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Students Prepare for Upcoming Musical

North Union High School will present *Beauty and the Beast* on Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school gymnasium in Armstrong. Pictured are standing to left of steps: Cadence Lemmens, Lauryn Hatfield, Samuel Kirkegaard, Wyatt Leininger; left of the steps: Myiah Hanson, Kenna Hatten, Emma Preston, Taylor Larsen; first row steps: Chase Cummins and Olivia Von Bank; second row: Abby Rezac, Raegan Nielsen, Faith Steinberger; third row: Ben Walstead and Brynn Tirevold; Standing on

the stage: Koen Zolt, Adeline Kollasch, Macy Colegrove, Carly Oleson, Mylee Oleson, Olivia Price, Dakota Villarreal, Amelia Fothergill, Emma Kirkegaard, Shelby Potratz, Allyson Nelson, Nick Arndorfer, Isiah McGraw, Lindsay Daschner, Kyla Irmeter, Brylie Deim, Abby Potratz. Not pictured is Avery Walstead. The full description of the play can be found on page 5.



Spilled Ink

By Clinton J. Davis

Most of us are waking up this morning and checking results from yesterday's election. It seems that most of the world pays more attention to candidates and elected officials as we approach election time. As I have said in the past - we all need to pay closer attention to the local elections than the major federal elections. Voting straight down the line either Republican or Democratic is the dumbest thing voters can do.

Voting one way is what causes the problems we have now. Do we really believe that two years ago there was a blue wave because of the Democratic view points? Or was it because most people didn't like or agree with President Donald Trump. I would say the latter.

If voters would have taken election time seriously they would have voted for a mix of candidates. Especially at the lower level (city, county, and even state). Major corporations, including most sporting events, are telling people to "go vote", that they want everyone to walk to a polling place and cast a ballot. I feel their message should be different. They should be pushing to have people do their research before going to vote. As I type this column, I have yet to vote, but I know I will have a mix of Democratic and Republican candidates on my ballot. I've kept up with local and state level news since the last election. I know who is preforming and who isn't.

I also leave some spots blank on my ballot. Especially if I don't know anything about them. Take judges for example. If I don't have a personal opinion, even if they are the only candidate, I leave it blank. I hope people continue to stay on top of LOCAL, state, and a little federal news as we move past this election. There are some great candidates who never get chances because of straight ticket voting. Hopefully we all become better voters, myself included.

Last weekend our house was a zoo as we tore Hartley's room apart to install his new bunk bed. He had been asking for a bunk bed since we moved last December. But found a great deal on a bunk bed from Hartley's Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Walter. We have had the bed in our spare room for a couple of months because we didn't have a mattress for it. We finally pulled the trigger and bought a mattress. For now, we have left the bottom bed off. Hartley and Calvin have been using the bottom (with a blanket covering the opening) as a "fortress".

Now we have taken Hartley's old full bed and set it up in the fourth bedroom upstairs as a spare room. Probably the room I will be sleeping in if I don't get my household chores done. Either way, we now have room for our family guests as they come for the holidays.

As quick as I can blink my eyes, Taylor has done a great job decorating for Thanksgiving. Her only rule: no Christmas tree until after Hartley's birthday on the 17th.

VFW & Auxiliary Feather Party, Supper

The Armstrong VFW and Auxiliary, Post #5232, will hold their Feather Party and Supper on Thursday, November 17th at the VFW post home.

The cost for the supper is \$8.00 and includes soup, sandwich, bars, and a drink. Supper will start being served at 5:30 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., the bingo games will start. Bingo winners will receive a turkey. Raffle tickets will also be sold that evening. One large turkey will be given away to the raffle winner.

ABC Meeting

Thursday, November 17

6:30 p.m. at Nazareth

Church, Armstrong

(Will finish planning Christmas Party Activities)

Emmet Co. Courthouse closed Veterans Day

The Emmet County Courthouse will be closed on Friday, November 11th, 2022, in observance of Veteran's Day.

Veterans Supper

November 11th

The Ringsted American Legion will host a Free Veteran's dinner on Sunday, November 13 with a short program at 4:00 followed by the dinner.

A meal of turkey with all the trimmings will be prepared by Legion, Auxiliary, and community volunteers. Carry outs will be available.

All Ringsted area Veterans, Auxiliary members, and spouse or a guest are invited to attend. Veterans who are not Legion members are welcome. Spouses of deceased Veterans are invited and encouraged to attend.

There is no charge for the meal but they will accept donations to continue Quilts of Valor Project. The meal is funded by a Thrivent Action Team.

Please RSVP by contacting Mark Larsen at 712-866-1711 or Robin Hansen at 712-866-1901. Please leave a message if there is no answer.



Medical clinic to reopen in Armstrong

By Michael Tidemann

Armstrong will again have a medical clinic with the addition of a satellite office of the Center for Specialty Care of Fairmont, Minn., effective Monday, Nov. 21.

Dr. Corey Welchin, D.O., Center for Specialty Care founder, and his staff will offer podiatry, orthopedics, primary care and skin care with the Center for Ageless Health at Dr. Greg Oleson's chiropractic consulting services building on Main Street in Armstrong. Welchin has practiced in Fairmont for 33 years.

Joining Dr. Welchin will be Amy Rowe, nurse practitioner; Andrew Maier, D.O.; Peyton Oleson, nurse practitioner; and Julie Dodds, M.D., of orthopedics. The clinic will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Welchin said hours will increase with patient demand.

Armstrong has been without a clinic since the closing of the former Mayo Health Systems clinic at the same location. Dr. Oleson, who purchased the building, was formerly at a different location in Armstrong which he sold along with his practice. Oleson has since established a chiropractic consulting service at his new office. He consults with other chiropractors around the county.

Appointments can be made by calling 507-238-4949. See photo on page 2.

Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule

Armstrong garbage pickup for Thanksgiving week will be as follows:
Monday, November 21st
Commercial pickup - No Change
Thursday, November 24th
Residential pickup - Changed to Wednesday, November 23rd.

Proclamation

Armstrong Poppy Days

November 2-9, 2022



WHO: The VFW Auxiliary Post #5232 of Armstrong, Iowa

WHAT: Volunteers distribution of veteran-made, hand-crafted memorial poppies in exchange for a free-will donation

WHEN: November 2nd-9th

WHEREAS: In businesses in and around Armstrong and at the Veterans Day Program at the North Union High School.

WHY: To remind America-at-peace of the price of war and the sacrifice of millions of lives. At the same time, the Poppy Day distribution honors all of America's veterans of five wars and two conflicts.

HISTORY: The program began after shattered bodies and minds returned from France following World War I, an effort of veterans and their families to "take care of their own" and to remind the public of the debt owed to those who served and died. It has continued, honoring the war dead from World War II, Korea and Vietnam, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama and Persian Gulf, a tribute to America's citizens soldiers. The ALA Auxiliary is a million-member aide to the 3.3 million-member ALA Auxiliary.

Mayor: Travis Schueller of Armstrong

intervene on the pipeline projects.

Pipeline Ordinances Public Hearing

By Michael Tidemann

Public hearings on two ordinances that would regulate carbon dioxide pipelines in Emmet County will be held Nov. 22, the Emmet County Board of Supervisors agreed at their Tuesday, Nov. 1 meeting.

Board Chair Jeff Quastad said he had left extended drainage districts in the repair section of the ordinance, a provision that would give some protection to private tiles.

Auditor Amy Sathoff had several questions about administering the ordinances, including who collects fees. Quastad said one of the ordinances takes issues first to the zoning board then to the supervisors.

Sathoff said Courthouse employees need to know if they will have added work duties, such as tracking fees and ensuring that the county is paid. Quastad some fees are due upon permit applications. When Sathoff asked who would approve permit applications, Supervisor John Pluth said that would be the county engineer's responsibility.

Sathoff said pipeline companies would like copies of the previous ordinance and any changes made. Quastad said engineer Collin Klingbeil had said Navigator Pipeline had filed its application with the Iowa Utilities Board but was not required to follow some IUB rules. Quastad said the IUB will have to file a motion with the county to waive the rules.

After further discussion, Supervisor John Pluth moved and Supervisor Lisa Hansen seconded a motion to hold a public hearing on the ordinances at the Nov. 22 meeting. The board approved.

In other business, the board approved a contract with Christensen Construction of Estherville for construction of the Estherville maintenance shop for secondary roads. The \$2,628,700 contract has a Sept. 24, 2024, completion date.

Later in the meeting, Supervisor Tim Schumacher asked Emmet County Engineer Walter Davis-Oeth whether a 5 percent retainage would cover any damages or a penalty for failure to meet deadline.

Davis-Oeth said the project architect had suggested not having a

liquidated damages schedule because that might scare bidders away. He said Iowa DOT projects of \$2.5 million typically have a \$30,000 retainage. He also said the contractor has a legal contract and has paid a bond. He also said since Christensen is a local contractor, it would be easier to work with on the project.

The board also received a request from Bret Mace and Cami Paulson of the Emmet County Fair Board to help pay for \$31,413 in water line repairs at the fairgrounds.

Pluth said he would have liked to have seen at least a couple bids on the project to ensure it was competitive. Mace agreed, adding though that the contractor has done past work at the fairgrounds.

Paulson said the fair board's budget was likely just enough to cover insurance and utilities over the winter. The supervisors reviewed several funding options, including local option sale and services taxes and American Rescue Plan act funding. Pluth said the supervisors could not approve L.O.S.S.T. funds for the project since it was not on the agenda.

As for ARPA funds, Sathoff said work had not yet started on the Courthouse renovation project and that the county had spent \$200,000 on Annex renovation out of its \$1.7 million in ARPA money. She pegged the Courthouse renovation estimate at \$1.3 million

Schumacher suggested exploring funding options. The board will place the request on its Nov. 15 meeting agenda. There will be no Nov. 8 meeting due to the election.

The board heard about to deal with a number of other issues, including:

- The board heard that Quastad had attended a regional Haz-Mat meeting. Quastad said he had opposed buying a \$50,000 machine that would have not benefited Emmet County. Quastad also said he had attended an ECCOG meeting.

- Sathoff said Courthouse early voting will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. She said 580 early votes have already been cast. "I think it's just going to get bigger," Sathoff said.

- Pluth reported on a regional mental-health meeting he had attended the previous Tuesday.

- Hansen asked about the county's letter to the Iowa Utilities Board to

Red Cross Blood Drive in Ringsted

The Ringsted Evening Out Club will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Thursday, November 10, 2022 from 1:30 to 6:30 at the Ringsted American Legion Community Center.

For more information or to make an appointment to donate, call Barb Christensen at 712-260-0375, Karen Witte at 712-866-1671 or Gayle Petersen at 712-866-1326 or sign up online at redcrossblood.org.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, B negative and A negative. According to the Red Cross, type O negative is the universal blood type that can be safely transfused to anyone, and is often used to treat trauma patients.



Armstrong Board of Adjustments

The Armstrong city council recently approved appointments to the Board of Adjustments. Pictured left to right are: Dean Nicoson, Clint Davis, Krista Mart, Kristin Grabinoski, and Mike Anderson



Armstrong Planning and Zoning Commission

The Armstrong city council recently approved appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Pictured left to right are: Julie Trenary, Autumn Larsen, Steve Olson, and Dennis Haaland. Not pictured is Jeff Tirevold.

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EMMET COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Magistrate court

Sept. 26 – Hillerie L. Foss of Estherville pleaded guilty to control of animals. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

Eva Schultz of Estherville pleaded guilty to control of animals. The defendant was fined \$100 and assessed \$60 costs.

Sept. 27 – A judgment for a civil infraction of \$250 was imposed upon Matthew Antonio Koppie of Estherville for RV parking in a driveway for almost a year.

Sarah Doll of Estherville pleaded guilty to control of animals. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

Kyle Kevin Cree of Estherville pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct

– fighting/violent behavior. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

Dustan D. Cree of Estherville pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct – fighting/violent behavior. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

Oct. 3 – Donald Francis Irmiter of Ringsted pleaded guilty to criminal mischief 5th degree. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

James Dean Jenkins of Estherville pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct – fighting/violent behavior. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

Oct. 4 – Rachel Marie Vanmever of Estherville pleaded guilty to public intoxication. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

Holly Kac Vanmever of Milford pleaded guilty to public intoxication. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

– fighting/violent behavior. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

Dessa M. Rose of Estherville. Accounts Management, Inc., of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$5,876.58 judgment plus interest and costs from Ashley Sue L. Allard of Estherville.

Sept. 28 – Accounts Management, Inc., of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$1,087.44 judgment plus interest and costs from Christine E. Joyce of Estherville.

Sept. 29 – Accounts Management Incorporated of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$1,268.40 judgment plus interest and costs from Alajandro and Lizbeth Ramos of Estherville.

P.D. Russell Properties of LLC of Estherville was granted authority to vacate property to Michael Anthony Anderson and Crystal Banks of Estherville.

Oct. 6 – Accounts Management Incorporated of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$1,902.81 judgment plus interest and costs from Deetta and Timothy Ray Koen of Estherville.

District court

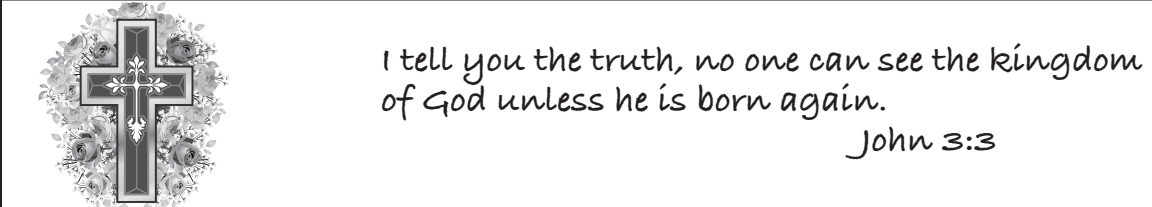
Sept. 27 – Dillon Paul Peer of Belmont pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance – marijuana 1st offense. The defendant was fined \$430 and assessed \$100 costs and a \$64.50 surcharge.

Oct. 4 – Janelle Jordan Cole of Armstrong received a deferred sentence for possession of a controlled substance – marijuana 1st offense. The defendant was placed on probation under the Emmet County Attorney for six months and fined \$430 and assessed \$100 costs.

Small claims

Sept. 27 – Midland Credit Management Inc. of West Des Moines received an \$885.43 judgment plus interest and costs from Marsha Mariner Pahl of Estherville.

Midland Credit Management Inc. of West Des Moines received a \$751.02 judgment plus interest and costs from



I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.
John 3:3

Center for Specialty Care to Open in Armstrong

Center for Specialty Care staff include, from left:

Dr. Andrew Maier, physician;
Alexis Laubenthal, surgical assistant;
Dr. Corey T. Welchin, orthopedic surgeon;
Dr. Julie Dodds, orthopedic surgeon;
Tiah Weringa, clinic assistant;
and Amy Rowe, CNP.

Legal Publications

All legal publications are published as submitted.

Your Right To Know Proceedings of Emmet County Board of Supervisors

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

October 25, 2022 at 9:00am.
 Regular Meeting
 Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Jeff Quastad, Chair
 John Pluth
 Tim Schumacher
 Todd Glasnapp, Vice-Chair
 Lisa K. Hansen

Absent:

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

Public Forum, Supervisor Quastad attended an IDDA meeting and discussed with the Board about IDDA's stance on the proposed Pipeline Ordinances.

It was the consensus of the Board that county email addresses would be a good idea for Board Members.

Schumacher shared information on NW IA Planning and Development Commission and RIDES meetings he attended.

Mike Tideman shared a novel he is reviewing with the Board.

Auditor Sathoff noted that there is a letter from the friends of the Estherville Public Library and that they are pleased to report that as of October 18th, 2022 their individual donations have met the Board's \$5,000 match requirement. Since the goal has been reached the \$5,000 in matching funds will be paid out of L.O.S.S.T. with the next claims cycle.

Early Voting is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the November 8, 2022 General Election and also the Saturday prior to the election from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Walter Davis-Oeth and Lucas Oelson joined the meeting. Davis-Oeth presented a utility permit from River Valley Telecommunications to provide internet service to Peterson Point to install security cameras. Motion by Schumacher, second by Hansen to approve the permit. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth presented a gravel contract with Hagedorn in the amount of \$336,000 plus a fuel variance. Motion by Glasnapp, second by Pluth to approve the contract. All ayes, motion carried.

The Contract for the Emmet County Maintenance Shop will be tabled until a later date.

At 9:30 a.m. the Chairman opened the public hearing on the Emmet County Budget Amendment #2 for FY2023. The Amendment was duly published and no written comments were received in the Auditor's Office.

Mike Tideman from the media was present for the public hearing. Auditor, Amy M. Sathoff presented Emmet County Budget Amendment #2 as follows:

FY23 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 SUMMARY

EMMET COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 - October 25, 2022	BUDGET EXPENDITURES
Department Reason Amount	
Service Area 09 - Administration Annex	
Public Health Renovations (ARPA funds Offset)	\$35,000.00
Board of Supervisors	
Tuttle Lake and Wolden Park Tornado Sirens	\$58,200.00
Total Service Area 09	\$93,200.00
TOTAL AMENDMENT #2	\$93,200.00
EXPENDITURES	\$93,200.00

Motion by Schumacher, second by Hansen to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Schumacher, Hansen, Glasnapp, Pluth and Quastad Nays: None. Motion carried.

Your Right To Know Proceedings of Armstrong City Council

Armstrong City Council Proceedings

Special Council Meeting: October 31, 2022 5:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor T. Schueller
 Council Present: J. Eaton, R. Nutt, N. Trenary, N. Mart, A. Kinnander-telephonically

City Consultant: Cindy Kendall, telephonically

Mayor Schueller called the meeting to order. Pledge was recited. Motion by Nutt, seconded by Trenary to approve agenda. Vote: Ayes-4. Motion carried.

Motion by Eaton, seconded by Trenary to accept the resignation of Council member Nick Mart, effective immediately. Vote: Ayes- Nutt and Eaton Nays- Kinnander. Nutt abstained due to conflict of interest. Mart recused himself. Motion carried.

Motion by Eaton, seconded by Nutt to give notice that the City Council intends to fill the Council vacancy by appointment following the guidelines in Section 362.3 of the Code of Iowa. Vote: Ayes-Eaton, Nutt, Trenary and Kinnander. Mart recused himself. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on hiring Nick Mart as Deputy City Clerk. Council has advertised the position in multiple outlets since July and has not been successful in filling the position. Mart has been volunteering to complete much of the work in the office including utility billing, collecting documents for the state examination, routing calls to the Sheriff's office, preparing reports, working with ClerkBooks, and handling cemetery inquiries. The review process, rate of pay of \$15 per hour, and number of hours per week were discussed. Council agreed to continue to seek a full-time clerk.

Eaton moved to approve RESOLUTION 2022-1031-01 RESOLUTION APPROVING DEPUTY CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF ARMSTRONG AND SETTING TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND RATE OF PAY. Seconded by Trenary. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Eaton, Kinnander, Trenary. Nays- None Abstain- Nutt due to conflict to interest.

Motion by Trenary, seconded by Nutt to adjourn. Vote: Ayes- 4. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Motion by Pluth, second by Glasnapp to approve budget amendment #2 as published and presented by Auditor Sathoff. All ayes, motion carried.

The Family Crisis Center will be tabled until a later date.

The Board discussed the Peterson Point LP tank and expansion of the current parking area. The consensus of the Board was that it was ok to expand the parking area.

The Board discussed the cost of the LP tank and Auditor Sathoff questioned where the funds would come from for that tank.

There will be a fundraiser at the Ingham Lake Bible Camp for Peterson Point on December 4, 2022 and Christmas on the Farm at Peterson Point on December 10, 2022.

Auditor Sathoff noted that she will be approaching the Board for increase in wages for Precinct Election Officials.

The Board reviewed the Final Plat of Oleson Farms Subdivision. Motion by Schumacher, second by Hansen to set the Public Hearing date for November 15, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. The Pipeline Ordinance Public Hearing will be moved to November 22, 2022 at 9:30.

Sheriff Mike Martens joined the meeting to discuss the purchase of three new sheriff trucks. A budget amendment in the amount of approximately \$17,000 would potentially be needed and only two trucks were budgeted for this fiscal year. Motion by Schumacher to approve the purchase of the third truck, second by Glasnapp. All ayes, motion carried.

Martens asked for a paid prior for the vehicles and the Board approved.

Martens reported that he has two deputy prospects.

The Board discussed the current canine situation. Sheriff Martens is looking to rehoming the current canine.

Sheriff Martens still short one in the jail and more than that in communications.

Emmet County Treasurer, Brenda Moore joined the meeting joined the meeting to discuss a property tax interest waiver per Iowa Code Sec. 331.301 (13).

Motion by Hansen, second by Schumacher to waive the \$64.00 in penalties on parcels 0429300001, 0429300002, 0429300003, 0429300004, 0429400001, 0429400002, 0429400003 and 0429400004. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plan:
 Owner - Roger Petersen
 Facility Name - Roger Petersen
 Site Number - #58057

Motion by Pluth, second Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor
 Jeff Quastad, Chair
 (Published 11-9-2022)



Collecting Cans for Ringsted Community

The Jack Creek Feeders is appreciative of the Ringsted community for the continued support of can donations. The funds that were made were used for many different club activities, projects and donations that go back out to the community.

Submitted by Emma and Elsie Preston, Jack Creek Feeders 4-H club photographer and editor

Nazareth Church Food Pantry in Armstrong received 25 of the bags put together by members of the Jack Creek 4-H Club. Because of generous donations the club was able to order meat certificates & food from Fareway.

All youth in photo below.



The Jack Creek Feeders 4H Club was able to put together 25 Thanksgiving meal baskets, by ordering food and meat certificates from Fareway. These boxes were donated to the Nazareth Church Food Pantry in Armstrong. The club was able to do this by receiving generous contributions from Central Farm Services-Truman, Pro Cooperative and Stateline Cooperative. Receiving the donation were Dennis and Renae Haaland.

Submitted by Emma and Elsie Preston, Jack Creek Feeders 4-H club photographer and editor

Paging Back through the Ringsted Dispatch

100 Years Ago – November 1922

- A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Knud Bonnicksen Friday, October 20th. The Dispatch reporter was not informed in time to publish this important event last week.
- Headline: American Legion investigates purchase of Opera House. They would do this in place of erecting a new building.
- On Friday night, Nov. 17th, we will have a sociable at our school two miles south and east of Ringsted. This is to be a hand sociable at which the hands of the ladies will be sold to their partner.

75 Years Ago – November 1947

- Headline: L.A. Petersen & Sons to Open New Furniture Addition Saturday ~ the store was moved to its present location in 1904.
- The whole town of Ringsted had their water supply shut off on Tuesday of this week due to the fact that a water heater was being installed at the water tower.
- Stevie Glasnapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Glasnapp, celebrated his 7th birthday, Saturday by having 10 of his pals out to help him.

50 Years Ago – November 1972

- From Dane Do'ers: December 21 was a special day for Gordon and Doloris Culbertson. A daughter was born to them who they later named Diane.
- The Ringsted Kiwanis club honored Rita Sorensen as the student of the month last Thursday evening.
- Five Ringsted High School students left last Saturday to spend this week visiting the Cherry Creek School in Englewood, CO, to observe a large city school operate. The girls are: Cindy Nelson, Linda Heriksen, Carol Jensen, Vicki White and Patsy Jensen.

25 Years Ago – November 1997

- Heather Bradeen and Megan Paulsen are among them members of the Denmark Happy Moments 4-H Club of Ringsted who are sponsoring a "Coats for Kids" drive.
- Headline: Middle school students get a taste of frontier life from "Two Hugs". Two Hugs told of an unwritten history of the west and beads being a major portion of our country's history.
- Marie Cole enjoyed her 80th birthday party with family and friends who braved the snow and wind to celebrate with her. Maxine Brones, who served in the Waves with Marie during World War II was there.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING BY THE EMMET COUNTY, IOWA PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FOR REVIEWING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING AND RESTRICTING THE USE OF LAND FOR THE TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS LIQUID THROUGH A HAZARDOUS LIQUID PIPELINE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 25.1 of the Emmet County Zoning Ordinance, the Emmet County Planning & Zoning Commission will conduct a work session on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Supervisors Room at the Emmet County Courthouse, 609 1st Avenue N, Estherville, Iowa 51334. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss a proposed addition of an ordinance to the 2013 Emmet County Zoning Ordinance, regulating and restricting the use of land for the transport of hazardous liquid through a hazardous liquid pipeline. If you have questions concerning this proposed zoning ordinance, or if you require special accommodations to attend the public meeting, you may contact the Emmet County Assessor's Office at 712-362-2609, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Barb Bohm, Emmet County Zoning Administrator
 (Published 11-9-2022)

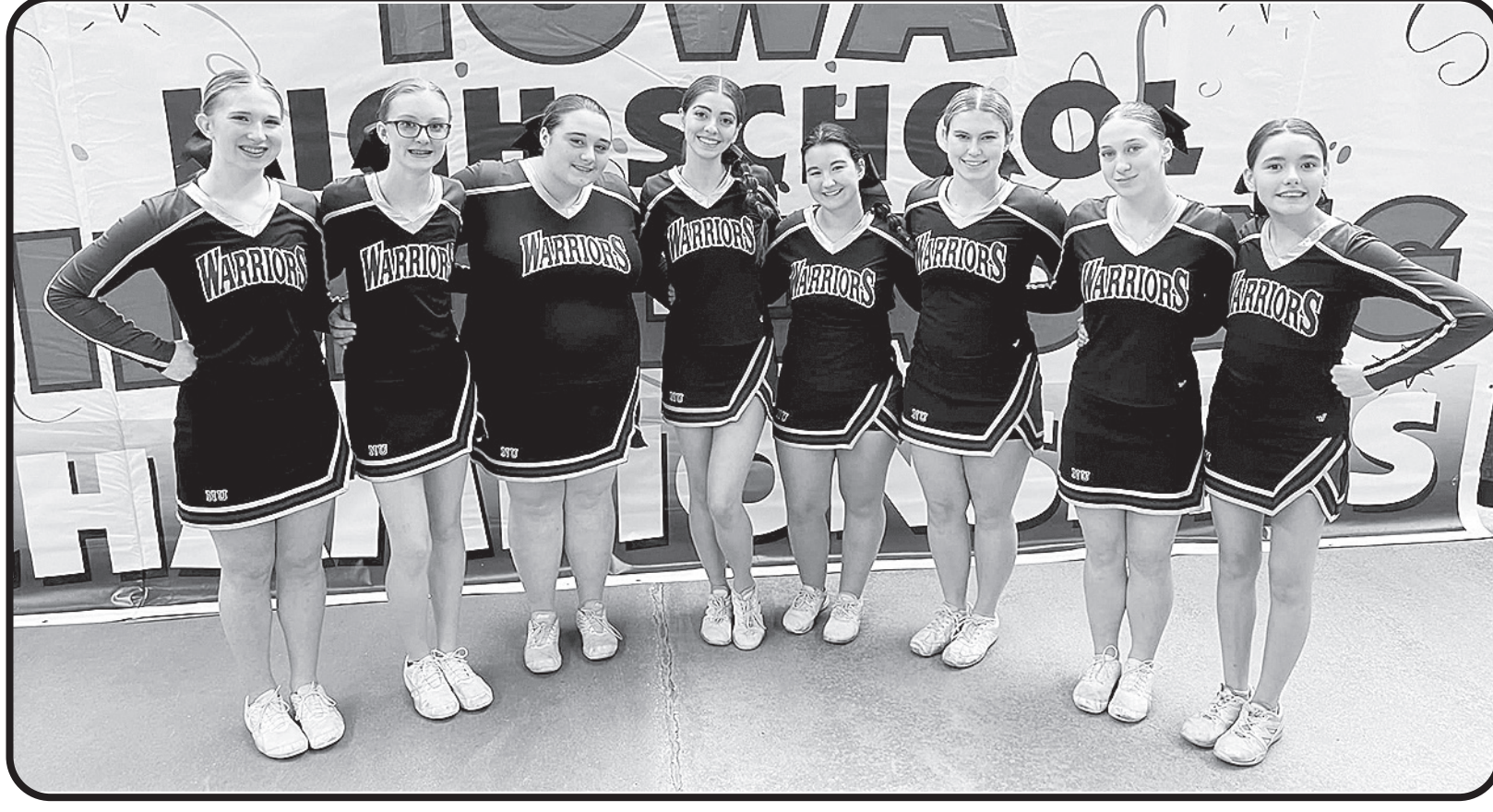
North Union Cheer Competition Team

*State Competition
Saturday, October 26
Congratulations on a job well done*



2022 North Union Warrior Stunt Team

Shelby Potratz, Lindsay Daschner, Destiny Keeler, Kaelani Sorensen, Dakota Villarreal.



2022 North Union Warrior Timeout Competition Team

Shelby Potratz, Kaelani Sorensen, Destiny Keeler, Dakota Villarreal, Paizlee Ricke, Lindsay Daschner, Abby Potratz and Mabel Arends

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- State Line Cooperative
- Swea City Herald-Press
- Taffe Wellness Center
- Vaske Sales and Service

Stateline Publications Christmas Coloring Contest

Children division

Adult division



1st and 2nd place will be awarded in three age divisions: 3-5 years olds, 6-8 year olds and 9-11 year olds. Winners will receive a gift. The names of the top two winners in each division will be placed in a Santa Hat. The name drawn out will have their drawing featured on the front page of the Christmas Section.



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2022 National FFA Convention and Expo, October 26 – 29 Indianapolis, IN



The 95th National FFA Convention & Expo celebrated its annual in-person convention beginning October 26th and concluded on October 29th. More than 69,000 FFA members and guests from throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands attended this year's event. The in-person convention & Expo was held in Indianapolis, Indiana on Wednesday, October 26th. Seven general sessions were held at Lucas Oil Stadium. On the morning of Saturday, October 29th, a special ceremony was held where American FFA Degrees, the highest degree for an FFA member, was bestowed upon more than 4,000 members. The Iowa FFA Association had representation from more than 3,000 attendees involved in all facets of the event. The following is a summary of results and accomplishments of Iowa FFA members in the respective national events
Photo of members L to R Back row: Addison Kruse, Carly Oleson, Kadin Walter, Cole Hansen, Dalton Tobin
Front row: Sienna Lansen, Jo Oleson, Harley Tobin, Emmitt Bierstedt, Ethan Preston



Olivia Merrill checks in Mitch Mart at Silver Spoon.



Emily Meyer tops the hot beef sundae with cheese during Silver Spoon.



Double checking the to go order was Destiny Keeler.



Counting the to go orders at Silver Spoon was Michaela Carranza. Charlie Brown Pie was a huge hit during their November 4th meal.

Quiz Bowl Team finishes third at conference meet

Two quiz bowl teams from North Union High School participated in the conference quiz bowl on Saturday, November 5.

Teams consisted of:
North Union 1 - Kadin Walter, Kolton Walter, Becca Heinen, Landyn Price

North Union 2 - Emmitt Bierstedt, Nikki Carranza, Cole Nicosen Brennan Bollinger.

Following the first four rounds, North Union 1 was the fourth seed going into the fifth round. NU 1 lost to Newman 1 280 - 175. NU 1 then went onto to play West Hancock 2 in the consolation round. They defeated West Hancock 200 - 115.

Winning the tournament two years in a row was Newman 1 who defeated Bishop Garrigan 2 with a score of 230 - 160.

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By Kim Meyer

The Top of Iowa Conference named local athletes to the volleyball All Conference Teams.

Four North Union Lady Warriors were named to the list. Making second team all conference were Libby Stevens, Olivia Von Bank and Ella Ulrich. Emily Meyer was named to the Honorable Mention team.



Senior libero Eli Ulrich was second in the conference with 322 digs. Ulrich had 209 successful serves with 6 ace serves with a 90.1% efficiency.



Junior setter Libby Stevens had a great year with a 592 assists, breaking the school record in season assists. Stevens finished second in the conference in assists. She completed 323 serves out of 335 attempts with a 96.4% efficiency. She had a 43 ace serves. Stevens had 222 digs with 19 blocks, six of those as solo blocks, along with 66 kills.



Middle hitter Emily Meyer was one of the top servers in the conference placing second in the conference with 371 serves out of 398 attempts for a 93.2% efficiency, along with 44 ace serves. Meyer also had 259 digs. At the net, had 178 kills, 12 solo blocks and 16 assist blocks.



Outside hitter Von Bank successfully served 147 serves out of 155 attempts for a 94.8% efficiency. She had 16 ace serves. She had a 198 digs with 10 assist blocks, 3 solo blocks and 202 kills.

2022 Top of Iowa Conference West Division Volleyball All Conference Teams

FIRST TEAM	
Allison Barrus	Belmond-Klemme 12
Molly Joyce	Bishop Garrigan 12
Emma Anderson	Forest City 11
Jalyn Hovenga	Forest City 11
Jaden Jerome	Forest City 11
Ellie Hanna	Lake Mills 12
Karli Helgeson	Lake Mills 12
Ella Stene	Lake Mills 12
Taylor Vanek	Lake Mills 11
SECOND TEAM	
London Young	Belmond-Klemme 12
Audi Crooks	Bishop Garrigan 12
Maggie Vaske	Bishop Garrigan 12
Bethany Warren	Forest City 10
Dottie Byars	Lake Mills 11
Finley Rogstad	Lake Mills 12
Ashlyn Bechle	North Iowa 10
Libby Stevens	North Union 11
Olivia Von Bank	North Union 12
Ella Ulrich	North Union 12
HONORABLE MENTION TEAM	
Addy Lamb	Belmond-Klemme 10
Ashlyn Hovey	Bishop Garrigan 12
Maddison Kaiser	Eagle Grove 11
Julia Anderson	Forest City 12
Becca Hejlik	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 12
Natalie Brandenburg	Lake Mills 12
Lily Beckman	North Iowa 10
Emily Meyer	North Union 12
Maddie Bruggeman	West Hancock 12
Player of the Year: Ellie Hanna, Lake Mills	
Coach of the Year: Jim Boehmer, Lake Mills	

NUHS Honor Roll

North Union High School First Quarter Honor Roll

Principal Honor Roll

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Freshmen: Emmitt Bierstedt, Macy Colegrove, Brylie Deim, Hannah Ellingson, Drew Henderson, LeAnn Henry, Kyla Irmirer, Adeline Kollasch, Kade Madden, Cole Nicoson, Raegan Nielsen, Carly Oleson, Mylee Oleson, Abby Potratz, Olivia Price, Brenna Ross, Traecer Starnes

Sophomores: Brennan Bollinger, Allyson Gramstad-Nelson, Hayden Hutchinson, Emma Kirkegaard, Aubrey Knowles, Addison Kruse, Grady Madden, Hannah Nielsen, Mariah Nock, Landon Price, Jerrison Richardson, Alaina Shannon, Ava Steinberger, Caden Walders, Jacey Welbig

Juniors: Nicholas Arndorfer, Lindsay Daschner, Amelia Fothergill, Maddison Gates, Preston Guerdet, Landon Hagedorn, Becca Heinen, Madison Hoyer, Naomi Jones, Liam Kollasch, Kaden Laabs, Aiden Lofstrom, Olivia Merrill, Gavyn Morphew, Shelby Potratz, Colin Rasch, Parker Rolling, Faith Steinberger, Libby Stevens, Elizabeth Streuber, Jewell Ulrich, Levi Vaske, Lexi Vaske, Dakota Villarreal, Kolton Walter

Seniors: Jorja Cole, Chase Cummins, Paris Dale, Shelby Fraker, Peyton Marlow, Emily Meyer, Carter Morphew, Hannah Morphew, Logan Odogaard, Bryer Prochniak, Abby Rezac, Aubrey Tirevold, Brynn Tirevold, Isabella Ulrich, Olivia VonBank

3.5 Honor Roll 3.50-3.749

Freshmen: Nicole Carranza, Landon Manwarren,

Sophomores: Jacob Brown, Jennifer Carranza, Talon Grimm, Hailey Hieb, Aliyah Jones, Carter Martens, Isiah McGraw, Kaelani Sorensen, Koen Zotz,

Juniors: Bryce Beschorner, Michaela Carranza, Morgan Fries, Benjamin Walstead,

Seniors: Aric Arndorfer, Teagon Fothergill, Rebecca Hammond, Cole Hansen, Tyler Stark,

3.0 Honor Roll 3.0-3.49

Freshmen: Lane Bruhn, Aidan Giddings, Jayden Hagedorn, Carson Hernandez, Khael Jones, Aryan Strong, Hudson Tirevold, Jeffery Walker,

Sophomores: Hayden Bierstedt, Alexander Bush, Katrina Carranza, Lucas Dreyer, Caidence Gochanour, Brooklyn Gullett, Sienna Hansen, Nicklaus Hanson, Benjamin McNeese, Kartor Nicoson, Mackenzie Ottman, Ethan Preston, Brock Soat, Zachary Spiker

Juniors: Maribel Berber Pecina, Angely Cifuentes Mejia, Natasha Donnelly, Max Eaton, Danyal Fothergill, James Geerdes, Kody Irmirer, Kyan Jones, Jacquelyn Klemp, Gabriel Muir, Shaylee Oleson, Talan Priestster, Andrew Sheppard, Monwella Stoeckel, Harley Tobin, Hailey Waller, Zane Warrington,

Seniors: Ryan Haukoos, Terrie Kleine, Bradley Siemasko

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NUMS Honor Roll

4.0 - A Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Thomas Price, Macie Schueller, Aslynn Sobolik, Natalie Walders,

Seventh Grade: Carter Brown, Carson Crouch, Myiah Hanson, Drake Nelsen, Donnie Stevens, Kyan Walter

Eighth Grade: Alexis Cummins, Taylor Larsen, Max Merrill, Casey Rezac, Adaline Rolling, Ainsley Ulrich, Shallice Walders, Alyssa Welbig

Danika Morphew, Marissa Nielsen, Taylor Parsons, Christian Reyes, Olivia Richardson, Geraldine Rios, Jade Snell, Zane Vaske

Eighth Grade: Cloey Anderson, April Benson, Maisey Bierstedt, Greyson Colegrove, Jaden Gates, Brenna Geerdes, Gavin Henning, Zoey Hieb, Cooper Hoyer, Jackson Hutchinson, Peyton Jenkins, Emma Preston, Jameele Reyes, Kainoa Shoemaker, Wiley Stevens, Kael Vaske, Avery Walstead, Gabriel Whaley, Dyson Wikert, Caden Zotz

B Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Olivia Brandsoy, Liberty Burbank, Edward Champney, Jorie Hartman, Sidney Hasbrouck, Max Heinen, Harley Rezac, Brook Siemasko, Baylee Young

Seventh Grade: Madisen Bunkofske, Liam Eischen, Landyn Hammond, Noah Hersleff, Damien Jorgensen, Cadence Lemmens, Caivin Linge, Collin Smuda

Eighth Grade: Cobe Eischen, Tysun Fullbright, Conner Haukoos, Lauren Jenkins, Abigail Klemp, Wyatt Leiningering, Wesley Maday, Adriana Mitchell, Draven Nicoson, Brayden Peta

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Conservation Board to look at rural water for Wolden & Nature Center

By Michael Tidemann
Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink.

That could well be the summary of what the Emmet County Conservation Board has faced over the last year with its water testing. The board previously used Mangold Environmental Testing of Storm Lake for its water sampling for Wolden Campground and the adjacent Emmet County Nature Center. Since changing to the State Hygienic Lab in Milford, there have been problems with water sampling which costs about \$300 a month. There have been no problems with water at the Tuttle Lake or Iowa Lake campgrounds.

Emmet County Conservation Board Director Eric Anderson told the board at their monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 3 Iowa Lakes Regional Water will pass by the Nature Center to provide water to nearby Ingham Lake Bible Camp, offering an opportunity for Wolden and the Nature Center to hook up to the system.

Anderson said Wolden Campground water infrastructure would cost \$16,000-\$20,000 while it could cost \$3,000-\$5,000 for the Nature Center – both unofficial estimates. In addition, it would cost \$750 a month for 100 gallons of usage.

Board member Kim Swanson moved and Board member Phyllis McKean seconded a motion to

investigate the possibility of hooking up to rural water, and the board approved.

In the Emmet County Nature Center Foundation meeting preceding the Conservation Board meeting, Naturalist Ashley Reed said she had toured Fort Defiance State Park with Estherville Lincoln Central first graders and high school students. Reed also conducted archery sessions with high school students and said the archery program will start the second week of November. Reed will also assist with a wildlife class at ELC High School this spring. She said 15 new students, mainly in fourth and fifth grades, will be in the program. Reed also did a program with North Union elementary students and she will also have archery participants from North Union. She reported no behavior problems in the new archery building.

Anderson discussed planned improvements at the Nature Center and archery building, including a handicap ramp and roof replacement at the Nature Center. The board approved a \$9,300 bid by Mike Hanson so pour a concrete apron in front of the archery building.

The Conservation Board also agreed to pursue buying a pickup for \$33,948 on a bid the sheriff's department had received.

Ferentz fields Q's, but governor rarely does

By Randy Evans

It is safe to assume Kirk Ferentz has not enjoyed the glorious autumn in Iowa the way he would prefer.

He has feverishly worked his Bubble Yum during the Hawkeyes' games this season. He has been worked over during his post-game press conferences and again at his weekly meetings with the media on Tuesdays.

Being a college football coach is never a picnic. But this year, life for the longest-tenured football coach in big-time college athletics has been more stressful than most years.

We saw that last week when the normally measured coach referred to the media session with journalists following the Hawkeyes' 54-10 loss to Ohio State University as an "interrogation."

But I come today to sing Kirk Ferentz's praises, not to dog-pile on him. I have never professed to be an expert on football x's and o's. But I do know that Iowa's top elected official should take a page from the Ferentz playbook and make herself available to reporters, too.

Ferentz does not blow off these gatherings with reporters by scheduling other commitments then. He does not get to avoid questions from reporters or columnists who might be especially pushy. He does not duck out after a couple of questions and retreat to the solitude of his office.

Ferentz knows the Q&A sessions are an expectation of the job and he does not dodge that. He understands that facing tough questions and offering answers, explanations and analysis are an important way to communicate through the media to Hawkeye fans.

Such Q&A sessions with the media should be an inescapable part of serving as the governor of Iowa, too.

Kim Reynolds' aversion to standing in front of a group of reporters and columnists is not unique. Ask Joe Biden about his eagerness for these extended, unscripted exchanges with journalists. Or go farther back in Iowa history and ask former governor Chet Culver how much he never relished those meetings with reporters.

In 2017, Reynolds took over for Terry Branstad, who left the governor's office to become ambassador to China. Branstad typically met with journalists every Monday morning during his time in office.

Reynolds initially continued her mentor's practice of meeting regularly with journalists, although hers were not as frequent. But four months before the 2018 election, she put the press conferences on hold until the election was over.

During a debate with Democrat Fred Hubbell leading up to their 2018 election race, Reynolds promised to hold weekly press conferences if she won a full term. But journalist Laura Belin, who writes the Bleeding Heartland blog on Iowa government and politics, recently documented how Reynolds has not lived up to that pledge.

During the height of the pandemic, Reynolds met nearly every weekday with journalists. After those ended, she held four formal news conferences during the second half of 2021, and 10 months into 2022, the governor has held 10 briefings.

It has not always been like this in Iowa. Gov. Robert Ray established the gold standard for transparency when he arrived in the Capitol 53 years ago, holding daily press conferences with reporters. The briefing ended when Ray had answered the last reporter's questions.

During the Ray era, I was editor of the two newspapers in Albia. I remember calling the governor's press secretary, Richard Gilbert, with questions about a Ray initiative to re-start coal mining in southern Iowa. That was a big deal around Albia, because coal mining had been a booming business at one time, and the last underground mine in the state was operating west of Albia in the early 1970s.

Gilbert answered my questions that day, and then he invited me to Ray's next press conference at the Capitol to following up directly with the governor.

Part of serving as the chief executive of the state involves being available to answer questions and explain problems and solutions to the public. Governors, and football coaches, owe it to the people to explain their actions, or inaction.

Written statements are not adequate, because they remove the means for follow-up or clarifying questions. Written statements that focus on the positive and gloss over the negative do not help the people of Iowa fully understand what is occurring.

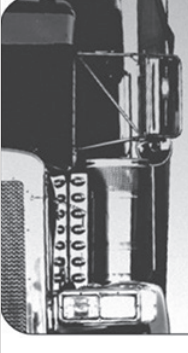
The business of governing is what Iowans elect a governor to do. The campaign staffs can do the message manipulation during a campaign. But when it comes to governing, it is not too much to ask for the governor to regularly stand before journalists and answer questions on behalf of the people she is elected to serve.

That is a fundamental part of our democracy. And if a \$5-million-a-year football coach can field journalists' questions like clockwork, so should a \$130,000-a-year governor.

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