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Special souvenir section

North Scott senior Chloe Engelkes is surrounded by her teammates as they celebrate their Class 4A state basketball championship Saturday afternoon at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. To relive the state tournament run, as well as the Lancer boys' team's substate final win over Cedar Rapids Prairie, see Souvenir Section C of today's NSP.

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No charges filed for McCubbin

Prosecutor finds no proof of fraud in Park View, Long Grove

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

A prosecutor's report clearing Joel McCubbin of fraud condemns Park View and Long Grove elected officials for years of "poor" and "sloppy" record keeping.

Scott County Attorney Mike Walton said in most cases, elected officials should have been fully aware of more than a half million dollars in salary and expenses deemed "improper" by state auditors. In other cases, alleged offenses occurred more than three years ago, outside the statute of limitations, he wrote.

Of Park View Water and Sanitary District, Walton said the audit's conclusion of, improper or unsupported payments, are "accounting terms, not criminal charges. They are not necessarily the result of criminal activity but may be due to poor record keeping, management or policy."

Of Long Grove, Walton reached the same conclusion. "Most of the expenses deemed improper did not occur as a result of McCubbin's actions."

McCubbin, long time public workers manager for each community, was paid \$156,840 by the two govern-

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SPECIAL REPORT: SIX MONTHS AFTER JUNIOR HIGH GUN ARREST

Mom: 'We're amazed at how well he's doing'

Family eager for return home before August trial

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

The interview began with a simple question: How's your son doing since his arrest Aug. 31 for bringing a gun to North Scott Junior High?

The answers, offered in a 90-minute discussion over coffee, reveal a family drawn closer by a private struggle, and grateful it never was a public tragedy.

"I guess we can say we're amazed at how well he's doing," said the boy's

'He did wrong. Big wrong. I get that. But there's nothing in here that suggests he's a threat to anyone.' Student's mother

mom.

Her son is reading more than ever, devouring the "Hunger Games," and "Maze Runner," series. He never showed much interest in fiction before he was locked in detention Aug. 31.

"He's a math and science kid, smart like his dad," she said.

That math and science kid has been in detention since the day he was arrested for bringing a loaded gun to North Scott

Junior High. Since then, he and his family's life has blurred into court hearings, detention visits, counselors, caseworkers and investigators.

His mom spoke with *The NSP* in her kitchen, careful not to divulge court case details, but eager to update the community on the remarkable progress she's seeing in her son.

The NSP has chosen not to identify the boy, or name other family members

that might lead to his identification. The boy has been named in other news publications.

Months since the arrest are filled with daily visits to detention and constant advocacy to make sure he engages in counseling, keeps up with homework and makes the dentist's appointments, haircuts and routines of growing up.

Most court officials are working well with her son, but she remains upset by news accounts that seem to differ from police and court reports amassed in her file.

And she wonders why six months lat-

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GUN: 'He's so sorry for everything that has happened'

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er he’s still locked up.
“He did wrong. Big wrong. I get that. But there’s nothing in here that suggests he’s a threat to anyone,” she said.
Police said her son secretly took a loaded .22 caliber handgun from the family’s gun cabinet and brought it to the junior high on his fifth day in seventh grade. Police said he pointed it at a teacher. It did not fire because the safety was on, according to police.
The teacher escorted the boy to a counselor’s office, where he surrendered the gun and was taken into Eldridge police custody, police said.
Four months later, police arrested the boy’s dad on a charge of being a felon in possession of weapons. The dad’s felony theft conviction at age 18 forbids gun ownership for the rest of his life. Court records show nothing but three traffic tickets since then. He’ll turn 51 in April.
He has not been charged as an accessory to the school incident, although that was erroneously reported in some newspapers.

Daily visits

While the Aug. 31 episode is a nightmare she wishes on no one, she says her son has blossomed in detention with the attention of counselors, psychiatrists, a visiting pastor, and especially, the juvenile center director, Jeremy Kaiser.
Kaiser works personally with her

son, stepping in for chess games the boy learned with his dad.
“He plays chess with Jeremy, and even beat him once,” she said.
The family visits daily and calls as often. Juveniles in detention must earn visitor access through good behavior. She says her son progressed to the “gold” or top level, allowing two 30-minute visits and two phone calls per day.
She described happy, productive visits with her husband and their other children. The counselors and psychiatrist visits have been so helpful, she said, “it’s odd to say, but I think he’s actually thriving.”
While the family appreciates the help, she said all are convinced he would be better off at home awaiting a court verdict he’s willing to face.
“He’s come to grips with what happened. He’s so sorry for everything that happened, to the people at school, his classmates, and us,” his mom said.

Family and community offer support

Family members who always were close have grown tighter, visiting more frequently and encouraging the family to look beyond this incident.
She said neither she nor her husband have encountered any animosity at the school another child still attends, or elsewhere in the community.
Neighbors are fully aware and supportive, she said. A few strangers have reached out.

“I’ve seen some tweets from people I don’t know offering support. I got an anonymous email saying they were praying for us and that everything would work out OK.”
Three months after police seized the weapons in the gun cabinet, someone alerted the Iowa Department of Human Service in November that guns remained accessible to children in the home. A DHS caseworker visited the family and submitted a report concluding there was no danger, and affirming the children were safe. All the guns remain in police custody.
The family had not been churchgoers, but a visiting pastor to the detention center gave her son a Bible, and she said the influence has been profound. A birthday card to his sister said he was praying for her.
“That’s not something we focused on, but I’m OK if he is. It’s just another part of him growing up and moving through this,” she said.
She still flinches at court documents and news stories referring to her son as a “juvenile suspect.”
“He still calls us Mommy and Daddy,” she said.
In detention, he’s met other “juvenile suspects,” a few with violent offenses and most in for car thefts. She said part of her son’s detention privileges allow him to help orient new arrivals.
“He’s seen so much in these six months,” she said.

Schools update emergency responses

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

North Scott superintendent Joe Stutting said the school district staff and board members have been busy since the gun incident about six months ago at the junior high.
“The big thing is we’re a long way into rewriting our safety plan as required by state of Iowa. We’re going to have more of a focus on reunification,” he said.
That focus will include new procedures to account for students after an incident.
“We’re looking at reunifications of students and families after an incident, all the families of that building,” not just those directly involved. “How do we assure reunification if we use an ALICE response and kids scatter? How to we guarantee online access? What’s our accountability of kids in the first hour?”
That requires planning to accommodate parents who show up.
“When you look at the situation with the gun this year, the most nerve-racking part is parents coming to pick up kids. You don’t want them to just grab kids and leave. We need a process.”
Other changes include:
Emergency kits: Stop-the-bleed kits provided by area volunteer fire departments are in every classroom. Teachers are getting trained how to use them to immediately address injuries.
The district also increased CPR and



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first aid training.

- New radios:** All emergency radios have been reprogrammed for a common emergency channel. The district added 12 radios.
- Exercises:** The district and Scott County Emergency Services conducted a four-hour tabletop exercise Monday at the SECC headquarters in Davenport. The drill addressed several scenarios including a shooting and an anhydrous spill. The district also conducted live response training at the high school and junior high this year, and will include on elementary drill every year.
- New panic buttons:** The district will install warning buttons in all buildings.
- Fire drill changes:** Stutting said state fire marshals require immediate exit during fire drills and alarms. But new safety guidelines encourage teachers to check hallways first, in case the alarm was a shooter’s tactic to empty classrooms.

- Legislation would be required to change that protocol.
- Awareness:** The district instituted the P3 app allowing anonymous reports to the school that are shared with police. High School resource office Aaron Schwarz has been handling those calls.
- See something, say something campaign:** All school buildings are promoting the campaign for students to report not just suspicious behavior, but to show concern for withdrawn or emotional students.
- Junior high access:** Visitors to all buildings must go through the office before being buzzed through locked doors into the school. Stutting said junior high visitors now must be buzzed through locks to reach the office and the main school building.
- Homeland Security audit:** The district has asked for another audit since the last about four years ago.

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8 oz. NY Strip & Eggs 12.99

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Two Eggs	6.99
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One Egg	6.59
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Eldridge taps reserves to keep tax rate steady

Reserves will cover 4.5 percent of next year's \$24.2 million spending

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Eldridge will levy \$2.592 million in property taxes next year, just 0.4 percent higher than this fiscal year.

The city's tax rate remains at \$6.75 per thousand dollars of assessed value under a budget council members unanimously approved Monday. That rate is unchanged in 10 years.

The city's \$24.2 million spending plan relies on \$1.009 million from reserves, leaving the reserve account at \$12.977 million.

A 0.3-percent growth in assessed value brought overall property values to \$379.3 million for most of the town. Value growth in the town's commercial tax increment financing districts climbed 118 percent to \$30.9 million. Most of that revenue generated by businesses in the district is earmarked for construction projects.

The spending plan includes:

- More employees for the expanded sewer plant.
- Continued development of soccer fields near the Buttermilk Road sewage lagoons.
- Widening and improving the First Street and LeClaire Road intersection.

- Extending water service on West Lincoln Road.
- New firearms and Tasers for police.

The budget also includes sewer rate increases scheduled to pay off loans for the city's \$14.6 million sewer plant and service expansion.

The budget does not include about \$70,000 the city had expected from the state legislature to replace or backfill previous commercial tax reductions. The legislature at the Capitol had discussed ending the payments promised after reducing the tax burden for apartment owners.

The budget also does not include funding for a second electrical line to serve Eldridge. Resident Duane Miller attended Monday's meeting and asked about the city's utility plans after a Tuesday (Feb. 26) outage left all Eldridge municipal utility customers without power for more than an hour.

After Monday's meeting, Mayor Marty O'Boyle said he heard similar concerns from residents.

Eldridge is served by a single MidAmerican Energy line that leaves the town without power when it fails. O'Boyle said he expects an additional power line to be part of planning for industrial development north of Slopertown Road.

Sewer project costs rise

Council members winced, but approved a \$101,782.05 increase to the city's

\$14.6 Million sewer project.

City engineer Greg Schaapveld, with Shive Hattery engineering firm, said the cost was anticipated but not budgeted until work progressed on the \$8.3 million portion of the project that extends sewer lines from the west side of town to the South Slope treatment plant.

The cost covers digital equipment to control flows throughout the system. Field sensors can open or close pipes to manage flow into the updated treatment plant.

Tri City Electric in Davenport submitted a bid detailing \$78,082.05 in material and parts, and \$23,700 in labor.

"I was unpleasantly surprised at the amount. I'm not placing blame on anyone, but it's an eye opener," council member Steve Puls said.

City administrator John Dowd said the increase was well within an approximate \$2 million contingency funding built in to the project.

Aerial photography

Eldridge will contribute \$2,000 to a countywide aerial photography to update five-year-old images used for GIS and other mapping purposes.

Council members unanimously approved Eldridge's share of the \$101,582 project split among nine Scott County governments. The Eldridge share is the same as Blue Grass, Buffalo, LeClaire and Walcott, according to project documents submitted to Scott County.

The Scott County Assessor and Davenport Assessor will each contribute \$2,000. Davenport's share is \$11,050. Bettendorf will provide \$21,750. The higher amount reflects Bettendorf's request for

higher resolution imagery.

Scott County provides the balance of \$54,782.

This update extends a collaboration that began in 2005 when Scott County covered the entire cost.

Fifth Street drainage

The city is considering solutions for drainage around North Scott Junior High that leaves ice built up along Fifth Street.

Council member Adrian Blackwell suspected a sump pump discharge, but city administrator Dowd said other sources may be draining water through the street, which has no storm sewers.

Blackwell noted ice build up, which Dowd said also may be attributable to heavy rain and snow and extended cold streaks. But Dowd said the city should look further.

"At some point we're going to need storm sewers in that block to take it south to Fifth and Oak," Dowd said. "That's going to take some engineering. It won't be an easy fix."

Community Center carpet

Nineteen months after Eldridge completed renovation of the Community Center, city officials believe they've solved a persistent problem with wall carpeting around the skating rink.

Council member Bernie Peeters, liaison to the Community Center, said work will be scheduled in July, when floors are scheduled for refinishing. Different adhesives could not keep the wall carpeting in place, leading to extended negotiations with the contractor.

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12 from Scott named to state boards, commissions

Twelve Scott County residents are among 208 persons appointed to state boards and commissions March 1 by Gov. Kim Reynolds.


The appointments are subject to Senate confirmation:

Real Estate Commission: Dennis Stolk, Bettendorf;
Transportation: Jason Gordon, Davenport;
Autism Council: Matthew O'Brien, Bettendorf;
Early Childhood State Board: Richard Clewell, Davenport;
Board of Educational Examiners: Mary Johnson, LeClaire;

Electrical Examining Board: John Claeys, Blue Grass;
Health Facilities Council: Carol Earnhardt, Davenport;
Board of Hearing Aid Specialists: Molly Parker, Bettendorf;
Board of Medicine: Nikhil Wagle, Bettendorf;
Mental Health and Disability Services Commission: Joe Crowley, Davenport;
Commission of Native American Affairs: Vicky Apala-Cueva, Davenport;
Board of Dentistry: Monica Foley, Bettendorf;
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Forum hears about Shepard library

School board heads to Grissom and Armstrong

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

After a full house for literacy night Feb. 28 at Shepard Elementary in Long Grove, just a handful of people stuck around for the North Scott School Board forum that lasted about 30 minutes. One resident asked about drop-off plans the school implemented at the start of the school year. Principal Chad Ruth separated bus, car pick-up and bicycle traffic to avoid confusion. He said about 90 percent of the students ride buses, unlike the district's other elementaries.

"We've educated people to be mindful of neighbors, so they're not blocking driveways," Ruth said. Another concern involved the Shepard library. The library near the entry-way allows students to walk through to reach classrooms. Ruth said a parent asked if the library might be renovated to avoid the disruptions. Superintendent Joe Stutting said the design is similar to other grade schools in the district. "Our libraries at elementaries are part libraries and part hallways. That's a design element we've always looked at and had to manage," Stutting said. Ruth said the school had been packed for Literacy Night, the culmination of the entire school and families reading

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." He expected more than a few to stay for the forum. "I announced it several times, so if there were concerns, people knew what to do," the principal said. "I think parents feel very comfortable approaching us at any time." The forums are intended to allow residents time to meet with board members outside of regular meetings, where agendas leave little time for public interaction. The next forums are:
• Grissom Elementary in Donahue, 7 p.m., March 25, followed by the full board meeting.
• Armstrong Elementary in Park View, 7 p.m., April 4.

Republicans pick Millage over Greenlee as new Scott County chairman

The Scott County Republican Party members elected new officers to their county GOP executive committee on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Party communications director Michael Limberg, of Long Grove, said new officers were elected to two-year terms following an election held during a county GOP Central Committee meeting. The leadership team consists of six officer positions, which include a chairperson, three vice-chairpersons, a treasurer, and a secretary. David Millage defeated incumbent challenger Linda Greenlee for the position of chairperson. Incumbents Ray Harre and John Ortega retained their positions as vice-chairpersons, and Jeanita McNulty was unopposed. Incumbent treasurer James Roberts and incumbent secretary Devon Irby also won their positions without opposition.

This team will lead the party until their next election in 2021. Greenlee won the chairmanship in 2017, succeeding Judy Davidson, who declined to run.

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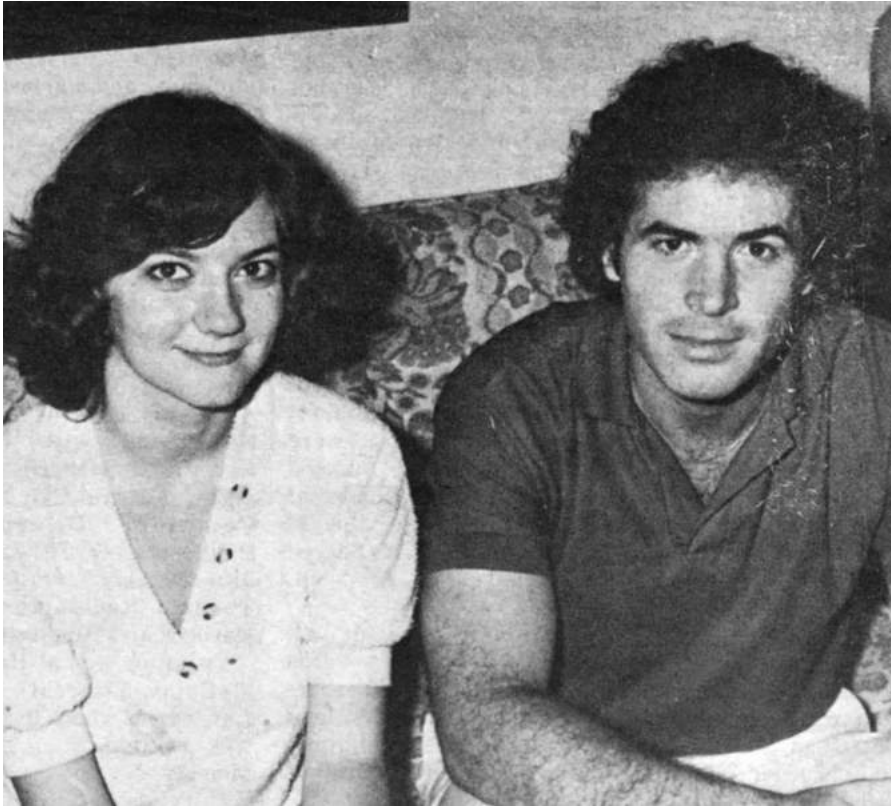


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AUDIT: Lack of documentation inhibited prosecution

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ments in his last year of service. Long Grove covered \$75,504 in salary and \$988.28 in phone reimbursements. Park View paid \$71,348.15 in salary, \$8,700 for a vehicle allowance and \$300 cell phone allowance.

The findings hit hard in both communities. McCubbin served 30 years as chief public works official in Long Grove and water and sewer operator in Park View, where he was respected by many residents who saw him at many public works sites and emergencies.

“I was disappointed,” said Park View Water and Sanitary District board member Joe McKeown. “It’s more on us as a water company as far as oversight and not verifying somebody we had trusted.”

Long Grove mayor Mike Limberg said the prosecutor’s report affirms concerns he raised since he became mayor in 2013.

“These are things we tried to incorporate, but we were met with all kinds of resistance. The report says it: ‘sloppy record keeping.’ I would have to agree.”

Both men said the Long Grove Council and Park View Board have addressed compensation, benefit and expense problems first raised in March 2017 by Long Grove’s new clerk, Rose Geyer.

She’d been on the job two months when she first reported concerns about undocumented work hours and reimbursements. Officials in both communities reached out to the Iowa State Auditor. A year-long audit released Sept. 11, 2018, concluded improper salary and expense reimbursements totaling \$290,285.74 for Long Grove and \$286,823.16 from the Park View Water and Sanitary District.

McCubbin was suspended with pay by both entities, and later dismissed.

Scott County prosecutors reviewed records, interviewed elected officials and on March 1 concluded there is insufficient evidence to prosecute anyone.

On the auditor’s concern of \$210,000 in improperly paid Park View salary for hours McCubbin was at a casino, Walton found “no evidence of fraud or deceit.”

“For many years the District and McCubbin operated under an unwritten agreement wherein it appears McCubbin was never questioned about his time. No timesheets were ever required or submitted. There is insufficient evidence McCubbin ever overtly deceived the District about his hours, and there is no evidence of fraud or deceit.”

The auditor was critical of both governments’ salary and benefit arrangements and personnel documentation.

On Friday, Walton said that lack of documentation and policies made prosecution impossible.

Walton said his investigation determined some Long Grove officials, “were aware McCubbin was not always performing work for the city during normal working hours. There were also hours worked, for instance nights and weekends, that were not recorded on time sheets. Therefore, evidence that McCubbin was paid by the city for time he was at the casinos is not subject to proof beyond a reasonable doubt. This is the result of poor management, poor documentation and poor supervision by the city... .”

Park View response

Park View Water and Sanitary District Board chairman Myron Scheibe said the board has addressed record-keeping



"Terms used in the report such as 'improper disbursement' and 'unsupported disbursement' are accounting terms not criminal charges. They are not necessarily the result of criminal activity but may be due to poor record keeping, management or policy."

Scott County Attorney Mike Walton

“We had a guy with a 30-year career and they let him go unwatched for most of that time period. I have to be satisfied by this outcome. I’m a believer in the law. If there’s not enough evidence to support prosecution, I don’t want someone facing charges.” Long Grove Mayor Michael Limberg



“If you look at the record of all the things we accomplished in all those three years, we got a lot done. I think that in itself is powerful in saying that Joel was doing his job right. We couldn’t have gotten it done without him.”

Former Long Grove Mayor Ida Weibel

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problems identified by the auditor and Walton.

“The report was pretty clear there was basically no contract, no understanding of work responsibilities, no timesheets. I think we’ve straightened away a lot of those things. We have contracts now and personnel manuals. We’ve tightened things up a lot.”

Before the audit, Park View board chairman Dave King resigned under fire from some residents following persistent reports of discolored water.

McKeown became board chairman in November 2017 and led the hiring of chief operator Brent Earley and assistant Rick Baughman.

In March 2018, district clerk Sally Belk resigned.

The board hired Park View resident

Julia Guy as clerk. Guy was among residents drawn to board meetings with water quality complaints.

McKeown also helped expand the board from three to five members.

“I’m most proud of hiring Brent. Likewise, we hired Rick. Now we’ve got Julia, I’m happy we’re going in the right direction,” McKeown said.

He said he regarded McCubbin “as a friend,” but has not spoken with him since the suspension.

“You were a friend. You let us down,” McKeown said he would tell McCubbin. “We’re finding all kinds of things that should have been reported, things we should have known as a board.”

McKeown said he accepts the prosecutor’s conclusion and hopes residents will, too. “Wherever he winds up, he

should know we’re doing fine now. Go live your life.”

Long Grove response

Limberg said the prosecutor and auditor’s findings validate concerns that led him to run for mayor.

He said the \$1,000 monthly stipend challenged by auditors “was instituted in 2015, when employees had enough votes on the council.”

The council this year provided health insurance coverage for two full-time employees and ceased the \$1,000 stipend payment.

Limberg also detailed reforms intended to keep council members on top of expenses.

Daily timecards are kept with phone apps, not a monthly, hand-written approximation. The city ceased allowing payouts for accumulated comp time.

“We had a guy with a 30-year career, and they let him go unwatched for most of that time period,” Limberg said.

“I have to be satisfied by this outcome. I’m a believer in the law. If there’s not enough evidence to support prosecution, I don’t want someone facing charges.”

Long Grove’s public works assistant Tony Saladino worked alongside McCubbin in both communities.

After McCubbin’s suspension, Saladino resigned briefly, but returned to work and was promoted last month to Long Grove’s top public works job. He also has done periodic contract work for Park View.

Former Long Grove mayor Ida Weibel stands by McCubbin, and her record as mayor. She was appointed in October 2010 to succeed Mayor Jack Hill, who resigned. She won a special election Feb. 1, 2011 and served through 2013, after she lost to Limberg by seven votes.

“During my three-year tenure as mayor, I was responsible for city employee accountability. All employees were required to complete time sheets. As mayor, I signed off on these sheets. Daily, I checked on the activities of all city employees. Because of the nature and responsibilities of their jobs, there had to be flexibility in the hours employees worked. I took this into account and made it a priority to know the daily whereabouts of each employee,” Weibel wrote in an email to *The NSP*.

In a phone interview, she affirmed her trust in McCubbin.

“If you look at the record of all the things we accomplished in all those three years, we got a lot done. I think that in itself is powerful in saying that Joel was doing his job right. We couldn’t have gotten it done without him.”

Insurance payouts

Park View accepted \$25,000 in loss reimbursements from its insurer, the maximum benefit.

Long Grove accepted a \$35,014.80 claim check to cover losses and the auditor’s \$10,000 investigation bill.

Both governments were insured by EMC Insurance Group.

Both governments also received refunds from the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System. The audit determined both overpaid for retirement benefits that should not have been paid on health care stipends offered by both governments.

Long Grove received a \$31,694.30 IPERS refund. Park View got \$29,956 back from IPERS.

Breakdown of the allegations

Here are the auditor’s findings in each community, the amount of improper disbursements, and Scott County Attorney Mike Walton’s assessement.

Park View Water and Sanitary District findings

Improper compensation

- **\$209,850.00 salary**
- **\$16,053.52 FICA**
- **\$17,416.63 IPERS**

Auditor: McCubbin was paid \$524,630 from 2010 through 2017. The audit concluded about 40 percent was “not reasonable,” due to lack of documentation.

Prosecutor: The district lacked records detailing work expectations, or even hours. The prosecutor called the auditor’s estimate, “somewhat arbitrary and does not have the factual support necessary for admission as evidence in a criminal case.”

He found no evidence of deceit or fraud.

Mileage: \$218.40

Auditor: Park View’s mileage reimbursement to McCubbin was “improper” because he also received a monthly vehicle allowance.

Prosecutor: District board members were aware of the double payment.

Vehicle allowance: \$36,612.50

Auditor: McCubbin’s \$725 monthly vehicle allowance totaled \$73,225. Only half of that stipend was “reasonable.”

Prosecutor: “The conclusion that one-half of the stipend is unreasonable is somewhat arbitrary. ... Whether it was reasonable or good policy is irrelevant for purposes of criminal charges. There is no evidence of fraud or deceit in relation to these payments.

Cell phone stipend: \$1,262.50

Auditor: McCubbin’s \$25 monthly cell phone stipend totaled \$2,525, but only half was “reasonable.”

Prosecutor: The auditor’s conclusion is

“somewhat arbitrary.” Board members were fully aware of the policy. “There is no evidence of fraud or deceit in relation to these payments.”

Expenses that provided no public purpose: \$65.16

Auditor: \$40 for golf tournament fees and \$25.16 for party supplies are “improper disbursements.”

Prosecutor: “These expenses were approved and paid by the District. There is no evidence that McCubbin used deceit or fraud to obtain these payments.

Meals: \$24.04

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BREAKDOWN: 'Actions cannot be attributed to criminal fraud or deceit'

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Auditor: This single meal reimbursement “does not correspond to the travel or conference location specified.”

Prosecutor: Lack of details makes this unsuitable for prosecution. “The issue then becomes one of whether resources should be expended to pursue an investigation for criminal charges given the small amount involved.

Duplicate expense reimbursements

- **Postage - \$165.48**
- **Training Conferences - \$465**
- **Gas Reimbursement - \$145.33**

Auditor: Long Grove identified reimbursements McCubbin submitted to both Park View and Long Grove.

Prosecutor: Most allegations occurred too long ago. “It is likely the three-year statute of limitations forecloses the ability to prosecute these expenses.” Poor documentation, “does not equal evidence of fraud or theft. The lack of evidence cannot support a criminal charge.”

Long Grove findings

Improper monthly payments to four employees: \$76,942.80

Auditor: Monthly \$1,000 payments in lieu of health insurance coverage, “was not publicly discussed or documented and no fiscal analysis was performed to

verify it was in the best interest of the City.” The auditor labeled it “improper disbursements.”

Prosecutor: “These payments are attributable to the City Council. There is no evidence that McCubbin used deceit or fraud to obtain these payments.”

Paid leave during the investigation

Salary of \$78,988.96 and additional compensation of \$13,600

Auditor: Payments made while McCubbin was on paid administrative leave May 2017 through July 13, 2018, were improper.

Prosecutor: “Regardless of the reasons or wisdom behind the City Council’s decision to give extended paid leave, this was a decision by the City Council and is not an action that can be attributed to criminal fraud or deceit by McCubbin.

Sick leave payouts to three employees

Auditor: “Sick leave payouts did not comply with either the 2008 sick leave policy or the 2016 revised sick leave policy,” making them improper disbursements.

Prosecutor: “The approval of these payouts was an action by the City Council and cannot be attributed to criminal fraud or deceit by McCubbin.”

Sick leave payout to McCubbin: \$8,714.40

Auditor: On July 31, 2018, the City issued McCubbin \$19,008.43 for accumu-

lated sick leave, accumulated vacation, accumulated compensatory time, and prorated additional compensation. The Report determined that \$8,714.40 of sick leave payout did not comply with City policy.”

Prosecutor: “The approval of this payout was an action by the City and cannot be attributed to criminal fraud or deceit by McCubbin.”

McCubbin mileage reimbursement: \$4,694.01

Auditor: McCubbin received improper reimbursement from Long Grove while he got a monthly vehicle allowance from Park View.

Prosecutor: The mileage reimbursement was allowed by the city council. “There is no evidence that McCubbin used deceit or fraud to obtain these payments.”

Meal and lodging reimbursements: \$1,466.42

Auditor: Eleven meal reimbursements, including two with alcohol, did not serve a public purpose. Four reimbursements for lodging “did not correspond to the travel or conference location specified.

Prosecutor: Meal reimbursements, “if improper, ... should have been denied when submitted. There is no evidence that fraud or deceit.

Lodging reimbursements occurred beyond statutes of limitations for pros-

ecution. “There is insufficient evidence to support fraud or theft for these reimbursements as opposed to sloppy or incomplete record keeping by the City.”

Duplicate expense reimbursements: \$775.81

Auditor: Receipts show McCubbin sought reimbursements for the same expenses from both governments, including for a 2012 training conference, and gas card expenses.

Prosecutor: Most concerns occurred beyond the statute of limitations for prosecution. “Even if they were within the three-year statute of limitations, under the circumstances of how this position was supervised and documented, prosecution would be difficult.”

Hours paid while at a casino: \$11,601.36

Auditor: Over eight years, McCubbin recorded work hours that overlapped with activity on his casino player’s card.

Prosecutor: McCubbin’s work hours “were not accurately documented by practice. A time clock was not used. Handwritten time sheets were submitted which did not always accurately reflect the hours worked. This was known to the city during that time. ... This is the result of poor management, poor documentation and poor supervision by the City regarding hours worked by McCubbin.”

Think spring! Join ISU gardening webinars

Winter weather makes gardeners in Iowa long for the growing season. Scott County Extension is offering two webinars from Iowa State University locally at the Scott County Extension office, 875 Tanglefoot Lane in Bettendorf.

Limited Space Gardening will be offered March 13 at 6:30 p.m., when attendees will explore a dozen ways to create container gardens. The presenter is Ed Lyon.

Managing Vegetable Pests will be held April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Dan Fillius will provide organic, weed-free vegetable growing tips to reduce pests and attract beneficial insects.

Both classes will be free, but a \$5 donation at the class will be appreciated.

SCRA grants due April 1

The Scott County Regional Authority online grant application is now available for the spring 2019 grant cycle. Spring applications are for programs or projects to be completed between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020.

The deadline for online submission is April 1, with awards announced in late May. Information: (563) 344-2626, or <http://www.ScottCountyRegionalAuthority.com>.

The **Annual Policyholders’ Meeting** of American Mutual Insurance Association will be held at the Association’s headquarters at 151 N. 4th Avenue, Eldridge, Iowa. The meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Three directors will be elected. All policyholders are invited and encouraged to attend.

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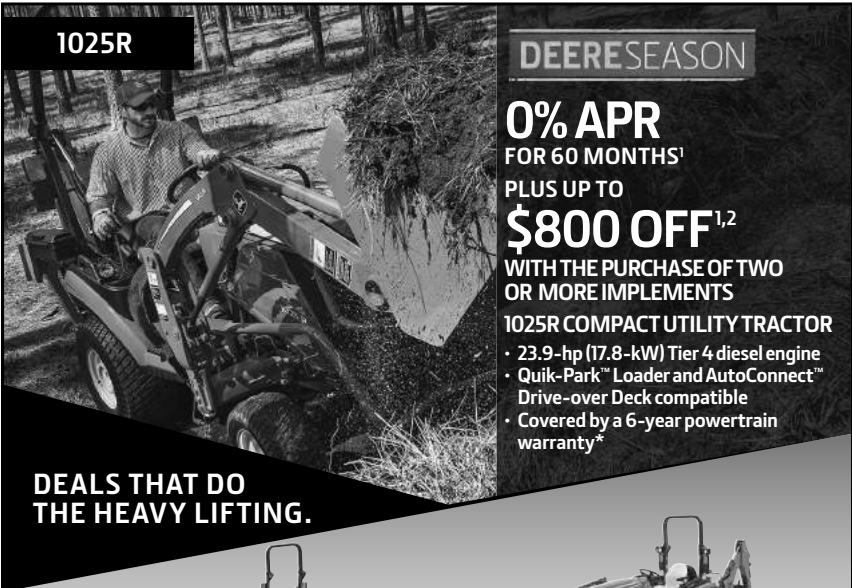
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North Scott School Board

Board Minutes February 25, 2019

NOTE: These minutes are unofficial until approved by the board at the next regular meeting.

A regular meeting of the North Scott Board of Directors was held on February 25, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the John Glenn. Members present: Glen Keppy, Molly Bergfeld, Joni Dittmer, John Maxwell, Tracy Lindaman, and Mark Pratt. Donn Wilmott was absent.

President Keppy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

There were no changes to the agenda.
Maxwell moved to approve the consent agenda, as follows; seconded by Pratt. Motion unanimously approved.

- Minutes of the February 11, 2019 Work Session and Regular Meeting.

- Retirement of Cheryl Leigh, 5 hr/day custodian at Ed White, effective March 15, 2019; Carol Roe, bus driver, effective at the end of 2018-19 school year.

- Resignations effective at the end of 2018-19 school year from Anastasia Nikolopoulos, High School Counselor/At-Risk Content Leader (she will continue as High School Counselor); Shelly Curry, K-6 Teacher Leader at Ed White (she will continue her regular teaching position); Shelly Harmsen-Gonda, K-6 Teacher Leader at John Glenn (she will continue her regular teaching position); Sean Marmion, HS Social Studies Content Leader (he will continue his regular teaching position). Elizabeth Knutsen, High School English Teacher, effective March 8, 2019.

- Employment of Kimberly Keeney, Vocal Director (Spring Musical), effective February 7, 2019; Carl Collins, Pit Director (Spring Musical), effective February 7, 2019; Emmett Boedeker, Accompanist (Spring Musical), effective February 14, 2019.

- Approval of 2019-20 Open Enrollment In Requests for Lexi Pitts, resident district DeWitt (HS-10th).

- Approval of the 2019-20 University of Northern Iowa Student Teaching Agreement.

Jill Van Roekel reviewed several items regarding the bill list, and presented the following bills for approval: General Fund - \$283,650.63, Student Activity Fund - \$16,563.71, Management Fund - \$14,381.97, Sales Tax Fund - \$4,477.00, School Nutrition Fund - \$9,420.02, Child Care Fund - \$234.30, for a total of \$328,727.63. Maxwell moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Lindaman. Motion unanimously approved.

Kraig Leahy was awarded first place in the Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association Major Landers Scholarship Competition on February, 13, 2019 in Iowa City. The audition consisted of a music theory exam, interview with the committee members, a prepared solo performance, and sight-reading. Kraig receives a monetary award, and will move on to represent the Southeast District against the other five district winners at the Iowa Bandmasters Association State Conference in Des Moines in May.

North Scott sent eight state qualifiers to the State Wrestling Tournament. Collin Lewis received State Champion, Jake Matthaidess received third place, Deven Strief received fifth place, and Caleb McCabe received sixth place.

North Scott sent one state qualifier to the State Swim Meet. Brett Little was a qualifier in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

The girls' basketball team qualified for State. They will play on February 26, 2019 in Des Moines.

The boys' bowling team earned Class 2A Runner-up. Issac Neymeyer received second place and Brock Larson received sixth place.

The boys' basketball team was named 2018-19 MAC Champions!

Jarrett Bertog, 4th Grade Teacher, Shelly Harmsen, 1st Grade Teacher, Sam Nichols, 6th Grade Teacher, and eleven 1st and 6th graders provided an overview of STEM activities that are being used at John Glenn. The board members visited with each of the students and watched them begin to construct bird feeders.

The superintendent reviewed the recommendations from the district Policy Committee, as presented at the last board meeting. Maxwell moved to approve the recommendations as presented, seconded by Dittmer. Motion unanimously approved.

The superintendent's report included the following items: open positions report, enrollment update, legislative update, a board finance work session will be held March 4th @ 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Office, there will be no board meeting on March 11, 2019 due to Spring Break, March 25, 2019 regular board meeting will be held at Alan Shepard. Following the regular meeting, the board met in exempt session to discuss negotiations strategy with district bargaining groups.

Keppy commented on the full crowd they had at Bingo night on February 23, 2019 at John Glenn. It was a huge success.

There being no further business, Maxwell moved to adjourn, seconded by Dittmer. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by:
Terina Bruns, Secretary

Vendor Bill List	
95% Group Inc, instructional supplies	\$462.00
Adcraft, supplies	1,499.50
Batteries Plus Bulbs of Iowa & Illinois, supplies	223.90
Booksource Inc., books, supplies	7,637.21
Boss, supplies	164.23
Calamus/Wheatland School, tuition	21,302.68

Central DeWitt Comm School District, purch serv	51,410.12
College Board, supplies	1,424.00
Commercial Printers, supplies	63.00
Company One, purch serv	282.85
Copy Systems, Inc., copiers, licensure	225.50
Davenport Comm School Dist, purch serv, supplies	87,533.77
Doors Inc., maint/contractor supply	135.00
Dori Marten Trucking, purch serv	1,388.00
Dubuque Comm School Dist, purch serv	10,141.20
Durant Community School District, tuition	10,753.57
Follett School Solutions, Inc., supplies	389.72
Follett School Solutions, Inc, supplies	71.67
Gale, Ryan, police services	105.00
Grainger, supplies/purch serv/equip	2,523.88
Graybar Electric Co, Inc, supplies/equip	1,247.94
Hahn Ready Mix Co, supplies	107.20
Ihrig Works/Ihrig Rentals, supplies	250.00
Interstate Batteries of the Quad Cities, supplies	224.97
Iowa Dept of Education, other objects	1,560.00
J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc, supplies	64.89
Jerry's Hardware, LLC, supplies, equipment	200.92
Keith & Co. Screenprinting, supplies	100.75
Kimberly Entertainment LLC, supplies	1,380.00
Kunau Implement Co, supplies	17.70
Lakeshore Learning Materials, supplies	21.98
Lawson Products Inc, supplies/equip	48.08
Legat Architects, Inc., purch serv	4,477.00
Lynch Dallas, P.C., purch serv	16.50
Menards, supplies	1,871.34
Midwest Wheel Co, supplies	137.48
Mississippi Bend AEA, sup/purch ser/equip	11.74
Mybinding.com, pcard/supplies	1,299.00
Nagle Builders, snow removal, services	3,567.00
North Scott Foods, supplies	392.12
NPC International, Inc, food/ala carte	1,076.40
Pan O Gold Baking CO, supplies	655.60
Partsmaster, parts/supplies	873.43
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co/Dav, supplies	544.15
Pioneer Valley Books, books/supplies	875.60
Pleasant Valley Comm Sch, tuition	1,521.87
Prairie Farms Dairy, supplies	7,460.02
Premier Parts, Inc., supplies and parts	324.99
Production Advantage, Inc, equipment	34.54
Raynor Door Co, Inc, purch serv, supplies	189.00
Republic Companies, The, supplies	575.21
Riddell-All American Sports Corp, supplies, equipment	4,965.45
Satin's Northpark Glass, purch serv	160.93
Schlicksup, Gina or Anthony, refund/lunch	24.40
School Bus Sales, equip, purch serv	1,770.51
School Specialty, Inc, supplies/equipment	51.66
Schwarz, Bruce, police serv	255.00
Sorensen, Deana, refund	83.50
Stericycle, Inc, purch serv	381.63
True North Lubricants and Resources LLC, supplies	\$652.94

Scott Emergency Communications Center (SECC) Board

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 3:30 p.m.

Board Members present: Rob Frieden, Tony Knobbe, and Marty O'Boyle.

Ex Officio members present: Decker Plöehn and Mahesh Sharma.

Staff present: Brook Bates, Stacey Bollinger, Michelle Conklin, Dave Donovan, Annie Nugent, Tracey Sanders and Kathy Schwarz.

Moved by O'Boyle, seconded by Frieden approval of the Minutes of the January 17, 2019, SECC meeting. All ayes.

Moved by O'Boyle, seconded by Frieden approval of the radio project intent to issue bonds and reimbursements. All ayes.

Moved by Frieden, seconded by O'Boyle approval of additional services related to Phase 2 (RFP and contract negotiations), not to exceed \$50,000.00 to Elert and Associates aka True North Consulting with Rock Island County ETSB paying half. All ayes.

Moved by O'Boyle, seconded by Frieden approval of the UPS maintenance contract for capacitor replacement in the amount of \$15,906.00. All ayes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 3:30 p.m.

Moved by Frieden, seconded by O'Boyle adjournment of the meeting at 4:07 p.m. All ayes.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,
Annie Nugent
Administrative Assistant

Attested by,
Rob Frieden
Secretary/Treasurer

Princeton City Council

February 14, 2019

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa held a Public Hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2019/2020 municipal budget on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Princeton City Hall. Mayor Woomert presided. Roll Call: Present: Kernan, Stutting, Woomert, Geiger. Absent: Simmons. There were no comments from the public. Kernan asked if budget amendments were in line. Kernan made a motion to approve the 2019/2020 budget and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC. Geiger made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Woomert. All

Ayes. MC. The public hearing was closed at 6:02pm.

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met in regular session on Thursday, February 14, 2019, immediately following the Public Hearing at Princeton City Hall. Mayor Roger Woomert presided. Roll Call: Present: Kernan, Stutting, Woomert, Geiger. Absent: Simmons. Mayor Woomert asked if Council approves the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve consent agenda was made by Kernan, seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

New Business:

Kernan made a motion to approve agreement with Water Management Services and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Kernan made a motion to approve rental agreement with Countryside Theater and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Geiger made a motion to approve the purchase of FCS Software and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Geiger made a motion to approve Dave Stearman's resignation from Sidewalk Committee and was seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Geiger made a motion to approve employee's cashing in of 80 hours of comp time and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Geiger to approve RESOLUTION 2019-02, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY OF PRINCETON'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

A motion was made by Geiger to approve RESOLUTION 2019-03, A RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRE DISTRICT ONE CONTRACT and was seconded by Stutting. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

With nothing more to discuss, the Princeton City Council meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Approved:

Roger Woomert, Mayor

Attest:

Katie Enloe, City Clerk/Treasurer

Claims Report

Aetna, health insurance	\$1,980.37
Aetna, health insurance	1,980.37
American Marketing & Publishin, text club	995.00
Bi-State Reg Commission, membership dues	275.50
Blackhawk Bank & Trust, backhoe pmt	7,034.10
Casey's General Store, police dept fuel	147.73
CDW-G Government, computers	1,437.80
City of Princeton, utility bill	25.00
City of Princeton, water/sewer	220.51
City of Princeton, utility bill	25.00
City of Princeton, utility bill	24.16
CNH Capital, filters	204.00
Collection Services Center, garnishment	221.53
Collection Services Center, garnishment	221.53
Collection Services Center, garnishment	221.53
Data Technologies, city financial software	82.78
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	2,019.11
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	140.60
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	2,160.28
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	2,186.73
GIS Benefits, life/disability premiums	133.79
Hawkins Inc., azon	287.75
IL State Withholding, state tax	161.15
IMWCA, worker's comp premium	650.00
IPERS, ipers	1,349.05
IPERS, ipers protect	2,993.74
Judy Hansen, cc deposit	125.00
Kline Sewer & Drain, hydro-jetted main sewer line	604.00

Matt Parrott & Sons Co, dog tags	111.06
Matt Parrott & Sons Co, receipt books	297.34
Mediacom, pcc cable service	8.23
Mediacom, pcc cable service	51.54
Mediacom, pcc cable service	8.23
Menards, cc purchases	134.59
Meridian Title Company, title search	250.00
Midamerican Energy, gas & electric	2,640.90
Pastrnak Law Firm, P.C., legal fees	2,600.00
QC Analytical Services, water testing	20.00
QC Analytical Services, water testing	110.00
Quality Chemical Company, conquer	612.42
Radar Road TEC, radar cert	105.00
Regions Commercial Bankcard, credit card purchases	427.43
Republic Services #400, garbage/recycling	4,800.60
RK Dixon, Ianier lease	45.46
Shared IT, Inc., project services	945.00
Shive-Hattery, final design of well	4,860.00
Treasurer-State of Iowa, state tax	166.00
The North Scott Press, legal publications	154.93
U.S. Cellular, cellular telephones	172.44
USA Bluebook, water supplies	665.51
Verizon, police dept broadband	128.99
Verizon Wireless, long distance service	35.04
Verizon Wireless, long distance service	35.03
Water Management Services, water/wastewater supervision	1,500.00
Windstream, telephone service	502.38
Windstream, telephone service	109.68
Zalks Inc DBA Preferred, terminated lines	597.85
Total Accounts Payable	50,003.76
Payroll Checks	19,173.29
****Paid Total****	69,177.05
****Report Total****	\$69,177.05

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City of Princeton, water/sewer

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Scott County Recorder, boat registration

Terminex, pest control

U.S. Cellular, hot spots

Uniform Den

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Iowa District Court
COURT CASE #EQCE12946

Special Execution

STATE OF IOWA

VS.

SCOTT COUNTY

US Bank National Association, PLAINTIFF

VS

Christopher T. Johnson et al, DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor)

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real estate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: Lot 78 in Wedgewood Fourth Addition to the City of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa; 2023 Valley Dr., Davenport, IA.

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Date of Sale: Tuesday, 4/2/2019
Time of Sale: 11:30 a.m.
Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse
This sale not subject to redemption.
Judgment Amount: \$108,279.42
Cost: \$0.00

Accruing Cost: \$7,483.20
Interest: \$7,053.21 from: 1/5/2018

Attorney: Pavelka, Donald J.

Date Filed: 1/28/2019

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VS

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The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Date of Sale: Tuesday, 4/2/2019
Time of Sale: 11:30 a.m.
Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse
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Judgment Amount: \$157,842.19
Cost: \$0.00

Accruing Cost: \$57,233.63
Interest: \$70,324.50 from: 11/1/2011

Attorney: Bartekoske, Emily

Date Filed: 1/31/2019

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VS.

SCOTT COUNTY

Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC, PLAINTIFF

VS

Justin Brundage et al, DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor)

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real estate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: Tract I: Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 78 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M., in the City of Davenport, Iowa, more particularly described as follows: Deed described as follows: Deed description leading to Point A; Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 28, thence North on the East line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28; 449.00 feet; thence North 87 degrees 20 minutes West 34.00 feet to Point A, which point is in the present Northerly line of Telegraph Road; thence North 87 degrees 20 minutes West 37.00 feet; thence North 61 degrees West 106.92 feet to the place of beginning of the tract of land herein described; thence North 22 degrees West 82.50 feet; thence North 24 degrees East 109.50 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes West 106.45 feet; thence South 46 degrees 27 minutes 06 seconds West 153.23 feet; thence South 15 degrees 30 minutes East 179.90 feet; thence South 16 degrees 52 minutes East 42.00 feet; thence North 45 degrees 28 minutes East 43.00 feet to the Northwest corner of private Right of Way; thence North 45 degrees 28 minutes East 134.50 feet along the Northerly line of said private Right of Way; thence North 49 degrees 17 minutes 47 seconds East 22.46 feet to the place of beginning.

Tract II: Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 28 which is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at Point A as designated in the above description: thence North 87 degrees 20 minutes West 37.00 feet; thence North 61 degrees West 106.92 feet; thence South 49 degrees 17 minutes 47 seconds West 22.46 feet; thence South 45 degrees 28 minutes West 134.50 feet; thence South 33 degrees 42 minutes East 10.18 feet; thence North 45 degrees 28 minutes East 140.47 feet; thence South 61 degrees East 126.34 feet to a point in the present Northerly line of Telegraph Road; thence North 45 degrees 29 minutes East 38.00 feet along the Northerly line of said Telegraph Road to the place of beginning; 2210 Telegraph Rd., Davenport, IA.

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Date of Sale: Tuesday, 4/2/2019
Time of Sale: 11:30 a.m.
Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse
This sale not subject to redemption.
Judgment Amount: \$124,686.17
Cost: \$0.00

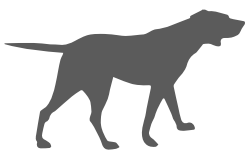
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NSP OPINION: Ours, yours, theirs

BISHOP'S LENTEN MESSAGE

Give up fear, anger, self-righteousness and despair

The light and love of pastor Bill Steward which I wrote about last week did shine on the assembled delegates at the worldwide General Conference of the United Methodist Church – but only on 384 of the 822 who voted for progressive, inclusive acceptance of our gay and lesbian sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles.



Impressions

by Bill Tubbs

The church thus signalled a retreat to the past, not the future, at least as I see it, and I've been writing about this issue since Sept. 25, 2002, when in "Impressions" Linda and I came out of the closet as parents of a daughter, Aimee, who happened to be gay. Since then, emerging knowledge has flipped opinion 180 degrees to the point that same-sex marriage is now the law of the land.

Those who are troubled by this, and they are still in a slim majority in the second largest Protestant denomination in the U.S., cite the same literal scripture which also condemns eating shellfish but says it's OK to sell your daughters into slavery. That is part of a holiness code which few take literally today.

Many of the votes which prevented the church from adopting the One Church Plan which would have allowed local churches to discern with love and choose their own ways forward on this issue came from churches in Africa. Without those votes, the more progressive plan would have prevailed. Two thirds of delegates in North America favored the One Church Plan.

Time, however, is on the side of progress. Never in history has a prejudice been raised to the level of public discussion and debate and gone backwards. It took the Roman Catholic Church from 1633 until 1991 to admit, for example, that it was wrong in convicting Galileo of heresy for saying that the earth rotates around the sun and not the other way around. That was 22 years after man landed on the moon.

In a video message to the 767 churches of the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church, which was played at services on Sunday, Bishop Laurie Haller asked that the things we give up during Lent (which starts today) include "fear, anger, self-righteousness and despair." On that, the light and love of Bill Steward shines brightly.

Don't take success for granted!

From my first year at *The NSP* in 1971 until 1984, our North Scott sports teams did not qualify for a state tournament in any sport except for individuals in track. Then Deb Menke's volleyball team advanced to the state championship game, and they won it all in 1985. That was soon followed by girls' teams in basketball, softball and cross-country, but it wasn't until 1994 that a boys' team reached a state tournament when the basketball team coached by Bob White finally broke through.

I share this history to show how unique and special our teams' recent runs have been. Just this year, for example, our *NSP* staff has logged more than 4,000 miles covering our teams in six sports. It stretches our limited resources, but that is OK. How many others would love to make a fraction of those trips to Des Moines or Waterloo?

Last week I wrote about the tight schedule imposed on Lancer fans by

our state associations with the girls playing in Des Moines Tuesday afternoon and the boys playing in Iowa City Tuesday night. As it turned out, there was just enough time for fans to get to Iowa City from Des Moines – which set the scene for a special moment in Lancer history when the girls' team, fresh from an opening round win over Denison, received a standing ovation from a sea of fans when they entered the gym at Liberty High School in Iowa City during the second quarter.

No power in Eldridge

Earlier Tuesday (Feb. 26) things were not good in Eldridge, however, when the city went dark at 1:20 p.m. when the pipeline of electrical power into the city failed. A foreboding automated phone message from the city indicated power might be lost for hours. As it turned out, the outage was "only" until 2:28 p.m., but that was long enough to disrupt homes and schools and bring business and commerce to its knees.

Fortunately for us, we had sent our pages to the printer, so that wasn't an issue. But without lights and power there was nothing we could do, so I left the office to see how others were faring. It was an eerie sight as the doctor's office, library, fitness center, grocery store, post office, gas stations and all were dark, as were TVs during Michael Cohen's long anticipated testimony before Congress. This was happening as the outside temperature hovered in the teens with snow and ice on the way – and the temperature inside homes and stores was falling.

We don't realize how we totally rely on electricity for our file servers and furnaces and everything else until it's not there. It is, literally, our lifeline, especially in the winter cold.

On Monday, I asked the city about the outage. Administrator John Dowd sent this letter, which Jacob Rowe of the city's utility company received on Wednesday, Feb. 27, from Eric Westphall, associate business account manager with MidAmerican Energy:

Good morning Jacob,

Below is the report on the outage to your facility yesterday. The outage was caused when a technician performing required NERC testing inadvertently made contact with a rely (sic) that opened a breaker that took down substation 77 (at Mount Joy, through which power comes to Eldridge – Ed.). To compound the problem the breaker would not automatically close and MEC crews were dispatched to manually close the breaker.

All circuits coming out of sub 77 went down around 1:20 p.m. including your circuit, 13-77-1, and came back on around 2:28 p.m.

I have discussed this outage with the my (sic) Director and also with the Electric Operations Manager for the Quad Cities. Both plan to escalate this incident up to senior management and request improvements and procedures to substation 77 to minimize these types in the future. I will keep you informed once I get more information to share. Once again I apologize for this incident. – Eric Westphall

I think I write on behalf of all of us in Eldridge that this, indeed, should be a HIGH priority!

Publisher Bill Tubbs lives in Eldridge and can be contacted at btubbs@northscottpress.com.



Hundley's buzzer beater lifts Lancers

March 5, 1969

• Mr. Robert Tank, of Central Trust and Savings Bank, Eldridge, informed city officials about plans to build a new bank building. He suggested that the old bank building would make an ideal location



Our Past

From the files of *The North Scott Press*

compiled by Linda Tubbs

for city offices. (The city apparently declined the offer – the building referred to is now the office of Tom Schirman, attorney. The building that Central Trust and Savings Bank built now houses US Bank.)

• From the classified ads: "A happy family in a large Davenport home needs a responsible young lady under 17 to live with them – from June 1 until Labor Day. Her duties would be primarily babysitting, cooking, some ironing and laundry. The young lady really must enjoy children as we have boys 12-9-7-5-4 and one girl 11 plus our new baby coming June 15. Would provide pleasant quarters, all meals and weekly salary with one free day each week."

March 8, 1979

• Eldridge businessman Don Bennett purchased the first-place cake at the North Scott Athletic Boosters' cake auction for \$100. Marlene Rauch had baked the winning cake. The profit from the auction was \$3,290.00.

• Richard Golinghorst was elected president of the Scott County Pork Producers. Other officers were Larry Goetsch, Denny LaFrenz, Pete Madden, Tom Lahl and Jeff Paul.

• The Rotary Club of North Scott presented a check for \$2,000 to Scott County Special Olympics. This amounted to half of what was needed by the organization for the year.

March 2, 1994

• The Scott County Cattlemen's Association selected North Scott High School senior Stacey Henzen, daughter of Bob and Chris Henzen of Dixon, as the Scott County Beef Queen for 1994.

• Funeral services were held for long-time Keppy's General Store owner Erwen L. (Bud) Keppy, 74 of Donahue. Survivors included his wife Helen, daughters Gayle Keppy and Pamela (Mrs. John) Pischke, and son David.

• 1st Central State Bank of DeWitt celebrated the first anniversary of its Long Grove office. The bank staff included

Joe Zrostlik, Jennifer Hillmann, Vicky Clark and Anne Nolan. In honor of the anniversary, bank employee Anne Nolan presented a \$250 donation to Rhonda Schoon, Neil Armstrong PTA president. The donation represented a dollar for each guest registered during the anniversary open house.

March 4, 2004

• Dan and Karen Bernick of Long Grove worked to form a new 4-H club for children with special needs. The couple planned to hold an organizational meeting for the club, which would be geared to boys and girls, between the ages of 9 and 18. The inspiration for the Bernicks was their vision of making 4-H available for their daughter, Hope, and for others like her.

• North Scott wrestler Clay Baker became the first Lancer freshman to bring home a top-six state tournament finish. Six North Scott wrestlers had qualified for state. Along with Baker, the group included Adam Costello, Shane Carter, Kele Jones, Nick Billups and Stewart Gillmor.

• Eldridge mayor Frank Wood announced that he planned to seek the Democratic nomination for District 42 seat in the Iowa Senate. He and fellow Democrat Dennis Starling threw their hats in the ring to claim the seat held by Bryan Sievers of Walcott.

March 5, 2014

• Fifteen months after the Edward Knapper VFW Post 6174 announced its intention of sponsoring a local Honor Flight, Post Commander Duane Miller announced that the group had raised the necessary amount of \$50,000.

• With a thrilling 47-46 victory over Cedar Rapids Xavier, the North Scott girls' basketball team earned a trip to the state tournament in a game played at Mount Vernon. Teammates Gina Percuoco, Karly Soy, Shelley Matthys and Karli Rucker mobbed Evan Hundley after she made the game-winning shot with time running out.

• Members of the Park View Owners' Association packed the Neil Armstrong Elementary School gym to discuss and decide the future of the largest unincorporated area in Iowa. In the end the decision was made to remain unincorporated, and plans were made to draft new covenants.

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More columns and letters are on page 14A

Signed letters to the editor on any topic are welcomed. Send to: North Scott Press, P.O. Box 200, Eldridge, IA 52748, or e-mail: btubbs@northscottpress.com. Include your name, address (not just a Post Office box) and phone number for verification.

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OPINION

RYLIE RUCKER

Life is a game of numbers for the youngest Rucker

In a way, Rylie Rucker’s life is all about numbers.

Of course, there are the two state champion basketball teams she’s been a part of, the 90 varsity games she’s played in and the 635 career points she’s scored.

You can’t forget the 57 varsity soccer matches, the 14-and-counting career goals, or the two state soccer tournaments she’s participated in.

And, there are the countless miles she’s logged while running cross-country for three years.



Campbell's Scoup
by Scott Campbell

Add all those numbers up, and her high school career looks pretty successful. However, the one number that stands head and shoulders above the rest is 120, the ideal blood sugar level that allows her to do what she does so well while dealing with Type 1 diabetes.

Numbers. That’s what I’ve been thinking about over the course of the last few weeks as I watched the end of an era as Rylie began to put the finishing touches on her stellar hardwood career.

It’s been quite a season, and quite a four-year run for the youngest of Dena and Paul Rucker’s three daughters, all who have left their mark on the Lancer sports scene.

Granted, Rylie, if her knees hold out, has one more soccer season in her, but as the Lancers were in the midst of their state tournament championship run last week, I didn’t want to miss out on the opportunity for a final sit-down with one of the nicest and most respected Lancers to ever wear the scarlet and silver.

Many conversations

To be truthful, Rylie and I have had many conversations, most of them after one sporting event or another. Last week, less than 24 hours after North Scott’s quarterfinal win over Denison-Schleswig, we sat down in a conference room at the high school to discuss, well, the life of Rylie.

They don’t come any more candid or honest than Rylie.

No conversation with Rylie can start, really, without talking diabetes. She’s a poster-girl for the disease she was diagnosed with at the beginning of her seventh-grade year, and the way she’s managed and battled it is a story in itself.

“It was a weird time,” she said, recalling the day she was diagnosed. “When I look back on it, I think it was pretty good timing. It was just one more change type of thing. I was 12, going



Rylie Rucker thanks the community for its support during Sunday's homecoming.

through all sorts of awkward changes, and this was just one more.”

For Rylie, managing her diabetes is all about controlling what she eats. Being an athlete makes things even more challenging.

“With Type 1, you can eat whatever you want, but that’s not wise,” she said. “For my well-being, I don’t. I have hyperglycemia, which means I have nothing to keep my blood sugars from going low.”

Rylie wears an insulin pump taped to her stomach, and a continuous glucose monitor on her arm when she plays sports. When she made her first state tournament appearance in 2017, opposing student sections made fun of her, thinking her monitor was an iPod.

The monitor is constantly measuring her blood sugar levels, and those numbers are relayed to assistant coach Devvin Rolston’s cell phone on the bench, as well as her parents in the stands.

“If I’m going to play sports, I have to be above 100,” said Rylie. “I’m not allowed to play if I’m not, and I like to be at least 120 or above. Usually I’m at 200 or 250 during sports. Sometimes I feel really crappy, but I just play through it because you can’t do much about it.”

If things get too out of whack, an alarm is sent to Rolston’s phone, Rylie comes out of the game, and simply pushes the pump on her stomach to inject herself with insulin.

“High blood sugar for a short amount of time isn’t going to affect me too much,” she said. “If I get too low, that’s when it gets really dangerous and I could go into a diabetic coma. If the alarm goes off, it goes off, I come out and pump.”

Game Day

For instance, Tuesday morning, Game Day, she was at 70, and there were concerns about her being able to play in what then was the biggest game of the season. She was eventually able to play, but didn’t feel particularly well.

Afterwards, her number had skyrocketed to 367, which was awful. The same was true after Saturday night’s championship game.

“I don’t know my numbers, and I don’t care,” she said while celebrating with her family. “I don’t feel good, I’ll tell you that.”

While she is an excellent spokesperson for diabetes, and has a large network of friends as a result, she refuses to let her situation define her.

“There’s no doubt that it has changed my life,” she said. “Now, I don’t notice it as much. It’s a burden, but I try not to look at it like that. I’m a pretty positive person, and being positive just makes it easier to cope with.

“It has changed me. It’s made me more responsible, and I think I matured a lot faster.”

That maturity is evident, both on and off the court. Any coach will tell you that having Rylie on team is like having a coach on the floor or field. Some have described her as a mother hen type competitor, always being a leader to others.

“Rylie does it all for us,” said Lancer coach T.J. Case, before the season even started. “If we need her to score, she can score. She’ll do whatever we ask of her, and she’s always in the right spot. She’s the heart and soul of this team.”

Family support

Being the youngest in an athletic family probably has its advantages. Older sisters Ali and Karli left their mark on the Lancer sports scene, with Karli, now the starting point guard for UNI, leaving as the all-time scorer in school history.

The girls’ parents coached them when they were young, with Paul handling basketball and soccer, and Dena doing softball and volleyball.

“I grew up in a sports atmosphere,” she said, “and that just evolved into what our family is. That’s our identity.”

She said it wasn’t difficult following in the footsteps of her sisters in the athletic arena, but that it was tough being the youngest.

“Once Karli left it was like, ‘Oh, I’m home alone now,’” she said. “A lot of people have really strong relationships with their siblings, and we do. But we aren’t the average three-sister bunch. We don’t fight, and if we do fight, it’s over something really stupid and has no meaning to it.”

Rylie said she has a different type of relationship with each sister.

“Our bond is really strong, which is

really nice to have, and I’m not closer to one than the other. Ali is more of a mother figure-type person. Karli can sometimes influence bad choices, but she’s definitely more fun, and a little more outgoing, and that’s not a bad thing.”

Yes, you have to love the honesty.

When Rylie walked off the court at Wells Fargo Arena Saturday night, with that state championship trophy in hand, she knew it was the last time she’d step foot on a basketball floor.

“I was going to play basketball in college, but then I decided that was not the route I wanted to take,” she said. “I’m going into nursing at Illinois State, and because I’m so far ahead in my studies, I’ll basically be a junior when I get there.

“It’s kind of sad thinking that my basketball career will be over, but I’ve been blessed to participate in a team sport like this for so many years.”

Helping others

Yes, her diabetes influenced her career decision. After going through what she’s gone through, she wants to help others.

“I really appreciated my nurses and all they did for me,” she said. “I know you’re not supposed to build really strong bonds with your patients, because you never really know when they’re going to go, but I want to have that opportunity where I can build a bond and be that changing person for somebody else.”

With her senior year about to come to a close, Rylie briefly reflected on her unfinished career.

“This year, generally, I just wanted to grow as a person and develop into somebody where when I get to college I can be successful and reach for the dreams I’ve always wanted,” she said. “Sports-wise, a state championship is always what you want to do, but it’s also about enjoying the time with everybody, ‘cause that’s not always going to be here.”

Well said, young lady,

Our talk covered the gamut of topics. There was laughter, and there were tears. When we were done, I had no doubt that I had just visited with a special young lady.

I have about three more months to write about the exploits of Rylie Rucker, and then it will officially be the end of the Rucker era at North Scott.

No other sister combination has enjoyed as much success as Karli and Rylie, and it’s been a privilege to share their stories.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pothole season: A rite of passage

Editor:

We QCA drivers are currently in the middle of our fifth season of the year – the pothole parade. All over the area, you can (and have) find them – usually the hard way. City crews are out there doing what they can, but the task at this stage is rather overwhelming.

Jersey Ridge is like driving across a giant washboard. We weave and dodge about trying to avoid them, but they usually win. And driving at night is especially challenging. Potholes are skilled at hiding in the darkness. Oftentimes you cannot see them at all. It’s like driving in a warzone.

Unfortunately, the rite of spring is still a long way away looking at the winter we’re having so far. Sadly, this (and expensively) means having an alignment check every spring. This is especially true if you have newer tires. It’s like driving in a warzone, I repeat.

Yes, it’s pothole parade season. Drive carefully, dodge potholes, and prepare for that annual alignment check (and probably correction).

It’s a QCA rite of passage.

Rick Sundin Jr.
2140 Kraftmeyer Drive, Davenport

READERS' POLL:

Gary Dolphin: Voice of the Hawkeyes

With 49 votes counted, here is what readers said when asked Gary Dolphin should have been suspended as play-by-play commentator for Iowa basketball because he said a big guy on the other team was like King Kong?

22 percent: YES
78 percent: NO

THIS WEEK'S POLL:

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time starts March 10. What is your opinion about that?


Vote at www.northscottpress.com. Results will be published next week.

OPINION

LONG GROVE AND PARK VIEW

Auditors warned about problems 10 years ago

It's almost routine. Nearly every small town government audit I've seen warns that more eyes need to be on public finances.



For years, compliance audits for Long Grove and the Park View Water and Sanitary District included rote warnings: "Auditors advised more segregation of duties."

On the Record
by Mark Ridolfi

It shows up in many public government reports where auditors find just one person, usually a clerk, overseeing finances. Auditors counseled more segregation of duties for Long Grove in 10 compliance audits since 2006, and the 2017 special investigation audit. Park View got the same message going back to its 2007 audit. In more recent reports, auditors seem to throw in the towel. "I realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of employees," an auditor wrote to Long Grove in 2017. "True segregation of duties is not possible with available personnel," auditors concluded in Park View's 2007 audit. With ample hindsight, both Long Grove and Park View elected officials have dramatically revised policies and procedures after auditors discovered systemic overpayment and under documentation of hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars. The most recent state audit of both entities disclosed lapses that allowed former Public Works director Joel McCubbin to collect \$156,840 in combined annual, full-time salaries from both governments, an \$8,700-per-year mileage allowance from Park View and additional mileage reimbursement from Long Grove. The audit found casino receipts showing McCubbin gambling during weekday hours. But it found no records in Long Grove or Park View that would have

allowed Scott County prosecutor Mike Walton to consider that a crime. County Attorney Walton spent five months reviewing the audits before concluding Friday neither city has sufficient records to prosecute anyone. He expressly cleared McCubbin of wrongdoing. In Long Grove, the prosecutor concluded: "Most of the expenses deemed improper did not occur as a result of McCubbin's actions." For Park View Water and Sanitary District findings, he wrote, "There is insufficient evidence McCubbin ever overtly deceived the District about his hours and there is no evidence of fraud or deceit."

Elected officials' oversight

The culprits, he concludes, are elected officials. He wrote that Long Grove's losses due to McCubbin's casino hours are, "the result of poor management, poor documentation and poor supervision by the City... ." Park View's losses cannot be prosecuted because, "there was no written employment contract. There appears to be no requirement for the number of hours worked. This arrangement existed without complaint by the District or McCubbin during his entire employment. There is no evidence to dispute when or how much McCubbin worked for the District." So taxpayers picked up the tab in both communities. Insurers paid out losses to both communities. The culprits, according to auditors and the prosecutor, are elected officials who didn't heed repeated warnings from the state auditor for more, not less oversight. Early on in my reporting on this story, I asked a state auditor source to help me gauge the magnitude of the initial findings. How often is a trusted employee implicated when auditors find systemic fiscal abuse. His answer? It's ALWAYS a trusted employee. Elected leaders who come and go often count on long-time trusted

employees for management details, and, in this case, the complex water and sewer treatment for which they relied on their hired expert. Indeed, some Long Grove and Park View residents treasured McCubbin when they saw him digging in to a water main break, flushing hydrants and doing the work he was paid to do. Since his dismissal in Park View, new treatment operators are tackling mineral problems many residents had begrudgingly accepted as normal. A new, expanded Park View Water and Sanitary District Board is moving forward on extensive treatment upgrades necessary because of new state standards, and years of deferred maintenance. Long Grove isn't facing those water quality concerns. But Mayor Michael Limberg confirmed the town is spending much less on water and sewer treatment now than it did with McCubbin. Since McCubbin left, elected leaders in Long Grove and Park View have instituted many safeguards in the past two years and ceased compensation practices condemned by auditors for both communities. Both have created job descriptions so future board members – and their employees – know what is expected.

Newcomers ask questions

The lapses identified by the county prosecutor and the state auditor were not spotted by experienced elected or appointed leaders well versed in the intricacies of fiscal management. The trusted old hands to whom elected leaders routinely deferred didn't discover them. They were found by a brand new clerk in her second month on the job who had the temerity to ask questions no one else had. Rose Guyer knew next to nothing about public works services or public compensation law. But when things didn't add up, she knew enough to ask for help. And keep asking. That's exactly what auditors aim for when they emphasize segregation of duties. They want local leaders to ask

niggly questions, challenge accepted practices and invite the kind of scrutiny that led to hours of special council and board meetings, and interviews with state auditors and county prosecutors. Imagine if elected leaders insisted on resolving those audit concerns a decade ago, the first time auditors urged both communities to improve segregation of duties? I'm sure it would have raised a stink then, just like it did when Guyer put her hand up. But perhaps one valued employee's judgment would not wind up costing taxpayers thousands of dollars. Perhaps brown water would never have been tolerated for years. Perhaps checks and balances might have curtailed lousy practices before they imploded on two North Scott communities. I asked Scott County Attorney Mike Walton what small communities might learn from all of this. "Lessons can always be learned from these audits, and I think that is a benefit that comes from them. Individuals sometimes take advantage of lapses in supervision and documentation. Expectations and duties should be clear, and documentation and verification are essential. However, this question may be more appropriate for the district and city." I asked current Long Grove mayor Mike Limberg and past mayor Ida Weibel, as well as Park View Water and Sanitary District board president Myron Scheibe and past president Joe McKeown, who remains on the board. Their answers are in this week's stories beginning on Page 1A. Voters need to ask these questions in every Scott County community where segregation of duties remains the auditor's concern, not a contemporary practice.

Assistant Editor Mark Ridolfi was the 2018 winner of the Golden Quill for editorial excellence presented by the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors. He can be contacted at mridolfi@northscottpress.com.

ISU EXTENSION

How will trees, shrubs survive severe winter weather?

Gardeners may be wondering just how, and if, trees, shrubs and perennials survive below-zero temperatures. They know that the below-ground parts of a tree are kept insulated by a layer of snow, and that is important to winter survival, but the exposed parts of a tree are not so protected. Horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach explain the cold hardiness of trees, shrubs and perennials. To have more questions answered contact Hortline at (515) 294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

What effect does the timing of extremely cold temperatures have on trees and shrubs?

Timing is very important. The cold hardiness of woody plants gradually increases in fall with the maximum cold hardiness occurring in mid-winter (mid to late January). The cold hardiness of woody plants slowly decreases from mid-winter to spring. A temperature reading of -20 degrees Fahrenheit in late November or early March could be quite destructive, while the same temperature in mid-winter would

cause little or no harm to trees and shrubs that are reliably cold hardy in Iowa.

Our temperature dropped to 20 degrees below zero. What effect will the cold temperatures have on trees and shrubs?

Trees and shrubs that are native to Iowa (or similar regions of the world) are well adapted to our climate and should have suffered little or no damage. However, marginally hardy plants, such as Japanese maple (Acer palmatum), flowering dogwood (Cornus florida) and Japanese flowering cherry (Prunus serrulata) may have sustained damage. The maximum cold hardiness of most Japanese maple, flowering dogwood and Japanese flowering cherry cultivars is -20 degrees Fahrenheit. Damage may vary from the dieback of twigs and branches to the complete death of the tree. The cold temperatures also may have destroyed the flower buds on flowering quince (Chaenomeles spp.) and some forsythia cultivars, such as 'Lynwood Gold' and 'Spring Glory.' As a result, these shrubs will likely produce few, if any, flowers in spring.

Fortunately, the cold temperatures should not have any long-term effects on these shrubs. The leaf buds on flowering quince and forsythia are hardier than their flower buds. The shrubs should leaf out normally in spring. The cold temperatures should have little impact on the flowering of most trees and shrubs. Crabapples, lilacs, viburnums, dogwoods and spireas possess excellent cold hardiness and should bloom normally this spring. Forsythia cultivars 'Meadowlark' and 'Northern Sun' should also bloom well as their flower buds can tolerate temperatures to -30 degrees Fahrenheit.

Our temperature dropped to 20 degrees below zero. What effect will the cold temperatures have on fruit trees?

The cold temperatures likely damaged peach and sweet cherry trees. Peach trees are not reliably cold-hardy in much of Iowa. Temperatures below -18 degrees Fahrenheit will destroy the flower buds on peach trees. Temperatures of -25 degrees or below may damage the peach trees themselves. Damage may vary from

the dieback of twigs and branches to complete death. The flower buds on some sweet cherry cultivars are slightly more cold-hardy than those on peaches and can survive temperatures down to -20 degrees Fahrenheit. Temperatures below -25 degrees may result in branch dieback or the death of some sweet cherry trees. Iowa gardeners should expect poor crops on peaches and sweet cherries this summer. Additionally, some trees may suffer extensive branch dieback or death. On a positive note, the cold temperatures should not have damaged most apple, pear and sour (tart) cherry trees.

Our temperature dropped to 20 degrees below zero. What effect will the cold temperatures have on perennials?

If covered with snow, the cold temperatures should not have harmed the perennials. Snow is an excellent insulator and protects covered plants. Perennials without a protective layer of snow may have suffered serious damage to their crowns and roots, possibly resulting in the death of some plants.

LEGISLATORS

Plan would allow birth control meds without a prescription

Sen. Chris Cournoyer

One big topic of conversations at the capitol last week was Senate File 348. This bill is from Gov. Kim Reynolds and allows for the dispensing of self-administered hormonal contraceptives by a pharmacist without a previous consultation and prescription of a doctor. This means a patient who is 18 years or older can receive a one-year supply of one of three different contraceptives. It also requires pharmacists who dispense it to complete a training program and obtain a completed self-screening risk assessment from each patient before dispensing contraceptives. In the event the assessment raises possible complications, the pharmacist can refuse dispensing of the contraceptive and will refer the patient to a physician. If the pharmacist does dispense the supply of contraceptives the patient is eligible for one additional year (two total) before she must visit a physician.

Senate Study Bill 1197 started making its way through the Senate Human Resources Committee on Wednesday. This bill builds on the success of last year's complex needs bill, which created an adult system for people with mental health concerns. SSB 1197 establishes a children's behavioral health system in the state of Iowa. This bill is a result of an executive order by Gov. Reynolds and recommendations from a workgroup on mental health in Iowa. Many people showed up for the subcommittee to discuss what they liked about the bill and additions they thought would be beneficial for the state. I look forward to seeing this bill move forward and am interested to see what it will look like in its final form.

Chris Cournoyer of LeClaire represents Senate District 49 in Clinton and Scott counties. Contact her at (563) 289-7335 or Chris.Cournoyer@legis.iowa.gov.

Rep. Norlin Mommsen

On Feb. 26, the Iowa House Agriculture Committee approved House Study Bill 173 by a unanimous 21-aye vote (2 absent). The bill will next move to the House Ways and Means Committee for its consideration, as it contains tax credits provisions.

The measure increases the annual amount of beginning farmer tax credits from \$6 million to \$12 million, which will restore the ability to issue new tax credits for agricultural asset transfers that has been lost since Jan. 1, 2018, when the prior cap of \$12 million expired and reverted back to a \$6 million level that existed prior to Jan. 1, 2013. Because many of the tax credits are multi-year based on multi-year contracts, there is an excess of ongoing already authorized tax credits above the \$6 million amount.

HSB 173 further restores significant autonomy of the Agricultural Development Board to approve beginning farmer loans and tax credits without also requiring the Iowa Finance Authority Board to approve such actions and allows the Agricultural Development Board to once again promulgate administrative rules for its programs on its own accord rather than having the IFA board do so. The Agricultural Development Division will remain under IFA oversight umbrella and will continue to be housed in that state agency.

HSB 173 also makes a number of updates and modernizations concerning beginning farmer program eligibility criteria that: A) allows an aggregate maximum net worth of multiple family member beginning farmer entities to twice the low or moderate net worth (but still retains the maximum low to moderate net worth for each specific person that is part of the entity); B) limits participation in the beginning farmer program to 10 years but allows multi-year agreements agreed to in that time frame to extend out to five years;



Cournoyer

C) requires eligible taxpayer farmers (the beginning farmer tax credit beneficiaries) not to have been at fault for terminating a prior agreement in which the tax payer was able to claim a credit; D) restricts to \$50,000 of beginning farmer tax credits per year that any taxpayer can claim; E) details the specific of "risk-sharing arrangements" that must be met to qualify for the 15-percent tax credit rate share-rent agreements; and F) specifies in Code how the tax credit amount it to be calculated.

Republican Norlin Mommsen of DeWitt represents House District 97 in Clinton and Scott counties. Contact him at Norlin.Mommsen@legis.iowa.gov, or at the capitol, (515) 242-6430, or (563) 357-9826.

Sen. Mark Lofgren

On Feb. 18, the Senate debated and passed SF230, which deleted an arcane provision prohibiting an Iowa brewery from also distilling spirits. Eliminating this regulation provides Iowa breweries with the opportunity to expand into new areas, develop new products, and create new career opportunities throughout Iowa.

Continuing with that theme, the full Senate approved a bill Wednesday, SF 229, to no longer require a state agency to independently verify contaminant removal claims made by companies selling water filters. Iowa was the last state in the country to maintain this requirement. Not even heavily regulated states like California and New York have this outdated requirement in their law. It was certainly time for Iowa to join the other 49 states with this common-sense change to Iowa law. It improves consumer choice and removes one more unnecessary government regulation.

While these two bills were not considered major pieces of legislation and passed with bipartisan support, every step made in the legislature to remove obstacles to economic growth in this state matter. Two small steps could encourage the job opportunities and employment of Iowans across the state. The Iowa Senate remains focused on keeping unemployment low, expanding career opportunities, and raising wages for all Iowans.

Republican Mark Lofgren of Muscatine represents Senate District 46 in Muscatine and Scott counties. Contact him at (563) 272-8683 or Mark.lofgren@legis.iowa.gov.

Rep. Ross Paustian

In 2008, the Legislature created the SAVE Fund to help schools make much-needed investments in crumbling school infrastructure. SAVE has served as an

important tool for schools to make important improvements that ensure modern facilities, safe classrooms, and state of the art technology that enhance students' educational experience. However, SAVE is set to expire in 2029, which is making it difficult for schools to secure financing for critical infrastructure projects.

The House passed an extension of SAVE last session, but it did not move forward in the Senate. Extending SAVE is a top priority for the House Majority this session, and we have already begun advancing legislation that would do this through 2050. The bill, House File 546, has passed both the Education and Ways and Means committees overwhelmingly and in a bipartisan fashion.

SAVE is important for a number of reasons including:

Resources for school infrastructure

When SAVE was first implemented, schools across the state were falling into disrepair, and districts lacked the im-

mediate funding to build new schools to meet the demand of new students. This often led to bond referendums where property taxpayers were asked to pay more for aging infrastructure.

Since the creation of SAVE, the number of bond referendums has decreased dramatically, and property tax increases are no longer the only way to finance building improvements.

An extension of the SAVE fund ensures that our schools have the resources that they need to update and improve aging facilities for the kids.

Prioritized school safety

Iowans across the state have indicated that school safety must be a priority for legislators to consider this session. The House majority began to address this topic last session, providing schools with increased flexibility, requiring schools to develop a high-quality emergency response plan, and authorizing SAVE dollars to pay for security upgrades.

The House majority is building off of last year's SAVE legislation to ensure that schools have the resources they need to make schools safe for both students and employees.

This legislation also requires that schools prioritize upgrades like secure entrances, security cameras, and other safety enhancements, before using SAVE funds on athletic facilities.

The House Majority remains committed to ensuring safe schools for both students and school employees

Better technology for students

Schools are able to use SAVE funds to make technology improvements in their districts. The days of chalkboards, overhead projectors, and A/V carts are long past. Schools need to have the resources necessary to adopt new technology. SAVE helps accomplish that goal.

Many schools have utilized this funding to bring one-to-one learning to their classrooms, where every student

is equipped with a laptop or tablet. This brings the power of the internet to our students, which brings new ways for our students to research and learn.

SAVE funds can also be used for other technology upgrades that improve the classroom experience like smart boards and digital projectors as well as faster, more reliable internet.

Significant property tax relief

A final aspect of SAVE that is important to many Iowans is the tax relief that it provides to local property taxpayers.

Currently, 2.1 percent of the funds generated from the SAVE tax are devoted to reducing property taxes for local residents. Under this year's legislation, that portion will increase to 12 percent over the next 10 years (a 470-percent increase), resulting in more than \$120 million in annual property tax relief at full implementation. This is a major improvement compared to the current rate.

Republican Ross Paustian of Walcott represents House District 92 in Scott County. Contact him in Des Moines at (515) 281-3221, or (563) 284-6783 at home, or email rosspaustian@hotmail.com.

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Kai Stewart hops behind Savannah Schwen at the bookwalk, a take-off on the cake walk. NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi



Book walk winner Jovie Stewart picks a prize. NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi



Evie Pearson and dad, Isaiha, color during Armstrong Elementary's reading day, Feb. 28. NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi



Guest readers visited classrooms throughout the day. Left: Steffan Nass. Right: Andy Lane. NSP photos by Scott Campbell



Tracy Lindaman reads to students. NSP photo by Scott Campbell



Maggie Collogan shares a story. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

OBITUARIES

Claudia Criswell

Claudia L. Criswell, 80, of DeWitt, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, surrounded by her loving family.

Private family graveside services were held at Oakdale Memorial Gardens in Davenport. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed in Claudia's memory to the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House or to the University of Northern Iowa - Alumni Foundation. McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, Bettendorf, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Claudia was born on Nov. 10, 1938, in Cedar Falls, the daughter of Parker and Ruth (Johnson) Gress. Following high school, she continued her education at Iowa State Teacher's College (University of Northern Iowa) where she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education. On June 23, 1962, she married James A. Criswell in Cedar Falls. Claudia worked as a teacher in Davenport and Pleasant Valley before becoming a homemaker on the family farm. She later worked at Marycrest College and Palmer College of Chiropractic until her retirement in 2009. She attended St.



Alban's Episcopal Church in Davenport, and later Christ Episcopal Church in Clinton. One of her many interests was family genealogy. Claudia always made time for her kids' and grandkids' clubs and sporting, musical, and other performance events. She enjoyed going to restaurants, movies, and shows with friends that she made throughout her lifetime.

Those left to honor her memory are her husband, James Criswell of Bettendorf; children, Jennifer (Tom Claussen) Criswell of Long Grove, Jodie (Steve Slach) Criswell of Bettendorf, Christopher Criswell of Iowa City, Jeff Criswell of Grandview, Iowa; sister, Maralyn (Bill) Hepner of Davenport; brother, Gerry (Judy) Gress of Waverly, Iowa; sister-in-law, Edith "Cris" (Harlan) Hirsch of Indianola, Iowa; three grandchildren, Benjamin, Creighton, and Rylee Claussen; and several nieces and nephews. She will be missed but not forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Online condolences may be shared with Claudia's family at www.McGinnis-Chambers.com.

Custom obituary

Jerry Hanson

Visitation for Jerry Vince Hanson, 65, of Davenport, will be held from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 (today), at the Runge Mortuary, Davenport. Per his wishes, the rite of cremation will be accorded.

Mr. Hanson died Friday, March 1, 2019.

Jerry Hanson was born April 18, 1953, in Reno, Nev., the son of Jerry and Donna (Watson) Hanson. He graduated from Rock Island High School and Augustana College.

He married Jean Forster

on Aug. 28, 1976.

He retired from Blackhawk Foundry. Survivors include his wife; his daughters, Jennifer (Richard) and Jessica; his grandchildren, Fred, Ada and Xavier; his siblings, Dale (Diane), Lisa (Keith), Jim and John (Janel); and his siblings-in-law, Diane, Chuck, Jim (Julia) and Christine.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.rungemortuary.com.



Morgan Tobin

A Memorial Mass for Morgan J. "Morg" Tobin, 78, of Eldridge, was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 4, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Long Grove. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery. Visitation was Sunday, March 3, from 2-4 p.m. at the church, with additional visitation one hour prior to Mass on Monday at the church. The Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home, Davenport, assisted the family with arrangements.

Mr. Tobin died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019, at Genesis East Medical Center, Davenport.

Morgan Tobin was born Oct. 8, 1940, in Davenport, the son of Martin and Agnes (Connell) Tobin. He graduated from DeWitt High School in 1958.

He married Sally Swarm on June 19, 1981, in Eldridge.

He worked as a maintenance super-

visor for Oscar Mayer.

His hobbies were watching sports, working on old cars, and driving his pickup around to "check things out."

Survivors include his wife; his children, Steve Tobin (Melissa McKee) and Sarah (John) Manthey, all of Eldridge, and Theresa (Craig) Tobin-Seghers, Long Grove; his grandchildren, Blaise, Morgan, Westen, Gunnar, and MacKenzie; a sister-in-law, Inez Tobin, Eldridge; and a brother-in-law, Roger (Marilyn) Swarm, St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Margaret Fisher and Mary Ann Tobin; a brother, Matthew Tobin; and a brother-in-law, John Fisher.

Memorials may be made to Women's Choice or to St. Ann's Catholic Church. Online condolences may be made at www.hmdfuneralhome.com.



Louis Feuerbach

A funeral service for Louis R. Feuerbach, 87, of Durant, was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at Calvary

United Methodist Church, Walcott. Burial was in the Walcott Cemetery, with military honors by the Walcott American Legion. Visitation was Friday, March 1, from 4-7 p.m. at the Bentley Funeral Home, Durant.

Mr. Feuerbach died Monday, Feb. 25, 2019, at his home.

Louis Feuerbach was born July 28, 1931, in Stockton, the son of Elmer and Lulu (Koch) Feuerbach. He graduated from Davenport High School.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict.

He married Inez Wolf on Sept. 23, 1955, in Princeton. She died Jan. 20, 2010.

He farmed in Scott County until 1969 and retired from Swiss Valley Dairy in 1991.

He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church and the Walcott American Legion Post #548.

His hobbies were traveling and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his children, Victoria (Randy) Goodson and Nancy Turkle (Heidi Lievens), all of Walcott, Marcia Zeigler, Bennett, and Gregory Feuerbach and Lori (Dan) Elder, all of Durant; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey, and two brothers, Lee and Carroll Feuerbach.

Memorials may be made to the Louis Feuerbach Memorial Fund.

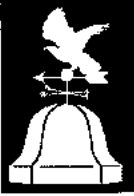
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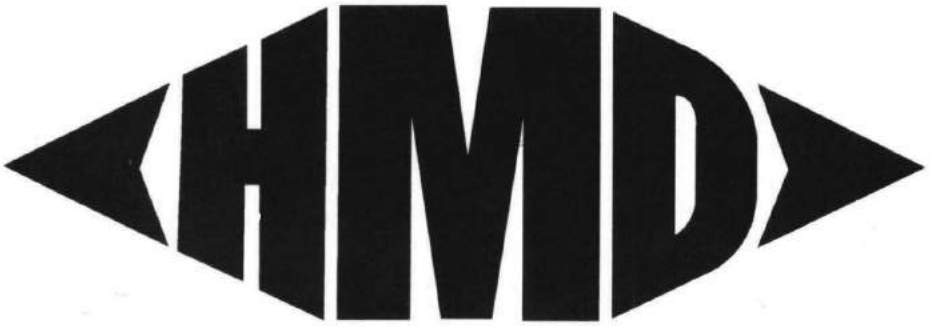
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OBITUARIES

John Van Maanen

A funeral service and Mass of Christian Burial for John W. Van Maanen, 60, of Viola, Ill., will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 7, at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Davenport. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 6 (today), from 4-7 p.m. at the Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home, Davenport, where a prayer service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Additional visitation will be held one hour prior to Mass on Thursday at the church.

Mr. Van Maanen died Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Genesis Medical Center, Aledo, Ill.

John Van Maanen was born Sept. 11, 1958, in Newton, Iowa, the son of John and Jennie (Nikkel) Van Maanen.

He married Kathy Ehrecke on Oct. 31, 2009.

He was an auctioneer and a farmer.

His hobbies were woodworking, playing cribbage, playing practical jokes, his Belgian horses, and spending time with

his family.

Survivors include his wife; his sisters, Bonnie (Vernon) Vander Weerdt, Sully, Iowa, Betty Polman, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Marva (John) Tolson, State Center, Iowa, Joy (John) McGinley, Newton, and Norma (Bill) Rozendaal, Grinnell, Iowa; his mother-in-law, Ella Ehrecke, Walcott; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank (Lori) Ehrecke and Beth Ehrecke, all of Davenport, Chris (Jim) Green, Long Grove, Steve (Julie) Ehrecke, Muscatine, and Anne (Mike) Hunter, East Moline; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law, Kenneth Ehrecke; and a brother-in-law, Bert Polman.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Catholic Church in Viola, or to the family for diabetes research.

Online condolences may be made at www.hmdfuneralhome.com.



Marla Miller

A funeral service for Marla Jane Miller, 70, of Bettendorf, was held at noon on Monday, March 4, at the Runge Mortuary, Davenport. Visitation was Sunday, March 3, from 2-4 p.m. at the mortuary. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park at a later date.

Mrs. Miller died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, at her daughter's home in Overland Park, Kan.

Marla Herrman was born March 31, 1948, in Davenport, the daughter of Glen and Eleanore (Leidenfrost) Herrman. She graduated from Davenport Central High School in 1966, and from St. Anthony's School of Nursing, Rock Island, in 1969.

She married Melvin "Buster" Miller on Dec. 4, 1971.

Prior to her marriage, she worked at St. Luke's Hospital and as a stewardess for TWA. She was an Army wife



and mother, and worked as a Registered Nurse. She returned to nursing in 1988 at Mt. Vernon Hospital in Alexandria, Va., and became a health tech at the Veteran's Outpatient Clinic in Bettendorf in 1995. She retired in 2016.

Her hobbies were reading the newspaper, watching tennis, spending time with her family, and eating out at restaurants.

Survivors include her husband; her children, Merrick (Jen) Miller, Maureen (Jim) Liljegren, and Aubrey Miller; six grandchildren; and her sisters, Diane (Randy) Sehmman

and Juli (Mark) Fritz.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Matthew Miller.

Memorials may be made to the Melanoma Research Foundation.

Online condolences may be made at www.rungemortuary.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General...

This calendar is a brief description of events happening in and around the North Scott area. Please see ads for more information.

Freight House Indoor Farmers' Market, Davenport. Saturdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

March 8-9 — Playcrafters Barn Theatre presents "The Crucible," 4950 35th Ave., Moline, 7:30 p.m.

March 10 — All-you-can-eat breakfast, Dixon Fire Department, 7-11 a.m.

March 10 — Playcrafters Barn Theatre presents "The Crucible," 4950 35th Ave., Moline, 3 p.m.

March 12 — Walcott Lions 45th annual all-you-can-eat fish fry, Walcott Coliseum, 4-8 p.m.

March 22 — LeClaire Boys' 4-H annual 500 and euchre card game party, Pleasant Valley Junior High, food served at 5:30 p.m., cards start at 6:15 p.m.

March 23 — Hunter safety course, Long Grove Civic Center, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

March 30 — Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce presents Windy City Dueling Pianos, Eldridge Community Center, doors open at 6:30 p.m., show 7:30-10:30 p.m.

April 5-6 — Lancer Productions presents, "Seussical," North Scott Fine Arts Auditorium, 7 p.m.

April 7 — Lancer Productions presents, "Seussical," North Scott Fine Arts Auditorium, 2 p.m.

April 12-13 — Lancer Productions presents, "Seussical," North Scott Fine Arts Auditorium, 7 p.m.

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BIRTH

PIPER LEIGH

Derek and Blair Leigh of Chaska, Minn., are the parents of a daughter born at 8:13 a.m. Feb. 15, 2019, at Ridgeview Medical Center, Wiconia, Minn.

Piper Allison weighed 8.5 lbs., and was 19.5 inches long.

Grandparents are David and Merri Leigh of Long Grove, and Mike and Leslie Hercules of Chaska.

Great-grandparents are Gloria Hamann of Eldridge, and Evelyn Leigh of Wellman, Iowa.

Three from Scott County named 'Great Iowa Nurses'

The 100 Great Iowa Nurses program announces that the 2019 honorees have been selected. Three have Scott County connections:

Barbara Williams of Long Grove, who is employed with Mercy Medical Center, New Hampton;

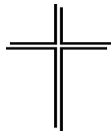
Amanda Wesson of Blue Grass, who is employed with Genesis Medical Center;

Sue Jennings of Davenport, who is also employed with Genesis Medical Center.

This year, the 100 honorees represent 45 Iowa counties, and were selected from a pool of more than 500 individuals who were nominated by colleagues, patients, doctors, friends, and family members.

They will be honored Sunday, May 5, at the Iowa Events Center, Des Moines.

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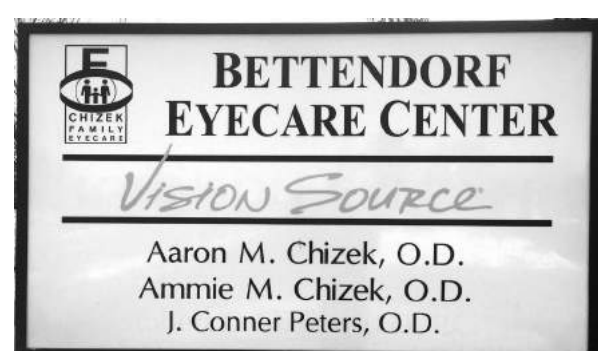


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STUDENT NEWS

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Reed Smith of Eldridge was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis. Smith is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology.

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Jeremy Whitesell of Dixon and Trevor Lynch, Jared Mackie, Hannah Matthaidess, Joseph McNealey and Jack West, all of Eldridge, were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids. Eligible students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Alex Freeman of Eldridge was named to the President's List for the fall 2018 semester at Drake University, Des Moines. Eligible students must have earned a GPA of 4.0 for the semester.

WISCONSIN – PLATTEVILLE

Fritz Friederichs of Walcott was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at the University of Wisconsin –Platteville. Friederichs is pursuing a degree in civil engineering.

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Jade Moeller and Tracy Morrow of Eldridge, Jami Stutting of Princeton, Andrea Newcomb of Walcott, and Julia Smith of Durant were all named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at Upper Iowa University. Eligible students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

Anna Suhl of Eldridge was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at the University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio. Eligible students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Allison Miller of Princeton was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. Eligible students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

Kayla Slowick of Long Grove, Kayla Schlichting of Princeton, and Kassandra Crow of Walcott were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at the University of Dubuque. Eligible students must have earned a GPA of 3.5.

FAMILY NEWS

La Vonne Hinrichs celebrated 90th birthday

La Vonne R. Hinrichs of Davenport quietly celebrated her 90th birthday at home. She requested no special event.

La Vonne Henning was born March 2, 1929, in rural Scott County. She married Henry Hinrichs on May 23, 1947, in McCausland. He passed away in 1995.

She was employed by the McCausland Elevator, as a North Scott school bus driver, and by the Commission on Aging for Senior Iowans (CASI).

She is a member of McCausland United Methodist Church.

She is the mother of Bradley (Pam) Hinrichs of Davenport, and Patricia (John) Andrews of Moline.

Her grandchildren are Jason Hinrichs, Nathan Drechsler, Stacey Craven, and Melissa Andrews. She has eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



MENUS

MENUS FOR THE MILESTONES AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Senior Nutrition Centers at Buffalo Civic Center; Eldridge Community Center; LeClaire First Presbyterian Church; and Walcott Calvary United Methodist Church are:

Monday, March 11 — Chicken salad on iceberg lettuce, baked beans, pineapple, yogurt.

Wednesday, March 13 — Balsamic chicken

breast, potato salad, stewed cabbage, wheat bread, grape juice.

Friday, March 15 — Tuna and noodle casserole, Italian blend, M&M cookie, applesauce.

NORTH SCOTT SCHOOL MENUS

For alternate lunch menu items and breakfast menus, visit north-scott.nutrislice.com.

March 11-15 — Spring break, no school.

CLUB NEWS

THURSDAY NIGHTERS

On Feb. 28 there were 34 people (eight tables) who played Sheepshead at the Dixon American Legion hall. A warm welcome went to two new players, Tom Knoche and Pam Stoltenberg. Prize winners were Don Kroemer, Karen Stonerook, Troy Hawley, Jerry Hodgett, Ruth Ann Kroemer and Don Claussen.

Jack Wiese matched the Post number. Sign-in winners were Karen Stonerook and George Green. The Attendance Prize went to Margaret Claeys and Lucy Petersen. The next regular meeting will be March 7 starting at 6:30 p.m. All Sheepshead players are invited to come and play and have a fun evening at the Dixon American Legion.

Dixon Cemetery Company sets annual meeting

The Dixon Cemetery Company will hold its annual meeting on Monday,

March 18, at the Dixon Fire Department at 7 p.m.

You're Invited

William D. (Bill) Homrighausen will observe his 94th birthday on Tues., March 12th. He was born 1925 in Jane Lamb Hospital in Clinton.

Bill, also referred to as "Mr. DeWitt," lived on a family farm near Grand Mound for five years before moving to DeWitt to begin school, and graduated from DeWitt High School in 1943. He is one of three classmates remaining from this class.

Employment followed at Iowa Mutual Insurance Company and developed into a career of 42 years before retirement in 1986.

Bill married Shirley Davis on June 12, 1983. She passed away on their 35th wedding anniversary last year.

To mark this milestone, a reception has been arranged at the DeWitt United Methodist Church on Sun., March 10th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Either a handshake or a hug, or both, would be a memorable gift. Please be sure to join me .

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ELDRIDGE POLICE REPORT

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

3:00 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 300 block of North 4th Street.
4:33 p.m. — Mary Meek, 60, of Princeton, was arrested for OWI after being involved in an accident in the 500 block of South 1st Street.
5:39 p.m. — Christopher Gower, 23, of Moline, was served a warrant for forgery and conspiracy to commit a non-forcibly felony, following an incident in the 400 block of West 4th Street, Davenport.
8:19 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 400 block of South 16th Avenue.
9:36 p.m. — Assisted a motorist with directions in the 100 block of East Fisher Court.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

12:53 a.m. — Sylvia Coleman, 51, of Davenport, was arrested for driving under suspension and cited for improper registration plate lamp and no insurance; and John Jackson, 57, of Davenport, was cited for an open container violation, following a traffic stop near Stone Brook Lane and South Scott Park Road.
6:27 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 700 block of North 1st Street.
8:13 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle in the 8900 block of North Division Street. Help was on the way. Handled by officer.
1:56 p.m. — Assisted a subject in the 400 block of West Davenport Street with a property dispute.
7:01 p.m. — Assisted another agency with an incident in the 800 block of West Donahue Street.
11:08 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver on Highway 61. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.
11:16 p.m. — Assisted another agency with a report of a suspicious subject in the 200 block of North 2nd Street.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

3:16 a.m. — Assisted a motorist with directions near West LeClaire Road and South 1st Street.
4:06 a.m. — Ryan Cartee, 25, of Davenport, was arrested for public intoxication and interference with official acts, following an incident near West Davies and North

3rd streets.
7:22 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 100 block of South 6th Avenue. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.
8:00 a.m. — Removed debris from the roadway near South 5th and West Oak streets. Handled by officer.
8:26 a.m. — Complaint of a power pole leaning in the 800 block of North 1st Street. Handled by officer.
10:06 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 100 block of West Spring Street.
11:59 a.m. — Stand by for property in the 400 block of West Davenport Street. Handled by officer.
3:50 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver on Highway 61. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.
8:19 p.m. — Assisted another agency with a traffic stop near Lincoln Avenue and Grove Road.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

12:51 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. The vehicle was flagged. Handled by officer.
1:47 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. The vehicle was flagged. Handled by officer.
2:25 a.m. — Assisted another agency with a traffic stop near East LeClaire Road and South 9th Avenue.
5:18 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 3400 block of South 11th Avenue. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.
9:11 a.m. — Matthew Noel, 42, of Dubuque, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.
11:11 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle in the 900 block of West Lincoln Road. The vehicle was flagged. Handled by officer.
12:18 p.m. — Assisted another agency with a report of a civil issue in the 500 block of South 2nd Place.
11:22 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 400 block of North 5th Street.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

8:30 a.m. — Amanda Puffinbarger, 27, of Eldridge, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop in the 400 block of East LeClaire Road.
10:48 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 100 block of West Spring Street.
1:28 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 1000 block of West Davies Court.
2:25 p.m. — Anthony Obiedzinski, 19, of

Eldridge, was cited for failure to give notice of an address change, following a traffic stop near South 3rd Avenue and East LeClaire Road.
3:35 p.m. — Report taken for a missing adult in the 500 block of South 1st Street.
4:18 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver in the 800 block of Fox Ridge Road. Handled by officer.
7:18 p.m. — Carl Knutsen, 33, of Davenport, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.
11:03 p.m. — Complaint of a missing adult in the 400 block of North 5th Street. The individual was found. Handled by officer.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

5:24 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. The vehicle was flagged. Handled by officer.
10:49 a.m. — Tamara Thomas, 31, of Eldridge, was arrested for driving under suspension, following a traffic stop near East Iowa Street and South 4th Avenue.
6:12 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 200 block of East Franklin Street.
7:51 p.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 3400 block of South 11th Avenue. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

7:32 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 200 block of East Franklin Street.
8:27 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. Help was on the way. Handled by officer.
8:49 a.m. — Complaint of a dog running loose in the 500 block of East Iowa Street. The owner retrieved the animal. Handled by officer.
10:12 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. A tow sticker was applied to the vehicle. Handled by officer.
11:16 a.m. — Complaint of a possible burglary in the 200 block of South Buttermilk Road. The complaint was unfounded. Handled by officer.
3:43 p.m. — Complaint of a missing juvenile in the 900 block of West Price Street. The juvenile returned home. Handled by officer.
8:58 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver in the 200 block of West Franklin Street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

2:02 a.m. — Bethany Donahue, 21, of Davenport, was arrested for possession of

a controlled substance, and cited for an open container violation and failure to display a registration plate, following a traffic stop near South Scott Park Road and East Lomar Street.
2:23 a.m. — Complaint of attempted burglary to a vehicle in the 1000 block of South 5th Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.
3:11 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle near North Buttermilk and West LeClaire roads. The vehicle was towed. Handled by officer.
3:30 a.m. — Complaint of burglary to a vehicle in the 400 block of West Sheridan Drive. Handled by officer.
4:06 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 100 block of South 9th Avenue. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.
5:30 a.m. — Complaint of burglary to a vehicle in the 300 block of West Spring Street. Handled by officer.
6:23 a.m. — Report taken for burglary to a vehicle in the 600 block of North 7th Street.
8:16 a.m. — Kylie Duhachek, 16, of Eldridge, was cited for failure to obey a stop sign after being involved in a two-vehicle accident near South 8th Street and West Pinehurst Drive.
9:24 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. Help was on the way. Handled by officer.
10:44 a.m. — Investigation started in the 300 block of North 3rd Street for fraudulent activity.
12:42 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 400 block of East Blackhawk Trail.
3:33 p.m. — Terry Wisecup, 38, of Bettendorf, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop in the 1000 block of East LeClaire Road.
3:55 p.m. — Jatovia Hill, 18, of Davenport, was arrested for driving under suspension, following a traffic stop near West Price and North 1st streets.
4:34 p.m. — Tristan Gephart, 20, of Eldridge, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop near East LeClaire Road and North 16th Avenue.
6:29 p.m. — Assisted another agency with an incident in the 300 block of West Franklin Street.
9:11 p.m. — Lidaryl Maxie, 30, of Davenport, was cited for driving without a license, following a traffic stop in the 600 block of East LeClaire Road.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

3:05 a.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle near West Franklin and North 2nd streets. Handled by officer.
6:37 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 500 block of South 5th Street. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.
12:46 p.m. — Assisted another agency with an incident in the 2800 block of South Hillandale Road.
5:43 p.m. — Complaint of two dogs running loose in the 3200 block of South 25th Avenue. The owner retrieved the animal. Handled by officer.
7:50 p.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 600 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

2:31 a.m. — Donald Dickerson, 47, of Davenport, was cited for no insurance, following a traffic stop near South 1st Street and Blackhawk Trail.

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Building Plans Told To Citizens

Group Therapy Plan Slated To Stop Smoking

ELDRIDGE--A five-day plan to stop smoking is being sponsored by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church as its contribution to the nation's physical-fitness program. A series of five consecutive group therapy sessions will be held in Park View Sunday, March 9 through Thursday, March 13.

The public is invited to attend these sessions, which will include lectures or discussions, films on the harmful effects of smoking, demonstrations of procedures helping to overcome the habit, and an exchange of experiences by participants in their fight to overthrow the smoking habit. Instruction will also be given in: how to relax; how to avoid spots or activities that might lead to smoking; when to exercise and how to breathe; what to eat and drink, and with whom, and what to think in crucial times.

For additional information on the program, call 323-3171 or 285-4358.

Islam Expert To Be Speaker

McCAUSLAND -- Dr. Elmer Douglas, missionary and authority on Islamic affairs will be at the Low Moor United Methodist Church Thursday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. All interested people in the McCausland area are invited to attend to hear and speak with this knowledgeable man.

McCausland Methodist Church is invited to observe World Day of Prayer at the Low Moor Methodist Church at 2 p.m.

Hurts Head In Accident

PRINCETON--Mary A. Barr, 32, of Walcott, was listed in fair condition Saturday, February 22, at St. Lukes Hospital, Davenport, with head injuries she sustained earlier in the day in a two-car auto accident on the McCausland blacktop about one-half mile from Highway 67--near the Raymond Helble home.

According to Scott County Sheriff's deputies, Miss Barr was a passenger in an auto driven by Fred Bopp, 22, Walcott, when it rammed the rear of a car stalled on the blacktop about 2:45 a.m. Bopp was treated and released at St. Lukes.

Deputies said John Wegmann, 48, Princeton, driver of the stopped car, told them he was checking to see if a car had gone into a ditch along the side of the road when the accident happened. He was not injured.

A LeClaire ambulance taking Bopp and Miss Barr broke down at the westbound rest area on Interstate 80, and another had to be called to bring the injured couple to the hospital.



NORTH SCOTT SCHOOLS RECIPIENT OF DIESEL ENGINE

Caterpillar Tractor Company at Mt. Joy gave a direct injection diesel engine to the North Scott High School. The engine is the largest in a series of four models made by the Company for use in trucks. Bill Mahle, left, Caterpillar Supervisor on the diesel engine line and also an Eldridge resident, shows the engine to some of the senior students of the PowerMechanics class which will

be learning about it. The students are Dennis Klever next to Mr. Mahle, Dennis Dammann and Dennis Strobbe. Jack Dudley, Industrial Arts Teacher is on the right. The engine will be used as a teaching tool at the school and will illustrate the injection system and operating principles of diesel engines.

PRESS PHOTO

Concert Band To Perform Sunday

The 85 piece Concert Band of North Scott High School will present a band concert on Sunday afternoon, March 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Admission will be free and the public is invited. Also to be featured on the program will be two selections by the 20 piece Stage.

The program will be "Star Spangled Banner", "March Juno", Steward; "Festivo", Nelhybel; "Promenade", Anderson; "Chant and Jubilo", McBeth; "La Roguina", Green; "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and "Cookin'".

The second half of the concert will be "The Klaxon March"

PTA To Hear Of Bond Issue

LONG GROVE -- North Scott PTA will meet on Monday evening, March 10, at Alan Shepard School, Long Grove. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting as Mr. Melvin Heller, Superintendent; Mr. E. A. Fischer, High School Principal; and Mr. Ronald Hinrichs, Elementary Principal, will present the bond issue, proposal, and board members will be present for discussion which may follow.

Fillmore; "Kansa Suite", Conley; "All Through The Night", Arr. Nestico; "English Suite", Grundman; and "Highlights from the Music Man" Wilson.

This is a varied program with many light selections for the enjoyment of the audience. A.G. McIntosh is conductor of both groups.

Horse-Pony Club Meeting Slated

McCAUSLAND--Any person or persons interested in establishing and/or joining a horse and pony club in the McCausland area is invited to attend a meeting at the McCausland City Hall Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m. Bring a dozen donuts and help start this worthwhile project. Coffee will be furnished.

Newcomers

Newcomers to Eldridge during the month of February are: Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Behrens, 515 S. 4th St.; Mr. and Mrs. Joel Whipple, 507 N. 5th Place; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robbins, 418 N. 7th St.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Voegtli, 114 Spring St.; and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pancratz, 700 W. Davenport St.

Eldridge Opera House Burns

How many of you remember the opera house? The existence of this structure was one of the many facts found since the digging has begun into the history of Eldridge.

Eldridge was founded on July 2, 1871 being named Eldridge Junction, taken from an early settler and land owner, Jacob M. Eldridge. It was incorporated in 1900. The location was described as "located at the junction of the Monticello and Maquoketa Branch of the C.M. and St. P. Railroad."

Through the years Eldridge has lost several of its business establishments; the Harness and Shoe Shop, Blacksmith Shop, Livery Stable, Bakery, City Jail and the Opera House.

In 1929 the People's Savings Bank of Eldridge listed their deposits as \$331,640.23. Many memories will be recalled by mention of the athletic activities at Turner Gymnasium, baseball at Ketelesen's Field, tennis and horseshoe courts.

Much time and work will be needed to make our centennial in 1971 a memorable occasion. Committee workers are needed and older people who can enlighten us on our history please call Ruth Blanche, 285-9722 or Alberta Fahrenkrog, 285-4476.

ELDRIDGE -- The North Scott District Board of Education called their meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, preliminary to the Citizens Committee meeting called at 8 p.m.

The board accepted the low bid of \$16,791 submitted by Moline Body Co., Moline, Ill., for the purchase of four school bus bodies. Bids were also submitted by School Bus Sales Co., Waterloo, and Watkins Body Co., Keosauqua, Ia.

The board also adopted the administrative policy regarding the discharge of students from the bus at points other than the designated stops, as follows:

"Students riding school buses will not be permitted to be discharged at any unloading station or school except at the one assigned, and are required to remain on the bus until such time as their designated unloading station has been reached. Drivers will not be permitted to discharge any student at places other than the regular bus stop at the home or assigned school, unless proper authorization to do so has been received from the administration office."

The board accepted the resignation of Claude Clevenger, an elementary teacher, effective January 31, 1969, and approved hiring Delma Steffen to replace him for the remainder of the year. They also accepted the resignation of Mrs. Barbara Witte, who is moving to Washington, D. C. Her resignation takes effect at the end of the current school year.

The resignations of Mrs. Hilda Snyder and Mrs. Ed Johnson, Jr., from the Citizen's Committee were announced and accepted. Mrs. Norman Mohr was named to succeed Mrs. Johnson and a successor to Mrs. Snyder will be named soon.

The board recessed their meeting and met with the Citizen's Committee where they presented the proposed plans for additions to the four elementary school buildings and the junior-senior high school building. Petitions will be circulated by members of the Citizen's Committee for the necessary signatures preparatory to presenting the bond issue to the public, on or about April 11.

Edward Fischer, principal of the junior-senior high school, and Ron Hinrichs, Director of Elementary Education, explained the needed expansions, and the large growth in enrollment, and predicted a 25 percent increased enrollment in the next two years in an already overcrowded high school.

Mr. Hinrichs stated that 1,407 children are presently enrolled in the four elementary schools which do not meet their basic needs, with hallways being used as gymnasiums, auditoriums, storage and office space. He pointed out that enrollment has increased about 40 percent in the past five years and will probably show the same rate of increase in the next five years.

Mr. Fischer noted that the junior-senior high school enrollment

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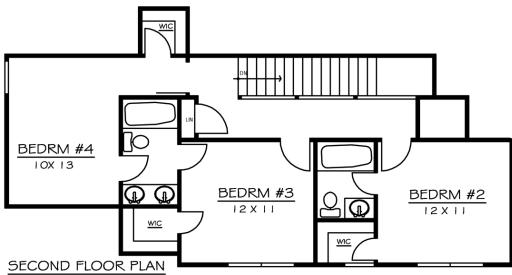
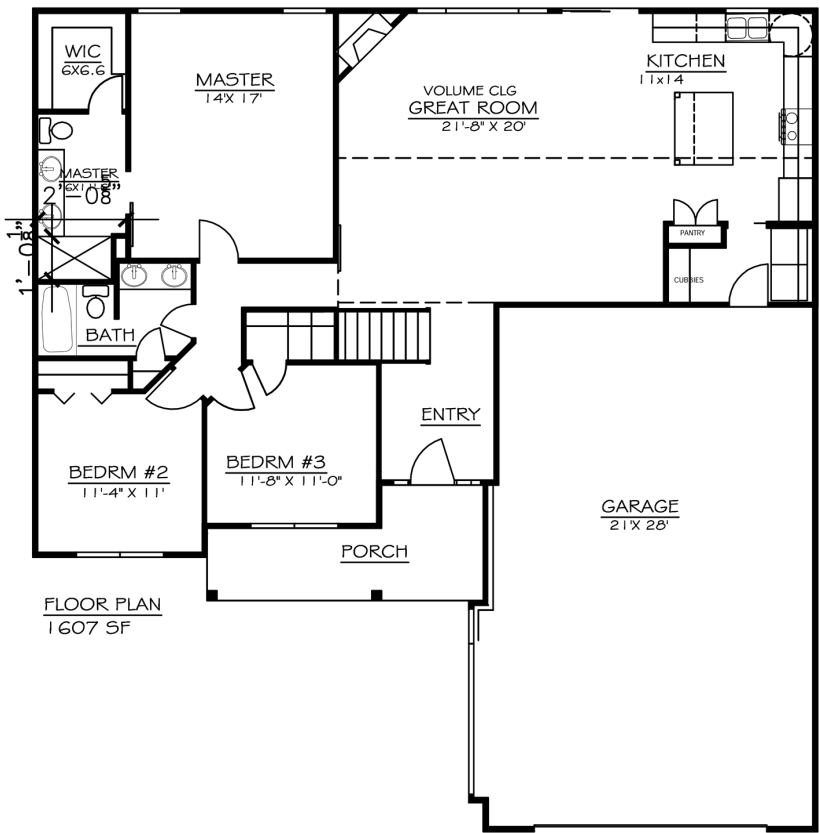
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Abram Tubbs, president of Ohnward

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by changing estimates of revenue and expenditure appropriations in the following programs for the reasons given. Additional detail is available at the city clerk's office showing revenues and expenditures by fund type and by activity.

	Total Budget as certified or last amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget after Current Amendment
Revenues & Other Financing Sources			
Taxes Levied on Property	1 969,531	0	969,531
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2 0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3 969,531	0	969,531
Delinquent Property Taxes	4 0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5 0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6 363,373	0	363,373
Licenses & Permits	7 17,395	36,717	54,112
Use of Money and Property	8 22,590	0	22,590
Intergovernmental	9 269,000	36,249	305,249
Charges for Services	10 839,775	0	839,775
Special Assessments	11 1,755	0	1,755
Miscellaneous	12 33,600	64,170	97,770
Other Financing Sources	13 0	0	0
Transfers In	14 1,342,900	61,536	1,404,436
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15 3,859,919	198,672	4,058,591
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	16 595,356	38,000	633,356
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Capital Projects	23 1,000,000	215,213	1,215,213
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24 2,402,910	318,613	2,721,523
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Transfers Out	27 1,342,900	61,536	1,404,436
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28 4,648,622	778,149	5,426,771
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out for Fiscal Year	29 -788,703	-579,477	-1,368,180
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30 3,125,171	657,562	3,782,733
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31 2,336,468	78,085	2,414,553

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North Scott girls capture second state title



Lancer boys book return trip to Des Moines



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GIRLS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



Lancer players and coaches couldn't contain their excitement at the final buzzer as North Scott secured its second state title with a thrilling 50-49 win over top-ranked and defending Class 4A champion Marion on Saturday afternoon. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

'We did it again'

Lady Lancers overcome adversity, stick together for second state title

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

To thoroughly enjoy the destination, you have to fully appreciate the journey. And when that ride is filled with adversity, nothing is savored like the sweet taste of success.

It's even better when you get there together. For the second time in three years, North Scott's girls' basketball team is standing atop the Class 4A mountain, looking down at a landscape littered with trials, tribulations, tough losses and lessons learned.

More thoughts
See Campbell's
Scoop. **PAGE 21A**

Saturday afternoon on the Wells Fargo Arena stage, where dreams are delivered and memories made, North Scott's Lady Lancers continued their proverbial rise from the ashes and stunned the state with a thrilling, unthinkable and mostly unexpected 50-49 upset of No. 1 ranked and defending state champion Marion.

Make room in the trophy case! That 2017 state championship hardware has some company. It's not back-to-back, but boy oh boy, it's definitely the next best thing.

When the sun came up over Lancer Nation Sunday morning, despite the bitter cold, the Lancers were the toast of the town. From church pews, to the Casey's doughnut line, to the aisles of North Scott Foods, everybody was a Lancer fan.

Playing with a loosey-goosey attitude, ear-to-ear smiles, and confidence oozing from their hot-to-the-touch shooting hands, the Lady Lancers shook, rattled

and rolled their way to Class 4A state supremacy. And yes, they looked pretty darn good in pink while modeling their state championship T-shirts afterwards.

It's OK to admit it. This was a shocker. Let's face it, unless you were a member of North Scott's inner circle, just about everybody else in the state had already engraved Marion's name on the championship trophy.

Yes, the Indians are just that good. Making their fourth straight state tournament appearance, and third consecutive trip to the finals, the Wamac Conference champions had won 72 of their last 74 games, and 65 straight conference contests.

Ever since they lost an overtime 52-44 state title tilt to the Lancers back in 2017, the Indians have taken up permanent residency atop the Class 4A rankings, and everybody else has been trying to break down the door.

Not anymore. There's a new court of queens sitting atop the Class 4A throne, and they're sporting scarlet and silver threads, adorned with championship gold lining.

The road to gold

A rise to royalty is never easy, and North Scott's return is no exception.

Yes, nothing hurt more than last year's regional final loss to Fairfield, which left the defending state champions home and alone during state tournament week.

The 2018-19 season started promisingly enough, with coach T.J. Case proclaiming the need to have fun and

let the chips fall where they may, but by early January trouble was brewing in Lancer land.

Hit the rewind button, and we're not talking about TV-6 Highlight Zone material. Instead, go deep inside the bowels of Clinton's Yourd Gymnasium after the Lancers improved their record to 12-2 with a closer-than-it-should-have been 46-34 road win.

It was ugly. The Lancer offense was languishing, and Case was frustrated. Afterwards, it was not a happy group of Lancers coming out of the basement locker room, with junior Presley Case clearly discouraged after her 2-for-13 shooting performance.

"We have to find our offense," said Coach Case. "I don't know what else to do. It's extremely frustrating, and the girls we've leaned on for a lot of things aren't playing well."

Full disclosure — Presley was in a slump. She was 7-for-27 in her previous two outings — 9-for-40 counting the Clinton debacle — and something had to change.

Credit a little father-daughter chat, or probably more accurately, a coach-to-player talk, that changed the season, and lifted the Lancers from the depths of despair to the state tournament penthouse.

"Pres and I had a heart-to-heart," said Coach Case. "She was disappointed and knew she wasn't shooting it well. I was like, 'Pres, you can do a lot of special things with the ball, especially distributing it to shooters.' She started focusing on the assists and steals, as well as controlling the ball."

"I realized it had to be for the team," Presley said

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last week. “I realized that instead of trying to go for my points, I don’t need those. As long as we’re winning, and coming together as a team, that’s what it’s all about.

“He put an idea in my head that I needed to change for the team, and that the other girls can hit and make shots. Now, I don’t care who scores as long as we’re having fun and putting points up.”

“Early on, Pres was launching a ton of shots and not making them,” said senior Rylie Rucker. “We were not moving the ball. She is a different player now, and is constantly looking for other girls.

“Props to her for changing her game. We still need her to shoot, and she realizes that, but she also knows she has to limit herself.”

That change, and Presley’s mature attitude, kick-started North Scott’s run to Des Moines.

Over the final six regular season games, Presley dished out 42 assists, and then added 24 in post-season play, including a state tournament record 19.

In the meantime, Rucker and fellow seniors Chloe Engelkes and Brooke Corson, along with sophomore Samantha Scott, found their shooting touches, and all of a sudden all was well in Lancer Nation.

The Lancer offense began clicking on all cylinders, and it carried them all the way to the capitol city.

It was an unbelievable season-ending ride. With the talented guards launching shots from outside, that opened things up on the inside for 6’2” junior Grace Boffeli.

Although she dominated the paint all season, her state tournament run was spectacular, and it came as a surprise to no one that she was named captain of the all-tournament team.

Taking no prisoners, she led the 4A field in rebounds (28) and field goals (25), and was second in points scored (61). Case led the field in steals (10) and assists (19), while Scott had a tournament high three-point shooting percentage of .692.

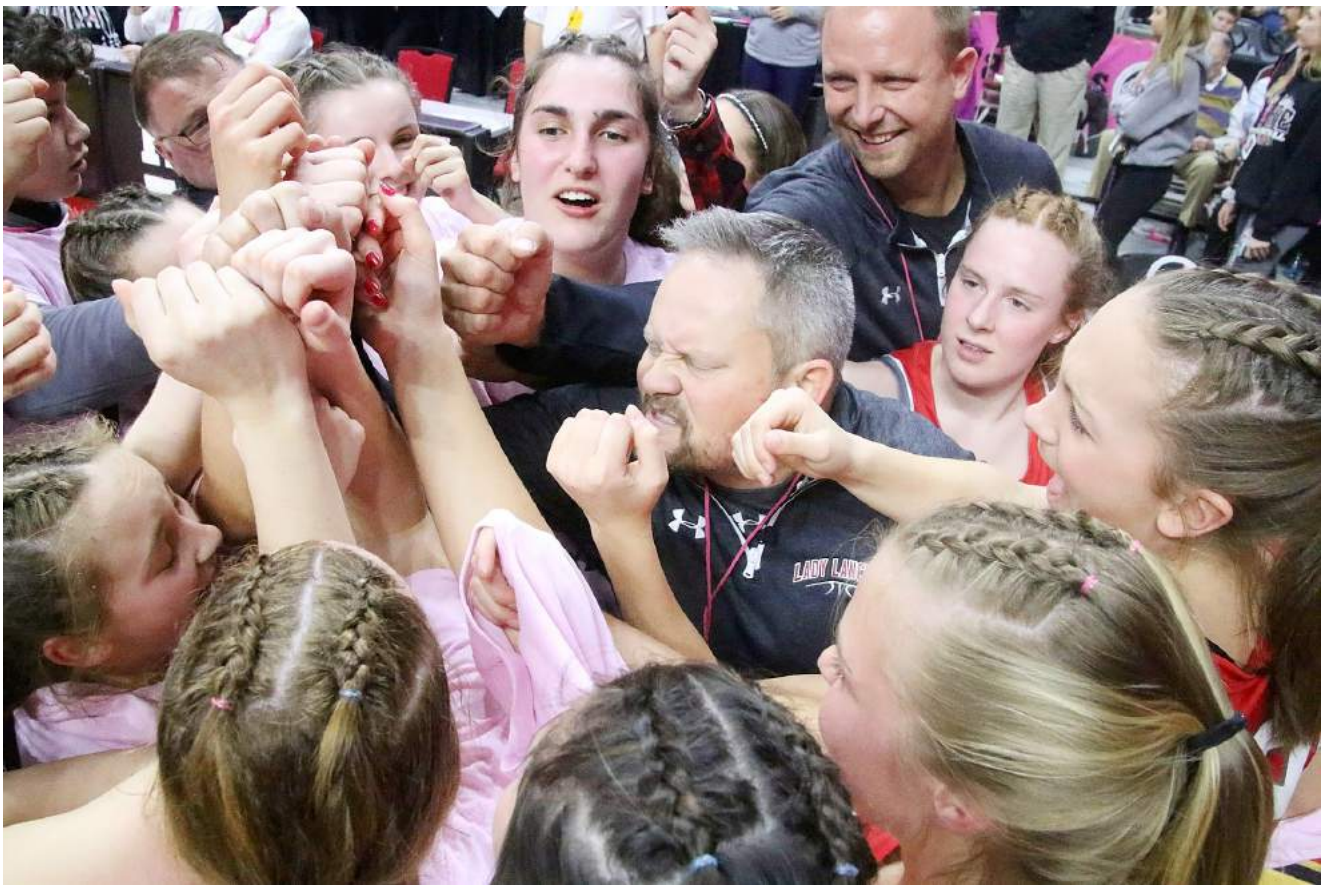
Engelkes, who averaged 9.7 points a game, joined Boffeli on the all-tournament team, but cases could have been made for Presley and Scott as well.

The individual stats were impressive, but the real secret to success lies in the volcanic team chemistry that had been brewing all season, but erupted in the last two months.

With their “Together” theme in hand, the Lancers took Des Moines by storm, steam-rolling Denison-Schleswig 56-37 in the quarterfinals before rolling past Bishop Heelan (75-47) in the semis.

Those two wins set the stage for Saturday’s showdown with Marion, and the victory over the Indians gave North Scott the state tournament trifecta.

“This team is special because they stick together when things happen,” said assistant coach Devvin Rolston, “and I’m just so proud of them.”



Lancer coach T.J. Case couldn't contain his excitement, or control his emotions after the Lancers upset Marion Saturday afternoon. "I love you guys," he said after gathering his team around him one final time.

NSP photo by Scott Campbell

“We did it again, and it feels really good,” said Coach Case. “For this team, it was all about staying together. That was the key, and we did it all season.

“I’m super pumped for the girls, and so happy for everybody. This is really special, and the neat thing is that we have a lot of girls back. I would think they have a chance to be right up there again next year.”

Next year is still nine months away, and the Lancers were definitely wanting to savor their special Saturday in Des Moines.

“This is unbelievable,” said Engelkes. “I think we deserved this from all the hard work that we’ve put in, and this is the best ending a person could ask for.

“It is so special to do this as a senior. Most people lose their last game, and I’m one of the lucky few who got to end it on a win, and so is everybody else on this team.”

“This is absolutely unbelievable,” said Boffeli. “This is a dream come true for all of us, and a dream we’ve

had since the beginning of the season. We’ve worked through some hard practices and had a lot of sweat and tears, but that’s all worth it now.”

Corson, who hit the game-winner against Marion, was in total agreement.

“This feels amazing,” she said. “We’ve worked hard all season, and to be able to win in the end feels great. This is really special. Last year we came really close to making it to state, and this year we really wanted it. We came together, and we were able to do it.”

“It feels great to be state champs,” said junior Adriane Latham, the defensive hero in Thursday’s win over Heelan. “We’ve been preparing for this, and we were ready for this. I wouldn’t want to experience this with any other group.

“This is a tight-knit family, and we all count on each other. This is a special group, and we stayed together all season. That paid off today.”



Welcome home

North Scott's state champion basketball team arrived to a Welcome Home celebration on Sunday, complete with a lights-and-siren escort from the Eldridge Fire Department. Above: Seniors (l-r) Rylie Rucker, Chloe Engelkes, Grace Hansel and Kami Nagle (Brook Corson is behind Kami) wave to the crowd. Right: The seniors presented the state championship trophy to activities director Jason Schroeder.

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NORTH SCOTT 56, DENISON-SCHLESWIG 37

Lancers kick off a 'Terrific Tuesday'

Hot start, balanced attack fuels Lancers to easy win over Monarchs



Grace Boffeli wasted little time in making a name for herself on the big stage, as she led the balanced NS attack with 13 points and 14 rebounds. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

Welcome back to The Well. It was as if they had never left.

Playing with an energy reminiscent of their state championship win over Marion two years ago, North Scott's girls' basketball team made a triumphant return to the capitol city with a convincing, hot-out-of-the-gate 56-37 quarter-final win over Denison-Schleswig on Tuesday (Feb. 26).

With North Scott's boys' team slated to take the court at Iowa City Liberty a little more than three hours later in an all-or-nothing substate final, the Lady Lancers did their part to secure the daily double, and they did it in style.

Just like the lopsided regional final win over Keokuk a week earlier, the Lancers were hitting on all cylinders. They scored early and often in building a 13-0 lead, and they literally owned the state's biggest stage.

North Scott, ranked in the Class 4A top two for all but a couple weeks, but toiling in Eastern Iowa anonymity for most of the campaign, sent a loud and clear message to the rest of the state that not only are they a top-four team, but that they just might be able to handle defending champion Marion if given the chance.

Let there be no doubt. The Lancers came out smoking, and the Monarchs didn't know what hit them.

North Scott coach TJ Case may have been born in Denison, but he was far from a favorite son on this night as his Lancers thoroughly dominated the

Monarchs.

With senior Rylie Rucker giving her best imitation of big sister Karli — now the starting point guard for UNI — North Scott jumped to a 5-0 lead on Rucker buckets.

A nothing-but-net Presley Case three, followed by five straight points from senior Chloe Engelkes, finished off a 13-0 Lancer run to start the game, and the opposing Monarchs never took flight.

"The start was the key," said Rucker, a starter on that state championship team two years ago. "When we get out and put it to them, and put our foot on the pedal, it kind of scares other people."

"It's like, 'Oh crap, here they go.' When you get a good lead at the beginning, it helps you get rolling."

And roll the Lancers did.

Rucker finished with seven first-quarter points as the Lancers opened a 15-4 advantage after the opening eight minutes.

Sparked by three-pointers from sophomore Samantha Scott — who showed nerves of steel in her first moments on the big stage — and Presley Case, and junior Grace Boffeli's first field goal of the game, the Lancers built a 24-10 lead with 3:20 left in the half, and increased it to 28-13 on yet another Boffeli bucket.

It was 28-16 at intermission.

"Getting off to that fast start was important," said Coach Case. "The girls have really been loose. We had a walk through at Ankeny today, and they were locked in. They weren't screwing

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Senior Brooke Corson battles hard for a loose ball. NSP photo by Scott Campbell



Presley Case delivers one of her team-high seven assists. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

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FIRST ROUND: 'It was a fun game. I liked what I saw'

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around, and they were ready to go.

“I’m letting the girls be loose. I’m not going to analyze every tiny little fact. They know what to do. They are veterans. We have to let them feel comfortable and confident.”

Despite the fact that Denison-Schleswig fans outnumbered Lancer Nation by a 3-to-1 margin — North Scott looked right at home in Wells Fargo Arena.

Substituting early and often, with nine players seeing action in the first half, North Scott seemed to have this one wrapped up by intermission.

“I wanted to keep Boo (Boffeli) out of foul trouble, so if she got one early, I didn’t want her to pick up two,” said Case. “I feel comfortable with Sam, and Adriane (Latham) has been a big rebounder for us. I wanted to get her minutes early just to kind of calm her nerves down a little bit.”

Case started senior Brooke Corson — because he likes her defensive presence up top — along with Boffeli, Engelkes, Presley Case and Rucker.

Along with Scott (16 minutes) and Latham (9 minutes), juniors Sydney Happel and Brooke Kilburg also garnered first-half playing time.

“We have a lot of good girls that can do a lot of good things,” said Case. “It was a fun game, and I liked what I saw.”

It wasn’t much fun for Monarch coach Adam Mich, who saw his team lose for just the third time this year.

“Defensively, we had some mishaps in that first quarter, and they made us pay, especially from the outside,” he said. “We dug such a deep hole and had a hard time fighting to get back in.

“We had to create something with our 1-3-1, and then they found gaps and got lay-ups. Offensively, the whole game we couldn’t seem to put the ball in the buck-

et from the outside, and we obviously struggled at the free throw line.”

Denison-Schleswig did close the gap to 28-19 with 6:22 left in the third quarter, but a 12-0 Lancer run, with eight points coming off the hot hand of Scott, effectively put the game away.

“It was crazy out there, but everybody helped me settle in,” said Scott, who finished with 11 points while draining 4 of 6 field goals, including 3 of 5 from long range. “We were able to get the ball moving for everybody to get open looks, and my shot felt good.

“Chloe hit some big shots. Ry had some good drives, and Boo had some good and-ones that really helped us. We had confidence in each other.”

After a somewhat slow start, Boffeli led the balanced Lancer attack with her usual double-double effort, piling up 13 points and 14 rebounds. Engelkes also chipped in 13 markers, while Rucker finished with nine points, seven boards and three assists.

Junior Presley Case added eight points, but also collected a team-high seven assists. She now has 112 on the season, breaking the school record of 107 set by Hall of Famer Jenni Fitzgerald in 1986.

“We’re clicking and the team is coming together, just like last time we came here,” said Presley. “My role is totally different, but I love it. I always think that when I assist and the girl makes it, that’s the best feeling, because I know she feels good, I feel good, we all feel good.”

“It was a great game for all of us,” said Boffeli. “I wasn’t frustrated at all early on, and credit the shooters, because they were shooting very well in the beginning, which gave us a good spark.

“We were very balanced as a team. We wanted to show the whole crowd what we could do, and it was a fun ride for all of us.”

“It was exciting, and you can’t ask for

much more than a win,” said Engelkes, who is 7-of-11 from three-point range in her last two games. “I kind of think everyone was hot, and we just went with the flow. It was a lot of fun.”

Rucker wasn’t surprised at how things played out, but said she felt comfortable on the big floor, even if she did have flashbacks of playing with Karli two years ago.

“I kind of had a feeling it was going to go this way,” she said. “It’s about being confident in yourself, and having that composure to calm everybody else down. There were a few nerves, but I think we were more anxious to get the game going.

“It was kind of tough not having Karli here. She texted me today, and I kind of teared up. I was like, ‘Man, last time we were here she was playing with me,’ so it was kind of bittersweet. It brings back old memories.”

After this one, Rylie and the Lancers appeared primed to make plenty of new ones.

North Scott 56, Denison-Schleswig 37
Tuesday, Feb. 26 at Wells Fargo Arena

Score by Quarters												
North Scott	15	13	12	16	—	56						
Denison-Schleswig	4	12	10	11	—	37						
Player	2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS	M			
Presley Case	1-2	2-3	0-0	8	1	7	2	0	28			
Brooke Corson	0-3	0-2	2-2	2	1	0	0	0	17			
Rylie Rucker	2-5	1-4	2-2	9	7	3	1	0	27			
Chloe Engelkes	2-5	2-3	3-4	13	0	1	0	0	29			
Grace Boffeli	5-12	0-0	3-6	13	14	1	1	0	28			
Brooke Kilburg	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	5			
Sydney Happel	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
Samantha Scott	1-1	3-5	0-0	11	2	2	1	0	16			
Adriane Latham	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	1	0	9			
Totals	11-30	8-17	10-14	56	31	14	8	0	160			
Player	2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS	M			
Raegan Anderson	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	3	1	2	1	21			
Sarah Heilesen	4-9	0-1	0-2	8	8	3	2	1	26			
Paige Andersen	4-8	0-2	0-1	8	6	0	0	1	28			
Alex Mohr	1-3	2-9	1-1	9	5	3	3	1	32			
Hannah Neeman	3-4	0-1	0-0	6	5	0	0	1	29			
Vanessa Gunderson	2-3	0-2	1-1	5	3	1	1	0	17			
Ellie Magnuson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	4			
Kambrie Dau	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	3			
Totals	14-29	2-15	3-7	37	31	8	8	5	160			



Chloe Engelkes drained two of three shots from beyond the arc.

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Senior Rylie Rucker, who has battled knee injuries throughout the season, didn't let that stop her from giving it her all, and then smiling when she hit the floor.

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NORTH SCOTT 75, BISHOP HEELAN 47

Red-hot Lancers leave no doubt in win over Crusaders

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

Three months ago, Adriane Latham wasn't even planning on going out for basketball.

Thursday night, she stood tall on the state's biggest basketball stage, and as a result, North Scott punched its ticket to the Class 4A state finals for the second time in three years.

Oh, you gotta love it!

Sparked by Latham's clamp-down, in-your-face, never-budge defensive effort on Bishop Heelan star Ella Skinner, fueled by another monster inside game from junior Grace Boffeli, and highlighted by an outside scoring barrage that was the talk of the night, the Lancers rolled to a feel-good 75-47 semifinal win over the sixth-ranked Crusaders.

The victory, North Scott's third straight post-season win by 19 points or more, set the stage for a Saturday afternoon classic, and a rematch of the 2017 title game with No. 1 ranked, and defending state champion, Marion.

Those two teams have plenty of history, with the Indians ending North Scott's 2016 season with an upset in the regional finals, and the Lancers returning the favor the following year with a 52-44 overtime win in the state finale.

Saturday's title tilt is sure to be a doozy. Both teams are a pair of steamrollers on a collision course. However, if the Lancers hadn't gotten past the pesky Cru-



With a steely resolve belying her sophomore status, Sam Scott drained 9 of 13 three-point shots in the state tournament.

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saders, that matinee matchup would never have materialized.

And, if Latham — who had started only a handful of games all year — hadn't risen to the occasion, North Scott may have been watching from the sidelines.

It wasn't until Lancer coach T.J. Case and assistant Devvin Rolston were sitting courtside, watching Marion roll past Mason City in the first semifinal, that they decided that Latham would get the start.

"We have so many options," said Case, "whether it's Sam (Scott), (Brooke) Corson or Latham. We just thought that Latham, with her size and their zone, would be a good match."

The plan worked to perfection, but it took a while to percolate.

For 12 minutes, the two teams played neck-and-neck, with the 6'0" Skinner draining her first five shots and single-handedly keeping the Crusaders in the game.

On the other end, the Lancer offense struggled early, as they missed seven of their first eight shots, and trailed 3-2 midway through the opening quarter.

Heelan eventually pulled away to an 8-4 advantage, but it was the off-the-bench play of Scott and Corson that kept the Lancers close.

A Corson trey, followed by two free throws from Scott and then a three of her own gave North Scott a 12-10 lead with 1:18 left, but Scott and Skinner traded treys in the final 18 seconds, and the Crusaders held a slim 17-15 lead after one.

Skinner scored Heelan's final nine points of the first quarter, and four of the first six in the second before Latham took control. All told, Skinner, who entered the game averaging 17, had 13 points in the first 12 minutes, and nary a marker the rest of the way.

"I wasn't worried by our slow start," said Case. "I really thought we were going to be able to match them up a little bit in our zone, but that wasn't the case. They moved the ball and got some good looks, which we weren't expecting."

"We had to go play man in that second quarter, and I thought Adriane did a really good job on Skinner, which allowed us to put Grace on somebody else and help out, and I thought that was the huge key."

Latham admitted to being nervous when she found

out she'd be getting the start, just 40 minutes before game time. She also divulged that she's thrilled that she decided to come out for basketball.

"Soccer is kind of my main sport, but I've played basketball since I was young," she said. "I came to a few open gyms last summer, but then kind of got to thinking I wouldn't come out."

"In the end, it came down to not wanting to leave my friends, and I didn't make my final decision until practice started in November. I'm really happy I'm here."

Latham's inspired defensive effort to stop Skinner also ignited North Scott's offense.

With the Lancers spreading the wealth — seniors Rylie Rucker, Chloe Engelkes and Boffeli combined to score North Scott's first eight points of the second quarter — it was 25-25 with 4:18 left, and finally the Lancer offense shifted into gear.

North Scott finished the half on an 8-0 run — on a Latham layup and back-to-back threes by Corson and Presley Case, the latter off a Latham steal — to build a 33-25 halftime cushion. Then it was Boffeli Time, as she scored nine straight points, and North Scott's first 11 of the second half, as the Lancers increased their lead to 44-28 midway through the third.

Latham had taken Skinner out of the game. Boffeli dominated the paint, and North Scott's outside shooters continued to torch the nets.

In the game's final 28 minutes the Lancers tickled the twine with a 27-of-42 lights-out shooting display, including an unconsciously spectacular 12-of-18 from beyond the arc. Case cleared his bench, and even sophomore Reagan Schoening drained a three.

"Hats off to North Scott," said Heelan coach Daron Koolstra. "That was one heckuva shooting display. That was absolutely the difference. They made shots and we didn't. Give them all the credit. They played extremely well tonight."

"I knew going into the season that we could flat out shoot it," said Coach Case, "and it just took us a while to come around. In all of our leading down to this, we have shot it extremely well. They are loose. They are enjoying the ride, and I'm going with it."

Boffeli led the balanced offensive attack with 24 points, but missed her usual double double by pull-

ing down just six boards, mainly because the Lancers weren't missing.

Corson, while draining 4 of 5 from beyond the arc, added an even dozen, while Engelkes (3-of-5 from long range) and Scott (3-of-3) each chipped in 11.

Presley Case, who broke the school record for assists in a season in the first-round win over Denison, etched her name in the state tournament record book with 14 dishes in two games, including seven against the Crusaders. She also collected seven steals.

"During practice we focused on moving the ball because we knew their zone would be kind of like Pleasant Valley's," said Corson, who started in the win over Denison, but logged 15 minutes off the bench against Heelan.

"We knew that if we moved the ball and got in between the two top girls, the corners would be open, and we knew that whoever was in the corner, we knew that we would knock it down."

Corson says she's fine with whatever she's told to do.

SCOTT'S TAKEAWAY

There are absolutely no ifs, ands or buts about it. This Lancer team is on a roll. Their teamwork uncanny. Their shooting eyes zeroed in. I've said it before, and it's worth repeating, this is what we've been waiting for this team to do all season.

What an impressive performance, both defensively (16 steals) and offensively.

While getting to the state tournament is a big deal, I do find it interesting that the atmosphere is far from electric. The 6:45 p.m. contest was the last of the night, and Wells Fargo Arena was practically empty.

I counted less than 60 North Scott students in the student section behind the bench, and probably less than 250 Lancer fans total. Bishop Heelan's crowd was even smaller.

North Scott fans who stayed home missed quite a show. I hope Lancer Nation turns out in force Saturday afternoon. This team is definitely worth watching.

"I think we all have a specific role, and no matter who starts, we all work together really well," she said. "I feel like with any mix, we are fine together. I feel like I'm more of a defensive player, but those threes felt really good."

It was another cruise-control win, and while the Lancers were reveling in the aftermath, they knew there was a bigger fish looming in the state pond.

"It's been our dream since the beginning of the season to get back to the state finals," said Boffeli. "This is what we've pushed for in every practice. This is the best feeling."

"We're looking forward to Marion. We will practice tomorrow and figure out our defense. We will be ready for them."

This is who we wanted the whole season."

"Get-ting to the state finals is amaz-ing," said Engelkes. "Basically, everyone just got on a roll tonight, which was really nice. We're ready for Marion. We just have to play de-fense, shoot well, and have Grace be amaz-ing inside. That's the key."

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Thursday, Feb. 28 at Wells Fargo Arena												
Score by Quarters												
North Scott	15	18	19	23	-	75						
SC Heelan	17	8	7	15	-	47						
Player	2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS	M			
Presley Case	2-6	0-4	1-1	5	3	7	7	0	24			
Rylie Rucker	1-2	1-3	0-0	5	3	4	3	0	23			
Chloe Engelkes	1-3	3-5	0-0	11	2	3	1	0	25			
Adriane Latham	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	1	1	1	0	18			
Grace Boffeli	10-12	0-0	4-4	24	6	1	1	1	26			
Reagan Schoening	0-0	1-1	0-0	3	1	0	0	0	2			
Paige Blaskovich	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Brooke Kilburg	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	2	0	1			
Brooke Corson	0-0	4-5	0-0	12	2	1	0	0	15			
Sydney Happel	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2			
Rachel Anderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Samantha Scott	0-1	3-3	2-2	11	0	1	0	0	14			
Grace Hansel	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	3			
Kami Nagle	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	2			
Avery Woods	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2			
Totals	16-29	12-21	7-8	75	23	20	16	1	160			
Player	2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS	M			
Katie Cooke	1-2	1-3	1-4	6	2	2	0	0	25			
Katelyn Stanley	2-4	3-4	0-0	13	3	5	0	0	29			
Sydney Pratt	0-1	0-0	1-3	1	0	0	0	0	15			
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Jordan Knapp	2-3	0-0	0-1	4	0	0	0	0	2			
Ashlyn Peck	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	7			
Kyla Michalak	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	2			
Amber Aesoph	2-2	0-3	1-1	5	3	2	3	0	22			
Joslyn Verzal	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
MaryKate Fitzsimmons	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	4			
Lea Pederson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2			
Emily Payer	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	2	0	0	0	2			
Totals	12-21	6-16	5-13	47	23	11	5	1	160			



After Heelan's Ella Skinner scored 13 first-half points, Lancer junior Adriane Latham was tenacious on defense and held her to zero the rest of the way.

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Chloe Engelkes has this loose ball in her sights as she battles hard with Heelan's Katelyn Stanley.

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NORTH SCOTT 50, MARION 49

Upset revisited

Boffeli-led Lancers take down No. 1 Marion for second time

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

Well, that settles that. You can throw out the rankings. The queen is dead; long live the queen.

For the second time in three years, North Scott's guns-ablazing Lady Lancers have taken the state tournament by storm, and once again they've conquered the No. 1 team, the proverbial favorite, and stunned a dynasty in the making.

The once invincible Indians, that talented group of players from Marion that was making its fourth straight tournament trip — and third consecutive appearance in the state finals — is no longer queen of the court.

Instead, it's those wonderful, loveable Lancers from Eldridge, a team that has struggled to get respect for three straight years, that is now sitting on the Class 4A throne.

Wake up, Iowa. This Lancer program is for real. With two state titles in the last three years, and just one bad shooting night away from a possible trifecta — the memory of last year's regional final loss to Fairfield will never fade — coach T.J. Case and his fantastic "family" of players and coaches are the darlings of Des Moines.

With six straight Wells Fargo Arena wins under their belts, and a host of talent returning, North Scott sent a loud-and-clear message that when the Class

4A rankings are released next season, the top team better be wearing scarlet and silver.

It's amazing how a classic 50-49 thriller can change the landscape of power.

It was another down-to-the-wire nail-biter, but you would expect anything less from two Class 4A powers that topped the state rankings for all but two weeks?

Granted, before tipoff, most observers were more than willing to hand Marion their second straight championship, but North Scott had other ideas.

On this night, in front of a statewide TV audience, an electric Wells Fargo crowd, and with Gov. Kim Reynolds and Sen. Charles Grassley sitting behind their bench, the Lancers were determined to prove everybody wrong.

After two games of hibernation, Lancer Nation finally came out in force for what turned out to be a magical Saturday matinee, and you couldn't have picked a better way to top off a day trip to Des Moines.

For all intents and purposes, it was a rubber match of sorts, but with the way things are looking, we may very well be doing this again next year.

The Indians upset the favored Lancers in the 2016 regional final, and a year later North Scott returned the favor in that exhilarating 2017 championship foray.

The stage was set for a rip-roaring re-

match, and the two teams didn't disappoint.

In the end, Lancer senior Chloe Engelkes knew what she was talking about. Forty-eight hours earlier she said that if North Scott was going to be successful in its Class 4A title game with Marion, junior Grace Boffeli would have to be amazing.

In another thrilling matchup between the two eastern Iowa titans, Boffeli was more than amazing.

With a performance for the ages, and with more than just a little help from her talented teammates, the 6'2" Boo was a woman among girls.

The Indians were overmatched and overpowered.

Making the paint her own personal playground, Boffeli was a one-woman show, going around, through and over the frustrated Indians, turning in a 21-point, first-half effort that had the Wells Fargo Arena crowd buzzing.

Lancer Nation and much of eastern Iowa were well aware of G-Bo, but now the rest of the state is on a first-name basis as well.

However, she's the first person to tell you she didn't do it alone.

With a defensive specialist hitting the winning shot, a hot-handed sophomore providing instant offense, and a junior who wasn't even going to come out for basketball this year playing a pivotal role, the Lancers were all together on

this one.

"We did it again," said a smiling Coach Case afterwards, "and it really feels good. Just being here with this team. We really stuck together, and I felt pretty confident throughout the whole game."

"I didn't know how it was going to end, but I wanted to stay calm for the girls. I knew it was going to be a tight game, and I knew it was going to come down to a last-second shot or a free throw."

That it most certainly did, but the first 31 minutes were not to be ignored.

A great start

As they had been the entire week, the Lancers were loose and relaxed as they took the court amongst all the pageantry associated with championship Saturday.

After hours of preparation, there was only one question on the minds of the Lancer brain trust: How would the Indians try to stop North Scott's high-flying offense, and slow down Boffeli?

Make no mistake about it, when the game started, and the Indians opened in a man-to-man defense, Case was licking his chops.

"No question about it. I couldn't believe it when they came out in a man-to-man," he said. "I was shocked. I just couldn't believe they were going to go one-on-one with Grace, and not do any-

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Rylie Rucker follows the game plan by passing the ball inside, while Marion coach Corby Laube shouts out instructions to his team.
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Getting the ball into the paint was the key to North Scott's success, and Adriane Latham tried a path along the baseline.
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Junior point guard Presley Case engineered North Scott's offensive attack, and tried to make things happen by driving inside.
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FINAL: 'It has truly been a together team, and this was a together win'

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thing early.

“We knew we were going to go to the well as many times as we could, and we did. The more she scored, the more confidence we got, which helped our shooters and the tempo of the game. Inside out has worked for us.”

Boffeli was unstoppable, and her teammates weren’t shy about getting her the ball. She scored North Scott’s first four points, and then sandwiched eight straight between a pair of three-pointers from Presley Case and Sam Scott that helped the Lancers take an 18-14 first-quarter lead.

North Scott followed the same recipe in the second frame, with Case and Scott adding two more treys, and Boffeli tacking on nine points to give the Lancers a 33-25 halftime cushion.

By then, the Indians were in foul trouble, and time after time they would look to the bench, arms outstretched and palms up, as if asking, what more can we do?

“We’ve been really good at man all year,” said Marion coach Corby Laube. “Randi (Wright) and Ella (Van Weelden) are really good post defenders, and they just had a tough first half.

“We adjusted, and I thought we did a really good job in the second half. We had to adjust how it was being called a little bit, and that made a difference.”

For all intents and purposes, the damage had been done as Boffeli connected on nine of 10 shots for her 21 first-half points.

“Seeing Grace go off was probably the best feeling, because we knew Grace was hot,” said Presley Case. “When Grace is hot, everybody’s going to be hot. None of us were really nervous. We just decided we wanted to come out and have fun. It really worked out for us.”

“In the first half, the guards were very unselfish and kept sharing the ball, which just allows all of us to be very balanced,” said Boffeli. “This tournament, we have been very balanced. The shooters are making shots, and that’s led to success.”

Yes, the Indians stymied her a bit in the final two quarters — she finished with 24 — but the rest of the Lancers picked up the slack and withstood a furious Indian rally.

As he walked out of the locker room at intermission, Lancer assistant coach Colin Woods said, “16 minutes. 16 more minutes,” referring to how much time stood between the Lancers and a championship.

Those ticks were something to behold. There was no quit in the Indians, and they chipped away to eventually tie the count at 41 with 1:27 left in the third, but a Boffeli bucket put North Scott up 43-41 entering the fourth.

The final eight minutes were classic championship basketball. Marion tied it at 43 with 6:20 left, and then took a 46-43 lead a minute later on UNI recruit Kay-

ba Laube’s three, the last of her team-high 18.

Not to be fazed, Scott, that sterling sophomore sharpshooter, answered with her third trey of the game to knot it at 46, and a minute later North Scott took a one-point lead on a Boffeli free throw.

For three minutes neither team could score, but with 1:57 left Marion took a 49-47 lead on Riley Wright’s old-fashioned three-point play.

The stage was set for a thrilling finish. Van Weelden came up with a steal with 1:31 on the clock, but 22 seconds later, instead of holding the ball, Riley Wright missed from inside the paint.

The Lancers were patient, and it was a Boffeli assist that turned the tide. With the ball in the paint, and the Indians collapsing on her, she kicked it out to senior Brooke Corson, North Scott’s defensive specialist, who drained what proved to be the winning three-pointer.

“I just happened to be the person that was open,” said Corson, who finished with six points, all from beyond the arc. “I just shot it, and it happened to go in.”

“When I looked and saw Brooke, I knew she was going to hit the three,” said Boffeli. “She’s a big part of our team, and I just had confidence in her.”

Still, with 39 seconds left, the game was far from over.

Both teams traded timeouts, and Riley Wright’s shot with 10 seconds left was off the mark. Boffeli grabbed her eighth and final rebound of the game, and the Indians then fouled her four straight times in order to get into the bonus.

Finally, with six seconds left, Boffeli stood at the line with a chance to put her team up three. She missed the free throw, Riley Wright got the rebound and headed up court. With 1.4 left she was fouled by senior Rylie Rucker, just before launching a pass to a wide-open Sadie Struchen under the basket.

Marion fans wanted an intentional foul, which would have meant two free throws, but officials saw it differently and gave the Indians the ball at half court.

“It was crazy at the end. It was good to have that basketball IQ,” said Rucker. “Coach said to foul. It probably wasn’t the most ideal foul, but I knew I wasn’t catching her if I didn’t half tackle her.

“I kind of just grabbed her, and it kind of looked worse than what it was. Thankfully the ref didn’t call it any worse than what their fans thought it was. It was a matter of being smart and knowing the situation.”

The Indians called a timeout to set up one last play. Ella Van Weelden tossed a high arcing pass to Riley Wright on the low block. She dribbled, was met by junior Adriane Latham and Engelkes, and her shot was off the mark.

Game over. Lancers win. The state title was heading back to Eldridge.

“Marion was obviously No.1,” said Boffeli, “but we knew we could fight with them, and we knew it was going to

come down to the fourth quarter. We just needed to lock down the defense when we did, and that was the difference.”

Boffeli finished with 24 points and eight rebounds, while Scott chipped in nine. Presley Case finished with six points, seven rebounds and five assists.

“This is absolutely crazy,” said Scott, who played like a veteran on the big stage. “I wouldn’t say I’m the best shot, but everybody on the team is good in certain moments, and some nights everybody has a great night which helps us all gain confidence.

“We knew we could do this thing and finish it. We were nervous at the end, but we just knew we had to stay calm and stay together, which was our motto. We did, and that got us the win.”

“Credit the girls,” said Coach Case. “There was no quit. We were running some offense-defense switches late (with Corson and Scott), and all the girls had a piece of it. It has truly been a together team, and this was a together win.”

Both coaches also had glowing comments for their opponents.

“Marion is phenomenal,” said Case. “No question about it. They are the deepest five girls on the floor that we’ve had to play all year, and they are really,

really good.”

“North Scott is absolutely a great program,” said Laube, who returns three starters next year, including Riley Wright, Kayba Laube and Ella Van Weelden. “They have good players and are well-coached.

“We have a lot of respect for them. We knew they would be one of the teams we’d have to play, and they will always be in the mix. I don’t think we’ve seen the last of them.”

North Scott 50, Marion 49												
Saturday, March 2 at Wells Fargo Arena												
Score by Quarters												
North Scott	18	15	10	7	—	50						
Marion	14	11	16	8	—	49						
Player	2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS	M			
Presley Case	0-4	2-5	0-1	6	7	5	1	0	32			
Brooke Corson	0-0	2-7	0-0	6	1	1	0	0	15			
Rylie Rucker	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	5	2	0	0	28			
Chloe Engelkes	1-3	1-5	0-0	5	3	0	0	0	27			
Grace Boffeli	10-15	0-0	4-6	24	8	2	0	2	31			
Samantha Scott	0-1	3-5	0-0	9	1	0	1	0	19			
Adriane Latham	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	1	0	0	8			
Totals	11-23	8-23	4-7	50	30	11	2	2	160			
Player	2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS	M			
Leah Van Weelden	0-1	2-3	0-0	6	0	1	0	0	32			
Randi Wright	2-6	2-4	0-0	10	3	0	0	3	23			
Riley Wright	5-10	0-3	2-3	12	5	4	1	0	32			
Kayba Laube	3-5	4-8	0-0	18	5	0	0	0	32			
Ella Van Weelden	0-0	0-3	0-0	0	2	1	1	0	28			
Sadie Struchen	0-0	1-1	0-0	3	1	1	0	0	13			
Totals	10-22	9-22	2-3	49	22	7	2	3	160			



With Chloe Engelkes running interference and her teammates looking on, senior Brooke Corson launches a three.

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Lancer junior Grace Boffeli was unstoppable on her way to 21 first-half points. The Indians tried everything, but as evidenced by this drive, even two Indians were no match for the 6'2" Boo.

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BOYS' SUBSTATE FINAL

'This never gets old'

Lancers book return trip to Des Moines; complete daily double

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

The victory was dominating. The ensuing celebration extra sweet. North Scott's boys' basketball team is going back to Des Moines.

When the Lancers dispatched Cedar Rapids Prairie with a 57-52 win in the season opener, the headline screamed, "A doozy of a debut."

Now, three months and 22 wins later, the headline could just as easily blare, "Done Deal."

After ending the sixth-ranked Hawks' season just like it began, only this time with an unthinkable, unexpected and thoroughly unequivocal 55-40 substate stunner on Tuesday (Feb. 26) at Iowa City Liberty, North Scott sealed its state tournament dream.

Sure, the Lancers have danced on the big stage before — most recently just a year ago — but never in school history have both the girls' and boys' basketball teams teamed up for the state tournament two-step.

With the girls doing their part in Des Moines just hours earlier, thanks to a convincing quarterfinal win over Denison-Schleswig, Lancer Nation hit the daily double later that night.

What turned out to be a Terrific Tuesday was signed, sealed and delivered, all wrapped up in a scarlet-and-silver ribbon that stretched from Eldridge to the state capitol, and topped by a beautiful big bow in North Liberty.

Boy, this never gets old!
"This is pretty special to go back-to-back to Des Moines, and especially with this group," said senior Reece Sommers, a four-year varsity letter winner. "It's so awesome.



With teammate Carson Rollinger (12) and the North Scott section signalling what's about to happen, Lancer senior Reece Sommers drains a second-half three. NSP photo by Scott Campbell



Junior Ty Anderson splits a pair of Prairie defenders as he goes up strong with this field goal attempt. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

"What a venue for this! It's a beautiful school. Lancer Nation was incredible, and we're not done. I told the guys, 'Three more.' We can celebrate, but we have three more."

"This never gets old," said senior Carson Rollinger. "Last year was an amazing feeling to get to Des Moines, and this year even more so. The girls have been on a roll winning games. We knew we had to do our job, and we did. Next week should be fun."

"This is about as special as it gets, so far," said junior Sam Kilburg. "Beating a great team like Prairie is big for us, and we're excited to win a state championship this year."

For the third time in five years the Lancers and their legion of loving fans will be heading west, hoping to get a head start on Spring Break with a long stay in Des Moines.

After suffering a 52-44 first-round loss to West Des Moines Valley a year ago, the Lancers are primed to make amends.

Despite being ranked No. 1 earlier in the season, and with only one loss, the Lancers will be entering as the No. 2 seed behind Waukee (20-2). North Scott was scheduled to take the court last night (Tuesday) in an 8:15 p.m. encounter with seventh-seeded Ames.

Looming on the other half of their bracket are No. 3 and defending state champion Cedar Falls (18-3), and sixth-seeded Sioux City East (21-1), both returning state qualifiers.

Rounding out the eight-team Class 4A field, along with Waukee, who finished third last year, are No. 4 Iowa City West (17-4), last year's state runner-up; fifth seed Dubuque Senior (17-3), a team that eliminated Bettendorf in their substate final; and No. 8 West Des Moines Dowling (13-10).

If victorious Tuesday, the Lancers will advance to the 6:30 p.m. semis on Thursday, with the state title tilt set for Friday at 8:30 p.m. The third-place consolation game is scheduled for 11:55 a.m. that morning.

snubbed by not getting the No. 1 seed, which was determined by the eight state tournament coaches.

However, that's nothing new for the Lancers. When they took the floor against Prairie, just about everybody outside of Scott County was picking the Hawks in this one.

Prairie basically had home court advantage — having played in the brand spanking new Liberty gym earlier in the season — and had to travel less than 20 minutes for their own date with destiny.

That date is still on hold.

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Senior Tavi Seales was a man on a mission against the Hawks, and constantly blew past opponents, such as Keegan Murray, on his way to a 22-point night. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

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BOYS' BB: 'We beat a state tournament team'

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When the two teams met in The Pit back in November, the Hawks jumped to an early 6-0 cushion, led 28-23 at the half, and nursed a 47-43 lead with just over six minutes left in the game before the Lancers came storming back.

This one was really never that close. The spectacular Murray twins — Kris and Keegan — were nonfactors. In the first meeting between the teams, the twin towers combined for 43 points, and were averaging 40 points a game.

They had 22 on Tuesday, with Keegan netting 17. They were a combined 7-of-23 from the field. Enough said.

Staring conventional basketball wisdom straight in the face, the smaller Lancers — Prairie's starting lineup went 6'8", 6'7", 6'7", 6'5", 6'0" — attacked the rim at will, spent more time in the paint than Picasso, and created a magical masterpiece.



With teammates Ty Anderson (32) and Reece Sommers standing ready, Sam Kilburg knocks the ball away from Prairie's Harrison Cook during first-half action.

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Seniors Tavi Seales and Rollinger set the tone early, and weren't bashful about broadcasting coach Shamus Budde's beautiful game plan.

After Kilburg got the Lancers on the board with a steal that led to a free throw, Seales and Rollinger took to the air with back-to-back acrobatic drives that boosted North Scott to a 6-0 lead, thanks to Rollinger's and-one.

"The game plan was to have other guys beat us besides the Murrays, and I thought we did a good job in the first quarter," said Budde. "We wanted to play with a pace and get to the rim. We were able to do that early.

"We really got in there. After the first game, we looked at film and thought, 'Man, this is what they're giving us.' We went and took advantage of it."

A Sommers three and another paint penetration by Seales eventually pushed the Lancer lead to 11-2, and it was 16-9 after the first quarter, where the Lancers were 6 of 10 from the field.

Another Sommers bomb, sandwiched around two more Seales drives, one resulting in an old-fashioned three-point play, boosted North Scott's lead to 24-12 with five minutes left in the half, and it was right about that time the Lancer girls' team walked into the gym to a standing ovation.

"I think all five of us got on the board early, and that's huge for our confidence," said Sommers. "We were phenomenal tonight, and didn't have a lot of breakdowns. We were focused for 32 minutes."

Prairie finished the half with a 9-0 run to cut the gap to 24-21 by intermission, and then made it 24-23 just seconds into the third quarter on a pair of Keegan Murray free throws.

"Prairie did a good job of making adjustments in the second quarter by putting a guy we weren't guarding down on the block," said Budde. "We had to make an adjustment at half, and our kids adjusted really well to that, 'cause we did not practice that at all."

When the Hawks pulled to within one, the Lancers didn't even blink.

Seales and Rollinger went back to work in the paint, boosting the lead to 28-23, and it was 33-25 with three minutes left, thanks to four more Seales markers and a Kilburg free throw.

Sommers, who lives for games like this, especially after delivering a buzzer-beating three-point dagger in last year's substate final, added his third trey of

the night to give North Scott a 36-27 lead with 1:30 on the third-quarter clock, and it was 38-28 entering the fourth.

It would get no closer.

The Lancers played with ice in their veins down the stretch. After hitting just five of 12 free throws in the first six minutes of the final period, they finished the game in style by drilling eight straight in the final 63 seconds, including four by junior Ty Anderson and two each by Seales and Rollinger.

That's a far cry from the first time the two teams met, when the Lancers went cold from the line by converting just two of 10 free throws in the final three minutes, with Seales going an uncharacteristic 1-for-8.

After that game Seales was so despondent that he went back and shot 25 free throws before going home, but on this night, all he had to do was celebrate.

In a nutshell, he was spectacular. After scoring just nine points in the season opener, the slashing senior went off for 22 in this one, connecting on 7 of 13 from the field and going 8 for 11 from the line.

"I knew what we needed tonight, and I just wanted to do whatever I could to help us get there," said Seales, "no matter if it was guarding, scoring, being a leader or diving on the floor. My goal was to win and get to state."

"Me taking control wasn't part of the game plan. The plan was play together, be patient, and do whatever we needed to do to win."

Sommers added 14 and pulled down a team-high six rebounds. Anderson, who opened the year with a 17-point, 11-rebound double double, added eight points and five boards, while Rollinger finished with seven markers.

"I wasn't frustrated at all, not having as many points," said the 6'6" Anderson. "I have faith in my teammates, and I knew they'd get the job done as well. It just feels great knowing we punched our ticket to state."

The Lancers made it look easy, but didn't necessarily see it that way.

"It wasn't as easy as it looked," said Sommers. "In these high school games, and once you get to the end, and as lengthy as they are, it's tough. Coming out on top in a game like this just shows how tough of a group that we have here."

"A lot of preparation went into this," added Kilburg. "Prairie made a good adjustment in the second quarter, which allowed them to get on that run, and we made adjustments at halftime. That's props to the coaching staff and everybody being flexible."

"We had a good game plan," said Rollinger. "Our scout team gave us a good look, and we were ready to roll. It wasn't easy. Prairie is a great team. Those Murray twins can shoot wherever they want, but we just went out and played well."

Prairie coach Jeremy Rickertsen was gracious in defeat.

"It was tough, and we knew it would be," he said. "The defense that they played on Kris and Keegan kind of limited us, and we needed somebody else to step up and score. It was just hard all night to try and do that.

"North Scott just made it tough to score, and we couldn't stop them inside. They just played very well. It stinks to lose one game short of the state tournament, but I think we're a top 8 team."

He got no argument from Budde.

"We beat a state tournament team," said Budde. "They are a very good team, and there is no question about it. This wasn't easy by any means, but it feels good.

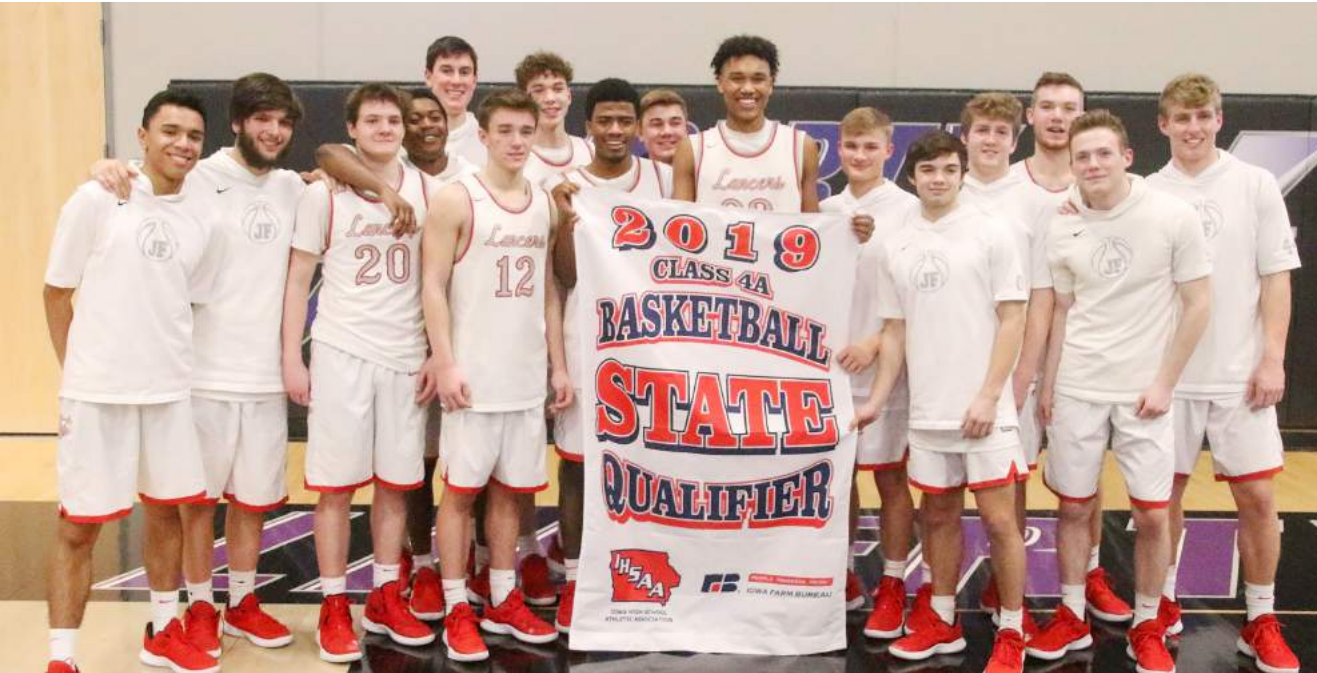
"I'm happy for our kids, but we aren't done. It will be fun preparing for some teams we haven't played before. Our kids will be ready."



Carson Rollinger wasn't afraid to drive the lane against the taller Hawks.

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North Scott 55, Cedar Rapids Prairie 40												
Tuesday, Feb. 26 at Iowa City Liberty												
Score by Quarters												
North Scott		16	8	14	17	—	55					
CR Prairie		9	12	7	12	—	40					
Player		2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS			
Carson Rollinger		2-4	0-2	3-4	7	1	2	0	0			
Tavi Seales		7-10	0-3	8-11	22	5	1	0	0			
Sam Kilburg		1-3	0-1	2-3	4	2	0	1	0			
Reece Sommers		0-1	3-4	5-5	14	6	0	0	0			
Ty Anderson		2-4	0-0	4-4	8	5	0	1	0			
Landon Eiland		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals		12-22	3-10	22-27	55	19	3	2	0			
Player		2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS			
Keegan Murray		2-5	3-11	4-4	17	4	1	1	1			
Kris Murray		2-2	0-5	1-2	5	2	1	1	2			
Logan Burg		1-3	0-2	1-2	3	4	3	0	0			
Harrison Cook		3-4	0-5	0-0	6	3	1	0	1			
Garrett Pientok		2-2	0-1	0-0	4	4	0	1	0			
Max Lampe		1-2	0-1	0-0	2	1	0	0	0			
Gabe Burkle		1-1	0-0	1-1	3	1	0	0	0			
Totals		12-19	3-25	7-9	40	21	6	3	4			



Members of North Scott's Class 4A state tournament team include (l-r): Brayden Walker, Logan Vis, Sam Kilburg, V'Ondre Haywood, Trent Allard, Carson Rollinger, Landon Eiland, Tavi Seales, Luke Jennings, Ty Anderson, Layne Hamann, Luke Haedt, Jackson Guffey, Reece Sommers, Nick Stanton and Ben Belken.

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Congratulations Lancers, State Champions!



2019 Class 4A State Champions: Front (l-r): Chloe Engelkes, Brooke Kilburg, Rachel Anderson, Paige Blaskovich, Presley Case and Samantha Scott. Back: Asst. coach Colin Woods, coach T.J. Case, Rylie Rucker, Adriane Latham, Tarynn Kuehl, Sydney Happel, Grace Boffeli, Avery Woods, Reagan Schoening, Kami Nagle, Grace Hansel, Brooke Corson, asst. coach Devvin Rolston, asst. coach Todd Satterly.

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The making of a State Championship

Record: 22-3
State Champions
NS 66, Cedar Rapids Kennedy 42
NS 58, Western Dubuque 34
NS 66, Burlington 19
NS 62, Clinton 35
NS 45, Muscatine 28
NS 71, Davenport Assumption 51
NS 38, Pleasant Valley 42
NS 65, Bettendorf 26
NS 66, Davenport West 18
NS 64, Davenport Central 19
NS 60, Davenport North 41
NS 40, Rock Island 53
NS 64, Burlington 14
NS 46, Clinton 34
NS 51, Muscatine 37
NS 63, Davenport Assumption 52
NS 50, Pleasant Valley 63
NS 62, Davenport West 24
NS 53, Davenport North 38
NS 57, Bettendorf 45

Regionals
NS 64, Maquoketa 44
NS 61, Keokuk 23

State Tournament
NS 56, Denison-Schleswig 37
NS 75, Bishop Heelan 47
NS 50, Marion 49

Post Season Honors
Mississippi Athletic Conference
Player of the Year — Grace Boffeli
First Team: Grace Boffeli, Presley Case
Second Team: Rylie Rucker
Honorable Mention: Chloe Engelkes, Brooke Corson

Class 4A All-Tournament Team
Grace Boffeli, Captain; Chloe Engelkes

Iowa Print Sportswriters Association All-State
First Team: Grace Boffeli
Second Team: Presley Case
Third Team: Rylie Rucker

Iowa Girls Coaches Association
First Team: Grace Boffeli
Second Team: Presley Case
Coach of the Year: T.J. Case



Mike Gesling waves to the crowd after being honored with North Scott's Sportsmanship Award prior to the first-round game. Gesling and his daughter, Kelsey, have attended every home and away game this season.

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Members of the Class 4A All-tournament team, as selected by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association, were (l-r) Captain Grace Boffeli, North Scott; Kayba Laube, Marion; Megan Meyer, Mason City; Ella Skinner, Bishop Heelan; Chloe Engelkes, North Scott, and Riley Wright, Marion.

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Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds presented Grace Boffeli with her medal for being named captain of the Class 4A all-tournament team.

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