

Hampton's Pop-Up Bakery is Hot

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The pop-up bakery at First and Second Vintage Too on Saturday, March 28, was a hit, with community members stopping by for every type of baked good under the sun.

Event organizer Michelle Hartman, aka "The Crazy Tupperware Lady," told the Chronicle that they had an amazing response for their first ever pop-up bakery in Hampton. Vendors for the day included Daily Bread Bakery, Reed Creations, Small Town Eats & Treats, Michelle Hartman, Sandy Tull, Bekah's Bakery, Koenig's Acres Farm, Sue Collins and the Bread Lady. They sold a little bit of everything, including homemade cookies, cupcakes, cinnamon rolls, cookie bars, cream cheese mints, jams and jellies, honey, gluten-free goodies, pies, baguettes and artisan bread.

"Wow wow wow! I sold out of my Decorated Sugar Cookies by 10:45am. It was so fun to see how excited the community was to come shop with all of us!" Hartman said of



Event organizer Michelle Hartman showing off some of her beautifully decorated Easter cookies.

the event. "I also really enjoyed collaborating with so many talented bakers from Franklin County!"

According to Hartman, they plan

on holding this as a quarterly event at First and Second Vintage Too.

"Mark your calendars for June 13th for our next one!" Hartman said.



Jack with his grandma during his cribbage tournament on Feb. 28. Jack's grandma, Sonja Vosburg, was one of many family members helping out at the fundraiser that day. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

H-D-CAL Sophomore Reaches Fundraising Goal For Exchange Trip

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With help from the community, H-D-CAL tenth grader Jack Hindin was able to reach his fundraising goal for his upcoming exchange trip to Japan through the National 4H States' Exchange Outbound program.

He started with a cribbage tournament fundraiser in February, which he coordinated himself. According to his mother, Kate, Jack did much of the legwork for the fundraiser, securing prizes from sponsors and more. He was able to raise around 800 dollars through that event. Then, with help from his mother, he was able to raise the remaining money needed through an online campaign the following month.

Jack thanked the community for all of their support with this endeavor, saying "Because of everyone's generosity, I am one step closer to making this trip possible, and it means a lot to me that so many people and businesses are willing to support students and community activities."

He said he's "incredibly excited" for the opportunity to go on this trip.

"What I'm looking forward to most is fully experiencing the culture; learning about their customs, traditions, and what everyday life looks like," he said. "I'm eager to step outside my comfort zone, gain a new perspective, and bring those experiences back with me."

How Your Deposits Help Grow Iowa Communities

PRESS RELEASE

First Bank Hampton is highlighting how local deposits strengthen Iowa communities and support economic growth through the community banking system.

Every time a customer deposits money into a local bank account, those dollars help businesses, farmers and families thrive. The concept is known as fractional-reserve banking. It creates a multiplier effect – while funds generally remain fully protected and accessible to the account holder, a portion is used by the bank to make loans within the community.

For example, if \$1,000 is deposited into a local bank, the bank holds a portion in reserves while the remaining funds may be loaned to a local farmer. When those dollars are then deposited elsewhere in the community, the process continues – supporting additional loans to small businesses, homeowners and farmers. Through this multiplier effect, every dollar deposited in Iowa banks helps build wealth locally and expand access to credit.

"The dollars deposited at community banks do far more than sit in an account," said Tyler Heeren, President and CEO of First Bank Hampton. "They are reinvested into local businesses, agriculture production and families who need financing to grow. That cycle of local deposits and local lending is what keeps our communities strong."

Public and private deposits placed in Iowa banks remain safe and secure while continuing to serve as a foundation for responsible local lending.

The dollars in your bank account truly make an impact – fueling opportunities for small businesses, supporting hardworking farmers, and creating brighter futures for families across Iowa.

City Denies Request from Britt's Boutique

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The Hampton city council denied a request to park a food truck in front of Peace Plaza during their March 26 meeting.

Britt's Boutique owner Britt Lumley requested permission to use two parking spots in front of Peace Plaza for The Funky Pepperoni food truck on Saturday, March 28. As she explained to them, she wanted to bring the food truck to downtown Hampton as part of her three-year anniversary celebration on Saturday, making sure to check in with nearby business owners before putting in the request.

The request was denied, with Councilors Barry Lamos and Jim Davies for it and Jeanne Fay, Bill Holmstrom and Jerre Grefe against it. City Councilor Kristin Rooder was not in attendance at the meeting to vote.

Councilor Grefe cited concerns with the size of the truck, along with noise from the generators and the smell. She said that they have received many complaints from community members about food trucks in the past, and that it has been an ongoing issue. She also suggested that they park the truck behind Peace Plaza, in the designated spot for food trucks, but Lumley said that wouldn't work, as it wouldn't be visible enough to the community.

Councilor Faye applauded Lumley for her hard work with her boutique,



Britt's Boutique Owner Britt Lumley addressing the city council during their March 26 meeting.

saying it's no easy feat to run a business, but that she was also concerned about the size of the truck. She believed it would need at least four parking spots, not two, as requested.

Lumley said she was disappointed with their decision, as she only wanted to bring more people to the area. She also pointed out that the council had approved the street closure request from Pit Row shortly before considering her request.

After the meeting, Lumley received permission to park the food truck in the parking lot of Hampton Dental. This location was suggested by City Councilor Barry Lamos during the meeting. The food truck sold out of food within several hours on Saturday, March 28, according to Lumley.

Later in the meeting, the council approved the claims as submitted by the staff in the amount of \$139,126.90, along with Resolution 2026-03. (Resolution 2026-03: Resolution ordering bids, approving

plans, specifications, form of contract and notice to bidders, fixing amount of bid security and ordering clerk to publish notice for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the construction of the construct fuel farm improvements project at the Hampton Municipal Airport.)

An ordinance amending Chapter 55 of the Hampton City Code for the purpose of adding regulations regarding the keeping of chickens within city limits was also discussed. Councilors Barry Lamos, Jerre Grefe, Jim Davies and Jeanne Fay voted for it, while Councilor Bill Holmstrom voted against it. The motion, which required a supermajority, failed.

The council also approved the following consent agenda: the previous minutes as drafted from the March 12 regular meeting; scheduling the next regular meeting for April 9; alcohol licensing for HyVee Dollar Fresh; temporary outdoor service for Pit Row on Sat-

urday, June 27.

The Mason City Globe Gazette and Hampton Chronicle were both named the official newspapers for the city to safeguard the city in case there is a gap in publication during the Chronicle's transition of ownership. As noted during the meeting, it's essential that the city has an official newspaper to publish the upcoming budget.

City Manager Ron Dunt presented the final draft of the FY27 Budget. The final draft was approved by the council and a public hearing was set for April 23 at 6 p.m.

During staff reports, City Manager Dunt mentioned that they had received unofficial notice that they will be receiving a \$100,000 emergency catalyst grant for the abandoned pharmacy that the city acquired last year.

A special session for the proposed property tax levy for FY 27 was held before the regular meeting. There were no objections made by the councilors or by the public.

City of Hampton Announces Clean-Up Days

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The City of Hampton has announced details for their 2026 Clean-Up Days, which will take place April 17, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 25.

During this time, the city's compost site, locat-

ed at 1236 Olive Ave., will accept appliances (must be clean and empty), large toys, grills, tvs and monitors (\$25 per item), tires (no rims; \$12 per tire), furniture, windows and tree branches under 8 inches in diameter. The following items will not be accepted at the compost site: hazardous materials, LP cyl-

inders, water softeners, hot water heaters, commercial tires, construction debris, tree branches over 8 inches in diameter.

Pick-up days are set for April 17 and April 24. Pick-up must be scheduled through Center One prior to pick-up day. Yard waste and trash will not be accepted for pick-up. Items

must be on the curb by 7 a.m. and clearly visible for pick-up.

To schedule a pick-up, or to purchase tags for TVs, monitors and tires, contact Center One at 641-456-5668. Center One, located at 5 1st St SW, is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spring Coin Show Set for April 4

The Spring Coin Show is Easter Saturday, April 4, from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Heartland Museum Ballroom in Clarion. Admission is free for this family-friendly event. It is sponsored annually by the 50 members of the 68 year old Clarion Coin Club. Expect sales tables heaped with U. S. coins, foreign coins, tokens, medals,

stamps, comics, sports cards and other collectibles. Dealers from three states will be buying, trading, selling and offering free appraisals. The theme is America 250 and celebrates the proclamation of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. A table of America 250 T-shirts and America 250 collector coins will be

on display and for sale. Expect lots of Red, White and Blue! For more information, call Boyd LaRue, club president at 515-460-5681.

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