

Chamber Members Share Exciting Updates at Quarterly Coffee

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Members of the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce attended their latest quarterly coffee on Friday morning, June 6, in the basement of First Bank Hampton.

New Chamber members

The meeting started with the announcement of new Chamber members: the City of Latimer, Chris’ Kettlecorn, Robbins Lawn & Tree Service, Siblings Roofing and Wise Choice Detailing.

Employee highlights

First Bank Hampton CEO Tyler Heeren introduced Lauren Meaner, who is interning at First Bank Hampton for the summer. She is a Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School graduate and is currently studying finance at Iowa State University.

Heeren also announced that Carol Sandersfield, who works at their Latimer Branch, will soon be retiring. “She’s been with First Bank Hampton since Day 1, since we’ve been in Latimer, and we are going to miss her.” Her last day will be July 18.

Heeren shared that he’ll be taking over as CEO of First Bank Hampton, for Dave Heuberger, who will remain active on the bank board. He thanked Heu-

berger for his years of service to the bank and to the community.

“It’s my honor and my pleasure to take the role of CEO here and to carry on the great tradition of First Bank Hampton, serving our community and our customers,” Heeren said. “I’m looking forward to that. So thank you.”

Franklin County Fairground’s Cary Treanor introduced Elizabeth Vogel, who will be helping with marketing and renting out the convention center.

Brian Rihner was announced as the new pastor of Church of the Living Word. He’s been with the church since February, but they missed the last quarterly coffee.

Hunter Dietz was announced as the new digital content creator for OnTheGoMedia Inc.

Chamber Highlights

The Franklin Rural Electric Cooperative is offering a gravity rental wagon for free.

Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Promotions Committee member Holly Narber said that the flower baskets downtown look great and that they still need volunteers to help water them throughout the summer. To sign up to water flowers, call Jerre Grefe at 515-851-0518. The Chamber is also selling 50/50 raffle tickets for five bucks. The winner will be announced at the last Tuesday on the Town

event. All proceeds will go towards the annual Chamber celebration. “Because we had so much fun this year, we want to do it next year as well.”

Franklin County ISU Extension and Outreach Office employee Lili Velasco reminded everyone about the community garden that they have behind St. Patrick Catholic Church. Produce from part of the garden will go towards local food pantries, while there are 21 other raised beds, which are available to community members. All of the raised beds are currently occupied and they plan on adding a fence on June 23 to keep out the deer. They are also raising funds for a picnic table.

Hampton Aquatic Center Manager Emileigh Elderts said they are open every day, weather-permitting, and that they’ve been very busy. She added that they offer swimming lessons of all levels. To learn more about lessons, call 641-373-2523.

Renee Zirbel spoke about the AEA H-D-CAL work-based learning program. She said the program is open to every single high student, starting this coming fall. She said her job is to work with employers in the community to help them find a student who can learn from them. “You would treat them as any new employee,” she said. “The word ‘internship’ sometimes throws people

... They have an academic portion that they’ll do at the high school with me. Reflections and that kind of thing. But at the job, they’re doing what your job is. You’re just training them. Teaching them. And exposing them.” Call the high school to connect with Zirbel to learn more about the program.

Kathy Zobrist shared that free meals would be served to H-D-CAL students throughout the summer. Hampton meals will be served Monday and Wednesday at Progress Park and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Band Shell Park, now until July 31. Lunch will be served from noon to 12:30 p.m. and grab and go meals will be available for pick-up from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Dumont meals will be served 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at Dumont Community Library, from June 4 to July 31.

The H-D-CAL Esports team made an appearance at the meeting to share their recent wins, including winning second place in class 1A for Valorant at their state competition in May.

Franklin General Hospital CEO Kim Price shared that the hospital has been named a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital in the nation for a second year in a row. “We’re excited about that and we’re working each day to be even better.”

Franklin General Hospital CNO Rebekah Ault then introduced Will Finn as the

new marketing director for FGH.

Kayleigh Bass noted that Long-term Medical Supply is the newest member of Hampton Specialty Shops. You can also pick up a punch card from any of the specialty shops by Sept. 30 to be entered into a drawing.

Lisa Rodriguez shared that the Franklin County Relay for Life is working with a local business who makes customized stainless steel mugs, as a way to honor their honorary cancer survivor, Oz Guerrero. People can order the mugs now and they’ll be ready to be picked up at the annual Franklin County Relay for Life event, which is scheduled for Sept. 13 at the Franklin Wellness Center.

Events

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

June 6, 8/13, 15, Iowa River Players presenting “Leaving Iowa”

June 7, Outdoor fun at Maynes Grove

June 7, Gran Festival

June 10, O.W. L. S. Paddle Paddle & Debbie

June 10, First Bank Hampton, Tuesday on Town

June 11, 12, FGH Lobby Shoppe \$6 Vendor Show

June 12, Franklin Wellness Center Community Appreciation

June 12-14, Sheffield Garage Sales/Munchie

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City Council Interviews Four Candidates for Ward 1 Seat

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Hampton City Council interviewed four candidates for the Ward 1 opening during their Monday night workshop.

The following people were interviewed Monday night, after submitting applications for the opening: Aviana Rodriguez Nolte, Marlene Tapp, Kristin Roode and Elizabeth Welker.

Candidates were asked about their leadership qual-

ities, volunteer experience, how they handle criticism and more.

The council will vote on a new councilor for Ward 1 Thursday evening, June 12. The selected person will begin July 1.

The ward opened up after city councilor Bill Hodge announced his resignation, effective July 1, 2025, during the May 19 city council workshop. His term was set to run until 2027.

You can watch the entire meeting on the city’s YouTube page, @CityofHamptonIowa.



Ward 1 candidates during the June 9 city council workshop.

Latimer News

CAL OVER 60'S met at noon on Tuesday, June 3 in the Latimer Community Center. Lois welcomed everyone and Pastor Petri Van Royen of Zion Reformed Church had devotions and table prayer. Jean Mollenbeck and Ann Lupkes served the tables. Jolene had prepared beefy noodles, mashed potatoes, carrots and chocolate cream pudding desert.

The June 21st birthday of Maggie Hopkey was recognized and the group sang to her.

Tom Tegatz presented the program on his attendance with his daughter Patricia at the president inaugural ball in Washington DC.

The next meal will be on Tuesday, 17. Everyone is welcome to attend and invite guests.



We feel blessed to have so many friends & family that helped us when we needed help. Thank you to all our friends & family, our church family, Vicar Caitlen Tauro, FGH Staff & EMT’s, Mercy One Cancer Center, & Mayo Clinic doctors & nurses, Woodley Funeral Home, also to the Franklin Co Veterans Affairs.

Arvin is now with his loving family in Heaven. Thank you.

-The family of Arvin Stadlander

THANK YOU for the cards, telephone calls, notes, and flowers you gave me for my 90th birthday! I had the BEST birthday EVER! Also, a special thank you to my family for my birthday party, and to my daughter-in-law and grandson who traveled from California and Ohio to celebrate with me. You all made my day VERY special!! Thank you, thank you!!


- Dorothy Abbas

The Hampton Senior Citizens Center extends a huge THANK YOU to everyone that made the Ice Cream Social a SWEET success! Thank you to those who came to dine, to the volunteers, to those who donated food or money, and to the businesses that displayed flyers in their windows. We sure do appreciate YOU!

PRO RACING THIS WEEK


Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: Viva Mexico 250

Race Details			Race Preview		
Location: Mexico City, Mexico Date: Sunday, June 15, 3:00 p.m.					
Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez					
					

Last Weekend's Race: Denny Hamlin won at Michigan

Denny Hamlin's No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota had just enough fuel to claim the checkered flag at Michigan International Speedway and do one celebratory series of burnouts in front of the huge grandstand crowd before running out of gas on his encore celebration and needing a tow to his ultimate destination in Victory Lane. The 44-year-old put on a master class in fuel saving and end-of-race pressure at the two-mile oval, taking his third win of the season and 57th of his career.



Denny Hamlin
Born: Nov. 18, 1980
Crew Chief: Chris Gayle
Car: Toyota

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2025	3	8	13.5
2024	3	18	13.9

2025 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten				Xfinity Series Top Ten			
Drivers	Points	Top 10s		Drivers	Points	Top 10s	
1) William Byron	576	9		1) Justin Allgaier	583	10	
2) Kyle Larson	535	11		2) Austin Hill	491	10	
3) Denny Hamlin	494	8		3) Sam Mayer	472	8	
4) Christopher Bell	480	10		4) Jesse Love	432	9	
5) Chase Elliott	464	7		5) Connor Zilisch	394	5	
6) Tyler Reddick	460	5		6) Sheldon Creed	380	8	
7) Ryan Blaney	427	7		7) Carson Kvatil	378	5	
8) Ross Chastain	414	8		8) Brandon Jones	377	6	
9) Joey Logano	395	4		9) Jeb Burton	364	4	
10) Bubba Wallace	383	6		10) Ryan Sieg	364	5	

Racing Trivia

Which NASCAR driver died on the final lap of the 43rd Daytona 500?

a) Rodney Orr

c) Dale Earnhardt

b) Neil Bonnett

d) Billy Wade

the outside wall head-on making contact with Sterling Marlin and hit Earnhardt collided with Ken Schrader after Dale

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