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Play ball!

Eldridge pitches for international softball tourney in August, 2021

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Ontario's loss may be Eldridge's gain. Eldridge council members Monday agreed to commit up to \$15,000 and consider Sheridan Meadows Park ball field improvements in a bid to draw the Aug. 14-21, 2021, International Softball Congress' men's fast-pitch tournament.

Visit Q-C director Dave Herrell calculated a \$1.2-million regional economic impact for an event that would draw more than 2,500 fans and require 2,000 hotel room nights.

"It's an eight-day men's fast pitch; 133 games and 36 teams, kind of the best of the best," Herrell said.

Previous tournaments have drawn teams from 12 countries. About 40 percent of the participants are from Canada, he said.

In July, the softball organization announced the 75th men's tournament in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. At that time, ISC executive director Larry Fisher told the *Kitchener Today* newspaper that the tournament was "a milestone event for the ISC." The town is home to

the Kitchener Hallman Twins, a perennial contender in the tournament.

Herrell said that plan was canceled. "They were in a pinch. They were scheduling an event in Canada, and that location no longer was ideal based on current Canadian mitigation challenges," Herrell told the council. "It's a pretty unique opportunity for the Quad Cities to jump in and help out a client to pull off this event in literally less than a year."

Herrell shared a proposal for a bid that calculated about \$79,000 in expenses and \$76,000 in revenue. That includes \$10,000 in food and other beverages, and another \$10,000 in beer sales alone.

Herrell said the Quad Cities hosted ISC tournaments at least five times. The same tourney generated about \$35,000 in beer sales the last time it was held in Moline. The Congress had been scheduled to hold its 2020 tournament in Moline.

The proposal says Eldridge would split concession revenue with Herrell's



Tourney facts

Players: 36 men's teams from a dozen countries.

Games: 133 games over 14 days.

Dates: Aug. 14-27, 2021

Eldridge costs: \$15,000 for expenses and \$30,000+ Sheridan Meadows improvements

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New food and flavors from 1,000-degree oven

Coal-fired Sacco's plans to draw customers from Quad-Cities region

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Kitchen's distinctions will hit customers of the Quad Cities' newest restaurant the moment they walk through the door.

A huge coal-fired oven is at the center of a dining room kitchen, where customers can see steaks, salmon, burgers, pizza and all hot menu items prepared in the open.

Fifteen draft beer taps will feature a revolving array of flavors, with three set aside for Bent River brews. That includes a new Sacco's label the restaurant will offer at all of its locations.

Garlic rotoli bread knots and meatball lollipops top an appetizer menu. Specialty pizzas include an Aloha, with pineapple (no sauerkraut), Greek, with red onions and spinach, and The Boss, with sausage, pepperoni, bacon, ham and meatballs.

That pizza will look and taste much different than the more familiar brand next door.

The restaurant that once held Lancers, and 350 Grille at 350 E. LeClaire Road, is aiming for a Dec. 14 opening.

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"We want talented entertainers who are comfortable interacting with customers. Our team is out in front of customers all day."

Chris Anschutz, Sacco's manager



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SACCO'S: Eldridge restaurant will be franchisee showcase

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Tom Sacco is the CEO of the Bettendorf-based company operating Tony Sacco's, and its next-door neighbor, Happy Joe's. Sacco says the dining experiences are entirely different.

"The closest thing to Sacco's in the Quad Cities now might be The Tanglewood," he said.

Sacco's aims for date nights, meet-ups with friends, and special occasions.

Sacco's kids' menu accommodates families, but the new restaurant will not duplicate the family dining experience that is the foundation of Happy Joe's business.

"Happy Joe wrote the book on family dining. It's a strong brand that no one can beat. This is a much more an adult dining experience," Sacco said.

In other communities, Sacco's favored suburban locations. Sacco's is a staple in Mentor, Ohio, just north of Cleveland; Granger, Ind., near South Bend; Estero, Fla., near Fort Myers, and Hartland, Mich., northwest of Detroit.

So far, Sacco's sticks with just one outlet in each market.

Tom Sacco said the Quad Cities would not have been on the Sacco's map.

"The Quad Cities is a great pizza market. We have so many different concepts in this area, and the king, Happy Joe's, has been here 48 years," he said.

"We're more of a suburban, higher-end concept, from a culinary standpoint. Because our headquarters is here, we bring potential franchisees to town. We wanted to be able to show them all of our concepts," he said.

Tony Sacco's will draw from the two-state Quad-Cities region, and not rely on Eldridge customers alone. He expects far more than half of its customers will be arriving off U.S. 61.

"People travel for this experience," Sacco said. "It's something they can't get in their hometowns."

Sacco deployed company chef Chris Anschutz to open the Eldridge location. Anschutz, of Pittsburgh, has worked with Tom Sacco for 14 years.

"This is our third company together. I believe in his vision. I drink his Kool-Aid. I've seen how he thinks, what he plans, and I know he sees it through," Anschutz said.

He's assembling a staff of about 30 for the opening, and expects it to grow to as many as 50 when pandemic restrictions lift and people feel more comfortable dining out.

Performers wanted

Anschutz said he's not looking for "help." He's looking for performers.

"We want talented entertainers who are comfortable interacting with customers. Our team is out in front of customers all day. They've got to be engaging," he said.

The coal-fired oven is a featured performer. Diners will see flames from a constantly burning bed of anthracite coal shipped from Hershey, Pa. Staff shovel coal in the morning and again before dinner to stoke the fire.

The 1,000-degree heat cooks a pizza in



Sacco's manager Chris Anschutz, right, works with contractors installing new countertops. Eldridge building permits for the new oven alone exceed \$50,000.

NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi

under four minutes. Anschutz said the coal fire adds a distinctive flavor that doesn't overpower the food.

"We don't have a fryer, or any other oven. Everything is cooked in there," he said.

The Eldridge restaurant coal oven served another restaurant before arriving here. City of Eldridge building permits list electrical and mechanical installation costs at over \$50,000.

Tom Sacco said menu items are made fresh, on-site daily. That includes bread and pizza dough, salads, and soups, including their Italian onion soup.

"It's what the general public might consider French onion soup. We have the caramelized onions, but with roasted garlic - lots of roasted garlic - and a splash of red wine."

Sacco is of Italian heritage and shares a name with the restaurant, but he's not related.

Happy Joe's sold a majority share to Dynamic Restaurant Holdings, LLC, in 2017.

DRH hired Sacco in October.

Sacco said his new job as Chief Happiness Officer brings him back to the Midwest.

"Back in the 1980s, I was involved with the expansion of Bonanza in Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota. I loved it," he said.

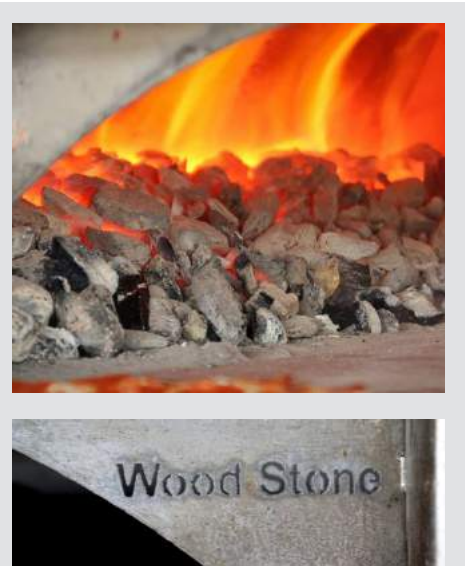
Sacco was CEO of Homestyle Dining LLC, which owned and operated Ponderosa Steakhouse, Bonanza Steak & BBQ and Bo's Steak & Grill brands.

Restaurant Business Online reports that Sacco was, "instrumental in the national expansion of Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse and Ghirardelli Chocolate & Ice Cream Shoppes."

Tony Sacco's was a Florida-based chain when DRH bought it and moved the headquarters to Bettendorf.

Sacco said the most apparent similarity among the two restaurants - perhaps the only one - is a strong focus on customers and franchisees. Both businesses avoided chasing restaurant trends, and stuck with menus responsible for their initial successes.

He said both chains are weathering pandemic restrictions. Happy Joe's had



The coal-fire difference

Everything at Tony Sacco's is cooked in a coal-fired oven that is the centerpiece of the dining area.

For the first time this century, someone will be paid to shovel coal in Eldridge.

Restaurant CEO Tom Sacco said bins of anthracite coal from Hershey, Pa., will be shipped to the site. Twice a day, an employee will top off an ever-burning coal bed that maintains a 1,000-degree heat.

"It stays active overnight, and we stoke it in the morning, and again before dinner," he said.

The high temperature of the Wood Stone-brand oven can cook a pizza in under five minutes. The quick heat works wonders on burgers, steaks and salmon, too, Sacco said.

well-developed carry-out and delivery operations that helped offset the loss of dining room business. That experience is helping both chains through the pandemic, he said.

He likens the two restaurants to Volkswagens and BMWs. "They're both German cars, but they're very different experiences. People don't get them mixed up," he said.

Rural county accounts for 18 percent of COVID cases

Just over 82 percent of all Scott County COVID-19 infections this year occurred in Davenport and Bettendorf.

Those cities held 90.5 percent of cases from March through July. Those cities had 82-83 percent of cases in August, October and November.

Only in September did the rural county infection rate hit 31 percent.

November was, by far, the worse pandemic month in Scott County, with over half of all positive cases reported this year.

Positive tests in the first week of December seem off November's pace.

Eldridge's 46 cases so far in December are just 10 percent of November's total.

County health officials said results have yet to detect any effects of Thanksgiving holiday travel.

	March-July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Bettendorf	336	181	225	488	1,266	115	2,611
Blue Grass	33	11	21	36	144	7	252
Buffalo	*	*	*	10	61	9	88
Davenport	1,123	335	519	1,292	3,869	340	7,478
Dixon	6	*	*	*	20	*	36
Donahue	*	*	*	10	53	1	73
Eldridge	58	53	96	134	460	46	847
LeClaire	27	18	42	73	152	17	329
Long Grove	9	10	23	37	94	6	179
McCausland	*	*	*	*	7	*	16
New Liberty	*	*	*	*	9	*	18
Pleasant Valley	*	*	*	32	12	*	48
Princeton	6	8	15	15	57	*	106
Walcott	14	*	8	25	84	*	136
Other							36
Totals	1,612	616	949	2,152	6,288	541	12,253

* - Number too small to report.

Source: Scott County Health Department data through Monday, Dec. 7, 2020

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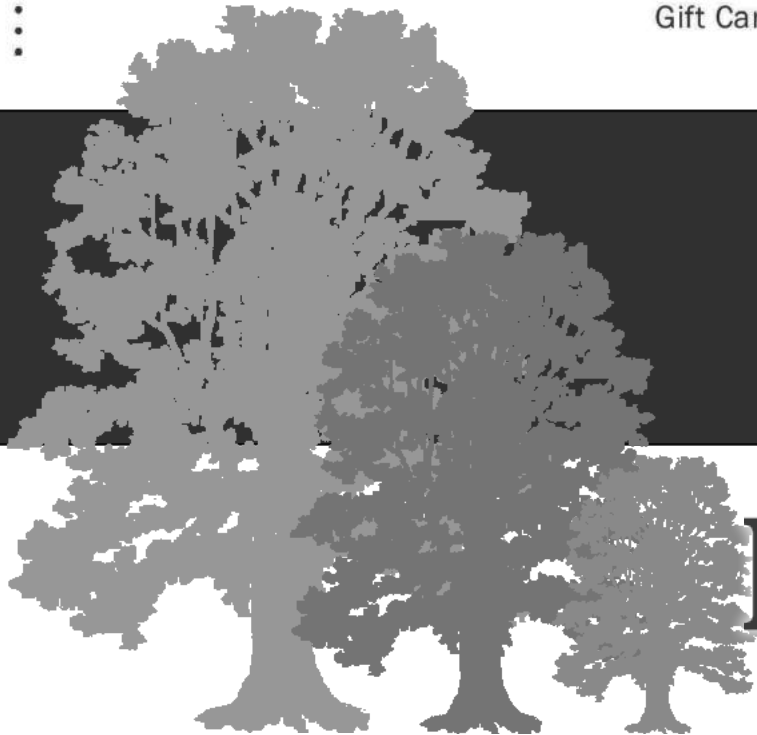
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TOURNEY: New dugouts, lights and deeper fence needed at Sheridan Meadows

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tourism organization. He said, "Visit QC would assume all the risk," for the event.

"We're not looking to make money, just break even," he told the council.

The proposal also requires Eldridge to improve the park's ballfields by adding new dugouts and lights on diamond No. 3, and move the outfield fence deeper, to 250 feet. Two trees would have to be removed, and a batting cage relocated.

Eldridge park board chairman Scott Campbell said the park board supports backing the bid.

"Obviously, until a week ago, this wasn't on our radar," said Campbell. "We met with Dave and his group, and we asked a lot of questions. At the end of the day, we thought this was a good opportunity."

Council member Adrian Blackwell, who serves as liaison to the park board, agreed.

"This wouldn't be a one-time investment. This is something for the future. Year after year, we could host these types of tournaments. Although it pains me to remove a couple of trees, but for greater good of project, that needs to be done. It's very hard to pass this up and let this opportunity slip through our hands," Blackwell said.

Council members meeting online voted 4-0 to back the bid. Council member Frank King was absent.

City administrator Lisa Kotter said the city's sponsorship cost could be funded from hotel/motel taxes. Ball-park improvements could be paid for from FEMA reimbursements for wind damage at the park caused by the August wind storm.

"We just heard today the park board will get \$31,000 for damage done to dugouts during the storms," she told the council.

She said initial public works estimates show \$15,000-\$18,000 to add the dugouts.

In addition to the FEMA reimbursements, Campbell said the park board is prepared to use funds from its capital improvement budget.

"We still have projects at other parks that are a priority, however, we felt the improvements we'd be making at Sheridan Meadows are worth doing now, and will serve us well in the future," he said.

Herrell urged council members to support planning now for events in anticipation that pandemic restrictions will be lifted.

"There's a lot of pent-up demand. Hopefully by summer, we'll have people

ready to go out and do things and be active. From a tourism viewpoint, we want to leverage that."

Electric rate hike hits Dec. 18

Eldridge Utilities manager Jacob Rowe said the city's electric utility residential customers should on average see a \$6-per-quarter increase in summer and \$5 quarterly increase in winter costs.

Rowe briefed council members on the rate changes approved last month by the utility board and detailed in the Nov. 25 edition of *The NSP*.

The rates go into effect Dec. 18, and will show up on the Feb. 1 quarterly bill, he said.

The board raised rates to generate about 7.06 percent more revenue. That will help offset losses attributed to the city's shared ownership of Mid-American's Louisa Generating Station.

The half-percent ownership generated profits that subsidized Eldridge rates. Now that solar and wind power are generating more, and overall demand is down, the Louisa station is costing the city money for the first time.

The utility also adopted a new "power cost adjustment," or PCA plan that allows incremental rate changes directly tied to changes in the costs of power. Rowe said those rate changes can be implemented without a utility board vote.

The adjustment factor is needed because of energy production price volatility.

"Ultimately, the PCA is there to keep us from collecting too much in a good year, but protect us in a bad year. There have been lots of ups and downs, and we're really not sure where this is going to go. The PCA is not a cure-all. We have to monitor closely," he said.

He told utility board members last month that another rate increase might be needed in 2021 depending on energy costs.

Another look at Muhs Circle parking

Parking restrictions passed by the council earlier this year left resident Don Umland with no on-street parking in front of his brand new Eldridge townhome.

Umland, of 101 Muhs Circle, asked council members to reconsider the parking ban they put in the first block of Muhs Circle west of First Street.

Umland said he received no notice and had heard or read nothing before the city painted his lot's street curb yellow to mark the parking ban.

"I called the public works department. They said it was something so

ordered to be done, and didn't give me many details," he told the council by phone Monday.

Council members approved the ban to keep sight lines open for cars turning onto and from First Street. Traffic turning from First frequently backed up, increasing risk of collisions.

"You'd hear a lot of screeching tires. It was not an uncommon situation. It happened a lot," Mayor O'Boyle told Umland.

Council members informally supported O'Boyle's suggestion to ask city engineering firm Shive Hattery to research and make a recommendation.

Dockery suggested leaving perhaps one space open across the street. Umland said that would help, and thanked the council for further consideration.

Pandemic aid check for \$162,705.90

Council members accepted a \$162,705.90 reimbursement check from Iowa's share of federal pandemic relief funds.

City administrator Lisa Kotter said the check covers all of the city's requested reimbursement. "This is the maximum allowed by the state of a municipal government," she told the council.

The council voted to accept the funds and let the finance committee recommend how to use it.

New snow parking and shoveling rules

The council raised fines or fees for parking during snow emergencies, and failing to shovel sidewalks. Council members waived the rules to allow final

approval of a new \$75 administrative fee for residents who fail to shovel sidewalks in front of their properties within 36 hours. The fee and costs would be a tax lien against properties of owners who failed to pay.

Monday's council action also established a \$50 fine for first, \$100 for second, and \$200 for third offenses for parking on city streets in a snow emergency.

The parking fine is effective throughout town whenever the city issues a snow emergency, typically for snows of two or more inches.

The parking ordinance will be effective through most of the town, except a portion of downtown.

72-hour on-street parking limit

The council voted a third and final time to enact a 72-hour limit on on-street parking, and set a new \$25 fine, that will be effective Dec. 21. That resolution replaces a \$5 fine.

Franklin Street parking

The council approved the final reading that implements no parking on the north side of Franklin Street, the first 90 feet west of First Street.

River Valley Coop requested the change to accommodate semis turning out of the grain elevator.

Big 10 Mart liquor licenses

The council renewed Class B native wine and Class C beer permits with Sunday sales for Molo Oil's Big 10 Marts at 450 E. LeClaire Road and 121 S. 14th Ave.

Iowa sees 40-percent drop in new unemployment claims

By Kathie O'Bradovich

Iowa Capital Dispatch

Iowa saw a drop of nearly 40 percent in new unemployment claims filed last week after weeks of rising numbers of claims, Iowa Workforce Development reported Dec. 3.

This is the first significant drop in new claims since early October.

A total of 5,593 new claims were filed during the week of Nov. 22, a drop of 3,337 from the previous week's adjusted numbers. Continuing weekly unemployment claims also fell by 2,624 for a

total of 34,178.

For the first time in several weeks, a majority of claimants, just over 53 percent, also indicated their claims were not related to COVID-19, according to the state agency. Unemployment claims typically rise between November and February, according to state officials, because of seasonal layoffs in industries such as construction, agriculture, landscaping and manufacturing.

For the week ending Nov. 28, unemployment insurance benefit payments totaled about \$8.14 million.

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY

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NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Charlotte L. Jackson, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Charlotte L. Jackson, Deceased, who died on or about July 17, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on the 20th day of November, 2020, the last will and testament of Charlotte Jackson executed on February 21, 1996, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Joyce Jackson was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be

brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2020.

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Rock family's Grand Mound Christmas display finds new home

TYCOGA Vineyard erects 33-year-old attraction

By Kate Howes
The Observer, DeWitt

The Rock family's famous Christmas display in Grand Mound lives on.

The proprietors of TYCOGA Vineyard and Winery, off U.S. 61 north of DeWitt, have erected the mammoth display at their home next to the vineyard, and will have it lit 5-11 p.m., through Jan. 1.

Cary and Ben Arndt inherited the Rock family display that has been a Grand Mound holiday highlight since 1987.

The display originally was created in 1987 by the late Larry and Marilyn Rock, of rural Grand Mound. The last time the Rock family set up the display on their farm was Christmas 1999. In 2000, the city of Grand Mound took over setting it up at the ball park to continue the custom.

After that, Roger Outman tended the presentation on his rural Grand Mound farm.

"We had seen the display in the past, back when it was in Grand Mound and then again a time or two at the Oltmans' (Roger and Mary)," Carey Arndt said. "We absolutely loved it then when our children, Tyler, Courtney and Gabe, were little."

A long-time admirer of the festive presentation, Carey Arndt said she reached

out in February to its previous owner, Roger Oltman. She wondered if he was ready to pass the proverbial torch to someone else.

At the time, Oltman said he still was happy to keep it going at his rural Grand Mound home. However, just two months later, Oltman called Carey to say he'd changed his mind and asked if she and Ben still were interested in carrying on the treasured Christmas custom.

Of course, she said yes.

In July and August, the Arndts began the process of moving the numerous parts of the display from Grand Mound to their home. They spent September and October using paint to touch up some of the pieces.

The display is ready for viewing now through Jan. 1, 5-11 p.m. at the Arndts' home, located at 2579 195th St. It is just past TYCOGA Vineyard and Winery. People are welcome to travel down the gravel road, and turn around to the north of their shed. Or, if they prefer, people may park at the winery and walk.

In an interview with *The Observer*, of DeWitt, in November of 2011, Marilyn Rock admitted they had no idea just how popular — not to mention, immense — their display would become.

"We started mainly by putting lights on the buildings around our farm," she related. "Then, we started making all the little cut-out snowmen and manger animals, and things just escalated from there."



"For us to then acquire this beautiful Christmas tradition, It makes it that much more special." Carey Arndt, TYCOGA Vineyard and Winery

In fact, one year, Marilyn noted, they had people from 33 states and six foreign countries come to see it — information they were able to gather thanks to a ledger visitors were asked to sign.

Carey Arndt said her family's connection to the Rock family goes back several years — their son is married to the Rocks' granddaughter.

"For us to then acquire this beautiful Christmas tradition," Carey shared, "it makes it that much more special."

Carey said while they didn't have enough time to set out every single piece of the display, they have the bulk of it ready for viewing and will add more for next year.

They have the mini chapel, which was designed to look exactly like the one in

which the Rocks were married. Also set up are Santa's workshop, Santa's daycare, the gingerbread house, stable, reindeer barn, train, carolers, Santa's sleigh and reindeer, and numerous other wooden figures.

"With the year we've had and this COVID mess, I am so excited and happy to share some joy with everyone," Carey Arndt said. "I want people to remember the spirit of Christmas, even though we've had hard times this year. Life is truly a gift, no matter what, and we will all make it through this."

"(We will) let the light shine on from Marilyn and Larry and the Rock family. I'd also like to send a special thank you to the Oltmans for passing this on to our family."

NEW! 'Relish' in this week's NSP

One of the most popular magazines in the AMG Parade lineup is making its debut in this week's *North Scott Press*.

The monthly magazine "Relish" is all about food and seasonal recipes. It will appear as a special section the second

week of the month going forward.

"Relish is a favorite in AMG Parade's lineup of magazines," said NSP publisher Bill Tubbs. "We've waited to be able to offer this as a bonus for our subscribers. We're delighted it's finally here. Enjoy!"



Lincoln Highway history is subject of Dec. 15 webinar

Learn the history of Lincoln Highway in a 50-minute webinar, 6:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway coordinator Janice Gammon will share autobiographical stories, old photos, early traveler books and documented history about the first continental United States road that crosses 330 miles of Iowa from Clinton to Council Bluffs. The highway mostly follows U.S. 30 across the state.

Tickets are \$10 and available at prrcd.org. For more information contact Gammon at jgammon@prrcd.org or call (515) 232-0048.

The photo above from Iowa Department of Transportation archives shows a motorist on the Lincoln Highway near Tama in 1919.

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These women were recently elected officers of the Walcott Legion Auxiliary. Front (l-r): Lynn Farmer, Nancy Koberg, Janice Dawson and Mary Golinghorst. Back: Karen Harris, Shirley Arp and Kathy Kappeler. Contributed photo



Pictured with facemasks that they made are Walcott Legion Auxiliary members (l-r) Lois Kundel, Mary Golinghorst, Linda Garlock, Karen Harris, Lynn Farmer and Elaine Arp (front). Contributed photo

Walcott Legion Auxiliary back in action

The Walcott Legion Auxiliary held their election of officers in August. The group is also in full swing again with community service projects. Members sewed 200 facemasks and distributed them to students at Walcott School, Walcott Calvary Pre-school, Courtyard Estates and fellow auxiliary members.

Auxiliary members also made and donated 486 rice bags to Fillmore Elementary School in Davenport for their "Challenge to Challenge Inc." program, which provides each student with a rice bag for them to keep at school and help increase social emotional skills. The Mindfulness practices, including guided relaxation practices, are proven to assist in the regulation of emotions, aid in focus and attention, improve self-awareness, mitigate the effects of bullying, increase self-confidence, and create a calm learning space.



Auxiliary members also delivered rice bags to members of the Fillmore Elementary School staff in Davenport. Contributed photo

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A theater adaptation by Joe Landry, this beloved holiday classic will captivate viewers as a 1940s era radio broadcast performed live from the Maytag Auditorium at Iowa PBS in Johnston, Iowa.

An ensemble of five actors and one sound effects artist gives life to a few dozen characters on stage. "While the arts are not pandemic relief, they provide us essential relief from the pandemic," said Iowa Stage Theatre Company artistic director Matthew McIver. Funding for the program is provided by Iles Funeral Homes.

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OPINION

A COVID CHRISTMAS

Sad Season's Greetings

We're now at the midway point between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In terms of the coronavirus pandemic, we're still waiting for the predicted post-Thanksgiving surge, and already looking ahead to what the Christmas holidays might look like.



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Just a year ago, COVID-19 wasn't even part of our vocabulary. As we prepared to celebrate the 2019 holiday season, there was plenty of Christmas cheer, optimism and reasons to make memories.

At my house, we were looking forward to the February birth of a new granddaughter, and many trips to St. Louis as we expected to welcome her into our family with open arms.

How exciting it was for my parents to look forward to the birth of their first great-grandchild, and for my wife's parents to have their first great-granddaughter.

They were times filled with laughter, anticipation and opportunities to count blessings. Who could have predicted what lay ahead? The past 10 months have been like none other in our lifetimes.

With the shortest day of the year right around the corner, darkness seems to be everywhere. Forget the post-holiday blahs, we're already seemingly living through the pre-Christmas blues, or maybe, it's just a carryover from a Thanksgiving that none of us thought we could ever imagine.

Empty chairs

At my house, there were three empty chairs around the table, as my daughter, son-in-law and new granddaughter chose to spend the holiday alone, safe and sound in their own home.

We tried to adhere to the CDC guidelines, choosing not to see family, and hoping our safe choices would make it possible to see each other at Christmas.

As Beth and I took one of three walks around town that day, we took comfort in the fact that there seemed to be very few large family gatherings in Eldridge.

Driveways were empty. Streets were seemingly deserted. There was a serene calmness around town, and we hoped and prayed that things would be different a month later.

Now, I'm not so sure.

In recent weeks I seem to know more and more people who have tested positive for the virus. We've had various city officials from around the county, area pastors, at least one coach at the high school and many others contract COVID.

For some, the symptoms have been relatively minor. For others, it's a health condition one wouldn't wish on their worst enemy. In fact, one told me that for 24 hours he thought he was going to die, and he actually hoped he would die.

With that said, many have lost their lives, including several that I know personally. Less than a month ago, one of my mother's cousins died from COVID, and two weeks later, her daughter succumbed to the same virus.

By now, I would imagine that most of us can put a face on a COVID-19 victim or survivor. That in itself is a sobering thought.

In recent weeks I seem to know more and more people who have tested positive for the virus. We've had various city officials from around the county, area pastors, at least one coach at the high school and many others contract COVID.

The pandemic continues to hit close to home. My wife's parents live at Grand Haven. They haven't been out of the facility since March. It's our senior citizens that are truly the forgotten victims.

Give credit to Grand Haven for going above and beyond in the direst of circumstances. For months the facility was on total lockdown, with no visitors allowed. They later lifted the restrictions so residents could have one visitor at a time, between 1 and 3 p.m. each day.

When the early-fall surge hit Scott County, they went back to lockdown status, but a few weeks ago they unveiled newly built cubicles where visitors and residents could meet through a Plexiglas window, much like you would see in a prison.

20 positive cases at Grand Haven

Now, things are bad. In the past two weeks there have reportedly been 20 positive covid cases. Residents are confined to their rooms, with all meals delivered in Styrofoam containers.

What a change from years past, where carolers would parade through the halls on a daily basis, not to mention special holiday programs and treats for residents.

Not this year. I fear it's going to be a dark and depressing Christmas for some deeply loved people in our community, as well as their families.

My granddaughter is 10 months old today. Her great-grandparents still haven't held her. My wife's visits have been limited. My heart breaks.

Still, we soldier on, and I find myself conflicted. We're told there is another surge coming, yet in some instances, we try to maintain a business-as-usual attitude, when things are indeed far from normal.

Positive cases continue to rise, yet school is in session. North Scott's girls' basketball team did shut down for a week, but the Lancers are still playing games, albeit in front of a mostly "parents-only" crowd.

It's been a trying year for local businesses. Some have been forced to close. Others continue to find ways to stay open, yet I worry about everybody's safety.

Fortunately, more and more people seem to be wearing masks. A vaccine appears to be imminent, and it's a much needed small light at the end of this very dark tunnel.

Christmas is still two weeks away, and as Christians, we point toward a brighter light, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of a Savior. In the days and weeks ahead, I pray that we can all stay safe, and those who are sick, can find relief.

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NORTH SCOTT

School closing decisions

As we get closer to the winter season, I hope this article is a reminder of how we handle calling off school.

Every weather event presents a new and different challenge regarding whether to delay or cancel classes. Please know that our number one priority is the safety of our students, teachers, and staff. Any decision we make is done with that in mind.



Focus on Education

by Joe Stutting

Here is the process we use for making a weather call: I begin to watch the weather forecasts on a regular basis. When a storm is developing, I will use the local television station forecasts, the Weather Channel, and the National Weather Bureau for information. When a storm is approaching, I will consult internally with LuAnn Baetke, North Scott transportation manager. I also consult externally with the Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley, and Davenport school districts, Scott County Road Department, National Weather Service, and other North Scott community departments. The Iowa DOT provides access to information through its website. I try to gather as much information as possible to make sure our buses, parents, and student drivers are able to get to and from school safely.

When a storm comes in overnight, we will begin the decision process very early in the day. We will take into consideration the amount of snow that has fallen, current road conditions, and the forecast. Because the North Scott school district is so spread out, we know that conditions may vary across the

district. Our goal is to make a decision between 4:30-5:00 a.m. The reason we want to make the decision that early is for the number of students and staff who are heading to school around that same time.

I am personally not a big fan of late starts. I know that late starts and early releases put a lot of stress on families. A late start that turns into a cancellation can be very difficult for families to find daycare for their young children. We will use a late start when we know the road conditions will be fine with a delay. Early release will be used when conditions are deteriorating and we need to get the students home. I expect both of these to be used on a rare occasion.

Cold weather can also cause school to be canceled. When a wind chill warning has been issued, school will be canceled. A wind chill warning is when temperatures are sustained 35° or more below zero. A wind chill advisory will not cause a school cancellation or delay. All of the Quad Cities' school districts follow these guidelines for cold weather.

Once a decision is made, we will notify all staff and students by the school messenger system. We will also call the local television stations. As much as I would like to think that everyone will agree with every decision I make, I know that is not likely to happen. I always strive to make the best decision possible based on current information. As a parent or guardian, you always have the right to keep your child home for safety reasons.

Let's all hope that this winter is kind to all of us.

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READERS' POLL:

Christmas

With 48 votes counted, here is what readers said when asked how COVID will affect their plans for Christmas:

33 PERCENT: No changes. We will get together as is our family tradition.

13 PERCENT: We will limit it to our immediate family.

40 PERCENT: We will not get together with others at all.

15 PERCENT: We do not know at this time.

New Question: COVID-19 Vaccine

When the COVID-19 vaccine is available, will you take it?

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

More letters and columns are on the next page

OPINION

Meggers' 167.21 bpa is best in Scott

Dec. 9, 1970

• Long Grove Christian Church presented its children's Christmas program. Susan Lensch and Joel McCubbin played Mary and Joseph.

• Alan Shepard students had the opportunity to use a computer at the Alpine Center in Davenport. They worked math problems and participated in Civil War battle strategy reenactments.



Our Past

From the files of *The North Scott Press* compiled by Erin Gentz

• Harold Meggers of rural Eldridge won the Scott County corn yield contest with a yield of 167.21 bushels per acre. Wilbert Engelbrecht of rural Davenport topped the soybean yield contest, with a yield of 55.65 bushels per acre.

• Earl Oelerich of Eldridge and Walter Fahrenkrog and Lloyd Whisler, both of Donahue, passed the Internal Revenue Service Special Enrollment Examination.

• Ron Green of Eldridge bagged his first deer, a 115-pound six-point buck, on a hunting trip.

Dec. 11, 1980

• The North Scott High School Jazz Band won first place in class and overall grand champion at the eighth annual High School Jazz Band Festival held at Augustana College. Kevin Halstead was named outstanding jazz soloist of the festival. He received a plaque and a scholarship to attend a jazz band camp at the Birch Creek Farm Performing Arts Academy in Door County, Wis.

• Members of the Eldridge Volunteer Fire Department demonstrated their new Jaws of Life hydraulic scissors.

• Bob Marshall of Long Grove turned his love of the outdoors and his artistic skills into a taxidermy hobby. After discovering that taxidermists in the area were few and far between and the prices were high, he took night classes at the Davenport Museum to learn the process for himself.

• The Scott County Farm Bureau received top honors as the state's most outstanding legislative action program at the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation convention. Accepting the award was committee chairman Jack Schinckel.

• The North Scott School Board heard an update on construction to the Fine Arts Auditorium. District director of operations Fred Jansen reported that they were waiting on a shipment of steel construction beams to come in, and work would be slowed for several weeks until the shipment arrived.

Dec. 13, 1995

• High winds made for a treacherous weekend in Scott County. Wind chill estimates dipped as cold as 30-below zero. The pipes froze at North Scott High School, forcing students and staff to endure a chilly day as repairs were conducted.

• North Scott debate team member Hannah Morrell placed in the quarterfinals at the Iowa Forensic League Lincoln/Douglas Squared Tournament. Fellow team member Travis Lott also placed in the Super Session of the Legislative Debate competition.

• Nancy Schriefer was named the new head of Walnut Grove Pioneer Village. Her plans included trying to raise the attraction's profile in the community and attracting more students.

• Eldridge councilmen Bob Wiese and Larry Syring retired from the council. Syring had served for nine years, and Wiese had served for six years on the current council, as well as another stint

20 years prior.

• Members of the Neil Armstrong student council organized a food drive and collected 47 bags of food. Shown were Carolyn Schoon, Emily Pearson, Christie Bartel and Nikki Ferden.

Dec. 14, 2005

• Runoff elections finally settled two area city council contests. Brian Wood and Jim Curtis won two-year seats on the Eldridge City Council. In Princeton, where just four votes separated the winners from the losers, Mark Lee and Penelope Miller won election to the city council. Turnout was low in both contests.

• Donahue received a no-interest loan from the Iowa Finance Authority to help correct problems with the water system.

• The Eldridge Post Office had its own special mailbox for letters to Santa. Postmaster Tracy Harris refurbished a 1940s era box. Children were promised a personal answer if their envelope had a return address.

• Members of Park View Lutheran Church traveled to Biloxi, Miss., to help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Those helping included Darrell Thomsen, Reid Grunwald, Rily Grunwald, Pastor Bob Bartel, Bob Rands, Paul Kalainoff, Chuck Moeller, Jason Holden, and Ryan Grunwald.

• After a six-month renovation, the Princeton branch of the Scott County Library was ready to welcome patrons back. The building, which was basically gutted, received a new roof, doors, windows, furnace, air conditioner, wiring, bathrooms, fresh paint, new flooring and new furnishings. The library featured a new community room, a teen room, and a new bank of computers.

Dec. 9, 2015

• Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump made a campaign appearance at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds.

• Jeff Beer and Laura Chadima-Beer announced they would open their second AirFX Trampoline Park in the former R.R. Donnelly building in Eldridge. The first location was in Hiawatha.

• The North Scott Silver Shakers were state champions in the pom and lyrical categories at the Iowa State Dance Team Competition. They also placed second in jazz. Team members included Elsa Treiber, Olivia Markham, Hannah Link, Kennedy Braack, Kenedy Bender, Bethany Schwarz, Isabel Brimyer, Brenna Meier, Rachael Roenfeldt, Kaeli Verbrugge, Nicola Hanna, Paige Allison, Alyssa Schnoor, Lily Kain, Malak Almotairi, Dana Gehrls, Haley McClure, Lydia Ralfs, Mallory Loussaert, and Madison Bergmann.

• Winners of the North Scott Fine Arts Awards sponsored by *The North Scott Press* and Rotary Club of North Scott were Bill Kessinger (Instrumental Music), Joni Kuehl-Schneider (Visual Arts), James Laird (Vocal Music), Shellee Littell Frazee and Brad Frazee (Drama) and Nicholas Arp (Special Award).

• North Scott FFA members who attended an FFA National Leadership Conference in Ankeny included Lilly Billington, Kayla Hughes, Rachel Paustian, Andrew Broderson, Collin Costelo, Jesse Kreiter and Kaitlyn Makelbust.

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TRANSPARENCY

Focus on ethics is encouraging but should extend beyond COVID-19 vaccine

It didn't get much attention, but one of the tidbits of information released last week about Iowa's distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine was the inclusion of ethical experts on an advisory panel that will guide the state's decisions about how, where and to whom the limited supply of vaccines will be provided.



Iowa Capital Dispatch

by Kathie O'Bradovich

Dr. Kelly Garcia, acting director of Iowa Department of Public Health as well as the state human services director, discussed plans to convene an infectious disease advisory council of "external and internal subject matter experts" to provide clinical

guidance.

"This council will assist the state in developing COVID-19 vaccine prioritization of populations for early stages of vaccine response when supply is limited," Garcia said at the governor's news conference on Thursday.

She said the group "will bring together ethical and clinical expertise from across the state to represent multiple perspectives, including rural and urban populations, hospital administration, infectious disease specialists, vulnerable populations and congregate settings, advocates for aging populations and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and refugees."

She went on to say: "The reason for this is to minimize health inequities based on geography, poverty and other social determinants."

Who gets the vaccine?

That's really good news, because Iowa's health care system is rife with inequities based on geography, poverty and other "social determinants" such as race. Even for urgent public health initiatives such as COVID-19 testing, there are clear inequities in the distribution of free tests based on geography and individuals' access to transportation, for example.

The governor's office and a spokesman for Garcia didn't get back to me Friday with more specifics on who would be advising the state on medical ethics and what issues would be the focus. A lot has been written already about the ethics of vaccine distribution, and the issues are not always clear-cut. For example, most of us would probably agree in principle that equal access to the vaccine is the most ethical way to distribute a life-saving drug.

But in a rationing situation, as U.S. states will experience as vaccine supplies are initially limited, the federal government has already started making ethical choices in its guidance that health care workers and long-term care residents be prioritized for vaccination. Iowa's public health

department released the latest draft of its distribution plan Friday.

Most of us would likely agree that health care workers who are being regularly exposed to the virus while attempting to save lives should be first in line for the drug. Similarly, most of us would likely agree that the people most at risk for severe complications, including residents of nursing homes, should have priority.

Gray areas

But there are lots of gray areas. For example, should a cosmetic surgeon whose practice consists of elective procedures get the vaccine ahead of a 75-year-old retiree who lives independently but is at risk due to his or her age or pre-existing health conditions? What about the immediate families of health-care workers? Should famous politicians and celebrities be vaccinated ahead of others who may have a greater need so they can show it's safe?

Garcia correctly stated last week that "transparency is key." She carved out an exception for some details to be withheld due to security. But, she added, "we also recognize Iowans want to know who will get the vaccine when, and we're trying to strike this balance between keeping everyone informed and ensuring the safe distribution."

Discussions about the ethical choices related to vaccine distribution should be held in public.

I have a lot of respect for Garcia. Every time I've heard her speak, I've been impressed with her expression of empathy for the populations her agencies serve, her interest in hearing stakeholder views and her repeated commitment to openness. Others who deal regularly with the agency have said Garcia's gained their trust. She clearly has the governor's confidence to manage the Department of Public Health during a pandemic while also overseeing Department of Human Services, one of the state's largest and most complex agencies. However, her interest in transparency does not always manifest in easy access to public information. The vaccination process is too important for mere lip service in favor of the public's right to know.

Nevertheless, it's encouraging that Garcia is publicly elevating the importance of ethics in the conversation about access to COVID-19 vaccines. That conversation should continue beyond the pandemic as the state makes policy and funding decisions about Medicaid, mental health, family planning, EMT services and many other topics that affect Iowans' quality of life.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't overturn election results

Editor:

As we have recently seen in the news; Rita Hart, who after a fair and transparent recount process, lost the race in Iowa's 2nd District, and has now decided to bypass the Iowa legal process and is going directly to Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats in an effort to steal this election from Dr. Miller-Meeks.

I am an Iowan, and I am outraged by Hart's decision to forgo the legal process of Iowa's judicial system in favor of an appeal to the House of Representatives, led by her own party. If Hart wanted a

fair unbiased process, she would have appealed to state courts, not partisan D.C. politicians. On Nov. 3, we made our voices heard and we elected Dr. Miller-Meeks. We cannot let nearly 400,000 votes from the 2nd district be overturned by the vote of one Californian, Nancy Pelosi.

Rita Hart has shown her true colors by attempting to steal this election from Iowans, and this further solidifies my support for Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks.

Linda Greenlee

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IOWA STATE SENATE

Wahls ready for new leadership role

Muscatine County Democrat takes over top spot in Des Moines

By Derek Sawwell

Managing Editor, Advocate News

He may be just 29 years old, but Zach Wahls, the new Democratic Leader of the Iowa Senate, is no stranger to the political spotlight. It was a decade ago when Wahls' meteoric rise in the Iowa political sphere began.

Currently serving in his first term, Wahls was elected to the Iowa Senate in 2018 on the Democratic ticket. His Senate district (District 37) includes Wilton and portions of Muscatine, Johnson and Cedar counties.

He takes the Democratic leadership role from Sen. Janet Petersen, who chose not to run again for the position. "Word got out around Nov. 11 that she was not going to run for another term," said Wahls in his first interview since

'I was willing to throw my hat into the ring. Anyone who knows my story, and me, knows I like to be in these positions. Just like in sports, I like to have the ball. But this is a team sport, and you have to pass the ball too.'

Zach Wahls

you have to pass the ball too," Wahls continued.

Prior to Petersen's short stint, longtime Iowa Senator Mike Gronstal served as the Senate's Democratic Leader from 1997-2017. Wahls said he contacted Gronstal, who gave him an interesting piece of advice: "He said on any given day you can walk into a caucus meeting and be overthrown. You have to work with your staff and stay on point," Wahls said.

At 29, Wahls may be the youngest ever to be elected to the position. "I don't know for sure if I'm the youngest, or (first) first-term leader. No one has come up with anyone as young, or halfway through their first term. I was not trying to oust Janet. The opportunity was just there. I was already making calls to be an assistant leader. I was ready to step up for a new responsibility."

When Petersen made her decision, Wahls started getting calls — Perhaps the next leader could be him? He's in a unique position. He may be new to the state political scene from an elected perspective. But his roots at the Iowa Capitol run deep, resulting in a following the likes of which most career politicians at the state level don't reach. To date, he has nearly 49,000 Twitter followers.

His political story dates back to 2011, when he addressed the state Legislature as a 19-year-old college student. Marriage equality was the hot topic then, and he addressed the state with regard to his upbringing by two mothers in a same-sex relationship, and marriage equality — as Iowa had been thrust into the national spotlight by legalizing same sex marriage in 2009.

"That wasn't a fight we picked. It (same sex marriage) was legal in 2009. In 2011, Republicans battled it. For the people of Iowa, it was settled," said Wahls. "I answered the call of duty. I was a college student who defended my family ... I remember Republicans using my family as an example. I was trying to speak up for the people who weren't at the table. I'm an Eagle Scout, and it was about defending my family and our dignity. There is a misnomer that Democrats always talk social issues. Republicans picked that fight. The Democrats protected those in harm's way."

His speech was videotaped, and it quickly went viral. "I had a choice to make as a college student. Go back to what I was doing (an engineering student at the University of Iowa) or keep fighting."

Zach chose to keep fighting, and he quickly began canvassing the state, telling his story.

Then came the book deal, where Wahls said he wrote a book using the values he learned in Boy Scouts as a guide. The book was titled "My Two Moms: Lessons of Love, Strength, and What Makes a Family." Published in 2012, it spent two to three years on the extended *New York Times* best seller list. Tens of thousands of copies of the book have been sold.

It also helped lead to Wahls helping found Scouts for Equality, a nonprofit organization with the following vision statement: "The vision of Scouts for Equality is of an inclusive, vibrant and strong Boy Scouts of America in which members, leaders, parents, volunteers and supporters treat each other with mutual respect and acknowledge the inherent worth and dignity of all people."

"It's like the Spider Man quote, 'With great power comes great responsibility.' There's no magic wand to make a story go viral. I got lucky. I had a platform for my voice. I was the right person at the

right place and time. A lot was chance, but I had a responsibility to pay it forward," Wahls said.

Six years later, Wahls saw his political opening with the retirement of longtime Democratic state Senator Bob Dvorsky. He ran in a four-way primary for the seat, won the primary handily, and won the Senate seat without a Republican challenger.

Now Wahls is preparing to begin the 2021 Legislative Session as the Senate's top ranking Democrat. His primary focus is the COVID-19 pandemic, which halted the 2020 session and may inhibit the upcoming session from starting.

"COVID is at the top of the agenda, making sure to slow the spread. We've got to defeat it. We need a safe, effective and free vaccine, and that is closer than some think," said Wahls. "I'm cautiously optimistic our frontline workers could get vaccinated by the end of the year. The previous record for a vaccine is four years. We've demolished that. COVID-19 is terrible; it has killed thousands of people. And Republican leadership has done a bad job. I'm making a call for a COVID commission. We need to learn from our mistakes, and see how (federal) COVID dollars are being used. This won't be our last pandemic. We need to be ready."

Another hurdle — the 2020 election and the fact that President Trump, Sen. Joni Ernst, and other Republicans won up and down state ballots. "It's been a heck of a year. It felt like a decade. The election made it clear that, even though I disagree with Trump on several issues, he has pull with several Iowans. A lot aren't regular voters, and some aren't involved in the political process. That's a credit to him," said Wahls. "Folks who voted for him voted for Trump's Republican Party, that's not the 'normal' Republican Party. Was it about Republicans or Trump? My hypothesis is it was about Trump and his views, not (the party) ... I mean the state went from Obama, Obama to Trump, Trump."

Given the political climate, and the fact that Republicans still hold control in the governor's office, state House and Senate, Wahls knows there's an uphill climb when the Legislature gets back in session. "We need to take opportunities to work with Republicans whenever we can. I'm reminded of the phrase, 'The majority gets its way, but the minority gets its say.' We're going to have a lot to say."

When asked if he had bigger political aspirations within the state or beyond, Wahls said that he's focused on continuing to represent the people in his district. "The reason I took this job is we need new leaders, and we have a lot of



State Sen. Zach Wahls was recently elected as the new Democratic Leader of the Iowa Senate. At 29, he may be the youngest to be elected to the leadership position. Wahls represents District 37, which includes Wilton and portions of Muscatine, Cedar and Johnson counties.

Photo by Derek Sawwell

work to do. I'm committing to serving my term as leader for two years, and at this point, I assume I'll run for re-election (in Senate District 37).

"I'm always going to be the guy who gave that speech. I will try to set a clear vision on where to go and work with Republicans when we can. But we need to elect a Democratic majority to the Iowa Senate. Everything I do will be focused on executing that."

In a previous release about Wahls' election as Democratic Leader of the Senate, Sen. Wahls said the following:

"I am honored to have been elected by my colleagues to serve as the Iowa Senate's Democratic Leader. As the senator representing Cedar, Johnson, and Muscatine counties, my district spans urban, suburban, small town, and rural Iowa. I see firsthand the growing gap between the wealthiest few and the majority of Iowans across our state. A rising cost of living with stagnant wages meant that too many Iowa families were struggling — and that was before the coronavirus pandemic gripped our state.

"Senate Democrats will be focused on defeating the coronavirus with decisive action supporting essential workers, protecting Iowa families, and assisting small businesses. The impact of this pandemic on Iowa's economy, public health, and especially our senior citizens, cannot be overstated. We must get our state back on a path to complete economic recovery."

Miller-Meeks: 'There were votes for me that were not counted, too'

By Perry Beaman

Iowa Capital Dispatch

Iowa Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, who leads a contested race for the 2nd Congressional District seat, on Friday said election officials didn't count all legal votes for her and suggested state voting laws may need to be changed.



Mariannette Miller-Meeks

Miller-Meeks made the comments in response to reporters' questions on "Iowa Press," recorded Friday morning at Iowa PBS.

State officials this week certified Republican Miller-Meeks as the winner by six votes

over Democratic former state Sen. Rita Hart. Hart has petitioned a U.S. House committee to review the results.

Hart campaign manager Zach Meunier on Thursday said considering the recounts to date narrowed the post-election result from 47 to six votes, uncounted ballots could easily change the result.

Meunier said at least 30 votes from Americans living overseas and from members of the armed forces weren't counted, and thousands of ballots weren't reviewed for "voter intent."

The hotly contested race drew nearly 400,000 votes and drew a series of recounts, some prompted by Hart appeals and some the result of errors discovered at county election offices.

An "Iowa Press" reporter asked Miller-Meeks for her reaction to Hart's decision to bypass a possible court appeal in favor of the U.S. House, which is controlled by Democrats. "I think it's unfortunate that we're taking the election out of Iowa, out of the voters of Iowa's hands and putting it into a partisan political process," Miller-Meeks said.

Miller-Meeks said Hart, in appealing to the U.S. House, is in effect saying "that the votes of Iowans don't count but one vote from California counts. So I think it's unfortunate, but that is a process that is open to her to proceed."

When Miller-Meeks was asked if she agreed with Hart's contention that some legally cast votes weren't counted, she responded: "There were votes that were cast that were for me also that were not

counted and that I did not receive. So I think throughout that process you can't continue to want to change the rules because the count doesn't go the way that you want. And no question, it's an incredibly close contest; if you had asked me my preference I would have rather won by 600 or 6,000 votes. But we are where we are here. The process was followed."

Changes to elections?

When host David Yepsen asked Miller-Meeks, an ophthalmologist, if election laws need to be changed, she suggested some changes may be worth debating.

"I certainly think being an ophthalmologist, hindsight is 20/20," Miller-Meeks said. "We did make election law changes several years ago, and then we made election law changes this year so that people would know that their ballots were secure whether they are voting at the polls or whether they are voting by mail after an absentee ballot request. And so I think the process that we have evolved in the state of Iowa is an extremely good process, and people can feel safe and secure in their balance in casting their vote regardless of where they cast it. But yes, I think when you look at

the recount process, there may be some more legislative action so that this process is fair and everybody understands the rules as they go into the process."

Hart said in a statement Friday that a tight deadline for a review by state judges would have prevented all legal votes from being counted, so she appealed to the House, which has more flexibility in scheduling the review.

Miller-Meeks ran for the seat, currently held by retiring Democratic Rep. Dave Loebsack, for the fourth time. This was Hart's first run for Congress.

Both Miller-Meeks and Hart participated in orientation for new representatives. The Associated Press has declined to call the race until legal challenges are completed.

On another topic, Miller-Meeks supported another stimulus package. "We definitely need a small business package that is geared towards small businesses, helping them to survive through close-downs, lockdown, reduction in the ability to provide services. And then I think you have to look how do we navigate through that through extension of unemployment benefits?"

SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

3:00 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 2700 block of East 53rd Street, Davenport. A vehicle driven by Gary Wayne Kespohl, 57, Bettendorf, backed into a parked vehicle at the Costco gas station. Kespohl was cited for failure to provide proof of insurance.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

2:43 p.m. — Kelly J. McKay, 55, of Hampton, Ill., was cited for failure to maintain control, following a two-vehicle accident near Highway 67 east and State Street at Bellingham Road.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

A vehicle driven by Daniel Paul Schumacher, 61, East Moline, struck a deer near mile marker 303 on Interstate 80 East.

MONDAY, NOV. 23

10:30 a.m. — David W. Rose, 65, Rock Island, was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device and driving without a valid driver's license, following a two-vehicle accident near Kimberly Road and Welcome Way, Davenport.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

4:35 p.m. — A vehicle driven by Alexander Jeffrey Bentley, 27, Blue Grass, struck a deer in the 11400 block of Coonhunters Road.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

12:42 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 8200 block of Northwest Boulevard.

6:50 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 20000 block of Jersey Ridge Road.

10:01 a.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 6300 block of Hillandale Road.

12:52 p.m. — Donovan Jamari Terrell, 19, of Bettendorf, was cited for failure to stop with in the assured clear distance, following a report of an accident with personal injury in the 1700 block of East Kimberly Road, Davenport.

1:01 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near 23rd and Grant streets.

3:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report

of a juvenile problem in the 100 block of West Meuse Street.

7:50 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near 62nd and State streets.

11:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 7100 block of 112th Street.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

1:45 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 27000 block of Territorial Road.

11:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of disturbance in the 400 block of Lost Grove Road.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

1:36 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on North Ninth Street.

2:01 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of West Iowa 80 Road.

9:45 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem on Terrace Drive.

9:59 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on River Drive.

12:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft on Valley Drive.

9:37 p.m. — Gerald Erwin Schadel, 24, 27301 Sherry Ann Court, Donahue, was charged with OWI- 1st offense, carrying weapons while under the influence, and possession of drug paraphernalia, following an incident in the 10600 block of 275th Street, Donahue.

11:25 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Park View Drive.

11:29 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance on West Park View Drive.

11:34 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 18000 block of 249th Avenue.

11:55 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance on Park Crest Court.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

1:48 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage.

7:06 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 13000 block of 95th Avenue.

9:21 a.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 18000 block of

249th Avenue.

12:06 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Spencer Road.

12:39 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft on Lincoln Avenue.

7:31 p.m. — Deputies responded to a vandalism complaint in the 3600 block of East 53rd Street.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

9:22 a.m. — Deputies responded to a burglary and vandalism complaint in the 400 block of West River Drive.

11:41 a.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 300 block of West Kimberly Road.

12:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on North 9th Street.

1:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 300 block of Paul Revere Place.

1:49 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

2:11 p.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 600 block of West 61st Street.

5:18 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage.

MONDAY, NOV. 30

8:07 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 21000 block of Holden Drive.

7:33 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near mile marker 292 on Interstate 80 East. A vehicle driven by Charles W. Brownfield, 74, Bowling Green, Ky., attempted to change lanes and struck a vehicle driven by Ihtiyor Hamraev, 35, Moline.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

1:25 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 2900 block of West Locust Street, Davenport. A vehicle driven by William Wayne Jaster, 60, Maquoketa, attempted to make a right turn from the inside lane and was struck by a vehicle driven by Brady Allen Thompson, 21, 931 Minnie Ave., Davenport.

3:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near North Division Street and West Kim-

berly Road, Davenport. A vehicle driven by Patrick J. Schmidt, 54, Milan, was stopped at a red light and was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Derron Shaq Williams, 27, 6531 N. Harrison St., Davenport. Williams was cited for failure to provide proof of financial liability coverage, failure to stop within the assured clear distance, and driving without a valid license.

5:02 p.m. — Antonio Brooks, 49, Omaha, Neb., was charged with OWI - 1st offense, and cited for following too closely, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, and failure to have a valid license or permit while operating a motor vehicle, following an incident near mile marker 289 on Interstate 80 East, Davenport.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

12:10 p.m. — Deputies responded to a vandalism complaint in the 600 block of North Highway 67.

1:05 p.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 600 block of West 4th Street.

1:29 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 17900 block of Great River Road.

3:53 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 24100 block of 180th Street.

4:04 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of 6th Street.

4:15 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 23000 block of 240th Street.

4:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft near West 13th and Gaines streets.

5:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 24100 block of 180th Street.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

2:18 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 300 block of Research Parkway.

6:33 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 2300 block of West 73rd Street.

6:36 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage.

7:20 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near East 59th and Brady streets.

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- a \$35,000 grant for the City of Blue Grass for a new police department squad car.
 - two grants to the City of Buffalo, including \$25,000 for a new fire department emergency generator, and \$6,438 for police department TASERs and cameras.
 - a grant of \$7,970 to the Eldridge Police Department for Project Life Saver.
 - an \$11,000 grant to the Eldridge Fire Department for Tower II refurbishment.
 - a \$26,860 grant to Maysville for its water tank replacement project.
 - a \$25,000 grant to the City of LeClaire for a multi-use trail at Huckleberry Park.
 - \$13,904 to the North Scott School District for promoting cultural proficiency and diversity through children's literature.
- Since 1991, the SCRA has awarded more than \$89.1 million to the benefit of people and organizations in the community.
- Applications for the spring 2021 cycle will be due April 1. More information is available at www.ScottCountyRegional-Authority.com.

Scott County Regional Authority 2020 Fall Grant Cycle Awards

- Augustana College, Scott County Watershed health assessment - \$7,500
- Balance Autism, Children's Autism Project (CAP) in Davenport/Quad Cities - \$10,000
- Bettendorf Community School District, high school welding project: Virtual Reality Training Technology - \$18,664
- Bettendorf Community School District, Bettendorf Beat Track Producers - \$775
- City of Bettendorf, construction of tennis/pickleball facilities in the Pleasant Valley School District/Forest Grove Park (final installment of \$451,602 total commitment) - \$107,602
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley, Keep Kids Connected technology initiative - \$11,610
- City of Blue Grass, police department squad car - \$35,000
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley, technology updates for Davenport sites - \$3,599
- City of Buffalo, fire department emergency generator - \$25,000
- City of Buffalo, police department TASERs and camera - \$6,438
- Child Abuse Council, Children Exposed to Violence conference - \$7,000
- Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation, HVAC replacement - \$4,000
- Cornbelt Running Club, Quad-City Times Bix 7 - \$25,000
- Dress for Success Quad Cities, maintaining a home for Dress for Success Quad Cities - \$25,000
- Eldridge Police Department, Project Life Saver - \$7,970
- Eldridge Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., Tower 11 (chassis and pump portion) refurbishment - \$50,000
- Empower House, Regaining Purpose After Brain Injury - \$8,997
- Family Museum Foundation, plush animal and toy replacement - \$5,900

- Figge Art Museum, education outreach programs - \$27,300
- Freight House Farmers Market, Market2Go - \$8,000
- Friendly House, new passenger buses project - \$40,000
- FRIENDS of the Davenport Public Library, Main Library 21st Century Renovation (final installment of \$240,000 total commitment) - \$40,000
- Friends of the Quad Cities, Destination Center Reimagination - \$16,600
- German American Heritage Center, technology and digital media - \$5,000
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, Girl Scout Leadership Experience in Scott County - \$15,000
- Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities, new home construction, home repair and wheelchair ramp programs - \$40,000
- Hand in Hand, creative curriculum for Hand in Hand child care - \$5,672
- Humane Society of Scott County, no fee return-to-owner - \$9,222
- Iowa Legal Aid, updating technology to better serve low-income Scott County residents - \$9,775
- Junior Achievement of the Heartland, technology upgrade - \$7,323
- City of LeClaire, Parks & Recreation Commission - multi-use trail at Huckleberry Park - \$25,000
- Town of Maysville, water tank replacement project - \$26,860
- Mercado on Fifth, indoor expansion - \$24,000
- Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency, smart classrooms for students with multiple disabilities - \$4,520
- North Scott Community School District, Promoting Cultural Proficiency and Diversity Through Children's Literature - \$13,904
- One Eighty, Tiny Homes: Affordable Housing for Low-Income Individuals Coming from Incarceration or Addiction - \$10,000

- Our Lady of the River Church, Quad City Tim Tebow Night to Shine VIRTUAL Prom - \$10,000
 - Putnam Museum and Science Center - World Culture Gallery - \$35,000
 - QC Closet2Closet, hygiene kit program - \$7,499
 - Quad Cities Chamber Foundation - Iowa, creating a pocket park in downtown Bettendorf - \$8,898
 - Quad Cities Running Club, Run With Us - \$3,750
 - Quad City Botanical Center, nursery stock plant materials for Children's Garden Phase II - Headwaters - \$15,000
 - Quad City Symphony Orchestra Association - Masterworks VI - For America - \$30,020
 - River Action, Inc., historic First Bridge North Pier - \$50,000
 - River Bend Foodbank, cold storage expansion - \$50,000
 - Scott County Family Y, Building for Generations Capital Campaign, new Downtown Davenport YMCA project (fifth installment of \$500,000 total commitment) - \$50,000
 - Scott County Housing Council, rehab of single and multi-family affordable housing - \$77,539
 - Tapestry Farms, using urban farming to invest in the lives of refugees - \$10,000
 - The Children's Therapy Center of the Quad Cities, giant "Lego Wall" for Iowa clinic - \$3,420
 - United Way of the Quad Cities Area, Growing Grassroots - \$14,063
 - Unity House of Davenport, improving the safety and security of residents in the Pleasant Street House - \$20,212
 - Vera French Foundation, expansion of telemental health capacity - \$42,150
 - Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 776, holiday food baskets for veterans - \$750
 - VTG, Assoc., food delivery for QC seniors, low-income residents and people with disabilities - \$2,500
 - YWCA of the Quad Cities, mobile resource center - \$14,259
- Total 2020 Fall Cycle Grant Awards - \$1,164,202**

One Human Family QCA presents racism webinar

Free online event shares research on 'highly coordinated cadres'

One Human Family of the Quad-Cities Area presents an online webinar titled, "The White Power Movement and Paramilitary America," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16.

The discussion will be led by Dr. Kathleen Belew, assistant professor of U.S. history at the University of Chicago and the author of "Bring the War Home: The White Power Movement and Paramilitary America."

The event is co-sponsored by the Davenport-Bettendorf American Association of University Women, the Metrocom NAACP of Davenport, Metropolitan Community Church of the Quad Cities, One Human Family Macomb, Progressive Action for the Common Good, Quad Cities Interfaith, Temple Beth El of Dubuque and Temple Emanuel of Davenport. The Doris

& Victor Day Foundation and the Puffin Foundation are helping to fund the event.

The webinar will highlight Dr. Belew's research on the movement that she describes as "not lone wolves, but highly organized cadres motivated by a coherent and deeply troubling worldview made up of white supremacy, virulent anti-communism and apocalyptic faith."

"One Human Family, which is dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion and the human rights of all people, is thrilled to bring Dr. Belew's expertise to those in our area," says Rabbi Henry Karp, co-founder of One Human Family, said, "her presentation and question-answer session at the end of the program will allow all who take part to understand the genesis of this movement and learn how we can join forces to overcome it."

The Quad-City area is not immune to this problem, adds the Rev. Rich Hendricks, co-founder of One Human Family and pastor of Metropolitan

"It alarms me that a white supremacist group called the National Alliance is diligently recruiting in the Quad Cities."

Rabbi Henry Karp

Community Church of the Quad Cities, Davenport, Iowa.

"It alarms me that a white supremacist group called the National Alliance is diligently recruiting in the Quad Cities. Now is the time to hear from an eminent historian and author on how we got here and why this is a pivotal moment for our community and nation," he says.

Register online at eventbrite.com/e/130318194227.

Or go to [Eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com) and search for "Kathleen Belew."

For more information, contact Hendricks at richhendricks@msn.com.

Scott County Republicans named to legislative leadership positions

Iowa's Republican legislative leadership assigned committee posts to these Scott County's state senators and representatives.

Sen. Chris Cournoyer will serve as assistant majority leader, chairman of the education appropriations committee and vice chairman of state government committee.

Sen. Mark Lofgren also will serve as assistant majority leader, chairman of the senate economic development appropriations subcommittee and vice chairman of the appropriations committee.

Sen. Roby Smith remains chairman of the state government committee.

Rep. Norlin Mommsen remains chairman of the appropriation subcommittee of the house agriculture and natural resources committee.

Rep. Ross Paustian remains chairman of the house agriculture committee.

Rep. Gary Mohr remains chairman of the appropriations committee.

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NSP OPINION: Ours, yours, theirs

PROGRESS

Consider US Bank for Eldridge City Hall

The US Bank Building sits outside our back door in downtown Eldridge, where it has since the grand opening in September 1970, a little more than 50 years ago. Back then, however, it was Central Trust & Savings Bank, the pride of its owners: the farmers, merchants and residents of the greater Eldridge area.



Impressions
by Bill Tubbs

No family had more than 15-20 percent ownership and the bank leadership placed a priority on giving back to the community.

Central Trust & Savings Bank and the farmer-owned Eldridge Coop were

a block apart, and the leaders of those two community institutions had the connections and authority to lend their support to whatever improvement was needed: tennis courts, stadium bleachers, better streets and sidewalks, a fine arts auditorium, procuring a town doctor, and lots more.

Coop manager Dwain Swanson and bank president Jim Tank rallied support for these, and others, and were backed by local boards of directors who supported anything that was good for the community. Thus the seeds of what Eldridge-North Scott has become were planted in those years from 1970 to 1987.

We were truly local – but times change.

Mergers and acquisitions

All was the same until the farm and housing crisis of the mid-1980s. Now, the Eldridge office of the former Eldridge Coop is but one of 37 locations of River Valley Coop, whose reach stretches from Peoria to Cedar Rapids.

Bank leaders had to go outside the community for capital, and it ceased to be a true community bank. The name changed to First Bank, then Firststar and now US Bank. With each change, decision making migrated further away from Eldridge, to Davenport, to Cedar Rapids, to Milwaukee and Cincinnati.

The new owners, to their credit, gave the community a nice park with a gazebo, and provided a home with low rent for the Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce. But decisions affecting Eldridge were not ultimately made here.

On Oct. 7, the shoe finally dropped



US Bank will vacate the attractive colonial-style professional building in downtown Eldridge effective Jan. 2, 2021.

Photo by Bill Tubbs

when US Bank announced it would close the Eldridge branch. The last day will be Jan. 2, 2021.

In the two months that ensued, we have heard remarkably little about the future of the still beautiful 6,250-square-foot colonial style bank building that will be vacated just 24 short days from now.

Time to connect the dots

It's time to connect the dots.

The need for a bigger, more functional city hall was named the second-most important goal for the city by citizens in a 2010 planning session. (A community swimming pool, which will come with the soon-to-be constructed YMCA, was No. 1.)

A steering committee was appointed, and with the help of Kevin Eipperle of FEH Consultants, it was determined that 18,000 square feet would be desired to replace the 7,200-square-foot city hall at 306 North Third Street. Twenty 3-acre sites on some of the city's most expensive commercial real estate were considered.

The project was estimated at \$4.6 million. City leaders settled on the

Peterson property on East LeClaire Road and put a \$2.6-million bond vote on the ballot for May 6, 2014. \$2 million more was to come from sales taxes.

The measure fell far short of the 60 percent needed for approval, with just 48 percent: 473 voting No, and 438, Yes.

The acute shortage of space for city and utility functions, and police safety, which were emphasized then, haven't changed. If anything, it's worse. But city operations have continued, cramped as they are.

Some things happen for good

Once in a while, a gift horse looks you in the mouth. When I chaired the city's Community Center Study Committee (1989-92), our work was frustrated by high-priced land and construction costs for the 10,000-square-foot center we hoped to build.

Midstream our study, the Skatepark owners were looking to sell. We took a good look, brought in builders and an architect to offer unvarnished opinions, and proceeded. The end result was a 20,000-square-foot facility (double what we'd planned) with a revenue stream to boot, at a fraction of the cost.

The Community Center/Skatepark is serving people of Eldridge and surrounding areas well, 28 years later, with a facelift in August 2017.

We don't presume to know exactly how the US Bank building should be retrofitted for city operations. We do know, however, that the assessed value around \$750,000 is a lot less than the \$4.6 million which voters rejected six years ago, even allowing generously for remodeling, which would likely require an elevator.

I'd further ask the city to seriously consider hanging onto the downtown property it already has. Together, the two would approach the 18,000 square feet that consultant Eipperle recommended. A half block apart, call it a downtown city "campus" and link it together with appropriate signage.

And be sure to provide space for the Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce. Less than a month from now, they don't know where they'll be!

It's possible none of this will work, but we need to find out, because the bank will soon need to find a buyer for one of the best professional offices in town.

Awareness

I was encouraged talking with city councilman Bernie Peeters Monday that I'm not the only one to think of this. "We're certainly looking at it," he said.

Councilman Brian Dockery likewise sees merit in learning more. His late wife, Terri, worked there when it was Central Trust & Savings Bank, and he has good memories of CTSB as a community bank.

Mayor Marty O'Boyle seemed aware of the opportunity, too, when we talked last week. This is all good. "Don't let it slip," I urged, or we could be looking at staying where you are, or spending \$3-5 million for a Taj Mahal that the voters turned down.

I also shared my vision with Jim Tank, now retired, the former president of Central Trust, whose family's blood, sweat and tears were invested in that building. "I agree, that's what should happen. I agree completely. That's entirely what should happen."

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SECOND IMPRESSIONS

Tributes to two who served well; a look at this week's CyHawk games

This week we remember:

J.B. Straley: I lost a friend and Eldridge lost one of the great personalities when J.B. Straley died Friday morning, at home. He was 73.

My high school teams competed with J.B.'s Camanche Indians, but I didn't know him until the late Birch Holden proposed him for Rotary membership in 1975. He was club president in 1988-89. Among his many talents, he was a pilot, a singer and, as his obituary in Section B says, "a powerful force of energy" who had a passion for Special Olympics, including the State Games.

Rest in peace, J.B. You served well

Joe Taylor: It might have been that Joe Taylor and I were cut from the same cloth as newspapermen, but I hit it off well with the man who served as CEO of the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau 20 years, from 1998-2008. He cut his teeth as a reporter and

editor at the *Aledo (Ill.) Times Record*.

Joe communicated regularly about prospects for bringing RAGBAI to



Joe Taylor

Scott County, and even kept in touch with short notes and letters after he took the tourism bureau leadership job at Evansville, Ind., in 2018. He died Dec. 3 in a Cedar Rapids hospital at age 65.

The NSP's Phil Roberts remembers Joe well, too. "He

was one of the most upbeat people I've known and a great Quad Cities cheerleader. He knew how the media works and established great working relationships with media people. We met for breakfast now and then; I'll miss that. Joe and Kathy were great racing fans. Thanks to Joe, the Bureau recognized me in 2006 for

my many years of race announcing locally."

CyHawk Series

There won't be much suspense when Coach Steve Prohm takes his Iowa State Cyclones men's basketball team to Iowa City for Friday night's CyHawk game.

For the first time in years, I can't even name the Iowa State players, but the Hawkeyes' personnel is well known. That's because 6-foot-11 center Luca Garza, a pre-season national player of the year, postponed his first-round NBA status to return for his senior year with Coach Fran McCaffrey's Hawks.

Garza is to be admired for his work ethic and commitment to his team. He is surrounded by sharpshooters Joe Wieskamp, Jordan Bohannon and Connor McCaffrey (all Iowa boys) and CJ Fredrick. The pre-season top three national ranking is well earned.

Iowa State's roster has been decimated by transfers and players

leaving early for the NBA. Tyrese Haliburton and Lindell Wigginton left after two seasons, and Talen Horton-Tucker after one. That's the price you pay when you recruit at a high level. Additionally, eight other recent ISU grads are on NBA rosters.

If Iowa State can stay within 20 points by half, it will be a miracle.

The women's game Wednesday night, also at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, will be closer, but the advantage in the series has always gone to the home team.

ISU Coach Bill Fennelly's team is ranked and will be good, but so is Coach Lisa Bluder's squad. Should be fun to watch the scoring duel between ISU's All-American Ashley Joens, a native of Iowa City, and Iowa freshman phenom, Iowa's Miss Basketball 2020 Caitlin Clark, from West Des Moines Dowling. She's been scoring 30 points a game.

There won't be many fans in the stands for these games, but both will be telecast by the Big Ten Network.

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SECTION

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Drive-thru brings thousands to 2020 Hometown Holiday

More than a thousand patient holiday revelers easily transitioned to a drive-thru version of the annual event presented Dec. 4 by the Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce. The chamber raised \$1,919.81 in cash donations, and much more food, for the North Scott Food Pantry. Chamber director Tabitha Kramer said contributions nearly doubled the customary amount raised by the event.



Chamber officials counted 274 cars carrying 1,119 people for the Dec. 4 Hometown Holidays drive-thru at the Scott County Library.

NSP photos by Mark Ridolfi



Elaina and Evelyn Moore approach Santa Claus at the Hometown Holidays drive-thru.



Makayla and Aleigha Navin from the QC Rock Academy perform carols.



Another letter heads for the North Pole.



Faith Lutheran presents this year's living nativity. From left: Evan Keppy, Madelyn La Plante, Grace Kirst, McKenna Santee, Abigail La Plante (the angel behind), Austin Lee, Pastor Carrie Lewis La Plante, Nathan Anderson.



Santa returns for a drive-thru version of the Hometown Holidays he's supported for years. He told The NSP this was his only appearance this year.

NSP SPORTS

NORTH SCOTT WRESTLING



Lancer Josh Connor, a two-time state qualifier, started his senior campaign with a technical fall win over Central DeWitt's Cael Grell in the season-opening dual meet Thursday night.

NSP photo by Scott Campbell



North Scott junior Peyton Westlin was a little under the weather earlier in the week, but he was in total control en route to a 7-1 win over Koal Bossom Thursday night in DeWitt.

NSP photo by Scott Campbell

A dominating beginning

Lancers roll past Sabers, cruise to team title at Tipton Invitational

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

The competition may not have been as stiff, but boy, was it good to be back on the mat.

That was the prevailing attitude coming out of the North Scott wrestling room last week after the Lancers opened the 2020-21 season in dominating fashion.

Displaying a lineup that is far from set — at least three projected varsity starters were not in action — North Scott kicked off the sure-to-be-exciting campaign with a convincing 58-18 MAC dual meet win over Central DeWitt on Thursday night.

'It was good to be back on the mat and watching our guys compete. We still have a few guys that are not 100-percent ready, but I really loved the way our guys competed.'

Lancer coach Drew Kelly

was canceled because of COVID-19, the Lancers traversed to the Tipton Invitational and topped the seven-team field with a whopping 270.5 points, easily outdistancing runner-up Midland (150).

Along the way, the Lancers crowned eight individual champions and claimed five second-place finishes, with two other top-four finishes rounding out the dominating performance.

"It was good to be back on the mat and watching our guys compete," said Lancer coach Drew Kelly.

er coach Drew Kelly. "We still have a few guys that are not 100-percent ready, but I really loved the way our guys competed."

"For the most part, it was the first time getting down to weight for everyone, and I'm glad our guys responded well to that. They wrestled like we expected them to. They were aggressive on their feet and tough on top."

Returning state qualifiers Trace Gephart (113), Josh Connor (138), Peyton Westlin (145) and Deven Strief (160) set the tone by going undefeated for the week, as did sophomores Aydan Cary (152), Seth Madden (170) and AJ Petersen (182).

Strief, who finished fourth at state at 145 last year, is trying a new approach this season.

"The last few years I've always dropped a ton of weight, and I feel like it impacted my performance, like at state last year," he said. "This year, I was like, 'Nah, I'm not going to cut so much and we'll see how this year goes.' Especially since how weird it's been with Covid."

"I feel really good at 160. Normally I have to manage weight a lot better, but this year I have more energy when I'm practicing, and I can actually perform a lot better and focus on improving instead of managing my weight by running to get that extra pound off. It's a lot more enjoyable."

Central DeWitt was no slouch, and the Sabers were making their MAC debut on their home mat. On Thursday, the Lancers were just too tough.

Sophomores Nate Schneckloth and David Borchers set the tone from the opening whistle, staking the Lancers to an early 12-0 lead after pins at 220 and 285. The Sabers got their only three wins over the course of the next four matches, with Gephart spoiling the streak with a pin at 113.

After that, it was all she wrote, as the Lancers ran the table and got pins from Strief, Madden and Petersen (182), and a match-ending fall from junior Ryan Campbell (195).

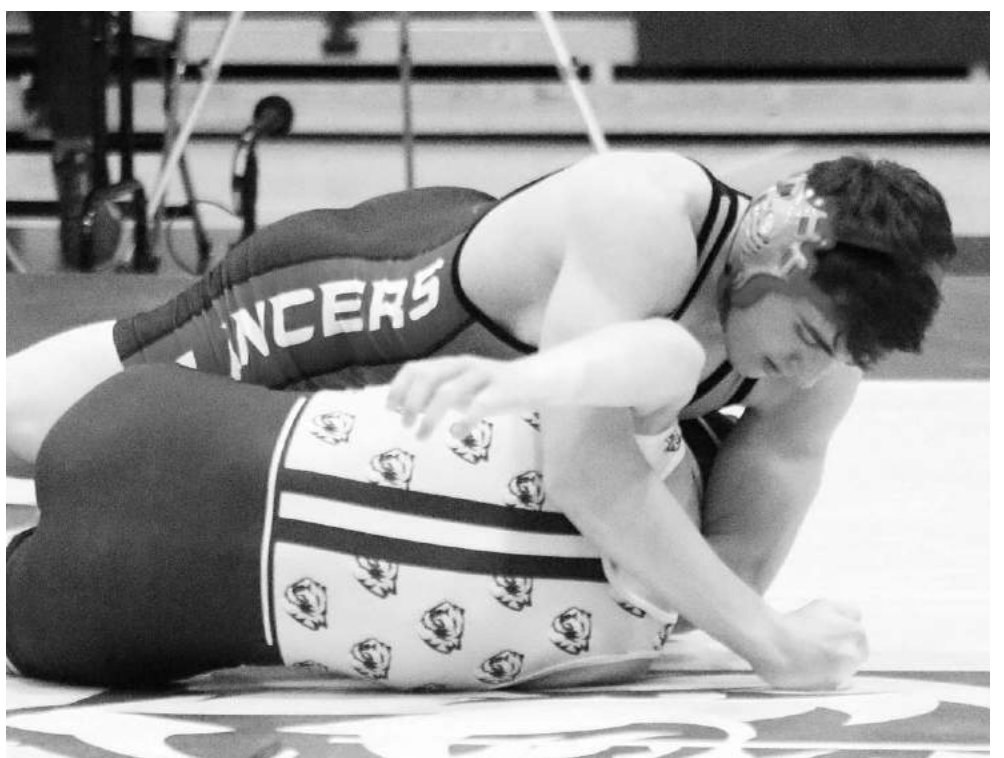
Connor won by technical fall at 138, and senior Chase Porter (132) and sophomore Aydan Cary (152) rolled to major-decision wins. Westlin claimed a 7-1 victory at 145.

Seniors Joey Petersen, Kade Tippet and Carson McCaughey, all who are expected to help anchor the top end of the Lancer lineup, were not in action.

"DeWitt has a real solid team, with good kids," said Kelly. "I was really happy with our younger kids, especially those who were seeing their first varsity appearance. From top to bottom, we wrestled well."

Tops in Tipton

With no disrespect meant toward anyone, the Lancers were easily the cream of the crop at Saturday's Tipton Invita-



Returning state placewinner Deven Strief took just 80 seconds to pin Central DeWitt's Christopher Martens in their 160-pound match Thursday night. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

tional, as they were the lone 3A team in the field.

Typically, the Lancers send their junior varsity squad to the meet, but since so many big tournaments have been canceled because of Covid, Kelly wanted his varsity guys to get some time on the mat.

The outcome was expected. Bringing home individual titles were Gephart, Connor, Westlin, Cary, Strief, Madden and AJ Petersen, along with sophomore Drew Metcalf (106).

Claiming runner-up finishes were Borchers, Campbell and Porter, along with sophomores Logan Schmidt (126) and Ayden Golden (106). Freshman Tate Moffit was third at 120, while Schneckloth finished fourth at 220.

"The guys came to wrestle, and we were pretty aggressive," said Kelly. "It's not the biggest tourney we've been in, but folks were looking to beat us, and I thought we did a good job."

"I thought all of our guys were ready to wrestle somebody different, especially since we are limited with having to wrestle with the same practice partners. You get sick of wrestling that same guy every day and working out with them."

There were only five state-ranked wrestlers in the field, with three of them being Lancers, including Gephart (fifth at 113), Westlin (sixth at 145) and Strief (third at 160).

Midland's Damon Huston is ranked second at 126 in Class 1A, and he claimed the 132-pound title by pinning Porter. Huston's teammate, Cayden Miller, is

ranked sixth at 182, but Petersen got the upset with a thrilling third-period pin after trailing 9-8 heading into the final two minutes of their championship match.

"The Huston kid is going to wrestle at Iowa State, and Chase went out and wrestled hard," said Kelly. "I loved his approach, and he wrestled a tough match. AJ's was also a heckuva match. He was able to get him in a cradle and get the pin."

"I'm really excited about the whole group. It was a heckuva day, and it was good for our young kids to be in that environment. It was a good start, and we handled it well."

Strief was in agreement. "I felt pretty good about getting on the mat," he said. "It wasn't a huge tournament, but we all approached it with the same mindset. We went out there, wrestled hard, and competed like we normally do."

"I miss the bigger tournaments, and I'm kind of sad we're not having them, but at the end of the day, you can't really control it. So, we're just taking whatever they hand us."

Kelly was happy with what he saw. "It's Week One," he said. "We had a lot of newbies, and guys in the varsity lineup for the first time. I love getting into competition, and it was a good day. We have plenty of work to do, but the guys gave it their all. It's fun watching them."

Up Next

The Lancers were scheduled to compete in a double dual with Muscatine and Davenport West on Thursday, but that meet has been postponed. Instead, North Scott will travel to Cascade for a dual meet.

Saturday's Clash in Council Bluffs has been canceled, but the Lancers were able to get into the Bobcat Duals at Western Dubuque. Teams expected to compete include Dyersville Beckman, Cedar Rapids Kennedy, Dubuque Senior, Central DeWitt and Williamsburg.

North Scott's junior varsity wrestlers will compete in the varsity tournament at Maquoketa.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

COVID-19 disrupts season

Games postponed after Coach Case tests positive; team out of quarantine

By **Scott Campbell**
NSP Editor

North Scott girls' basketball coach T.J. Case expected to give his team a few days off over the Thanksgiving holiday, but he wasn't planning on an extended hiatus.

COVID-19 changed all that, and has added more uncertainty to the Lancers' schedule.

After Case tested positive just three days after North Scott's season-opening win over Dubuque Hempstead on Friday, Nov. 20, the girls' program was shut down, leading to the postponement of last night's (Tuesday) Mississippi Athletic Conference opener at Pleasant Valley.

Games with Davenport North (Dec. 1) and Davenport West (Dec. 4) had already been postponed because the Davenport schools were online because of Covid, and this Friday's game against Bettendorf has met the same fate.

Consequently, unless Case can schedule a non-conference game later this week, the Lancers won't be back in action until Tuesday's girl-boy doubleheader at Clinton.

"Yeah, it's been a crazy week," Case said Sunday afternoon, just hours before his team was set to practice for the first time since a Wednesday, Nov. 25 shoot-

around.

"I haven't seen the girls since Saturday, Nov. 21, when we had a morning shoot-around after our Hempstead game."

Case began feeling ill the next night when he lost his senses of taste and smell, and then got a Covid test on Monday, Nov. 23. He didn't attend team practices that day or on Tuesday, and didn't get his positive test result back until the day after Thanksgiving (Nov. 27).

"I pretty had much had all the symptoms," said Case. "I started with just kind of a sore throat and a little dry cough, and I did get some chills. I never got a real high fever, but it was elevated."

Case hasn't had any in-person contact with his team since that Saturday morning shoot-around, but after his confirmed test, school officials determined it was best to shut the program down for a week and quarantine the players.

All but three girls — who had all previously tested positive for Covid — were absent from school last week, and two other players, along with a team manager, also ended up testing positive.

"We're getting to the point where we've all had it, so maybe we'll be good for awhile," said Case. "As far as I know, everybody will be at practice tonight."

Originally, Case was hopeful that the team would have been able to begin practicing on Friday, which would have made last night's game doable. However, when that practice was pushed back to Sunday, Case thought it best to resched-

'It's just what we're dealing with right now. I guess that's why it's really important that the girls all know you have to be thankful for games and practices that you get in, because you never know if you're going to get another one.'

Lancer coach T.J. Case

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"Beings that we're getting back tonight, I just felt from a health standpoint, it probably wasn't a great idea to be trying to play that game on Tuesday," he said. "It wouldn't have mattered who we were playing. After being off 15 to 16 days, our chances of being successful weren't great."

Case said he has been reaching out to some other schools to see if the Lancers could get a game this week, but so far he's been unsuccessful. Pleasant Valley was able to pick up a game with Western Dubuque last night.

"The problem is that a lot of the smaller schools, or any other teams we'd be reaching out to play, are all holding onto their games they missed because they are trying to make them up after Christmas," he said. "The state only lets us play 21 games, and a lot of teams have a

full schedule."

As of Sunday, all members of Case's immediate family have tested positive, with the exception of daughter, Presley, a freshman on the St. Ambrose University basketball team.

The family's oldest daughter, Maddie, a member of the Ambrose cross country team, tested positive first, toward the end of the season. Youngest daughter, Josie, a freshman at Pleasant Valley, tested positive about the same time as T.J. His wife, Tara, tested positive last week, and was set to go back to work yesterday (Tuesday).

Josie had previously spent two weeks in quarantine — between the MAC and state cross-country meets — but was still able to run with the Spartans in Fort Dodge.

The family has been in quarantine, and Presley has stayed at school ever since T.J. tested positive. Case said that most of his family has just minor symptoms, although there were days he felt "really exhausted."

"It's just what we're dealing with right now," said T.J. "I guess that's why it's really important that the girls all know you have to be thankful for games and practices that you get in, because you never know if you're going to get another one."

"It's been a little bit different and challenging for my family, but we're blessed that we're all coming out the other side of it."

NORTH SCOTT BOWLING

Lancers fall short in matchup with Central DeWitt

Ohsann rolls a 225 to pace boys' team; Larson's 215 leads girls' effort

By **Scott Campbell**
NSP Editor

It was a tough night on the lanes for North Scott's bowling teams Friday as the trip to Central DeWitt ended with a pair of losses.

Despite sophomore Jacob Ohsann roll-

ing a high game of 225, which translated into a team-best 389 series, the Lancer boys came up 76 pins short in dropping a 2,806-2,730 decision.

The Lancers trailed by just 39 pins heading into the bakers rounds, but couldn't make up any ground. Rounding out the Lancer scoring were sophomores Morgan Welch (171-208—379) and Lex Adkisson (177-202—379), senior Max Adkisson (210-157—361), sophomore Michael Wilming (189-166—355) and senior

Landon Rupp (173-170—343).

"Each of the seniors were down in performance by about 35 to 40 pins," said Lancer coach Marie Tharp, "and Lex was also about 30 pins below his average. We hoped to make a comeback in the bakers round, but that didn't happen as they continued to struggle to make up pins all night long."

North Scott's girls met the same fate, dropping a 2,421-2,029 decision to the Sabers. Senior Briley Larson had a mon-

ster 215 game, but had to settle for a 333 series after struggling with a 118 in the first game. Senior Faith Beadle rolled a 296 series, while fellow senior Kelly Caskey had a 290.

"It was just a tough night for both varsity squads," said Tharp.

On the bright side, the Lancer junior varsity turned in some good scores, including sophomores Mason Herrington (211-153—364), Nik Davis (172-173—345) and Hayden Lebeck (174-170—344).

LANCER SPORTS ROUNDUP

Varsity Wrestling

North Scott 58, Central DeWitt 18

Thursday, Dec. 3 at Central DeWitt

220: Nate Schneckloth (NS) pinned Devin Luskey, 2:19. **285:** David Borchers (NS) pinned Sam Gravert, :57. **106:** Keaton Kruse (CD) pinned Drew Metcalf, 1:27. **113:** Trace Gephart (NS) pinned Royce Butt, 3:48. **120:** Keaton Zeimet (CD) pinned Tate Moffit, :52. **126:** Keaton Simmons (CD) pinned Logan Schmidt, 2:35. **132:** Chase Porter (NS) maj. dec. Ruan Kramer, 11-0. **138:** Josh Connor (NS) tech. fall Cael Grell, 4:00. **1435:** Peyton Westlin (NS) dec. Koal Bossom, 7-1. **152:** Aydan Cary (NS) maj. dec. Carter Donovan, 12-0. **160:** Deven Strief (NS) pinned Christopher Marens, 1:20. **170:** Seth Madden (NS) pinned Landon Peterson, :33. **182:** AJ Petersen (NS) pinned Peyton Morgan, 1:10. **195:** Ryan Campbell (NS) pinned Mitchell Howard, 2:26.

Tipton Invitational

Saturday, December 5 at Tipton

Team Scoring: 1. North Scott 270.5; 2. Midland 150; 3. Maquoketa 134; 4. Tipton 112; 5. West Branch 105; 6. North Cedar 73; Northeast 0. **106:** Quarterfinal - Ayden Golden (NS) pinned Coy Petersen (Mid), :41; Drew Metcalf (NS) pinned Konner Murray (NC), 2:42. Semis: Golden pinned Michael Puffer (tip), 2:14; Metclaf dec. Lincoln Edwards (WB), 7-2. Finals: Metclaf pinned Golden, 1:25. **113:** Round 2 - Trace Gephart (NS) won by tech fall over Sam Livermore (Maq), 2:05. Round 3: Gephart pinned Kole Murray (NC), 1:30. **Gephart finished 1st.** **120:** Round 1: Tristin Sorgenfrey (Tip) pinned Tate Moffit, 4:29. Round 2 - Shayden Hansen (Mid) pinned Moffit, :58. Round 3 - Moffit pinned Ashlynn Miller (NC), 3:04. **Moffit finished 3rd.** **126:** Round 1 - Logan Schmidt (NS) pinned Logan Bicknese (Mid), :38. Round 2 - Schmidt received a bye. Round 3 - Nate Wood (NC) pinned Schmidt, 1:46. **Schmidt finished 2nd.** **132:** Semifinal - Chase Porter (NS) pinned Jordan Buford (Mid), 2:01. Finals: Damon Huston (Mid) pinned Porter, :59. **Porter finished 2nd.** **138:** Quarterfinal - Josh Connor (NS) pinned Hunter Connolly (Maq), 2:22. Semifinal - Connor pinned Chase Miller (NC), 1:34. Finals: Connor pinned Ivan Martin (Maq), :37. **Connor finished 1st.** **145:** Semifinal - Peyton Westlin (NS) pinned Payton Schueller (Maq), 4:02. Finals: Westlin dec. Jared Crock (Mid), 6-0. **Westlin finished 1st.**

152: Quarterfinal - Aydan Cary (NS) pinned Aiden Graves (Tip), 1:30. Semifinal - Cary pinned Sam Thines (Maq), 1:30. Finals: Cary pinned Carson Hunter (Mid), 5:32. **Cary finished 1st.** **160:** Semifinal - Deven Strief (NS) pinned Carson Charves (Tip), :48. Finals - Strief pinned Skylar Schmidt (Tip), 3:41. **170:** Round 1 - Seth Madden (NS) pinned Hunter Overstake (Maq), 2:17. Round 2 - Madden pinned Joe Seydel (WB), :49. Round 3 - Madden dec. Caden Ballou (Mid), 2-0. **Madden finished 1st.** **182:** Quarterfinal - AJ Petersen (NS) pinned Adam Gomez (WB), :21. Semifinal - Petersen pinned Sabian Mesinas (NC), 0:27. Finals - Petersen pinned Cayden Miller (Mid), 4:56. **Petersen finished 1st.** **195:** Round 1 - Ryan Campbell (NS) pinned Cael Eganhouse (Mid), :56. Round 2 - Campbell pinned Jaycob Thompson (Maq), 5:15. Round 3 - Morgan Hartz (WB) dec. Campbell, 7-1. **Campbell finished 2nd.** **220:** Semifinal - Logan Wright (WB) pinned Nate Schneckloth (NS), :23. Cons. Semi - Schneckloth pinned Keegan Rushford (Mid), 1:50. Third place - Jack Boldt (Tip) dec. Schneckloth, 6-2. **Schneckloth finished 4th.** **285:** Round 1 - David Borchers (NS) pinned Will Caes (Maq), 1:08. Round 2 - Nile Schuett (Tip) dec. Borchers, 3-0. Round 3 - Borchers pinned Dylan Butler (WB), :49. **Borchers finished 2nd.**

Junior Varsity Wrestling

Monticello Invitational

Saturday, December 5 at Monticello

Team Scoring: 1. Western Dubuque JV 154.5; 2. Monticello 150; 3. Marion 147.5; 4. East Buchanan 128.5; 5. **North Scott JV 115.5**; 6. Vinton-Shellsburg 108.5. **120:** Round 1 - Alex Ludwig (WD) pinned Logan Brus (NS), :21. Round 2 - Carter Lamont (VS) pinned Logan Brus (NS), 2:28. **Brus finished 3rd.** **126:** Round 1 - Wes Logan (Mar) pinned Jameson Christensen (NS), :53. Round 2 - Owen Ray (Mont) pinned Christensen, :38. Round 3 - Colton Torres (EB) won by forfeit over Christensen. **Christensen finished 4th.** **132:** Round 1 - Ethan Tallman (Mont) pinned Ryan Doty (NS), 1:23. Round 2 - Bryce Radeke (VS) pinned Doty, 2:48. Round 3 - Elijah Strief (WD) pinned Doty, 2:20. Round 4 - Doty dec. Mason Dunlavy (Mar), 6-1. Round 5 - AJ Kremer (EB) pinned Doty, :53. **Doty finished 5th.**

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138: Round 1 - Kain Luensman (Mont) pinned Cael Straley (NS), :32. Round 2 - Straley pinned Hunter Horak (Mar), 2:53. Round 3 - Brady Ortner (VS) pinned Straley, 5:20. Round 4 - Straley pinned Tanner Gaul (WD), :51. Round 5 - Straley pinned Ethan Thompson (EB), 3:56. **Straley finished 3rd.** **145:** Round 1 - Nevin Pins (WD) pinned Ilias Louck (NS), 1:58. Round 2 - Tanner Thurn (EB) pinned Louck, 4:52. Round 3 - Louck maj. dec. Lance Wood (Mar), 12-1. Round 4 - Louck pinned Brandt Dickinson (VS), 0:42. Round 5 - Tyler Luensman (Monti) pinned Louck, 5:52. **Louck finished 4th.** **152:** Round 1 - Luke Elgin (NS) pinned Evin Harris (NS), :41. Round 2 - Dalyn Mull (Mar) pinned Harris, 1:00. TJ Lau (EB) dec. Elgin, 4-1. Round 3 - Harris won by forfeit over Ty Jesenovec (Monti); Elgin maj. dec. Maxwell Clasen (WD), 13-4. Round 4 - Clasen pinned Harris, 1:45; Mull pinned Elgin, :47. Round 5 - Lau pinned Harris, :28; Elgin won by forfeit. **Elgin finished 3rd; Harris finished 5th.** **160:** Round 1 - Dylan Marti (NS) tech. fall over Brant Ortner (VS), 5:43. Round 2 - Marti pinned Stijn De Lang (Mar), 1:03. Round 3 - Logan Massey (WD) dec. Marti, 6-4. Round 4 - Marti pinned Chase Fults (EB), :56. Round 5 - Marti dec. Bo Kramer (Monti), 3-1. **Marti finished 2nd.** **170:** Round 2 - Jack Fahrenkrug (NS) pinned Max Feldmann (WD), 3:21. Round 3 - Fahrenkrug pinned Tate Fults (EB), 2:30. Round 4 - Fahrenkrug pinned Dakota Olsen (Monti), :34. Round 5 - Fahrenkrug pinned Cayden Kelley (VS), :24. **Fahrenkrug finished 1st.** **182:** Round 1 - Curtis Erickson (VS) pinned Max Solis (NS), 3:02. Round 2 - Solis pinned Nick Stahr (EB), :19. Round 3 - Solis pinned Miles Hatchel (Monti), 1:11. Round 4 - Solis dec. Dakota Hoffman (WD), 7-3. Round 5 - Cael Scott (Mari) pinned Solis, 2:45. **Solis finished 4th.** **195:** Round 1 - Nick Nelson (WD) pinned Chase Crouse (NS), 3:28; Round 2 - Taylor Anderson (VS) pinned Crouse, 5:37. Round 3 - Abe Duval (Mar) pinned Crouse, 2:18. Round 4 - Crouse pinned Sharp (Monti), :14. **Crouse finished 4th.** **220:** Round 1 - Matt Cunningham (NS) pinned Zach Yates (Mont), 1:39. Round 2 - Luke Recker (EB) pinned Cunningham, :48. Round 3 - Caleb Rouse (VS) pinned Cunningham, 1:16. Round 4 - Owen Hatcher (WD) pinned Cunningham, 1:00. Round 5 - Tayt Broell (Mar) pinned Cunningham, 3:16. **Cunningham finished 5th.**

FOLLOW THE LANCERS

Thursday

S-BB: North Scott at Fort Madison, 4:30 p.m.

V-BB: North Scott at Fort Madison, 6 p.m.

V-WR: North Scott at Cascade, 6 p.m.

Saturday

JV-WR: North Scott at Maquoketa Inv., 10 a.m.

V-WR: N. Scott at Western Dubuque Duals, 10 a.m.

Monday

F-S-GB: Pleasant Valley at North Scott, 6 p.m.

Bowling: N. vs. Davenport Central, 6:30 p.m.

F-BB: Pleasant Valley at North Scott, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

F-S-GB: North Scott at Clinton, 4:30 p.m.

S-BB: North Scott at Clinton, 4:30 p.m.

F-BB: North Scott at Clinton, 6 p.m.

V-GB: North Scott at Clinton, 6 p.m.

V-BB: North Scott at Clinton, 7:30 p.m.

285: Round 1 - Owen Thomas (Monti) dec. Dawson Rheingans (NS), 6-2. Round 2 - Rheingans dec. Caleb Deirks (EB), 7-3. Round 3 - Rheingans won by forfeit. Round 4 - Brody Steger (WD) pinned Rheingans, :50. Round 5 - Ayden Baker (Mar) pinned Rheingans, :25. **Rheingans finished 4th.**

Freshman Boys' Basketball

North Scott 45, Western Dubuque 32

Monday, Nov. 30

Scoring: Colin Albrecht 10, Kavon Phillips 14, Brennan Reid 9, Tyler Gerardy 12.

Coach Grant Graham's comments: "Our guys went out there and competed the entire game. We still have a lot of work to do, but it was a great way to start off this unprecedented season." **NS record: 1-0.**

OBITUARIES

JB Straley

James Bryant "JB" Straley, 73, of Eldridge, Iowa passed away on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, at his home in Eldridge.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family is having a private service and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Halligan-McCabe-Devries Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

He was born on Jan. 8, 1947, in Camanche, son of Larry and Virginia Straley. Everyone knew James by two letters "JB." JB was a powerful force of energy that instantly made any situation more fun and would make you feel better about yourself after being with him. His larger-than-life personality was a God given gift and continued to grow naturally with each of his life experiences. JB grew up at the Clinton Airport with his older brother Steve and younger brother Phil. He loved to remind us that he had his pilot's license before his driver's license. Flying was an early love of his that would always remain in his life. He graduated from Camanche High School where he was best known for his performances in the choir. He took his well-tuned baritone voice to the University of Dubuque, where he graduated in 1969.

After college JB blazed a trail of successful accomplishments everywhere he went. However, there was one common denominator throughout his work, he would share his huge heart and love of life in everything he would do. He was



proud of all of his successes in life, but he really loved the work he did at The Handicapped Development Center as the chairman of the board for two years but served for a total of 26 years. He also loved to donate his time to the Special Olympics as a coach. He always said he made so many great friends through his time working with the Special Olympics.

He was a past president of the Rotary Club of North Scott.

He married Constance Cowgill in 1970 and had three children, Kate, Andy and Ben. He later in life remarried Kathy Asleson in 1988, and the two of them spent 33 wonderful years together. He was an incredibly passionate Iowa Hawkeye and Chicago Cub fan.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy; children, Kate (Bob) Marx, Boston, Mass., Andrew (Amy) Straley, Eldridge, Ben (Anna) Straley, Long Grove, Michael (Amy) Asleson, Frankfort, Ill., William (Diane) Asleson, LaGrange, Ill.; many grandchildren; brother, Steven (Judy) Straley, Tucson, Ariz.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Larry and Virginia; brother, Phil.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Handicapped Development Center:

<http://handicappeddevelopment.org>
Online remembrances may be expressed at www.hmdfuneralhome.com.

Custom obituary

Patricia Hass

Patricia Ann Hass, 83, of Donahue, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Chambers Funeral Home in Eldridge. Face masks will be required and social distancing will be observed. Private burial services will follow. Memorials may be made to the family.

Patricia was born Aug. 16, 1937, in Davenport, the daughter of Howard "Buck" and Emiline (Martens) Dailey. She was united in marriage to Don A. Hass on June 7, 1958, in Dixon.

Patricia enjoyed gardening, particularly flowers, collecting antiques, decorating and spending time with her family and friends. She adored the company of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those left to honor her memory in-



clude her husband, Don; her daughters, Jill Halligan of Blue Grass and Amy (Joe) Hammen of Urbandale; her grandchildren, Jacob (Brandi) Halligan, Joshua Halligan (JaNaye Norman), Parker (Molly) Hammen and Clayton Hammen (Ashley Schooley); her great grandchildren, Alexis Halligan and Logan Halligan and one great-grandchild expected soon.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; her brother and sister-in-law, Howard "Bud" and Jan Dailey; her son-in-law, Patrick Halligan; and her great-granddaughter, Halle Ann Hammen.

Patricia's funeral services will be livestreamed and may be viewed by visiting Patricia's obituary at www.mcginnis-chambers.com and clicking the link on the bottom of her page at 2 p.m. on Friday.

Custom obituary

Benjamin Ellis

Benjamin Bryce Ellis passed away Monday, Nov. 30, at his home in Princeton.

No services are planned at this time, cremation rights will be accorded. A private burial will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be shared at www.run-gemortuary.com.

Ben was born Feb. 16, 1989, to Michael Kent Ellis and Lorri Ann (Dirks) Ellis. He graduated from North Scott High School Class of 2007, where he was a varsity wrestler and place winner in the state tournament. He was employed at KE Flatwork. He



was a Chicago Bears and Iowa Hawkeyes fan.

He is survived by his parents, his brother Bryan (wife Kim), their children (Lauren, Jena, and Jason), his grandmother Doris Dirks, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and his many wonderful friends.

He was preceded by three grandparents and Uncle Steven Ellis.

He was a great son, brother, and friend with a big heart.

We will miss you, Ben.

Custom obituary

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James Beck

A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2021 for James J. "Jim" Beck. The Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home, Davenport, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Beck died Monday, Nov. 23, 2020. James Beck was born Aug. 28, 1930.

He married Dorothy Huber on March 31, 1970.

Survivors include his wife. Memorials may be made to St. Ann's Catholic Church, Doctors Without Borders, or Catholic Relief Services.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Scott County Board of Supervisors

November 30, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Maxwell, Beck, Knobbe, Croken and Kinzer present. Due to social distancing concerns relating to COVID19, Supervisors and staff were spaced apart during the meeting with some staff participating electronically.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell that the following resolution be approved. All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the appointment of John Stavnes, Bettendorf, Iowa to the Compensation

Board for an unexpired four (4) year term expiring on June 30, 2021 is hereby approved. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Maxwell at 9:23 a.m. a motion to adjourn the special meeting. All Ayes.

Tony Knobbe, Chair of the Board
Scott County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Roxanna Moritz
Scott County Auditor

An expanded version of the minutes is available on the Scott County website at: <https://www.scottcountyia.gov/auditor/board-minutes>

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OBITUARIES

Charles Long

Charles Allen Long, 78 of Mt. Ayr, Iowa, passed away on Dec. 1, 2020, surrounded by his family. Per his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be left to the family. Online condolences may be left at www.Cunnick-Collins.com.



Charles was born on Sept. 22, 1942, in Shannon City, Iowa, to Allen and Bernice (Bastow) Long. He was united in marriage to Helen Swanson on Sept. 26, 1970, in Omaha, Neb.

Charles was a man of many work hats. He sheared sheep all over the United States. He owned and operated his own heating and air conditioning company. He raised purebred show sheep. Charles was the Superintendent of the MVF 4H and open class sheep show. In later years he grew thousands of tomatoes, and donated them. He was a member of Wishard Chapel Church in Mt. Ayr. He was a fixer of many things. He was a

family man, and will be missed.

Survivors include his wife Helen, children Mike (Kelly) Long from Land-o-Lakes, Fla.; Pam (Terry) Sullivan of London, Derry, N.H.; Eric (Kathy) Long of Davenport; Allen Long, and Jeanine Hernandez of Donahue; and Cheryl Long-Diercks of Wheatland. Grandchildren, Savannah, Amber, Shawn, Kealsey, Eric, Brandon, Blake, Brady, and Blaine. Five great-grandchildren, along with many special nieces and nephews. Sisters, Coleen (Wayne) Pickens, and Becky Cook.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother Ed, sister-in-law Margaret, one cousin Elton (Maria) Long, in-laws Shorty and Mary Lou Swanson.

Many thanks to family and friends who helped throughout the years. A special thank you to the faculty of Creston Hospice, Scott County Hospice, and Mt. Ayr Hospital.

Custom obituary

FAMILY NEWS

Keith and Sally Riewerts to celebrate 50th anniversary

Keith and Sally Riewerts of Long Grove will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a card shower. Cards may be sent to them at P.O. Box 67, Long Grove, IA 52756. Feel free to share a favorite memory! No gifts, please.

Sally Mueller and Keith Riewerts were married at 3 p.m. Dec. 26, 1970, at St. John's United Methodist Church, Davenport.

Mr. Riewerts was a science and media educator/professional development facilitator for the Davenport Community School District at West High School, Central High School, and Sudlow Middle School, retiring in 2003.

Mrs. Riewerts was a vocal music educator for the Davenport Community School District at Central High School and Sudlow Middle School, retiring in 2003.



They are the parents of Ryan (Mary Beth) Riewerts of Davenport, and Randy (Melanie) Riewerts of Ledyard, Conn.

Their grandchildren are Gwen Hill, Riley Riewerts, Morgan Riewerts, Rebekah Riewerts, and Reece Riewerts.

MENUS

NORTH SCOTT SCHOOL MENUS

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

Monday, Dec. 14 — Elementary: French toast sticks, syrup cup, pork breakfast sausage links, hash brown patty, celery and baby carrots, 100% orange juice cup, lunch bunch red grapes. **Junior High:** French toast sticks, syrup cup, pork breakfast sausage links, or giant breakfast sandwich, hash brown patty, celery and baby carrots, 100% orange juice cup, lunch bunch red grapes. **High School:** French toast sticks, pork breakfast sausage links, hash brown patty, or giant breakfast sandwich; or cheesy shrimp wrap, or buffalo chicken dip, round tortilla chips; or pepperoni calzone, or cheese stuffed shells.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 — Elementary: Macaroni and cheese cup, mini corn dogs, peas, celery and baby carrots, sidekick, orange wedges, chocolate cherry snack mix (CCP). **Junior High:** Macaroni and cheese cup, mini corn dogs, peas, broccoli and carrots, sidekick, orange wedges, Sun Maid raisins, chocolate cherry snack mix (CCP). **High School:** Chicken nuggets, buttermilk biscuit; or mandarin orange chicken, or General Tso's chicken, seasoned rice with peas and carrots, broccoli stir fry vegetables, egg roll; or Little Caesar's pizza.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 — Elementary: Round pepperoni pizza, fresh romaine salad, chopped peppers and cucumber, Jell-O with fruit, apples, fruit fluff. **Junior**

High: Boneless chicken wings (regular, buffalo or BBQ), buttermilk biscuit, crinkle cut French fries, chopped peppers and cucumber, Jell-O with fruit, apples, fruit fluff. **High School:** Double cheeseburger, crinkle cut French fries, or mini corn dogs, or crispy breaded pork fritter; or beef nacho meat, refried beans with cheese; or garlic French bread pizza, or Wild Mike's cheese pizza bites, marinara sauce cup.

Thursday, Dec. 17 — Elementary and Junior High: Tortilla mini round chips, beef nacho meat, cheddar cheese sauce, refried beans with cheese, cherry tomatoes and carrots, diced strawberry cup, banana. **High School:** Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, dinner roll; or sweet and sour chicken, seasoned rice with peas and carrots, egg roll; or Papa John's pizza.

Friday, Dec. 18 — Elementary: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, garden veggie cup with ranch, diced fruit cup, raisins, fresh seasonal fruit, Christmas sugar cookie. **Junior High:** Chicken tenders or crispy breaded pork fritter, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, garden veggie cup with ranch, diced fruit cup, raisins, fresh seasonal fruit, Christmas sugar cookie. **High School:** Premium breaded chicken sandwich, tater tots, baked beans, or double cheeseburger; or premium double bacon cheeseburger.

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Eldridge City Council

November 16, 2020

The City of Eldridge, Iowa met in open session at the Eldridge Community Center at 7:00 p.m., November 16, 2020. Roll call vote showed Mayor Martin O'Boyle, council members Bruce Cheek, Bernie Peeters, Frank King, Brian Dockery, and Adrian Blackwell on Zoom. Also present were Mark Ridolfi, James Martin, Derek Hamilton, Tony Rupe, Lisa Kotter, and Denise Benson.

Agenda - Motion by King to approve the agenda as presented, second by Cheek. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment - none.
Mayor's Agenda -
A. Consideration of approval of the minutes from November 2, 2020. Motion by Blackwell to approve the minutes, second by Peeters. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

B. Consideration of the bills payable in the amount of \$473,484.52. Motion by King to approve the bills, second by Cheek. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

C. Virtual Walk through of the YCMA.
D. Dynamic Restaurant Acquisitions DBA Happy Joes Liquor License. Motion by King to approve the renewal, second by Dockery. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business -
A. Consideration of Ordinance 2020-10 No Parking Franklin Street (Second Reading). Motion by Dockery to approve the second reading, second by Blackwell. Roll call vote showed Dockery, Cheek, Peeters, King and Blackwell voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.

New Business -
A. Consideration of Ordinance 2020-11 Timed Parking Fees (First Reading). Discussion of moving the time from 48 to 72 Hours. Motion by Peeters to approve the amended first reading, second by Cheek. Roll call vote showed Cheek, Peeters, King, Blackwell and Dockery voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.

B. Consideration of Ordinance 2020-12 Snow Emergency Fees for Parking and Disposal of Snow into the Right of Way (First Reading). Motion by Peeters to approve the first reading, second by Blackwell. Roll call vote showed Peeters, King, Blackwell, Dockery and Cheek voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.

C. Consideration of Resolution 2020-31 Fees for Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks. Motion by Blackwell to approve the resolution, second by Cheek. Roll call vote showed King, Blackwell, Dockery, Cheek and Peeters voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.

D. Consideration of Resolution 2020-32 Approval to Exempt Permit Fees for the YMCA. Motion by Peeters to approve the resolution, second by King. Roll call vote showed Blackwell, Dockery, Cheek, Peeters and King voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.

E. Consideration of Resolution 2020-27 Approval of the Annual Urban Renewal Reports. Motion by Cheek to approve the resolution, second by King. Roll call vote showed Dockery, Cheek, Peeters, King, Blackwell voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.

F. Discussion on City Revenues and TIF Funding. Kotter presented the council with some financial documents to review.

Activity Report -
A. Wastewater - Routine business at the plant. Motion by Dockery to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., second by Peeters. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Martin P. O'Boyle Mayor	Denise Benson City Clerk	
Access Systems, services		\$285.00
Ahlers & Cooney, services		15.48
Alliant, services		215.28
Aqua-Tech, services		65.00
Bortec, services		2,820.00
Cargill, supplies		19,563.05
Central Scott, services		938.77
Cintas, services		38.39
Collective Data, services		1,100.00
Dubuque Fire Equip, services		62.80
Eld Elec Utility, services		3,507.91
Eld NS Chamber, services		469.00
Eldridge Welding, services		45.00
Engelbrecht Bros, supplies		63.77
Genesis Occ Health, services		55.00
Hawkeye Paving, services		131,574.74
IA Dept Trans, supplies		159.12
IDALS-Pesticide, services		75.00
IA Law Enforcement Acad, services		775.00
IA League of Cities, services		25.00
JP Gasway, supplies		145.03
Kiesler Police Supply, supplies		267.35
Legat Architects, services		71,833.80
LMT Defense, supplies		1,400.00
Manatts Inc, services		81,872.03
Midamerican Energy, services		133.70
Panther Uniforms, supplies		30.00
Premier Parts, supplies		351.73
Rapid Reproductions, services		10.35
Republic Services, services		28,876.65
River Valley Coop, supplies		920.55
Scott Co Sheriff, services		25.00
Shared IT, services		961.50
Shive Hattery, services		40,715.94
Shred-It, services		76.25
Tri City Blacktop, supplies		254.98
Twin States Eng/Chem, supplies		116.08
US Cellular, services		404.76
Total		390,249.01
Payroll 10-31-20		83,235.51
Subtotal		83,235.51
Total of Check Register		390,249.01
Grand Total		473,484.52

Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board

December 1, 2020

The regular meeting of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board was called to order at 5:00 P.M. on December 1, 2020 at the Eldridge Community Center.

Board members present were Brock Kroeger, Mike Anderson, Jim Roseman, Barb O'Brien, and Jim Skadal on Zoom. Also present was Lisa Kotter, Kristi Ernst, Jacob Rowe and visitors Marty O'Boyle and Eric Kamm on Zoom.

Motion by Roseman, second by O'Brien to approve the agenda. All ayes.

Motion by O'Brien, second by Anderson, to approve the minutes from November 17, 2020. All ayes.

FINANCIAL - Motion by Kroeger to approve bills payable in the amount of \$158,400.98, second by Skadal. All ayes.

ELECTRIC - On November 24, 2020 at 4:50 A.M. an outage was reported at 303 W. Sheridan Drive. Service restored at 5:50 A.M. Cause unknown. Twenty customers affected. On November 25, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. an outage was reported at 505 S. 3rd Place. Services were restored at 2:15 P.M. Outage was due to wildlife contact. Twenty customers affected.

Kamm presented the PCA Implementation Policy for the last three Fiscal Years with and without a leveling fund. The Board agreed to implement the PCA for one year to get a baseline for comparison to see how it affects the income.

Motion by Anderson, second by Roseman to Approve Resolution 2020-390-EW Intergovernmental Electric Rates. All ayes.

Rowe reported the crew finished up on S. 5th Street

and are working on services.

WATER - Water samples were taken on the 16th and 17th of November and all passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE - No business
Motion by O'Brien to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 P.M., second by Kroeger. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Ernst, Billing Clerk

Next regular meeting December 15, 2020	
Petty Cash, sup	\$6.95
D Stutt, reimb	161.00
Midam, ser	493.11
Broughman Reo, ref	129.57
A Nichols, ref	117.94
Climate Eng, ser	917.70
Eld Lumber, sup	44.16
IA One Call, ser	134.30
IUB, ser	1,786.00
NERC, ser	1,119.18
Power Line Supp, sup	12,500.00
QC TAS, ser	64.03
Rapids Repro, ser	76.14
Resco, sup	316.42
Stanley, ser	3,125.00
Stuart C Irby, sup	884.14
Total Checks	21,875.64
Payroll 11-14-20	28,971.69
Payroll 11-28-20	28,681.10
CMMPA	107,553.65
Total	\$187,082.08

Probate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY

Probate No. ESPR080118
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Thomas L. Boyd, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Thomas L. Boyd, Deceased, who died on or about May 29, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on December 3, 2020, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on December 3, 2020.

Christopher Reis
Administrator of the Estate
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Paul J. Bieber, ICIS#: AT0000959
Attorney for the Administrator
Gomez May LLP
2322 E. Kimberly Rd., Ste. 120W
Davenport, IA 52807
Date of second publication
16th day of December, 2020

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

1st Ad - 12-9-2020
2nd Ad - 12-16-2020

Iowa District Court
COURT CASE #EQCE133036
Special Execution

STATE OF IOWA vs. SCOTT COUNTY
Freedom Mortgage Corporation, PLAINTIFF
VS
Douglas Matthiae 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: Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 78 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M., in the City of Davenport, Iowa, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 11 of Thode Court Addition to the City of Davenport, Iowa, said point being on the North line of a 20 foot public alley; thence South 0 degrees 41' East a distance of 20 feet to a point on the south line of said 20 foot public alley; thence West 43 feet; thence North 10 degrees 3'12" West 146.59 feet to a point on the Southerly line of Telegraph Road; thence North 56 degrees 32'30" East along the Southerly line of Telegraph Road, a distance of 42.38 feet; thence North 59 degrees 28' East along the Southerly line of said Telegraph Road a distance of 36 feet; thence South 0 degrees 41' a distance of 166 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in the County of Scott and State of Iowa, commonly known as 2339 Telegraph Rd., Davenport, IA 52804 (the "Property"); 2339 Telegraph Rd., Davenport, IA.

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

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Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse
This sale not subject to redemption.
Judgment Amount: \$78,918.08
Accruing Cost: \$7,232.26
Interest: \$5,691.83 from: 06/01/2019

Attorney: Southlaw PC
Date Filed: 11/02/2020

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Scott County, Iowa
Chief Deputy Shawn Roth
Chief Deputy Bryce Schmidt

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Donahue City Council

Council Proceedings
November 2, 2020

Mayor Schoenthaler called the regular meeting of the Donahue City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Arp, Cronkleton, Jackson, Hayslett and Ganzer. Also present was Wayne Arp, Kevin Marple and Sarah Ganzer.

Minutes of the previous meeting held 10/5/20 were considered.

Hayslett made a motion and seconded by Cronkleton to approve the previous minutes as written. Ayes: Arp, Cronkleton, Ganzer, Hayslett and Jackson. No nays, motion carried.

Receipts for October:

Road Use Tax	\$1,683.15
General Fund	47,403.26
Water Fund	12,324.21
Sewer Fund	15,095.11
Total Receipts	\$76,505.73

Expenses presented for review:

Alliant Utilities, electricity	\$1,424.86
First Trust, ftd	260.52
Central Scott, phone	178.53
Iowa Workforce, fee	260.33
MCI, long distance	30.30

IPERS, retirement	143.93
Hawkins, chemical	661.89
Water Management Services, water operator	950.00
Republic Services, refuse pick-up	2,086.92
Scott County Library, bi-annual payment	6,806.00
First Trust, loan payment	1,637.91
Q.C. Analytical Services, testing	223.00
Larry Mohr, repair light	157.30
Murphy's Lawn, spray lagoon	400.00
Eastern Iowa Petro, fuel	492.49
Brooks Law Firm, fee	441.30
North Scott Press, publications	76.83
Water Solutions Unlimited, chemical	746.00
Water Services LLC, sewer operator	450.00
Payroll	2,732.80
Total	\$20,160.91

A motion was made by Ganzer, seconded by Arp, the expenses be allowed and paid. Ayes: Arp, Cronkleton, Ganzer, Hayslett and Jackson. No nays, motion carried.

Additions to the agenda were that there is a Donahue Sportsmen meeting at the Fire Station on Sunday November 15, 2020 at 4:00. They are looking for more volunteers and some of the directors are resigning from their duties. This is an informational meeting. Iowa American Water will help out with operations of the water system when Jim Merchie retires on November 30, 2020. The Mayor and clerk have had some meetings with FEMA about the storm in August. Sarah Ganzer has helped compile information for this also. A council member was asking about having a recycle center in our community somewhere. A council member was asking if a letter could be sent out about a vehicle and boat sitting on the road. They both have expired tags and flat tires. We will send out a notice about these.

Various correspondences were read and the utility report was given.

Lisa Jackson took the oath of office. She is temporarily filling a position for a council member that moved out of city limits.

The Scott County Winter Maintenance Proposal was discussed. Cronkleton made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Arp. All ayes, motion carried.

The City will not be having a Christmas Party this year due to COVID.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Hayslett, seconded by Jackson, to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Ken Schoenthaler Mayor
Christie Arp City Clerk

Public Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY

NO. SPCE133323
SEIZING AGENCY NO. 18-5485BPD
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF IN REM FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY SEIZED FROM JASON R. JOHNSON SR DEFENDANT

TO: JASON RAPHAEL JOHNSON
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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 809A.8 of the Code of Iowa, each of the above named persons is notified of the following

An IN REM FORFEITURE COMPLAINT was filed in the Scott County District Court on November 9, 2020.

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- Property which was illegally possessed.
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- Property which was used or intended to be used to facilitate the commission of a criminal offense or to avoid detection or apprehension of a person committing a criminal offense.

You are hereby notified that if you wish to contest this forfeiture, you must file with the Clerk of District Court a Motion or Answer within twenty days after publication of this notice.

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THE STATE OF IOWA
/s/ Robert L. Cusack
Assistant County Attorney

Princeton City Council

December 3, 2020

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met in a special budget work session on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Princeton City Hall. Mayor Kevin Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Stutting, McDonough, Woomert, Wolfe, Kline.

Mayor Kernan informed Council of the current TIF certification discrepancies and work that Clerk Tweed has been doing to resolve the over certification. Council McDonough volunteered to contact the County Auditor to help resolve the over certification.

Council Stutting started the budget discussion by asking about current and projected police gas expenditures. Chief Carsten stated it is below budget currently because of lower gas prices and he expects an increase for next year. Council Stutting stated she would like more funds in the upcoming budget for Parks and the Community Center.

Mayor Kernan proposed a water and sewer rate increase that he and Clerk Tweed have been working on. Council agreed to put a five year incremental increase into an ordinance.

Clerk Tweed explained the current LMI plan and amount in the account, Council agreed to create a plan to start expending LMI funds.

Council McDonough discussed the pedestrian crossing project identified by Chief Carsten and also through the National Park Service. McDonough and Chief Carsten will meet with the Iowa DOT and Bi-State Regional Commission to discuss pedestrian crossings at Hwy 67 and approach the railroad. Council McDonough explained that pedestrian crossing may align with a potential grant opportunity to restore Whiskey Run Creek through the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Council McDonough and Public Works Foreman will schedule a meeting to learn more about the grant and update Council.

Council Wolfe stated that the upcoming budget will need reflect the \$2,000 committed to Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning project. Council agreed to determine line item after a project is identified by Community Visioning volunteers in 2021.

Council Woomert requested adding back up lift station generators to the upcoming budget. Council agreed for Public Works Foremen Genz to proceed with quotes.

Council discussed the employee handbook and requested an update status. Council Stutting stated things such as holiday pay, hourly vs. salary, and the accrual of comp time will be reworded for clarity and better understanding before the next Council meeting.

Mayor Kernan revisited the need for employee accountable with daily clocking in and out. Council agreed that hourly employees are expected to clock in and out for daily duties, emergencies are an exception and can be communicated with Clerk Tweed. Clerk Tweed informed Council she requested staff submit receipts with budget codes on a weekly basis.

Chief Carsten discussed adding an emergency generator to the budget in case City Hall or Police Station were to lose power. Council agreed that with the money already in the budget he can explore that option.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved:
Kevin Kernan, Mayor

Attest:
Kisa Tweed, City Clerk/Treasurer

Scott County Board of Supervisors

SCOTT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 20-08
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 58.5 ACRES IN SECTION 33, LIBERTY TOWNSHIP FROM AGRICULTURAL-PRESERVATION (A-P) TO INDUSTRIAL (I), ALL WITHIN UNINCORPORATED SCOTT COUNTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SCOTT COUNTY IOWA:

Section 1. In accordance with Section 6-31 Scott County Code, the following described unit of real estate is hereby rezoned from Agricultural-Preservation (A-P) to Industrial (I) to-wit:

Part of the NE1/4NW1/4 and the west half of the NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 33, in Township 80 North, Range 1 East of the 5th P.M. (New Liberty Township).

Section 2. This ordinance changing the above described land to Industrial (I) is approved as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Section 3. Restrictive Use. This ordinance restricts the land use to those permitted in the Industrial (I) Zoning District as related to mining operations with extraction, primary, secondary and tertiary processing of stone, sand, gravel dirt, clay, and similar materials which require a fixed plant.

Section 4. The County Auditor is directed to record this ordinance in the County Recorder's Office.

Section 5. Severability Clause. If any of the provisions of this Ordinance are for any reason illegal or void, then the lawful provisions of the Ordinance, which are separate from said unlawful provisions shall be and remain in full force and effect, the same as if the Ordinance contained no illegal or void provisions.

Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its final passage and publication as by law provided.

Approved this 24th day of November 2020.

Tony Knobbe, Chair
Scott County Board of Supervisors
Roxanna Moritz, County Auditor

Scott County Planning and Development

NOTICE OF SCOTT COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, December 15, 2020
Online/Call-in Access Only Due to COVID-19
5:00 P.M.

PARTICIPATION OPTIONS:
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Please find call-in instructions, agenda, and meeting materials here:

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Public Hearing - An Ordinance To Adopt New Flood Insurance Rates Maps In Accordance With The National Flood Insurance Program And Amend Certain Provisions And Sections Of Scott County Code Chapter 6, Zoning For Unincorporated Areas Related To Floodplain Regulations

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has finalized a new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Scott County, Iowa. The map will become effective on March 23, 2021. Prior to the effective date, all jurisdictions must adopt the new FIRM to continue participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Text amendments to sections of the Scott County Code Chapter 6 are being proposed to be in compliance with Iowa Model Floodplain Ordinance Language and Definitions as defined by FEMA and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Copies of the finalized FIRM and Draft Ordinance Text Amendments can be viewed at:
<https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/planning/planning-zoning-commission/meetings>

Dixon City Council

THE CITY WILL NOT BE HOLDING A DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING. BELOW IS A LIST OF VENDOR PAYMENTS & CURRENT REVENUES. ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE CLERK AT 563-370-3465

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