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# Waiting for the final chapter to be written

By Ray Baltes

A burgundy scrapbook sits on an end table in the cozy living room of a home in Sigourney. Like any good scrapbook, it is a celebration of life, filled with memories, photographs and mementos.

Many of the photographs show a proud grandmother holding her first grandson. A grandson whose first birthday she would not see.

In fact the story behind the scrapbook has had a profound effect on a family, and on two small communities three hours apart.

That story belongs to Bobbi Crawford, who was murdered in her home in Hampton 10 years ago this month. And to her son and his family, who, after so many years of silence, felt it was time that the story be told.

It is also a story that is far from complete.

"November 17 or 18," said Bobbi's son Lee when asked the anniversary of his mother's death.

"There's not even a date on her gravestone," added Lee's wife Jolie. Her murder remains unsolved.

### A phone call

The day started out like any other. Jolie was teaching at the elementary school in Sigourney, and Lee was working at an office supply company. They spoke of their experiences in a tag-team fashion: one would pick up the story when the other needed a moment to wipe away tears, or when it simply became too difficult to talk.

"I got a phone call to come to the office," Jolie said. "The principal called me into the office and shut the door, and said there is a phone call. It was Len Foland, who was married to (Bobbi's) sister, Fran. I got on the phone, and I knew immediately that something was wrong."

Len told Jolie that they had checked to see if Bobbi was okay after she was late showing up at her job as registrar at Ellsworth Community College. Her co-workers knew they could set their watches by Bobbi, so when an hour or two passed and she didn't arrive at work, they became concerned.

"They found her," Jolie said. "They said it was suspicious. I had to tell Lee."

Lee often delivered paper to the school, so Jolie's principal called and asked that Lee come over to the school.

"Lee looked at me, and right away he knew something was wrong," Jolie said. "He asked if (their son) Tyler was okay, because he was 11 months at the time. I told him it was his mom..."

After picking up Tyler from day care, the couple met at home to begin packing for the trip to Hampton.

"I think the drive home was the worst thing ever," said Lee. "Not knowing for three hours what had transpired, what had happened. All we knew was that it was suspicious."

"I don't think we even talked," added Jolie.

Lee and Jolie went straight to Len and Fran's house in Geneva. Bobbi's mother, Kay, was there.

"I remember that day probably better than any day I've ever lived," said Lee.

Jolie's parents came to offer their support, and Lee's father caught a red-eye flight from Chandler, Ariz.



The memory of "Grandma Bobbi" is kept alive in a scrapbook full of photographs and special quotes.

"I know people came to Len and Fran's house, and there were hugs and tears...just shock," said Jolie. "From that moment on, it was just a blur. And we had this 11-month-old boy, and he was getting tubes (in his ears) the following Monday."

"Thank God we had him," she continued, "because he helped give us something to do."

According to Jolie, Len took care of a lot of things that first week, which they appreciated greatly. Fran also stepped up to do a lot of the "grunt work," which helped shield Lee and Jolie from some of what was going on.

Jolie wrote the eulogy for Bobbi's funeral, "and that kept me sane."

### The investigation

Lee, who has a degree in criminology, was the one who met with police.

"I knew they needed to do their job," Lee said. "I kind of knew their routine. I worked in the sheriff's office for two years under (then-sheriff) Duane Payne and Diz Wikert. It wasn't fair for me to sit on them. They knew her..."

For Lee, having a criminology background and experience with the

Franklin County Sheriff's Office was both a blessing and a curse.

"I knew their jobs," he said. "I knew the process of what was occurring, and I wasn't going to be able to help them right then. I kind of left them alone, because I'm pretty sure they took care of me in that situation. I'm pretty sure they sheltered me from a lot of things. Which, on one hand, makes it difficult, but on the other hand, it helps."

"You're talking about professional people...(then-police chief) Bud Nelson, (Jim) Wobschall...I know Duane and Diz and Larry Richtsmeier were all involved in making sure things were all what they needed to be."

"It had to be hard on them," Lee continued. "They saw things I didn't see, and I know that's where they're sheltering me. And I appreciate that. I know they've worked tirelessly on the case and done interviews. They're not just sitting on their thumbs..."

"And the leads that still come in, they follow them up," said Jolie. "I don't know the last time I talked to the DCI (Department of Criminal Investigation). I think if there is something we need to know, we'll be contacted."

## Crawford

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# Returning to a hero's welcome

By Travis Fischer

The 1133<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Company returned to a crowd of family and loved ones eager to take them home on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at the North Iowa Fairgrounds.

Hundreds of people gathered to greet the troops, calling for cell-phone updates as they crossed the state line and got closer to Mason City. Finally, the big moment came and the 1133<sup>rd</sup> arrived.

Joined with the 1168<sup>th</sup> and known as the 3368 'super company', the transportation crew was greeted by a panel of special guests. Mason City Mayor Roger Bang spoke to the troops, thanking them for their service.

"On behalf of the residents of North Iowa, I thank you, your loved ones, and your families. I thank you for your commitment and we certainly welcome you back to North Iowa and I hope you have a good and peaceful holiday season. Welcome home."

Brigadier General Tim Orr, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, also spoke to the 3368, commending them for their service.

"You've set the standard for the army, you've set the standard for all services, and you didn't do it without a lot of hard work," said General Orr. "Today marks the end of a remarkable journey that started a year ago. It was a journey that made you the best of the best."

General Orr spoke in regards to the incredible service that the 3368 provided, performing more than 300 missions into Iraq. The team traveled more than two million miles during their time and hauled 129,000 tons and more than 8000 pieces of equipment. During their service, the readiness standard and vehicle maintenance efforts of the 3368 were the best in the country.

More importantly, as General Orr noted, is that the 3368 made it home, safe and sound, without casualty.

"You've been gone a long time and you've seen and experienced the worst and the best. I will tell you it's now time for you to spend time with your families, time in your communities, and time for yourself."

Following the speech, the 1133<sup>rd</sup> was dismissed and the crowd erupted in cheers as the parents, children, and spouses of the soldiers rushed to hug their returning heroes.



An unidentified soldier is smothered in hugs by his children after the members of the 1133<sup>rd</sup> were dismissed.

## This Week in Your American Profile...

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lightly. Find out if your little one is ready for a pet, and get tips on

which pet would make the best match for your child.



## FGH switching to new phone system Sunday

Franklin General Hospital will be implementing a new telephone and voice mail system, since the current system is outdated and no longer supported. The new system is a step towards establishing a modern, reliable communication system. During the switchover, there will be one hour of limited communications starting at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8. As with all emergencies, please continue to use the 911 system or to call for an ambulance.



# Hampton-Dumont wrestling with unexpected budget cuts

**By Travis Fischer**  
Governor Culver's 10 percent across-the-board budget cut has had significant effects on Iowa school

districts and the Hampton-Dumont district is no exception. "We were already cut by 1.5 percent by the start of the year and we

had a backfill of 6.8 percent from the government. So now we're looking at about an 18 percent discrepancy for next year's balance," says H-D Superintendent Todd Lettow. "What we'll do, like most schools will do this year, is we will have to either borrow money or dip into our cash reserves to get through this year."

The 10 percent budget cut effectively eliminated \$540,000 from H-D's general budget. According to Lettow, between 75-80 percent of that budget is locked down by contracts for teachers and staff. These contracts cannot be altered at this stage in the year, leaving very

little room to make the necessary cuts.

To ease the burden, the district will be spending the savings of their unspent spending authority, but that may not be enough. A June 2008 estimate of the unspent balance gave H-D roughly \$250,000, though current estimates suggest that amount has grown significantly from the previous year.

The other option available to the district would be to borrow money from the Iowa School Cash Anticipation Program (ISCAP), to make it through the year. However, with continuation of budget cuts

anticipated over the next few years, borrowing money is an alternative that most schools would rather not rely on.

"We will obviously be scrutinizing all purchases from here on out in the general fund with the hopes of not having to borrow any money to make it through this year."

Even though measures will need to be made to keep the budget balanced, Superintendent Lettow is reluctant to make any cuts that would affect the extra educational programs that the school provides, such as field trips.

"My stance on that has always been that those are the things that kids will really remember," says Lettow. "I'd hate to take those opportunities away from kids if I don't have to."

Lettow will be meeting with the H-D School Board for a special meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. for a financial work session to discuss the issue further.

"We're certainly concerned about it and we will make the necessary cuts to balance the budget, but we don't want to do things too quickly. We want to make sure that the cuts that are made also align with what we want to do for kids."



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## 'The Spirit Of America' comes from Hansell

**By Travis Fischer**

Many people dream of releasing their own music album, but few ever make it happen. Terry Juhl, a retired truck driver from Hansell, is one of those few. Juhl's album, 'The Spirit of America,' is a collection of songs written by Juhl as he has explored his musical side over the last five or six years.

For Juhl, music had been little more than a passing interest until discovering that neighbors Jack Kelly and Jerry Wearda also shared a love for song.



Terry Juhl

"We get together in my neighbor's garage and every time I'd write something they'd encourage me," said Juhl.

Further pushed by his family, Juhl eventually decided to have his songs recorded. Collaborating with fellow musicians Sharon and Roger Kenaston, Juhl recorded a CD and sent it out to be mastered.

Each song on the album was born from a moment of inspiration, with Juhl's favorite being the album's cover song, 'The Spirit of America,' which Juhl wrote in the aftermath of 9/11. Many of the other songs in the album express Juhl's love for God and Country, especially the troops.

Juhl himself served in the Air Force during 1962 to 1966 and though he did not take part in the Vietnam conflict, he did know many soldiers that did serve and saw what it did to them.

"There's a lot of people that were not wounded physically, but were wounded pretty bad emotionally, said Juhl. Juhl's song, 'Living In A Cardboard Box,' was written in regards to these vets.

"I really do feel highly of our veterans and am proud to be associated with them," said Juhl.

Not every song in the album has its origins in tragedy though. 'Please Don't Call' is a lighthearted song written by Juhl for the 2008 Wahoo Country Music Show. Contestants were given the phrase and one day to come up with a song about it. Juhl's song about a man leaving his wife to pursue a career in music won a 1st place prize for song writing at that year's show.

Another song, 'Rough Around The Edges,' was written under similar conditions as a team effort between Juhl and his son, Shawn.

Juhl hasn't limited his musical interest just to garage bands and CDs though. He has also made himself available to perform at parties and other events. Lately he has been performing at nursing homes and churches with fellow musician, Dawn Groszkruger.

With one album out, Juhl is unsure of whether he will try to release another. Giving several copies of his album out to his friends and family, Juhl has been trying to sell off the rest.

"It's pretty easy to give them away," said Juhl. "It's a little harder to sell them, which is what I really want to do."

## Birthday balloon makes fantastic voyage to faraway state

When Beryl Richard of Aredale celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday earlier this month, he never expected to receive happy birthday wishes from a stranger in the furthest corner of the country.

Celebrating on Oct. 10, Richard's family released 80 helium balloons into the air. Attached to each balloon was a laminated note with Richard's address and phone number, requesting anybody who

found a balloon to give him a call to tell him where it landed.

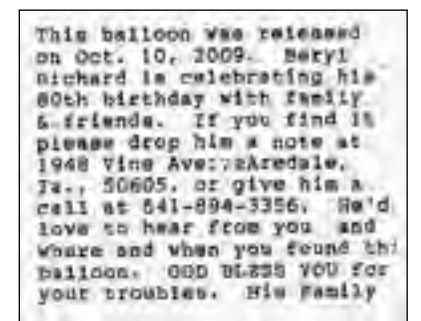
More than two weeks passed without a call or note when finally, on October 27, the Richards received a call from Rob Jernegan of Cherryfield, Maine. Jernegan had been hunting in a field with his brother near Bangor and found the balloon with the message intact.

When the balloons were released, they were moving southeast. The Richards were hopeful that they would at least

make it to the Mississippi River, never dreaming one of them would trek more than a thousand miles northwest.

So far, Jernegan's call has been the only one received to the Richards. The fate of the other 79 balloons is unknown, but if Jernegan's discovery is any indication, they might be anywhere.

The Richards were thrilled to receive Jernegan's call, describing it as "frosting on the cake" after a fantastic celebration.



Above is a copy of the cards attached to the balloons.

## Dougherty Post Office closes its doors Oct. 30

**By Travis Fischer**

The Dougherty Post Office opened its doors for the last time on Friday, Oct. 30.

Unable to find somebody to fill the position of Officer In Charge (OIC) after Peggy Jewell's move to the Coulter branch and temporary replacement Diane Ziesman's impending move to Geneva, the decision was made to close the building.

The closing of a post office can be a hard ordeal for a small town,

but in the case of Dougherty it may not be so bad. The postal service will be installing rural mailboxes throughout the town and the rural carrier will deliver mail directly to resident's homes.

Dougherty will even be able to keep their own zip code, keeping the change minimal.

"This doesn't always happen this way," says Mary Nelson, Sheffield OIC.

Dougherty residents will even be able to continue to receive the

same services that they are used to from the post office, such as buying stamps or envelopes.

"The rural carriers are actually a post office on wheels," says Nelson. "They can basically get any service of the post office from their mailbox."

Mail coming to Dougherty will now be coming through the Sheffield Post Office. Nelson urges anybody with questions about Dougherty's change in service to contact her at 641-892-4156.

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Both Lee and Jolie are impressed with how, even after 10 years, Bobbi's case is still on the minds of every official who has worked on the case. "When Wobschall retired, I know that one thing he said is that he had hoped he could have solved the case," said Jolie. "On holidays, he would come and meet with Lee, and just talk about family. His family, my family... just talk."

While the DCI agents originally involved in the investigation have moved on to new positions, Jolie said, "They've always talked. They don't avoid. We understand that they're looking for one piece of the puzzle. When they get that one piece of the puzzle..."

## Profound changes

Lee and Jolie knew that even after enduring such an unimaginable tragedy, they still had to continue living their lives. They owed it to their family; to their young son.

"Of course, Christmas was terrible," said Jolie. "She had already bought gifts and had them hidden for Tyler," added Lee.

"She had been shopping that night," said Jolie. "She could not wait. His birthday was in two weeks, then there was Christmas. She absolutely loved him the 11 months that she was here."

Even visiting friends and family was a test of their mental and physical strength.

"When we went back to Hampton to visit, we didn't even leave the house," Jolie said. "At that point, every store we went to...there were reward posters all over town."

"Which we appreciated," Lee said, "but it was a constant reminder for us."

Jolie continued, "When I would go to the grocery store or to shop, I could never make eye contact. It's not Hampton. It's just the way you get changed. When we came back here it was safe, and not a lot of people knew us at that time."

Ten years later, Jolie still feels guilty about how people she knew in Hampton might have gotten the wrong impression by the way she tended to avoid personal contact.

"We didn't mean anything against anybody that knew us," she said. "It's just that that was how it changed us. I remember there were so many people that came to the visitation and the funeral. We were not in a frame of mind to thank them. We appreciate now all they did for us. The support from a small town is very comforting, but it changes forever in a way you can't imagine unless you've lived with it."

For the Crawfords, losing the ability to trust was one of the first, and most lingering effects of losing Bobbi.

"The community was affected in a different way," she continued. "In a place where you grow up, you're supposed to feel safe and secure. It's different here, too. We lock all our doors behind us."

"We talk to all our friends about locking their doors, their cars," said Lee.

Jolie added, "It became what we had to do to feel safe."

## Family

For a number of years after Bobbi's murder, the Crawfords did have one physical piece of Bobbi's life they could call their own: her cat, Zeus.

"We've always said, 'If that cat could talk,'" Jolie said. "We had Zeus up until about two or three years ago. Levi, our youngest (five), we found out was allergic to cats. So that brought up the issue of having to part with that one piece that you had. Tyler had become very attached..."

"Just recently, Tyler found out," she continued after a moment. "You know, you try to keep your kids sheltered from it. We saved all the articles: the good, the bad, the ugly. We saved it all. We figured when the time was right...we just didn't think it would be as early as it was."

"It was in third grade," said Lee.

"Mom always saved the Hampton papers, and I was reading them over Christmas, and lo and behold, there was a picture of Bobbi on the side. (Tyler) said, 'Why's Grandma Bobbi in the paper?' He could read at the time, so I had to make a choice. We've always been honest with Tyler. So I told him, and he cried a lot. We all cried."

"And so, immediately, he feels unsafe; he can't sleep. We've been dealing with his sleep issues the past two years. No eight, nine or 10-year-old needs that. You can't hide your feelings. We've never acted like things were okay. We never put on a front. We've always been honest with him. It's caused a lot of pain for him. I hate that."

Lee and Jolie also blame Bobbi's murder for missing out on part of their son's life.

"We basically lost that year with him," Jolie said. "We really don't remember much. We'll watch some videos, and we don't even remember him. We were robbed of that, too."

One thing Jolie was going to be sure that Tyler always remembered was

how important he was to his grandmother.

"I made a scrapbook for Tyler before Levi was born," Jolie said. "She had taken hundreds and hundreds of pictures of Tyler. I guess it's part of the healing process. Just to help him understand. That was before he knew her. I've tried to focus on what her life was, how wonderful a person she was...and Levi doesn't know."

"We've always said that God doesn't give you anything that you can't handle," Jolie continued. "It can destroy a family; it can bring a family closer together. We're closer together as a family. There are a handful of people who have been through this. I can't imagine what Lee has to go through. I lived it, but it wasn't my mother...it was his. I don't know how he handles it. It's amazing."

"The people I see and am friends with are always supportive," Lee said. "They're always there for me and my in-laws."

"I can't imagine what Grandma Kay goes through," added Jolie. "She's just so tough, and she's had a lot of health issues since this has all happened. What she must feel as a mother losing a daughter. That's kind of the ultimate pain, I would guess."

## A mother's wish

"There was a certain point in our lives when we decided we aren't going to be able to change it, but we could try to make it into a positive," said Lee.

"You can choose to do something with it, or not," Jolie agreed. "We're trying to make a terrible situation into something positive in our lives."

"I'd been told Mom wanted me to go back to school and be a teacher," said Lee. "I had coached Little League baseball, and before I left I was the assistant baseball coach at Hampton-Dumont. Mom wanted me to go back to school because I had always been good with kids. So I went nights to Buena Vista College at Indian Hills in Ottumwa to be a history teacher."

"Your mom would be very proud of you," Jolie said to Lee. "She'd be very proud of you."

"We're both teachers," said Lee. "I try to change my kids. Enjoying their parents, enjoying their lives, not letting them go through what I went through."

"One of my junior high football players lost his mother about a month ago," Lee continued. "I had to take the reins and tell him since I was the head coach. I had to talk to the junior high and tell them what to expect, what they were going to need, what he's going to need."

"He's made a huge impact on the kids," Jolie said. "He's one of the most caring, most sympathetic...he genuinely wants to make people better."

"Even before I left school today," Lee said, "I talked to at least eight to 10 kids before I left the building, to see how things are going."

"We've done things to make ourselves better people, and to make an impact," said Jolie. "With his teaching, kids relate to him. He's a real person with a tragic story."

"But I don't use that as a crutch," Lee said.

## Finding help, hope

For Lee and Jolie, finding a woman named B.J. Franklin offered some of the first rays of hope in their never-ending nightmare.

"There's a group called Horizons," explained Jolie. "It's out of Cedar Rapids. They have advocates; support for survivors of victims of homicides."

Jolie contacted the organization in search of help for her family, and was directed to Franklin.

"I've talked to her several times to help with Tyler," Jolie said. "Any time there is a homicide...when there was Ed Thomas, she spoke on TV. Whether it's solved or unsolved, they have support for survivors."

"You may not think you need it right away, but 10 years later..." she continued. "They've been wonderful, anytime you need anything. (Franklin) was the one who told us there was recent funding for a cold case unit. Currently, they've got 100 unsolved cases, and Bobbi's one of them. They prioritize, based on whether there's new DNA, or whether all the evidenced has been reviewed. She said eventually Bobbi's case will get reviewed again. That cold case unit was a victory for cases that are unsolved."

In fact, even before the cold case unit came about, the Crawfords had not given up hope that one day, the final chapter could be written in Bobbi's story. It was that hope, that faith, that convinced them to break their decade-long silence.

"We're very private people," said Jolie. "We've never really opened up. I think we're in a better place than we were 10 years ago. I think a lot of people also wonder. They may not ask us, but they'll ask our parents how Lee and Jolie are doing. It was a nightmare, and some nights still are. We haven't ever talked. We appreciate the support from our police department, our families, our friends. We never really got the chance to thank them. And we appreciate (the Chronicle) putting reminders in the newspaper that it's not forgotten; that it's not a normal thing."

"We never give up hope," she continued. "If anybody knows anything, it's not too late. Anytime you see closure, like they've convicted somebody, I think, why can't we just have that kind of justice? They seem to catch somebody a day or two later, and we've waited 10 years. You can't give up

hope, but you can't dwell on it. Somebody out there knows something. If they'd have the courage to come forward...I can't imagine going through a trial, but the same people who got us through the first 10 years would get us through a trial, if that ever came to be."

"Knowing actually why, or what happened..." said Lee.

"It's not even as much closure as it is justice. Somebody's running around. It's just senseless."

But Lee has no doubt about the consequences.

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The Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting their annual dinner Friday, Nov. 13, at the Hampton Country Club. Drinks are at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Brook Boehmler, Chamber executive director, said "We are honored to have as our special guest this year, Hampton's own Bill Krause, co-founder of Kum & Go. Kum & Go started right here in Hampton 50 years ago and has been a Chamber member as long as they have been in business."

There will be a silent auction. We are accepting silent auction dona-

tions from local Chamber members. These silent auction items are an incredible value and lots of bidding fun ensues.

Milestone anniversary awards will be presented to over 70 different Chamber members. There will be three Merit Awards given to individuals or groups who have given

service of merit to the Chamber and the community for special events or projects over the last year.

One individual will receive the Above and Beyond the Call Award.

There will also be an award for Ambassador of the Year.

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pany who has served our community and Chamber over the years. The theme for the entire event is "Go All Out - for the Hampton Area Chamber!"

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## Chronicle Editorial

## Greatest Generations

When it comes to answering the call, every generation steps forward

Service.

To many Americans, it means how you're treated at a business, or getting work done on your car. But to millions of Americans, the word "service" represents a rectangular piece of material with six white stripes, seven red stripes and fifty white stars spread across a field of blue.

It is those great Americans who we honor each year on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

When you stop to think about it, no single generation can lay claim to being the only one to step forward to serve in their nation's military.

The generation of the Founding Fathers, of course, had to fight a war to create their ideal nation.

Their sons stepped forward when the British decided to try taking back what was once theirs.

Their sons fought in Mexico, and against the Indians in the Midwest.

Their sons went to war dressed in blue or gray.

Their sons fought the Indians on the Great Plains.

Their sons served in Cuba, and once again in Mexico.

Their sons answered the call to the Great War.

Their sons went off to fight the Second World War, and then in Korea.

Their sons stepped up to serve in the faraway jungles of Vietnam.

Their sons volunteered to serve their nation in places like Beirut, Grenada, Panama, Somalia and Kuwait.

Their sons — and daughters — are serving their nation in Afghanistan, Iraq, and on bases scattered all across the globe.

Every one of those generations hoped theirs would be the last to feel the horrible sting of war. Yet when the time came, their sons and daughters felt strongly enough about protecting their nation, their fellow citizens, and the freedom America stands for, to answer the call to duty.

Unfortunately, their commitment, sacrifice and courage often goes unrecognized. Veterans Day is probably celebrated by far fewer Americans than any other holiday. Yet it is this nation's most important holiday. It is because of veterans that we enjoy the freedoms other nations can only dream of. It is because of veterans that we can live our lives the way we choose, and not the way we're told.

This year, take a little time out of your busy lives to honor those who answered their nation's call. It's easy to remember the date and time: the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

## Letter to the Editor

## Health care reform should be embraced by Iowans on Medicare

During the last few weeks, I've spent a lot of time talking with my Dad about health care reform. He is a Medicare senior and takes care of my Mom, who is suffering with Alzheimer's disease. He's a thoughtful and intelligent man.

And he's scared.

He's scared their Medicare benefits will be cut as our government looks for ways to pay for health care reform. That fear from my Dad, like thousands of Iowans, comes from the unknown. No one knows exactly how their Medicare benefits will change with reform. But the possibility that they will change is scary. And that fear has led many Iowans to resolve that we should just forget about health reform.

What I fear most is what will happen to the Medicare system in the near future if we don't pass health care reform legislation. Medicare costs are the largest single funding obligation of our country — and the cost is increasing at approximately seven percent each year. Every day 10,000 more seniors become eligible for Medicare benefits. If we keep spending taxpayers' money at this rate, Medicare spending will break the bank of the federal government. The current system is unsustainable, and government must look at ways to contain costs now to preserve the viability of the Medicare program in the future.

One of the most contentious proposals to contain costs is scaling back the Medicare Advantage program. Medicare Advantage has been a big hit in states like Florida, where one million Florida seniors enjoy spa-like services under the Medicare Advantage program. Iowans have been paying

the Cadillac cost of health care for Floridians and other high-flying states for years while Iowa seniors utilize the system less, and in a much less expensive fashion. Florida is in the top 10 for Medicare spending and the bottom 10 for quality of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries. Iowa is in the top 10 for quality of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries and the bottom 10 for Medicare spending. Medicare spends an average of \$8,794 a year (\$9,379 in Florida) on each Medicare patient, compared with \$6,204 in Iowa.

Proposals to cut the fat out of states like Florida, where Medicare beneficiaries overuse a system of high-cost, low-quality care, should not scare Iowans. In fact, the proposed health reform bills include rational ways to cut costs and improve the quality of care that have been developed with a large influence by Iowa's own congressional delegation. As leaders in the House and Senate work to merge the different health proposals, they should include these important reforms, such as:

- Rewarding health care providers for the quality of care they deliver, rather than for the volume of services they render. In Iowa, we already do a good job of that. Here, quality of care ranks near the top; cost of that care ranks among the lowest.

- Rewarding health care providers who work together to coordinate the care of their patients. Care is better when your family doctor, specialist, hospital staff, home health care provider and long-term care provider work as a team. Iowa providers are already developing these coordinated care models and

using electronic health information to orchestrate care coordination.

- Paying providers more to offer preventive care to patients. This means doctors and other health care providers would be paid to spend more time caring for you and keeping you well.

- Reducing geographic disparities in the formulas used to pay hospitals and physicians under Medicare that have traditionally disadvantaged states like Iowa.

These proposed reforms may be the best chance Iowa has to get a fair shake from the Medicare system — payment equal to other states around the country.

This means Iowans can stop footing the bill for people in other states. We all know that reform won't be perfect, and there are legitimate questions about its expense, its impact, the unintended consequences and what could happen with sweeping legislation.

But we have to change the way health care is delivered and financed. Iowans should embrace the passage of a health care reform bill this year; a good beginning to a long-term effort to fix our system to ensure my Dad's fears — and those of so many Iowans — don't come true.

*Bill Leaver is President and CEO of Iowa Health System, composed of 26 hospitals in rural and urban communities and more than 140 group practices of physicians and clinics. With 20,000 employees and through more than 2.5 million patient visits, Iowa Health System serves almost one in three patients throughout the state. Leaver has worked in health care for nearly 35 years.*

## On the Side

## Football, stimulus

Acquaintances who revel in the triumphs and tribulations of either the Vikings or the Packers have exhibited unusual extremes of smugness and resentment, respectively, though these last few days — levels beyond even the norm.

Brett Favre seems to be at the center of the debate, but in reviewing Sunday's 38-26 win by the Minnesota men over the Green Bay guys, it appears to me that the real difference is that Green Bay could not block Minnesota's defensive rush, and that Green Bay couldn't find a way to contain rookie Percy Harvin, who had a couple of big kick returns and some nice catches. Seems to me that you could have interchanged the quarterbacks and you likely would have had much the same result.

It was strange, however, to see rival-ready cousins donning the same quarterback jersey in the stands, one in purple, and one in green. I'm not sure I've ever witnessed such, and it's not as if the border battle needed more gasoline thrown on the fire.

Rep. Tom Latham, formerly of Franklin County and now an Ames resident, wants you to know that he doesn't think the president's stimulus package is working the way it was intended. President Barack Obama is arguing that the stimulus bill is doing just what was intended. Both are pointing to the same job creation numbers.

And you thought the Vikes and Pack had a rivalry going...

Seriously, Rep. Latham reported the following two items, which are really interesting:

- 1) According to Recovery.gov, the White House's online guide to stimulus spending, Iowa's 4th Congressional District (Franklin County is in that one) has received about \$500 million in stimulus spending, which has led to the creation of 1,389.27 jobs. For those keeping score, that's a cost to taxpayers of about \$358,566 per job. In an official February 2009 document, the White House claimed that Iowa's 4th District would gain 6,700 jobs as a result of the stimulus. Eight months after the bill was signed into law, the stimulus has generated just a fraction of that number and unemployment remains a serious concern.

- 2) Iowa has received a total of about \$1.5 billion in stimulus funds to create 5,336.12 jobs, according to Recovery.gov. That averages out to about \$283,130 per job. White House predictions from February claimed the stimulus would create 37,000 jobs in Iowa.

Of course, some of the money is probably just caught up in processing somewhere. Surely it will show up later.

The column I wrote a few weeks back on the state mandating that kids in grades 6-12 get 120 minutes per week of exercise, and that parents fill out a form reporting the level of exercise their student is getting — if the student doesn't have physical education classes to cover the time or if the student isn't out for a sport — got a lot of reaction from readers.

In fact, my friend P.D. informed me that he understood the select government panel that created and helped pass the law was the State Health Initiative Taskforce...

With all of this stimulus going on out there, my conservative friend J.S. is concerned that we've lost touch with what the founding fathers intended.

"The Constitution guarantees the pursuit of happiness," he wrote, "but I don't think they should subsidize the chase!"

Tyler Sash's interception that was returned for a TD by the Hawks last Saturday, saving the day against a pretty bad Indiana team, may be one of those plays that goes down in Hawk lore, if Iowa can win out and find its way into a BCS game by season's end. It was, simply put, a miracle.

It reminds me of the story of an Iowa high school football team, unbeaten and un-scored upon through six games, that was backed up to its own 5 yard line with a minute left in a scoreless game, back in the 1950s. On an option play, a defender stole the pitch from mid-air and ran 95 yards for a TD, preserving the streak. Two more games, two more shutouts, and it was a perfect year, saved by a single play.

Time will tell for the Hawks.

*Brad Hicks is president of Mid-America Publishing Corporation.*

## Guest Editorial

## Living large

By Laurie Johns

With yet another birthday under my belt, I'm even more aware of the relentless, groaning approach of my own mortality. I'm officially "old enough" to know what I can and can't do if I want to not just live *longer*, but live *better*; I cut caffeine after 3 p.m. (can't sleep); I study nutrition labels of everything I put in my mouth; I've even started reading the obituary pages every morning, wondering why they don't list the cause of death for people my age who've obviously died "too young."

Yes, reaching the "age of responsibility" means you finally understand "cause" and "effect." Too bad our kids do not.

A new report (<http://tinyurl.com/yk2cszn>) recently published in the journal of Pediatrics shows our kids are reaching for snack foods on the sly without consideration of calories or nutrition. They like junk food. We, in part, are to blame. Kelley E. Borradaile, the study's lead author and a Temple University professor who works at the Center for Obesity Research and Education, says kids who head off to school with snack food money (even just a dollar or two) spend it on bad food choices. The study showed bad food was cho-

sen most often because it's cheaper and (the ultimate kid defense) "everyone else is doing it."

For six months, researchers followed hundreds of Philadelphia inner city kids ranging in age from fourth through sixth grade. They tracked the purchases of kids who stopped at a nearby convenience store before and after school.

These kids bought tons of potato chips, sugared soda, chewy or hard candies and candy bars. The researchers figured the food choices added an extra 400 to 600 calories to each child's daily intake. And, what happens when you up the ante on calories every day without increasing your activity level? You end up with fat kids.

I don't think anyone is surprised by the alarming number of obese kids out there; the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) now says 38 percent of our kids are overweight or obese. As I write this, there's a story airing on CNN about a South Carolina 455 pound 13-year-old kid who is going to be taken away from his parents because they haven't been able to help him lose weight. This boy is diabetic, refuses to follow a diet and refuses to take his medicine. In the story, you see the boy sitting in a chair, playing a video game. Mom was interviewed in her living room with the blue blur of the

television playing 10 feet away and oh yes, she also weighs about 400 pounds. In this story, sadly, the apple (or in this case, Snickers Bar) didn't fall far from the tree.

Clearly, blaming video games, television, farmers or Farm Subsidies is pointing a finger in the wrong direction; yet that blame game has been played for decades. Who can change the rate of childhood obesity? Look in the mirror and ask yourself: What do you see when you look in the mirror? What lessons are you teaching? Are you making exercise a part of your day? Do you keep healthy food at home? Do you reward good behavior with bad food?

Our kids know what will happen to them if they come home with an "F" in math or reading. Why not teach them the "cause and effect" of what they put into their mouths, how eating bananas will prevent muscle cramps, how milk is the original protein drink of athletes, or how many miles they'd have to run to work off that bottle of soda (about two miles). Clearly, all parents, whether they've reached that "age of responsibility" or not, have to make wise choices on behalf of the little ones who are *always* watching. Now there's something you can *really* chew on!

*Laurie Johns is Public Relations Manager for the Iowa Farm Bureau.*

## The Bottom Line

## Why we need to remember Bobbi

Every resident of Franklin County should read the lead story in this week's Chronicle.

It is easy to forget that 10 years have passed since Roberta "Bobbi" Crawford was murdered in her home. It is easy to forget that for 10 years, local and state law enforcement agencies have been working diligently behind the scenes trying to find that one piece of evidence that may lead to the killer.

More importantly, it is easy to forget that the taking of one life can have such a profound effect on the lives of so many others, particularly the relatives Bobbi left behind.

Sharing their decade-long ordeal with Chronicle readers required an enormous amount of courage from Bobbi's son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Jolie Crawford. For the past 10 years, their pain may have been a little easier to bear because it has been wrapped in relative obscurity.

But they decided that shedding that anonymity and sharing their story would serve as an important reminder to a community that their loss is no less after 10 years, and that a murderer remains unpunished.

To varying degrees, we're all in some way guilty of letting Bobbi Crawford's death slip from our thoughts. For the first few years, reward posters peppered just about

every business window and bulletin board in Franklin County. People talked often about the case because, after all, it was Hampton's only unsolved murder.

But as the years passed, the reward posters began to disappear, and Bobbi's case was overshadowed by other events in our lives.

Yet the significance of the case and the importance of finding Bobbi's killer is just as relevant today as it was 10 years ago.

As Jolie Crawford stated in the article, somebody out there knows something. Somebody, maybe even somebody still living in Hampton or Franklin County, knows what happened, or at least who did it. You have to believe that over the course of so many years, someone must have heard something about what happened.

Solving Bobbi's murder is going to require the very same thing that allowed her son and daughter-in-law to come forward and remind people of their tragic loss. It is going to take courage.

The entire community needs to once again make an impassioned plea for someone to come forward with information that can help law enforcement officials finally close Bobbi's case. Maybe it's time to dust off those reward posters and hang

them back in the windows. Maybe it's time for us to remember Bobbi's fun-loving, caring, bubbly personality that was so suddenly extinguished 10 years ago this month.

Bobbi was one of our own. She was our friend, our neighbor, our co-worker. She was a loving daughter, sister, mother and grandmother. She deserves to be part of our community's memory, not because her case remains unsolved, but because of the person she was.

We owe it to her, and to her family, to never forget that 10 years ago a vital part of our community was extinguished.

The loss this community suffered slowly faded over time, but it is still just as painful for her family. Hopefully, someone will think long and hard about that, and come to the decision that sharing whatever information they have is the right thing to do.

If you know anything about Bobbi's case, even if you think it is irrelevant, please don't hesitate to share it with police. The final piece of the puzzle needed to solve Bobbi's murder could very well be something someone considered too insignificant to bother sharing.

*Ray Baltes is editor of the Chronicle.*

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## Celebrating 75 years

The Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors visited Hampton State Bank on Thursday, Oct. 28, to help it celebrate 75 years in business.

Hampton State Bank was the first bank in the county to offer drive through banking and the first bank in the county to purchase an in-house computer system. In 1975 there was a bad fire, but the employees were smart enough to put all the banks vital records in the safe before evacuating. Hampton State Bank is a locally owned and independent community bank. They provide scholarships to Hampton-Dumont and CAL school districts each year, financial support to the local community and give volunteer time in the community as well.

Pictured here are (lower level, from left): Michelle Schaefer, Nadine Baltus, Elaine Wilcox, Cynthia Saxon, Brad Davis, Joan Schulke, Blaine Lenz, Joni Svendsen, Deb Gerdes, Ron Raney, Charlie Willms, Donnis Borcharding and Kathy Nolte.

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## Extension Notes

### Quick and Dirty on: Drying Soybeans

By Gary Hall, ISU Regional Extension Education Director

The wet conditions are leading to lots of calls about harvesting, storing and drying wet beans. Everyone can benefit by knowing this information as soybean harvest continues.

The short answer is this:

Harvest works best (least damage) with beans 13-15 percent moisture.

Safe storage moisture is 13 percent for just through the winter, 12 percent for into next summer, and 11 percent for a year or more.

With a full aeration floor in the bin, beans up to 15 percent can probably be dried with a small aeration fan, beans up to 17 percent can probably be dried with a big drying fan (no added heat).

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## Iowa Weights and Measures Metrology Lab moving to Ellsworth Community College

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship today announced that the Iowa Weights and Measures Metrology Laboratory will be moving to Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. Occupancy of the new facility at Iowa Falls will be effective Dec. 1.

"With the budget challenges facing the department, this is a positive collaboration that will ensure this important service is still available to Iowans and allow Ellsworth Community College to offer a new course area," said Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey. "This will make sure companies are still able to be certified in Iowa."

"It is wonderful to see two state agencies working together to ensure services are still available to Iowans," said Dave Halverson, director of Agriculture and Renewable Energy for Ellsworth Community College. "The Iowa Falls Metrology State lab will enable Iowa to continue to provide Iowans with a quality state metrology lab."

The State of Iowa Metrology Lab certifies that weights and liquid measures used to calibrate commercial scales and measuring devices are accurate. The types of devices certified using these weights and measures include grocery scales, gas pump meters, truck scales, and grain moisture meters.

Thanks to the collaboration, service companies will not have to drive out of state to calibrate their weights.

In addition, the new lab will offer Ellsworth students a unique opportunity. Ellsworth will be one of very few colleges in the country to offer students the opportunity to study metrology for future career opportunities in business and government.

"We are very grateful for this opportunity and believe that we have the staff and the facilities to make the Metrology Lab at Ellsworth a win-win situation for the college and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. I

have appreciated working closely with Jill Paxton, Weights and Measures bureau chief, who has helped us to understand the complexities of the program and is helping to make this a smooth transition." Says Mollie Teckenburg, provost, Ellsworth Community College.

The metrology lab will be located in the newly completed Agriculture and Renewable Energy Center located at Ellsworth Community College's Robert and Arlene Hamilton campus south of Iowa Falls on Highway 65. Larger weights being calibrated at the Trades and Industry building located on Ellsworth's main campus. The address for the new Agriculture and Renewable Energy Center is 705 Ellsworth Avenue, Iowa Falls and the phone number will be (641) 648-8665.

The Iowa Weights and Measures Metrology Laboratory in Ankeny achieved NIST Echelon III Recognition during the summer of 2009. This recognition will be re-established at the Iowa Falls facility.

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From the Log

Hampton Police

**Monday, Oct. 26:**  
 • 11:30 a.m.: Information for officers.  
 • 11:58 a.m.: Item in the roadway on I-35.  
 • 12:24 p.m.: Missing dog at 1 Federal St.  
 • 1:15 p.m.: Found cat.  
 • 1:16 p.m.: Kitten found.  
 • 3:20 p.m.: Juvenile missing.  
 • 3:55 p.m.: Dispatch, I-35.  
 • 4:35 p.m.: Dispatch, I-35.

• 4:46 p.m.: Theft.  
 • 5:08 p.m.: Found keys in the 20 block of 5th St. NW.  
 • 5:11 p.m.: Juvenile call.  
 • 5:18 p.m.: Vehicle repossessed in the 300 block of 2nd St. NW.  
 • 7:36 p.m.: Hit and run crash in the 10 block of 1st St. SE.  
 • 11:52 p.m.: Burning in an empty lot with no one around on 19th Ave. NE.

**Tuesday, Oct. 27:**

• 10:39 p.m.: Lost item.

• 11:31 p.m.: Call for another county (Dumont).  
 • 2:47 p.m.: Vendors selling without a permit in the 100 block of North Federal St.  
 • 2:55 p.m.: Assault at 322 4th St. NW.  
 • 3:40 p.m.: Vehicle not stopping for stop sign in the 100 block of 11th Pl. NE.  
 • 4:07 p.m.: Crash in another county.

• 4:16 p.m.: Disturbance at 215 3rd St. NE.  
 • 5:26 p.m.: Assisted another agency in the 100 block of 3rd St. NW.  
 • 6:26 p.m.: Vandalism at 208 3rd St. NE.  
 • 6:32 p.m.: Subjects burning leaves in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NW.  
 • 7:55 p.m.: Disturbance in the 300 block of 12th Ave. NE.  
 • 9:29 p.m.: Subjects taking Halloween decorations at 214 1st Ave. NE.

**Wednesday, Oct. 28:**

• 12:41 a.m.: Juvenile call.  
 • 8:21 a.m.: Vandalism at 420 1st Ave. NE.  
 • 9:06 a.m.: Break-in at 208 South Federal St.  
 • 10:27 a.m.: Traffic control for a funeral.

• 11:30 a.m.: Keys found.  
 • 12:45 p.m.: Burglary at 205 1st St. NW.  
 • 4:37 p.m.: Disabled wagon on the railroad tracks in the 1500 block of Olive Ave.  
 • 5:39 p.m.: Suspicion in the 1700 block of Central Ave. East.

**Thursday, Oct. 29:**

• 1:18 a.m.: Harassment at 122 1st St. NW.  
 • 1:32 a.m.: Open door, lights on at 1701 Central Ave. East.  
 • 2 p.m.: Services call.  
 • 3:18 p.m.: Security check on Imperial Rd.  
 • 8:27 p.m.: Burglary at 913 2nd Ave. SE.  
 • 8:40 p.m.: Burglary at 117 4th Ave. NW.  
 • 11:31 p.m.: Vehicle call.  
 • 11:33 p.m.: Juvenile call in the 10 block of South Federal St.

**Friday, Oct. 30:**

• 12:24 a.m.: Alarm at 101 12th Ave. NW.  
 • 6:55 a.m.: False alarm on Central Ave. West.  
 • 7:52 a.m.: Antenna broke off a truck.  
 • 9:09 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation on 6th St. SW.  
 • 9:27 a.m.: Report of an unhooked line sparking on 6th Ave. SW.  
 • 10:14 a.m.: Bad check. Under investigation.  
 • 12:19 p.m.: Broken barricade in construction area at 9th Pl NE and 4th St.  
 • 2:06 p.m.: Security check in the 1200 block of Olive Ave.  
 • 3:58 p.m.: Dispatch.  
 • 4:05 p.m.: Bad check at 309 Central Ave. West.

• 5:39 p.m.: Alarm in the 400 block of Central Ave. East.  
 • 5:49 p.m.: Gas drive-off from 4 4th St. SE.  
 • 7:49 p.m.: Female request for an officer at a residence on 2nd Ave. SW.

**Saturday, Oct. 31:**

• 5:57 a.m.: Erratic driver on Hwy 3.  
 • 9:15 a.m.: Traffic control for a funeral.  
 • 8:39 p.m.: Report of a disturbance on 7th Ave. NE.  
 • 9 p.m.: Subject left a business on 1st St. NW without paying.  
 • 9:35 p.m.: Disturbance in the 900 block of 2nd Ave. SE.  
 • 10:05 p.m.: Gas drive-off from 609 Central Ave. West.

**Iowa State Patrol**

**Friday, Oct. 30:**

• 8:18 a.m.: Disabled vehicle on I-35.

**Fire & Rescue**

**Tuesday, Oct. 27:**

• 8:40 a.m.: Request for an ambulance in the 1300 block of North Federal St., Hampton.  
 • 6:37 p.m.: Request for an ambulance in the 400 block of 2nd St. SE.  
**Saturday, Oct. 31:**  
 • 1:34 p.m.: The Franklin General Ambulance was paged to a medical call in the 500 block of 2nd St., Dumont.

**Crashes**

**Tuesday, Oct. 27:**

• 5:02 p.m.: The Hampton Police Department (HPD) investigated a two-vehicle crash that occurred at 808 4th St. SE. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Sharon Schwab sustained an estimated \$500, and a vehicle driven by Cora Mason sustained an estimated \$900 damage.

• 4:25 p.m.: The HPD investigated a two-vehicle crash that occurred at Olive Ave. and Hwy 3, Hampton. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Caleb Sheppard sustained an estimated \$3,000 damage when it failed to yield from a stop sign and struck a vehicle driven by Dona Johansen, which also sustained an estimated \$3,000 damage.

**Thursday, Oct. 29:**

• 4:25 p.m.: The HPD investigated a two-vehicle crash that occurred at Olive Ave. and Hwy 3, Hampton. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Caleb Sheppard sustained an estimated \$3,000 damage when it failed to yield from a stop sign and struck a vehicle driven by Dona Johansen, which also sustained an estimated \$3,000 damage.

**Butler Sheriff**

**Tuesday, Oct. 27:**

• 11:40 a.m.: Report of a burglary at 115 Main St. in Dumont.  
 • 5:01 p.m.: Subject at 101 Appleton St., Aredale, would like to speak to a deputy reference getting a restraining order on a couple of people.  
 • 5:42 p.m.: Domestic situation at 170th St. and Franklin Ave.

**Wednesday, Oct. 28:**

• 7:35 a.m.: Caller reports a boat on the road with a bunch of stuff in it at 195th St. and Clay Ave., Dumont.  
 • 10:19 a.m.: Report of a big rock and big chunks of dirt on the road at 150th St. and Hickory Ave., Bristow.

**Thursday, Oct. 29:**

• 4:25 p.m.: Report that a vehicle had backed into another at the school in Dumont.

**Saturday, Oct. 31:**

• 12:38 p.m.: Caller reports having some air tools stolen sometime since Wednesday or Thursday at 315 Main St., Dumont.

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Obituaries & Funeral Notices

**Kenneth W. Showalter**

Kenneth W. Showalter, 91, of Hampton, died October 28, 2009, at the Franklin General Hospital Nursing Facility in Hampton.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 31, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton with the Rev. Karl Bollhagen and Vicar Phillip Callahan officiating. Burial was in the Hampton Cemetery. The Sietsema-Vogel Funeral Home in Hampton was in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth was born June 16, 1918, in Hampton to J.G. and Laura Showalter. He married Helen Dohrmann on January 3, 1944, in Hampton.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton. Ken attended Iowa State University. During WW II he served in the Army Air Corp. He farmed all his life and in 1971 received the Master Farmer Award. He was also a longtime member of the Franklin County Fair Board, the Franklin County Historical Society and the Lions Club. He was a great I.S.U. fan.

Ken is survived by his daughters: Mary (Lynn) DeSotel, Dows and Christine (Wesley) Johnson, Platte City, Mo; sons: John (Nancy) Showalter, Hampton and James (Jean) Showalter, Hampton; grandchildren: Erin (Jake) Nolin, Scott (Lynne) DeSotel, Matt (Jori) Showalter, Brett (Cathy) Showalter, Quinn (Sarah) Showalter, Drew Showalter, Ashley (Josh) Hurlbert, Jessica Johnson, Anna Showalter, Sam Showalter, Jake Showalter, three step-grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother, sister and infant daughter.



Kenneth Showalter

**Keith Alan Jacobson**

Keith Alan Jacobson, 76, of Woodward, formerly of Iowa Falls, passed away Friday, Oct. 30, 2009, at Ellsworth Municipal Hospital in Iowa Falls.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Linn's Funeral Homes Iowa Falls Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**LeRoy Wood**

LeRoy Wood, 66, of Sheffield, died Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, at Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 30, at First Grace Baptist Church in Sheffield with the Rev. Ken Livingston presiding. Burial was in the Hillside Cemetery in Sheffield.

Retz Funeral Home, Sheffield, was in charge of arrangements.



LeRoy Wood

**Kaige Allen Sizemore**

Kaige Allen Sizemore, 3, of Ackley, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009, at Child Serve in Johnston from complications of Miller-Dieker Syndrome.

A visitation was held Friday, Oct. 30, at the Linn's Funeral Home in Ackley.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of his mother, Amber Sizemore, 1005 Butler St., Apt. C-1, Ackley, IA 50601.

**Chronicle Obituary Policy**

There are three levels of obituaries published by the Hampton Chronicle. They are:

• **Notice of Death (Free):** Name, age, and address of the individual; when and where the individual died; the cause of death if provided; information regarding the funeral service and burial; and visitation, if it occurs Wednesday or after in the week the notice is published.

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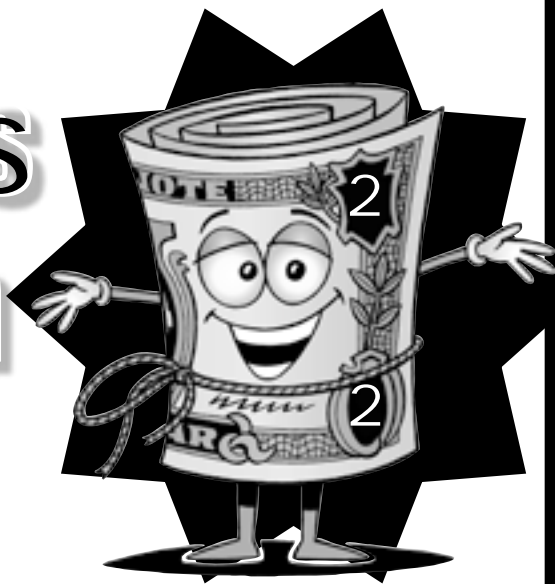
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A Franklin County farmer harvests corn Monday afternoon, Nov. 2. (Ray Baltes photo)

## Franklin Courthouse

### District Court

• Cassandra Carpenter, 21, Chapin, pled guilty to 4<sup>th</sup> degree theft and was ordered to pay a fine of \$315, was placed on one year of probation, and ordered to pay a restitution of \$572.91 along with other costs. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended.

### Magistrate Court

• Jesse Winkowitsch, 24, Hampton, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia and was ordered to pay a \$10 fine, \$125 surcharge, and \$60 in court costs.

• Marlys Reiter, 57, Hansell, pled guilty to 5<sup>th</sup> degree theft and was ordered to pay a fine of \$65 (suspended), a \$125 surcharge and \$60 in court costs.

• Ryan Nesenson, 19, Big Lake, MN, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia and ordered to pay a fine of \$10 with a \$157.75 surcharge, and \$60 in court costs.

• Elizabeth Zeibot, 36, Hampton, pled guilty to disorderly conduct and was sentenced to 24 hours in jail with credit for 24 hours time served.

• Jeffrey Spora, 49, Hampton, pled guilty to possession of stolen property and was sentenced to 5 days in jail with credit for 5 days time served.

• Vernon Zacharias, 39, Hampton, was found guilty of annoyance and ordered to pay a \$65 fine, a \$22.75 surcharge, and \$60 in court costs.

### Small Claims

• Asset Acceptance vs. Forrest Drake, Sheffield. Judgment for the plaintiff by default on October 29 in the amount of \$793.68 with 2.4% interest from October 22 and \$122 in costs.

• Convergence Receivables vs. Ralph Marshall, Chapin. Judgment for the plaintiff by default on October 29 in the amount of \$700.41 with 2.4% interest from October 5 and \$107.70 in costs.

• Convergence Receivables vs.

Ladonna Wester, Coulter. Judgment for the plaintiff by default on October 29 in the amount of \$604.30 with 2.4% interest from October 5 and \$122 in costs.

• Farmers Trust & Savings vs. Anthony Myers, Dows. Judgment for the plaintiff by default on October 29 in the amount of \$600 with 2.4% interest from October 1 and \$144 in costs.

• H&R Accounts vs. Jason Pals, Alexander. Judgment for the plaintiff by default on October 29 in the amount of \$715.09 with 2.4% interest from September 28 and \$122 in costs.

• Convergence Receivables vs. David Myers, Hampton. Judgment for the plaintiff by default on October 29 in the amount of \$824.11 with 2.4% interest from October 21 and \$101 in costs.

### Real Estate

The Franklin County Recorder's Office recorded the following real estate transactions:

• Quit Claim Deed: Lloyd J. Hurd & Janice D., Bryce Collins & Dora to Larry Dean Banner & Karen Mae, Lots 14,15,16, Blk 5 Carleton now Popejoy, 091932

• Court Officer Deed: Laurence W. Hamilton Trust to Laurence S. Hamilton, John D. Hamilton, Steven L. Hamilton, Ardith A. Kirchoff, NW1/4 & N1/2 SW1/4 11-90-21 & SW1/4 21-91-21, 091935.

• Court Officer Deed: Estate of Leah Scott Hamilton to Laurence S. Hamilton, John D. Hamilton, Steven L. Hamilton, Ardith A. Kirchoff, NE1/4 ex NE1/4 NE1/4 29-91-21 and SE1/4 ex SW1/4 SE1/4 29-91-21 & SE1/4 20-91-21 & SW1/4 2-90-21 & N1/2 NW1/4 2-90-21, 091936.

• Special Warranty Deed: John D. Hamilton and Linda M., Steven L. Hamilton & Juliann, Ardith A. Kirchoff & Marc A. to Laurence S. Hamilton, SE1/4 20-91-21 & SW1/4 21-91-21, 091937.

• Special Warranty Deed: Laurence S. Hamilton & Barbara J., Steven L. Hamilton & Juliann, Ardith A. Kirchoff & Marc A. to John D. Hamilton, E1/2 29-91-21, 091938.

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• Special Warranty Deed: Laurence S. Hamilton & Barbara J., John D. Hamilton & Linda M., Steven L. Hamilton & Juliann to Ardith A. Kirchoff, SW1/4 2-90-21, NW1/4 11-90-21 & W1/2 NW1/4 12-90-21 & N1/2 NW1/4 2-90-21, 091940.

• Warranty Deed: Edward W. Richtsmeier Trust to Barton L. Rinke & Connie L. Parcel C N1/2 NE1/4 36-91-20, 091945.

• Warranty Deed: Craig Semler & Mary Lou to Lee B. Schaefer & Jill R., Lots 35, 36 and 37 Beeds Lake Prop A, 091946.

• Warranty Deed: Ardith A. Kirchoff & Marc A. to Marc A. Kirchoff & Ardith A., SW1/4 & N1/2 NW1/4 2-90-21 & NW1/4 11-90-21 & W1/2 NW1/4 12-90-21, 091949.

• Marc A. Kirchoff & Ardith A.

to Larry J. Hansen, Renee Hansen, Troy Hansen, Nate Hansen, SW1/4 & N1/2 NW1/4 2-90-21, 091951.

• Special Warranty Deed: John D. Hamilton & Linda M. to Hamilton Family Agriculture, LLC, E1/2 29-91-21, 091961.

• Special Warranty Deed: Federal Mortgage Association to Jose Ignacio Ocampo-Cruz & Belinda Ocampo, Lot 2 Blk 47 O.T. Hampton, 091962.

• Warranty Deed: Growmark, Inc to David L. Swanson, 35-90-19, 091955.

• Quit Claim Deed: Ackley FS, Inc to Growmark, Inc, 35-90-19, 091954.

• Warranty Deed: Cynthia Banner & Richard, Steven Young to Daniel Ross Barnhart & Tracy Lynn, E1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4 35-90-22, 091988.

• Warranty Deed: Hampton-Dumont Community Schools to Church of the Living Word Hampton, Inc., N1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 & S1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 34-92-20, 091990.

• Warranty Deed: Lynne A. Toftee to Randall Toftee, SW1/4 19-92-21, 091993.

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Infants and toddlers: Uncontrollable crying, rocking back and forth, excessive sleep, head-banging.

Preschoolers: Bed-wetting after being trained, thumb-sucking, clinging to parents, exaggerated fears, uncontrollable crying.

School-agers: Frequent whining, fearfulness, nightmares, bed-wetting, refusing to eat, overeating, tics (nervous twitches), tendency to day-dream.

Teens: Aggression, withdrawal and sadness, insomnia, excessive sleep, destructive actions, depression, uncontrollable emotions.



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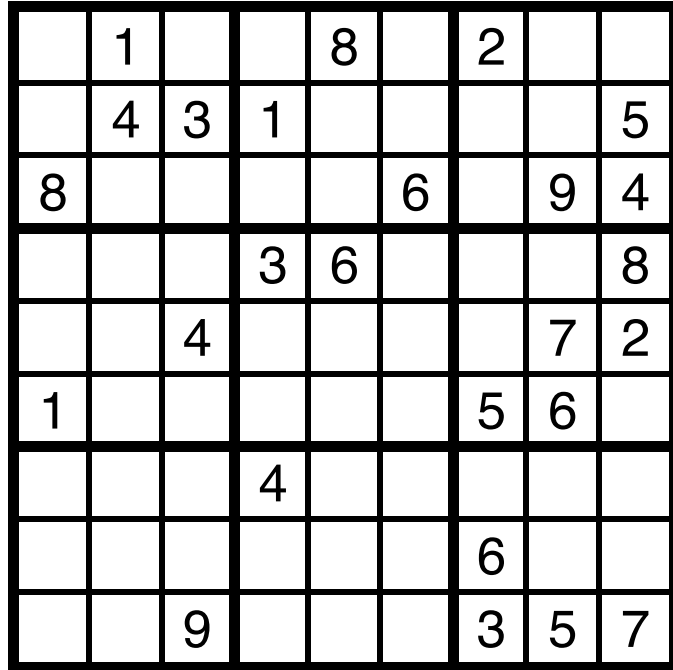
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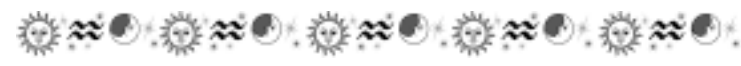
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## Mind Benders



Level: Intermediate



### Horoscope for week of November 4, 2009

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20** - This week is more favorable than last where money matters are concerned, Aries. However, you may need to find extra cash for some unexpected expenses.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21** - Taurus, this week you will discover new dimensions to your personality. You will also find that the evenings are full of romantic fireworks to balance out dull days.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21** - Lay all of your cards out on the table, Gemini, or others may not trust you for future ventures -- especially where business is concerned. A sensitive family situation needs attention.

**CANCER - June 22/July 22** - Get chores out of the way early on this week, Cancer, so that you can spend the rest of the time having fun. Scorpio is your partner in crime when kicking back.

**LEO - July 23/Aug 23** - This week supports hobbies, leisure time and your love life. Leo. Now is the perfect time to tap your artistic potential and do something very creative just for the fun of it.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22** - Self-discipline enables you to spend time on a project you have been putting off, Virgo. Later in the week, share your time with a child or romantic interest.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23** - An early start puts you ahead of the competition, Libra. Don't let little things annoy you as you plot your course for success. A new attitude can do wonders.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22** - Take some time this week to catch up on uncompleted assignments or to simply spend time relaxing, Scorpio. Doubts that have popped up during the week vanish.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21** - Try some special entertainment that plays to interests of the heart, Sagittarius. This is your week to cuddle and pamper the one you love. Relish all of your time together.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20** - Try not to be impatient with others this week if they let you down, Capricorn. Simply pick up the slack and muddle through. Rough waters are ahead.

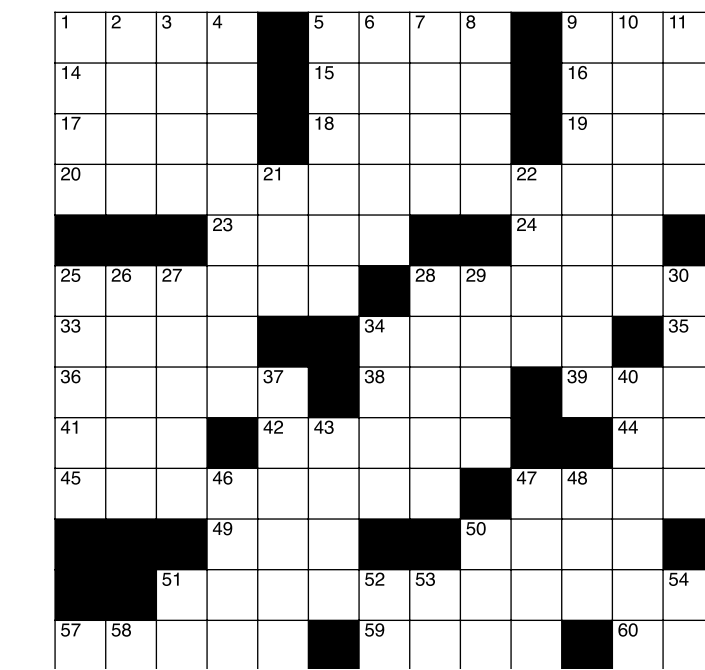
**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18** - Aquarius, this week you will be devoting a lot of time to routine tasks. Shopping, making household repairs, and items like this will dominate your days.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20** - It's good to set your sights on career goals you want to accomplish, Pisces. Others will be excited to see your progress.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS:** NOVEMBER 1 - Jenny McCarthy, Actress (37); NOVEMBER 2 - Nelly, Singer (35); NOVEMBER 3 - Gemma Ward, Model (22); NOVEMBER 4 - Ralph Macchio, Actor (48); NOVEMBER 5 - Kevin Jonas, Singer (22); NOVEMBER 6 - Glenn Frey, Singer (61); NOVEMBER 7 - Keith Lockhart, Conductor (50)

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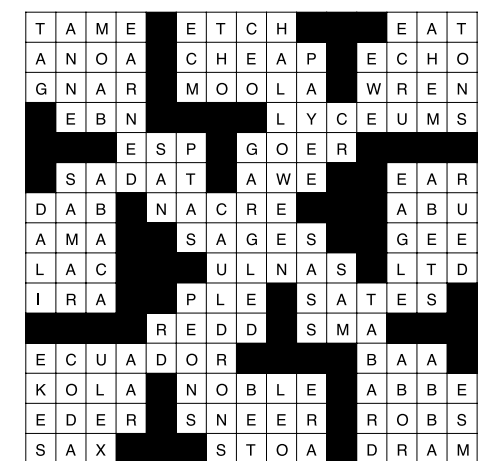
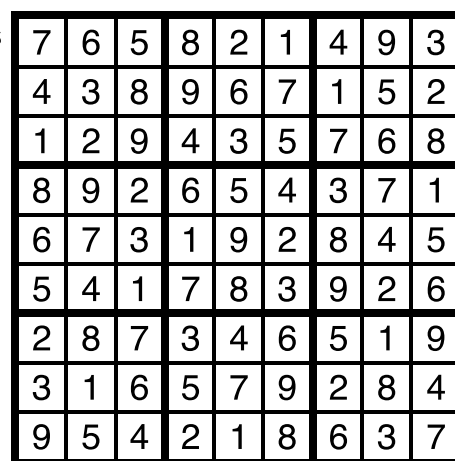
### CLUES ACROSS

- Cornmeal mush (British)
- The actors in a play
- Good gosh!
- Olive tree genus
- Friends (French)
- The 23rd state
- Daminozide
- Fallow deer
- Firth of Clyde island
- Maine resort
- Raised speaker's platform
- Dekaliter
- Eye tooth
- Past tense
- Turkish leaders titles
- Elevate
- Point midway between NE and E
- More scarce
- A bird's reproductive body
- One who challenges
- Characterized by unity
- Santa's helpers
- M. Jackson's daughter \_\_\_s
- Unsupported
- Odorizes
- Last calendar month
- SW Scottish river

### CLUES DOWN

- Cleansing agent
- Quick tempo (abbr.)
- Repast
- A place of bliss or delight
- Golf club carrier
- Get together
- Cartoon star Bart \_\_\_son
- Czar (alt. sp.)
- Gave forth
- Rinse one's mouth and throat
- Ventilates
- Contains genetic code
- 1/100 yen
- Teenage sleuth \_\_\_cy Drew
- 15th of March
- Chocolate bean substitute
- Capital of Guam
- Neotris
- In a way, summons
- Equipages
- Showed old movie
- Unable to move
- Punctuation mark: as\_\_\_k
- Increases motor speed
- Refer to another
- Italian mountain range
- Polish unionist
- Copyread
- Dirtyed
- New postal location (abbr.)
- Pulls with difficulty
- Wife of a Raja
- Journey
- Camping shelter
- Neuroglia
- Give temporarily
- Works with DNA
- Winged goddess of the dawn

### Answers from October 28, 2009



## "The Golden Years"

The poem was sent to me by the most unlikely Cowboy friend from New Mexico and it is too important not to share. The older generation "The Golden Years," should not be missed neither by them or more importantly by us. When connected, a stronger sense of who we are emerges, shared along with feelings of purpose and resounding strength.

There has never been a time in our generation where strength and resolve are so important and there has never been a time where the "Golden Treasure" has been made so available. Years ago the elderly remained at home, as my Grandfolds did with our family until 93 years of age. Today, we have the best care facilities ever, keeping them safe as well as available for us to share with. I can remember at an early age thinking how wonderful it was to have someone to pay attention to you, on demand if needed, only until I had the pleasure of sharing with them their "Golden Years" did I realize it all came with aches and pains and long suffering from my Grandparents, none of which was ever so slightly murmured.

I have discovered what I knew all along, these wonderful people, sharing in their "Golden Years," transcends all other feelings of being connected and with purpose towards humanity.

Place this poem where you are certain you have time to read and appreciate what it has to offer, especially to you. When you realize this will be you someday, let it move you out of love rather than fear. Don't miss any golden moments shared with the "Golden Generation."

I hope you enjoy this poem.  
Reg Morton

I'll tell you who I am....As I sit here so still,  
As I do at your bidding....As I eat at your will  
I'm a small child of Ten....with a father and mother,  
Brothers and sisters....who love one another.

A young boy of sixteen....with wings on his feet  
Dreaming that soon now....a lover he'll meet.  
A groom soon at Twenty....my heart gives a leap.  
Remembering, the vows....that I promised to keep.  
At Twenty-Five, now....I have my own of my own.  
Who need me to guide....And a secure happy home.  
A man of Thirty....My young now grown fast,  
Bound to each other....With ties that should last.

At Forty, my young sons....have grown and are gone,  
But my woman's beside me....to see I don't mourn.  
At Fifty, once more....babies play 'round my knee,  
Again, we know children....My loved one and me.

Dark days are upon me....my wife is now dead.  
I look at the future....shudder with dread.  
For my young are all rearing....young of their own.  
And I think of the years....and the love that I've known.

I'm now an old man....and nature is cruel.  
Tis jest to make old age....look like a fool.  
The body, it crumbles....grace and vigor, depart.  
There is now a stone....where I once had a heart.

But inside this old carcass....a young guy still dwells,  
And now and again....my battered heart swells.  
I remember the joys....I remember the pain.  
And I'm loving and living....life over again.

I think of the years....all too few gone too fast.  
And accept the stark fact ....that nothing can last.  
So open your eyes, people ....open and see.  
Not a crabby old man ....Look closer ....see ME!

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within ....we will all, one day, be there too!

PLEASE SHARE THIS POEM  
The best and most beautiful things of this world can't be seen or touched.  
They must be felt by the heart.



# Harvest way behind schedule, says Iowa ag chief

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey commented Monday on the Iowa Crops and Weather report released by the USDA National Agricultural Statistical Service. The report is released weekly from April through October.

"The wet weather kept farmers out of the fields again much of last week and as a result just a little progress was made on harvest. This is now the slowest harvest since at least the 1960s," Northey said. "It is unusual for both corn and bean harvest to be delayed so significantly, however, with dryer weather forecast for this week, hopefully farmers will be able to get into the fields and significant progress will be able to be made."

The last week of October brought Iowa yet another weather system dumping more rain on already saturated fields. Although



Last week's seemingly endless rain left many area farmers waiting for things to dry out before they could resume their harvest. This field near Dumont was still quite wet Monday afternoon.

the week ended with dry weather, moisture levels remained too high

for producers to harvest. With grain driers running nonstop across the state, some elevators are rejecting wet soybeans and poor quality corn. Post-harvest fieldwork may be pushed back into the spring. With few fields available to cattle for post-harvest grazing and very little hay stubble produced, delays are now spreading across the entire agriculture community.

There were two days suitable for fieldwork during the week, compared to the five-year average of 5.6 days. Topsoil moisture rated one percent very short, zero percent short, 38 percent adequate and 61 percent surplus across the state. Subsoil moisture rated one percent very short, one percent short, 55 percent adequate and 43 percent surplus. Grain movement was reported at 43 percent none, 37 percent light, 16 percent moderate and four percent heavy. Producers are now reporting fall fertilizer applications with five percent of cropland fertilized. On-farm storage availability rated 12 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and seven percent surplus, while off-farm

storage availability rated seven percent short, 85 percent adequate, and eight percent surplus.

### Field Crops

Corn harvested for grain reached 18 percent, 22 percentage points behind last year and 22 days behind the five-year average. Moisture content of all corn in the field is estimated at 26 percent, seven percentage points higher than the five-year average. Moisture content of corn being harvested is estimated at 23 percent, six percentage points higher than the five-year average. Corn lodging is rated 66 percent none, 25 percent light, eight percent moderate and one percent heavy. Ear droppage is rated 75 percent none, 20 percent light, four percent moderate and one percent heavy. Corn condition was rated three percent very poor, six percent poor, 19 percent fair, 52 percent good and 20 percent excellent.

Soybeans harvested reached 54 percent, 38 percentage points behind last year and 26 days behind the five-year average. Soybean lodging is rated 74 percent none, 20 percent light, five percent moderate and one percent heavy. Soybeans shattering is rated 73 percent none, 20 percent light, six percent moderate and one percent heavy. Soybean condition is rated three percent very poor, seven percent poor, 21 percent fair, 53 percent good and 16 percent excellent.

## Let's Do Lunch

### Hampton-Dumont Community Schools

Monday, November 9: Late Start No Breakfast - Lunch: Grilled chicken patty, wheat bun, green beans, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday, November 10: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk. Lunch: Corn dog, steamed broccoli w/ cheese, peaches, sugar cookie, milk.

Wednesday, November 11: Breakfast: Egg patty, toast, fruit, milk. Lunch: Taco salad w/ tortilla chips, pb sandwich, corn, orange slices, milk.

Thursday, November 12: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs & cheese, toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, calico fries, bunny food w/ dip, jello caked w/ topping, milk.

Friday, November 13: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk. Lunch: Baked fish on a bun, cheese slice, baked chips, peas, fruit cup, milk.

### AGWSR Schools

Monday, November 9: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken and noodles, cheese sandwich, peas, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, November 10: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch: Nachos w/ meat and cheese sauce, green beans, peanut butter sandwich, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, November 11: Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheesy potatoes w/ ham, carrots, 1/2 banana, milk.

Thursday, November 12: Breakfast: Omelet, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic bread, coleslaw, fruit cup, milk.

Friday, November 13: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Beefburger, potatoes, pears, cookie, milk.

### CAL Schools

Monday, November 9: Late Start No Breakfast - Lunch: Goulash, peas, peaches, garlic toast, milk.

Tuesday, November 10: Breakfast: French toast stix, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger patty on a bun, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk.

Wednesday, November 11: Breakfast: Breakfast bites, syrup, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken noodle, cooked carrots, fruit cocktail, sandwich, milk.

Thursday, November 12: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza patty on a bun, corn, pears, fruit roll up, milk.

Friday, November 13: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch: Shrimp, mashed potatoes, applesauce, sandwich, milk.

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