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Scheidemans Ready for Next Chapter

Located in the heart of Hampton on Highway 65, the Scheideman Office Building has been the home of Scheideman Financial Strategies and BodyWorks Fitness Club for more than 20 years.

Recently, owners Brad and Mindy Scheideman decided to offer someone else the opportunity of owning their own gym in addition to the professional office space, offering additional rental income opportunities from three office spaces.

"Building the office and owning the gym has been one of the best financial decisions we've made in our lives," said Brad. "We've been blessed and are at a time in our lives we want to offer the same opportunity to someone else with a similar vision and goals."

Brad will continue managing Scheideman Financial Strategies as he has for the past 25 years.

"North Iowa has been a great place for me to work and create relationships with families and business owners that have become not only clients, but friends as well," said Brad.

In fact, with recent staff changes Brad's wife Mindy will be joining his team and taking more responsibility in helping with clients' ongoing needs.

As a Certified Financial Planner(CFP), he takes great pride in helping clients crystallize where they are today and where they want to be in the future. Every client is unique and by working with a team of professionals Brad is strategically positioned to provide exceptional client experiences.

In regards to his office space, Brad plans to continue leasing from the new owner and serving clients in the same location.



Brad and Mindy Scheideman

Volunteers Needed for Community Garden

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The team at the Franklin County ISU Extension and Outreach Office is looking for people to help water

and weed the community garden behind St. Patrick Catholic Church this summer.

The community garden was started three summers ago, with funds from the Growing Together Iowa grant, and it's been a labor of love, said Extension employee Lili Velasco.

Before long, the garden will be filled with peppers, watermelon, pumpkins, tomato, cucumbers, zucchini, cilantro and herbs, all of which will be donated to the county food pantry.

Velasco encourages anyone who's interested in helping to contact the Extension office at 641-456-4811. They're also looking for a picnic table to place near the garden.

"The community garden isn't just about growing food—it's where we come together, share stories, and enjoy the simple joy of nature, all while helping stock the food pantries with fresh vegetables," said Velasco.

The land and water for the garden is donated by St. Patrick Catholic Church.



Laela Ragsdale and Lili Velasco planting in the community garden on Thursday, May 29.



Lili Velasco and Laela Ragsdale in the community garden on Thursday, May 29.



Lili Velasco, Laela Ragsdale, Jack Crawford, Henry Crawford and Missy Crawford working in the community garden on Thursday, May 29.



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The group behind the revitalization of Dumont Elementary School announced Thursday afternoon that the school had once again been vandalized. In a May 29 Facebook post, the group stated "We've hit a small snag Folks! Please share! Vandals have trespassed and vandalized the inside of the building again. On Memorial Day, Monday evening between 8:30-9pm three individuals were seen en-

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tering the school on the west entrance and committed more damages to our building."

Dumont Elementary School

Clean-Up

A month ago, more than

Over the years, people parked junk vehicles on the property, broke windows and vandalized the inside of the school, leaving be-



60 volunteers came together to clean out the old elementary school in Dumont. The clean-up effort was overseen by the non-profit Revitalize Dumont, which was formed last year as a way to promote stewardship and pride in the city.

Earlier this month, Revitalize Dumont Board President Roger Kregel told the Chronicle that the

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hind profane messages in graffiti. The abandoned school became a far cry of what it once was.

The group is now asking for the public's help in finding the individuals responsible for the recent damage to the building.

"If anyone saw anything or saw three individuals walking together around town before or after, please contact a board member or

Photo of Roger Kregel at the school earlier this month. Photo by Jennifer Burnham

gmail.com. If you see

the group posted on Facebook Thursday.



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