

**Spilled Ink**  
By Clinton J. Davis

The first complete week of having Calvin in our home went well. By well I mean, all alive. So far Hartley has been a great big brother. He is quick to jump in and help, except for the poopy diapers. He runs away almost as quick as I do.

Hart skips past mom and I to give his "baby brudder" a hug and a kiss each morning. We are lucky to have Hart so eager to help with Cal. Even if we have to tell him to have gentle hands. But that's what big brothers are for! Being rough!

Our sleep schedule has been getting better. The first few nights were rough for mom and with me sleeping with one eye open. She has been working to get Cal to understand nights and days. So far so good!

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We have had our second practice for the preschool and kindergarten t-ball kids. It is going just as expected. We work harder to keep the attention of kids than we do playing ball but they seem to be having fun.

Hartley does a good job falling in line and listening to me while on the field. I am starting to wonder if I should refer to myself as Coach while at home as well.

It is fun to watch the kids interact with one another on the field. They pick up quicker than I expected. So far, no one has ran to the wrong base! I have also learned that when one kid says he has to pee, they all magically have to pee. Sometimes I wonder how teachers do it half the days out of the year.

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## Safety program saving county money

By Michael Tideman

The Emmet County secondary roads safety program is apparently making big savings on Workers' Compensation claims – and the county's Workers' Comp premiums.

That was the message Emmet County Supervisor Todd Glasnapp had for the Emmet County Board of Supervisors at their Tuesday, May 11 meeting.

Glasnapp said he had met with the Iowa Municipal Workers' Compensation Association last week to learn that the county's Workers' Compensation premium will be \$42,500 with discount. That compares with a \$110,000 premium with no discount, Glasnapp said. What helps is the county's MOD factor of .76, or claims ratio. Glasnapp said the lowest the county's MOD factor could possibly be would be .72. He projected a .78 MOD factor for next year.

Glasnapp said secondary roads employees have gone 268 days without a lost-time accident. In addition, he said four more employees have been CPR certified.

"What we're doing is working," Glasnapp said. "I think it really has paid," observed Supervisor John Pluth.

"It's a culture thing," added Supervisor Tim Schumacher. "They (secondary roads employees) bought in" to the safety program, said Pluth.

In other business, Auditor Amy Sathoff reviewed American Rescue Plan guidelines. The county will receive \$1.7 million in COVID relief through the plan. Sathoff provided supervisors with the 151-page guideline before the meeting. She said the Iowa State Association of Counties will glean through the guidelines to provide the essential rules for spending the money. Sathoff serves on a statewide committee that is working to interpret the federal spending guidelines for the ARP.

Supervisor Tim Schumacher said it helps Emmet County that Sathoff is on the committee so she can help facilitate spending guideline adherence locally.

Glasnapp noted he had questions the previous day about how small towns must spend the money. Sathoff said the committee on which she serves will meet again Friday. She said counties have until December 2024 to spend the money.

In another matter, Supervisor Lisa Hansen noted vehicles parking on a county road. Pluth suggested a turnout lane might help resolve the problem.

In the roads report, Emmet County Engineer Walter Davis-Oeth said Heartland Asphalt was working on the N52/A13 project. He also presented a utility permit for 150<sup>th</sup> Street and 450<sup>th</sup> Avenue for board approval. He said the John Deere payload had arrived and went into service Tuesday.

After a closed session, the board approved finding an architect for Courthouse renovation to meet Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. The board also held a second closed session with no decision afterward.

Assessor Barb Bohm conveyed Emmet County Planning and Zoning recommendations to amend the county zoning ordinance to add non-farm single residences on commercial property. After supervisor approval, Bohm said the ordinance change would allow applicants to apply to the Emmet County Board of Adjustment for a conditional use permit on a case-by-case basis.

The issue arose after Leslie and Trace Iverson made an application to build a home at Estherville Golf Course. The Iversons said they want to live on the property to prevent further thefts from occurring.

The supervisors approved setting a public hearing for 9:45 a.m. May 25 to act on the request. Sathoff said second and third readings may be waived.

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## NU School to graduate 49 seniors

Forty nine seniors will receive their diplomas during North Union High School's Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the North Union High School Gymnasium in Armstrong.

The class has chosen the following as their motto: "Nothing We Do Changes The Past; Everything We Do Changes The Future."

The White Rose is the class flower and class colors are Royal Blue and Silver.

Graduating seniors are: Salma Aliter Almanza, Carter Rae Anderson, Rachel Mae Arndorfer, Zack Robert Ashe, Jackson Gabriel Bassett, Kegan James Boland, Evan Randall Bollinger, Amanda Gail Brickner, Aiden John Clausen, Jordyn Lee Cummins, Abby Josephine Deitering, Caden Ray Carl DeVary, Shantel Beth Engeman, Damian Jeremias Freitag, Carys Louise Fuller, Sydney Lynn Gochanour, Olivia Gabriel Guerdet, Michael Charles Hanson, Emma Kay

Haukoos, Carter Alan Johnson, Trevor Gregory Kruse, Ryan Allen Lang, Devon Ikaika Laubenthal, Weston Dean Long, Kaylee Lyn Lowe, Gage Allyn Madden, Ashton Lynn Merrill, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Schuyler Michael Moffitt, Colten Charles Neusch, Shawn William Odegaard, Ariel Lynn Olson, Kevin Younger Olson, Collin Jeffrie Pannhoff, Brenna Linn Petersen, Gavin Matthew - Joe Prentice, Jaden Meadow Quastad, Caleb Corwin Rasch, Shayla Jean

Reese, Halle Madison Rezac, Joe Alexander Rios, Luke Daniel Lee Schmidt, Damien Travis Sell, Katelyn Christine Thackery, Vanessa Renae Von Bank, Madison Hayes Waller, Zylor Delome Watkins, Ashlyn Rae Wickman, Hayden Matthew Work.

Following commencement there will be a congratulatory line outside the school. The event is open to the public and masks are recommended but not required.

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## Ready for Memorial Day and Summer Visitors

The flags are back up and the military statues are back in place. Thank you to Preston Auto and Body for repainting them and thanks to those that helped move them!



## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – 5-13-2021

Emmet County Public Health will be having a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for persons 18 years of age and older on Thursday, May 13th starting at 4:30 P.M. Both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available at this clinic.

Please call Emmet County Public Health at 712-362-2490 to set up an appointment.

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## Stateline Publications Cookbook coming back

A cookbook, being published by Stateline Publications, will be published this summer. This will be a summer cook book and we are asking readers to submit their favorite summer recipes. We need all recipes to be submitted by June 1, 2021.

There are different ways of submitting recipes to us. You can type and email them to clint@armstrongjournal.com or bancroftregister@yahoo.com. You can mail in recipes to us at Box 289, Armstrong, Iowa 50514. You can also bring them in to our offices in Armstrong or Bancroft. We can scan recipes from cook books only if people have the recipes marked and

prepared. Or copies can be left at our offices. Both locations have drop boxes on the front of the building.

We are looking for great recipes that families love to use in the summer. This can include grilling, desserts, salads, etc.

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## Ringsted receives another mural on main street

Sarah Cheever recently completed a mural on Harley Madden's building on the main street of Ringsted. It took her about a month to complete the mural with cattle and grassy fields. Harley Madden had printed off some photos that he liked of cattle. The two talked about what exactly he was picturing for the mural and discussed a price they agreed on. "That's when I started painting," said Sarah. She primed the wall and painted the blue sky/clouds and the green grass. Sarah would check in with Harley periodically to see if he wanted anything small changed and to see if he was happy with everything. "He wanted me to add brands on two of the cows, so we decided on his initials. There was also a small symbol he wanted me to add to the barn. I don't remember what it meant, but it was a double deuce sign," said Sarah.

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## Four new park benches for the gazebo

Four new park benches for the gazebo were purchased by the Ringsted Auxiliary from proceeds of the Monday Lunches at the Legion. The composite recycled plastic benches were purchased from Tretop products and have replaced the previous one that were purchased before the Ringsted Centennial. Future money raised by the Monday noon meal is being used for a new swing for the park. The swing is bench style and can be used by adults to sit on while visiting the park with their children. Pictured enjoying the bench are Emily Lemmons, Emmitt Thomas, and Brenna Ross.

# EMMET COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

## Magistrate court

April 30 – Dennis James Carlson of Estherville was found guilty of domestic abuse assault – 1st offense. The defendant was sentenced to two days in jail and assessed \$60 costs.

May 4 – Ariel Lynn Olson of Armstrong pleaded guilty to at large prohibited (dog running at large). The defendant was fined \$50 and assessed \$60 costs.

## Traffic court

Jose Francisco Rios of Lake Mills was found guilty of failure to prove security against liability. The defendant was fined \$435 and assessed \$46.48 costs and a \$131.25 surcharge.

May 2 – Josue John Cantu of Swea City pleaded guilty to assault and disorderly conduct – fighting or violent behavior. The defendant was fined \$300 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$30 surcharge.

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The good acquire a taste for helpful conversation; bullies push and shove their way through life. Careful words make for a careful life; careless talk may ruin everything.

Proverbs 13:2-3

## From afar . . . May 12, 2021 Moving the Ringsted Depot

For some unexplained reason, the Ringsted Depot was originally built half way across Main Street so that horse-drawn carriages had to make a half-circle detour toward the north to get around it and proceed westward to the west on that same street. How awkward? It was more of a problem once automobiles and trucks became popular.

has been heard and the matter seemed forgotten for yet another span of time. This new announcement comes as a complete surprise to the Ringsted community.

The Depot was built in late 1899, so it has been impeding traffic by extending out to the middle of Main Street for nearly 17 years causing horses and automobiles to make an awkward half circle detour around it. Sometimes it takes lots of patience to accomplish objectives. This was a prime example. The depot should have been built a hundred feet further to the south or a block further to the north. It was a poor decision when the town plat was drawn a few years back—in 1899. Now the citizens will have to get used to the new location for our lovely depot.

# Legal Publications

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## Your Right To Know Proceedings of Emmet County Board of Supervisors

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes April 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Jeff Quastad, Chair Tim Schumacher, Vice-Chair John Pluth, joined the meeting at 9:10 am

Todd Glasnapp Lisa K. Hansen, joined the meeting telephonically via Zoom

Absent:

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Quastad, Chair, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp to approve the minutes from last week's meeting with one clarification, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During Public Forum, Quastad reported on an ECCOG meeting he recently attended and on the Central Iowa Detention meeting he attended.

Emmet County Auditor, Amy M. Sathoff reported that early voting has begun for May 11, 2021 City of Armstrong Special Election. Voters may cast their ballots in person from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at the Emmet County Auditor's Office. Due to recent legislation ballots cannot be mailed out as of 5:00 pm yesterday.

Emmet County Sheriff, Mike Martens and Emmet County Assessor, Barb Bohm joined the meeting. Sheriff Martens presented an Analysis of a Courthouse Security Survey he had distributed to Emmet County Courthouse employees and a breakdown by office of the estimated costs associated with the Security Plan. The estimated cost is \$245,530 for implementation of all of the Courthouse Security Plan.

Martens suggested that the Plan could be implemented in stages with priorities given to those Departments with the greatest risk.

Sheriff Martens did mention that some Departments do not presently close their entry doors and that they really should as a first line of defense.

The Board and Martens discussed various impact resistant options available.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Pluth to have Sheriff Martens start with exploration of a door for the Assessor's office. All ayes, motion carried.

LeRoy Strong representing the Armstrong VFW joined the meeting to ask for abatement of the Armstrong VFW's 2019 property taxes. Emmet County Treasurer, Brenda Moore also joined the meeting. Supervisor Pluth noted that the 2019 property taxes Estherville VFW property taxes had already been abated and both Armstrong and Estherville's future property taxes are abated. He also noted that the Emmet County Board of Review made the determination that the VFW property taxes were to be abated and that the Emmet County Board of Supervisors did not agree with that decision.

Motion by Pluth, second by Glasnapp to abate the Armstrong VFW's 2019 property taxes. Supervisor Schumacher requested a roll call vote: Ayes: Quastad, Glasnapp, Pluth. Nays: Schumacher and Supervisor Hansen abstained from the vote.

Auditor Sathoff asked the Board to allow her to appoint an Elections Deputy. Sathoff is making the request in preparation for Emmet County compliance with SF413. Motion by Schumacher, second by Pluth to allow Auditor to appoint an Election Deputy at her discretion. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (c). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Glasnapp, Schumacher, Quastad, Hansen and Pluth. Nays: None.

No decisions were made during the closed session.

Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher to come out of closed session. All ayes, motion carried.

Denise Ballard and Cindy Allen with the IGHP Health Insurance Trust joined the meeting to present Emmet County's July 1, 2021 Health Insurance Renewal. Heidi Goebel, Auditor's Assistant introduced the Supervisors to Denise and Cindy. Walter Davis-Oeth joined the meeting telephonically via Zoom.

Ballard reported that the IGHP (Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan) Trust currently services 36 entities and has 9,657 members. The Trust provides

partial self-funding to meet many plan designs. The Trust also provides lower administration fees due to controlling renewal costs through pooling.

The IGHP Trust group average increase since 2006 is 2.90%. The Wellmark Trend for increases has been 7.85% during the same time frame.

Ballard shared the 2020 Trust Claims and Premium by Month for the entire Trust and an Emmet County Savings Analysis from the time Emmet County joined the Trust. Ballard reported on the 2020 Claims and Premium by Month, and a PSF utilization by plan year for Emmet County.

Ballard shared two monthly reports that the Emmet County Auditor's office receives from Employee Benefit Systems and overviewed the PSF (partial-self fund) process. She reviewed health current insurance benefits, PSF Risk and Utilization figures also. Emmet County's Trust Health Insurance Trust Fund Balance is \$621,871.31. Her recommendation would be to bring that fund balance down on a gradual basis.

Ballard met with Auditor Sathoff, Walter Davis-Oeth and Heidi Goebel to discuss employee concerns regarding plan design and costs associated with the renewal previously quoted.

Ballard is recommending a 5.17% decrease for the July 1, 2021 renewal in order to lower that fund balance and make the monthly premiums are more affordable.

Ballard also presented the current Dental Renewal and an Alternative. Currently Emmet County has three plans and Ballard is recommending going to one improved alternate. Motion by Pluth, second by Glasnapp to approve the alternate plan beginning July 1, 2021 with Emmet County paying \$18.75 of the monthly premium for employees that participate.

Ayes: Hansen, Glasnapp, Pluth and Schumacher. Nays: Quastad. Motion carried.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp to approve the -5.17% Health Insurance Renewal. All ayes, motion carried.

Ballard did present the vision renewal and alternates. Consensus of the Board to keep the Vision with the current plan. For future planning purposes Ballard recommended that Emmet County form an Insurance Committee, review all benefit design and pricing, evaluate the plan design and consider alternate plan designs in the future.

Emmet County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth presented Resolution #21-13 to temporarily close West 14th Avenue North, from the intersection of 370th Avenue to the intersection of 375th Avenue (approximately .5 miles) due to regrading and graveling. Motion by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp to adopt Resolution #21-13. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Schumacher, Hansen, Glasnapp, Pluth, and Quastad. Nays: None. Full text of the Resolution can be found at [www.emmetcountyia.gov](http://www.emmetcountyia.gov) or viewed in the Emmet County Auditor's Office.

Davis-Oeth also presented Resolution #21-14 to temporarily close A13 from intersection of N40 and N52 (approximately 4 miles) due to asphalt resurfacing. Motion by Pluth, second by Glasnapp to adopt Resolution #21-14. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Schumacher, Hansen, Glasnapp, Pluth and Quastad. Nays: None. Full text of the Resolution can be found at [www.emmetcountyia.gov](http://www.emmetcountyia.gov) or viewed in the Emmet County Auditor's Office.

Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher to approve the following joint drainage district claim and forward to Dickinson County for payment:  
District  
Vendor  
Description  
Amount

ECD 61 Main  
Stacy Krieger  
Beaver Trapping  
\$1,150.00

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plans:  
Owner  
Facility Name  
Site Number

Mike Kollasch  
Jack Creek Site  
#64637

Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor  
Jeff Quastad, Chair

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## Swea City man arrested on May 2nd

A Swea City man was arrested Saturday morning at the Wolden Park Campground in Emmet County.

According to Emmet County Sheriff Mike Martens, while sheriff's deputies were on the scene of a medical emergency at 12:15 am Sunday May 2nd, 2021 they received

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Name of Applicant: K&T Olson Swine 3 LLC**  
Location of the proposed construction: Section 17 of Jack Creek Township.

Type of confinement feeding operation structure proposed: Revise the Master Matrix only, with no new construction, for the first two swine finisher confinement buildings permitted in 2018 at an existing swine confinement swine facility.

Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after Construction: 1999.60 animal units. (4999 head of finishing swine)

A public hearing will be held on May 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Emmet County Courthouse. Comments will be forwarded to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Examination: The application is on file at Emmet County Auditor's Office and is available for public inspection during the following days: Monday-Friday and hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Comments: Written comments may be filed at the Emmet County Auditor's Office, until the following deadline: May 17, 2021. Comments will be forwarded to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

For further details, contact: The Emmet County Auditor's Office, 609 1st Ave. N., Estherville IA 51334, 712.362.4261. Email: [asathoff@emmetcountyia.com](mailto:asathoff@emmetcountyia.com).

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## Notice of Forfeiture of Real Estate Contract

April 26, 2021

YOU and each of you are hereby notified:

(1) The written contract dated December 5, 2020 and recorded on December 7, 2020 as Reference Number 2020-01728 and executed by Oak Tree Properties, LLC, Inc., Vendor and C&J Holdings Inc., Vendee for the sale of the following described real estate:

Block 3 of Baseball Addition to the Town of Ringsted, Emmet County, Iowa  
Parcel: 1221233005  
Address 308 E. Maple St. Ringsted, IA 50578

Has not been complied with the following particulars:  
(a) Failure to make full monthly payments (6 Months) \$2144.16  
(b) Late Fees \$240.00  
(c) Taxes Owed \$583.00  
(d) Service Fees to be invoiced after service \$

**Total: \$2967.16**

(2) The contract shall stand forfeited unless the parties in default, within 30 days after the completed service of this notice, shall perform the terms and conditions in default, and in addition pay the reasonable costs of serving this notice.

Oak Tree Properties, LLC  
Vendor  
Mike Klemme, Manager  
520 4th St. SW Ste A  
Le Mars, Ia 51031  
(712) 541-6899

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**Armstrong City Wide Garage Sales**  
May 13-15  
Maps available.

a report of a disturbance in-progress within the same campground. Upon investigation by the sheriff's office, Josue Cantu age (18) was placed under arrest and transported to the Emmet County Jail where he was booked and charged with Assault and Disorderly conduct.

A charge is merely an allegation and all suspects are presumed innocent unless or until they are found guilty in a court of law.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Claims To Approve - City of Armstrong 26-Apr-21

Armstrong Building Supply supplies	\$12.00
Dahl Snow removal snow removal	\$100.00
Henkel Water Plant payment #9 and #11	\$124,533.01
Judy Griese water line repair	\$1,063.05
Oleson Chiropractic drug screen	\$45.00
One Source Recycle bin supplies	\$383.13
Powerplan payloader windshield replace	\$1,018.77
Presto X Pest Control	\$40.00
TG Industries repair supplies	\$97.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$127,292.54</b>

GENERAL FUND	\$1,063.05
WATER FUND	\$124,533.01
GARBAGE FUND	\$383.13
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	\$1,273.35
PARKS & RECREATION	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$127,292.54</b>

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**Remember to CALL Before You Dig!**

## Emmetsburg man arrested in Emmet County

An Emmetsburg man is facing charges as the result of a traffic stop in Emmet County. According to Emmet County Sheriff Mike Martens a sheriff's deputy on patrol April 20th observed a southbound vehicle in the 1800 block of 370th Avenue driving erratically. As a result, a traffic stop was initiated.

Upon investigation at the scene the driver Shawn Krause age (58) was placed under arrest for Operation While Intoxicated. Upon further investigation a search warrant was executed on the vehicle that Krause was driving and controlled substances and drug paraphernalia were seized. Krause was booked into the Emmet County Jail where he was charged with OWI 1st Offense, Possession of Marijuana 1st Offense, Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

A charge is merely an allegation and all suspects are presumed innocent unless or until they are found guilty in a court of law.

Since I began writing these columns soon twelve years ago, I've been curious about "when" the 1899 depot was finally moved a block toward the north to get it out of the roadway. All I wanted was a date of the move; was it in 1912 or 1915? When did it happen?

Years went by, and my many attempts to determine a date of the move came no closer to being resolved. Not too many months ago I came upon a photo looking EAST down main street which revealed that the "new creamery" was shown to the left (NORTH) of the depot which was still straddling the street. This meant that the creamery was already built before the moving of the depot. That was a big clue. So I came to learn that the creamery was approved to be built in mid-1915.

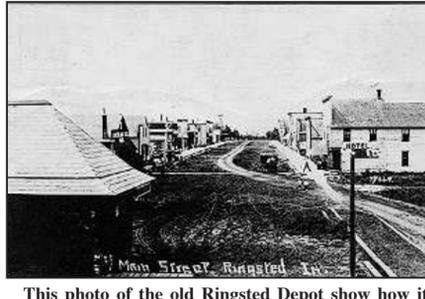
If it was "up and running" a year later that would indicate that the depot was still half-way across Main Street in mid-1916.

I called Gayle Petersen of Ringsted to seek her help, so she told me to use the "on-line" index to the Dispatch for that span of years. I simply didn't know that the digital index was available. Within a few minutes I had the desired information. The article that sealed the deal was in the 17 Aug 1916 issue of the Dispatch—big as life.

## Ringsted Dispatch: 17 Aug 1916 Here it is, word for word.

Northwest Depot to be moved

An official from the Northwestern Railroad was in town Monday and gave out information that the depot will be moved at once. He staked out the foundation at the new site and said that workmen will be here on Monday to begin work on the new foundation. He stated that an Algona firm has been given the contract to move the building, and it should be done in a timely manner. A large telephone pole just west of Queal Lumber Yard must be moved, and we've learned that Harry Fink has already done it. The proposition of moving the depot and opening up Main Street across the tracks on the present site of the depot was agitated this past spring, but since then nothing



This photo of the old Ringsted Depot show how it was built right across the street for some questionable reason. Keep in mind that the depot was very close to the grain elevator and the associated office. Notice that the first "business" beyond the depot was the blacksmith shop and the second one was a livery stable. Across the street to the right was one of Ringsted's three hotels at that time. It's fun to notice that the main traveled wagon tracks went right down the middle of Main Street. It would appear that all wheels went in those ruts. Pay attention to the curve in the traffic pattern. It makes a half-circle to avoid getting too close to the depot. In the distance you can barely make out the spire of St. Paul's church...two blocks away.

On New Year's Eve 1911, the hotel shown here burned to the ground. One year later, the new Opera House was dedicated on New Year's Eve 1912 on the same parcel of ground.



**From afar . . .**  
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## Champion eater beats Bud's Challenge

By Michael Tidemann

Professional eater Randy Santel of St. Louis, Mo., Friday snarfed down a 12-egg Bud's Café Belly Buster Omelet Breakfast Challenge in 13:48, smashing the previous 15-minute record.

Santel, who has his own YouTube channel and Facebook page, brought along his own entourage of fans, including a family from La Cross, Wis. He's been a professional eater since 2013. Friday's was win 983, breaking that many eating challenge records.

"It's definitely a unique calling," said Santel, who is currently studying to become a dietician. Accompanying him was his pet bear Leonidas.

Santel has won eating challenges in all 50 states and 37 counties. Friday's win came on the heels of a seven-pound curry challenge in Omaha, Neb., Monday's challenge was 100 ounces of chislic in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Santel got his \$35.99 meal free—that's the deal that Bud's owner Diane Petersen offers anyone who can finish the gargantuan meal within an hour. His meal included a side of Texas toast and a caramel/pecan roll.



Professional eater Randy Santel of St. Louis, Mo., beat the previous record of the Bud's Belly Buster Omelet Breakfast Challenge with a time of 13:48, beating the previous record of 15 minutes. Serving Santel a pecan/caramel roll was Bud's owner Diane Petersen.

## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 459 reports on May meeting

The May 4, 2021 meeting of the Armstrong, IA American Legion Auxiliary Unit 459 was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Delores Gram at the home of Jeanie McElwee. President Gram opened the meeting with a prayer and a moment of silence in honor of the deceased veterans and our deceased American Legion Auxiliary members. Four members answered roll call, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and said the ALA Preamble... Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was presented by Cindy Mathiason. Approved.

Old Business: Poppies have been received.

New Business: Discussion of Memorial Day events/participation in Armstrong. Discussion of poppy sales.

President Gram reported the ALA spring 2021 Emmet County meeting has been cancelled.

District Eight Spring Conference was held in Wesley, IA April 11, 2021 Sheryl Nichols moved that a donation be given to the Armstrong Museum in memory of Helen Petersen. Seconded by Cindy Mathiason. Carried.

Jeanie McElwee moved to send a donation to the veteran at the Iowa

Veterans Home – Marshalltown, IA who assembled the poppies for Unit 459. Seconded by Sheryl Nichols. Carried.

Poppies will be sold May 26 – May 31, 2021.

Closing prayer given by President Gram. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm. Lunch was served by hostess Jeanie McElwee.

Jeanie McElwee, Secretary

## Get Your Recipes in!

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**June 1.**

Email them to  
[clint@armstrongjournal.com](mailto:clint@armstrongjournal.com)  
or [bancroftregister@yahoo.com](mailto:bancroftregister@yahoo.com).

Mail recipes to:  
Box 289, Armstrong, Iowa 50514.  
Drop them off: offices in Armstrong or Bancroft.

### Longhenny grab gold at Britt

By Greg Grabianowski

BRITT—Winning a pair of individual events, the North Union Warrior girls' track squad placed fourth with 97 points at the West Hancock Co-Ed Relays on Monday, May 3.

The two young ladies earning gold medals at Britt were Sam Nielsen in the high jump at 5' 0" and Anna Longhenny in the 100-meter hurdles with a winning time of 16.57.

Silver medal winners for the Warriors included Lily Henderson in the 800-meter run in 2:41.94; Beth Strueber in the 400-meter hurdles with a clocking of 1:21.76 and the 4 x 800-meter relay crew of Hanna Sandvig, Cassie Beadle, Libby Stevens and Henderson in 11:30.53.

Third place winners were Beadle in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:44.10 and the sprint medley relay unit of Abby Deitering, Vanessa Von Bank, Naomi Jones and Strueber in 2:08.13.

Also ending up third was the shuttle hurdle relay quartet of Shelby Fraker, Olivia Guerdet, Longhenny and Nielsen with a clocking of 1:14.56 along with the 4 x 100-meter relay group of Ella Ulrich, Jones, Fraker and Longhenny in 54.84 and the 4 x 400-meter relay foursome of Henderson, Beadle, Sandvig and Stevens with a time of 4:43.21.

Fourth place winners were Olivia Von Bank in the high jump at a height of 4' 6"; Ulrich in the 100-meter dash in 13.96, the distance medley relay team of Olivia Von Bank, Angely Cifuentes, Stevens and Sandvig with a clocking of 5:23.98 and the 4 x 200-meter relay squad of Vanessa Von Bank, Ulrich, Jones and Deitering in 1:59.86.

Finishing fifth was Hannah Mophew in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 6:15.21 and Fraker in the 100-meter hurdle in 17.70 while teammates Olivia Merrill in the shot put with a toss of 31' 2" and MaKayla

Burt in the discus with a throw of 90' 8" both placed sixth.

Olivia Merrill was sixth in the shot put with a heave of 31' 2" for the green-black-and-silver as did MaKayla Burt in the discus with a throw of 90' 8".

West Hancock Co-Ed Relays Girls Final Team Standings—1. Central Springs 156; 2. West Hancock 123; 3. West Fork 110; 4. North Union 97; 5. North Iowa 52; 6. Lake Mills 38

North Union Results  
1st Place—Sam Nielsen, High Jump 5' 0"; Anna Longhenny, 100-Meter Hurdles 16.57  
2nd Place—Lily Henderson, 800-Meter Run 2:41.94; Beth Strueber, 400-Meter Hurdles 1:21.76; 4 x 800-Meter Relay (Hanna Sandvig, Cassie Beadle, Libby Stevens, Henderson) 11:30.53  
3rd Place—Beadle, 800-Meter Run 2:44.10; Sprint Medley Relay (Abby Deitering, Vanessa Von Bank, Naomi Jones, Strueber) 2:08.13; Shuttle Hurdle Relay (Longhenny, Shelby Fraker, Olivia Guerdet, Nielsen) 1:14.56; 4 x 100-Meter Relay (Ella Ulrich, Jones, Fraker, Longhenny) 4:43.21  
4th Place—Olivia Von Bank, High Jump 4' 6"; Ulrich, 100-Meter Dash 13.96; Distance Medley Relay (Olivia Von Bank, Angely Cifuentes, Stevens, Sandvig) 5:23.98; 4 x 200-Meter Relay (Ulrich, Jones, Vanessa Von Bank, Deitering) 1:59.86  
5th Place—Fraker, 100-Meter Hurdles 17.79; Hanna Mophew, 1,500-Meter Run 6:15.21  
6th Place—Olivia Merrill, Shot Put 31' 2"; MaKayla Burt, Discus 90' 8"  
9th Place—Merrill, Discus 80' 9"; Ashlyn Wickman, Long Jump 11' 6"; Maggie Engelby, 100-Meter Dash 15.33  
10th Place—Wickman, 200-Meter Dash 33.06; Michaela Carranza, 400-Meter Dash 1:37.33  
11th Place—Burt, Shot Put 24' 2"

### Prochniak continues to win at Britt

By Greg Grabianowski

The only seventh place for North Union went to Guerdet in the 800-meter run in 2:19.47 while the lone eighth place winner was Gavyn Mophew in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:32.84.

West Hancock Co-Ed Relays Boys' Final Team Standings—1. Central Springs 171; 2. West Fork 102; 3. Lake Mills 96; 4. West Hancock 94; 5. North Union 73; 6. North Iowa 40

North Union Results  
1st Place—Bryer Prochniak, 100-Meter Dash 11.14; Prochniak, 200-Meter Dash 23.54  
2nd Place—Carter Anderson, High Jump 5' 10"; Anderson, 110-Meter High Hurdles 16.37; Nick Schiltz, 3,200-Meter Run 11:15.32; 4 x 100-Meter Relay (Anderson, Aiden Fries, Carter Mophew, Prochniak) 47.22  
3rd Place—Anderson, 400-Meter Hurdles 1:01.95  
4th Place—Fries, 100-Meter Dash 11.99; 4 x 800-Meter Relay (Preston Guerdet, Nick Arndorfer, Kaden Laabs, Gavyn Mophew) 10:05.42  
5th Place—Sprint Medley Relay (Izaak Martens, Carter Mophew, Prochniak, Fries) 1:46.90; Distance Medley Relay (Martens, Colin Rasch, Trevor Kruse, Dalton Tobin) 4:43.82  
6th Place—Carter Mophew, 110-Meter High Hurdles 17.25; 4 x 200-Meter Relay (Zach Asche, Rasch, Shawn Odegaard, Kruse) 2:00.84; 4 x 400-Meter Relay (Arndorfer, Schiltz, Laabs, Gavyn Mophew) 10:05.42  
7th Place—Guerdet, 800-Meter Run 2:19.47  
8th Place—Gavyn Mophew, 1,600-Meter Run 5:32.84  
9th Place—Rasch, Shot Put 37' 9 1/2"; Martens, Discus 107' 8"  
10th Place—Laabs, 800-Meter Run 2:37.35; Liam Kollasch, 1,600-Meter Run 5:51.31

### Nielsen wins conference high jump crown

By Greg Grabianowski

EAGLE GROVE—Junior Sam Nielsen soared 5' 0" to claim first place in the high jump at the Top of Iowa Conference girls' track meet on Thursday, May 6.

North Union finished in fourth place in the nine-team field with a team total of 66.5 as Bishop Garrigan won the league with a winning team score of 137 points.

The only second place for the green-black-and-silver was turned in by the 4 x 800-meter relay crew of Hanna Sandvig, Cassie Beadle, Libby Stevens and Lily Henderson in 11:19.00.

Individual third places went to Hannah Mophew in the 3,000-meter run with a clocking of 13:28.50, Anna Longhenny in the 100-meter hurdles in 16.54 and Henderson in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:37.37.

Third place Warrior relays included the shuttle hurdle relay team of Shelby Fraker, Olivia Guerdet, Longhenny and Nielsen in 1:14.18; the distance medley relay unit of Ella Ulrich, Olivia Von Bank, Stevens and Beadle with a clocking of 5:04.54 and the 4 x 100-meter relay quartet of Naomi Jones, Ulrich, Fraker and Longhenny in 53.88.

The lone fourth place went to Olivia Merrill in the shot put with a toss of 33' 1 1/4" with the only individual fifth place going to Beth Strueber in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:21.77.

Fifth place North Union relays were the sprint medley relay squad of Abby Deitering, Vanessa Von Bank, Naomi Jones, Beth Strueber 2:11.19 3,000-Meter Run—1. Lili Nelson, Forest City 12:26.53; 3. Hannah Mophew, North Union 13:28.59  
4 x 800-Meter Relay—1. Forest City 11:09.22; 2. North Union (Hanna Sandvig, Cassie Beadle, Libby Stevens, Lily Henderson) 11:19.00  
Shuttle Hurdle Relay—1. Bishop City 174.5; 2. West Hancock 77; 3. Belmont-Klemme 75; 4. Lake Mills 65.5; 5. North Union 61; 6. Eagle Grove 38; 7. Bishop Garrigan 38; 8. Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 31; 9. North Iowa 23

First Place Winners + North Union Results  
Shot Put—1. Audi Crooks, Bishop Garrigan 41' 7 3/4"; 4. Olivia Merrill, North Union 33' 1 3/4"; 11. MaKayla Burt, North Union 26' 5 3/4"  
Discus—1. Crooks, Bishop Garrigan 107' 3"; 7. Burt, North Union 80' 3 3/2"; 11. Merrill, North Union 72' 3"  
High Jump—1. Sam Nielsen, North Union 5' 0"; 6. Olivia Von Bank, North Union 4' 6"  
Long Jump—1. Molly Joyce, Bishop Garrigan 17' 1 3/4"; 11. Ashlyn Wickman, North Union 11' 7"  
Sprint Medley Relay—1. Bishop Garrigan 2:00.23; 5. North Union (Abby Deitering, Vanessa Von Bank, Naomi Jones, Beth Strueber) 2:11.19  
3,000-Meter Run—1. Lili Nelson, Forest City 12:26.53; 3. Hannah Mophew, North Union 13:28.59  
4 x 800-Meter Relay—1. Forest City 11:09.22; 2. North Union (Hanna Sandvig, Cassie Beadle, Libby Stevens, Lily Henderson) 11:19.00  
Shuttle Hurdle Relay—1. Bishop City 174.5; 2. West Hancock 77; 3. Belmont-Klemme 75; 4. Lake Mills 65.5; 5. North Union 61; 6. Eagle Grove 38; 7. Bishop Garrigan 38; 8. Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 31; 9. North Iowa 23

Distance Medley Relay—1. Belmont-Klemme 3:51.77  
400-Meter Dash—1. Holland, Forest City 53.01; Dalton Tobin, North Union 1:07.21  
4 x 200-Meter Relay—1. Belmont-Klemme 1:37.70; 6. North Union (Izaak Martens, Trevor Kruse, Colin Rasch, Shawn Odegaard) 1:51.81  
110-Meter High Hurdles—1. Weaver, Forest City 16.13; 2. Anderson, North Union 16.31; 4. Carter Mophew, North Union 17.00  
800-Meter Run—1. Isaac Swanson, Belmont-Klemme 2:06.62; 11. Gavyn Mophew, North Union 2:26.70; 13. Laabs, North Union 2:32.68  
200-Meter Dash—1. Prochniak, North Union 23.05  
400-Meter Hurdles—1. Kaleb Carlson, Belmont-Klemme 59.52; 3. Anderson, North Union 1:00.96; 14. Kruse, North Union 1:11.03  
1,600-Meter Run—1. Hovinga, Forest City 4:52.81; 2. Guerdet, North Union 4:54.79; 8. Schiltz, North Union 5:12.14  
4 x 100-Meter Relay—1. Lake Mills 46.12; 7. North Union (Martens, Fries, Carter Mophew, Prochniak) 50.38  
4 x 400-Meter Relay—1. West Hancock 3:38.56; 8. North Union (Laabs, Kollasch, Kruse, Anderson) 4:29.80

### Upcoming Events at North Union

By Ashton Merrill

The month of May is very busy for the North Union High School students! Here are a few of the recent/upcoming events for the month of May:

- May 12th: North Union Cheer Tryouts at 3:15 p.m., NHS induction at 5 p.m., Senior Awards night at 6 p.m. with Baccalaureate to follow.
- May 13th: District Track at Northwood Kensett beginning at 4 p.m.
- May 14th: Boys Golf Sectionals in Rock Rapids beginning at 10 a.m.
- May 15th: Trap Shooting Meet in Algona, time TBD
- May 16th: Graduation Ceremony in Armstrong at 1:30 p.m.
- May 17th: Girls Golf Regionals in Lake Mills beginning at 10 a.m.
- May 18th: Senior Trip!
- May 19th: Trap Shooting Meet in Algona, time TBD
- May 20th: Preschool Graduation at 6:30 p.m. in Fenton
- May 21st: Last Day of School, Trap Shooting Meet in Ruthven with a time TBD, Boys District Gold in Sioux City beginning at 10 a.m.
- May 22nd: Trap Shooting Meet in Algona with a time TBD
- May 24th: Girls Golf Regionals in Mason City beginning at 10 a.m.

Good luck to the participants in these activities for the rest of the year!

### Prochniak is conference champ in 100, 200-meter dashes

By Greg Grabianowski

EAGLE GROVE—North Union sophomore Bryer Prochniak was a double winner at the Top of Iowa Conference boys' track meet on Thursday, May 6. The green-black-and-silver finished in fifth place overall in the team standings with 61 points.

Prochniak dashed his way to first place in the 100-meter dash in 11.13 and later took the 200-meter dash with his time of 23.05 for the only gold medals for the Warriors in the meet.

Silver medal winners were Carter Anderson in the 110-meter high hurdles in 16.31 along with Preston Guerdet in the 1,600-meter run with a clocking of 4:54.79 and Nick Schiltz in the 3,200-meter run in 11:12.22.

Anderson ended up in third place in both the high jump at a height of 5' 8" and the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:00.96 as the lone fourth place went to Carter Mophew in the 110-meter high hurdles in 17.00.

The only sixth place winner for North Union on Thursday at Eagle Grove was the 4 x 200-meter relay crew of Izaak Martens, Trevor Kruse, Colin Rasch and Shawn Odegaard with a clocking of 1:51.81.

Finishing seventh at Eagle Grove was the 4 x 800-meter relay foursome of Gavyn Mophew, Kaden Laabs, Liam Kollasch and Guerdet in 9:58.91 and the 4 x 100-meter relay group of Carter Mophew, Martens, Fries and Prochniak with a time of 50.38.

Eighth-place winners for the green-black-and-silver were Fries in the 100-meter dash in 12.24 along with Schiltz in the 1,600-meter run with a clocking of 5:12.14 and the 4 x 100-meter relay quartet of Laabs, Kollasch, Kruse and Anderson in 4:29.80.

Top of Iowa Conference Boys' Final Team Standings—1. Forest

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# North Union places second at home meet

By Clinton J. Davis  
The North Union boys golf team finished second at home on Tuesday, May 4th. They fell to the tough Lake Mills boys team by only five strokes. Placing last in the triangular was North Iowa. Lake Mills finished with a score of 170. North Union ended with 175 and North Iowa at 194.

Five North Union golfers placed their final scores in the 40's. Sophomore golfer, Teagon Fothergill, shot 43 which put him tied for third place on the evening. He pored three times at his home course which included the par 4 hole two, par 4 hole 5, and the par 4 hole 6. Fothergill continues to show dominance on the course by shooting three strokes under his 9-hole average on the season.

Three North Union golfers finished the evening with a final score of 44. They all tied for 5th place. Parker Eichenberger, Junior, shot two par twice on the evening. That included the par 4 hole 5 and the par 3 hole 7. Eichenberger's final score of 44 was two strokes under his 9-hole average on the season and only four strokes away from tying his 9-hole low of 40. Another Sophomore golfer

showing promise for the season and future, Chase Cummins, shot 44 at his home course. Cummins shot par on the par 4 hole 5. His 44 tied his season low of 2021. Senior, Gage Madden, was the other North Union golfer to shoot 44. This was his best round of 2021. He shot five shots below is 9-hole average on the season. Junior golfer, Nick Schiltz, was next on the North Union scorecard with a final of 46. This was Nick's fourth varsity round on the season and was good enough to shoot two under his 9-hole average.

Tanner Boever, Junior, rounded out the North Union golfers with a final of 53. This was his third varsity round of 2021 and was four strokes below his 9-hole average.

# Vanessa VonBank runs away with win at home

The North Union Lady Warriors have broken or tied every school record that was set in 2019 this season. All that stands in their way is preparing for Regional golf in a week. The first round of Regionals will be played at Lake Mills.

Last week they played in a Triangular against Lake Mills and North Iowa at home in Armstrong. Strong winds made the day tougher for nearly all the golfers, as well as a crisp 60 degrees. North Union placed first, defeating Lake Mills by 51 strokes. North Iowa did not have enough players for a team score. North Union scored 200 as a team with Lake Mills shooting 251.

Senior, Vanessa VonBank, was the medalist after shooting a 46. Her score was two strokes under her 9-hole average on the year. VonBank shot par on the tricky Par 3, 3rd hole along with the tough Par 5, 4th hole. This was Vanessa's second first place finish on the season. Jordyn Cummins, Senior, placed as the runner-up with a final score of 51. She shot par on the par 3, 7th hole. Halle Rezac, Senior, also finished with a 51 but lost the runner-up spot after the card back review. She shot par on the tough par 5, 4th hole. Rezac was one stroke under her 9-hole average on the season.

# North Union boys place second at conference meet

By Clinton J. Davis  
The North Union Warrior golf team played their 18-hole conference match at the golf course in Lake Mills. The team scored 348 and was good enough for second overall. Lake Mills won the tournament easily.

Sophomore, Teagon Fothergill, placed 6th overall with a final 18-hole score of 81, earning him All Conference honors. Placing 9th overall and earning All Conference honors was Chase Cummins with a final score of

Chase Cummins	44
Teagon Fothergill	43
Gage Madden	44
Nick Schiltz	46
Tanner Boever	53
North Iowa - 194	
Dominyk Price	51
Max Schaefer	50
Logan Knudson	51
Grant Walsh	48
Xander Silber	45
Kade Hobbs	53

Lake Mills - 170	
Bennet Berger	39
Medalist	
Casey Hanson	49
Garrett Ham	41
Runner-Up	
Peyton Severson	47
Denton Kinsland	43
Kinser Hanson	51

North Union - 175	
Parker Eichenberger	44

finished fourth on the Warriors score cards with a 52. She scored par on the par 4, 2nd hole. Carys Fuller, Senior, played her fifth round of the season and finished with a 58 at home. Her final score was one shot under her 9-hole average on the 2021 season. Rounding out the North Union score card was Freshman, Amelia Fothergill with a 64.

North Union's score of 200 was the teams lowest score on the challenging Par 38 home course.

<b>NORTH UNION - 200</b>	
Vanessa Von Bank 46-Medalist	
Jordyn Cummins 51-Runner Up	
Halle Rezac 51	
Olivia Von Bank 52	
Carys Fuller 58	
Amelia Fothergill 64	

<b>LAKE MILLS - 251</b>	
Makenna Hanson 52	
Jadyn Hengesteg 65	
Lindsey Hershey 67	
Madison Levine 67	
Caelin Barbour 68	
Kenna Vanek 74	

<b>NORTH IOWA - Not enough players for team score</b>	
Laura Wibben 61	
Hannah Boeckelman 64	
Jasmel Pachecho 74	

84. Parker Eichenberger shot 40 on the front 9 and 50 on the back 9 with an overall score of 90, placing him tied for 16th overall. Gage Madden shot 46 on the front 9 and 47 on the back 9, placing him 19th overall with a final score of 93.

Nick Schiltz placed 30th by shooting 54 on the front 9 and 46 on the back 9, with a total of 100. Senior, Michael Hanson, tied for 31st with a 52 on the front 9 and a 49 on the back 9, totaling 101.

# Good Luck to the North Union Warrior Golf Teams!

## Boys look forward to Sectionals

By Clinton J. Davis

The North Union boys Golf Team will begin Sectional play on Friday, May 14th. Teams competing on the 14th are: North Union, Boyden-Hull, Central Lyon, Rock Valley, Sibley-Ocheyedan, West Lyon, West Sioux, Christian Hull.

These teams will be participating in an 18-hole match taking the best

four scores from each team to compile a team score. The top two teams will advance from this competition to the District level competition. In addition, they will take the top two individual scores that are not on a winning team to districts.

So far this season, Chase Cummins has the Warriors only first place finish but Teagon Fothergill has 1 runner-up and Parker Eichenberger has 2 run-

ner-up finishes. North Union Head Coach, Wes Gibbs, is happy with how the Warriors season has been playing out. "My golfers have improved their scores going from high 40's and low 50's to consistently hitting around the mid 40's and low 40's."

North Union is 12-6 on the season and have been competitive in nearly all of their matches. "I feel with more consistent practice over the summer

and a little time the team will be a great spot for next season as well," Gibbs stated.

Seniors Kegan Boland, Carter Anderson, Michael Hanson, and Gage Madden will be heading into their final rounds. North Union has some great young golfers including sophomore's Chase Cummins and Teagon Fothergill. The only freshman on the team, Danyal Fothergill, has shown some good rounds as well. Juniors looking forward to finishing strong this season and performing well next season are Tanner Boever and Parker Eichenberger.

"This is a team that I feel can consistently put scores in the mid to low 40's and by next year I think we will see some breaking into the high 30's more consistently."

**Sectionals, Friday  
May 14 - Rock River  
Golf Course, Rock  
Rapids**

**Districts, Thursday,  
May 21 -  
Whispering Creek  
Golf Club, Sioux City**



North Union High School Boys Golf Team members are front row: Kegan Boland, Gage Madden, Mike Hanson, Carter Anderson; back row: coach Wes Gibbs, Parker Eichenberger, Tanner Boever, Teagon Fothergill, Cole Hanson, Nick Schiltz, Kadin Walter, Danyal Fothergill and Chase Cummins.

# Halle Rezac voted Player of the Year

By Clinton J. Davis



The North Union Warriors placed 2nd at Conference with a team score of 360. This broke the school record. Individually, all of the Lady Warriors placed in the top 20. This was a 18-hole matchup. Carys Fuller finished 19th with a 115. Amelia Fothergill placed 12th with a final score of 99. Vanessa VonBank placed 11th with a final score of 96.

Medal winners and All-Conference was Olivia VonBank placing 10th with a 94. Jordyn Cummins placed 4th with a final score of 86. Halle Rezac placed 2nd, earning the runner-up medal, by shooting 84. This was another school record broken. Halle was voted Player of the Year.

"I am so proud of their accomplishments this season and am eager to see how they perform in the post season at Regional 1st Round at Rice Lake on Monday, May 17," Head Coach Carole Bernhard stated.

# Five Warriors finish in the 40's

By Clinton J. Davis

Five North Union Warriors finished in the mid 40's at West Bend on Friday, May 7th. North Union placed second to Algona by ten strokes and beat West Bend on their home course by four strokes.

Junior, Nick Schiltz, placed 4th overall at the triangular with a final score of 44. Nick shot par three times on a par 3, par 4, and another par 3. This was four strokes under his 9-hole average on the season. This was Nick's lowest score on the season.

Sophomore, Teagon Fothergill, finished nine over with a final score of 45. That is only one stroke under his 9-hole average on the season. He shot par twice on the evening. Once on a par 5 and again on a par 4.

Three Warriors tied at ten over par with scores of 46; Parker Eichenberger-JR, Chase Cummins-SO, and Gage Madden-SR. Eichenberger tied his season average with the 46 and scored par twice. Once on a par 3 and again on a par 4.

Cummins has a 9-hole average of 47.85 on the season and continues to lower that average after each round played. Madden also shot 46 on the evening which was two strokes under his 9-hole average on the season. Rounding out the Warriors scorecard was Michael Hanson, Senior, who shot a 55. That was only one stroke over his 9-hole average on the season.

North Union - 181	
Parker Eichenberger	46
Chase Cummins	46
Teagon Fothergill	45
Nick Schiltz	44
Gage Madden	46
Michael Hanson	55

West Bend - 185	
Kody Elbert	39
Runner-Up	
Cole Thilges	49
Nolan Ford	47
Brandon Yoch	50
Logan Studer	73
Aidan Yoch	58

Algona - 171	
James Wartick	36
Medalist	
Logan Meendering	42
Pat Louseher	48
Evan Deal	45
Spencer Long	48
Luke Carter	53

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## North Union Girls prepare for Regionals

By Clinton J. Davis

The North Union Lady Warriors have broken every record for the golf program that was set in 2019. Their 2021 season has been one to remember for each of these Lady Warriors as they head into Regionals on May 17th.

"We are excited to compete in the first round of Regionals at Rice Lake Golf and Country Club," head coach Carole Bernhard stated. "Rice Lake is a beautiful and challenging course -- but it is designed for these golfers to shoot some low scores. The four seniors played here in 2019 in the pouring rain and shot some great rounds of golf," Bernhard stated.

So far this season Vanessa VonBank has been medalist twice and runner up twice. Halle Rezac has been medalist twice and runner-up once. She also placed third at the Fairmont Invite. Olivia VonBank has been medalist once and runner-up twice. Jordyn Cummins has been medalist twice and runner-up twice. These four golfers will need good scores to place in the top two in order to move on as a team.

Competition will be Bishop-Garrigan, Lake Mills, Newman Catholic, North Iowa, Northwood-Kensett, Rockford, and West Fork. "I believe in these golfers!" Carol exclaimed. "I know they will focus and perform to the best of their abilities. I am confident, with the talent and dedication displayed by this team, we will progress to the next round of Regional play in Mason City."

Coach Bernhard feels that all of her golfers are prepared for Regional play. "The team wasn't able to play this course during our regular season this year, so several of the team are making a special trip to play the course before the 17th-- on their own accord.. on a weekend. This level of commitment shows they take this game seriously and are prepared to compete.

Jordyn Cummins has a 9-hole average of 50.58 and a 9-hole low of 45. Amelia Fothergill has a 9-hole average of 58.36 and a 9-hole low of 49. Carys Fuller has a 9-hole average of

59.48 and a 9-hole low of 57. Halle Rezac has a 9-hole average of 52.13 and a 9-hole low of 45. Abby Rezac has a 9-hole average of 63.27 and a 9-hole low of 55. Vanessa VonBank

has a 9-hole average of 48.34 and a 9-hole low of 44. Olivia VonBank has a 9-hole average of 50.06 and a 9-hole low of 46.



North Union High School Girls Golf Team members are Olivia Von Bank, Abby Rezac and Amelia Fothergill; back row: Halle Rezac, Vanessa Von Bank, Jordyn Cummins and Carys Fuller.

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Monday, May 17 (First Round) - Rice Lake Golf & Country Club,  
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Monday, May 24 (Finals) - Mason City Country Club**

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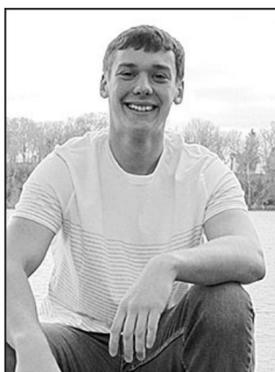
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Kevin Younger Olson is the son of Michelle Olson and the brother of Kevin Olson. One memory that he is going to remember about his time at North Union is playing soccer with rolling chairs. One piece of advice Kevin would give to the freshmen is to do your homework. Kevin's favorite subject in school is social studies, his favorite movie is Superbad, and his favorite food is a pizza quesadilla. Kevin feels his biggest challenge has been doing his homework. His biggest accomplishment from his high school career will be graduating. One thing he can't live without is plants. Kevin's future plans are to enter the workforce. Good luck in the future, Kevin!

By Halle Rezac

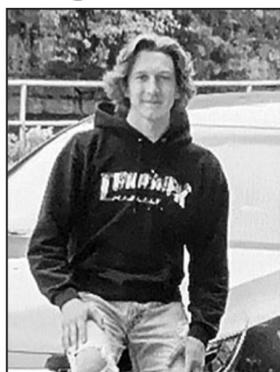


Gavin Mathew-Joe Prentice is the son of Jared Prentice and Casey Wright. One memory that Gavin will remember from North Union is riding Weston's scooter. One piece of advice he would give to the freshman is "keep Madden before Jasmine from Aladdin." The quote that Gavin lives by is "Real G's move in silence like lasagna" by Lil Wayne. Gavin's favorite subject in school is History. His favorite food is avocado and his favorite movie is Goodfellas. His biggest challenge so far has been math class and his biggest accomplishment so far is graduating. One thing that Gavin cannot live without is music. Gavin's future plans include attending Iowa Lakes. In ten years Gavin sees himself living far away from Iowa.

By Brenna Petersen



**Joe Senior Spotlight**  
By Brenna Petersen  
Joe Alexander Rios is the son of Maria Rios and Jose Rios. His siblings are Genesis Rios Geralsine Rios and Marco Dcorta. One memory Joe will remember from his time at North Union is homecoming. One piece of advice he would give to the freshman is "pass all of your classes so you don't have to do E2020." A quote that Joe lives by is "don't be afraid your life will end: be afraid it will never begin" by Grace Hansen. His favorite subject in school is any shop class and his favorite movie is Die Hard. Joe's plans after high school consist of working. His favorite food is pizza and one thing that he cannot live without is his phone. His biggest challenge so far is getting all caught up with E2020 and being at school all the time. His biggest accomplishment is slowly getting E2020 done with. In 10 years Joe sees himself at home enjoying his free time.



Caden RayCarl DeVary is the son of Amber Nordhausen and Jay DeVary and brother to Ramsey DeVary. Caden's favorite memory from North Union High School is homecoming. One piece of advice Caden would give to the freshman is to do your work and pay attention in class and you will pass with ease. "I don't let my head say nothing my head can't stand" said by Jackie Robinson is his favorite quote. Caden's favorite subject in school is history and his favorite food is pizza. Caden's plans after he graduates high school to attend Minnesota West for power lineman. Caden's favorite movie is Dumb and Dumber. Caden feels his biggest accomplishment so far is his grades and his biggest challenge is keeping his grades up. One thing Caden cannot live without is sports. In 10 years, Caden sees himself making money and buying new things. Good luck with your future plans!

By Rachel Arndorfer



Shayla Jean Reese is the daughter of Justin and Jay Reese. She has two sisters Hallie Reese and Rebekah Bauer. One thing that Shayla will remember about her time at North Union is her sophomore year at the Spirit Lake Volleyball tournament. One piece of advice she would give to the freshmen is to not be afraid to be friends with whoever you want. Jaden's favorite quote is "I live on coffee and your success," by Jess Zots. Her favorite subject in school is study hall so she can get all caught up on her homework. Jaden's plans after high school are to attend Iowa Lakes Community College for dog grooming. Her favorite movie is Flicka. Chicken and shrimp alfredo is her favorite food. Jaden feels her biggest accomplishment so far is making it through all four years in high school. Her biggest challenge so far has been being nice to people who don't deserve her kindness. One thing Jaden cannot live without is her dad and her dog, Diesel. In ten years, Jaden sees herself working as a dog groomer. Best of luck with your future, Jaden!

By Brenna Petersen



Jaden Meadow Quastad is the daughter of Kristen & Darwin. Jaden has one brother, Colton. One memory Jaden is going to remember about her time at North Union is seeing her favorite teacher, Mrs. Zotz. One piece of advice she would give to the freshmen is to not be afraid to be friends with whoever you want. Jaden's favorite quote is "I live on coffee and your success," by Jess Zots. Her favorite subject in school is study hall so she can get all caught up on her homework. Jaden's plans after high school are to attend Iowa Lakes Community College for dog grooming. Her favorite movie is Flicka. Chicken and shrimp alfredo is her favorite food. Jaden feels her biggest accomplishment so far is making it through all four years in high school. Her biggest challenge so far has been being nice to people who don't deserve her kindness. One thing Jaden cannot live without is her dad and her dog, Diesel. In ten years, Jaden sees herself working as a dog groomer. Best of luck with your future, Jaden!

By Abby Deitering



Salma Aliter Almanza is the daughter of Maria De Orta, Sergio De Orta, and Saluador Almanza and is the sister to Gael Gorzalez and Itzel Esparza. Salma's favorite memory from North Union is one time when the lights went out and the students got to go home early. One piece of advice she would give to freshmen is to do your homework on time so you aren't behind on assignments. Salma's favorite quote is "I have decided to stop fighting it, and lean in to the fact that I'm an idiot" said by Captain Raymond Holt. Her favorite subject is science and favorite movie is Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. Salma's favorite food is sopa de mariscos. Salma feels her biggest accomplishment so far has been being able to graduate from high school and go to college and her biggest challenge so far has been moving up north and staying here year around. One thing she cannot live without is music. In ten years, Salma sees herself in a well-paying job and placing a down payment on a house. Salma's future plans include going to college and finding something to be passionate about.

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## NU Trapshoot Team doing well

Four North Union High School students have combined with students from West Bend Mallard to compete in local trapshoot competitions through the Whittemore Legion. Senior Caleb Rasch, sophomores Chase Cummins and Cole Hansen and freshman Jewell Ulrich, along with NU parent advisor Corey Rasch have been finding some success. On Wednesday, May 5, Caleb got first place. He shot a 49 out of 50 only missing the last shot.



Aiden John Clausen is the son of Andrea Clausen and Nick Moore. One memory from North Union he will remember was his senior prom. One piece of advice Aiden would give to the freshman is to do your homework. Aiden's favorite quote is "life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get." His favorite subject in school is history, and his favorite movie is Forrest Gump. Aiden's plans for the future are to go to college. Aiden feels his biggest accomplishment so far was passing his classes. His biggest challenge has been homework. One thing Aiden cannot live without is oxygen. Aiden sees himself working a job in 10 years.

By Kaylee Lowe



Devon Ikaika Laubenthal son of Mark Laubenthal and Sarah Tina and brother of Victoria Laubenthal and Kainoa Tina. Advice he would give to the freshman would be to have a full schedule to start and have an easy senior year. His favorite quote to live by is "We forget where we come from but always remember who you came with". His favorite subject is shop class. Plans for after high school are to become a mechanic. His favorite movie is Dazed and Confused. His favorite food is pizza. The one thing he cannot live without is his car. Where he sees himself in 10 years working as a certified mechanic.

By Kegan Boland

# Such a Small Investment for Such a BIG Return!

## Congratulations to our 2021 Scholarship Winners!

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# Distracted Driving

With spring arriving and everyone becoming busier and traveling more, we all need a reminder about the dangers of distracted driving. Young inexperienced drivers especially need to be mindful of the dangers of not being attentive while driving a motor vehicle.

Imagine your class size is 130 students and at the end of the year your class has lost 14 students. Imagine the devastation of the family, the school, and the community. Of all fatality accidents, 11% are related to distracted driving. The Iowa DOT reports that in 2019 there were 1,099 crashes in Iowa alone involving drivers distracted by using a phone or other electronic devices.

Distractions while driving include, talking and texting on the phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, changing the music, scrolling through Facebook, watching tik-tok videos, or any activity that diverts attention from driving. Some may find it surprising, but it only takes a second for an accident to happen. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, when texting, your eyes are off the road for a minimum of 5 seconds. That equals the length of a football field when you're driving 55 mph. With that in mind, a hazard could come into your lane and you'd have no opportunity to avoid this hazard as it takes 6 seconds to come to a complete stop driving 55 mph. Is that text message worth it, is it worth you getting in an accident and possibly losing your life, or taking someone else's life? The penalty for texting and driving is a minimum of a 100 dollar fine plus court costs. A driver who kills someone while texting and driving could face a felony conviction of up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to ten thousand dollars.

You can help lead the cause in stopping distracted driving. Teens can encourage their peers by speaking up when they see a friend driving while distracted or encourage them to sign a pledge to never drive distracted. Parents can begin by leading by example, put your phone away while driving, if it is an emergency find a safe place to park your vehicle before making a call or sending a text message. Educators and Employers can play a part as well, spread the word at your school or workplace about the dangers of distracted driving.

Finally, I encourage everyone to log onto Youtube and type in distracted driving in the search bar. Please take a few minutes out of your day to watch a couple of those videos about the effects distracted driving could have on your life. Don't put yourself or others at risk by driving distracted. Our goal in law enforcement is to help everyone have safe travels upon our roadways....don't be distracted while driving so you can arrive alive!

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# Obituaries



**Gordon Burt**

Funeral services for Gordon Burt will be held on Wednesday, May

12, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the United Methodist Church in Fenton with Pastor Jon Williams officiating. Visitation will take place Wednesday morning from 9:30 AM until the time of the service. Burial will take place at Seneca Township Cemetery with military honors provided by the Ranney-Weisbrod American Legion of Fenton. Henry Olson Funeral Home of Fenton is assisting the family with arrangements.

Gordon Robert Burt, son of Robert and Pearl (Flier) Burt, was born on September 6, 1933 in Armstrong, Iowa. He passed away on May 7, 2021 at Avera Holy Family Hospital in Estherville at the age of 87.

He received his education and graduated from Seneca High School. Following high school, he entered the US Army and served from 1955 until 1957. On November 21, 1959 he was united in marriage to Connie Jones at First Presbyterian Church

in Armstrong, Iowa. Following their marriage, the couple made their home in rural Fenton, farming together for many years.

He was a member of United Methodist Church in Fenton. In their younger years Gordon and Connie enjoyed going to dances. He was a member of the Fenton Elevator Board for many years and also was a Seneca Township Trustee for many years. Gordon was also a 4-H Leader.

Left to cherish Gordon's memory are his children, Laurie (Brian) Robison; Robert (Trish) Burt; Andrew Burt; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his sister Lois Berhow.

He has been preceded in death by his parents, his wife Connie, and a grandchild.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.henryolsonfuneral.com](http://www.henryolsonfuneral.com).



**Heidee Barrett**

Heidee Glennis (Krause) Barrett, 67 of Denver, NC died May 5th, 2021 from a long courageous battle with cancer.

Heidee was born at Holy Family Hospital, Estherville, IA to Herbert and Kathryn (Cage) Krause on April 30, 1954. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fenton, IA. She was a devote Christian. Heidee had 3 loving siblings, Herbert K., Hollee and Haleisa.

Heidee started Kindergarten in Seneca, Iowa and graduated from Sentral of Fenton Community School in 1972. She continued her education at Iowa Lakes Community College, Emmetsburg, Iowa where she received a Registered Nursing Degree.

On May 28, 1972, Heidee married Gary Barrett of Armstrong, Iowa. They had two children: Hillary and Charles. She then married Jim McConnell of George, Iowa and became stepmother to Alicia and Elliot McConnell. They were married until 2011.

During her career, Heidee worked as an RN at Holy Family Hospital, Estherville, IA, Dr. Turner's Medical Office and the Valley View Care Center in Armstrong, Iowa, Health Care Coordinator at Iowa Lakes Community College, Emmetsburg, IA and as a Staff Learning Consultant at The Evangelical Lutheran for the Good Samaritan Society Headquarters in Sioux Falls, SD. She retired in 2019.

Our mother loved to play the piano, paint, knit, and was an avid music and animal lover. Water and beaches were another love of hers and in 2017 she moved to Denver, NC and purchased her dream home near Lake Norman.

Heidee is survived by her children: Hillary (Dan) Quinn of Fairmont, MN, Charles (Jenna) Barrett, stepchildren Alicia McConnell and Elliot McConnell. Grandchildren: Riley Clary, Presley Clary, Lincon Clary and Asia Barrett and London Barrett. Brother Herbert (Marilyn) Krause of Oskaloosa, IA and sister Haleisa (Randall) Johnson of Strawberry Point, Iowa. Plus, many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Heidee was preceded in death by her parents Herbert and Kathryn Krause and sister Hollee Struecker.

Our mother always said, "Life is Beautiful!" and so was she!



National Day of Prayer was observed on Thursday, May 6, 2021, with a 20 minute service held in the Armstrong City Park shelter house. It began at 12 noon, ended at 12:20 p.m. and was attended by a good crowd who braved the chilly weather! Those taking part in the service were from left, Glenn Henriksen, Father Merlin Schrad (St. Mary's Catholic Church), Pastor Suzanne Wobig (First Presbyterian Church), Pastor Lyndon Roesler (United Methodist Church), and Pastor Colin Andrade, (E&R Church, Ledyard).



Ashton Merrill received the Knights of Columbus scholarship from John Feld on May 2nd at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Armstrong.



**Donald Richmond**

CDR Donald Wayne Richmond, USNR RET, 89, Mason Dixon Road, Gettysburg, PA passed away at his home on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

He was born July 15, 1931 in Armstrong, Iowa the son of the late Wayne and Bernice Pruett Richmond. Donald is survived by his wife Marilyn Thompson-Richmond,

a son, Timothy W. Richmond of Gettysburg, PA, a daughter-in-law, Jodi Richmond of Littlestown, PA, two grandchildren; Heather Hamilton, Scott Richmond, two sisters; Barbara Tolsdorf of Lebanon, Missouri, and Dolores Schmittjer of Nashville, TN and several nieces and a nephew. He was predeceased by his first wife, Joyce Rossiter Richmond and a son, Terry S. Richmond.

As an Iowa Farm Boy, working in the fields, he would look up at the airplanes flying overhead. Often wondering where they were going and how wonderful it must be. At the same time in WWII, his uncle was flying in B-17s in The Pacific, which increased his motivation to be one of them. His 15th birthday gift from his parents was a ride in a Piper Cub at the local county airfield once used in WWII to train pilots. At the next Christmas they also gave him a wooden B-17 painted in combat colors with leather props, and a cardboard cockpit with

instrument panels, stick, throttle and rudder pedals. The dye was cast to be a pilot.

Preparing for the future; 1949-1954. While attending Iowa State College, Ames Iowa, he graduated with a B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry. At the same time he was enrolled in the NROTC Unit. Upon graduation he received a commission as an Ensign USNR and was selected to go on active duty at NAS Pensacola to commence Naval Aviator Flight Training. This was an experience and education of a lifetime with rewarding untold future benefits. Flight training was done in the SNJ-T6 Texan. He was required to be Carrier Qualified in this plane onboard the USS Saipan CVL 48, a late WWII light carrier with a deck length of 684 feet. Additionally, a midshipmen cruise was required between his JR and SR year in college. This was done on board the USS Columbus CA-74 Heavy Cruiser with 16" main battery guns in the Caribbean Sea, sailing out of Norfolk, VA.

Advanced Flight Training, this was held at NAS Hutchinson, KS. Flight training was done in the SNB, P2V 2-4s, cross country navigation in the converted B-24 Bomber (then called the P4Y2 by the Navy). Additionally, cross country flights required Celestial Night and Daylight Sun Line Navigation experience. Graduation as a Naval Aviator with Wings of Gold occurred in May of 1956.

Naval active duty, NAS Atsugi, Japan from July 1956 - July 1958. Squadron mission was to support the 7th fleet with target towing, photo recon, etc. with detachments at Naha, Okinawa and Cubi Point, Philippines. Aircraft that were used included the JD-1 (former WWII A-26), SNB, F9F-5 Panther Jet.

NAS Whidbey Island, WA, July 1958 - December 1959. Squadron mission was to search, detect and record information on Russian Submarines off the West Coast of the US, flying P2V-7 anti-submarine bomber with detection capabilities. Later deployed to MCAS IWAKUNI,

JAPAN for six months with the same mission, flying around the Sea of Japan off the Russian East Coast.

NAS Pensacola & NAS Whiting Field, from July 1961 - July 1965. At NAS Whiting Field, he served as Flight Instructor in the Instrument Phase in the T-28C Trojan aircraft. Later was selected to serve on the Chief of Naval Air Basic Training Command Staff at NAS Pensacola, FL. Duties being Student Personal Officer writing officer fitness reports, assigning graduates to advance flight training commands, flying the T-28 and T-34 in support of the NAFO School Training.

Naval Research Lab in Washington, DC, July 1966 - July 1968. Mission was to fly research projects for different departments, involving infrared and cloud seeding with S2F, R4D and Super Connie aircraft. Deployments were to Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Europe, etc. The R4D was a specially equipped plane with a bomb bay door and autopilot.

He retired in July of 1975 as a CDR with 21 years of service (12 active and 9 in reserve).

Don began a second career as an airline pilot in January 1960 - 1965 with Ozark Airlines in St. Louis, MO. Flying domestic routes in the Midwest flying DC-3s, Fairchild F-27 and F-227H aircrafts. Then went to work for Eastern Airlines, Miami, FL. Flying domestic, international flights to Canada, Latin and South America, the Caribbean flying the DC-9, Boeing B-727s and the Lockheed L-1011 as a Co-Pilot and Captain, retiring as a Captain with Eastern Airlines after 21 years of service in June 1987.

In related aviation activities from June 1987 - April 2015 included Consulting and Marketing trips to Russia, promoting the small amphibian plane "PONY" in the U.S. Market. Consulting and Marketing trips to Poland, promoting the Warsaw Polish PZL line of the Koliber & Wilga aircraft. U.S. Certified. As the Mid-Atlantic dealer and Representative continuing to provide service, sales and parts availability.

He became involved with Falcon Wings Aviation, an aircraft brokerage and appraisal business, doing aircraft sales, appraisals for: IRS, Bankruptcy Courts, Banks, Museums, Estates, AOPA, and Government Contractors.

He also owned and operated Richmond Realtors, Inc. in Fairfield, PA for a number of years. A local real estate firm dealing in property resales and appraisals.

He was Past President of the Hanover-Adams County Board of Realtors, Past Keyman and Governor of the HGR QB Hangar.

In his career in the military he has flown; SNJ-T6 Texan, T-34, T-28C, SNB, P2V-7 Neptune ASW Patrol Bombers, S2F Tracker, R4D, JD-1 (former A-26), F9F-5 Panther and in the airline career; Lockheed L-1011, Boeing 727s, Douglas DC-9, Douglas DC-3, Fairchild F-27 and F-227H and private aircraft flown: IAI Westwind 1124, Piper PA-38-12 Tomahawk, Piper PA-28-150 Warrior, Piper Cherokee PA-28 150/160, Grumman Tiger, Cessna 150-152-172-182. His total hours of flight time, military, airlines and civilian are over 15,000+ hours.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at Gettysburg United Methodist Church with Rev. Rick Smith officiating. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg, PA.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to a favorite charity. Online obituary and condolences available at [monahanfuneralhome.com](http://monahanfuneralhome.com).



**Cory Anderson**

Memorial services for Cory Anderson were held on Friday, May 7, 2021 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Swea City, with Pastor Seth Campbell officiating. Burial took place at Harrison Township Cemetery in rural Swea City.

Cory Lee Anderson, son of Gary and Sharon (Jordahl) Anderson was born in Blue Earth, Minnesota, on December 30, 1964. He passed away on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at Kossuth Regional Health Center, in Algona at the age of 56 years after a courageous battle against cancer.

Cory graduated from North Kossuth High School in 1983. He then worked at Weigh-Tronix in Fairmont and as a mechanic in his dad's auto shop. Cory

loved working on his farm and home; he took a lot of pride in both of them.

Cory was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Swea City. His family was number one in his life. Taking care of his parents, daughters, and entire family were the most important priorities to him. He loved to grill and cook for them. Going on trips to the casino with his mama, brother, and brother-in-law brought many smiles to his face. Cory loved going to the Alexandria and Osakis, Minnesota areas for fishing trips. Fishing was his greatest past time, always having a great story from the trips. He also enjoyed being on the road riding his Harley, letting the wind blow through his hair.

Cory is survived by his daughters Mariah Anderson and Mikaela Anderson, and his grandchildren Aidan Anderson, Harper Struecker, Jack Struecker, and Ryder Upton. He is also survived by his dad Gary Anderson, and his siblings Tanya (Patrick) Bauer and Kurt (Michelle) Anderson.

Cory is preceded in death by his mom Sharon Anderson, his infant brother Scott Anderson, and his nephew Coleman Bauer.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.henryolsonfuneral.com](http://www.henryolsonfuneral.com)

## Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels are provided by Johanson's Cafe & Pizzeria. The meal will be the daily special & a dessert for \$5.99 plus tax and will be delivered Monday - Saturday. Delivery time: 11 a.m.

To receive Meals on Wheels call Teresa Johanson at 868-4949. All meals are delivered at this time by Johanson's Cafe & Pizzeria staff.

## Patent Pending Players Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2021 Summer Children's Play are happening soon and Natalie Henriksen is our director. Tryouts are going to be at the 1st United Methodist Church in Swea City, IA located at the south end of the downtown area. Practices will be at our "Home of Patent Pending Players" between Armstrong and Swea City, IA at the intersection of Highway 9 and P20. The plan is to do the actual performances outside in the Armstrong and Swea City Parks with a freewill donation. The audience can bring their chairs, and monitor their own social distancing and wearing of masks.

Those eligible for tryouts are third grade through eighth grade age with a desire to attend and the commitment to attend practices early evenings throughout the month of June. The first practice is June 1st (time will be announced).

TRYOUTS WHEN: Saturday, May 15 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

WHERE: At the First United Methodist Church in Swea City

If this date does not work please call Natalie at 712-260-5720 or Denise Harner at 515-320-2226. Leave a message and you will get a return call.

The actual play dates are: Tuesday - June 29 7:00 PM, Wednesday, June 30 7:00 PM, and Thursday, July 1 with a 4:00 PM matinee and a 7:00 PM performance.

## Area Coming Events

**Saturday, June 5**  
5:30 p.m. ABC Annual Meeting at Dale's Rec; supper begins at 6 p.m.; presenting awards plus election of officers; event outdoors, weather permitting

**Saturday, June 5**  
Ringsted Fire Dept. planning a Grilled Ribeye Steak Sandwich meal; watch for more info on this event

**Kandi's Flower Market** in Graettinger has all the plants you will need for spring. Vegetables, baskets, planters, etc. See ad for times, days, locations.

**Recipes needed for Stalene Publications Cookbook**

**Armstrong (City) 2021 Recycling Schedule:** May 21, June 4 & 18

**NU School Board** meets 3rd Monday of month; open to public

**Ringsted City Council** meets 2nd Monday of each month 6 p.m.

**Armstrong City Council regular meeting:** 2nd Mon. each mo. 5 p.m.

**Armstrong Community Center Board** meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month 5:00 p.m.

**ABCM Corporation** continues to ease visitor restrictions

**Rhubarb Pies for sale** by Ringsted EOC, order by May 28th, 712-363-1066 or 712-260-0300

**Check the list of Graduation Open House Receptions on the front page of this newspaper for the date, time & place.**



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THURSDAY, May 13  
8 a.m. Mass in Church  
SUNDAY, May 16, 2021  
8:30 a.m. Mass in Church,  
Lector: Brenda Jones  
Ministers of Holy Communion:  
Charlene Tigges, Lupe Kollasch,  
Karen Fisher  
Ushers/Greeters: Tom Rezac and Bruce Eisenbacher  
Altar Servers: Addison Kruse and Aiden Giddings  
TUESDAY, May 18  
8 a.m. Mass in Church  
THURSDAY, May 20  
8 a.m. Mass in Church

**UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Ringsted, Iowa  
WEDNESDAY, May 12  
6:30 p.m. Choir  
SUNDAY, May 16, 2021  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**NOTE: 10 a.m.** - Church service available to those who subscribe to Ringtel cable; Find it by: Press Menu Button, go to On Demand, go over to Library & press OK, then go to church & it will be there in either Nazareth or Unite16

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Armstrong, Iowa  
Rev. Lyndon Roesler, Pastor

SUNDAY, May 16, 2021  
9 a.m. Worship Service  
Everyone welcome;  
Church is following requirements  
10 a.m. Fellowship  
10:15 Adult Sunday School  
TUESDAY: VV Bible Time, visits, prayer  
WEDNESDAY - 7 p.m. Choir

WEDNESDAY, May 26  
Church Board Meeting & No Choir

**NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Armstrong, Iowa

WEDNESDAY, May 12  
6 p.m. NU Awards Night  
7 p.m. Baccalaureate  
THURSDAY, May 13  
4:30-5:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open  
SUNDAY, May 16, 2021  
9 a.m. Worship w/Communion  
Fellowship follows  
Preaching Kim Campbell  
1:30 p.m. NU Commencement  
SATURDAY, May 22  
3 p.m. Carrol/Dahl Wedding

**May/June Altar Committee:**  
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## WORDS TO PONDER

### Pastor Walt Reemtsma - Lone Rock and Burt Presbyterian Church

Some years ago, I had a very determined squirrel in my yard who discovered that I had a small plastic garbage can with a secure lid that I used to store the bird seed for my bird feeders. The squirrel must have smelled the contents in the container and I soon found that it had chewed a hole in the lid large enough for it to gain access to the bird seed inside the container. Upon discovery of the hole, I placed a heavy piece of concrete paver over the hole only to discover the next day that the squirrel had successfully moved the paver aside and gained access to the bird seed AGAIN. That fat squirrel (why wouldn't he be fat) was eating my bird seed) definitely was determined and successful in his quest. No obstacle was too big for it to conquer.

This week I had an encounter with one of his/her relatives. I filled the bird feeder and when Jan looked out the window some time later, here was the squirrel eating from the bird feeder that was hanging from an iron shepherd's crook. Granted he had to do some acrobatics to get to the food, but he was successful even if it meant hanging upside down in order to enjoy the sunflower seeds. Not desiring to be outsmarted by a squirrel, I fashioned an aluminum baffle around the pole to deter him from climbing up the pole. Later looking out the window I saw a beautiful red cardinal feasting at the feeder (my original intent) and no squirrel. My joy was short-lived. Soon the squirrel was eating from the feeder again this time jumping

from a perch on the ground and successfully catching a hold of the feeder and pulling himself to a stationary position. Needless to say, the squirrel was again successful because of sheer determination.

Sunday, a couple of the members of the Burt Presbyterian Church shared with me the frustration they were experiencing as they found that sparrows were continually building their nest in the awning located over the main entrance. Several different approaches to discourage the sparrows from building their nests had been unsuccessful. The sparrows were determined to not let humans get the best of them and thus far they have been successful in their quest to not let humans get the upper hand.

We as Christians can learn from these God-created creatures. We as Christians should be just as determined to live for Christ regardless of the challenges that are put before us. In Romans 8 we read:

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 38-39

Are we determined to keep our relationship with Christ in tact even when Satan is tempting us to do otherwise? Are we determined to serve Christ no matter what it takes to get the job done? Are we determined to share Christ's love with those around us even if we are rebuffed? Are we determined to witness to those around us regardless of the cost?

May we be like squirrels and sparrows- determined to be successful in our endeavors for Christ in spite of any obstacles that appear

# Michelle Leach retires from a long teaching career

By Clinton J. Davis

Michelle Leach grew up on a farm between Armstrong and Swea City on the Old Seneca Road. Her father, Donald Kennedy, was a farmer and farmed about 300 acres. “which in those days was a lot,” Michelle recalled. Michelle was a middle child out of 9 children from Donald and Wanda Kennedy.

Michelle had always thought that her and her siblings should have attended school at Swea City or Armstrong, “but back in those days there was no such thing as open enrollment,” she stated. She and her brothers and sisters attended Sentral, even though it was the farthest away. The district lines said that her family would go to Sentral of Fenton.

“I remember boarding the bus at about 7 a.m. and not getting to school until after 8 a.m. It was a long ride that I learned to hate as I got older,” she recalls. Michelle graduated from high school in 1977. She had no clue as to what the next stage of her life would look like.

She recalls her mother sitting her down at the table one evening and asking what she would like to do for the rest of her life. “My first thought and plans were to go south and work on a race track as I so loved horses at the time, and still do.” Her mother talked her out of that plan. Michelle also loved sports and was very athletic as a young child. She had four siblings ahead of her that had gone to college. “I decided my plan were to go to college and major in Physical Education.”

Michelle started her career in the fall of 1977 at Waldorf College in Forest City, which was a two year college at that time. “I was able to play softball for a year with the team which I truly enjoyed,” said Michelle. She also met her best friend at Waldorf and was talked into transferring to Iowa State the next year. “I continued to play softball at Iowa State for one more year and then decided to concentrate on academics.”

After focusing on her academics, Michelle would graduate in the fall of 1981 with a B.S. in Physical Education K-12. Like most new teachers back then, the job market was flooded. There were no jobs. “I recall many principals talking about stacks of applications on their desks.” She then began subbing for a few years and then decided to go back to school because she knew she wanted to teach younger kids.

She would eventually graduate in 1986 after another year and a half at Iowa State getting her Elementary degree. A degree that would keep her teaching North Union and area school children for years.

Even after graduating in 1986, there were still no jobs. Finally in 1988, she landed her first elementary position, teaching at the Catholic school in Whittemore. After five years



at Whittemore, the school shut down. Michelle Leach

She would get her next elementary teaching job in Armstrong in the Fall of 1996 as a fourth grade teacher. “In the next years, I moved around teaching anything from 1st grade through 8th grade,” she stated.

In 2012 a reorganization of school districts saw the beginning of North Union and Michelle would land a job in Swea City as they needed a special education teacher. “So back to school again to get my special education endorsement which took me another year and a half,” Michelle said.

This is her ninth year teaching in Swea City and in a few short weeks, she will be retired from teaching.

After all of those teaching years, Michelle’s favorite subject to teach was P.E., “As it was fun to watch the kids laugh, have fun, and grow physically. It was also a students favorite subject, so you knew they wanted to be there.” After she left the gyms for a classroom, her new favorite subject to teach “was hands down, math.”

“Teaching has taught me that every student has the potential to grow and learn even though they start at different points, grow at different rates, and come from different backgrounds,” Michelle stated. Teaching has also taught her in many ways. It has taught her patience, flexibility, and to take one day at a time, “as you never know what kids will say or do.”

“I call this something you should always have as a teacher, Plan B.” Michelle believes that every teacher could write a book about their own teaching careers.

She has so many great memories in the classroom. During her first year of teaching, as a 3rd grade teacher, she had a group of 26 students in a room almost to small to seat them all. She can remember that first class as if it were yesterday. That first class she ever taught, taught her just as much as she was teaching them. “They are a group that we as teachers never forget as I know that they probably taught me more that first year than I taught them.”

She also recalls a student when she was pregnant with her daughter, Amy, running in front of her to open the door as he felt that Michelle wouldn’t be able to open the door in her condition. She even remembers a time where she sat under a table trying to teach a student that she couldn’t get to come out. Michelle was a caring teacher to her students and like most teachers, wouldn’t give up on teaching a single student.

One of her favorite memories are the countless hugs at the end of the day as her students leave to go home. Michelle takes pride in seeing those light bulb moments in a student when they finally understand what she has been trying to teach for days. As Michelle has gotten older she has run into some of her students from the past. “I’ve heard them say, you made a difference, or you were my favorite teacher,” she stated.

“I would like to think that as I close my teaching career that I have made a difference for some. It’s been a great way to spend my life,” Michelle reflected. “Next fall when all my colleagues go back to work, that is when it will really sink in that I am retired. I also know that I will miss the noise, voices, and the true excitement as the kids come through the doorway into the classrooms.”

Michelle isn’t entirely sure what made her decision to retire at this time but she does know that the next chapter in her life will include fishing at the local lakes, spending time with her grandson, and traveling (especially in the winter). Michelle is a great gardener and she will continue to work the summer away in her 2 acre garden. She enjoys selling her produce at local farmers markets. Be sure to congratulate her on her retirement if you see her this summer at any of the area farmers markets.

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# Rianna Vivens, a National Champion

By Clinton J. Davis

Rianna Vivens started dancing when she was 8-years-old. Her Dancestastic coach, Nicole Voetmann, would eventually lead her to a National Championship at Iowa Central. Rianna would just need to continue to do what she loved to do and the rest would be history.

Rianna was born with an atrial septal defect in her heart. Her heart had a hole in the wall of the two upper chambers. Something that is fairly common but typically goes away as kids get older. “I just wasn’t as lucky and I had to have surgery to repair mine when I was 8,” Rianna stated.

Her mother, Val, noticed that Rianna wasn’t as active as she normally was and that was a major red flag. She had to have heart surgeries to repair the hole. After surviving heart surgeries, Rianna stated that she could actually walk down the hallway at school without feeling exhausted. Something she had to deal with prior to the surgeries.

She was able to dance because the surgeries gave her a new found energy. She was now able to put her whole heart into dance. Something she knew she loved to do and something she had a natural talent for.

Her love for and talent in dance would continue and in 8th grade she won the judge’s choice award called the Dancing Doll. She received that award from a judge who was a choreographer for Disney. “Back then I thought that I was pretty cool,” Rianna said with joy.

In her freshman year of high school at North Union she was part of the dance team that won first place in hip hop at state and she was proud to receive the Freshman of the Year award that same year. In her Junior year at NU, the Warriors won state again in the hip hop category. Finally her Senior year she won the MVD (Most Valuable Dancer) award. Her dance career was filled with great accomplishments and she didn’t think it would go any further than that.

“I actually didn’t want to dance in college at all,” Rianna stated. But Nicole Voetmann entered into her life in a big way. She told Rianna how much she had loved dance at Iowa Central herself. “Then the head coach at Iowa Central, Cassidy Vermeer, reached out to me about visiting campus and meeting with her,” Rianna remembered.

After a couple of weeks had passed Cassidy asked Rianna if she was interested in signing, “I decided to go for it.” The first few weeks at Iowa Central was a big change from North Union. Something most college students would say. However, with COVID-19 still hanging around, Rianna’s first college experience was a little different from a traditional stance.

“When we moved on campus, we had to get tested for COVID and one of my roommates actually tested positive,” Rianna recalled. Her first two weeks of college were spent in quarantine in her dorm room. Her coaches delivered meals to her dorm. Rianna and her roommates also got 30 minutes of supervised time outside everyday. She had plenty of time to study for her classes. Rianna is majoring in nursing. “It wasn’t that bad, I got some extra time to get acclimated to my classes and got to know my roommates who didn’t test positive either,” Rianna stated.

College dance practices are more intense than high school as one might imagine. “I practice a lot more in college,” Rianna stated. She practices every single day and anywhere from 2-3 hours per day. When the team gets closer to bigger events like state or nationals they have some weekend practices thrown in with their normal schedule to help prepare them.

Twice a week Rianna participates in team workouts with a strength and conditioning coach. We did things to keep in shape in high school but the workouts in college are definitely harder,” Rianna explained. “I feel like learning dance routines have always come easier to me but in college I have to work a little harder to make sure I am hitting every single move correctly.”

The workouts weren’t the only difficult thing that Rianna had to endure during her Freshman year at Iowa Central. COVID-19 made it difficult at times to practice. “We had to wear masks at practice when cases were spiking,” she explained. The team followed basic COVID-19 protocol all year. “It was recommended that we kind of stayed to the team and to just be safe.”

All of the hard work from 8-years-old and all of the college practices came to a head last month when Rianna and her fellow dancers at Iowa Central performed for Nationals. Iowa Central competed in the NDA Nationals Competition in Daytona Beach, Florida. This is a huge competition that many schools from across the U.S. compete in. “We competed in two routines, one called team performance which is a mix of pom, jazz, and hip hop and we got third place. The other routine we competed in was just hip hop and this is the routine we won and became National Champions,” Rianna explained. They performed each routine twice. The first day they performed their hip hop and knew they were sitting in first place. “Even though we were sitting in first place after our first performance we knew we had to bring it the next day if we wanted to take home a National Championship.”

Performing in a competition the size of Nationals can be nerve wracking and Rianna isn’t shy to admit that



Rianna Vivens stands on a beach in Florida with the two team trophies from National Dance Competition.

she was nervous heading into the competition. “I knew this was going to be my biggest performance yet and I was definitely feeling the pressure.” During their second performance of hip hop, she knew she had to leave everything out on the floor for her team. “We wanted that National title so bad,” Rianna stated.

She explained that most dancers, while performing, black out and can’t remember much of the performance itself. “That happened to me when we performed.” She remembers walking out onto the stage with the beach right next to them and getting in their first position to start. “I don’t really remember anything until we finished,” she explained. Rianna and her team prepared for months and months for a moment that goes by in a flash. The outcome has been worth all the work in Rianna’s eyes.

“The moment we heard the second place announcement we knew we won,” she remembered. She remembers her heart dropping and screaming louder than she has ever screamed before. “I hugged the nearest teammate, which was also my roommate, and cried.” Rianna said she didn’t stop crying for 5 to 6 minutes. It was after that when she began calling people back home to tell them she

is now a National Champion. She cried during the phone calls as well. She still gets excited and emotional while talking about the experience of winning.

Dance has always been Rianna’s escape. “It’s my passion. The feeling I get when I am performing is incomparable to anything else. I just love to dance and I will dance literally anywhere including the grocery store,” she explained.

She will be bringing home some great memorabilia after winning the National Championship. The team was able to bring home their trophies from Daytona and are currently in the process of designing their championship rings. The rings will be presented to the team at a ring ceremony in the future. She will also receive a National Champion team jacket.

Rianna’s dancing career isn’t done yet. “I really am looking forward to this next year at Iowa Central and leading the team as a Captain,” Rianna explained with joy. She doesn’t know what is in store for her dancing career after college but she explains that she would like to keep teaching dance. “Who knows, maybe an opportunity will open up and I will get to keep dancing as and adult.”

## Conservation Board plans summer activities

By Michael Tidemann

The Emmet County Nature Center Foundation and Conservation Board heard summer activity plans at their monthly meeting Thursday, May 6.

Naturalist Ashley Reed convened the Emmet County Nature Center Foundation meeting in the absence of Conservation Board Director Eric Anderson who was serving jury duty.

Reed recapped the online auction held in lieu of the Nature Center Foundation banquet which COVID canceled for a second year. Reed said donations were still coming in.

Reed said summer programs had been updated on the ECCB website at: <https://www.emmetcountynaturecenter.org/> where all programs are listed. Reed said a free hike is scheduled at Fort Defiance state part 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13. Anyone may participate in the Fort Defiance hikes with the group meeting in the lodge parking lot, Reed said. A seminar series will start May 20 on Facebook live with bald eagles as the program focus.

Reed said summer camps are all now full except for Junior Naturalist. Ambassador Animal Talks will be held once monthly for kids of all ages. The free face-to-face program will be held 10-11 a.m. one Wednesday each month. Paddle nights will also be held in June, again for all ages.

The Tiny Naturalist program will be held for children in kindergarten or younger 10-10:45 a.m. on a Wednesday or Thursday. The Nature Center will be open this summer 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. one Saturday each month for Family Days. Family Day activities are pollinator activities for June, geocaching July and random activities August. The Nature Center will also have its regular 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday summer hours.

Reed said the outdoor recreation archery program had finished the previous week. She said students will be kayaking the next two weeks.

Reed said Avery Keenan, naturalist assistant intern, was scheduled to start Tuesday, May 11 and will be on staff through August.

Board member Curt Larson updated foundation members on the building project. He said site work will start soon. Larson said the building will have a 24-inch overhang around the building with stone on the front.

Reed said archery practice and outdoor recreation activities will take place in the building.

Board member Kim Swanson moved that the board lock in a lumber price and Phyllis McKean seconded his motion and the board approved. Board member Greg Matheson moved that a maturing CD be transferred into checking for the project. Swanson seconded his motion which the board also approved.

In other business, Reed said water samples had come back fine. She said she has not yet heard about the Emmet County Community Grant Foundation grant application for the new building. Reed also said the Nature Center front sign needs to be repaired and painted. The board agreed to ask Wolden Campground maintenance staff if they could to the work.

McKean also suggested Reed check into Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative grant opportunities.

In the Emmet County Conservation Board meeting the followed, Reed said the Tuttle Lake Campground tractor had arrived and the grapple bucket will come July or August.

The board also discussed the status of the Jim Hall Habitat Scout bridge. Anderson said the bridge could be repaired, but his only concern was it having no handrails.

Reed said she holds Little Mustangs sessions every Wednesday and the last one for the spring will be this Wednesday. She said her last session at the Graettinger Public Library will also be this Wednesday. Reed said she is producing a video every month and sending to Estherville Lincoln Central High School and she is also producing videos for Demoney Elementary.

Reed also gave the board camping receipt figures for the year to date. They were Wolden, \$550 for April, \$31,805 for the year; Tuttle Lake, \$245, \$23,529; and Iowa Lake, zero, \$1,520. Total receipts overall were \$795 for April and \$56,854 for the year. The camping fiscal year ends June 30.

## Money burning hole in county’s pocket – but which pocket?

By Michael Tidemann

While Emmet County will be the recipient of \$1.7 million in American Rescue Plan money, guidance has yet to come on how that money must be spent.

Emmet County Auditor Amy Sathoff informed the Emmet County Board of Supervisors at their weekly meeting Tuesday, May 4 of anticipated guidance on how the money should be spent – guidance that has yet to come. Sathoff said she had attended an Iowa State Association of Counties meeting in which American Rescue Plan money was discussed. Sathoff said Broadband would be a focus, so it was recommended that counties conduct a broadband study to see where signals are not strong. Sathoff said some counties are having secondary roads employees test broadband signals with TestIT, a mobile app that measures broadband signals, when they’re out on county roads.

Sathoff said ARP funds will be restricted and that ISAC had recommended counties form a local working group to put together a wish list for when guidance comes out. Sathoff has gathered information needed to accept ARP funds, including Dun and Bradstreet number, SAM registration (the official government-wide database on which the county must register to do business with the federal government), Employee Identification Number and financial institution information.

Sathoff said the county is set to get half of its \$1.7 million in ARP funding.

Supervisor Tim Schumacher said the emphasis on broadband fits in with

the state’s broadband push.

The board set public hearings for K&T Olson Swine LLC Barn 3 and for K&T Olson Swine LLC Barns 1 and 2 for 9:30 and 10 a.m. May 18. The board also reviewed the sheriff’s quarterly report and approved appointment of Roxanne Budach as elections deputy.

The board also held a public hearing and approved the fiscal 2021 budget amendment. Most of the spending comes from carryover road projects and COVID costs. Amended total spending is \$617,662 with revenues at \$230,010.

Sheriff Mike Martens, Emmet County EMA director Travis Sheridan and Emmet County Public Health Nurse Kathy Preston discussed climate control options of records storage areas, the PPE storage area and the incident command trailer. Board members suggested adding a floor to make two levels to maximize future storage space.

Preston said the county’s COVID positivity rate the previous day was 7 percent, with an increase in hospitalizations in Martin County, Minn. She said vaccine demand has decreased and Emmet County had turned down vaccines because it is partnering with Palo Alto county to make sure all vaccines it receives are used. She said vaccines will be opened to those 12 years and older for Pfizer vaccine. She also said she is using the Salamander inventory system to track hours for COVID response. She said other county departments could make use of the program.

Sheridan said Iowa Alert will be going to a different system.

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# Armstrong’s City budget will need amendment

By Michael Tidemann

Despite many, long volunteer hours by city councilpersons, the City of Armstrong budget will need revision.

That was the assessment of consultant Cindy Kendall, whom the city has retained to pore over the city’s finances in the absence of a city clerk. Kendall teleconferenced with the Armstrong City Council during their Monday, May 10 meeting.

Kendall said she had researched various agencies and has been making progress toward posting the city budget. She said the Iowa Auditor’s Office will audit the city’s fiscal 2020 budget – a requirement for smaller cities exceeding \$1 million in spending two years in a row – and that Community Development Block Grants have special reporting requirements.

Kendall also agreed with previous council meeting by Arden Kinnander which he also reported to City Attorney Dave Stein in an email.

Still, Kendall had nothing but praise for the council’s efforts during a trying time.

“You did a really great job of trying to put things together,” said Kendall. She said the city will have to revise its fiscal 2022 budget through amendment. She hoped to put that matter before a special meeting May 24 to set a public hearing and to approve the amendment at the June 14 council meeting.

The council also approved two fund transfers - \$7,345.58 to the curb-and-gutter fund and \$1,500 to the garbage sinking fund. The council also set a public hearing for 5 p.m. June 14 for submitting its Community Development Block grant for the wastewater treatment plant.

Also approved was a 28E agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation to mow right of ways along Iowa Highways 15 and 9. The council also approved a liquor license for the Armstrong Betterment Club for the street dance July 3 between the locker and city park.

Councilmember Joann Eaton reported meeting with pool manager Jennifer Leininger about the difficulty in finding lifeguards this summer. Eaton said the city is paying significantly less than surrounding communities and recommended a \$10 hourly wage. She

also recommended a \$50 cash bonus for lifeguards who complete 250 hours for the season. The council approved both recommendations.

Maintenance Director Troy Leininger reported on Saturday’s citywide cleanup.

“I really was not that impressed,” Leininger said, noting the relatively low volume of refuse gathered.

Leininger also reported 99 percent of work had been done on the water plant and cabinets and countertop and water softener were installed. He said the only thing remaining was the mini-split between hot and cold water. He said the pool shed was almost done and replumbed with new lines.

Leininger also said he could like a street committee meeting to deal with concrete main break holes. When Councilmember Robb Nutt asked about the condition of roads at the cemetery, Leininger said, “They’re not too bad.” Mayor Dave Grussing said he had gone through the cemetery the previous day and said Leininger had done a pretty good job.

In final comments, Grussing offered some recommendations for the city.

“This is probably my last meeting,” Grussing said, after having been appointed by the council after the resignation of former Mayor Greg Buem. Grussing made his comments on the eve of the special mayoral election in which Travis Schueller was the only candidate on the ballot. There was also a write-in campaign for Grussing.

Grussing said ads posted for the vacant city clerk position were about to expire. Councilmember Nick Mart said one application had been received.

Grussing, noting the water hydrant problems on Country Club Drive pointed out at an earlier council meeting by Dan Moore, said he would like to see some options to resolve the situation at the next council meeting.

Grussing also suggested the council form citizen advisory committees for budget, law enforcement, streets, and community development. He said those committees would help get more citizen involvement and enhance transparency of city affairs.

Councilmember Eaton noted the wastewater plant grant application deadline was approaching July 1. She said the city would learn if its

application is approved in September with release of funds in October or November and bids in December. Eaton said the project cost was up significantly, given changes by the Iowa Department of Natural resources on the required size of tanks in the project.

Eaton said the engineer was to complete site plan review the day of the council meeting and then needed to submit a revised application for an intended use plan and respond to questions from the DNR.

City Attorney Dave Stein, also teleconferencing with the council, said he assumed the council would look at the sheriff’s law-enforcement contract at its May 24 meeting. He recommended the city decide on the contract at its May 24 meeting.

Kristin Grabinoski reported on ABC Club activities. She said the Fourth of July celebration will continue as scheduled July 2-4 except there will be no inflatables since the company providing them would have to wipe them down every 45 minutes. Grabinoski also said the people running the soap box derby were out of town so she was not sure about that event.

Grabinoski also reported on the improvement projects at city park and the little park on Columbian Blvd. The improvements include replacing park benches and damaged swings. She said the club has \$7,500 in grant money for the \$15,000 project and that equipment and park benches had been ordered and that the club was looking for volunteers to help. Anyone who would like to help may contact her or Taylor Davis or Kristin Buem.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – 5-13-2021

Emmet County Public Health will be having a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for persons 18 years of age and older on Thursday, May 13th starting at 4:30 P.M. Both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available at this clinic.

Please call Emmet County Public Health at 712-362-2490 to set up an appointment.

# Iowa Supreme Court rules partly in county's favor on StateLine appeal

By Michael Tidemann

The Iowa Supreme Court in a Friday, April 30 ruling stated that StateLine Cooperative is entitled to part but not all of an exemption of contested property taxes for its Halfa feed mill operation.

The initial assessed value of StateLine's property taxes as of Jan. 1, 2014, was \$4,272,900. That was when StateLine petitioned the Emmet County Local Board of review to modify that assessment, saying it included machinery exempt from property tax. After the board of review

denied StateLine's petition, StateLine appealed to the Property Assessment Appeal Board which reduced the overall assessment to \$3,258,700.

StateLine petitioned Emmet County District Court March 17, 2016, and the county filed a cross-appeal March 23, saying the PAAB should have sustained the original assessment. That Aug. 9 the district court ruled the county's cross-appeal appropriate, but granted StateLine's motion to remand by presenting additional evidence to the PAAB on its claimed exemption of portions of the feed mill and two corn storage silos.

After running through various challenges, including the Iowa Court of Appeals, the matter went before the Iowa Supreme Court this March 23. In last Friday's ruling, the Iowa Supreme Court said the ingredient bins are part of the manufacturing process. However, the court said the

corn silos and unloading bins are not, making them taxable property. The court also directed that the PAAB should determine the exemption amount.

Emmet County Assessor Barb Bohm noted StateLine paid \$62,254 for its 2019 property taxes. Had the

Iowa Supreme Court ruled entirely in the county's favor, that amount would have been \$80,660 which includes a \$1,700 business property tax credit. The PAAB decision will determine the exact amount of StateLine's tax exemption.

Bohm told the Emmet County

Board of Supervisors Tuesday that the county has spent over \$100,000 in legal fees to date over the matter. The supervisors have publicly stated that the decision could impact rural counties nationwide.



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## Planning/Zoning approved zoning amendment

By Michael Tidemann

The Emmet County Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday, May 4 approved a proposed amendment to allow a residence on highway commercial property.

Leslie and Trace Iverson want to build a house on the Estherville Golf Course property which they have purchased. In making the request, the Iversons said a golf course building was broken into and \$2,000 to \$3,000 in tools were stolen.

The Iversons said having their home on the golf course would make it easier to be near the golf course. They said they do not plan to subdivide the land or offer land for sale for other dwellings. Their main goal is to have a home on the golf course and live there as golf course owners.

Emmet County Assessor Barb Bohm said a residential dwelling is not currently allowed under highway commercial zoning. Bohm said the board would have to amend Article X of the county zoning ordinance to allow conditional use of a non-farm single-family dwelling.

After discussion, the board approved the proposed amendment. The matter will next go to the Emmet County Board of Supervisors who will need to set a public hearing where they will later decide whether to amend the ordinance. If approved by the supervisors, the Iversons will then need to make a request to the Emmet County Board of Adjustment which could grant or deny conditional use applications on a case-by-case basis.

intent to commit sexual abuse – a Class D felony. Huntley was also charged with harassment first degree, an aggravated misdemeanor.

After trial, the jury returned guilty verdicts on all four counts. Emmet County Attorney Melanie Summers-Bauler handled the prosecution for the state. A Class D felony can carry a sentence of up to five years in prison and a fine of \$750 to \$7,500 for each count. A sentencing hearing is set for July 26. Huntley also faces three misdemeanor charges for violation of a no-contact order.

## Jury finds Huntley guilty on all counts

By Michael Tidemann

An Emmet County jury Friday, May 7 found a Wallingford man guilty of one serious misdemeanor and three felony counts in the beating and attempted strangulation of a female companion.

According to the original complaint, Emmet County Sheriff's Deputy Thomas Schultes spoke with Jessica Fingalsen June 10, 2020, regarding an assault by her boyfriend, Brenton Huntley. Schultes said Huntley and Schultes had been dating since March and had been living together in an intimate relationship.

Fingalsen said the couple went to Huntley's grandparents' house at 4026 220<sup>th</sup> St. near Wallingford where they got into an argument. Fingalsen said Huntley began hitting her in the face and she sustained a bruise by her right eyebrow and on her lower lip. She said Huntley then began choking her. Schultes saw red discoloration on the front of Fingalsen's neck.

Huntley was charged with three felony counts: domestic assault – strangulation – a Class D felony; willful injury – causing bodily injury – a Class D felony; and assault with

intent to commit sexual abuse – a Class D felony. Huntley was also charged with harassment first degree, an aggravated misdemeanor.

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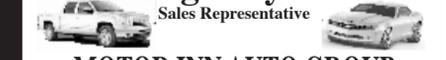


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### Emmet County: Board Representative Needed

Emmet County Veteran Affairs is seeking applicants to consider appointments on the Emmet County Veteran Affairs Commission Board. Applications are available from the VA Office located in the Emmet County Courthouse. All applications for consideration of the current opening should be submitted to the VA Office by Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

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The duties of the City Clerk include but are not necessarily limited to preparing the annual budget, utility payments, accounts payable, bank reconciliation of various accounts, and preparation and distribution of all financial reports. The City Clerk serves as caretaker of all City records, prepares agendas, attends Council meetings, take and transcribe minutes of meetings, ensure publication in a timely manner.

The successful candidate will have a high level of knowledge of computer operations. Experience with Clerk Books software will be a plus as well as familiarity with Word and Excel. The City Clerk is the public face of the City so effective communication skills are essential for dealing with members of the public as well as other City employees.

The successful candidate will be a self-starter who is able to work with minimum supervision while demonstrating the ability to multi-task. The City Clerk will often be responsible for managing multiple projects at the same time.

Salary will be determined based on experience and benefits include IPERS, insurance, and Paid Time Off.

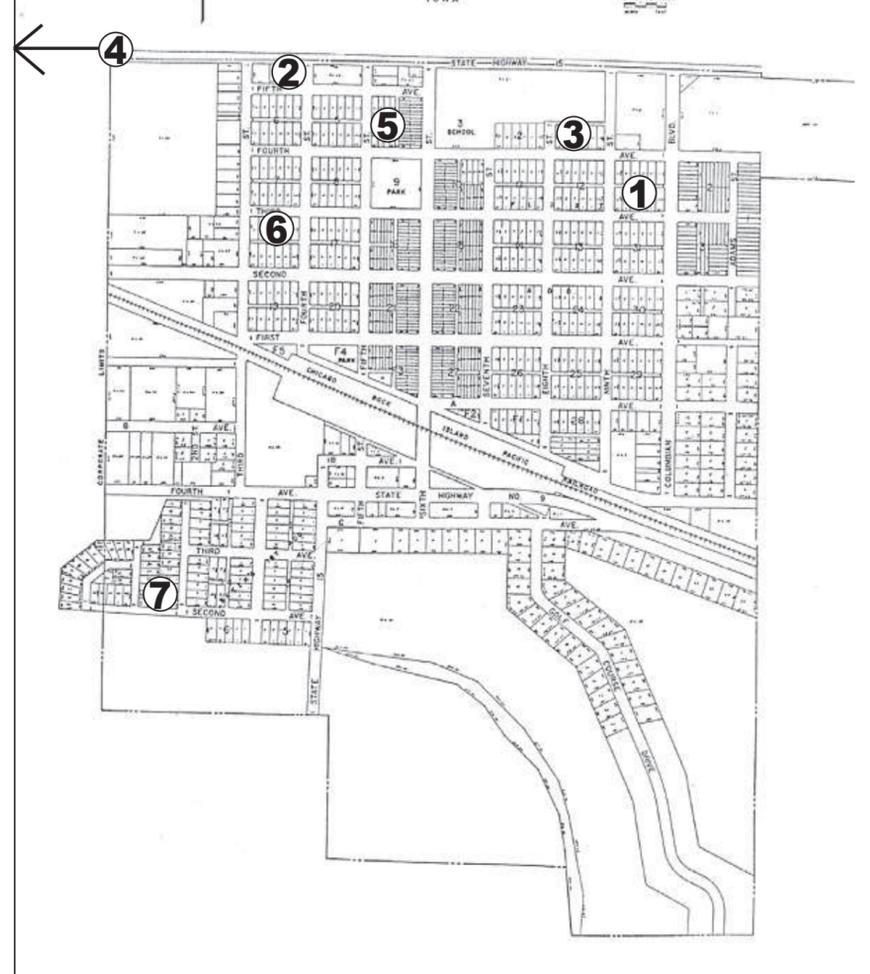
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Post Office Box 229  
Armstrong, Iowa, 50514

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.  
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## Armstrong Garage Sale Weekend

Thursday, May 13; Friday, May 14; Saturday, May 15

- Grace Askeland 904 3rd Ave (In house and garage)** \ Thurs. 3-7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - noon. \ Sofas, love seat, dining room set, chairs, bedroom set, end tables, wicker bench, glassware, Christmas dishes, pots & pans, cedar chest, chest freezer, misc.
- Multi family! Kay Glasnapp, Andi Taylor, Bernice Vidal - 308 5th Ave** / Thurs. 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - noon / Miscellaneous items!
- Judy Moore and Chelsea Rein 802 4th Ave** / Thursday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Friday 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. - noon / Full size metal loft bed, womens and kids clothes, toys, games, brand new Under Armour shoes, lots of womens shoes, household items.
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- Possession of or the ability to obtain a Class "A" Commercial Drivers License with air brake endorsement is required.
- A pre-employment physical including drug testing, registration with the US Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse and background check is required.
- The successful applicant will be required to live in or near Titonka area.
- An application may be obtained at the office of the Kossuth County Engineer, 114 West State Street, Suite 5, Algona, IA, 50511 or at Kossuth County's Website <https://kossuthcounty.iowa.gov/careers.php>.
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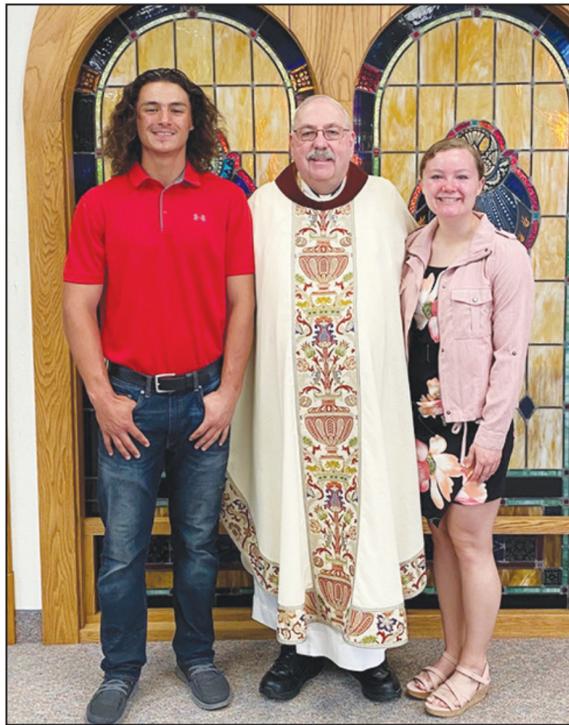
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**ABOVE:**  
United Methodist Church honored their 10 graduating seniors on Sunday, May 9, 2021. Seniors are Gary Gardner, Jordyn Cummins, Gage Madden, Colten Neusch, Katelyn Thackery, Carter Anderson, Ariel Olson, Kaylee Meyer, Jaden Quastad, and Madison Waller.



**RIGHT:**  
Nazareth Lutheran Church honored their six seniors on Sunday, May 9, 2021. Seniors are: Damian Freitag, Carys Fuller, Vanessa Von Bank, Halle Rezac, Emma Haukoos, Shawn Odegaard.



Michael Hanson and Ashton Merrill are graduating from North Union this Sunday. The two were celebrated at Mass on Sunday, May 2nd. They are pictured with Father Schrad at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Armstrong.



Four area girls performed at the Borchardt Dance Studio's Mother's Day recital. The recital was held both Saturday and Sunday. Pictured clockwise from top are Rachel Henriksen, Macy Merrill, Cora Crouch, Ivy Fossen.

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**Lamb Class** - youth must have completed kindergarten, 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade by fair time. Lambs must be born between January 1 and May 15, 2021 to qualify.  
**All paperwork must be turned in by July 1, 2021.**

**Calf Class** - youth must have completed 2nd or 3rd grade by fair time. Calves must be born between March 1 and May 15, 2021 to qualify.  
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**Pet Class** - youth must have completed Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade by fair time. Pets need to have an up-to-date proof of appropriate vaccinations with entry form.  
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