

NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Tickets on Sale Now for BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark



BBQ & Brew
SATURDAY, JUNE 21
Principal Park, Des Moines

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Proceeds benefit local food pantries!



CLIVE, IA – Get ready for the third annual BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark, a fun-filled, family-friendly celebration of all things pork—brought to you by the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA), the Iowa Cubs and Fareway. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 21 from noon-4 p.m. at Principal Park in Des Moines, and come hungry!

This year’s event features:

A pork barbecue competition with teams battling for \$12,000 in prize money

Samples of each team’s pork, where you help pick the People’s Choice Champion

Samples of Iowa craft beer and cider

Pork samples from local grillers and smokers

Live music Drew Fry and Sierra Griggs, plus raffle prizes, and a whole lot of delicious barbecue

Proceeds from the event support food banks across Iowa, making it a fun way to give back.

“BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark is just a fun way to celebrate pork and help out folks in our communities,” said IPPA President Aaron Juergens, a pig farmer from Carroll. “It’s all about good food, good company, and giving back. Last year, we raised over \$20,000 for Iowa food pantries, and we’re hoping to top that this time around.”

Special guests include Netflix’s Barbecue Show-down Champion Thyron Mathews and BW Outdoors, who will host hands-on barbecue bootcamps throughout the day. And don’t miss your chance to win awesome raffle prizes—including a Traeger Grill!

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$30 at the door. Kids 10 and under get in free!

“We love it when the ballpark can be a gathering place in the community for fun events that everyone can enjoy,” said Randy Wehofer, assistant general

manager of the Iowa Cubs. “We appreciate the partnership with the Iowa Pork Producers Association to create something that combines great food, great fun, and great service to our community. The last two years of the festival have been a great success, we look forward to making the Third Annual BBQ & Brew at Principal Park even better!”

A few spots are still open for barbecue teams—so if you’ve got the skills, bring the heat!

Fareway Stores is proud to support this event by providing all the meat and resources needed to help make BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark another smashing success.

“Supporting local events like this aligns perfectly with our commitment to community and quality,” said Fareway CEO Reynolds Cramer. “We’re proud to help bring people together over great food for a great cause.”



United Methodist Churches
Calvary United Methodist
Pastor Justin Crocheck
Sunday
9:45 a.m. Worship
Tuesday
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

South Marion United Methodist
Pastor Justin Crocheck
Sunday
11:00 a.m. Worship

McGuire Bend United Brethren
Sunday
10:30 a.m. Worship

Pilot Mound United Methodist
Pastor Philip Berger
Sunday
8:30 a.m. Worship

Boxholm United Methodist
Pastor Philip Berger
Sunday
10:30 a.m. Worship

Lehigh United Methodist
Pastor Philip Berger
Sunday
10:30 a.m. Worship

Otho United Methodist
Pastor Philip Berger
Sunday
8:30 a.m. Worship

Stratford First Baptist Church
Pastor Jim Mead
Sunday
10:30 a.m. Worship
Monday
2:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

Stratford Evangelical Lutheran
Pastor Alex Zenk
Sunday
8:45 a.m. Bible Study “Revelations”
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Wednesday
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes

Our Savior’s Lutheran - Stanhope
Sunday
8:45 a.m. Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Worship/Fellowship

Stanhope Parish
Pastor Justin Crocheck
Sunday
8:30 a.m. Worship/Fellowship
8:45 a.m. Bible Study



May 8
Susanne Carlson, Whitney Lundberg, Julie Ehresmann

May 9
Braden Bergman, Leo Carlberg, Lori Vinchattle

May 10
Brian Young, Phil Larson, Sonya Ubben

May 11
Miriam Carlson

May 12
Brandon Carlson, Doris Runge Summers, Amy Shaw

May 13
Catherine Bergman, Elyce Gatzke, Brad Larson

May 14
Beth Turner, Brice McFarland

May 15
Benji Bergman, Chad Hickox, Kelly Knight, Bonnie Seiser, April Stewart, Alec Ubben, Lloyd Fehrmann, *Roger & LuAnn Garvey

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to the birthday list - please let us know by emailing to stratfordcourier@globalccs.net or call 838-2494 and leave message.



May 8
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Fruit

Lunch: Walking Taco, Lettuce & Cheese, Corn, Applesauce

May 9
Breakfast: French Toast, Assorted Fruit

Lunch: Cheese Pizza Round, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges

May 12
Breakfast: Mini Donuts, Assorted Fruits

Lunch: Chicken Strips, Sweet Potato Fries, Peaches

May 13
Breakfast: Combo Breakfast Link, Toast, Assorted Fruit

Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Orange Slices, Garlic Toast

May 14
Breakfast: Egg Bite, Toast, Assorted Fruit

Lunch: Mr. Rib Sandwich, Baked Beans, Strawberries

May 15
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Fruit

Lunch: Loaded Nachos, Lettuce & Tomato, Corn, Banana

Breakfast is served with Juice and Milk.

Lunch is served with Milk

Legal Notice - “Your right to know”

Proceedings of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors
Special Session
Tuesday, April 29, 2025

The Hamilton County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Basement Conference Room of the Hamilton County Courthouse, Webster City, Iowa.

CALL TO ORDER: Called to order by Chair Rick Young.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Clausen, April Ely, and Rick Young.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Harklau, Ryan Weidemann, Cindy Im, Pat Powers, John Marvel, Tim Zahn, Dave Gordon, Charlene Hull, Dee Arnold, Jeff Fortune, Patrick Coons, Jill Coons, Brian Burgess, Jim Bergeson, Jerry Kloberdanz, Tyler Raygor, Darren Heater, Dean Bowden, Brenda Loftus, Doug Bailey, and Kim Schaa. Present electronically were Jane Curtis, Loween Getter, Jeremy Butrick, Lindsey Burkhardt, Lori Wille, Nick Loftus, Kim Anderson, Luanne Paper, and Kyle (last name unknown).

AGENDA: Motion Clausen, second Ely to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY’26 BUDGET HEARING: OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Young opened the public hearing on the FY’26 Budget at 6:00 p.m. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Proof of Publication of the hearing notice was provided by Auditor Kim Schaa. **PRESENTATION:** Presentation of Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget was given by the Chairman Young. County Engineer spoke about the increasing costs of maintaining county roads. **PUBLIC SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION:** No written support or opposition was filed. The following people made comments or had questions concerning the proposed budget: Charlene Hull, Dean Bowden, Tyler Raygor, Jerry Kloberdanz, and Jim Bergeson. Brenda Loftus, Hamilton County Assessor addressed questions and comments concerning valuations and rollbacks on valuations. **CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Chairman Young closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

***RESOLUTION 2025-20: RESOLUTION 2025-20 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE:** Motion Ely, second Clausen to approve the following resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ely, Clausen, and Young all voting aye.

RESOLUTION #2025-20 ELECTED OFFICIAL COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FY 2025/2026			
WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Compensation Board met on December 3, 2024, and on January 15, 2025 to consider recommendations for the elected officials’ wages for the fiscal year 2025-2026 as required by Sections 331.905 & 331.907 of the Code of Iowa, and			
WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Compensation Board recommended the following increases for fiscal year 2025-2026 for all elected positions as follows:			
Elected Official	Current Salary	Proposed Increase	Recommended Salary
Attorney	\$102,740.03	27.53%	\$130,000.00
Auditor	\$ 87,065.52	6.93%	\$ 93,100.00
Recorder	\$ 80,085.69	11.13%	\$ 89,000.00
Sheriff	\$119,577.33	8.71%	\$130,000.00
Supervisor Chair	\$ 53,753.64	3.06% + \$2,000	\$ 55,400.00 + \$2000
Supervisor	\$ 53,753.64	3.06%	\$ 55,400.00
Supervisor	\$ 53,753.64	3.06%	\$ 55,400.00
Treasurer	\$ 81,001.09	3.70%	\$ 84,000.00
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors that the compensation schedule recommended by the Hamilton County Compensation Board at their meeting on January 15, 2025 be reduced as follows:			
Elected Official	Current Salary	Proposed Increase	Recommended Salary
Attorney	\$102,740.03	3%	\$105,822.23
Auditor	\$87,065.52	3%	\$ 89,677.49
Recorder	\$80,085.69	3%	\$ 82,488.26
Sheriff	\$119,577.33	3%	\$123,164.65
Supervisor Chair	\$53,753.64	0%	\$ 53,753.64
Supervisor	\$53,753.64	0%	\$ 53,753.64
Supervisor	\$53,753.64	0%	\$ 53,753.64
Treasurer	\$81,001.09	3%	\$ 83,431.12
Dated this 29 th day of April, 2025. Hamilton County Board of Supervisors /s/ Rick Young, Chairman ATTEST: /s/ Kim Schaa, Hamilton County Auditor			
*RESOLUTION 2025-21: RESOLUTION 2025-21 ADOPTION OF FY’26 HAMILTON COUNTY BUDGET; Motion Clausen, second Ely to approve said resolution. Roll Call vote: Clausen, Ely, and Young all voting aye.			
RESOLUTION 2025-21 ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 HAMILTON COUNTY BUDGET			
BE IT HERBY RESOLVED that the proposed Hamilton County Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as published in the county’s official newspapers on April 16, 2025 and April 18, 2025 be approved and adopted as published. Passed and adopted this 29 th day of April, 2025.			
/s/ Rick Young, Chairman		ATTEST: Kim Schaa, Hamilton County Auditor	
/s/ April Ely			
/s/ Mary Clausen			
ADJOURN: Motion Ely, second Clausen to adjourn. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.			
/s/Kim Schaa Hamilton County Auditor		/s/Rick Young, Chairman Hamilton County Board of Supervisors	



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