



Five applications for Conservation Board director

By Michael Tidemann

Five individuals have applied for the position of Emmet County Conservation Board director, the Emmet County Board of Supervisors learned at their Tuesday, March 19 meeting.

Conservation Board member Kim Swanson said five "very good, qualified people" had applied for the position which current Director Eric Anderson will leave upon his June 30 retirement. Swanson said the new director would start May 20 to allow time for Anderson to help acclimate the new person to the job. Anderson said that would mean dual salaries for the six-week period.

"It might throw a little wrench into our budget," said Anderson, adding that while Anderson will use accumulated vacation during that time, he would shadow the new director.

When Supervisor Tim Schumacher broached the subject of available trust money, Swanson said the board had to pay for a new naturalist's vehicle that will arrive April 1 and that the board wants to pay off the Prairie Center building across the county road from the Nature Center.

"We're not going to have our big numbers in trust we've had in the past," said Swanson.

Emmet County Auditor Heidi Goebel asked if the supervisors should approve having two directors on staff at the same time, but Schumacher

said that was up to the Conservation Board.

Swanson also said weather was an unknown factor, and that weekend rains could impact camping numbers.

Schumacher also asked if money for the Prairie Center came from the foundation, and Swanson said foundation money, as well as money from the recent Nature Center Foundation banquet, went toward the building.

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• 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Blood Drive at Ringsted American Legion

Ringsted will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, April 3, from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Ringsted American Legion building.

All presenting blood donors will receive an exclusive Red Cross Godzilla VS Kong shirt.

To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the App Store or Google Play.



North Union senior dancer Dakota Villarreal signed a letter of intent to dance at Iowa Central Community College on Wednesday, March 20. At Iowa Central, Dakota will be majoring in the nursing program. Pictured are front row North Union Dance Coach Heather Hagebock, Dakota Villarreal, Iowa Central Head Dance Coach Cassidy Vermeer; back row are Dakota's family - Amber Rubatt, Calvin Villarreal, Brandi Villarreal and Mariah Nock.

NU School Board tackles small agenda

By Kim Meyer

The small agenda for the March 18th meeting of the North Union School Board was quickly taken care of by the board members. Due to the audit not being ready by the school auditors, the board tabled the item until their next meeting on March 26th at the proposed budget hearing.

The budget will be approved at the April 15th meeting.

North Union superintendent Travis Schueller updated the board on the recent ALICE training the high school and Fenton Campus elementary. He also explained that the staff will receive Stop the Bleed training now that the kits have arrived.

Schueller also spoke about the

purchase of a boiler feed tank from Midwestern Mechanical. He explained that the feed carries the over flow of water from the boiler. The piping now is rusting out and causing rust to accumulate in the check valve pumps.

In order to remove the current tank, it will have to be torn apart and taken out piece by piece. The new tank will be made out of stainless steel and will be installed in pieces due to the small space.

The cost of the entire process and materials is \$42,000 which was approved by the board to purchase.

A change to the certified staff handbook pertaining to carrying over personal days was approved.

The resignation of Heather Hagebock, high school dance coach,

was approved.

Two new bus drivers, Jess Henriksen and Brett Glatz, and high school cheer coach Kiana Briener, were approved.

ABC Flower Committee looking for donations

The Armstrong Betterment Club's Flower Committee is accepting donations to help purchase flowering plants and greenery for the flower pots that line Main Street.

If you would be willing to donate, please contact Janet Hardecopf at (712) 868-3078. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 382, Armstrong, IA 50514.

Supervisors to wrangle with Courthouse addition

By Michael Tidemann

With two rejected bids for the Courthouse west addition in the past eight months, the Emmet County Board of Supervisors aren't throwing their hands up quite yet in improving Courthouse handicap access.

Last July, the board rejected a \$1.9 million bid for the addition, then rejected another \$1.8 million bid at their March 12 meeting. Despite extensive reductions from earlier building specifications, the more recent bid by Steffes Construction of Milford was just \$100,000 shy of the earlier bid by Christensen Construction of Estherville.

The board had hoped \$1.2 million in remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money could have covered the project intended to improve Courthouse handicap access and other needs, including a conference room and offices for Emergency Management and the Law Center. Persons with physical disabilities must now enter the Courthouse via the Law Center then go down a ramp to the Courthouse basement where an elevator can take them to two other floors above.

For further information on the Common Sense Institute and its research in Iowa, please visit www.commonenseinstituteia.org

At their March 19 meeting, the

board agreed to continue the matter in a March 26 closed session. The board will have another closed session at the same time to discuss litigation.

Some good news came before the board Tuesday when Emmet County Auditor Heidi Goebel told the board budget statement letters had been stuffed and mailed. Goebel said 4,417 pieces were postmarked, taking a total of 42.75 personnel hours and costing \$2,800 in postage. Goebel said a mail service will handle the project next year. Goebel said Courthouse office will keep a register of public comments from the letters.

Supervisors and staff also offered comments during the public forum.

Supervisor Tim Schumacher noted he had been named Iowa State Association of Counties Continuing Education Chair.

Supervisor Lisa Hansen recapped a Legislative Town Hall meeting she and Supervisors Schumacher and John Pluth had attended at the Estherville Public Library Community Room Saturday, March 16. The event was sponsored by the Estherville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Board Chair Todd Glasnapp said he, Pluth and Goebel had gone to the Capitol the previous week, and the supervisors recapped topics discussed including the opioid settlement and drug education in schools.

Emmet County Attorney Melanie Summers Bauler said she would visit Dickinson County drug court later

in the afternoon. In a related matter, Goebel said the county had received \$24,000 in opioid settlement money the previous week and would soon receive another \$2,700.

Emmet County Public Health Director Kari Batman requested and received approval to use department salary money to fund a three-to-one match for a \$150 "Too Good for Drugs" education grant for Estherville Lincoln Central elementary students in third and fourth grades and North Union 10th graders. Pluth assured Batman sewer improvements should have solved the backup issue at the Annex.

Summers Bauler said Kevin Sander, Estherville attorney, had agreed to serve another term on the Emmet County Civil Service Commission.

The board approved a cost allocation report for Department of Human Service reimbursement for local administration. They tabled appointing DD 29 trustees and appointed Collin Klingbeil as engineer for annexation of land into DD 29.

The board put on hold further action on lining the Courthouse sewer line until more information is available.

Following the meeting, Goebel recognized Auditor's Assistant Roxanne Budach with her SEAT 3 State Election Administrator Training certificate. SEAT training is offered by the Iowa State Association of Counties through the State Election Administrators Training Program. Budach attended her training fall 2023.



Budach Receives Training Certificate

Emmet County Auditor Heidi Goebel presented Auditor's Assistant Roxanne Budach with her SEAT 3 State Election Administrator Training certificate after the March 19 Emmet County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Primary Election Candidate Filing has closed

The Emmet County Auditor's office has released the list of the Emmet County Candidates for the primary election:

Board of Supervisors:
Brandon Carlin (Rep)
Todd Glasnapp (Dem)
Lisa Hansen (Rep)
Mike Pytleski (Rep)
Tim Schumacher (Rep)

Sheriff: Jeffrey Merrill (Rep)
Justin Schultes (Rep)

Auditor: Heidi Goebel (Rep)

No democratic candidates for sheriff or auditor. No libertarian candidates for any county office.

Easter Bunny arrives in Armstrong on Saturday

The Armstrong Betterment Club is hosting the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning at the Armstrong City Park.

The Easter Bunny will arrive around 8:45 a.m. for photo opportunities. The egg hunt will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Children ages 0 - 5th grade are welcome to attend. Bring your own basket!

There will also be drawings for two bikes donated by Richard and Janet Anderson and four scooters donated by Rick and Cathy Dale.

Area businesses filled eggs the past couple of weeks for the event.

Area Coming Events

Saturday, March 30

9:30 - 11 a.m. Ringsted Library Easter Open House, register for door prizes

10 a.m. Ringsted Easter Egg Hunt at Railroad Park, Ringsted; check ad for more information

9 a.m. Armstrong Easter Egg Hunt at Armstrong City Park
Also Easter Egg Hunts in Bancroft 10:30 a.m. & Swea City 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 2

10:30 a.m. Kossuth Co. Farmland Auction of 155.54 acres m/l held at Ledyard Community Bldg.; contact 888-740-4255 for more information, Central States Agency, LLC

Wednesday, April 3

12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Blood Drive at the Ringsted American Legion building, see article above

Saturday, April 6

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Bridal Shower for Anna Dietrich, bride-elect of Eathan Blair, LaRow's Cafe, Swea City, IA
5 to 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Ringsted's 125th Birthday at Ringsted American Legion Hall with a free light meal & birthday cake. Happy Birthday Ringsted!

Sunday, April 7

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ringsted Fire Department Pancake Fundraiser at American Legion in Ringsted.

Wednesday, April 10

12 noon Lunch & Learn at Ringsted American Legion; topic: Spring Birding

Saturday, April 13

8:30 a.m. starting time for Ceylon Community Day, Consignment Auction 89th Annual; accepting consignments April 4 - 11 or until full from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; www.howellrealestateanduction.com

•ABC - Armstrong Betterment Club meets 3rd Wednesday of ea. month @ Community Center

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

•Armstrong City Council meets 2nd Tuesday of each month

•Armstrong City Recycling: 1st & 3rd Friday of ea. month

•Armstrong Residents, Yard Waste pickup on Mondays, 1, 8, 15, 22 in April, see ad for instructions

•Armstrong Public Library board meetings, 3rd Mon. of ea. mo. @library 5 p.m.; Friends of Armstrong Library 3rd Mon. of ea. mo. @6 p.m.

•Armstrong Heritage Museum, Open each Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Spilled Ink

By Clinton J. Davis

With this cold and cruddy weather, the winter sicknesses have made their way back to our home. We seemed to have skipped the flu at our home almost all winter. As soon as the snow and the cold weather returned, both our boys got fevers and didn't feel well. Fortunately it seems like it is just some sort of head cold that comes with fatigue and fevers. Hopefully it stays away from Mom and I. Hartley had it first and now Calvin is going through it. It is strange having Calvin only wanting to sit on the couch and watch TV. Usually he watches TV for a few minutes and then remembers that his job is to destroy the house. He has decided to take a couple days off when it comes to making messes. Hopefully it doesn't take long and he will be back to his normal ways.

As I have typed before, Hartley has been very interested in WWII. He has been reading some kids chapter books on the subject and has even been asking questions about the book I am reading. I am reading Killing Patton by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. They have had a number of these Killing books and each one I have read has been very interesting. I am in the early stages of this book but am enjoying the history so far. Hartley constantly asks questions about WWII and is very interested in what I am reading. Explaining WWII to a seven-year-old can be tough. He has so many questions that have answers he doesn't truly understand. It is fun seeing his interest in history though.

As the June primary elections get closer, be sure to pay attention to who is running and what they have done for our communities in the past. We have a Republican contest coming to Emmet County for the Sheriff race. Martens has decided not to run. I do believe it is time to have some fresh blood heading up the sheriff's department. We will have the choice between Jeff Merrill and Justin Schultes. Both are currently deputies on the department under Martens. Most people don't find the primaries to be a big deal, but these two are looking for votes. Hopefully we can get a great turnout in June. Not only for this race but for everyone that is on the ballot. It is very important to cast a ballot. Even if there are not contested races. These voting numbers affect more than just statistics. Ballot stats can affect petitions being filed and even candidate filing numbers.

I am here to remind you that June is coming fast and you can't use the excuse that you forgot or aren't prepared to vote because I am giving you a two month notice.

Much needed rain has hit our area but it has also spoiled our Spring weather we have been having since early January. I am sure we will be seeing our snowbird friends return soon!



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Residents of Bancroft have may noticed that the lot at Bob Boland Ford is empty, except, for one lonely vehicle. A note on the door of the building, read, Bob Boland Ford, Inc, has accepted a buy-back from Ford

Motor Company. "We have appreciated your patronage all of these years. The other area Ford dealers can accommodate any of your vehicle needs." No other information was available at press time.

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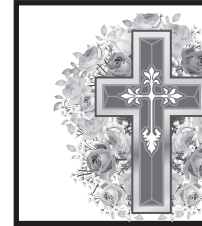
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I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.

John 3:3

Deed transfers

Feb. 9 – George Doug Sutton and Lexi J. Sutton to George Doug Sutton and Lexi J. Sutton, husband and wife, as joint tenants, with right of survivorship, 41 Orchard Lane, Estherville, Iowa: Lot 4 in Block 2 of Orchard Hill Addition to the City of Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa.

Douglas L. Jensen and Nancy K. Jensen, husband and wife, to Douglas L. Jensen, as Trustee of the Douglas L. Jensen Revocable Trust: all of my undivided interest in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 99 North, Range 31 West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Elizabeth Reinders and James D. Reinders to Elizabeth Reinders: all of Little Fish Hook Addition, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 99 North, Range 33 West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa, except Lot 4 of said Addition, and part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 99 North, Range 33 West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Evans Revocable Trust: an undivided one-half interest in the West 199.03 feet of Lot 7 of County Auditor's Plat #13-87 in the City of Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa.

Feb. 13 – Lyle J. Preston and Kim M. Preston to Kim M. Preston: part of the vacated railroad right-of-way in the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 98 North, Range 31 West of the 5th P.M., City of Ringsted, Emmet County, Iowa, and a permanent 30-foot wide Easement for ingress and egress over and across part of the vacated railroad right-of-way in the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 98 North, Range 31 West of the 5th P.M., City of Ringsted, Emmet County, Iowa.

Lyle J. Preston and Kim M. Preston to Kim M. Preston: a part of Outlot 5 of Rasmussen's Addition to Ringsted, Iowa.

Marissa Harris and Casey Harris, wife and husband, to Arturo Alfonso and Raul Alfonso, a married couple as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common: Lot 7 in Block 19 of the Original Plat of Armstrong, Emmet County, Iowa.

Feb. 9 – John Loder to the John E. Loder Revocable Trust: Lot 1 of Nichol's Subdivision of Lots 25 and 26 of Roy J. Ridley's Subdivision of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 99 North, Range 34, West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Ralph Evans and Mavis Evans, husband and wife, to Douglas A.

Feb. 14 – Audry L. Stewart, as Trustee of the Audry L. Stewart Trust, to Christopher P. Hardt: Lot 4 of Murray's First Addition to the City of Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa.

Feb. 15 – Kristi Rutherford to Jose A. Rodriguez: all that part of Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Block 10 of the Original Plat of Estherville, Iowa, lying immediately north of and adjoining the right of way of C.R.I. and N.W. Railway Company.

Feb. 16 – Donald N. Helmers and Roxanne Fjetland to Roxanne Fjetland: the North 52 feet of the South 104 feet of Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 44, of the Original Plat of Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa.

Feb. 20 – Clifford G. Roth and Madonna E. Roth, husband and wife, to Gary Roth: Lot 2 in Block 1 of Paulsons' Addition to Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa. Clifford G. Roth retains a life estate in aid real estate.

Jerold D. Hansen Estate to Brenda L. Corderman: the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 100 North, Range 31, West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Barbara Ann Hansen to Barbara Ann Hansen and Brenda L. Corderman, Trustee of the Barbara Ann Hansen Revocable Trust: an undivided one-half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 100

North, Range 31, West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa, and a 65 percent interest in the North Half of Section 26, Township 100 North, Range 31 West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Feb. 21 – Marvin E. Dailey and Wanda E. Dailey, husband and wife, to Lora Shanks, a single person: the East Half of Lot 10 and the West Half of Lot 11, all in Block 30 of the First Addition to the Town of Armstrong, Emmet County, Iowa, and the East Half of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12 in Block 30 of the First Addition to the Town of Armstrong, Emmet County, Iowa.

Joyce K. Stinar, a single person, to Randall Roth and Crystal Roth, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, and not as Tenants in Common: the North 23 feet of Lot 25 and all of Lot 26 of Mil-Rose Acres Addition to the City of Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa.

Feb. 22 – Peter Holding, LLC, to J&T Peterson Rentals LLC: Lot 4 of Value Planned Subdivision of the Town of Armstrong, Emmet County, Iowa.

Feb. 23 – Dale Handevitd and Joanne Handevitd to Joanne Handevitd: Lot 6 in Block 19 of the Original Plat to the Town of Armstrong, Emmet County, Iowa.

Feb. 26 – Clinton A. Howard and Marcia L. Howard, husband and wife, to Josh J. Howard and Jodi Stille, as tenants in common: all of Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 and all of Lots 6 except West one acre also part of South eight rods of which lies between West 20 rods of Lot 5 County Auditor's Plat & Des Moines River, Section 15, Township 99 North of Range 34, West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Melva F. Gage Living Trust No. 1 to Robert E. Gage: an undivided one-third interest in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 100 North, Range 31, West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Laurie A. Gage, a single person, and Linda D. Fluty and Brian D. Fluty, wife and husband, to Neil Cheever and Marilyn Jo Cheever, husband and wife, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common: that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 100 North, Range 31 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, described as Parcel A in Plat of Survey #2023-1572 filed for Record Dec. 28, 2023, in the office of the Recorder, Emmet County, Iowa.

Feb. 27 – Annabel M. McManus to Dennis McManus: South Half of the Southeast Quarter, Section 31, Township 100 North, Range 31 West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Dennis J. McManus to Sarah Richardson and Renee Flowers, as tenants in common: South Half of the Southeast Quarter, Section 31, Township 100 North, Range 31 West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Northwest Bank to Shelby Leininger: a parcel of land in Outlot 30 of County Auditor's Plat of Section

15, Township 99 North, Range 31 West of the 5th P.M., Armstrong, Emmet County, Iowa.

Feb. 29 – The Estate of Carol H. Wick to Elizabeth Callahan Walch, married, a 70 percent share, and Rob Callahan, single, a 30 percent share, as tenants in common: the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 98 North, Range 32 West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Renae K. Rierson, a single person, and Rhonda M. Rutherford, f/k/a Rhonda M. Olson, and Brad Rutherford, wife and husband, to Michael Van Johnson Lee, a single person: commencing at a point 67 rods and 79 feet south of the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of Section 14, Township 99 North of Range 34, West of the 5th P.M., in Emmet County, Iowa, to the point of beginning, thence East 181.5 feet; thence South 53 feet; thence West 181.5 feet; thence North 53 feet to the point of beginning.

Deborah J. Oleson, a single person, to Lucas Dean Oleson and Katie Marie Oleson, husband and wife, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common: the East Half of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 99 North, Range 31 West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Barbara Ann Hansen to Brenda L. Corderman: a 35 percent interest in parcel A – the North Half of Section 26, Township 100 North, Range 31 West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

March 1 – Joan D. Forsyth to Amanda M. Richard: Lot 3 of Stockdale Addition to the City of Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa,

and Lots 25 and 26 of Brown's Acres Addition to the City of Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa.

March 4 – Francis J. Marek and Lisa M. Marek, husband and wife, to Joshua Bruellman and Melissa Bruellman, husband and wife, joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common: the East 61 feet of Lots 3 and 4 in Block 7 of Bartlett's Addition to the City of Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa.

Joshua Bruellman and Melissa Bruellman, husband and wife, to JM Rentals, LLC: the East 61 feet of Lots 3 and 4 in Block 7 of Bartlett's Addition to the City of Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa.

Luke Farm Corporation to Justin Stith and Dorothy Stith, as a married couple as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common: part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 98 North, Range 32 West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Anacleto Astello and Nicolaas Astello, husband and wife, to David Astello: the West Half of Lot 2 of Gillet's Subdivision of Outlots 2, 3 and 4 of Stallford and Jarvis' Addition to the City of Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa.

March 5 – Cody Egel and Lee Ann Cuddy to Matthew Fechter and Lee Ann Fechter: Lot 2 of Ken's Acres, being a subdivision of part of the NW ¼ of Section 9, Township 99 North, Range 34, West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa.

Marilyn A. Bose and Richard Bose, wife and husband, to Rhett Goebel: the North 60 feet of Lot 1 in Block 8 of Bartlett's Addition to the City of Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa.

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Your Right To Know Proceedings of Emmet County Board of Supervisors

Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
March 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Todd Glasnapp, Chair
John Pluth
Tim Schumacher
Lisa K. Hansen
Jeff Quastad
Absent: None
Media: Mike Tidemann, Ed Funston

Chairman Glasnapp, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Hansen, second by Schumacher to approve the minutes from the last meeting on 03.05.2024. Also approving minutes for publication. All Ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, committees meetings attended: Farm Bureau meeting was postponed. Glasnapp-county safety meeting. Auditor Goebel presented a draft of the budget statement to be mailed next week to the board for review. Consensus of the board to leave explanation of tax rate increases in the letter as originally entered by Goebel.

Attorney Summers Bauler and Assessor Bohm joined the meeting to share the cooperation of the lawsuit Stataline Cooperative vs. Emmet County BOS. Judge Whittenburg denied Stataline's refund of erroneously collected property tax for 2015-2016 tax years.

Quastad shared DD29 reclassification is in process. Board reviewed the monthly claims. Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher to approve monthly claims. All ayes, motion carried.

Gross Pay 2024 February \$368,944.37
Total Gross Payroll \$506,008.95
County Share IPERS \$33,948.36
County Share FICA/SS \$21,448.45
County Share Medicare \$5,016.16
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MONTHLY PAYMENT	500.00
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Music Trip to Omaha

By Lindsay Daschner
On Saturday, March 16, band teacher Anna Hanbeck and choir director Paige Lang brought 15 high school students to Omaha, Nebraska, for their 2024 Music Trip. Their first stop on the trip was the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum. Here, the students toured airplanes and jets and learned how they worked. The museum first opened in 1959. It became well-known by allowing the public to visit and look at aircraft that helped SAC preserve the peace

and win the Cold War. The next stop on the trip was to the Amazing Pizza Machine. The students played arcade games, drove go-karts, and ate supper at the buffet. The last stop on Saturday was at the Orpheum Theater. The students watched the performance of 'The Lion King', the Disney musical. The musical was the students' favorite part of the trip! On Sunday, the students went to the Omaha Zoo, another fan favorite among the students. They enjoyed seeing the elephants, giraffes, and the aquarium.

The Omaha Zoo has the world's largest indoor desert and nocturnal exhibit, as well as the world's largest indoor rainforest exhibits. The trip ended with a performance by the Omaha Symphony, conducted by Paul Haas. The Symphony performed "Copland: Appalachian Spring" and "Vaughan Williams: Tuba Concerto." There was very positive feedback from the students, and they all enjoyed the trip very much!

Spring Break

By Kaelani Sorensen
Spring break is everybody's favorite time of the year. Most people love to spend their spring break in a different state including: Florida, Mexico, Georgia or anywhere close to an ocean. Spring break is finally here! Starting March 28th - April 1st. Everyone can finally have a break from school and maybe even work. Families have the chance to go have fun, travel somewhere new, visit family from places not around here. Spring break is good for your mental health and gives all of these students in school a break to catch up on anything or even to just not worry about school during this time. Spring break can also give students a break from their regular stress. A fun fact about spring break is that the most popular destinations are beach destinations. Spring break feels like a shorter winter break purely because of the weather. Although us as students think it's good to have a spring break but it can also be hard as a parent to find childcare for their school aged children. Spring almost always arrives on March 20th or 21st, but sometimes on the 19th. One good way to make spring break fun is to break out the bonfire pit and have some s'mores. The busiest week of spring break is the

week of April 2nd. The week of April 2nd will be the most expensive to fly for domestic travelers. These spring breaks help children's development. During spring break your schedule could end up messed up. Most kids that are in High School and have jobs are most likely to work more during the break you get.

Golf Starts Swinging

By Mariah Nock
Golf is just beginning to swing into season at North Union. Lately, poor weather has been interfering with practices and the future forecast is not looking so hot either. Hopefully though, we see a nicer side of spring weather soon so our golfers can actually get more practice on the golf course. The gym works I am sure, but practicing on ground that you have to compete on I am sure helps even more. I have talked to one of our North Union golfers and she told me of what all practice entails and how our weather right now is affecting practices. Hannah Nielson gives us a rundown of what the girls practice is like. "If we are outside, we just usually golf a couple holes or practice ranges we are having trouble with. For example, one of my problem areas is short distance, so for that we might

work 100 yards in. Obviously, if there is crummy weather, there is an indoor practice! When we are inside, we set up a few nets and mats to hit into. Inside we really can't practice much so we just work on putting, chipping, and some swings." I also asked about their coach. She tells me how she and her team mates are lucky to have Carole Bernhard as their golf coach. "She is super encouraging and always wants us to have fun and get better at the game." On Thursday, April 4, you all can support our girls at their first golf meet, and hey let's not forget about our guy golfers as they also have their first meet too. Both meets are home!

Reading March Madness

By Dakota Villarreal
In honor of Dr. Suess's birthday, March is National Reading Month. This motivates students and people of all ages to read every day. The elementary students participate in this every year! They have older students come in and read to the younger students as a way to bond with other people in the school. They have various reading challenges and activities depending on the grade. This challenge has proven to benefit long-lasting health as well as cognitive

function, memory, vocabulary, empathy, and decreased levels of stress for children. So pick up a book and spend some time reading every day, it is not too late!



BVU Track Meet

On Saturday March 16, 2024 the boys and girls track teams attended the Buena Vista University indoor track meet. BVU holds meets all week long for high school teams that want to get a head start on their season. This is a great opportunity for the athletes to get back into routine and used to track meets. While the track is only 200 meters, compared to the normal 400 meters, it serves the same purpose. While not everyone at the meet got the results they wanted they all ran well for the first meet of the season. The boys team performed well in their events. Colin Rasch was the only one to place and he won shot put. Colin went to state in shot put last season and is hoping to keep progressing and return again this year. There are several other boys that hope to return to state this year and performed well on Saturday. The girls team did not have any relays or individual events place, but had good initial times for the first meet of the year. They hope to keep seeing better times throughout the season and also hope to return several girls to the state track meet this season. Both the girls and boys competed against much bigger schools and had a very successful day.



Q&A: Celebrate Ag Week
With U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley
Q: What is the USDA Agriculture Census?

A: The U.S. Department of Agriculture takes a snapshot of U.S. farms and ranches once every five years, reporting on agricultural data in every county across the nation. Questionnaires are sent to farmers to self-report information about their operations and can be completed online or returned by postal mail. The most recent Census of Agriculture was released in February and provides an overview of agricultural activity across the United States, including demographics of producers, farming operations by size and type, inventory, production costs, income for crops and livestock, conservation practices and more. The 2022 Census of Agriculture added new questions about the use of precision agriculture, hemp production and internet access.

The Agriculture Census informs lawmakers at the policymaking table, shaping decision-making on taxes, trade, conservation, and government programs that impact American agriculture and the livelihoods of farm families, workers and producers along the supply chain. Work is underway in Washington to write the next five-year Farm Bill. The report also gives farmers impartial information for production and marketing decisions, and agricultural retailers and cooperatives can factor in the data when making business decisions how best to serve producers. The 2022 Census of Agriculture is available online. Surveys for the next USDA census will be distributed at the end of 2027.

Q: What did the most recent USDA

Ag Census say about Iowa agriculture?

A: Iowa remains an agriculture power house, leading the nation in corn, pork and egg production. Iowa sold \$44 billion in farm products, with corn sales jumping from \$8.5 billion in 2012 to \$15.8 billion in 2022. Along with those revenue increases came higher production costs. Feed and fertilizer prices rose 44 percent and 72 percent, respectively. From my seat on the Senate Agriculture Committee, I'm calling for more transparency in the fertilizer market and continuing to push for reforms to raise reference pricing in the new Farm Bill. It's pretty simple. If U.S. farmers can't make ends meet, the American people won't have food to eat. I'll also continue pushing for passage of the Marshall-Grassley-Ernest EATS Act to stop California's Prop 12 from dictating how hog farmers tend livestock and prevent other states from gumming up interstate commerce. Already last year, Iowa pork producers lost \$32/head as production costs outpaced demand. As the number one pork producer in the U.S., a decline in the pork industry would have a big ripple effect on local economies across Iowa.

The Agriculture Census showed an increase in organic farming and the use of cover crops to control erosion and fertilizer run-off. Iowa also bucked two trends that policymakers have been keeping our eyes on in recent decades. For example, I've worked to advance policies that help young and beginning farmers get started, including my proposed reforms to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) that would prioritize enrolling marginal farmland, not entire tracts of property that otherwise puts young and beginning farmers in

North Union High School Senior Spotlights



By Aubrey Knowles
Jaquelyn Love Klemp is the daughter of Sarah Klemp and Joe Martin and sister to Abigail Klemp. Jaquelyn's memory from North Union she'll always remember is going to prom her freshman year with a senior. A piece of advice Jaquelyn would give to a freshman is remember to always do your homework and ask questions if needed. Jaquelyn's favorite quote she lives by is "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain" by Dolly Parton. Her favorite subject in school is the drama class with Ms. Carstens. Jaquelyn plans to go to Coe College for psychology/ social worker after high school. Jaquelyn's favorite movie is Mama Mia, and her favorite food is pizza. She feels her biggest accomplishment so far is getting accepted into her dream college. Jaquelyn feels her biggest challenge so far is Mr. Ernsters test. One thing she can't live without is her family! In ten years Jaquelyn sees herself graduated from college and moved out of Iowa while being a social worker.



By Hailey Waller
This week's senior spotlight goes out to Paizlee Ricke. Paizlee Ricke is the daughter of Alan Ricke and Amy Ricke. Her siblings are Zoe, Troi, Zach and Charlie. One memory she will remember from North Union is her freshman year. One piece of advice she would give to the underclassmen is to enjoy it while you can. One quote that Paizlee lives by is "You are never too old to get another goal or to dream a new dream" -Unknown. Her favorite subject in school is english. After high school Paizlee plans on becoming a CNA. One of Paizlee's biggest accomplishments so far is keeping her grades up in school. One of her biggest challenges is balancing school and being a mother to her daughter Oaklynn. One thing that Paizlee cannot live without is her mom, Amy. In ten years Paizlee sees herself graduating and getting her own house and hopefully being married.

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Warrior boys are ready to hit the track

By David Swartz

ARMSTRONG — Sixteen boys reported to practice for the North Union Boys Track Team this spring. Coach Loren Looft is in his 15th year of coaching track and will be assisted by Brooke Nelsen, Matt Ernster, and Karin Crosser.

"We don't have much depth so we need to stay healthy," Looft said. "We have some flexibility and can move some boys around."

Of the returning athletes, three of the team's five seniors earned state experience a year ago. Colin Rasch just missed medaling in the shot put as he finished ninth in Class 1A last spring. He currently holds the school record in that event.

Gavyn Morphew and Preston Guerdet were both part of the Warriors' 4x200-meter relay team that placed 18th.

The key loss to graduation was speedster Bryer Prochniak, who earned medals in the 100 and 200 a year ago and anchored the 4x200-meter state relay.

Other seniors this season are Liam Kollasch and Kaden Laabs. "Our leaders are our seniors—they provide great leadership and work ethic and know what it takes to be successful," said Looft.

Rounding out the roster are juniors Brennan Bollinger, Josh Harmon, Sophomores: Aiden Bauer, Aiden Giddings, Draven Keeler, Kade Madden, Landon Manwarren, Traecee Starnes, and freshmen: Greyson Colegrove, Gavin Henning, and Cooper Hoyer.

"We have young hurdlers and jumpers and hope to be better in those events," said Looft. "We have a few young sprinters who should help to fill out some sprint relays. Brennan also returns in the throws."

A year ago, North Union finished sixth in the conference standings with Forest City winning the league meet followed by West Hancock.

Coach Looft talked about the challenges of this year's conference race. "Forest City has numbers, West Hancock has good sprinters and hurdlers, North Iowa, Lake Mills and Garrigan all have quality kids coming back," he said.



North Union High School Boys Track: kneeling: Liam Kollasch, Colin Rasch, Preston Guerdet, Kaden Laabs, Gavyn Morphew; second row: Kade Madden, Josh Harmon, Traecee Starnes, Aidan Giddings, Draven Keeler; back row: Gavin Henning, Aiden Bauer, Brennan Bollinger, Greyson Colegrove, Cooper Hoyer and Landon Manwarren.

North Union Boys Varsity Track Schedule

April 1 @ Okoboji, 4:30 p.m.	April 25 @ North Union, 4:30 p.m.
April 8 @ Garrigan, 5:00 p.m.	April 29 @ West Hancock, 4:30 p.m.
April 9 @ Spirit Lake, 4:30 p.m.	May 2 - Top of Iowa Conference Meet @ Belmond-Klemme, 4:00 p.m.
April 12 @ ELC, 5:00 p.m.	April 18 @ North Iowa, 5:00 p.m.
April 15 @ North Union, 4:30 p.m.	April 19 @ Pocahontas, 4:30 p.m.
April 18 @ North Iowa, 5:00 p.m.	April 23 @ Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, 4:30 p.m.
May 3 @ Fairmont, 4:00 p.m.	May 9 Districts TBD
May 6 @ Central Springs, 5:00 p.m.	May 15-18 State @ Des Moines



Seniors are Preston Guerdet, Liam Kollasch, Kaden Laabs, Gavyn Morphew and Colin Rasch.

New coach to lead young golf team

By David Swartz

ARMSTRONG — The North Union Boys Golf Team is under new management as Connor Anderson begins his first year at the helm of the team.

Anderson was an assistant golf coach in Fairmont, Minn., before coming to Armstrong for his first year as head coach.

Twenty players reported to practice this spring with two seniors—Nick Arndorfer and Kolton Walter.

"We have more kids than last year," said Anderson. "We are pretty young with eight freshman and six sophomores. Our strengths are that we are a close group—we help each other out. This is a hard working group of boys."

On the golf course, there's always room for improvement. "Areas of improvement would be course management and thinking our way around the golf course," said Anderson.

Other returning players include juniors Carter Martens, Eli Oleson, Caden Walders, Koen Zott, and sophomores Drew Henderson, Emmitt Bierstedt, Jayden Hagedorn, Cole Nicolson, John

Waller and Hudson Tirevoled.

"Kolton and Drew will serve as good leaders having experience," said Anderson. "Everyone chips in and helps each other out."

The roster will be bolstered by eight freshmen—Cobe Eischen, Jackson Hutchinson, Max Merrill, Henry Moore, Richard Smith, Kale Vaske, Dyson Wikert, and Caden Zott.

"It's exciting to see eight freshman out," Anderson said. "Cobe Eischen has played some good golf early in the season. He hits it well and is a great addition."

The Warriors play in the Top of Iowa West Conference.

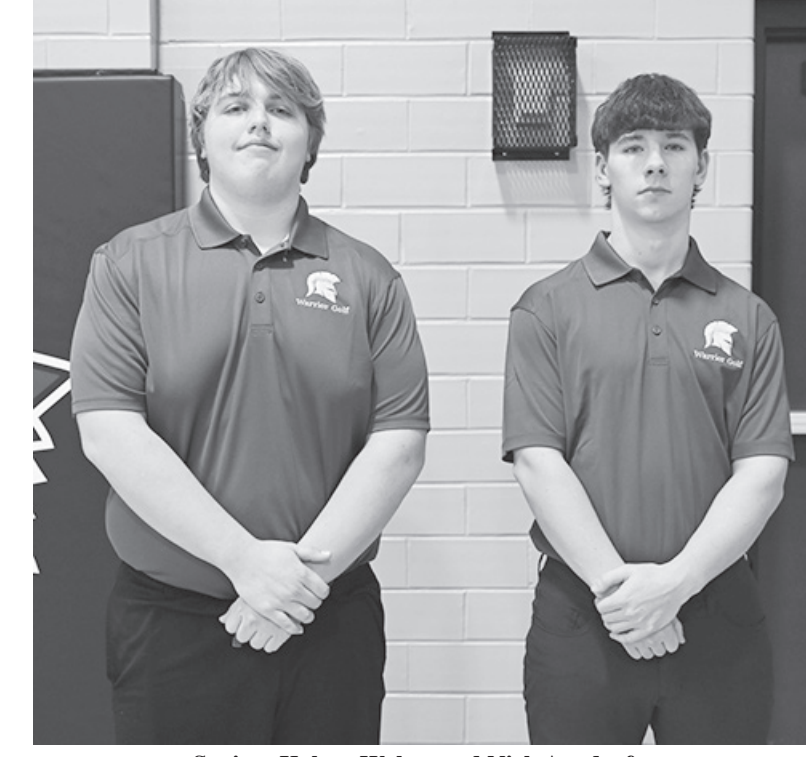
"Forest City and Lake Mills are always tough teams," said Anderson. "We also play in Fairmont in May and they always bring a strong field to their tournaments."

How will the coach define success for his first season.

"Success will be defined by how hard they work," said Anderson. "Nothing is given and good things will happen if they put in the time. I believe we have a strong chance to compete in the conference, districts and beyond. You just never know what can happen."

North Union Boys Varsity Golf Schedule

April 4 @ West Hancock w/Eagle Grove (Hillside Golf Club, Wesley)
April 8 @ GHV w/Belmond-Klemme
April 9 @ West Bend - Mallard w/Algona (at Springs Hills CC, West Bend)
April 11 @ Garrigan w/Forest City
April 12 @ ELC w/Algona
April 16 vs Lake Mills and North Iowa @ NKGC - Bancroft
April 18 vs GHV & Belmond Klemme @ Country Greens - Armstrong
April 22 @ Lake Mills w/Forest City
April 26 @ Eagle Grove w/Forest City
April 29 @ North Iowa w/Garrigan
May 4 @ Rose Lake - Fairmont Tournament
May 6 @ Eagle Grove - Conference Meet
Rain Date - May 7
May 8 - Sectionals
May 13 - Districts
May 20 & 21 - State

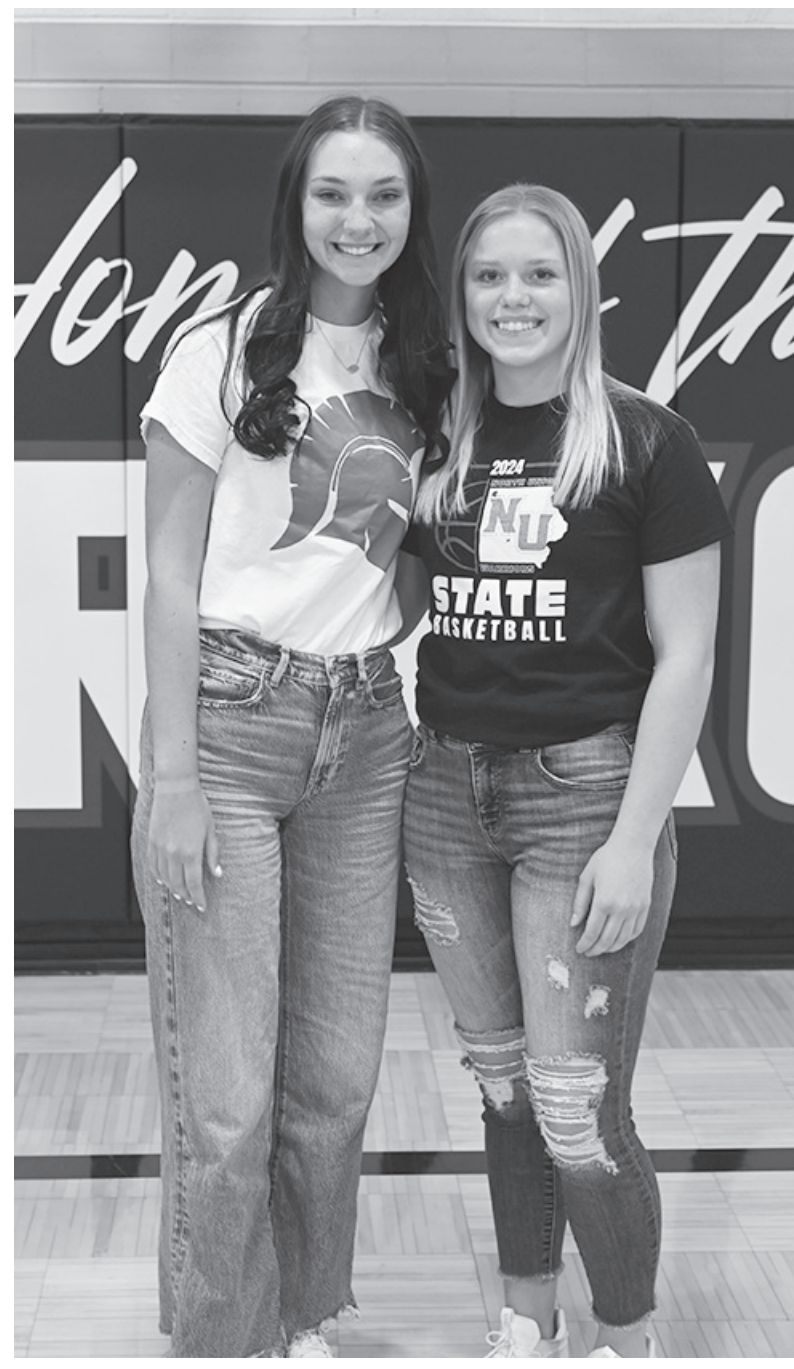


Seniors Kolton Walter and Nick Arndorfer



North Union Boys Golf Team front row: Henry Moore, Carter Martens, Kolton Walter, Nick Arndorfer, Jackson Hutchinson, Drew Henderson; second row: Wyatt Leininger, Koen Zott, Caden Zott, Emmitt Bierstedt, Dyson Wikert, Cobe Eischen, Coach Connor Anderson; back row: Max Merrill, Eli Oleson, Cole Nicolson, Caden Walders, John Waller, Kael Vaske, and Jayden Hagedorn. Missing are Richard Smith and Hudson Tirevoled.

Lady Warriors golf team grows towards success



Seniors are Amelia Fothergill and Beth Streuber

By David Swartz

ARMSTRONG — The North Union Girls Golf Team will have more opportunities to post a team score with more players this year.

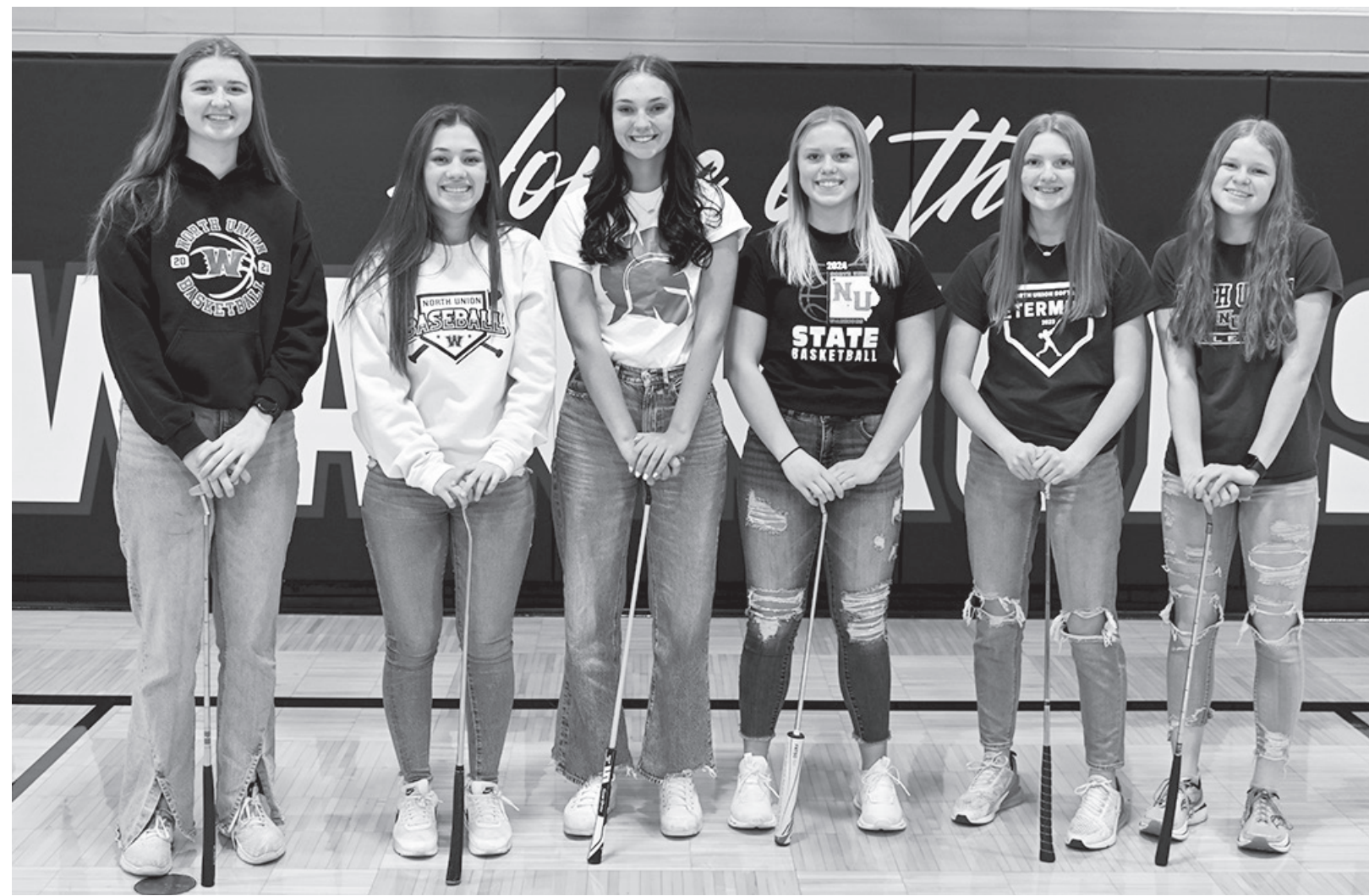
Coach Carole Bernhard, now in her 10th season, talked about the difference between this year's team and last year's.

"More golfers!—last year we only had four golfers all season,"

she said. "This year we have four primary golfers and three dual athlete (track) golfers who will join us when the track meets do not conflict."

Seniors on the team are Amelia Fothergill and newcomer Beth Streuber.

Other returning players are juniors Aliyah Jones and Hannah Nielsen. The roster is bolstered by sophomore Olivia Price and



North Union Girls Golf Team: Hanna Nielsen, Aliyah Jones, Amelia Fothergill, Beth Streuber, Maddie Hoyer and Alexis Cummins. Missing Lexi Anderson.

freshmen Lexi Anderson and Alexis Cummins. "What are this team's strengths this season?"

"We have experienced golfers and three who are familiar with competing in high school meets," Bernhard said. "These team members will help mentor the new players. We also have players with some great distance off the tee."

Of course there is plenty of room for improvement. "I hope to see improvement in their short game, specifically, putting," said Bernhard. "Reducing unnecessary putts will dramatically drop scores."

Who will lead this team?

"Captain Amelia Fothergill—she has experience and patience," said Bernhard. "She is responsible and reliable; she leads with a quiet and calming confidence that helps our team believe in themselves."

Of the newcomers, Bernhard said Cummins will make an impact. "Alexis Cummins has been playing consistently since she was small," the coach

said. "I look forward to watching her develop her golf game."

The Top of Iowa West Conference will provide plenty of challenges for the Warriors.

"Garner-Hayfield-Ventura is our conference's toughest competition with their players returning," said Bernhard. "But, Lake Mills, Eagle Grove, Forest City, North Iowa and of course Bishop Garrigan all have players to watch."

What will success look for North Union this year?

"I view steady improvement in scoring as a successful year," said Bernhard. "Medals and team wins will happen if the players focus on improving their own game."

North Union Girls Varsity Golf Schedule

April 4 @ West Hancock w/Eagle Grove

(Hillside Golf Club, Wesley)

April 8 @ GHV w/Belmond-Klemme

April 9 vs Algona & West Bend @NKGC - Bancroft

April 11 @ Garrigan w/Forest City

April 12 @ Algona w/ELC

April 16 vs Lake Mills and North Iowa @ Country Greens - Armstrong

April 18 vs GHV & Belmond Klemme @ NKGC - Bancroft

April 22 @ Lake Mills w/Forest City

April 26 @ Eagle Grove w/West Hancock

April 29 @ North Iowa w/Garrigan

May 4 @ Interlaken - Fairmont Tournament

May 6 @ Garrigan - Conference Meet

Rain Date - May 7

May 10 - Regionals

May 13 - Regionals

May 23 & 24 - State

Five seniors return for girl's track season

By David Swartz

ARMSTRONG — The North Union Girls Track Team will look to replace some key athletes this season, but the Warriors also return other athletes with key state experience.

Of the five seniors returning, Naomi Jones and Libby Stevens were part of a sixth-place medal in the Class 1A 4x100-meter relay team a year ago and also were part of the sprint medley and 4x200 relays that qualified for state. Olivia Merrill holds the school record in the shot put and finished ninth at state a year ago. She will look to earn a medal in the event this year.

Other seniors returning are Madison Hoyer and Beth Streuber.

"We have a very good group of seniors who have been to state and know what it takes to be successful," said North Union coach Loren Looft, who is in his 15th year of coaching track and field. "They will be our leaders."

This season, Coach Looft will be assisted by Brooke Nelsen, Matt Ernster, and Karin Crosser.

Other athletes on the roster include juniors Jennifer Carranza, Sienna Hansen, Ava Steinberger, Jacey Welbig, sophomores Macy Colegrove, Brylie Deim, Adeline Kollasch, Mylee Oleson, Olivia Price, and freshmen Cloey Anderson, Alexis Cummins, Peyton Jenkins, Jameele Reyes, and Alyssa Welbig.

Jacey Welbig and Alexis Cummins both have state cross country experience.

"We are a more balanced team," said Looft. "We will be better in field events and have a good balance of sprinters, hurdlers and distance runners."

"Ava returns in the throws and we have a good group of underclassmen who should fill out all the relays," the coach continued.

A year ago North Union finished fifth in the Top of Iowa West Conference.

Looft talked about this year's conference teams. "Forest City returns a lot of really good girls," he said. "North Iowa returns some good distance girls. Garrigan and Lake Mills return some good girls also."



North Union High School Girls Track Team: front row: Beth Streuber, Madi Hoyer, Olivia Merrill, Naomi Jones and Libby Stevens; second row: Jennifer Carranza, Alyssa Welbig, Sienna Hansen, Jacey Welbig, Mylee Oleson, Olivia Price, Cloey Anderson; third row: Adeline Kollasch, Jameele Reyes, Peyton Jenkins, Alexis Cummins, Brylie Deim, Macy Colegrove and Ava Steinberger.

North Union Girls Track Schedule

April 1 @ Okoboji, 4:30 p.m.
April 8 @ Garrigan, 5:00 p.m.
April 9 @ Spirit Lake, 4:30 p.m.
April 11 @ North Iowa, 5:00 p.m.
April 15 @ North Union, 4:30 p.m.
April 16 @ Garner-Hayfield - Ventura, 4:30 p.m.
April 19 @ ELC, 5:00 p.m.
April 23 @ Forest City, 4:30 p.m.
April 25 @ North Union, 4:30 p.m.
April 29 @ West Hancock, 4:30 p.m.
May 2 - Top of Iowa Conference Meet @ Belmond-Klemme, 4:00 p.m.
May 3 @ Fairmont, 4:00 p.m.
May 6 @ Central Springs, 5:00 p.m.
May 9 Districts TBD
May 15-18 State @ Des Moines



Seniors are Libby Stevens, Madi Hoyer, Olivia Merrill, Naomi Jones and Beth Streuber.

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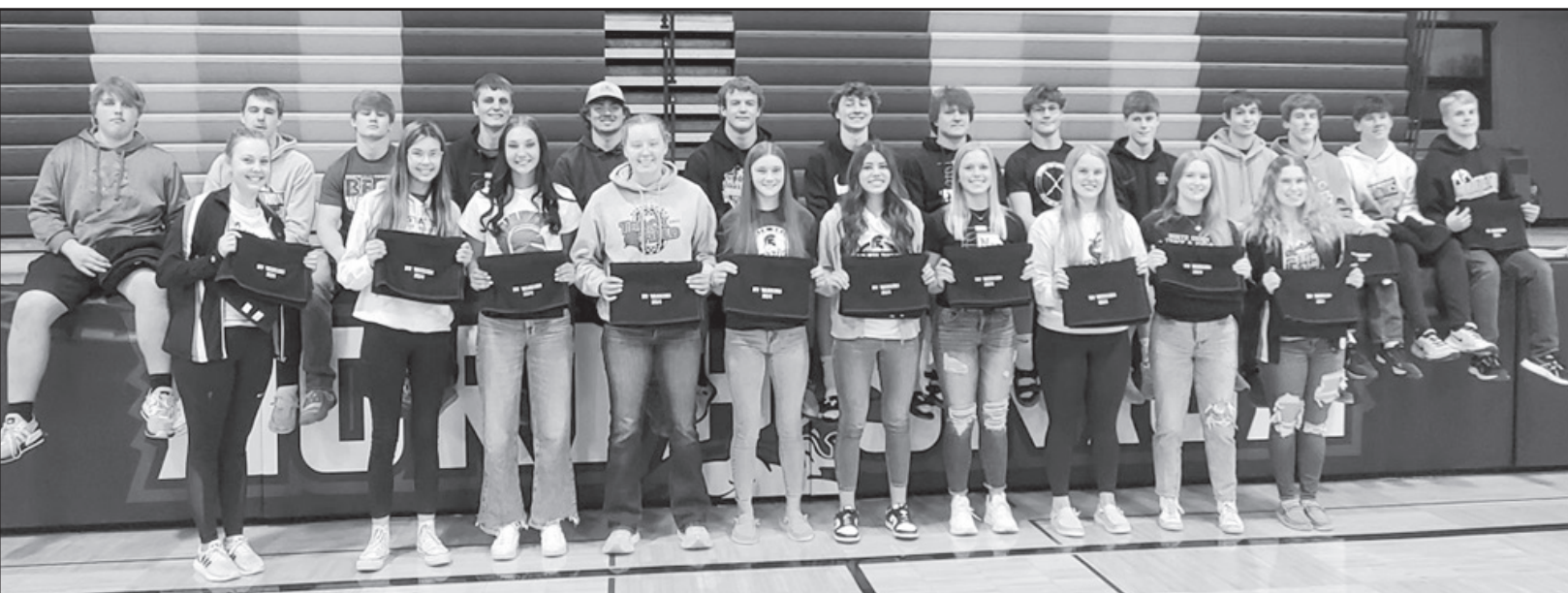
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The 2024 North Union Senior Athletes were recognized at the annual athletic banquet held on Thursday, March 21 in the high school gymnasium. Each senior received a towel. Pictured are front row: Faith Stinberger, Michaela Carranza, Amelia Fothergill, Olivia Merrill, Libby Stevens, Naomi Jones, Beth Streuber, Lexi Vaske, Madi Hoyer and Lindsay Daschner; back row: Kolton Walter, Danyal Fothergill, Kaden Laabs, Kody Irmiter, Landon Hagedorn, Colin Rasch, Kyan Jones, Talan Priestler, Preston Guerdet, Aiden Lofstrom, Bryce Beschorner, Gavyn Morphew, Nick Arndorfer and Liam Kollasch.



On Tuesday, March 19th, North Union Ag Students helped celebrate National Ag Day with Drive Your Tractor to School Day. Fourteen students participated with equipment that ranged from a Ford 8N, New Holland T9 series, John Deere 8R series, and Case IH Steiger QuadTrac. Pictured are: Taylor Larsen, Adaline Rolling, Emma Preston, Tyler Tobin, Michael Tobin, Ethan Preston, Brennan Bollinger, Lucas Dreyer, Jacob Brown, Grady Madden, Eli Oleson, Max Eaton, Braydon Deitering, John Waller, Hudson Tirevold, and Lane Bruhn.



North Union junior FFA member Brennan Bollinger led his fellow FFA members with his Ford 8N, New Holland T9 series, during Drive Your Tractor To School Day.



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Rasch and Cummins set new records at SDSU meet

By David Swartz

BROOKINGS, S.D. — The North Union track team set a pair of school records last Saturday at the Ruth Marske Indoor Invitational hosted by South Dakota State University.

For the boys' team, Colin Rasch set the record in the shot put with a throw of 52 feet, 5 1/4 inches. That placed him third at an event that featured many large schools.

For the girls' team, Alexis Cummins set a school record in the 800-meter run of 2 minutes, 35.55 seconds. That placed her 14th overall.

Olivia Merrill had the best finish for the Warrior girls as she placed ninth in the shot put with a throw of

35 feet, 7 3/4 inches.

Complete results from the meet are listed below.

North Union's next scheduled meet is the team's first outdoor competition at Okoboji High School in Milford next Tuesday.

2024 Ruth Marske Invitational Brookings, S.D.

North Union girls' results
100-meter dash: 62, Beth Streuber 14.77

200-meter dash: 26, Naomi Jones 28.24; 40, Libby Stevens

400-meter dash: 41, Peyton Jenkins 1:12.96

800-meter run: 14, Alexis Cummins 2:35.55; 29, Jacey Welbig 2:44.78

1600-meter run: 21, Alexis Cummins 5:57.31; 23, Jacey Welbig 5:57.74

Shot put: 9, Olivia Merrill 35' 7 3/4"; 35, Ava Steinberger 27' 9 1/4"
4x100-meter relay: 15, NU (Beth Streuber, Peyton Jenkins, Libby Stevens, Naomi Jones) 53.93

North Union boys' results

200-meter dash: 60, Greyson Colegrove 25.87

800-meter run: 25, Gavyn Morphew 2:13.48; 56, Liam Kollasch 2:28.49

Shot put: 3, Colin Rasch 52' 5 1/4"
4x100-meter relay: 26, Gavyn Morphew, Greyson Colegrove, Colin Rasch, Preston Geerdet) 48.31

Iowa Lakes Community College Partners with CompTIA

Iowa Lakes Community College recently became an Authorized Academic Partner with CompTIA, a well-known computer and Information Technology (IT) training leader. This partnership marks a significant stride in expanding educational opportunities for students and community members interested in pursuing certifications in the dynamic field of IT.

The college is excited to introduce new certification offerings, including CompTIA A+ and CompTIA Network+. These certifications, recognized industry-wide, provide participants with a valuable skill set essential for success in the IT field.

Weston Miller, Program Coordinator of Computer Programming and Game Design and Development, shared his enthusiasm about the collaboration. "After discussions with Scott Stokes, we recognized the tremendous learning opportunities this partnership with CompTIA could bring our students. I took the initiative to complete the

necessary paperwork, engage with the right contacts, and undergo additional training to make this collaboration a reality."

As an Authorized Academic Partner, Iowa Lakes Community College now enjoys discounts ranging from 28% to 54% off the regular prices when purchasing certification vouchers directly from the CompTIA store. Miller emphasized that this discount applies to all CompTIA exams throughout the year, offering an inclusive opportunity for everyone interested, not just limited to students.

The newly introduced certifications, starting with CompTIA A+ Certification, serve as a stepping stone for those entering the IT field. This industry-standard certification demonstrates competency as a computer technician, covering essential areas such as installation, preventative maintenance, networking, security, and troubleshooting across various technologies and operating systems.

In addition to these certifications,

Iowa Lakes Community College provides a comprehensive Computer Programming program. Participants in this program master modern high-level programming languages and gain experience with databases, spreadsheets, computer hardware, and networking. The program combines hands-on lab and classroom experiences, ensuring students are well-equipped for their careers or further studies at a four-year college.

The college's commitment to practical learning is reinforced through real work experience opportunities, on-the-job practicums, and optional technology courses in networking, graphic design, and web page development. This multifaceted approach prepares participants not only for certification exams but also for the challenges and expectations of the workforce.

For more information about the Computer Programming program and the diverse educational opportunities at Iowa Lakes Community College, please visit iowalakes.edu.

Iowa Lakes Introduces Expanded HVAC Technology Program

The Iowa Lakes Community College Board of Trustees convened on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Snap-On Conference Room within the Iowa Lakes Community College SERT Building in Estherville, IA.

Kyle Norris, Executive Dean, began Tuesday's meeting by highlighting the college's commitment to providing innovative educational opportunities, including an expanded Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Technology (HVAC) program.

Don Edwards, Program Coordinator for HVAC, presented the enhanced curriculum designed to meet the evolving needs of the industry. The updated program offers a dual track Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree, providing students with hands-on experience and essential skills to excel in the field.

"The emphasis on energy efficiency and sustainability in today's HVAC industry requires technicians to be proficient in utilizing innovative methods and technology," said

Edwards. "Our program not only equips students with the necessary technical knowledge but also fosters a collaborative learning environment where students can learn from each other's experiences."

The HVAC Technology program at Iowa Lakes Community College addresses the growing demand for skilled professionals in sustainable energy, natural resources management, and industrial technology sectors. By integrating practical experience with advanced coursework, students gain comprehensive training to thrive in this dynamic field.

"We recognize the high demand for local and national HVAC professionals," noted Edwards. "With many retirements in the industry, there's a pressing need to cultivate a new generation of skilled workers. Our program aims to bridge this gap by providing students with diverse skill sets and hands-on training."

The recent modifications to the curriculum include adding a diploma

option alongside the AAS degree, offering students greater flexibility, and expanding course options. These changes ensure that graduates are well-prepared to meet the challenges of the workforce upon completion of their studies.

"We are committed to continually enhancing our program to meet the needs of our students and the industry," said Edwards. "By offering a comprehensive education that combines classroom learning with real-world experience, we are preparing our students for success in a competitive job market."

For more information about the HVAC Technology program at Iowa Lakes Community College, visit www.iowalakes.edu/hvac.

The next meeting of the Iowa Lakes Community College Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the Emmetsburg Campus, 3200 College Drive, Emmetsburg, Iowa. The Work Session will begin at 4:00 p.m.



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NUMS Quiz Bowl Results

The North Union Middle School Quiz Bowl team competed at Algona Garrigan on March 16. The team of Drake Nelson, Donnie Stevens, Carson Crouch, Hunter Geitzanauer and Kyan Walter finished 3rd and were number 1 seed going into the playoffs. They lost in the semifinal 225-190 to Okoboji, who were the eventual champions. North Union finished in 3rd place.

The team of Hadley Moore, Bryn Nicosen, Jakob Ernster and Brody Deim qualified for the 8 team playoff and lost in the quarterfinals.

The team of Luke Hansen, Jorgen Henriksen, Knox Schueller and Dylan Weisbrod qualified for the playoffs but lost in the quarter final round.

The team of Fallyn Gallagher, Olivia Kruse, Carlynn Zotz, Aidan Baca, and Xavier Rivera did not qualify for the playoffs but had wins on the day.

Coach Brooks Walter stated he is proud of how the teams did that day.

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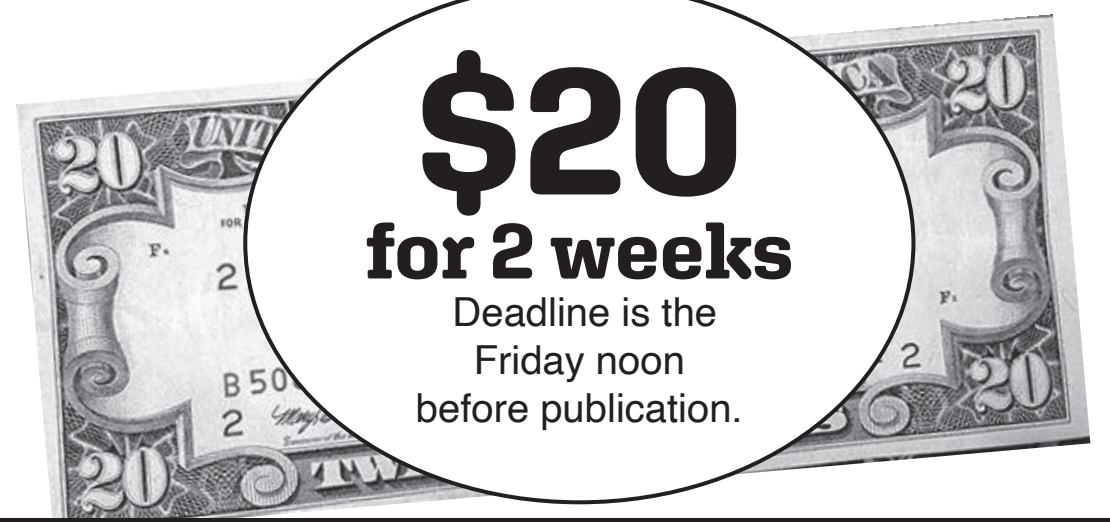
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Iowa Lakes appoints Trudy Ahrens as Executive Director of Human Resources



Trudy Ahrens

Iowa Lakes Community College is pleased to announce the appointment of Trudy Ahrens as the new Executive Director of Human Resources. Ahrens, who has been an integral part of Iowa Lakes since 1997, will officially assume her new role on June 1, 2024.

Ahrens brings with her a wealth of experience and a proven track record of leadership during her tenure at Iowa Lakes. She has been the TRIO Director since 2014 and has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the college's mission and values. Her strong leadership qualities and commitment to fairness and integrity make her an ideal fit for the Executive Director of Human Resources role.

Her appointment as Executive Director of Human Resources reflects Iowa Lakes' commitment to promoting excellence and cultivating leadership from within.

Throughout her career at Iowa Lakes, Ahrens has been instrumental in various initiatives to enhance the college experience for students and employees. Notably, she played a crucial role in developing the Lakers Lead program, showcasing her innovative thinking and passion for fostering community growth and development within Iowa Lakes. Her impact extends far beyond the campus grounds, as she has established herself as a respected leader in the TRIO community regionally and nationally.

Ahrens will succeed Kathy Muller, who will retire on June 30, 2024, after an impressive 45-year career with Iowa Lakes.

"As we welcome Trudy into her new role as Executive Director of Human Resources, her extensive experience and visionary leadership will greatly contribute to the success of our institution. We also wish to express our deepest gratitude to Kathy for her dedication and contributions to the college over the years," said Jeff Soper, Chief Financial Officer.

Batman Sworn in as Trustee

By Michael Tidemann

Kari Batman, Emmet County Public Health administrator, was sworn in as trustee at the Iowa Lakes Community Board of Supervisors monthly meeting Tuesday, March 20 at the SERT building in Estherville.

Batman replaces District 5 Trustee Todd Johnson who chose to not run again. She will serve until the Nov. 4, 2025, general election.

In other business, Executive Dean Kyle Norris presented Don Edwards, lead instructor in the college HVAC program, who discussed the program.

Edwards praised the Last Dollar Scholar program which he said, "has been very good for us. It's helped us gain students."

Edwards said students have the option of a one-year diploma or two-year AAS program. If they pass professional competencies exams, they can receive two years of credit toward their four-year apprenticeship required for journeyman's certification.

Edwards said students can start at \$20 an hour in a small company or \$25 to \$30 in a larger HVAC business.

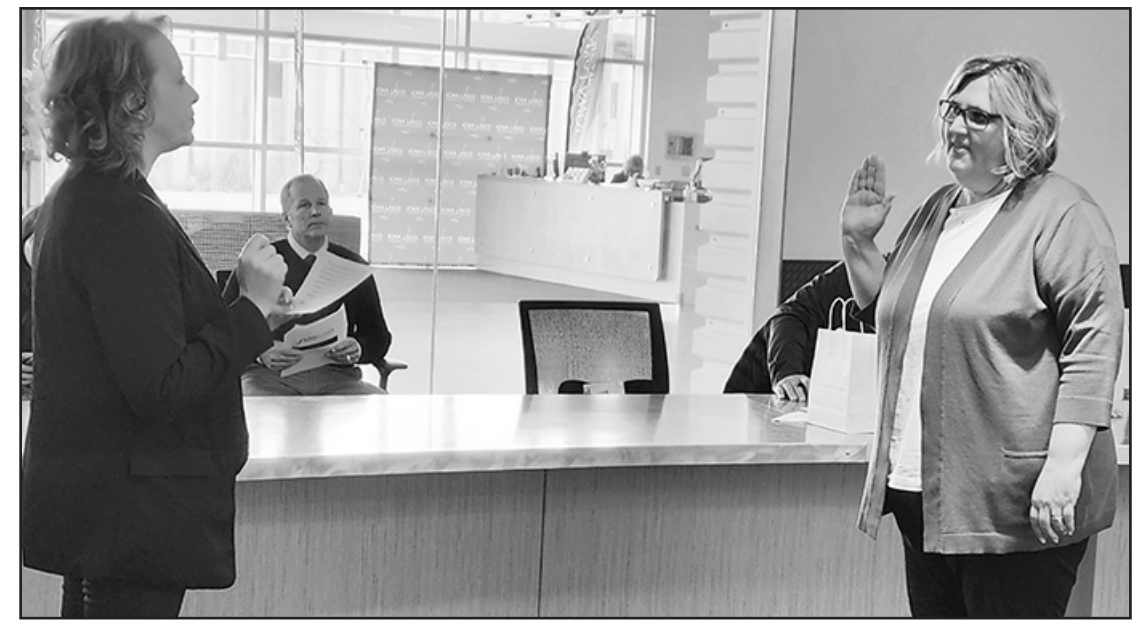
After a public hearing, Vice

President Robert Leifeld presented a \$904,356 bid by Black Hawk Roofing Company of Cedar Falls for board approval. The bid, for roofing projects at the Estherville and Emmetsburg campuses and replacing a rooftop unit on the north addition of the Estherville building, FRK Architects and Engineers of Des Moines had estimated the cost at \$1,095,000. The project will be paid with plant funds.

In other business, Leifeld presented farm equipment leases for board approval. The board approved a bid for a John Deere 8R 370 large field tractor by K.C. Nielsen for \$7,500. They also approved Nielsen bids for a John Deere 6R 155 loader tractor for \$10,080, \$10,000 for a Fendt FTC7 combine and \$1,800 for a John Deere Gator XUV835M side-by-side.

Executive Director of Foundations & Governmental Affairs Dan Lutat told the board of the college having received two perpetual scholarships from Joe and Ruth Loebach.

The Joe and Ruth Ann Loebach Wind Energy Scholarship will provide financial support to Iowa Lakes Community College students who demonstrate a commitment to pursuing studies in the field of wind energy.



Kari Batman was sworn in as a District 5 Trustee by Iowa Lakes Community College Board Secretary, Michelle Dahma, at the Trustees' Tuesday, March 19 meeting at the SERT building in Estherville.

The scholarship award is \$1,000 per academic year, split between the fall and spring semesters. Preference will be given to parishioners from St. John's Parish in Bancroft, St. Michael's Parish in Whitemore and St. Cecilia Parish in Algona. The Ruth and Joe Loebach Nursing

Scholarship will provide similar assistance to Iowa Lakes nursing students.

In other business the trustees: Held a closed session and reconvened into regular session to approve an engagement letter for

audit services. Heard the financial report from Chief Financial Officer Jeff Soper. Heard the president's report from College President Scott Stokes. Heard the trustees report from Trustee Bob Jennings.

Hunter Education Course

A Hunter Education Course has been scheduled for this spring. The course will meet at the following times: Tuesday, April 16 from 6:00-9:00 p.m., Thursday, April 18 from 6:00-9:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 20 from 8:00-3:00 p.m.

The Tuesday and Thursday classes will be held at the Water's Edge Nature Center at Smith Lake, located three miles north of Algona on Highway 169. The Saturday class will be held at the Izaak Walton League across from Smith Lake.

To receive certification, participants must attend all three sessions. The class is offered to anyone 12 years of age, or older, free of charge. The course will cover firearm handling and safety, wildlife management, ethics, and various other topics. Live shooting will be offered as part of the class.

The course is sponsored by the Kossuth County Conservation Board. Pre-registration is required for the course. Students must register online at events.gooutdoorsiowa.com. A manual must also be picked up at the nature center prior to the class.

The deadline to register online and pick up a manual is Friday, April 12th at 4:30 p.m.

For more information contact the Water's Edge Nature Center at (515) 295-2138.

Iowa's Ombudsman calls on county jails to follow the law on Health-Care Charges

Some of Iowa's county jails collect money from inmates for health-care costs before the inmates are convicted and without a court order, in violation of Iowa law, according to a report released today by the Iowa Office of Ombudsman.

Iowa law requires jails to provide necessary care to inmates for objectively serious medical and dental needs. County sheriffs are allowed to recover the costs from inmates, but only if they are found guilty and only after a bill of costs is presented to a court and approved.

The report focuses on four county jails where the Ombudsman verified that inmates were being charged improperly. A survey of eight other jails found similar issues in six of them.

Ombudsman Bernardo Granwehr recommended that all Iowa sheriffs review their practices and change them if necessary to comply with Iowa law. Granwehr also recommended the Iowa Department of Corrections

(DOC) propose amendments to an administrative rule that has long confused jail officials and led to inconsistencies on this issue. The rule was superseded by a change in state law in 2006 but was never updated.

"Jail practices on this topic have been inconsistent for years, and my office continues to receive complaints. I hope this report starts a conversation that ultimately leads to consistency in how jails handle inmate healthcare costs," Granwehr said. "Jail officials should not be taking money from inmates who haven't been found guilty, and they must file a claim in court before they can do so."

None of the four jails disagreed with the Ombudsman's interpretation of the law or its recommendations. As a result of our input, three of the four counties committed to or have already made changes to their practices to align with Iowa law.

The Iowa Department of Corrections acknowledged the issue but has not yet committed to amend the relevant rule.

Copies of the Ombudsman's report are available at the Ombudsman's website at ombudsman.iowa.gov. For more information, contact Ombudsman Bernardo Granwehr at 515-281-3592 or ombudsman@legis.iowa.gov.

My Weekly Column: Fighting back against President Biden's bloated budget and tax hikes

By Rep. Randy Feenstra (IA-04)

In my weekly column last week, I outlined my strong opposition to President Biden's \$7.3-trillion budget for Fiscal Year 2025. As I noted, this proposal would hike taxes on our families, farmers, and businesses by \$5.5 trillion, leave our country with a \$1.8-trillion budget deficit for FY 2025, and balloon our national debt by trillions and trillions of dollars. It must be resoundingly rejected for the good of our fiscal health and financial stability.

Bloated budgets and reckless government spending cannot be the status quo in Congress. We need accountability, transparency, and action to get our fiscal house in order and deliver real reforms that fix our broken budget process, grow our economy, and keep more money in people's pockets. That begins with drafting and implementing balanced budgets every fiscal year.

That's why, in response to President Biden's fiscally irresponsible budget, I introduced legislation — the Balanced Budget and Accounting Act — to require the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress, not a wish list of liberal priorities that plunge our nation deeper into debt. Our growing national debt poses the greatest threat to our economic security and emboldens China and our foreign adversaries to exploit our precarious fiscal foundation. We cannot take these threats lightly. My bill ensures that we spend within our means and hold the Biden administration accountable because

our country cannot afford any more budget gimmicks and reckless spending.

I also recently led a letter to President Biden himself opposing his proposed tax hikes on family farms and small businesses and urging him to abandon course. In the fine print, his budget includes a new tax on the transfer of agricultural and business assets, a devastating cap on like-kind exchanges, and a combined capital gains and dividend tax rate more than double that of China. These economic policies will stifle economic growth in our rural communities, prevent young producers and entrepreneurs from continuing the family tradition, and sadly give family farms and small businesses no other choice but to close for good. Our nation's farmers and small business owners are the backbone of our economy and our main streets. To strengthen our economy, we must keep taxes low for our farmers, producers, business owners, and innovators so that they can compete and succeed — not saddle them with more taxes, regulations, and red tape.

Last June, our national debt surpassed \$32 trillion. Last September, our national debt eclipsed \$33 trillion. This January, our national debt topped \$34 trillion. Now, we're rapidly approaching \$35 trillion. We can't kick the can down the road any longer. I will continue to do my part — as a strong, fiscal conservative — to reduce our national debt and restore fiscal sanity to Congress.

We are government together, and your thoughts and opinions matter to me. Please contact my office at Feenstra.House.Gov or by phone at 202-225-4426 if I can ever be of assistance. I am proud to represent our families, farmers, main street businesses, and rural communities in Congress.

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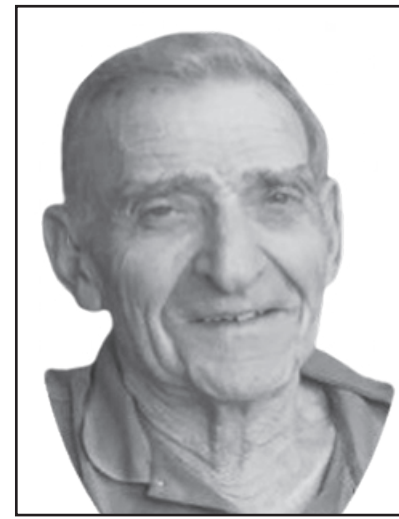
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Obituaries



Virgil E. West

Virgil E. West, son of Arthur and Gladys (Juhl) West, was born on the family farm near Estherville, Iowa on March 29, 1934. He passed away at his apartment at Homestead of Estherville on March 19, 2024, at the age of 89 years. A funeral service for Virgil will be held on Saturday,

March 30, 2024 at Ingham Lake Bible Camp Chapel in rural Wallingford, Iowa at 10:30AM. There will be a visitation on Friday, March 29, 2024 from 5-7PM at Henry Olson Funeral Chapel in Estherville. Burial will take place at High Lake Cemetery in Wallingford, with military honors being provided by VFW Post 3388 and American Legion Post 91 of Estherville. Memorials are preferred to Ingham Lake Bible Camp.

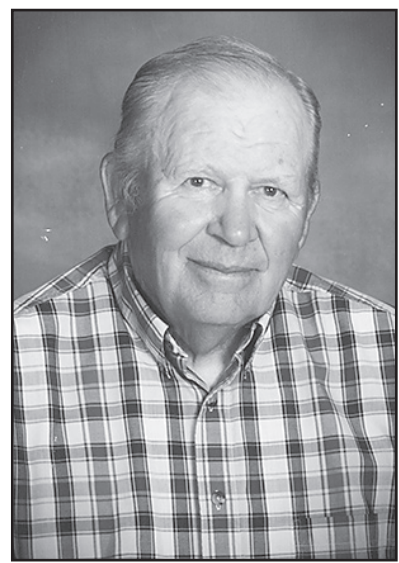
Virgil graduated from Gruver High School in 1951. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1952, he served during the Korean Conflict until he was honorably discharged in 1955. He returned to Emmet County to farm. In 1956, he was united in marriage to Viola Berge at Immanuel Lutheran Church south of Gruver. The family farmed in Emmet County for many years on their Heritage Farm. Upon his retirement from farming, Virgil enjoyed helping Kathy Asman in her 2nd grade special education classroom for four years. Virgil and Viola enjoyed spending winters in Arizona. Viola passed away on September 22, 2021.

Virgil was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church south of Gruver, until its recent closing. He was a member of the Estherville Saddle Club and Toastmasters. Virgil was active in the Church Council. He was very supportive of the Ingham Lake Bible Camp where he served on the board. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought great joy to his life.

Left to cherish Virgil's memory are his children, Michelle West; Steven (Sherry) West; Michael (Leanne) West; Denise (Luke) Jenkins; his seven grandchildren, Heather (Jay) Heims, Amy (Chase) Crosby, Autumn West-Riley, Brian (Kayla) West, Rachel (Matthew) Tomlinson, Eric (Madison) West, and Michael Mann; six great grandchildren, Weston and Erica Heims and Payton Seiff, Isaiah and Levi Tomlinson and Aria West.

He has been preceded in death by his parents, his wife Viola, his brothers Larry and Wayne West, and his sister Joyce "Sally" Alger.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.henryolsonfuneral.com.



Harlan H. Kinnander

Harlan H. Kinnander, 88, of Armstrong died Monday, March 25, 2024, in his home surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm on Friday, March 29th, 2024, at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Armstrong with burial to follow in Armstrong Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 12 Noon until the time of the service at 2.

Harlan was born in rural Armstrong on August 7, 1935, to Henry and Rose (Nielsen) Kinnander. He attended Armstrong Public School and not

long after graduating was united in marriage on June 23, 1956, to Helen Cheever. Together they would spend the next 67 years farming on the very land where Harlan was born.

Harlan was active in his community. As a young man, he was a charter member of the Armstrong FFA. Later in life, he served as a Trustee for the Iowa Lake Township and Nazareth Lutheran Church. He also sat on the Board of Directors for the Armstrong Coop and the Emmet County Fair. In his free time, he enjoyed attending local school activities and playing cards. Harlan was an active fisherman as well as an Iowa State fan. He particularly enjoyed watching his grandchildren's various activities.

Harlan is survived by his loving wife, Helen; sons Arden (Laurie) Kinnander, Loren (Janine) Kinnander; daughters Rebecca "Becky" Irmiter, Amanda Kinnander; 15 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Jane Ogle and Alyce Cheever; and brother-in-law Robert "Bud" Cheever.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson Spencer Kinnander; brother Thomas Kinnander and his wife Bev Kinnander; brothers-in-law Ray Ogle and Clarence Cheever; and sister-in-law Miki Cheever.



Celebration of Life for Barb Ross

To honor Barb's memory, the family will gather to celebrate her life with smiles, not tears. The family invites everyone to remember her journey with love, laughter and memories at a Celebration of Life for Barbara Ross to be held at the Armstrong Community Center on Thursday, March 28th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On March 4, 2024, Barb passed away peacefully surrounded by her family.

Barbara's life began in Hutchinson, Minnesota on June 15, 1950. She was the 4th child of 7, born to Lambert and Thecla Doll. She graduated from Armstrong High School in 1968.

Take a Moment

By Lyle Trow

March Madness

It is the round ball "super bowl" event. A 3 week long sprint of full-court defense, logo 3 pointers, 30 second shot clock, nothing but net, and buzzer beating upsets. 68 teams compete to reach the net cutting ceremony and being crowned NCAA men and women's basketball champions.

The March Madness phrase was heard as part of the 1982 men's tournament action. CBS broadcaster Brent Musburger, during play by play action, introduced the catchphrase to his tv audience.

43 years earlier, excitement during the Illinois high school state tourney, a sports columnist promoted, "March Madness" in the Prairie State.

Crowd pleasing and possibly a level of "madness" was six on six girl's basketball highlighting the sport in Iowa. Unique guard and forward players showcased the game in our Hawkeye state for 73 years. As described on WHO Radio, "a really, really good show" at the 1920 girl's state tournament. For the record, in the tournament final, Correctionville defeated Nevada, 11 - 4.

2024 Final Four tournament coverage will be unlimited in scope, analysis, player highlights, and drama. CBS covers the prime-time weekend games.

Recently, the Network lost a talented & respected journalist and broadcaster, Charles Osgood was 91 years of age.

Osgood's career spanned over 50 years. This included 22 years on CBS SUNDAY MORNING television broadcast and his even longer running radio program, THE OSGOOD FILE.

I admired Charles Osgood!

Dedicated listeners will miss his trademark reporting style and epic sign-off to each weekly Sunday morning program..... "I'll see you on the radio!"

Let me end, "no foolin', talk again in April."

Iowa Lakes introduces expanded HVAC Technology Program

The Iowa Lakes Community College Board of Trustees convened on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Snap-On Conference Room within the Iowa Lakes Community College SERT Building in Estherville, IA.

Kyle Norris, Executive Dean, began Tuesday's meeting by highlighting the college's commitment to providing innovative educational opportunities, including an expanded Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Technology (HVAC) program.

Don Edwards, Program Coordinator for HVAC, presented the enhanced curriculum designed to meet the evolving needs of the industry. The updated program offers a dual-track Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree, providing students with hands-on experience and essential skills to excel in the field.

"The emphasis on energy efficiency and sustainability in today's HVAC industry requires technicians to be proficient in utilizing innovative methods and technology," said Edwards. "Our program not only equips students with the necessary technical knowledge but also fosters a collaborative learning environment where students can learn from each other's experiences."

The HVAC Technology program at Iowa Lakes Community College addresses the growing demand for skilled professionals in sustainable energy, natural resources management,

and industrial technology sectors. By integrating practical experience with advanced coursework, students gain comprehensive training to thrive in this dynamic field.

"We recognize the high demand for local and national HVAC professionals," noted Edwards. "With many retirements in the industry, there's a pressing need to cultivate a new generation of skilled workers. Our program aims to bridge this gap by providing students with diverse skill sets and hands-on training."

The recent modifications to the curriculum include adding a diploma option alongside the AAS degree, offering students greater flexibility, and expanding course options. These changes ensure that graduates are well-prepared to meet the challenges of the workforce upon completion of their studies.

"We are committed to continually enhancing our program to meet the needs of our students and the industry," said Edwards. "By offering a comprehensive education that combines classroom learning with real-world experience, we are preparing our students for success in a competitive job market."

For more information about the HVAC Technology program at Iowa Lakes Community College, visit www.iowalakes.edu/hvac.

The next meeting of the Iowa Lakes Community College Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the Emmetsburg Campus, 3200 College Drive, Emmetsburg, Iowa. The Work Session will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Days Gone By



One hundred twenty five years ago: March 23, 1899
Publisher: J.A. Reagan

It seems that the ground-hog and St. Patrick will this year play end men for a troupe composed of the worst weather clerks on record.

Newspaper men are blamed for a lot of things they can't help, such as partiality in mentioning visitors, giving news about some folks and leaving others out, etc. The newspaper man cannot help this, he simply prints the news he can find. Some people inform him about such things and others do not. Newspaper men are always glad to learn the news.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Chapin on Friday, Feb. 17, a ten pound girl. All are doing nicely.

One hundred years ago: March 27, 1924
Publisher: H.B. Sturtevant

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Hanifan on Tuesday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Eaton is leader and is preparing a special program.

John Hansen, living south of town, had the misfortune to break his collar bone a few days ago.

Irving Cronk was injured about the head when a grain door which was being thrown out of a car struck him.

Seventy five years ago: March 24, 1949
Publisher: Robert E. Burns & W. F. Irwin

Judith Kingston, local seventh grade student, took second place honors in the county spelling contest, held last Saturday at Estherville. The champion was Norma Henriksen of Denmark school No. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Mart announce the marriage of their daughter, Betty Lou, to Robert E. Obbink, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Obbink of Carroll, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McKean will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday March 27.

Fifty years ago: March 28, 1974
Publisher: Jerry D. Wiseman

Photo: Math Fair was presented by 6th grade classes instructed by Mrs. Paula Cecil and Mrs. Mary Cannaday. The fair was attended by students from kindergarten through fifth grade. The students were given tickets they could spend on various games during the afternoon of activities.

Sandy Wegner, guard, and Krista Nicolson, guard, were named to the Iowa Daily Press Association All-State Honorable Mention list for the 1973-74 basketball season.

Tiger Tales - In the Spotlight - Kevin Pape - If you're ever in the band room or the shop and hear this outrageous laughter--it has to be Kevin Pape.

Twenty five years ago: March 24, 1999
Publisher: Jerry D. Wiseman

Photo: Checking out the kitchen equipment in the kindergarten classroom during round-up last week were friends Adreanna Laabs and Bailey Mitchell.

Photo: Dishing up hot food for hungry guests during the Fish Fry at St. Mary's Center Friday night were Mary Bradley, Nancy Steinberger and Jerry Steinberger.

Photo: Oscar Carlson enjoyed watching Helen Johnson and fourth grade adopted grandchildren Andy Swalve and Lisa Smith play a game of "Trouble" at Valley Vue Care Center Friday afternoon.

Ten years ago: March 26, 2014
Publisher: Kristin Grabinoski

Photo: Helen Brown with her granddaughter Nicole Burns of Cedar Falls and her great granddaughter Avalon, held put on the 7th Annual Beers to You and Gourmet Too, a fundraiser for the University of Northern Iowa's Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center.

Photo: Delores Gram carries a bundle of three of the 70 quilts to be packed for the trip to Feeding the Homeless Banquet in Sioux Falls. The Nazareth Lutheran women created the quilts and boxes of personal care items for the shelter.

An open house 50th Anniversary Party honoring Doug & Myrna Whitesell will be held at Country Greens clubhouse on Saturday, April 5th, 1-4 p.m. with a short program at 2 p.m.

Mayo Clinic Health System announces launch of 24/7/365 care through Primary Care On Demand

Mayo Clinic Health System patients now have 24/7/365 access to care through the new mobile app, Primary Care On Demand.

Using the mobile app, patients 18 and older can receive assessment and treatment for symptoms and conditions such as sore throat, rash, cough, aches and pains, upper respiratory infection, sinusitis, urinary tract infection, and more. Care for children and teens will be included in the future. The app is available to patients in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Here is how Primary Care On Demand works:

- Patients log in to the app using their Mayo Clinic Health System Patient Portal username and password.
- After answering a few questions, patients will receive a symptom evaluation at no cost.
- Patients can register for a video visit and move on to connect with a Primary

Care On Demand physician. Completed video visits with a physician are billed through insurance just like an office visit.

- Patients will typically be seen in about 30 minutes, or they can choose a preferred time and the app will notify them when the physician is available.
- The physician can send a prescription to a pharmacy, or order required lab tests.

"Also, a single medical record means our on-demand physicians can see the patient's medical history, conditions and notes from their primary care provider and Mayo Clinic specialists. And our patients can easily transition between on-demand and in-clinic care," says Dr. Blair.

Visit the Mayo Clinic Health System YouTube channel for a preview of the Primary Care On Demand experience.

Patients with questions while using the app can call a support team member at 507-607-5858.

The Wisconsin Primary Care On Demand app can be downloaded through the Apple App Store or Google Play.

evil and destruction to a heaven filled with joy! Hallelujah! Babylon has fallen! Revelation 19: 1-3 says: "After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants." And again, they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever."

Hallelujah means _____? Yes Praise the Lord. The word Hallelujah is found only 4 times in the Bible, all in this chapter. The words "Praise the Lord" are found many times in the Bible, mostly in the Psalms. Hallelujah is from two words, Halal, meaning praise, and Jah, which is short for Yahweh. Praise Yahweh. Praise the Lord. Why are they and we praising the Lord?

1. Hallelujah: Because of Salvation. We have been saved by Jesus Christ. Saved by His grace. Saved by the Lamb of God who takes away this sin of the world. Saved by the power of God by raising Jesus Christ from the dead. Because he was resurrected we may also be resurrected to new life!

2. Hallelujah: Because His judgments are true and just. No true believer will be left behind, and no unbeliever will slip into heaven. The great prostitute who corrupted the earth and drew people away from the true bridegroom, Jesus Christ, has been condemned.

3. Hallelujah: Because God has avenged the deaths of the martyrs and the saints. All those who gave their lives for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who yearned a couple of chapters ago, Revelation 6:10, "When will you avenge our deaths Lord?" Now they as well are shouting Hallelujah!

4. Hallelujah: They are yelling Hallelujah as they watch the smoke rise from fallen Babylon. For how long does the smoke rise?? For ever and ever. Just as we and all true believers will enjoy paradise forever. Unbelievers will feel the wrath of God, and the fire of hell forever, with no relief. Forever.

Then the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures also join in on the praising of God. But they add a word to the chorus of Hallelujah's that are being proclaimed. Amen, and Hallelujah. Amen means _____? Yes, So, be it. May it be done as you have said. May judgment of the nations be done. Amen! So be it!

Revelation 19:6-9: "Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!"

For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.) Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

This is the marriage supper of the Lamb!. Are you invited??

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9 a.m. Worship Service

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SUNDAY, March 31, 2024
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10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Rev. Lyndon Roessler
WEDNESDAY, March 27
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
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7 p.m. Choir
FRIDAY, March 29
7 p.m. Good Friday Service
SUNDAY, March 31, 2024
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10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee
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TUESDAY, April 2
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10:30 a.m. Spring Creek Bible Time
WEDNESDAY, April 3
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6 p.m. Confirmation
7 p.m. Choir

Series God Wins Hallelujah, The Marriage Supper of the Lamb Revelation 19:1-11

Pastor Kent Madison
Lakota and Burt Presbyterian Churches

In the churches that I serve for over the past year, we have been in a study of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Please let me say first, scholars do not all agree on all God has revealed to us in this Book of end times prophecy. What we can all agree on is that Jesus promised to come back, just as he left. Let us briefly review the timetable of the events as I believe they will occur in the end times. Jesus tells John these events will happen soon, and in quick order. Remember Christ reveals these future events to John while exiled on the Island of Patmos, for preaching the Good News.

In Chapter 1 Jesus revealed himself to John, and John saw Christ in all his glory. In Chapters 2-3, Christ is evaluating His church. Only two churches had no condemnation said against them, Philadelphia, and Smyrna. The Laodicean church that represents the church of today, had nothing good said about it. Jesus said he was going to spit them out of his mouth. Now this does not mean there are no Christians in our churches today, or no good coming out of many of the churches of today. But much of the visible church today is disgusting to God. That's the period of time we are in now.

The next event on the end times calendar is the rapture of the church. True believers will meet Christ in the air, and he will take us to be with Him forever. I believe the rapture of the church and the second coming of Christ are two separate events, separated by the seven-year Great Tribulation. Do we have a tribulation now? Absolutely! It is nothing like what is described will happen during the Great Tribulation. When true believers are raptured out of this world, (1st Thessalonians 4:13-18,") we will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. This is not whether we go to heaven or hell, but to receive awards for the things we have made of gold and silver and not from wood and stubble.

After the rapture is the seven-year Great Tribulation. All of God's true and righteous judgement will be poured out upon the earth. It is the judgment upon those who refuse to proclaim Jesus as Lord and obey His Word.

Then In chapter 19 we see a change taking place. For the past seven years the seven seal, seven trumpet, and seven vial judgments, have been poured out upon the earth. Judgment is being poured out upon the "Whore of Babylon," which represents satan's counterfeit spiritual religious system. Pouring judgment upon every false religious, political, and educational system that humanity has built apart from God. God says in the end of chapter 16, "It is done, it is finished." Babylon you are finished! That's why the change in Chapter 19. It is a change to Worship and praise with four Hallelujah's! We have gone from an earth full of

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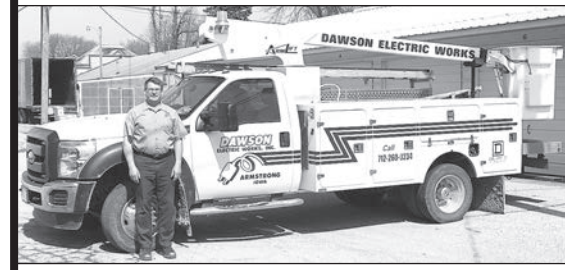


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NU Cheerleaders Make Iowa All-Cheer Squad

On March 23rd the Iowa Cheerleading Coaches Association joined with the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association to put together a great weekend featuring senior basketball players and talented high school cheerleaders from across Iowa. Three cheerleaders from North Union were chosen to be members of the All-Star Cheer Squad which consisted of 51 cheerleaders. Pictured from left to right are senior Dakota Villarreal, Sophomores Jagger Dewald and Reagan Nielsen, and Betty Lou Jones Co Director and Coach of the All-Star Cheer Squad

Ten Mustangs named to women's basketball scholar-athlete list

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced its Daktronics Scholar-Athletes for women's basketball, releasing this year's list ahead of the 2024 NAIA Women's Basketball National Championship being held at the Tyson Events Center.

Morningside had 10 athletes land on this year's list, Alexis Spier, Baylie Girres, Chloe Lofstrom, Dani Peterson, Ella Wragge, Jordyn Carr, Kinsey Hall, Lauren Hedlund, Lily Vollertsen, and Megan Callahan.

In order to qualify for the NAIA scholar-athlete program, a student-athlete must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5, appear on a sport's eligibility certificate, and have attended one full year at the current institution.

The 6'0 forward is the daughter of Steve and Tricia Lofstrom of Armstrong. Chloe is majoring in Elementary Education.

Fidelity Bank and Trust will award scholarships

Fidelity Bank and Trust has announced that scholarship applications are now available for the 2024 College Scholarship Form

The forms are available at all locations of Fidelity Bank and Trust or visit www.bankfidelity.bank. Applications must be returned by March 31, 2024.

Under the program, twenty-eight \$500 scholarships will be awarded to area high school seniors who plan to attend a two or four year college or vocational school. The students and their parents are not required to be Fidelity Bank and Trust customers.

The scholarships will be awarded on scholastic standing, extra curricular activities, community involvement, financial need and a short essay on why the individual should be considered for this scholarship.

Interested high school students should contact their high school guidance office or Fidelity Bank and Trust for further assistance in completing the scholarship application. Scholarship winners will be announced in early April.

Doctor's Day

March 30

In recognition of Doctor's Day 2024, we would like to say THANK YOU to all of the doctors and providers at KRHC and in the community for your commitment to healing and your dedication to keeping us healthy and safe. We appreciate you!



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Armstrong Betterment Club
Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday, March 30, 2024
 9:00 a.m.
 Armstrong City Park

BANCROFT ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30, 2024
 10:30 am at Bancroft City Park
To be held rain or shine!

For kids up to age 12
 Bring your own basket

Bring your cameras and take PHOTOS WITH the Easter Bunny

Sponsored by Bancroft Chamber of Commerce

Ringsted Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 2024
 10:00 a.m.
 Ringsted Railroad Park
 Ringsted, Iowa

Ages 0 through 5th Grade Welcome!

Bring your own pail to gather eggs!

Sponsored by Ringsted Community Action Club

Also join the Ringsted Library Open House, on March 30, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
 Hope to see you there! Happy Easter!

Swea City Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th
 10:00 a.m. at
 North Union Middle School Playground.
 (NU Cafeteria if inclement weather)

The hunt will be for kids all ages through 5th grade.

Check Facebook for a list of the businesses.

Prizes must be picked up at participating businesses no later than 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the Swea City Community Club

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John 11:25-26

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