: Report of property damage in the 600 block of N Johnson St.

- 7:00 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 21300 block of Walnut Ave.

- 7:03 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of 280th St and Hwy 14.

- 7:15 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of S Fulton St.

- 8:11 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 00 block of N Audubon St.

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- Officers executed... traffic stops, assisted with... medical calls, assisted... motorists, received a report for... controlled burns and received... general calls.

## Wednesday, December 10:

- Officers executed three traffic stops, assisted with four medical calls, assisted one motorist, received a report for one controlled burn, and received two general calls.

- 12:00 a.m.: Mitchell Ryan Kelderman, 32 of Clarksville, arrested for violation of parole, jailed.

- 1:45 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check int he 900 block of Parriott St.

- 5:35 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 10000 block of Lodge Ave.

- 6:18 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/liver stock in the 400 block of Parriott St.

- 6:50 a.m.: Report of a property damage in the area of 190th St and Keystone Ave.

- 7:00 a.m.: Report of a transport in the 400 block of 6th St.

- 7:43 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

- 9:07 a.m.: Report of maintenance in the 700 block of 10th St.

- 9:08 a.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 200 block of E 6th St.

- 10:09 a.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the 700 block of N Public Rd.

- 10:24 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 600 block of Pine St.

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

- 10:48 a.m.: Report of juvenile problems in the 600 block of Pine St.

- 10:50 a.m.: Report of probation calls in the 400 block of 6th St.

- 11:02 a.m.: Report of fraud/identity theft in the 700 block of Hwy 57.

- 1:55 p.m.: Report of theft in the 11800 block of Sandhill Rd.

- 2:11 p.m.: Officers conducted an arrest warrant in the 17200 block of Lark Ave, MASON City.

- 4:27 p.m.: Report of theft in the 200 block of Locust St.

- 4:40 p.m.: Report of a property exchange in the 10000 block of Lodge Ave.

- 5:15 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 16500 block of Grand Ave.

- 5:21 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 31000 block of Beaver Valley St.

- 9:07 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 26400 block of 300th St.

## Thursday, December 11:

- Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, assisted three motorists, received a report for one controlled burn, and received two general calls.

- 12:01 a.m.: Report of maintenance in the 400 block of 6th St.

- 7:12 a.m.: Report of a test in the 400 block of 6th St.

- 7:17 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of Cedar Ave and Hwy 3.

- 8:00 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 300 block of 6th St.

- 8:20 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.

- 9:26 a.m.: report of lost/located property in the 100 block of W Superior St.

- 9:42 a.m.: Officers conducted a citizen assist in the

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in the 300 block of Broadway St.
11:53 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
12:04 p.m.: Report of scams in the 1200 block of Main St.
3:17 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 26300 block of 230th St.
4:12 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 29500 block of Union Ave.

4:30 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
5:00 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
6:09 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St.
9:33 p.m.: Report of a domestic/family matter in the 400 block of S Elizabeth St.
9:35 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

11:13 p.m.: Report of a business door check in the 900 block of Parriott St.

Saturday, December 13:
Officers assisted with five medical calls and assisted one motorist.
12:22 a.m.: Bruse Allen Radloff, 55 of Shell Rock, arrested for OWI 1st offense, jailed.

7:33 a.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 27100 block of 150th St.

8:00 a.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
7:26 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of S Fulton St.
7:54 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 500 block of S Short St.

9:59 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the area of 8th St and Caldwell St.

Sunday, December 14:
Officers assisted with four medical calls, assisted one motorist, and received a report for two controlled burns.
3:43 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 700 block of N Public Rd.

12:50 p.m.: Report of trespass in the area of 120th St and Sandhill Rd.

3:49 p.m.: Report of trespass in the 18200 block of Keystone Ave.
4:15 p.m.: Report of maintenance in the 500 block of N Cherry St.
5:50 p.m.: Report of a Sunday night test page in the 400 block of 6th St.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Quit Claim Deed: Kerry L Etzel to Isis Mora Figueroa; Coul Coulter Original Town Blk 5 Lot 5-6, Coul Coulter Original Town Blk 5 Alley Part
Warranty Deed: Vanhorn Farms LLC to Rob McCormick, Sheila McCormick; 22-93-21

SW Part 1/2 Interest
Warranty Deed: Myron Vanhorn Trustee, Lyla P Vanhorn Residuary Trust to Rob McCormick, Sheila McCormick; 22-93-21 SW Part 1/2 Interest
CT Officer Deed: Nola M Harper Estate, G A Cady III

Trustee to Deseret Trust Company; 10-92-19 NW Part, 10-92-19 NE Parts, 10-92-19 N2 SE, 10-92-19 Part
Warranty Deed: Marcia A Zimmer to Denise R Green, Steven J Diemer, Mark A Diemer; Gene Geneva South

Side Addition Lot 3-5, Gene Geneva South Side Addition Outlot 4
Warranty Deed: James Sawtelle, Miriam Sawtelle to Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation; 19-90-22 S2 NE Part, 19-90-22 N2 SE, 19-90-22 NE NW Part

Warranty Deed: New Direction IRA Inc FBO James Sawtelle to Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation; 18-90-22 W2 SW Part
Warranty Deed: Barton L Reinke Trustees, Connie L Reinke Trustees, Connie L Reinke

Trust, Barton L Reinke Trust to Jason L Reinke; 30-91-19 W2 SE, 30-91-19 SW, 6-90-19 Tract, 28-91-19 NE SW

Hampton Council Meeting/Claims 12.11.25

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Mayor Birdsall read the City Leadership Statement.

Council Workshop Report: The Mayor presented the Council Workshop Report from Monday, December 8, 2025.

Public Comment: None.

Public Hearing: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Consider awarding the December 2025 Image of Pride to Dave & Pat Sackville for property located at 21 Shar Denn Drive. Motion by Grefe, second by Davies to award the December 2025 Image of Pride to Dave & Pat Sackville. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Birdsall appointed Jim Davies as Mayor Pro Tem for 2026-2027.

Council considered council appointments. Motion by Palmer, second by Grefe to appoint for 2026-2027 City Treasurer – Ron Dunt and City Attorney – Megan Rosenberg. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Davies, second by Holmstrom to appoint Official Newspaper for 2026 – Hampton Chronicle and North Iowa Landfill Board Representative for 2026 – Russell Morgan. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Grefe, second by Roode to reappoint Patrick Sietsema to a 5-year term on Board of Adjustment expiring 12/31/2030, Don Warneke reappointment to a 5-year term on the Planning & Zoning Commission expiring 12/31/2030, Brian Stevens reappointment to a 3-year term on the Hampton Historic Preservation Commission expiring 12/31/2028, Michelle Schaefer reappointment to a 3-year term on the Hampton Historic Preservation Commission expiring 12/31/2028, Mel Brown reappointment to a 5-year term on the Hampton Tree Board expiring 12/31/2030, Lori Poulos reappointment to a 5-year term on the Hampton Tree Board expiring 12/31/2030. Motion approved unanimously.

Council acknowledged the Teamsters Local 238 Public Works Revocation of Certification and move all public works employees policy and benefits provisions to the City of Hampton Employee Handbook effective December 11, 2025. Motion by Palmer, second by Grefe to Acknowledge the Teamsters Local 238 Public Works Revocation of Certification and move all public works employees policy and benefits provisions to the City of Hampton Employee Handbook effective December 11, 2025. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of claims. Motion by Palmer, second by Roode to approve the claims as submitted by Staff in the amount of \$242,873.66. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions: Ordinance 408: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 69.08 OF THE HAMPTON MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS THERE-

TO DESIGNATING AN ADDITIONAL NO PARKING ZONE. (Third and Final Reading). Motion by Holmstrom, second by Grefe to approve the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 408. Roll Call Votes: Ayes: Holmstrom, Roode, Davies, Grefe and Palmer. Absent: Lamos. Ordinance 408 approved and adopted, effective upon publication.

Ordinance 409: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 69.08 OF THE HAMPTON MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS THERETO DESIGNATING AN ADDITIONAL NO PARKING SPACE. (first reading). Motion by Palmer, second by Grefe to approve the first reading of Ordinance 409. Roll Call Votes: Ayes: Grefe, Palmer, Roode, Holmstrom, and Davies. Absent: Lamos. First reading of Ordinance 409 passed.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda. Motion by Grefe, second by Roode to approve the Consent Agenda and the following items: approve previous minutes as drafted from Monday, November 24, 2025 Regular Session; schedule the next Regular Session for Monday, December 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; approve renewal of alcohol licensing for: Projecto X, 11 2nd Ave NW; approve Ownership Update on Liquor Licensing for: Projecto X, 11 2nd Ave N, Casey's General Store, 719 4th St NE, and Kwik Trip Inc., 300 Central Ave W. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Council Reports given by Davies, Holmstrom, Palmer, Grefe, and Roode.

Mayor's Report given by Mayor Birdsall.

Motion to adjourn by Roode, second by Davies at 6:30 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Attest: Ron Dunt, City Manager Mayor Steve Birdsall

CITY OF HAMPTON FINANCIAL REPORT CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL

Table with 3 columns: Vendor/Description, Amount, and Claims Total. Includes items like A&M Electric Inc Repair, Ahlers & Cooney PC Atty Fees, Auto Parts Inc Supply, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Vendor/Description, Amount. Includes items like Greater Franklin County Hot/Mot Tax, Hampton Hardware Supply, Hampton Post Office Postage, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Includes items like General Fund, Lost/Pool Fund, Library Fund, Road Use Tax Fund, etc.

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Franklin Co. BOS Proceedings 12.15.2025

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the regular minutes from 12/8/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: McVicker attended Central Iowa Juvenile Detention.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to open the public hearing pertaining to FY2026 Budget Amendment. All ayes. Motion carried. There was no public present, and no comment had been received prior. The Auditor reviewed the amendment for the Supervisors. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to close the public hearing at 9:18AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution approving an amendment to FY2026 Franklin County Budget. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2025-75

Amendment to Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Franklin County Budget WHEREAS the 2025/2026 Franklin County Budget was originally published in official County newspapers (Hampton Chronicle) on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. WHEREAS Resolution #2025-20 adopted the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Franklin County Budget. WHEREAS the Franklin County Board of Supervisors does approve the following changes in the 2025/2026 Franklin County Budget as they were last amended on 10/6/2025: WHEREAS increases in expenditures are:

County Environment & Ed \$100,000.00 Land Acquisition by Conservation Administration \$855,750.00 Courthouse Tuckpointing & Electrical Upgrade, Solutions Server Upgrade, BOS Legal Fees Total \$955,750.00 WHEREAS increases in revenues are:

Intergovernmental \$15,000.00 EOR & Fiscal Agent Fees from CICS Miscellaneous \$1,000.00 ICAP Grant Received Total \$16,000.00

THEREFORE, said Amendment was approved with the increase in expenditures and revenues mentioned above and the corresponding appropriations as attached to this resolution.

Roll call vote was as follows. Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

The Supervisors recessed at 9:30 for a Drainage meeting. They reconvened at 9:50AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the County website.

A Department meeting was held at 10:00AM. Minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office.

Ryan Peterson, Facilities Director, approached the Supervisors requesting they consider compensation time for the facilities Operations position. After discussion, the Supervisors asked the Human Resource Director to draft the amendment to the policy to include the Facilities Operations position.

No representative from Summit Pork I, LLP was present, so no action was taken.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the appointment of Laurie DeGroot to the Board of Health with a term ending 12/31/2028. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution authorizing the destruction of Election records. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2025-74

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DESTRUCTION OF ELECTION RECORDS IN THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS Section 331.323(2)(d) of the Code of Iowa states the Board of Supervisors may authorize a county officer to destroy records that are not required to be kept as permanent records, and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor's Office has identified records appropriately for destruction and has inventoried said records as follows:

- CAL Special Election Materials – 9/30/2025 – Unvoted Ballots
• City-School Election Materials – 11/4/2025 – Unvoted Ballots

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors that the County Auditor be authorized to destroy said records in an appropriate and secure manner.

Roll call vote was as follows. Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the GASB 75 OPEB Service Agreement with HUB.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:36AM until Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

ATTEST: Chris Vanness, Chairman

Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

Diana L. Kelleher Estate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF the Estate of Diana L. Kelleher, DECEASED CASE NO. ESPR502080 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Diana L. Kelleher, Deceased, who died on or about on November 19, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on December 15, 2025, the last will and testament of Diana L. Kelleher, deceased, bearing date of March 28, 2017, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the 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.

Dated on December 15, 2025. William C. Wiseman, Proponent

Attorney for estate: John P. Lander, ICIS#: AT0004583 214 North Adams P.O. Box 679 Mason City, IA 50402-0679 jplander@iabar.org

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**Hampton v. Sarmiento**

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY  
CITY OF HAMPTON, IOWA, a municipal corporation,  
Petitioner,  
vs.**

**TRISHA MARIE SARMIENTO; JOSE SARMIENTO GARCIA; CHILD  
SUPPORT RECOVERY; PARTIES IN POSSESSION,  
Respondents.**

**No.: EQCV502255**

**ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDENTS:**

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as the defendant in this action, which petition prays that the court award title to the real estate legally described as: THE WEST HALF (W½) OF LOT ONE (1) AND THE WEST HALF (W½) OF THE NORTH SIX FEET OF LOT TWO (2) IN BLOCK TWELVE (12) IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF HAMPTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA (locally known as 308 2 nd Avenue NW, Hampton, Iowa) to the Plaintiff free and clear of all other parties right, title, interest, and claims in said real property. The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is Taylor Nederhoff, 412 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126. The attorney's phone number is 641-648-5083; facsimile number is 641-648-5085.

You must file your Appearance and Answer on the Iowa Judicial Branch eFile System, unless the attached Petition and Original Notice contains a hearing date for your appearance, or unless the court has excused you from filing electronically ( see Iowa Court Rule 16.302).

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Clerk of Court

Franklin County Courthouse  
Hampton, Iowa 50441

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**Gary Bonewitz Estate**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT  
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-  
TATE OF  
Gary J. Bonewitz, Deceased  
CASE NO. ESPR502073  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,  
OF  
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

sees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated December 1, 2025.  
Michael Bonewitz, Executor of Estate

Abby S. Wessel, ICIS#: AT0010361  
Attorney for Executor  
Rickert, Wessel & Allen  
514 Main Street  
P.O. Box 193  
Reinbeck, IA 50669

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**Notice: Filed Petition, Hoyt**

**Rule 1.1901 Form 1: Form of Original Notice for Personal Service  
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin County  
Plaintiff(s), PIN Jon Faas (MSTR00880737)  
vs.**

**Defendant(s), PIN Cody Hoyt  
No. DRCV 502280 Equity  
ORIGINAL NOTICE**

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):**

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as the defendant in this action. A copy of the petition (and any documents filed with it) is attached to this notice. The attorney for the plaintiff(s) is Jon Faas Self-represented (prose), whose address is 18½ 1st ST. NW, Hampton, Iowa 50441. That attorney's telephone number is 641-732-9944

You must serve a motion or answer within 20 days after service of this original notice upon you and, within a reason- able time thereafter, file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Franklin County, at the county courthouse in Hampton, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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**Susan M. Symens Estate**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT  
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
SUSAN M, SYMENS, Deceased  
CASE NO. ESPR502077  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF  
WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF  
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS**

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

Dated December 9, 2025.

Brian L. Symens,  
Executor of Estate  
1070 170th St.  
Hampton, IA 50441

Randy D. Johansen,  
ICIS#: AT0003864  
Attorney for Executor  
Johansen Law Firm  
1608 Oak Ct.  
Hampton, IA 50441

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**Got a Legal  
Notice to Submit?**

**Deadline for legal notice  
submissions is Monday at noon**

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**Sheffield Council Minutes 12.8.25**

**Sheffield Council Proceedings  
Regular Session Minutes-Unapproved  
Monday, December 8th; 6:00pm**

The Sheffield City Council Regular Session was called to order at Sheffield City Hall by Mayor Brad Mulford, at 6:03PM on Monday, December 8th, 2025. Council Members in attendance were Becky Moellers, James Robbins, and Ryan Kruger, absent was Julia Showalter and Sherri McGuire; also, in attendance was Patrick Nuehring, Public Works Director, Eric Meyer, Public Works Assistant, and Andrew O'Connor, Police Chief.

Mayor Mulford led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Moellers made a motion to approve the agenda. Kruger seconded it; it was approved.

Mayor Mulford announced that it was the time and place for the public comment. There was no public comment. Kruger motioned to approve the consent agenda, Robbins seconded the motion, and it was approved with Showalter and McGuire absent. Those items approved in the consent agenda were: 11/10/2025 Regular Session Minutes, December 2025 Bills, and November 2025 Finance Report.

Mayor Mulford asked for any department updates. The City Clerk spoke about the upcoming budget and asked what dates would work to hold budget meetings. Tentatively looking at January 20th at 6pm for the budget meeting. She also spoke about the penny shortage. The options available are to set-up a line item labeled "penny shortage" that rounds up the \$0.05, do nothing, or fix the water bill to reflect no amount with pennies. This will come back in January for more discussion.

**Old Business**

• Scott with the DNR spoke to the table about the DNR fishery recommendations for the Sheffield City Pond. The main thing that will need fixed is the depth. The depth will need to go to 9-10 ft to stop plant growth. Then the aquatic growth will need to be maintained. A herbicide can be sprayed on the edges to allow nice fishing locations along the edge and in the pond. The cost for chemicals are around \$150 per acre with the cost not including being sprayed. Scott will get a few vendor options available that can help spray and send them to Mayor Mulford. There might be a grant option the city could look into. This grant is the REAP grant and it could possibly help with benches/parking/spraying and other enhancements to make this a better local attraction. If the city did agree to this there would be a memorandum

between the DNR and city. This will also allow the DNR to stock the pond as needed yearly or every other year. This will come back to the January meeting for continued discussion.

• There was further discussion on the city placing a sidewalk on the south portion of the city park. This discussion turned into the possibility of a sidewalk that could go to Casey's and then maybe it could be a walking trail that a grant could be available. This will continue to be discussed more in January.

• There was discussion of the deconstruction bids. Moellers motioned to approve Fullerton's bid of \$60,000, along with Bergo's bid of \$29,460 for asbestos. The clerk will get numbers for a loan amount and bring to the budget meeting. Kruger seconded it; and it was approved with Showalter and McGuire absent.

• No new update on the 150th celebration as the group hasn't meet for another meeting.  
**New Business**

• Robbins motioned to approve the FY26 Amendment #1. Kruger seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Moellers, Robbins, Kruger; Absent: Showalter, McGuire. Mayor Mulford declared the resolution approved, adopted and numbered 26-8.

• Kruger motioned to approve the Mayor to sign the ICAP Proxy. Robbins seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Moellers, Robbins, Kruger; Absent: Showalter, McGuire. Mayor Mulford declared the resolution approved, adopted and numbered 26-9.

• There was discussion on adding in communication to residents through TextMyGov application. This application will help the city communicate through text messages and also give residents with an emergency issue to have a way to communicate to employees. Robbins motioned to approve proceeding with setting up TextMyGov application. There was no second. This will come back at the budget meeting to see if the funds will be available. Newly elected official, Brad Mulford with a 2-yr Mayor term, was sworn in for the start of the 2026 term. The City would like to also take a moment and thank Ryan Kruger for his 4-yr term on City Council.

Council Comments - n/a

Kruger motioned to adjourn, Robbins seconded the motion, and it passed. Adjournment at 7:19 p.m.

Ashley L. Francis, City Clerk  
Brad Mulford, Mayor

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**Sheffield December 2025 Bills**

**Sheffield Bills to be Paid for December 2025**

Vendor Description	Amount
AgSource Laboratories Water Testing	\$478.75
BOK Interest Water Bond	\$510.00
Card Services Supplies	\$676.33
Central Design and Company FD Vinyl	\$171.20
Column Software, PBC Publications	\$560.58
Consolidated Fuel	\$505.76
Core and Main supplies	\$1,022.92
Corey Willaby Rental Deposit Refund	\$88.04
Franklin County Auditor City Election	\$1,705.07
Franklin REC Cemetery Utilities - Nov	\$121.67
Frontier PW & FD Utilities	\$73.91
Great America City Hall Copier	\$172.50
Hampton Hardware Supplies	\$4.79
Hawkins Water Chemicals	\$822.17
ICAP Payloader Insurance	\$657.00
IMWCA Workman's Comp, Installment 6	\$951.00
IA Finance Authority Water Main Bond Payment	\$815.03
Iowa One Call One Calls	\$99.00
Jon's Auto & Truck Repair Oil Change - PD	\$67.84
Martin Marietta Rock	\$1,668.89
Menards Supplies	\$48.27
MidAmerican Energy Utilities	\$5,259.20
Murphy's Plumbing & Heating City Park Bathroom Repairs	\$2,072.00
N. Wilson Concrete & Const. City Hall new door replacement	\$5,848.65
Payroll November Payroll Expenses	\$34,077.59
Office of Auditor of State Audit Filing Fee	\$175.00
Petty Cash Postage	\$0.93
Riteway Business Forms Water bill paper	\$218.93

Sietsema Family Monument Sales Niche Door - Kelley	\$415.00
Tull's Machine & Rental Snow plow repair	\$375.00
U.S. Cellular PW CellPhone & Arlo Camera	\$184.26
United Bank & Trust Internet Banking Fees	\$20.00
Visual Edge IT eClodFax	\$30.49
WHKS 2026 Street Improvements Report	\$5,264.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$65,161.77</b>

**Revenue November 2025**

General Fund	\$68,759.56
Road Use Fund	\$13,534.29
Employee Benefits Fund	\$3,369.67
LOST Fund	\$9,937.54
TIF Fund	\$3,360.92
Debt Service Fund	\$780.20
Capital Improvement Funds	\$10.53
Water Fund	\$14,025.35
Sewer Fund	\$21,520.86
Storm Water Fund	\$1,019.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$136,318.60</b>

**Expense November 2025**

General Fund	\$48,294.78
Road Use Fund	\$14,773.36
Employee Benefits Fund	\$5,523.13
Debt Service Fund	\$55,040.03
Water Fund	\$10,088.80
Sewer Fund	\$9,922.51
Storm Water Fund	\$6.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$143,649.05</b>

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**Sheffield Library November 2025 Bills**

**Bills to be Paid for November 2025 - Sheffield Public Library**

Vendor Description	Amount
D & L repairs and maintenance	\$18.00
FNBO (VISA) VISA	\$423.90
Ingram Books	\$151.46
Metronet Utilities	\$189.41
MidAmerica Utilities	\$147.00
Presto-X Repairs & Main	\$80.80
US Cellular Grant	\$89.37
Visual Edge IT Operations	\$176.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,276.90</b>

The above claims, which includes those covering the invoices attached hereto, were presented and approved.  
Date: Dec 9, 2025

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**Carlene Jean Wiarda Estate**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT  
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-  
TATE OF  
Carlene Jean Wiarda, Deceased  
CASE NO. ESPR502075  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,  
OF  
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated December 9, 2025.  
Jeffrey Duane Wiarda  
26418 Franklin Avenue  
Ackley, IA 50601  
Executor of Estate

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

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**Ordinance No. 408**

**ORDINANCE NO. 408**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 69.08 OF THE HAMPTON MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS THERETO DESIGNATING AN ADDITIONAL NO PARKING ZONE.**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Iowa:

**SECTION I.**

**AMENDMENT:** Section 69.08 of the Hampton Municipal Code is herewith amended by adding new Subsection thereto as follows:  
• 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW on East side from Central Avenue West to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW.

**SECTION II.**

**REPEALER:** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION III.**

**SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:** If any section, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any Section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION IV.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, IOWA, ON THE 11 DAY OF December, 2025, AND APPROVED THIS 11 DAY OF December, 2025.**

ATTEST:  
Steve Birdsall, Mayor  
Ron Dunt, City Manager

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**Publication, IBMC v Hogan, EQCV502266**

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin COUNTY  
Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.**

**Wendy Hogan; Patrick Hogan; Genisys Credit Union; and Parties in Possession, Defendants.  
EQUITY NO. EQCV502266  
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

To the above-named Defendants: Wendy Hogan

You are notified there was on September 19, 2025 filed in the Office of the Clerk of the above-named Court a Foreclosure Petition, which prays for foreclosure of a mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described herein and judgment in rem in the amount of \$83,403.86 plus interest at the rate of 2.5% per annum from March 1, 2025, such amount equaling \$5.71 per day, the costs of the action including title costs of \$235.00, and reasonable attorney fees and that said sums be declared a lien upon the following-described premises from November 17, 2020, located in Franklin County, Iowa, to-wit:

That part of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Ninety (90) North, Range Nineteen (19) West of the Fifth P.M., beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section Fourteen (14); thence South 00 degrees 00'00" East 275.00 feet along the West line of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section Fourteen (14); thence North 89 degrees 20'31" East 300.00 feet parallel with the North line of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section Fourteen (14); thence North 00 degrees 00'00" West 275.00 feet parallel with the West line of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section Fourteen (14); thence South 89 degrees 20'31" West 300.00 feet along the North line of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section Fourteen (14) to the point of beginning

that the mortgage on the above-described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Amy S. Montgomery, whose address is The Davis Brown Tower, 215 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-3993, Phone: (515) 288-2500, Facsimile: (515) 243-0654.

**NOTICE**

THE PLAINTIFF HAS ELECTED FORECLOSURE WITHOUT REDEMPTION. THIS MEANS THAT THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL OCCUR PROMPTLY AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT UNLESS YOU FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE. IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND, THE SALE WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL THREE MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT. YOU WILL HAVE NO RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AFTER THE SALE. THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE WILL BE ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. YOU MAY PURCHASE AT THE SALE.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Franklin County, Iowa. You are notified that Franklin County District Court utilizes the Electronic Document Management System. You are directed to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for general rules and information on electronic filing and, in particular, Division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

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## Cribbage Tournament at Back Roads Bar & Grill

Back Roads Bar & Grill in Aredale held another one of their regular cribbage tournaments on Saturday, Dec. 13. The first game ended on a high note, with Leah Reser's perfect hand. One of her fellow players called this "extremely rare." Reser, of Bristow, was joined by players from near and far. Photos by Jennifer Burnham.



### CHAMBER: FROM B2

cently ended, as well as the winners of 'Friday Uncorked.'

Van Wert shared the following statement from Friends of Beeds Lake President Robyn Hill-Kofoot, who was unable to make it that morning: "The Friends of Beeds Lake would like to thank the community for their generous support for helping get the playground at Beeds

Lake installed before the snow started falling. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was a lot of fun and we're happy to see this project moving along. There are a few more projects to complete this spring - a donor board, a new handicap space, and new sidewalks. Also coming up for 2026, handicap accessible picnic area is being moved to a new

spot, closer to the main lodge. Other big projects next year will be fixing and replacing doors and windows in the main lodge."

The following all-state students were recognized for their hard work: Joe Cruz (instrumental music), James Chambers (vocal music), Kylie Tizzano (cheerleading), Maren Subbert (All Iowa Dance) and Brady

Harr, who committed to Iowa State University to play football as a preferred walk-on.

Jacob Ackerman and Cary Treanor with the Franklin County Fair reminded everyone that the pop pass sale had begun, and 4-H sales for the pop passes would continue until Jan. 31. Ackerman also mentioned their holiday special for their concert

tickets (buy five tickets, get one free), which started Dec. 15.

"Sales so far have been good, but we're always looking to do better," Ackerman said.

Treanor added how excited they were for the lineup of artists.

"And we hope you're excited, too!" she said.

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# A TRADITIONAL Christmas

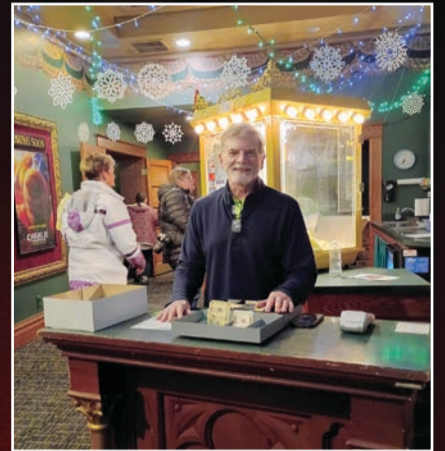
Nathan Pralle's children's Christmas play, "The Tradition Collision," drew crowds from around the county to the Windsor Theatre last weekend. See photos below, by Jennifer Burnham and Yolanda Pralle.



(L-R) Realtor sisters Lacy and Tracy (Charleigh and Tammy Schirmer) welcome Rafe and Anika (Jackson Operman and Genevieve Foreshoe) to their new home while children Leela, Niko, and Zara (Miyah Arana, Logan Folkerds, Natalie Birdsell) play in the corner.



(L-R) Grant, the delivery guy; Tracy and Lacy, local realtors (Jack Hindin, Tammy Schirmer, Charleigh Schirmer).



Windsor Theatre Manager Jim Davies takes a break from selling tickets on Friday



Theatre Assistant Manager Cara Schwake showing off one of the snowflakes she made for the theatre.



The Thompson Family (L-R, Front-Back): Abby, Maggie, Danny, Charlie (Liberty Varrelmann, Haylee Hanna, Macaeen Pralle, Keston Pralle).



The actors and crew the night before their first production.



Abby (Liberty Varrelmann - C) shows Danny (Macaeen Pralle - L) how the Moldovian sorcova stick works by whacking him with it while Zara (Natalie Birdsell) looks on.



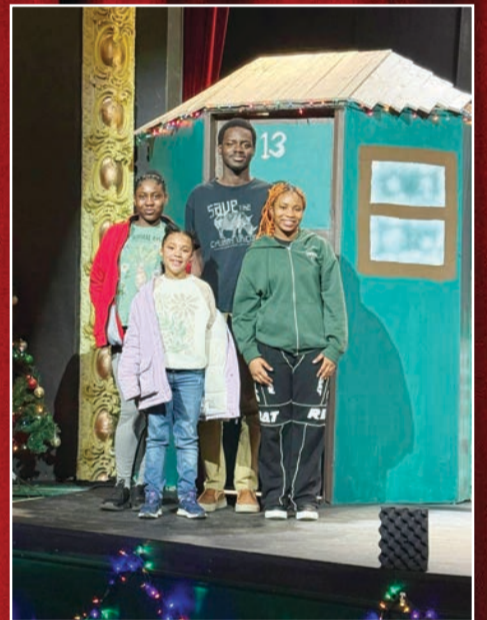
Charlie (Keston Pralle) and Danny (Macaeen Pralle) ask local realtors Tracy and Lacy (Tammy and Charleigh Schirmer) about who their new neighbors are going to be.



Charlie (Keston Pralle - L) and Maggie (Haylee Hanna - R) bring homemade cookies to welcome Rafe (Jackson Operman - C) to the neighborhood.



Director Nathan Pralle and his team of helpers rolled up their sleeves in the days leading up to the big weekend, building and painting the set.



The Mandiso Family (L-R, Front-Back): Kyra, Jade, Kamara, Okai (Evelyn Osborn, Tshephang Mphateng, Victoria Flomo, Emmanuel Iddrisu)



Navarelle Family (L-R): Zara, Rafe, Leela, Anika, Niko (Natalie Birdsell, Jackson Operman, Miyah Arana, Genevieve Foreshoe, Logan Folkerds)



The Vegas Family: Carlos, Mateo, Rosa, Clara (Reed Masters, Noe Flores, Viktoria Foksha, Bella Duran)

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 Merry Christmas  
from the Hampton Chronicle

# West Fork Elementary



**3 Year Old Pre-School**  
Mrs. Engh

Dear Santa,  
I want a mermaid Barbie doll with rainbow hair. I want Elsa!  
Love, Sage

Dear Santa,

I want more toys! Big ones! A big dinosaur! I want a big T-rex.  
Love, Bentley

Dear Santa,  
I want a sword from Santa and a bouncy ball. I broke my other sword swimming when I was camping and you use it to fight bad guys.  
Love, Hayes

Dear Santa,  
I want a new kitty and a new puppy stuffed animals and a stuffed cow.  
Love, Collins

Dear Santa,  
I want new tractors and a new barn for tractors.  
Love, Archer

Dear Santa,  
I want a Christmas tree and a helicopter and Spiderman. I like Sonic!  
Love, Koda

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control unicorn and a remote control dolphin and a remote control mermaid. I want make-

up.  
Love, Olivia

Dear Santa,  
I want a Minnie Mouse tea set and a Minnie kitchen. I want a baby stroller.  
Love, Athena

Dear Santa,  
I want a semi and a green dinosaur.  
Love, Bridger

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot dinosaur.  
Love, Ryer

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot dinosaur and a snake robot.  
Love, Jaxton

Dear Santa,  
I want a golden present-a golden rocket!  
Love, Lawson

Dear Santa,  
I want a duck-a fake duck. I want a Santa Claus toy. I want a fake turkey-like a dice and some feathers.  
Love, Scout

Dear Santa,  
I want a fake pop on

the head turkey and a real turkey and a big Barbie!  
Love, Halley

Dear Santa,  
I want cars, a truck, and things that light up.  
Love, Sean

Dear Santa,  
I want tractors and skidloaders. A blue tractor.  
Love, Gavin

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control race car!  
Love, Charlie



**4 Year Old Pre-School**  
Mrs. Engh

Dear Santa,  
I want a Gabby house and Lego flowers and a sensory bottle. I even want a Squishmallow bunny. I love you Santa!  
Love, Maci

Dear Santa,

I want a combine for Christmas! My dad wants a tractor. My sister wants a bow for her hair. My brother wants a semi. My mom wants a bow too.  
Love, Austin

Dear Santa,  
I want a unicorn stuffy and a bow and a camera and a giant unicorn.  
Love, Norah

Dear Santa,  
I want a make-up center and a pink car for me! I want a stuffed tiger.  
Love, Hallie

Dear Santa,  
I want a big robot and a Lego set and a big dog. And another tablet to play some more Roblox. I really want you to come to my house.  
Love, Jacksten

Dear Santa,  
I want a mermaid tail and porn porns.  
Love, Leena

Dear Santa,  
I want mini Legos! I want Magna Tiles too.  
Love, Eliás

Dear Santa,  
I want toys! I want a tractor and a tablet.

Love, August

Dear Santa,  
I want tractors and a mower and another tractors. We have a 4-wheeler and a Razr and a go-kart!  
Love, Daxton

Dear Santa,  
I want a new tablet because my sister broke my blue one! I want some other toys. I don't know what else I want! A toy car that can drive by itself!  
Love, Arlan

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll that talks and has

a button its back. I want a stuffy unicorn and a play cookie and a play high chair and little princess dolls. And gymnastics stuff. That's it!  
Love, Emma

Dear Santa,  
I want a scooter and a bicycle because my other one had a flat tire. And I want three trucks for Reagan and me and Gabe! And then I want a light-up drawing board. I want a stuffy turtle. Love, Odin

Dear Santa,  
I want a rainbow kitty

that has a unicorn top and has unicorn babies.  
Love, Alice

Dear Santa,  
I want Barbie toys, Paw Patrol, and dolls. And a car for my brother.  
Love, Camille

Dear Santa,  
I want Sonic toys.  
Love, Finnegan

Dear Santa,  
I want toy cars and play food and Bluey!  
Love, Rhonan



**3 Year Old Pre-School**  
Mrs. Gruman

Avielle: I want a doctor barbie, I already have one barbie at home, but I really want a dr. barbie. I also really want a unicorn and some other barbies. I think I am on the good list because I really want to be! I just really want a unicorn and lots of barbies hehehe!

Morgan: Hi Santa! My name is Morgan and I am 4 years old. I have been nice this year, sometimes I be naught, ok? Sometimes I don't listen, but sometimes I do. I be nice a lot too though. I just want some duckies for christmas. Ones that have little letters on the bottom like Ms. Grumans. I also really want a toy sleigh and reindeer just like Santa. And a pink bathtub (for me), but it's a toy.

Have good luck! Do you have a good sligh?

Karcyn: Hi Santa, I love your sligh! My name is Karcyn and I am 3 years old. Last morning I got presents from you. This time I want presents again. I think I am on the good list. I want presents for my puppies. I got two puppies and three puppies, I want presents for my puppies, like toys. Maybe like balls, little balls, toy balls, and maybe a rope for them so they don't run away on the road.

Violet: Hi Santa, my name is Violet, and I am three years old. This year I want money for Christmas. I am going to put it in my money in the microwave because I don't want my sisters to get it. I also want to be a teacher so I really want some makeup.

Colt: Hi Santa, my name is Colt, and I am 3 years old. I like santa so I can get a toy. I want a big monster truck, an orange one. That's all I want from Santa. I think I have been on the nice list because my broth-

er keeps stealing my toys, and I don't steal them back. Only bubba steals them.

Jacksyn: Presents! Santa brings me presents. I want an airplane for Christmas, a small airplane, really, really small. I want a blue airplane, blue and red. I think I have been on the happy bestest list because I go to the library.

Geo: Hi Santa, my name is Geovanna, I am four years old. I go to Ms. Grumans room for school. I want some presents! I want a lot of blue presents, for me! I want bigger presents too. I think I have been on the good list because Gracie says I am on the good list.

Kemper: Hi Santa, my name is Kemper, and I am three years old. This year I want a big white jacket, a big ramp, and something like big trucks! Maybe like a big white truck! I think I am on the good list because I am good at school and I like to eat some food. I think I also want some chicken, I like chicken (at

home). I think thats all.

DJ: Hi my name is DJ, I am four years old. I want a trex for Christmas, and a black kitty (a real one). I think I have been on the happy list because ... I don't know.

Warren: Hi Santa, my name is Warren and I am four years old. This year I want a blue dirt-bike, a reindeer and a Trex (a BIG one). Thats most of what I want. I think I am on the nice list because I play the nicest.

Milo: Hi Santa, my name is Milo and I am four years old. I want oarfish, I want one!

Kyra: Hi Santa, my name is Kyra and I am three years old. This year I want an umbrella, a big elsa one! There are more toys there too, I want some real make up, backpack makeup one! I think I am on the nice list because get a sticker for being good at home!

Carter: Hi my name is Carter and I am three years old. This year I

really want a drill (a real one), a blue one. I also want a real phone so I can call people. Thats all I can think of. I think I am on the nice list this year because I have been nice. I clean up at home and school and Santa likes that.

Amir: Hi my name is Amir and I am three years old. I want a football and a red blaze toy.

I think I am on the nice list too!

Julian: Hi Santa my name is Julian, I am three years old. This year I want a new monster truck (a small one) and blue. I also really want a lion (it's not a real lion) but it is a soft fluffy lion. I think I am on the nice list because I play with toys at school and at home.

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# West Fork Elementary



## 4 Year Old Pre-School Mrs. Gruman

Teagan: Hi my name is Teagan, I am 5 years old! I want everyone to come to my house to play to have a jammie party. I want the big barbie dolls, and I also need little ones for Tatum Olson. I also want like a barbie house. I think I am on the nice list this year because thats why I listen. I play with my friends, like Tatum. Thats why I am on the nice list.

Allen: Hi, my name is Allen, I am four years old. I want to tell Santa I love him. I really want a thing with two sides off of the top, and it has double swords with two sides and when you

flip it around and fight with it. I think I am on the nice list this year!

Chay: Hi my name is Chay, and I am four years old. I want a tablet, my own one for christmas. I also want baby dolls! I think I am on the nice list because I have been nice at home. Like I have been nice to my sister! I also want to give you a birthday gift and a card!

Breckyn: Hi Santa, my name is Breckyn. I am four and a half years old. For Christmas I want a real camera, so I can take pictures of stuff. I also want toy elves for play time at home! I also want a play Santa and play reindeers and a play Christmas tree for play time at home too. I don't know if I am on the nice or naughty list, but I want to be on the nice list. I know I can get on the nice list by being good!

Jazlynn: Hi Santa, my

name is Jazlynn! I want toys for Christmas this year, like peanut butter and jelly and presents. I think I am on the nice and naughty list this year, but I don't know.

Alara: Hi my name is Alara, I am four years old. Do you know we ar going to get a pizza to give you! I also want to say thank you for giving me presents. This year I really want a unicorn that I can ride on and it can gallop fast outside and I also want a toy fairy and a kite fairy. I also want some barbies! I think I am on the nice list this year because I know I am nice.

Haylynn: Hi Santa, my name is Haylynn! I am five years old! I want a ballerina cappuccino stuffy this year, it is from brain rot. I also really want a ballerina cappuccino pillow, because I love brain rot! I want some other toys from brain rot too, but there are maybe too many. I think I am on the nice list this year

because I am being good and I am getting my puzzle pieces. If I am good I will get a present, but if I am naughty I don't get a present. I think thats all I want to say to Santa right now.

Eleanor: Hi Santa, my name is Eleanor! I am four years old! I love you Santa and I want you to bring me some presents. I really want some toys like a doll and a shirt for my babies and a clip too. I also want a high chair and a seat for my dolls. I want to tell Santa that I am on the good list this year because I be good. I play with my friends and be good and share so I can be on the good list.

Ayden: Hi Santa, my name is Ayden. I am five years old! I want you to know that I am thankful for you. This year I really want a robot trex with remote controls (a big one). I also want a toy power-wheel fourwheeler! I

think I am on the nice list this year because I give my baby brother toys!

Finnley: Hi Santa, my name is Finnley, I am four years old! I like when you give me presents! I want a rocket launcher where you step on the pad and it launches into the air and I want anything else you can think of. I think I am on the nice list because I am good at school!

Nash: Hi Santa, my name is Nash! I am four years old! This year I want a real tree house outside! I think the elves can build it. I want it to have a TV and a couch and bed. I also really want a new green water bottle! I think I am on the nice list this year because I go outside when my Dad tells me to!

Elliot: Hi Santa, my name is Elliot. I am four years old! I want a toy jeep (like a big one I can ride in) so I can ride

it in my yard. Thats all this year. I think I am on the nice list because I do nice things and I don't do mean things. I am nice to my friends and I kind of listen. I am going to make food for the reindeer so when you park at my chimney they can eat it. I really want to see Rudolf this year!

Bellamy: Hi Santa, my name is Bellamy, and I am four years old. I really want real makeup this year for Christmas. I also want lots of real dresses like sprinkle ones. I also want pretty shoes to go with them like sparklies and some sandals. I also would love to get a barbie house for my barbies. I think I am on the good list, because I want to give Santa prizes. He wants a barbie like me.

Evie: Hi name is Evie, and I am four years old. Ho Ho is going to come bye my house! I want toys this year, like baby dolls! I think I am on the nice list this year!



## 4 Year Old Pre-School Mrs. Hansen

Dear Santa, Happy holidays! I'm nice. I love you Santa! I love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. I want a toilet for Christmas. A port a potty!  
Love, Ava

Dear Santa, I want to see the reindeer. I want the elves to give toys to me from being good. And then I want Santa to bring presents to Mama's room because lately I

sleep there. Bye Santa! I love you to go anywhere you can go!  
Love, Blayke

Dear Santa, Happy Christmas Santa! I want a little remote control school bus. I really want one because Mom won't let me have one at school. But I really want one! I would like a Santa puzzle too. I like you Santa! Merry Christmas! Ho ho ho!  
Love, Brooklee

Dear Santa, I love you! I've been a good boy. I love sand and magnatiles and ramps and marbles.  
Love, Cruz

Dear Santa, I'm good! And I want a Barbie house. This year my tree is downstairs.  
Love, Elaina

Dear Santa, Thanks for the present last year! Thanks for all the presents for my family. I want to see the reindeer.  
Love, Emily

Dear Santa, I love you! I want Legos please. I'm gonna leave a carrot for the reindeer and a sucker for you Santa and milk. I'd like a racetrack too. Please!!  
Love, Finley

Dear Santa, You're handsome! I like you! I love you! I like you! I like dinosaurs. I like you. I should go with you to the North Pole.  
Love, Freya

Dear Santa, I like dinosaurs please?! I want dinosaurs please.

I like tractors. Please and thank you!  
Love, Henry

Dear Santa, I wish you would bring me all the unicorns. I wish you would bring Cocomelon for my sister too. I wish you would bring a doll for my sisters too. I wish I could bring you eggs to your house!  
Love, Huxley

Dear Santa, I love you! I'm so excited for Christmas and I like you Santa. He is kind. That's it! Uh - I want a Barbie mermaid for Christmas.  
Love, Kyla

Dear Santa, I wish you were down here! I love you so much Santa! You're the best EVER EVER!! I would

like a robot that has a remote that controls it.  
Love, Levi

Dear Santa, I want a monster truck and a Paw Patrol game please. I make cookies for you ... Christmas tree cookies! I didn't make em yet. Mom said no. I want just a toy monster truck that you sit on and you have a wheel on it to drive it.  
Love, Mauro

Dear Santa, I love you! And I hope you bring presents for brother and me. I hope you bring a water cup and Barbies! And a big Barbie house. I hope you bring a monster truck for my brother. I like your deer Santa!  
Love, Preslee

Dear Santa,

Thank you for giving me presents last year! I saw you right out the window. I saw the reindeers and then I waked up to see my presents and then I saw my own nightlight and my megaphone. I opened the big one to see my trainset. Then mommy said, "Go to bed." Please send me presents this year.  
Love, Torin

Dear Santa, Santa, can I please have a unicorn stuffy? I love you!  
Love, Vivi

Dear Santa, I have been good! I want a cash register, a trampoline, and a beanie baby, snowflake connectors, and a mini couch. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Elton



## Pre-K Mrs. Determan

Dear Santa, I want a toy fox that is real like a robot and a robot go wee-oo-wee-oo. I want a Barbie house like it's new. I want a fish, a lot of fish. Because you are my favorite. I want a yelling outside toy and a Pinkie Pie. I like you 'cause I do. I like puzzles and a tea party, because I do I do I do. Please could I get a turkey. I love Santa. I like sparkley

stuff. Please Santa. I use gentle hands and I be nice to my friends.  
Love, Scarlett D.

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie Dream House, a Pandie, Cakie, GJ (It can make music-DJ), then I want Gabby, I need Catrat, Pillow Cat, Kitty Fairt, Carlita, Mer Cat, Baby Box, Marty. Um, I want all the Barbies for the Dream House. I want stuffed animals like Labubus and a turkey. Um, I want the toys like Super Kittles and Super Kitty stuffed animals. I've been nice because I have been shaking people's hands nicely.  
Love, Violet H.

Dear Santa, I want Super Kitties. I want Labubu. That's

it. I'm being nice 'cause I'm being a good friend.  
Love, Arie L.

Dear Santa, I've been good. I help my sister and I've helped my grandpa, and I've helped my cousins, and I've I've helped my mom and dad. And I want some toy Nerf guns, um, a Ninja Turtle car set, and then a Ninja Turtle Wolf bad guy with a boss bad guy, and with Ninja Turtles. Um, and then I want a Superman set, then I want these Hulk things that go on your arms/hands. Then a toy elf, the Elf on the Shelf. I want some binoculars and a toy knife.  
Love, Bentley S.

Dear Santa, I want to write you a

love letter. Santa, I love you. I want one toy. I want a toy leaf blower. I love you, Santa. I try to be nice to my sister and I accidentally been too mean to her, like just a little bit. I can say I love you to be nicer.  
Love, Ben S.

Dear Santa, I want a little piano that when you hit the buttons, the chicks go up. I love you, Santa. I have been nice. I love my mom. I am nice to her. I play nicely with my friends.  
Love, Charlie A.

Dear Santa, I want Lego car that is red. I want a shot gun, and a MineCraft build, and Spiderman, and that's enough. I really love you Santa.

Love, Teddy K.

Dear Santa, You are nice. I want toys, like a new truck, a blue truck, that's the color I want the truck. Um, a new goats. Um, a new barn. Um, a new basketballs. Um, a tractor. Um, a horse. Um, a guy for my horse. A camper. A little baby crib and a baby with it. I have a big dog, but he won't jump. For Christmas, I want a new dog. A unicorn for WyWy. Another one for Layne, and for my big sister, Kinzie, a stuffed animal.  
Love, Brannon

Dear Santa, I want a hat, like a baseball hat. I help people at my house. That's all.  
Love, Landyn

Dear Santa, I want to know where you live. I was good, I was nice, and I know to don't hit. I want a monster truck with a remote control, a squishy, and just that stuff.  
Love, Parker

Dear Santa, I like you 'cause you give me presents, and you always be nice. I want the thing you put snow in, and it makes a snowball, a Nerf gun, a toy crocodile - a stuffed animal, a herd buffalos, and a green buck-n-shoot. I've been nice to my sister, I've been nice to my brother, my mom, dad, and horse and chickens. That's it.  
Love, Louis



# West Fork Elementary



**Kindergarten**  
**Mrs. Wedmore**

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. Here is my Christmas list: Barbie, Gabby doll house, ice cream, a new bed and sparkly shoes.  
Love,  
Lily, Age 5

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been a little naughty and nice. Here is my Christmas list: A real kitty, new

barbies, Wicked Legos, beads for bracelets and kinetic sand.  
Love,  
Amelia, Age 6

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. Here is my Christmas list: Hulk punching gloves, Hulk dress up costume, Spiderman dress up costume, Spiderman hand toy and Hulk stuffie.  
Love,  
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Love,

Caleb, Age 5  
Dear Santa,  
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Love,  
Tucker, Age 6

Dear Santa,  
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Love,  
Grayson, Age 6

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Legos, Barbie prize box and sloth poster.  
Love,  
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Love,  
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Love,  
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Love,  
Klay, Age 6

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. Here is my Christmas list: Giant Harvester with two headers, Nike shoes, glitter, RIC airplane and playdough.  
Love,  
Colin, Age 5

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. Here is my Christmas list: A real cat, LOL

dolls, Barbies, dog stuffie and a real goldfish.  
Love,  
Ensley, 5

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. Here is my Christmas list: motorcycle, mario game, magna tile, marble run and dinosaurs.  
Love,  
Asher, 5

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been naughty and nice. Here is my Christmas list: flag football set, RIC lamborghini, farm toys, dump truck and toy skid loader.  
Love,  
Jax, Age 6



**Kindergarten**  
**Mrs. Sturges**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Audrey. I am 6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are three things I'm wishing for, Bitzee, axolotl stuffie, and bubbles. Love, Audrey

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bentley. I am 6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are 3 things I'm wishing for, a Minion,

a shield, and a Justin Jefferson action figure. Love, Bentley

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brody. I am 5 years old. This year I've been nice. These are 3 things I'm wishing for, a real cat, a car to drive, and a dog. Love, Brody

Dear Santa,  
My name is Charleigh. I am 6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are 3 things that I'm wishing for, a cat necklace, a Bitzee, and an axoloto strawberry stuffie. Love, Charleigh

Dear Santa,  
My name is Colson. I am 6 years old. I've been nice this year.

These are things I'm wishing for, bouncy balls, and a fireplace. Love, Colson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Damon. I am 6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are things I'm wishing for, a toy cat, a green bike, and a toy walrus. Love, Damon

Dear Santa,  
My name is Eli. I am 5 years old. This year I've been nice. These are things I'm wishing for, a boombox, a house, and a phone. Love, Eli

Dear Santa,  
My name is Elley. I am 6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are things I'm wishing

for, a doll, a baseball bat, and a Bitzee. Love, Elley

Dear Santa,  
My name is Henry. I'm 6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are things I'm wishing for, books, a tree, and milk and cookies. Love, Henry

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jax. I am 6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are things that I'm wishing for, a computer, a keyboard, and a Ben 10 guy. Love, Jax

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lucy. I am 6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are things I'm wishing

for, a snow globe, a pink axolotl stuffie, and a toy Christmas tree. Love, Lucy

Dear Santa,  
My name is Macoy. I am 6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are things that I'm wishing for, cattle horns, a tree house, and a phone. Love, Macoy

Dear Santa,  
My name is Natalie. I am 6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are things that I'm wishing for, a phone, a Minnie Mouse toy, and a toy mouse. Love, Natalie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Noah. I am

6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are things I'm wishing for, a red truck, a green and yellow tractor, and a trailer. Love, Noah

Dear Santa,  
My name is Taya. I am 6 years old. I've been nice this year. These are things that I'm wishing for, a cat necklace, A Bitzee, and a kitty stuffie. Love, Taya

Dear Santa,  
My name is Zander. I am 6 years old. This year I've been nice. These are things I'm wishing for, a dirt bike, a Playstation, and a Nintendo Switch. Love, Zander



**Kindergarten**  
**Mrs. Johnson**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Addica. I am five years old. I have been naughty and nice this year. For Christmas, I would like a pink and teal nail polish.  
Love, Addica

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tobias. I am five years old. I have been nice this year. For

Christmas, I would like a racecar set with a dragon on top and the bottom and a stuffie from brainrot.

Love, Tobias  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Raelyn. I am six years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas, I would like a mommy and baby cheetah stuffies.  
Love, Raelyn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaak. I am five years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas, I would like some hotwheels.  
Love, Jaak

Dear Santa,  
My name is Korbyn. I am six years old. I have

been naughty and nice this year. For Christmas, I would like a police motorcycle, a headset for talking to my friends, and a big green and yellow toy box with tractors and a barn with animals in gates. Can you please put my other gifts inside the toy box? How many elves do you have at the North Pole?  
Love, Korbyn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cora. I am five years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas, I would like a rainbow unicorn and a sparkle unicorn. I love you.  
Love, Cora

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kage. I am

five years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas, I would like a scooter, an X-Box, and a computer like my cousin.  
Love, Kage

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ella. I am five years old. I have been nice this year because I cleaned up one room all by myself. For Christmas, I would like lots of makeup for me and my mommy. Thank you for the presents you gave me last year.  
Love, Ella

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ayveri. I am six years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas, I would like a baby doll and a Barbie doll.

Love, Ayveri  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Roland. I am six years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas, I would like a Titan Speakerman and Titan Cameraman. I would also like a Cameraman car.  
Love, Roland

Dear Santa,  
My name is Reagan. I am five years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas, I would like sneakers, some fidgets, and a toy turkey.  
Love, Reagan

Dear Santa,  
My name is Zoella. I am five years old. I have been naughty and nice this year. For Christmas, I would like a Barbie

doll. Can I please have one candy, one bracelet, one snap bracelet, and one watch? I like you, Santa, you're my best friend.  
Love, Colton

Dear Santa,  
My name is Huxley. I am five years old. I have been naughty and nice this year. For Christmas, I would like a farm toy, a medium racecar, and a medium monster truck. Thank you!  
Love, Hux

Dear Santa,  
My name is Grace. I am six years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas, I would like some slime, a notebook, and some new markers.  
Love, Grace



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Colin, Age 5

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. Here is my Christmas list: A real cat, LOL

dolls, Barbies, dog stuffie and a real goldfish.  
Love,  
Ensley, 5

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. Here is my Christmas list: motorcycle, mario game, magna tile, marble run and dinosaurs.  
Love,  
Asher, 5

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been naughty and nice. Here is my Christmas list: flag football set, RIC lamborghini, farm toys, dump truck and toy skid loader.  
Love,  
Jax, Age 6



# West Fork Elementary



1st Grade  
Mrs. Kew

Dear Santa,  
My name is Barrett. I am 6 years old. This year I would like terexs (T-rexs) and spinusoris for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year, I have been nice. am trying hard to clean the haws (house). Please say hi to sno monster for me. I promis to leave coces and carits by the tree for you cna d Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy, please have them make a gift for my mome. Thank you, Santa!  
Love Barrett  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Hayes. I am 6 years old. This year I would really like PSS and gaming char for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year, I have been nice. am trying hard to be a nis friend. Please say hi to the elvs for me. I promise to leave cuces and carits by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are

not too busy, please have them make a gift for mi sistr. Thank you, Santa!  
Love Hayes  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Karisma. I am 7 years old. This year I would really like a wotch and Jak and Anne boks for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year, I have been nice. I am trying hard to be kind to others. Please say hi to rofdof (Rudolph) for me. I promise to leave coces and caretis by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy, please have them make a gift for my tchetcher (teacher). Thank you, Santa!  
Love, Karisma

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aksel. I am 6 years old. This year I would really like a DJ mixer and a dummy for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year. I have been nice. am trying hard to not get frastrated. Please say hi to Rudolph for me. I promise to leave cookies and carrots by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy, please have them make a giftt for my sister. Thank you, Santa!  
Love, Aksel

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nella. I am 6 years old. This year I would really like liti BOOB00 and scatbord for Christmas, Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year, I have been nice. am trying hard to be nice to my sistr. Please say hi to rudolf for me. I promise to leave cucez and carits by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy, please have them make a gift for my Dab. Thank you, Santa!  
Love Nella

Dear Santa,  
My name is GiGi. I am 7 years old. This year I would really like mune and robux for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year. I have been nice. I am trying hard to be nis to my sistr. Please say hi to roodolf for me. I promise to leave coces and carits by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy, please have them make a gift for my mom. Thank you, Santa!  
Love GiGi

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kane. I am 7 years old. This year I would really like tractrs and chops (shops) for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year.

This year, I have been nice. am trying hard to be nis to mi mom. Please say hi to vu elvz for me. I promise to leave cuces and carits by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy, please have them make a gift for mi bruvr (brother). Thank you, Santa!  
Love, Kane

Dear Santa,  
My name is Michael. I am 7 years old. This year I would really like scotr (scooter) and blocx for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year. I have been nice. I am trying hard to be nis to mi sistr. Please say hi to vu elvz for me. I promise to leave cuces and carits by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy, please have them make a gift for my dad. Thank you, Santa!  
Love, Michael

Dear Santa,  
My name is Eloise. I am 6 years old. This year I would really like hancufs and blue jep for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year, I have been nice. am trying hard to not to mac miy mom yell. Please say hi to my elf for me. I promise to ckuces (cookies) and kerits by the tree for

you and Rudolph. If the elves arae not too busy, please have them make a gift for Lucy. Thank you, Santa!  
Love, Eloise

Dear Santa,  
My name is Quinn. I am 7 years old. This year I would like Anni and Jack books and kol-ereen (coloring) books for Christmas. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. This year, I have been nice. I am trying hard to by nice to my broth-er. Please say hi to Mrs. Clos for me. I promise to leave ciookis (cookies) and kareits (carrots) by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy, please have them make a gift for my teecher. Thank you, Santa!  
Love, Quinn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Isaac. I am 7 years old. This year I would read like a transfobr (transformer) dinusour the checte (connects) and transformrs for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year, I have been nice. I am trying hard to be gud. Please say hi to the randere (reindeer) for me. I promise to leave cuces and ceretes (carrots) by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy,

please have them make a gift for my mom and dad. Thank you, Santa!  
Love, Isaac

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lucy. I am 7 years old. This year I would really like mosh-nle (emotional support) chicks and a kids phon for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year, I have been nice. I am trying hard to be kind. Please say hi to Loonu (Luna) elf dog for me. I promise to leave cookies and carits by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy, please have them make a gift for my Eloise. Thank you, Santa!  
Love, Lucy

Dear Santa.  
My name is Weston. I am 7 years old. This year I would really like a 4 weeler and a PSS for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year, I have been nice. am trying hard to lisiin. Please say hi to the elfs for me. I Promise lo leave milk and caerets (carrots) by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy. please have them make a gift for mi dad. Thank you, Santa!  
Love, Weston



1st Grade  
Mrs. Dickman

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brandtley. I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a truck and a trailer for Christmas Thank you for the presents you brought me last year This year, I have been nice. I am trying hard to listen. Please say 'HI' to the deer for me. I promise to leave a carrot and chocolate milk by the tree for you and Rudolph. if the elves are not too busy. please have them make a gift for my friend Rhett thank you, Santa!  
Love..  
Brandtley R.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bristol. I am 7 years old. This year. I would re.any like new shoes o.nd clothes for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me lo.st year. This year. I have been nice. I am trying hard to practice bas-ketball. Please say "HI" to the elves for me. I promise to leave cookies and milk by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the

elves are not too busy. please have them make a gift for my friend Ben-ny. Thank you. Santa!  
Love,  
Bristol W.

Dear Santa.  
My name is Lilly. I am 7 years old. This year. I would really like makeup and lipstick for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year This year. I have been nice. I am trying hard to listen Please say "Hi to Mrs. Claus for me. I promise to leave a treat and carrots by the tree for you and Rudolph. I, f the elves are not too busy, please have them make a 91ft for MISS Mad-die. Thank you, Santa!  
Love,  
Lilly M.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bennett. I am 7 years old. This year. I would really like rollerblades and hockey sKotes for Chnstm.s. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year. I have been nice. I am trying hard to build better legos. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me. I promise to leave cookiEs and miik by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy please have them make a gift for my brothers. Thank you. Santa!  
Love,  
Bennett N.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bayler. I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a big Barbie house and a good treehouse for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year This year. I have been nice. I am trying hard to not hit my brothers. Please say "Hi to Mrs. Claus for me. I promise to leave a card and a present by the tree for you and Rudolph if the elves are not too busy. please have them make a gift for my morn. Thank you, Santa!  
Love,  
Bayler W.

Dear Santa.  
My name is Bentley. I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a fish and Legos for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year, I have been nice. I am trying hard to get my tree up-Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me. I promise to leave a candycane and corrots by the tree for you o.nd Rudolph If' the elves are not too busy, please have them make a gift for my family Thank you, Santa!  
Love,  
Bently S.

Dear Santa.  
My name is Kensley. I am 6 years old. This year. I would really like a vanity and makeup for Christmas Thank you

for the presents you brought me last year This year. I have been nice. I am trying hard to be nice. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me. I promis to leave cookies and carrots by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy. please have them make a gift for my cous-in. Kyson Thank you. Santa!  
Love,  
Kensley O.

Dear Santa.  
My name is Mila. i am 6 years old. This year. I would really like an air hockey game and a townhouse for my Barbies for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year This year. I have been nice I am try'ng hard to work on cutting circles. Please say Hi to the reindeer for me. I promise to leave carrots and cook-ies by the tree for you a.nd Rudolph If the elves are not too busy. please have them mo.Ke a gift for my mom. Thank you. Santa!  
Love,  
Mila P.

Dear Santa.  
My name is Hayden I am 7 years old. This year.I would really like a toy sniper and o.n Xbox for Christmas. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year This year. I have been nice. I am trying hard to get into 2nd grade

Please say 'Hi' to Rudolph for me. I promise to leave cookies and corn by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy. please have them make a 91ft for my mom and dad. Thank you, Santa!  
Love,  
Hayden M.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tracy. I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like Legos and Minecraft for Chn-stmas. ToanK you for the presents you brought me last year. This year. I have been mce. I am try,ng hard to listen to my teacher. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me. I promise to leave a gift and a snack by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy. please have them make a gift for my dog Thank you, Santa!  
Love,  
Tracy M.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Addi. I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a nall set and new shoes for Christmas. Thonk you for the presents you brought me last year. This year. I have been nice. I am trying hard to help my mom and dad. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me. I promise to leave carrots and cookies by the tree for you and Rudoiph if the elves are not too busy. please have them make

a 9ft for my friend, Mila. Thank you, Santa!  
Love,  
Addi B.

Dear Santa.  
My name Is Jone. I am 6 years old. This year I would really like a water bottle and a babydoil for Christmas Thank you for the presents you brought me last year This year. I have been nice. I am trying hard to play nice. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me. I promise to leave cookies and carrots by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy. please have them make a 91ft for my sister. Thank you, Santa!  
Love,  
Jolie B.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Archer. I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like an electric scooter and an electric car for Christmas Thank you for the presents you brought me last year."This year. I have been nice. I am trying hard to read better. Please say 'Hi' to the deer for me. I promise to leave cookies and carrots by the tree for you and Rudolph. If the elves are not too busy. please have them make a gift for my cat. Thank you. Santa!  
Archer S.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
We hope your holiday season brings love and peace.  
**WOODLEY**  
FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY





# West Fork Elementary



**1st Grade**  
**Mrs. Fullerton**

Dear Santa,  
Do you remember me? Are you getting ready for Christmas? For Christmas, I would like a Barbie Dreamhouse. I would like a car too. I want to give my cousin Stella a loy cat because she will love it.  
Love, Penelope

Dear Santa,  
Where are you? I am wondering. I love you, Santa! I have not been very nice. Can you bring me a necklace? I want to give my dad a hug.  
Love, Octavia

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can you please give me a new hoverboard? I want a new room. Can you give me a LEGO set to give to Bentley?  
Love, Lewis

Dear Santa,  
How are you? When do you deliver presents? I want a new bike. I want some puzzles so I can play with my family. I want to give Azn a new bike.  
Love, Asia

Dear Santa,  
What are you up to? How do you make toys? Why are you so big? I want a remote control tractor and a bike. I would like to give Ambrose a toy crane.  
Love, Zander

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is it living at the North Pole? Could I have a remote control T-Rex. I would like to give Kyen

a monster struck because he loves them.  
Love, Mason

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Do you remember me? I love you so much. I want a dirt bike this year. I think I have been good! I want a new train. I would like you to give Dad a jersey.  
Love, Ryder

Dear Santa,  
How do you deliver presents at night? How are you? I would like a dragon and some Hot Wheels. What kind of cookies do you like?  
Love, Carter

Dear Santa,  
When is your birthday? Are you ready for Christmas? I want a LOL Doll. I want a sister. How are your reindeer? I would like to give Azn a matching necklace.  
Love, Makinzley

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Where is the North Pole? I want slime and bracelets. I want new clothes. I would like you to give my mom a dresser.  
Love, Hadley

Dear Santa,  
How do you feel today? I love you, Santa. I want a toy cat and a stuffed fox. I would like to give Makinzley a doll.  
Love, Azn

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Do you have any presents? I would like a toy crane to do work with it. I would also like you to give Carter a toy cement mixer so he can mix plaster.  
Love, Ambrose

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How do you get your reindeer set? I would like a toy

motorcycle and a new toy car. I would like to give Ryder a toy bouncy ball so he can bounce it around.  
Love, Rowen

Dear Santa,  
What are you doing? How do you grow? I am so good. I want a baby doll and a Barbie doll. I want to give my dad a black and white puppy.  
Love, Serina

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Can you please give me a toy baby doll? Can you please give me a new LOL? I would like you to give my mom a new necklace with a heart and a family picture on it.  
Love, Avery

Dear Santa,  
Do you remember me? How are you? I have been good this year. I would like a new book. I would like a light. I

would like you to give Grandpa a picture of a Pit Bull because he likes dogs.  
Love, Aspen

Dear Santa,  
How are you? What are you doing with the elves? What are the elves doing? Hey Santa I have been really good. I want a baby doll. I would like you to give Avery a cat.  
Love, Athena

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is my favorite holiday. It makes me happy to give gifts to my friends and family. As you know, I have a new group of first graders this year. They are a very nice class and they make me happy every day. I am the luckiest teacher ever!!! Please make sure everyone gets what they need for Christmas.  
Love, Mrs. Fullerton



**3rd Grade**  
**Mrs. Shulz**

Dear Santa,  
Hello! How is the weather at the North Pole? For Christmas, I want a dog that is a golden retriever to play with. I want my cousin to get an electric scooter so we can go around the block. My wish for the world is for everyone to stay healthy. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Summerlyn S.

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I hope you and the reindeer are doing good!  
For Christmas I want a watch. I want for my mom to stay healthy. I want the world to not harm the animals. Happy Holidays.  
Love, Skylar A.

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I hope the elves and Rudolph are doing well at the North Pole.

My wish for Christmas is 1,000 squishmallows. My wish for my mom and dad is to have enough money to have a good life. I hope everyone in the world has a good time at Christmas.  
Love, Xander F.

Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa! How has the weather been at the North Pole? I hope the reindeer are o.k. What I want for Christmas is a stuffy that is a weighted baby elephant with a bigger elephant stuck together. I hope my brother gets his tea. I hope everyone in the world will have a Merry Christmas.  
Love, Emerie W.

Dear Santa,  
Hello! How's the weather like at the North Pole? For Christmas this year I want my own room in the basement. I hope Knox gets four free tickets to the Madrid game. My wish for the world is that everyone has a Merry Christmas.  
Love, Huxton

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I hope you and Mrs. Claus are do-

ing well. For Christmas this year I would love a watch and fake earrings and a doll. I hope my sister will be successful in life. My wish for the world is that people stop littering.  
Love, Delaney

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I hope everyone is doing well at the North Pole. For Christmas this year, I would like a new hoverboard because mine is all scratched and pieces have broken off. My wish for my sister Blayke is for her to get something that she really likes. My wish for the world is for everyone to make the world stay healthy.  
Love, Quinn

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I hope all of the elves are having fun at the North Pole. For Christmas I want a Stitch stuffed animal and a new doll. My mom would like to go to the beach with me. My wish for the world is for everyone to be happy. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Evelyn K.

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I hope you and Mrs. Claws are doing

well! For Christmas this year I wish for so, so, so much. This year I want an Apple watch, please and thank you. I also want you to get Hadley a new hoverboard. You are the best! What I wish for the world is that no one litters. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Nora S.

Nora S.  
Dear Santa,  
Hello! My name is Larson. I would love a cookbook so I can cook. The first time I tried to cook eggs, I forgot the oil. I would like to give my friend Kyson a Lego set. I would like everyone to have a Christmas friend.  
Sincerely, Larson H.

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I hope you and the reindeer are doing awesome! For Christmas this year, I want an Oregon Ducks Bo Nix football jersey. I hope my brother gets a lot of Spider-Man stuff. I wish for the whole world to stay clean. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Knox G.  
Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa! How's the weather at the North

Pole? For this Christmas I want a remote control excavator. I want my sister to get a Barbie doll. I hope the world stays clean. Santa, I hope you have safe travels.  
Love, Aaron

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I hope you and the elves are doing well! For Christmas this year, I would love a new book to read during Christmas break. For my sister, I hope she gets more Stitch stuff. My gift for the world is that everyone has a Merry Christmas. Happy Holidays!  
Love, Breckyn W.

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well! For Christmas, I would love to have money because I am broke. I wish Jaxon B. would watch the Dallas Cowboys beat the Vikings. I want the world to stop being polluted. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Brayden S.

Dear Santa,  
I hope you and the reindeer are doing well. For Christmas this year I want football cards.

I hope my little sister when she grows up, I want her to be smart. My wish for the world is that people stay healthy and don't litter. I hope my best friends stay healthy when they grow up, too. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Jaxon B.

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I hope you and everyone at the North Pole are doing fine. I hope for a new kitty. I also want robux al my dad's. I hope my mom gets her dream wish. I wish for the world to be really clean. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Briella M.

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I hope you and your elves are getting ready for Christmas! I would love a pink stuffed bear and a trip with all of my family to Florida. My mom would like a trip to Florida by herself. My sister Elley would like a new baby doll. My sister Haelie would love more skincare and makeup. I wish for everyone in the world to stay healthy! I hope you get to eat lots of cookies on your travels! Safe travels!  
Love, Carleigh H.



**3rd Grade**  
**Mrs. Huber**

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I wish for the world to have no wars. My wish for my mom is to work with me with my cow. My wish for myself is a PS5 and a puppy.  
Love, Wyatt E.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good I think. I wish for the world to have peace. I wish for my grandpa and aunt that their cancer never comes back. I wish I can get a new puppy.  
Love, Houston C.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I wish for the world to be cleaner. My wish for my

family is to have a good Christmas and I wish for me to go on vacation with family.  
Love, Parker M.

Dear Santa,  
How is it going? How are the elves? I have been nice all year. I wish for the world to have world peace. I wish for my friend to have more time at her dad's house. For me I wish to have a hamster and to keep him forever.  
Love, Emma Lee B.

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa, how is the North Pole? I wish for the world to be more clean, especially New York. My wish for my family is to be more together like my cousins, grandma, and grandpa. I wish for myself the switch 2 or Maden 26.  
Love, Dylan H.

Dear Santa,  
How have the elves and the reindeers been this year? I wish for the world to be clean and healthy. My wish for my

nephew is he stops lying. My wish for myself is for some LEGO sets and some new notebooks or sketchbooks.  
Love, Alivia V.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I wish for the world to be more safe. Christmas is the best. I want to send a wish to my family, especially my mom and dad, they have been really busy lately. I wish for myself to spend time with my family. My wish for you is to be careful when you are on the roofs! But I really want a puppy too. Thank you Santa.  
Love, Claire A.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I wish for the world to have magic. I wish for my Nana to have more cats. I wish to have new roller skates. Merry Christmas Santa!  
Love, Madelynne K.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for the world to be better. I wish for

grandpa Don a better life. I wish for myself a four-wheeler and a gaming simulator.  
Love, Emmett D.

Dear Santa,  
I have been naughty and nice. I wish the world can be a better place. I wish for myself is for my brother to stop torturing me and another baby pug.  
Love, Annton H.

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I wish for the world to be a better place for everyone. My wish for my family is to have a great Christmas and to get what they want for Christmas. My wish for myself is to have a gaming simulator and legendary Pokemon cards.  
Love, Kael S.

Dear Santa,  
Are you going to put Rudolph as the leader on the sleigh? My wish for the world is that everybody is nice so everybody can get presents.

My wish for my brother is to stop being mean to me. My wish for me is that I will get amazing things. Bye Santa, talk to you next year.  
Love, Lenynn W.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I wish for the world to be happy. My wish for my grandma is to not fall down the stairs again. I wish for myself to get a I phone for Christmas.  
Love, Zayden F.

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa, I've been wondering how my elf is doing? Oh I have been really good this year. I wish for the world to be safer and poor people to find a home and a job. My wish for this year is to get a fish/bada. Please and thank you.  
Love, Gracelyn Y.

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice but a little mean to Klay. I wish for the world to have peace. My wish for GiGi ma is to live Iii 99

or 100. I wish for myself to get a bus fleet and a cardboard bus barn. Bye Santa talk to you next year.  
Love, Kyson K.

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I wish for the world to be cleaner. My wish for Emmalee is a toy dog. I wish for a puppy.  
Love, Addilyn S.

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I wish for the world to be cleaner. My wish for Emmalee is a toy dog. I wish for a puppy.  
Love, Henri B.

Dear Santa,  
Could you make the world a safer place to live. I wish you could buy my parents a new couch. Santa I wish for myself any colored hamster.  
Love, Gesiena R.

# West Fork Elementary



3rd Grade Mrs. Bang

Dear Santa, I have a queshtin. How are your randeer? I have ben goodish. Anyways, I hope I could get a new phone because my phone right now is broken! I also hope my mom can take a break because she works too much. I hope ofr world peace!  
Love, Shay Schimelpennig

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you had a good year. I've been good and bad. For myself I want a foot massager. My wish for my grandpa is for his cancer to go away. For the world I wish it is always clean and there is always clean water.  
Love, Ember Jean Zieman

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you are good. I've been good. I wish for myself that I will be good. I wish for sumone else like the homeles to get some munej. I wish for the world that people have kind hearts.  
Love, Savannah Jo Bonnema

Dear Santa, Have you found the cure to cancer yet? I don't know how good or bad I've been. I've been wanting an electric scooter so I can fly down the street. Can you ask God if he can tell everyone to stop trashing the earth, including me and make everyone happy please!  
Love, Wade Paulsen

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you had a good year. This year I've been good. For myself, I would like a 3D printer. For my sister, I would like to make a 3O-printed dragon. My wish for the world is a barby dream house. I want cake and cupcakes for lunch. I want little

horse toys. A BIG fluffy bear. A week out of school. I want money. All of Spirit''s heard. Some more stuffys. Five more years with Mrs. Bang. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Raine Wiseman

Dear Santa, I've been 100% good. For myself, I would like a 3D dragon, an elf, slime, and crafts. For someone else, a dog. For the world, a warm home, food, and waler.  
Love, Evelyn Wise

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you had a good year. How many people were nice? I've been good at lest 99%. For myself, I would like to see Sam and my animals. For my friend Laryssa I hoop she got what she wished for, I also also wish that Mrs. Bang got what she wanted. My wish for the world is that every homeless person can be warm for the night or two and I also wish that the homeless people get clean waler and food.  
Love, Lilianna Grant

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you had a good year. This year I've been good. For myself, I would like a iPad pen. I would lik you to get my brother anting he wants. My wish for the world is can you please let everyone have a awesome Christmas. Thank you Santa. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Love, Lexi Hennick

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you had a great year. This year I've been super good. For myself, I would like college football 20. For my mom I would like for her to get more break time. My wish for the world is for everyone to get what they need.  
Love, Emmett Dannen

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas. I want a four wheeler and a bike. I hope my mom gets to have some time to herself. I hope the world gets cleaner.  
Love, Case Weaver

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas, how

are you? I think I've been good! For Christmas I want a foot massage! For someone else I want to give food and water to the homeless. What I want for a wish for the wolde is clen walter!  
Love, Hadley Noss

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you had a good year. This year I've been good. For myself I would like a bunch of fake nails. For people to have clean close and a shellter. For the world I want people to respect it and care for it.  
Love, Abigail Rose Tank

Dear Santa, I have been kind of bad and kind of good. I wish for a gecko for Christmas. For my mom to get a new phone. I wish to get my phone back! I wish the world to have water for the homeless and a home and heat in their homes.  
Love, Zaveri Deux

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you had a jolly year! This year I've been good. For

myself I would like ram-bow silver black Poke-mom. And I want Lab Swarms. My wish for the world is that there are no homelss. My wish for my mom is that she can handle me and my brother and sister.  
Love, Jeptha Poole

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you had a good year. I've been good this year. For Christmas I would like my family to go on a trip together. I would like everyone to be loved, and I would also like the whole world to have a magical Christmas.  
Love, Laryssa Nelson

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you had a good year. This year I've been good and bad. For myself, I would like a piano. I wish for my family to have a Merry Christmas. My wish for the world is that those in cancer centers are surrounded by love. Santa is your reindeer good? Santa is your wife okay?  
Love, Brynnlee Bruggeman

# South Side Elementary



1st Grade Mrs. Aalbers

Dear Santa, My name is Leonardo, I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice, here are a few nice things that I did this year. I walked with Mrs Aalbers. I help my mom. For Christmas this year I would love, a teddy bear, new bed, new couch, new golden toy.  
Love, Leonardo

Dear Santa, My name is Yovoaniel Martinez, I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice, a little bit nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I wash dishes at night with my mom, I help feed the cat. For Christmas this year I would love a drone, a rainbow plushy, santa hat, a rainbow color soft blanket.  
Love, Yovoaniel

Dear Santa, My name is Gabriel Pena, I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little bit naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I helped mom whith the dishis. I helped mi mom com dan whin im dad get into rgew. For Christ-

mas this year I would love a meta quest, a ps5, 100,000 roblox.  
Love, Gabriel

Dear Santa, My name is Coen Schreck, I am 6 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice and a little bit naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I did the dishes for my mom. I feed the dog when my brether is sike. For Christmas this year I would love football cards, a football, a sockrball, a 2025 playstashin.  
Love, Coen

Dear Santa, My name is Jurani Rojas, I am 6 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice and a little bit naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I help my mom clean the dishes. For Christmas this year I would love a new bike, a new coat, a new book, a new blanket.  
Love, Jurani

Dear Santa, My name is Angel, I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I shared my toys with my sister. For Christmas this year I would love a labooboo.2., a black electric car, a football, a Nintendo switch.  
Love, Santa.

Dear Santa, My name is Theo, I am

7 years old. This year I have been nice, a little bit nice, a little bit naughty, naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. help a friend when they got hurt. Sharing my things with my friends For Christmas this year I would love a toy combine, a toy silo, a new phone, a puppy.  
Love, Theo

Dear Santa, My name is Hudson, I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year I give my teacher a drawing I help my mom do the landry. For Christmas this year I would love a Sid Ron Aildo, a new bike, a nw video game chair, a roblock.  
Love, Hudson

Dear Santa, My name is Raelynn Studer, I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I help my mom cook food and plan what we will cook. This year for Christmas I would love a puppy, a axolotl.  
Love, Raelynn

Dear Santa, My name is Aidee Hernandez, I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice, a little bit

nice, a little bit naughty, naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I halp mom to do the dishis. For Christmas this year I would love, a axolotl, a cat, a slime, a books.  
Love, Aidee

Dear Santa, My name is Mario Juarez, I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice, a little bit naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I did the dishes for my mom. I did clean the backyard. For Christmas this year I would love a drone, labubu, a new iphone 15 pro. A new vehicle for my mom  
Love, Mario

Dear Santa, My name is Karter Freeks, I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice, Here are a few nice things that I did this year. Help dad clean the garage, I help my papa. For Christmas this year I would love a new Tv, farm toys, x-box, controller.  
Love, Karter Freeks

Dear Santa, My name is Boyd Chaney, I am 6 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice and a little bit naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this

year. I tuck care of my house, I tuck the gardic and I tuck the gardid to the crv. For Christmas this year I would love a mp3 player, a tontonton sahr plushe, a gooing chame, are pops.  
Love, Boyd

Dear Santa, My name is Scout, I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I helped my mom tack the trash out. For Christmas this year I would love a cat, a sim, a scooto, a bay.  
Love, Scout

Dear Santa, My name is Rosalia Flores, I am 6 years ld. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I helped my mom clean at chrch. I helped my brothr stop crying. For Christmas this year I would love a barbie, a citin a new bike, a book.  
Thank you  
Love, Rosalia Flores

Dear Santa, My name is Audrey Craig, I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice and a little bit naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I helped my mom feed my brother, I helped my dad do the dishes. For Christmas this year I would love a

axolotl, a laboboo, a play staon five, a tv.  
Love, Audrey

Dear Santa, My name is Opal Miller, I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice and a little bit naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I help my mom do the dishis, I help my dad with the sheep. For Christmas this year I would love a barbie, a new coat, a slipin slide, a water slip.

Love, Opal Miller  
Dear Santa, My name is Raelynn Halverson, I am 6 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice and a little bit naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year. I helped my lidel siter find her wig, I hlped my mom find her phon. For Christmas this year I would love a labubus 100, a kitten, a dog, a bike.  
Love, Raelynn.

Dear Santa, My name is Emiliano, I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Here area few nice things that I did this year. I helped my friends I act responsible. For Christmas this year I would love a PS4, a controller, a x-box, a book.  
Love Eliiano Castro



# South Side Elementary



Dear Santa,  
I want all the pocemon cards and loo dolr 99 nints in the farigt lego set and deschory every bully that xest. Xbox 300000 and no school forever and darth vadr lego set and 6 year old.  
From, Mateo

Dear Santa,  
My name is Naraly I am 6 years old for cre-senus. I want a pupe and a ball for my brothr and a baby grall not a toy a reall grall baby ples I have ban A LITTLE BIT Nice.  
From, Naraly

Dear Santa,  
My name is Gerardo I am seven can you get a

present I wat jron.  
From, Gerardo

Dear Santa,  
My name is Grant, I am 7 years old. I wud luck a dron and a rubr band gun and a cup pusls, I have ben gud. how do randers fliy. Can you get me a ipad and a laptop and a fon.  
From, Grant

Dear Santa,  
I am Stephen. What I want for cransuts is a toy gun, I love santa  
From, Stephen

Dear Santa,  
My name is Chloe. I am 7. I am god. I want a elsa doll.  
From, Chloe

Dear Santa,  
My name is Moises I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. I what for cristmis is a bik. How do you flie?  
From, Moises

Dear Santa,  
My name is Derek. I am 6 years old and a little

bit nice. I love to see you every Christmas. How do the deers fly in the sky?  
From, Derek

Dear Santa,  
My name is Esaa I am 6 years old, I was litet aswish for Christmas.  
From, Esaa

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cora. I am six years old. I would like a robo dog and a slime kit. I have been nice this year. How do the rain deer fly?  
From, Cora

Dear Santa,  
My name Is Alivia. I am 6 years old. I am nice I want a robot dog with a koller so I can nam it.

From, Alivia  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Jonah I am six yre old. Want a jet with a remotouchoo.  
From, Jonah

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kyle. I am 7 years od. I have been kind this year. I want for Krismis a monstr chruc and art bokxs. How do you fit in a chemne. How do you be cwit wen you are on the roof. How do your rande fly. How are yu.  
From, Kyle

Dear Santa,  
My name is Roxanna. I am 6 years old. I have been nice this year. I want the mangit cube

for Christmas. How do the raindeers flot in the air?  
From, Roxanna

Dear Santa,  
My name is Gracelynn. I am 7 tears old. I am nice. I want a senta toy for Christmas. Senta I mite see you onmy camrus.  
From, Gracelynn

Dear Santa and Miss Clause,  
My name is Carter. I am 7 years old. I have been a little bit naughty this year. I want pokemon cards.  
From, Carter

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bensen I am 6 years old. I have

been nice this year I want a cat.  
From, Bensen.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Adriel I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas I want the ga nits in the forest set. I also want a toy exavatr.  
From, Adriel

Dear Santa,  
My name is Renly I am 7 years old I hav bin nis I want a forler. Haw do you not mak a sawndr.  
From, Renly

Dear Santa,  
My name is Valencia. I am 6 years old I good I want a dog toy. Haw can the ders flie.  
From, Valencia



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**1st Grade**  
**Mrs. Humrichouse**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ethan. I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice. Here are a few nice things I did this year: I hlp my frens. For Christmas this year I would love a remote control car.  
Love,  
Ethan

Dear Santa,  
My name is Andry. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice, a little bit naughty and naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: help dad with the car. For Christmas I would love a bike, a tobit, a soccer ball Messi.  
Love,  
Andry

Dear Santa,  
My name is Knox. I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice. Here are a few things that I did this year: help my mom and my dad. For Christmas this year I would love a red stanley, xbox and 3D printer.  
Love,  
Knox

Dear Santa,

My name is Dexter. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would love a gas powered dune buggy, football cards and a mustang.  
Love,  
Dexter

Dear Santa,  
My name is Anthony. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice, a little bit nice, a little bit naughty and naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: I help my mom cuk cukes for salad. For Christmas this year I would love xbox controler.  
Love,  
Anthony

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jace. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: my mom give me the mike and the cooks. For Christmas this year I would love a transformers, a running lizard and a pet cat.  
Love,  
Jace

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cooper. I am 6 years old. This year I have been a little bit naughty. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: halp mi mom in the garden. For Christmas this year I would love a mini crossbow, a xbox controler en 3d printer.  
Love,  
Cooper

Dear Santa,  
My name is Carter. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things I did this year: helpt my mom with cleaning the house! For Christmas this year I would love a robot, a mini crossbow and water gun.  
Love,  
Carter

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lily. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: helpt my mom with my sister and dishis. For Christmas this year I would love a stanley cup with a straw that folds up.  
Love,  
Lily

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ruth. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: I help my babe sister and do the dishis. For Christmas this year I would love new toys, crocks and a 3-D printer.  
Love,  
Ruth

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hudson. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: help a friend wen they got hrt. For Christmas this year I would love a xbox

controler and chpater book.  
Love,  
Hudson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaxon. I am 6 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: I kinda listen at school. For Christmas this year I would love a headset for video games, lego.  
Love,  
Jaxon

Dear Santa,  
My name is Elsie. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: I played with my sister and I cleaned. For Christmas this year I would love a labubu, hair die, a mini car and ranoldo jersey.  
Love,  
Elsie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aracely. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: I halp my mom wash dishes. For Christmas this year I would love: electric bike and water bottle.  
Love,  
Aracely

Dear Santa,  
My name is Stevie Anne. I am 6 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: I let my sister watch a movie.

For christmas this year I would love a plant, har bow and a star.  
Love,  
Stevie Anne

Dear Santa,  
My name is Eliana. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: I hulp my mom wi dish. For christmas this year I would love a big white labubu, electric car and xbox controler.  
Love you

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ayleen. I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: when my big brother is mean to my sister, I help my sister. For Christmas this year I would love shoes, a suit case for my doll and a coloring book.  
Love,  
Ayleen

Dear Santa,  
My name is Thiago. I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: help my mom do dish. For Christmas this year I would love roller skates vr headset.  
Love,  
Thiago

Dear Santa,  
My name is Samuel. I am 6 years old. This year I have been a little bit nice. Here are a few nice things that I did this year: gave my friend a hug. For christmas I would love a robot, razor scooter and skateboard.  
Love,  
Samuel

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