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NORTH SCOTT SCHOOLS

Enrollment grows and more may be coming

By Mark Ridolfi
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North Scott schools' enrollment is up 61 from a year ago, and the district may need to prepare for even more students if state legislators outlaw open enrollment restrictions from Davenport.

Feb. 1	2020	2021
Armstrong	374	373
Glenn	229	211
Grissom	198	200
Shepard	438	430
White	506	552
Jr high	502	500
High	976	1,018
Total	3,223	3,284

(Omits pre-school enrollment) Board members on Monday accepted four open-enrolled students from Pleasant Valley and another from Davenport, adding to the growth that saw district enrollment grow to 3,372 on Feb. 1, according to district enrollment data disclosed on board agendas.

"We jumped kids again," Stutting told board members. "It is impressive."

Board members met Monday at the district's administration center for an online audience that reached up to 38 Facebook viewers. Members Donn

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Do the snowshoe shuffle

Two dozen snow shoers follow Wapsi Center naturalist Mike Granger down a path to the frozen Wapsipinicon River. Find a list of upcoming outdoor activities, and more photos on page 1B. NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi

County asked to take more control of CAFOs

By Mark Ridolfi
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Two Scott County women urged supervisors to seek more control over livestock confined feeding operations.

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Kay Pence, of Eldridge, and Claudia Reyes-Fry, of Davenport, presented data showing 62 confined livestock feeding operations permitted to hold up to 65,632 animals at any time in the county.

Supervisors did not act on their request to join 26 other Iowa counties seeking more authority in such operations, which now are regulated exclusively by the Iowa Department of Natu-

"The master matrix failed to protect our community. The CAFO is putting our already high nitrate water supply in more peril."

Lora Rathje, McCausland

ral Resources.

Pence said 30 percent of Scott County's operations are permitted for fewer than 1,000, so they do not need to meet the DNR's master matrix permitting requirements.

The DNR's matrix created in 2002 needs an update, she said.

"We feel that the master matrix construction evaluation only encourages the bare minimum and does not go far enough to protect our communities, soil, water, air, or quality of life," Pence and Reyes wrote in a memo to supervisors.

The matrix scores new or expanded confinement operations requests and

awards permits to those that meet a minimum score, regardless of supervisors' opinions.

Reyes said DNR permitting does disclose some new and expanding operations, but needs to do more.

"It fails to request other sustainable farm field practices such as cover crops, no till and saturated buffers proven to improve soil conditions and control runoff. There needs to be higher accountability to increase usage of these programs, since the majority depend on voluntarily participation," she told supervisors.

The pair submitted a statement from

Lora Rathje, of McCausland, who said a confinement operation was built near her home, "without any prior knowledge of it being permitted," she said.

"The master matrix failed to protect our community. The CAFO is putting our already high nitrate water supply in more peril," Rathje wrote.

Supervisor John Maxwell, who operates confined hog and cattle feeding operations near Donahue, disputed their conclusions, particularly about manure runoff.

"I am a farmer and I do own hog buildings. I'm still perplexed with that statement because my hog buildings have a roof over them. They're basically in a concrete bunker. When it rains, it stays in the concrete bunker. I'm not seeing the connection."

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Voters needed for March 2 school sales tax referendum

Iowa's 1-percent education sales tax benefits have touched every Lancer family for the past 21 years. Now, North Scott school board members want district voters to make sure it benefits families for the next 30.

Superintendent Joe Stutting gave board members the pitch he's making throughout the community this month to draw voters to a March 2 referendum extending the school's use of sales taxes through 2051.

The referendum comes 22 years to the day that Scott County voters first approved the sales tax that adds 1 percent to the 6 percent already taxed by the state.

Since 1999, the district has gotten about \$53 million in sales tax proceeds to build additions at almost every school, turn libraries into media centers, increase security, and make every building accessible to all.

Most residents are familiar with projects like the athletic conditioning building, bus garage, indoor practice fields and high school auditorium and cafeteria upgrades.

The school district also is financing its \$7 million share of the new North Scott

YMCA with sales tax proceeds.

Looking ahead, North Scott schools' plans include junior high orchestra and woods lab renovations, a new softball field, welding and construction labs, and renovations to Lancer Stadium.

The district also plans more solar panels, like those already shaving \$20,000 of utility bills at Shepard Elementary in Long Grove.

The March 2 referendum was required by state legislators when they extended the sales tax until 2051. The legislation calls for each district to get simple majority vote approval of a revenue statement plan identifying general uses for the money. Districts that don't get voter support before 2031 can lose their sales tax allocations.

North Scott joins Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf districts conducting the vote March 2. Stutting said voting will take place only on that day, at consolidated polling sites.

This year, North Scott got \$2,932,535 in sales tax dollars, based on the amount collected, and enrollment.

Stutting said the benefits make it an easy sell among voters who understand how it has helped limit property taxes.

"Iowa is blessed with SAVE," he said. "SAVE is not a property tax, but it is property tax relief."

Iowa law limits SAVE funds for building projects, providing a reliable, long-term revenue source that most districts have borrowed against.

It reserves property tax revenue for the district's biggest cost: personnel.

Without SAVE, "we'd still have to repair buildings. That's another cost in competition with hiring a teacher, or an associate from our general budget," Stutting said.

Scott County voters on March 2, 1998, voted 10,321-8,809 to pass the school sales tax with a 54-percent majority.

More information about the referendum is on the district web site.

The March 2 ballot will also include an Eastern Iowa Community College referendum asking to extend a property tax increase approved by voters in 2007.

EICC is asking the rate remain in order to borrow up to \$40 million for improvements to its three main campuses and downtown Davenport.

EICC also plans new career-tech buildings in Clinton and Muscatine counties.

GROWTH: Legislation may draw more Davenport students

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Wilmott and Glen Keppy were not present.

For years, enrollment remained flat, even as new homes sprouted in the district. Through the pandemic, North Scott has welcomed students from surrounding districts, perhaps drawn by North Scott's focus on in-school learning.

On Oct. 1, district enrollment including pre-schoolers was 3,345. By Feb. 1, enrollment reached 3,372.

Elementary enrollment this year increased by 19 students, including 10 new to Armstrong.

Open enrollment has drawn nine more students this year to reach 168 this month. Last February the district had 156 open-enrolled students.

Seventy-six North Scott student open-enroll to other districts.

Legislation could bring more

The Iowa legislature is considering ending diversity plans in Davenport and a few other districts. Those districts decline students' requests to open-enroll elsewhere if departing students change a school building's racial make-up.

If the legislature ends the diversity restriction, Stutting anticipates North Scott will see even more interest from Davenport families.

"Prior to last year, the average was 22 kids per year," from Davenport attending North Scott, Stutting told board members.

Space is the only factor districts can use when considering open enrollees, Stutting said. Districts cannot reject open-enrolled students because of discipline or academic history. But they can direct the new transfers to specific buildings.

Now, open enrolled students are placed where space is available, Stutting said.

Board member John Maxwell asked if Glenn Elementary in Donahue might be a target for Blue Grass and Walcott students looking at North Scott.

"We can dictate where they go," Stutting said. But he suggested more family-friendly considerations, like Pleasant Valley's policy that gives preference to local kids.

"They can move open enrollment kids up to three times, because they're always going to guarantee a seat for someone who lives enrollment area," Stutting said.

Stutting told board members that state supplemental aid bills now range from 2.2-2.5 percent increases, short of the 3.5 percent he'd hoped for.

He does anticipate more pandemic-related funding, and hoped legislators would make up funding inequities that leave North Scott, Davenport and some other districts funded at lower per-pupil

levels.

He said the pandemic created learning needs and expenses that will continue long after the virus is gone.

"I'd rather have them talk about money to close the gap, not money for COVID costs. So even if it is one-time money, my hope is it would be extended for a program like that. You don't hire people with one-time money," he said.

He commended the school board's lobbying record.

"Every year we're fighting off charters. We're fighting off vouchers. We've been really successful," he said.

He urged residents to, "keep talking to your elected officials and support them so they stand up for us, and aren't under political pressure."

COVID update

The district is seeing the "lowest numbers we've seen at all," on quarantines and positive COVID cases, Stutting said.

He got his first vaccination Saturday.

"By next Sunday, 375 of our staff members will have their first dose done," he said.

He and other staff went to the clinic set up at NorthPark Mall, where he reported a quick, efficient experience.

He believes follow-up doses 28 days later will be administered through pharmacy contracts.

The district will continue masks and social distancing, despite Gov. Reynolds' order lifting those requirements.

"I know the governor did pass no limitations, no mask requirements. But she also said businesses can make choices. We're going to continue doing what we've been doing.

"I've not seen any evidence coming out of the CDC that said we should change. And it's working for us. I'd like to continue doing what works for us, rather than go, boom, and we're back to 100 kids quarantining."

He hasn't heard what other Mississippi Athletic Conference schools are doing for athletic and arts events.

"The MAC may do something different. I haven't heard. Some schools might say we'll fill up our gyms now. But we're not going to change," Stutting told the board Monday.

Sharing staff with Bennett schools

Board members will consider sharing a grounds supervisor position with Cedar County's Bennett school district.

Stutting said the district is examining options to allow Bennett to use 20 percent of a North Scott district grounds supervisor, mostly for help planning projects and coordinating bids.

In addition to Bennett's contribution of up to 20 percent of salary, the North Scott District could also gain state funding. Legislators created incentives to encourage shared staff among districts. The incentives in this case would boost state supplemental aid by five students, generating about \$35,000 a year, Stutting said.

The legislative incentives top out at 21 funded student spots per school and Stutting said Bennett's neighboring districts have shared staff sufficiently to get all that funding.

"So there's no financial benefits left," Stutting said for collaboration among those districts.

He envisions North Scott staff spending no more than half a day each week in Bennett, about 25 miles from Eldridge. Stutting said a North Scott grounds supervisor already lives in Maysville, which is 15 miles from Bennett.

Much of the work would be online and over the phone, preparing project proposals and perhaps finding more contractors willing to serve the smaller district, Stutting said.

Board members also:

Accepted the retirement of Sandra McKinney, a part-time aide at Armstrong.

Reassigned White Elementary part-time special ed aide Molly Lamont to more hours at level II, due to increased student need.

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Jennifer R.

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Ashley L.

"Both of our daughters have been blessed to attend Share and Care and have fond memories of their time there. Our oldest still consistently talks about her former teachers and the friends she made. We love the creative and unique lessons and the daily picture updates we receive about what our child did that day. They are a wonderful part of the community and great faith based leaders."

Brett V.

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Katie M.

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Brittany B.

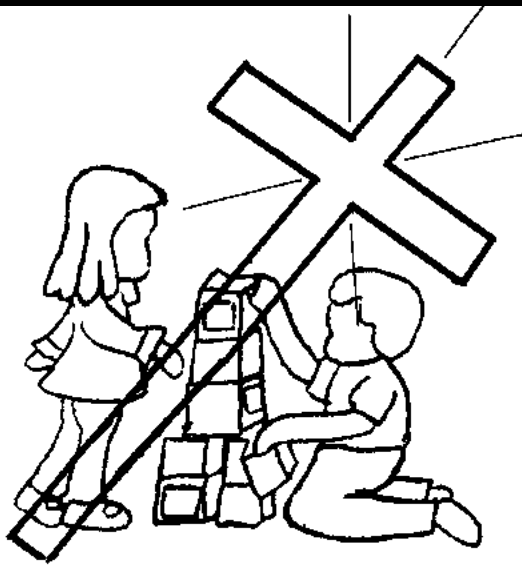
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Jenni G.

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CAFOS: Residents urge supervisors to take control of local confinement permits

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"I think the CAFOs and hog confinements are some of the more safer pieces," he said.

Pence acknowledged, "there are good farmers who do the practices. Personally, I'm concerned about the manure you spread on fields that flow from your fields," Pence said. She said Iowa has no limits on manure spreading, and smaller livestock operations are exempt from permitting. "Some farms fall below the matrix. They don't do any practices at all," Pence said.

Maxwell asked if she thought the DNR, "is good at administering master matrix?"

Pence said the DNR is no match for Iowa farming practices, based on the latest Iowa Water Quality analysis, that shows more nitrogen going on fields and showing up in streams.

"I see that nutrients going into water are actually going up," Pence said.

Supervisor Ken Croken welcomed the discussion, and acknowledged he learned, too, from his recent tour of Maxwell's Donahue farm. He favors more local control.

"Not all farmers are burying or injecting manure into the ground to insure it is well covered. Not all are measuring the amount of nitrate in parts of their farm directly adjoining ditches that feed the streams. It's mostly a matter of responsible farming practices that I'm proud to say Mr. Maxwell is one of the practitioners of. But I don't think that can be said uniformly."

In a phone interview later, Pence said she also valued her tour of Maxwell's farm

"One of the things that stood out after talking to John; if I'm not putting manure on my land, I'm putting synthetic fertilizers on it. It caused me to change my presentation. We need to find a way to encourage farmers to use sustainable practices," Pence said.

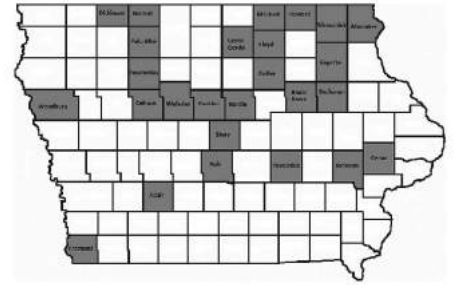
Why some say local control is needed

Kay Pence and Claudia Reyes-Fry gave Scott County supervisors three reasons to consider joining 26 other Iowa county boards approving a resolution asking for county-level control over these deficiencies in state oversight:

- Protect communities due to lax separation distances. Recent examples of this are CAFOs that were either built or expanded near the communities of Maysville and McCausland.

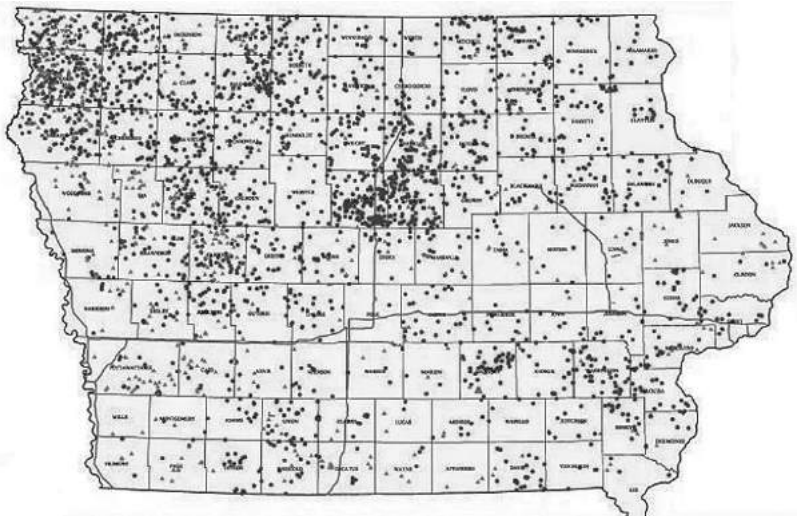
- Evaluate the impact of the local karst topography of eastern Iowa and the fields being spread with liquid manure. This directly impacts the soil's ability to absorb the nutrients from the manure. The excess nutrients run off into our waterways putting them in danger of elevated bacteria and nitrates.

- Address CAFO applications that fall under the 1,000-animal threshold of needing a Master Matrix scoring altogether. This is a loophole that allows applicants to avoid accountability and sidestep the approval of the county before constructing.

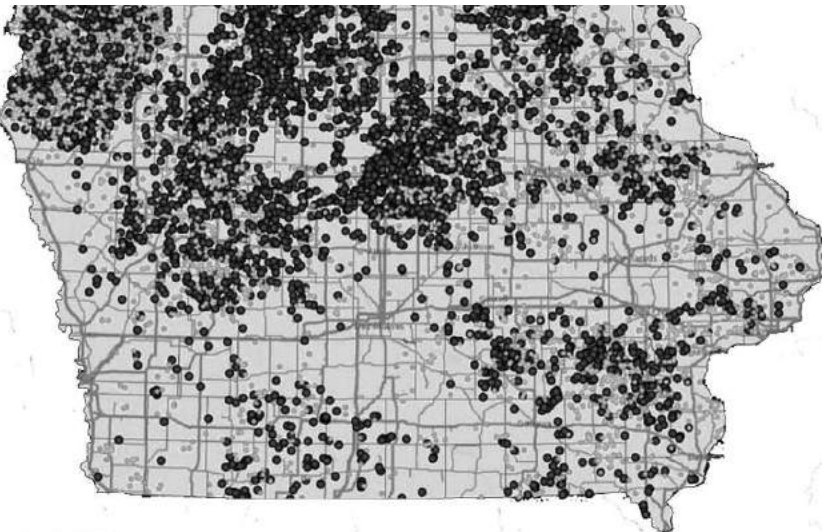


26 Iowa county boards have approved resolutions seeking more local control of confined feeding operations.

2002: All Iowa confined feeding operations



2020: Pork confined feeding operations



Source: Iowa DNR. Permitting applies to operations of 1,000 animals or more.

Confined feeding operations in Scott County

Operation	Permit limit	Long Grove	
Blue Grass		Grandview Farms - Dewulf Site	960
Thomas Lahl - Locust Street Pork	1,536	Grandview Farms - Engler	960
Richard Portsman	400	Brady Claussen	960
		Dean Claussen	960
Davenport		Witt Bauernhof LLC	480
Kirby Farms Inc.	2,006	New Liberty	
Scott Rochau Farm	1,090	Scott Wolf	1,945.6
Peeterboldt Farms	960	Lilienthal Jim	1,920
Kyle Kirby	480	Robert Badtram	992
Dennis Kirby	420	329- Jerry Havill	998
Kundel Farms Corp.	320	Hermiston Farms-Site 3	960
		Vander Heiden Jeff & Marlon	380
Dixon		Princeton	
JT Allens Grove Pork LLC	1,920	Ben And Jamie Boeding	998.4
Allen's Grove Pork Inc.	1,536	Stockton	
Dixon Site	992	Glenora Feed Yard LLC	4,888
Mike Decap	960	J2T2 LLC	1,920
JT Allens Grove Pork 2	960	Kappeler Farms Inc.	960
Grandview Farms Inc.	400	Hein Finishing	960
Donahue		Walcott	
Grandview Farms Inc.	7,375.6	Paustian Enterprises	1,835.6
John Maxwell	960	Grandview Farms Inc.	1,680
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Durant		Stender Finishing - Paustian	1,200
Keppy Farm	768	I Paustian	1,112
Eldridge		Ross Paustian	1,040
Dean Claussen	1,456	Keppy Maysville	960
Sloperstown Farm	960	Golinghorst Inc.	960
T/J WTF LLC	960	Jerry Stoltenberg	872
Larry Goettsch	340	Ralfs Finishing	720
Lois Klever Trust	140	HG Pork	720
Tom Dittmer Gilt Barn	NA	K3 Co.	667.4
Arlan Engelbrecht	NA	Paustian Enterprises	660
LeClaire		Geurink Farms Inc.	600
Benson Farms Inc.	660	Edwin Maxwell	400
Hamilton H & S Land Inc.	576	Nieman Farms Inc.	300
Claussen Family Farms LLC	490	Total	65,632.6
Holst Farms Inc.	264		

Source: Iowa DNR list of permitted, or monitored sites, listed by mailing address town and including DNR maximum limit of animal units.

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County doubles size of county attorney's office expansion

Scott County supervisors agreed to double an engineering fee for a planned expansion of Scott County Attorney's offices that is twice as large as envisioned.

Supervisors added \$23,000 to a \$21,000 engineering fee for Wold Architects to design a makeover of 4,600 square feet of courthouse offices.

Supervisors already contracted with Wold for renovating 1,100 square feet, but expanded the work at County Attorney Mike Walton's request.

The entire \$44,000 contract, "now includes additional space as well as work to mechanical systems," county building services director Tammy Speidel wrote to supervisors.

Black history month proclamation

Supervisors approved a proclamation declaring February as Black History month, emphasizing contributions of black Americans, and noting the strong family culture of African Americans. "Throughout American history, the black community has always exhibited an unwavering understanding of the value of family as an incomparable source of comfort and strength," board chairman Beck said in the proclamation.

Davenport NAACP president Michael Guster accepted the proclamation. "Thanks for you guys taking the time to do this. It is a great opportunity."

Scott County asks to be FEMA mass-vaccination site

Croken offers Modern Woodmen Stadium

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Scott County should be the location for one of 100 vaccination sites FEMA is establishing across the country.

Supervisors initiated a letter to FEMA encouraging a Scott County site to serve a multi-county region.

Croken launched the plan and supported other supervisors' suggestions to add signatures of county emergency management agency director Dave Donovan and county health department director David Rivers, as long as the letter gets out quickly.

"I would hope our willingness to host them and provide a facility would make us an attractive location," Croken said. "Why not the Quad-Cities? If there are 100 facilities opening across the country, we would rank within the top 100 metro

areas. So why not?"

He thought the bi-state community would benefit, but noted the Illinois Quad-Cities falls in a different FEMA regional zone, which may require more coordination.

Croken is a co-owner of the River Bandits team and has offered use of Davenport's Modern Woodmen Park, which the city leases to the Bandits.

Scott County ended the first eight days of February with 252 new COVID-19 infections, or about a third fewer than the final week of January.

The county ended January with 1,826 new positives, the lowest since September's 949 cases.

Eldridge's new positives fell to 12, from 28 in January's last week.

Scott County's 9,542 positive cases per 100,000 residents through the pandemic is 38th best among Iowa's 99 counties.

Scott County's seven-day positivity rate was 7.0 percent Monday, and the 14-day positivity rate was 11.0 percent.

	March-July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Total
Bettendorf	335	183	226	491	1,286	654	372	41	3,588
Blue Grass	34	12	21	36	145	64	49	13	374
Buffalo	*	*	*	10	61	21	7	*	107
Davenport	1,126	336	519	1,294	3,892	1,510	1,025	144	9,846
Dixon	6	*	*	*	20	*	7	*	48
Donahue	*	*	*	10	53	18	14	*	105
Eldridge	58	52	95	135	461	203	184	12	1,200
LeClaire	27	19	43	74	153	102	92	16	526
Long Grove	9	10	22	37	96	40	37	*	252
McCausland	*	*	*	*	7	9	*	*	25
New Liberty	*	*	*	*	9	*	*	*	20
Pleasant Valley	*	*	*	34	12	*	*	*	57
Princeton	6	8	15	15	57	13	24	*	140
Walcott	14	*	8	25	84	30	15	*	180
Other									45
	1,615	620	949	2,161	6,336	2,664	1,826	226	16,513

Source: Scott County Health Department month-by-month tally of positive COVID-19 tests by town, through Feb. 8.

* - Communities with five or fewer are not reported.

Iowa vaccinations increase, but remain among nation's slowest

By Clark Kauffman
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Iowa is making strides in the administration of coronavirus vaccines, but it continues to rank among the states with the slowest rollout.


As of Monday, 510,550 vaccine doses had been delivered to the state of Iowa, but only 345,350 shots, or 67% of the available vaccines, had been administered to people. That represents a significant improvement from the 59% reported late last week, but other states appear to be doing a better job of accelerating the pace of vaccinations.

The latest data from both the New York Times and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that as of Monday afternoon, Iowa had delivered at least one dose of the vaccine to 8% of its population. Among the 50 states, only Alabama has a lower rate of delivery — although Kansas, Rhode Island and Missouri are tied with Iowa at 8%.

Over the past week, the state has averaged 740 new cases of coronavirus each day, a decrease of 35% from the average two weeks ago. While virus-re-


lated hospitalizations continue to fall in Iowa — over the past seven days, they've dropped 13.6% from the previous week — the state's positivity rate remains high at 26.4%, and is continuing to inch upward.

Gov. Kim Reynolds on Sunday lifted all remaining pandemic precautions, including distance and mask advisories.



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County prepares for juvenile detention referendum

Supervisors spend up to \$37,000 for borrowing plan to go before voters

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Scott County voters should expect a fall referendum asking for authority to borrow for a new juvenile detention facility.

Supervisors authorized paying up to \$37,000 for Wold Architects to research and design a facility, and create a referendum campaign to present to voters.

County juvenile services director Jeremy Kaiser said the county currently averages 25 juveniles in detention or in jail. "We only have 18 beds licensed, so we're going to need more space," he told supervisors meeting Feb. 4.

Wold was the lowest of five firms bidding on the project, and the one most familiar to county officials.

In June 2019, Wold presented supervisors with a recommendation for up to \$37 million in jail and juvenile detention center expansion. Wold Justice Planners presented three options to accommodate

their projected 255-percent increase in local juvenile detention and a 26-percent increase in adult detention by 2037.

Since then, supervisors and Sheriff Tim Lane have said their interest is solely on juvenile detention expansion, not more jail beds. Juvenile detention has decreased during the pandemic, but Kaiser said numbers already are rebounding.

"I feel there are a lot of opinions in our community on how to respond to crime. I think this company can help facilitate that process to make sure we're developing not just a facility, but to have services in place to respond to crime in the best way possible," Kaiser said.

Supervisor Ken Croken cast the lone "no" vote against the Wold contract.

"I will not be supporting this plan unless and until it contains a companion piece that would reduce the number of detainees rather than merely increase the number of cells," Croken said.

He also criticized the inclusion of referendum services in the contract. "I think it's inappropriate for the county board to attempt to influence an election in this way."

Croken favored community engage-

ment on alternatives to detention, not a contractor focused mostly on expanding detention.

"To invest significant dollars in restorative justice and other programs, that would reduce the need. The age of throwaway children is gone, most notably because it is terrifically ineffective in terms of reducing crime," he said.

Croken said supervisors have ignored his previous requests. "I've attempted to initiate several discussions with this group that have gone nowhere."

Kaiser disputed Croken's conclusion. "We do spend quite a bit on restorative programs. I am open to talking about what more we can do, of course, to continue to lower our juvenile detention average population. But the fact remains we still don't have enough space," Kaiser said.

Wold representative Roger Schroeffer said his firm will address alternatives.

"The plan is really looking at preliminary design components, making sure we're right-sizing the building for what you're going to need," he said.

He envisions community meetings, "laying it out there, testing the waters if you will," he said.

"We want to understand where the public is on this subject, so at the conclusion of the community outreach piece, you as a board can decide if you want to continue with this and put the question on the ballot," he said.

He said a final phase of the work is, "making sure we have communication to deal with fundraising, and get information out to the public before the election. It is a delicate balance. We don't want to get so detailed that people start picking it apart; but we want enough information so they know what the project is."

Supervisors in September bought 2.22 acres at 902 W. Fourth St., about two blocks west of the county administration building. At the time, county facilities director Tammy Speidel said the property was in anticipation of county growth, but has not specified its use for a detention center.

Budget director David Farmer said a new center is not in 2022 capital improvement budgets under discussion now. He said voter approval would put financing in future capital plans, for 2023, 24 or 25, he said.

Supervisors examine new limits on rural homes

County board resists 4/5ths majority rule to overturn plan commission

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Scott County supervisors seem ready to update the county's rural subdivision ordinance, but not a recommendation to make it harder for the county board to reject planning and zoning commission recommendations.

The commission updated the ordinance to note the supervisors' new policy against accepting maintenance responsibility for new rural subdivision roads outside of Park View. A district court judge last year upheld that policy in rulings on lawsuits filed by two developers.

The commission update also suggested a new requirement for four of five supervisors to overrule a planning and zoning commission recommendation.

Currently, four of five supervisors are needed to allow rezoning that the commission declined, or if 20 percent or more of neighboring landowners protest.

But supervisors only need a simple majority, three of five, to deny rezoning recommended by the commission.

Huey said commissioners considered recommending a simple majority for all supervisor zoning decisions, but opted to suggest the four-fifths majority for any supervisor vote against a commission recommendation.

"They felt their role is to advise supervisors. They'd like to think you guys seriously take their consideration, and thought it was appropriate if you weren't going to follow recommendation it require a four-fifths vote," Huey said.

Supervisors discussed the matter at a Feb. 2 committee meeting and expect to address it further and vote on it at a March meeting.

Supervisors John Maxwell and Ken Beck expressed the most concerns.

"I really struggle with it," Maxwell said. "Maybe the supervisors found something that would have reason to deny that."

Maxwell noted how supervisors last year declined the commission's recommendation to rezone some rural commercial land near West Lake Park for residential development.

"We have a vision for Scott County to keep some of the land in commercial and not have it become residential. I am very hesitant to approve this ordinance with that four-fifths," Maxwell said.

Beck also resisted the change, saying elected officials should prevail over appointed commissioners. "Elected officials are responsible for decisions made on that board," he said.

Supervisor Tony Knobbe said he has homework to do.

"I do place great respect on the commissions that we engage to do the heavy lifting. But I want to think about some other scenarios where this might play out," Knobbe said.

Supervisor Ken Croken supported the

commission's recommendation.

"I think we send a very bad message to our commissions and committees when we don't follow their recommendations, particularly for no specific reason," he said.

Park View area rezoning set for Feb. 18

Supervisors will hold a public hearing and vote Feb. 18 on Erin and Alan Rubach's plans to rezone their 72 farmland and wooded acres near Park View for family homes.

Erin Rubach affirmed her family has no plans for a major subdivision, wishing only to build a home for her immediate family, and possibly one or two others for grandparents, siblings, and perhaps one day, her own young children.

County planning and zoning commissioners agreed with their plan to rezone the entire property for residential. The county's long-term land-use plan identified the property for possible home sites.

The matter was scheduled for a vote, but was delayed two weeks because of a public notice error.

Supervisors seemed comforted by the Rubachs' limited development plans, and asked if the couple would object to a limit on the number of homes.

"I've got no problem with that," Erin Rubach said. She said the family has tended the property with an eye on building their own home, not a full subdivision.

"My dad owns 80 acres north, and he'd absolutely kill me if we did anything with it. I don't want this place developed. It's beautiful. We've put in a thousand trees and want to put in a thousand more," she said.

The family would likely rely on septic and wells to serve their home. Fewer than half of the 72 acres are suitable for farming.

Huey said he's heard two general objections about rezoning farmland, but heard no specific concerns about the Rubachs' plan.

The planning and zoning commission voted 5-1 for the plan. Commissioner Joan Maxwell voted no, her second time

declining residential rezoning for land targeted for homes in the county's land-use plan.

Her husband, supervisor John Maxwell, said he's familiar with the property and was aware of the land-use plan's intention.

"I planted this property several times years and years ago. From the standpoint of septic and going to Park View, and the terrain ... I would tell you it does meet my criteria of development," he said.

Supervisor Beck said he'd welcome the family's plan to limit new homes, but supports the rezoning regardless. "I'm actually happier with the Rubachs limiting it to a number of sites. But to be consistent, I'd be fine with the rezoning as proposed."

Election grant reached \$345K

Scott County used about 89 percent of a \$430,870 election services grant from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg's Center for Tech and Civic Life.

Scott County auditor Roxanna Moritz said the biggest share, \$108,286, covered early voting equipment and supplies. Her report shows \$93,399 for pollworker recruitment, pay and training.

Another \$46,085 covered temporary staff.

Just over \$70,000 was used for personal protective equipment and polling place rental and cleaning.

The county is returning \$49,106 to the center.

Much of the temporary staffing involved moving equipment and supplies to the Waterfront Convention Center combined polling place in Bettendorf, and moving early ballots to the county's Tremont warehouse for a recount.

Moritz compiled the figures, and details on pollworker pay, at the request of supervisor Tony Knobbe. He and other supervisors thanked her for the follow up.

"This provides what I was looking for, thank you very much," he said.

Maxwell concurred. "I thought the election went very well, and I thank you, Auditor Moritz, for all the work you did."



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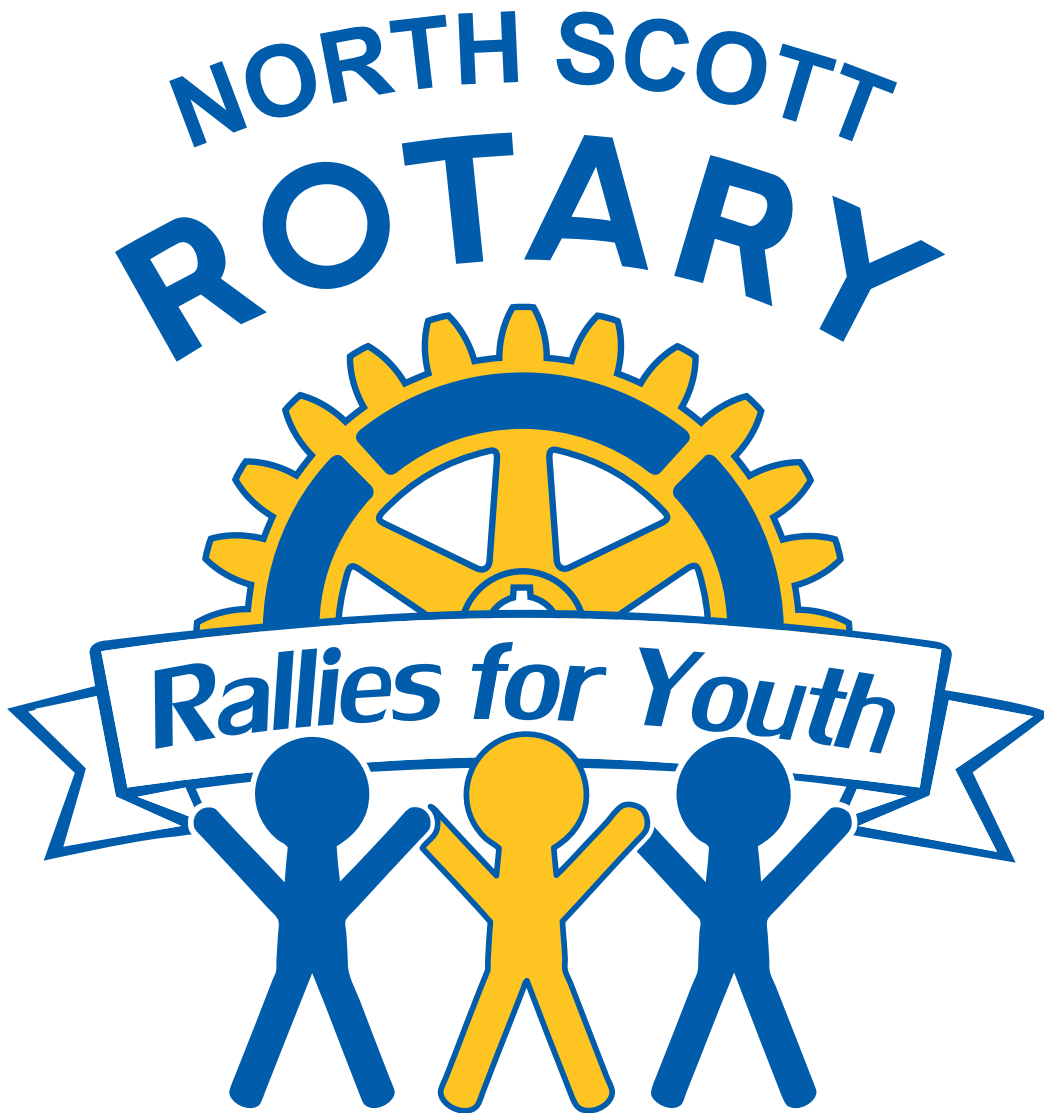
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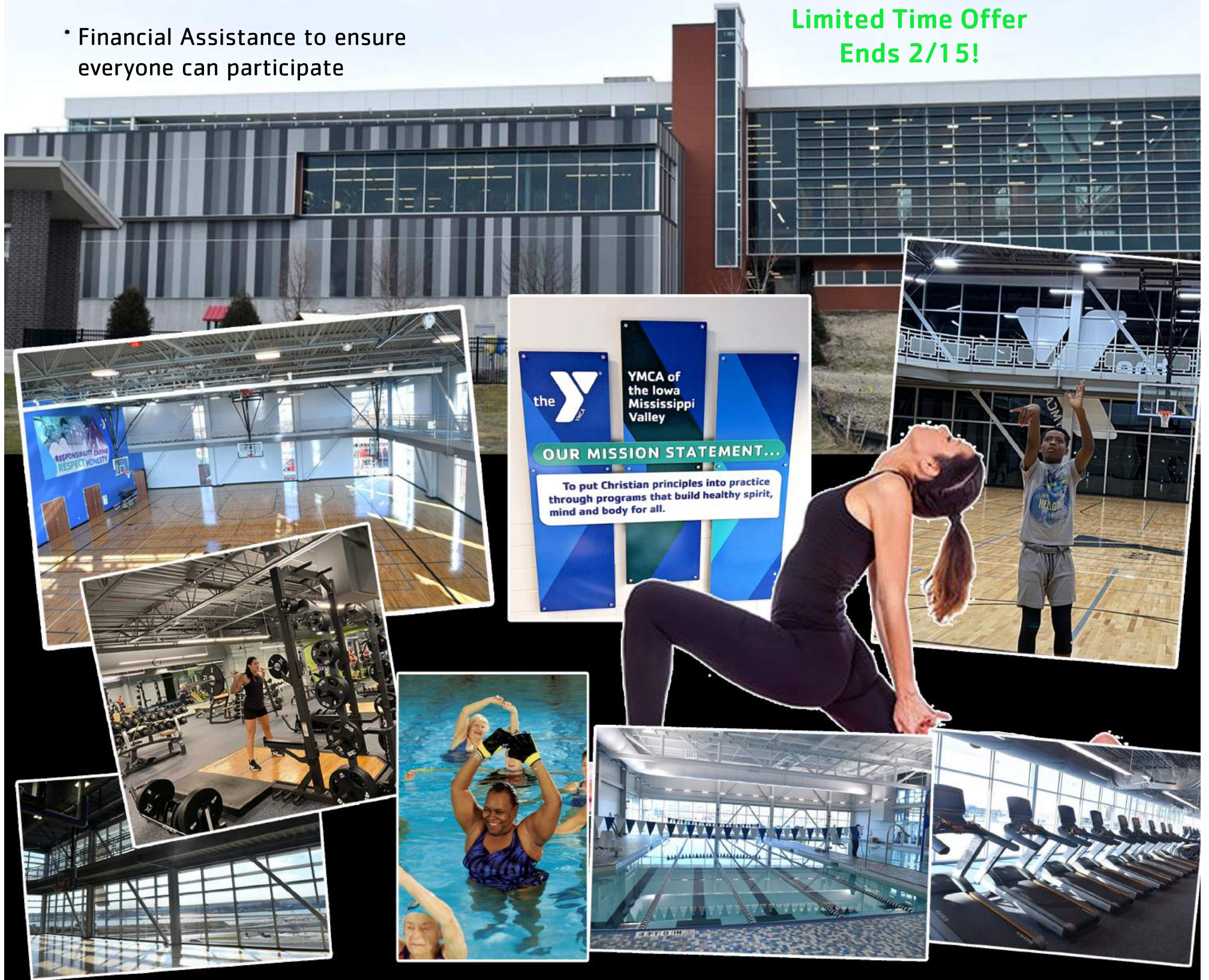
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County voter registration rises during Trump years

Democrats grow the most since 2016

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Scott County's active voter ranks grew 8.5 percent during the Trump presidency, with Democrats adding more than twice the number of active, registered Republican voters.

No-party, or independently registered voters, fell 4.6 percent during the Trump years, but remain the largest voting group in the county, with 44,355 active registrants, according to comparisons of the county's January 2016 and 2021 registration totals.

Libertarian and other specific, third-party registrants nearly doubled since

	GOP	Dem	No party	Other	Total
Jan. 2021	34,277	41,687	44,355	1,159	121,478
Jan. 2020	30,507	34,801	48,560	950	114,818
Jan. 2019	31,435	35,946	47,889	935	116,205
Jan. 2018	31,767	35,173	47,269	831	115,040
Jan. 2017	33,185	37,532	46,617	805	118,139
Jan. 2016	30,396	34,421	46,497	597	111,911

Source: Scott County Auditor

January 2016, but remain less than 1 percent of all the county's registered voters.

Overall, Democrats added 7,266 active registered voters in the county during the Trump presidency, or a 21.1-percent increase. They now number 41,687.

Republicans added 3,881, in the same period, for 12.8-percent growth, to reach

34,277.

Independents declined 4.6 percent, or 2,142 voters, but still represent the largest bloc with 44,355.

That leaves the county with 41,687 Democrats and 34,277 Republicans among active, registered voters.

The county's active voter registration roll grew by 9,567 to reach 121,478.

Inactive voters, who declined to participate in the latest elections, increased by 1,413 during the Trump presidency, and represent about 9.2 percent of all registered voters.

Since the November election, Republicans added 3.2 percent more registered voters, and Democrats grew by 2.1 percent.

No-party added 3.4 percent.

Registrations for Libertarians and other specific parties grew by 13 percent since the election, but have never totaled more than 1 percent of all registered, active voters.

The inactive roll swelled to 13,135 from 2016 to just before the November election. Scott County's record turnout reduced the inactive list 5.8 percent, to 12,369 since October.

RDA awards grants totaling more than \$1.2 million

The Regional Development Authority (RDA) Board recently approved 65 grants totaling \$1,272,982 to support area nonprofit, civic, and governmental organizations.

Highlights include seven \$50,000 grants to the River Bend Foodbank to expand its cold storage capacity; the Downtown Davenport Partnership for an Ambassador pilot program; Scott County Housing Council to continue work in low income housing development; River Action for the Historic First Bridge project; and Visit Quad Cities for tourism development, as well as multi-cycle payments to Scott Community College for their Urban Campus project and to Center for Active Seniors, Inc. (CASI) for operational support.

The spring grant cycle application will be available by the end of December, and will be due March 31, 2021, and can be found on the RDA website: www.rda-authority.org.

RDA Fall Grant Recipients

- River Bend Foodbank, cold storage expansion - \$50,000
- Quad Cities Chamber Foundation - Iowa, DDP Ambassador pilot program - \$50,000
- Scott County Housing Council, rehab of single/multi family housing for low-income households - \$50,000
- River Action, Inc., historic First Bridge North Pier project (Phase 2) - \$50,000
- Friends of the Quad Cities, Visit Quad Cities (VQC) Economic Recovery Through Tourism - \$50,000
- Humility Homes and Services, Inc., Downtown Davenport Street Outreach: Bridge to Pay for Success - \$45,000
- Friendly House, new passenger buses project - \$40,000
- Putnam Museum and Science Center, Partnering for Access Inclusion and Representation (PAIR) - \$38,500
- QCON-Alternatives, QCON-Hub - \$35,000
- Mississippi Bend AEA Special Events Committee, David E. Lane Coats for Kids - \$30,912
- QCON-Alternatives, QCON-SEAP - \$30,000
- Figge Art Museum, Figge scheduled exhibition and program support - \$26,262
- City of Riverdale, air compressor - \$26,000
- Salvation Army Family Services, emergency shelter assistance - \$25,000
- Scott County Housing Council, support for Winter Emergency Shelter (WEST) plan - year two - \$25,000
- NAMI Greater Mississippi Valley, re-establish-

ing NAMI's front door - \$25,000

WIU Foundation for WQPT QC PBS, WQPT PBS - fundraising support through membership challenge grant - \$25,000

QC Community Broadcasting Group, Inc., COVID-19 media mitigation project - \$25,000

Dress for Success Quad Cities, Helping QC Women Find a Job: The Dress for Success Career Center - \$25,000

Safer Foundation, Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) - \$25,000

Fresh Films, Fresh Films Learning Mentorship/Workforce Development for QC Teens - \$25,000

Handicapped Development Center, increasing work opportunities - \$25,000

River Music Experience, Platform to Rebuild the Music Scene - \$23,000

Bethany for Children & Families, leveraging federally matched funding - \$21,232

Trinity Health Foundation, breast cancer screening and diagnostic services for Scott County - \$20,360

Big Brothers Big Sisters Mississippi Valley, Keep Kids Connected - \$20,000

Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates, iJAG: Guiding Students to Success in School, Work and Life - \$20,000

Twin Torch Foundation, Inc., Boys to Men Youth Development and Mentoring Program - \$20,000

Girl Scouts of Eastern IA and Western IL, Leadership and Life Skills Building Program for Underserved Girls - \$20,000

Ballet Quad Cities, Keeping the QC Dancing: operating support for Ballet Quad Cities - \$20,000

Quad City Arts, 2020-2021 Visiting Artist Series - \$19,500

One Eighty, The One Eighty Career Training Center - \$17,500

Quad City Botanical Center, core operating support, education - \$15,000

Tapestry Farms, Tapestry Farms: Using Urban Farming to Invest in the Lives of Refugees - \$15,000

PBC Inc. - Camp Excel Leadership Academy - \$15,000

LivWell Cares, compassionate advocacy and resources for every senior - \$15,000

Augustana College, Sustainable Urban Watersheds project - \$13,300

Junior Achievement of the Heartland, expand JA program delivery options due to COVID-19 pandemic - \$10,100

Testimonies of Hope, Inc./Argrow's House of Healing and Hope, Argrow's House pandemic recovery - \$10,000

USO of Illinois, USO Rock Island COVID-19 efforts - general operating support request - \$10,000

Davenport Sister Cities, Christkindlmarkt Quad Cities 2020 - \$8,000

Partners of Scott County Watersheds, critical equipment needs for education - \$7,690

Hilltop Campus Village Corporation, street lighting for safety and security on Main Street - \$7,500

Freight House Farmers Market, Freight House Farmers Market Food Insecurity Initiative - SNAP/EBT - \$7,500

Hand in Hand, Creative Curriculum implementation at Hand in Hand - \$6,638

Family Museum - plush toy and prop replacement - \$5,900

Our Lady of the River Catholic Church, Quad Cities Tim Tebow Night to Shine virtual prom - \$5,000

VTG Assoc. - general operating support for Virtual Technology Group (VTG) - \$5,000

Living Proof Exhibit, Healing Power of the Arts to Quad Citizens Touched by Cancer - \$5,000

LeadHer, Lead(h)er match support and mentor recruitment - \$5,000

Midwest Writing Center, Youth Education, Job Skills and Community Development Through Writing - \$5,000

Iowa College Access Network, educator and student support during and post COVID-19 - \$5,000

Quad Cities Jazz Festival Ltd., Polyrhythms Third Sunday jazz workshop and matinee series

- \$5,000

Children's Therapy Center of the QC NFP, operations support for out Davenport pediatric rehabilitation clinic - \$5,000

Mississippi Valley Blues Society, improving organizational capacity of the Mississippi Valley Blues Society - \$5,000

Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America, COVID-19 impact grant - \$5,000

Humane Society of Scott County, COVID-19 zero cost boarding fees - \$5,000

Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation, replacing the HVAC at the Colonel Davenport House - \$4,000

Clock, Inc., Clock, Inc. - \$4,000

Quad Cities Running Club Inc., Run With Us - \$3,750

Child Abuse Council - CAC security support - \$2,645

Junior Theatre Inc., Virtual Student New Play Festival - launching Season 69 - \$2,642

Total: \$1,166,931

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Eastern Iowa Community Colleges (nine of 10), Urban Campus - \$50,000

Center for Active Seniors, Inc. (three of three), operation support - \$50,000

United Way of the Quad Cities (three of three), education data clearinghouse - \$6,051

Total: \$106,051



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1. County Agricultural Extension Education	760,687	904,065	909,125	520,952	564,752	597,538	615,000
2. Unemployment Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Dr. Carrie Carr, a 2000 North Scott graduate and daughter of Jerry and Ann Mohr of rural Eldridge, on Feb. 1 was appointed principal of the newly opened high school at 60th and L streets in Omaha, Neb. Carr has been the principal of the 1,100-student, dual-language Nor-



Dr. Carrie Carr

ris Middle School in Omaha since 2017 and employed with Omaha Public Schools since 2005. She has been a Spanish teacher and high school administrator in the district.

Carr completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Iowa. While teaching Spanish at Burke High

School in Omaha, she earned a masters in administration through the University of Nebraska (Omaha). She then completed her education administration doctorate degree, also at the University of Nebraska.

She resides in Omaha with her husband, Morgan, and their cat, Stella.




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NSP OPINION: Ours, yours, theirs

WHO IS PLAYING GOD?

Vaccines stand for L-I-F-E

In March 2019, in a column entitled "Can this really be happening in America?," I introduced "Signs that the Apocalypse is Upon Us," to call out craziness beyond belief. In that case it was a crowd at a rally in Ohio cheering when a woman declared, "Never in my life did I want to see a dictator – but if there is to be one, I want it to be Trump." (On Jan. 6, we saw what can happen when such loyalty is given to one man; but that is not my main point.)



Impressions
by Bill Tubbs

This week the leaders of the Iowa House of Representatives merit my second "Apocalypse" for disenfranchising citizens of seven legislative districts whose representatives are in COVID quarantine and not allowed to participate virtually through Zoom or other remote means which people everywhere – including the Iowa Senate, to its credit – are doing these days.

House Majority Leader Pat Grassley (R-New Hartford) showed little concern to complaints from Minority House Leader Todd Prichard (D-Charles City): "If members of the minority party want to take it a step further for their own personal health risks, that's a choice they have to make. At this point, we had no positive cases in our caucus or with our staff, and so I think we're taking all the proper precautions that need to happen within this building."

Taxation without representation

Except that citizens in those seven districts have no representation. On Dec. 16, 1773, patriots threw British tea into Boston Harbor over the same issue: "Taxation Without Representation!"

Back on Jan. 6, "Impressions" argued the Legislature should take care of only necessary business remotely then, and wait until masses have received vaccinations and COVID case counts come down, to complete their agenda – as they wisely did last year when they adjourned in April and resumed the session in June.

To make matters worse, lawmakers did not require face coverings in the Capitol, which has seen five confirmed COVID-19 cases since Jan. 11 among people who work there. Four came since last Thursday, and at least one legislator, Rep. Amy Nielsen (D-North Liberty) has COVID-19. Senior citizens and persons vulnerable to COVID are afraid to enter the Capitol, which is our new super-spreader.

Despite all this and the fact that Iowa ranks No. 47 among the states for the speed in which vaccines are rolled out, and COVID has not yet been contained, Gov. Kim Reynolds last Friday removed all face covering and meeting size restrictions, earning her the nickname "Covid Kim" in the national media. Whether that's fair, I can't be sure, but I do know it's beyond belief that the Iowa House leadership strayed into strange territory by not allowing members to remotely join committee meetings and discussions.

Everyone from schools to doctors to businesses and local governments have adapted to transacting business remotely. But not the Iowa House leadership, winners of *The NSP's* dubious "Apocalypse Is Upon Us" award.

Vaccines

Just because Gov. Reynolds says face coverings are not needed and there are no limits of crowd sizes, don't expect immediate change. I hope for everyone's sake the guidelines of medical

professionals matter more than what any politician says.

It was a no-brainer, for example, that the Iowa Newspaper Association's annual convention last week, including our reception for legislators, which did not take place, was virtual, not in person. Nor do we see any "Pack the Pit" events for high school sports, or large church services, anytime soon. People will vote with their feet.

Of course, it all depends on the speed of vaccinations. If the early roll-out here is a guide, it's going to take a long time. Demand exceeds supply by multiples unless the Biden Administration can ramp up production in a hurry for all states.

The criteria in Iowa for who goes first, which were decided in meetings closed to the public, seem arbitrary and unfair. Why are inmates in prisons, for example, a higher priority than Joe or Jane Taxpayer who is not yet 65 years old?

The sign up for vaccines is especially problematic, placing a higher value on computer skills, persistence and luck than need. There is no higher priority for my friend, Bill, 77, a survivor of pancreatitis who has no spleen, than me or others in the priority group 2B, which includes everyone 65 and older.

Technical help

When enrollment opened for the Feb. 1 vaccines, we asked our tech-savvy kids to help. They jumped on it the minute the county website was open for appointments – and failed. With just 500 doses for Week No. 1, the system was overwhelmed.

Wednesday morning I received a news release from the Iowa Department of Health, announcing vaccines at Walgreens and CVS pharmacies in select counties, which included Scott. Within three minutes, our daughter, Alisa Sleep, was at work for Mom and Dad. She encountered dead end after dead end.

Is this how something this important should be rolled out?

Imagine if the vials that contain the vaccine, instead of saying COVID-19, were labeled L-I-F-E. Because that's what it is. The fluid in those vials, injected into arms, prevents death and adds value to life.

So, who is playing God?

Sadly, the question of WHOSE life is favored, is being decided by politicians, not medical professionals. Minority communities and anyone who doesn't have a tech-savvy advocate – or a newsman receiving news releases – will be last in line.

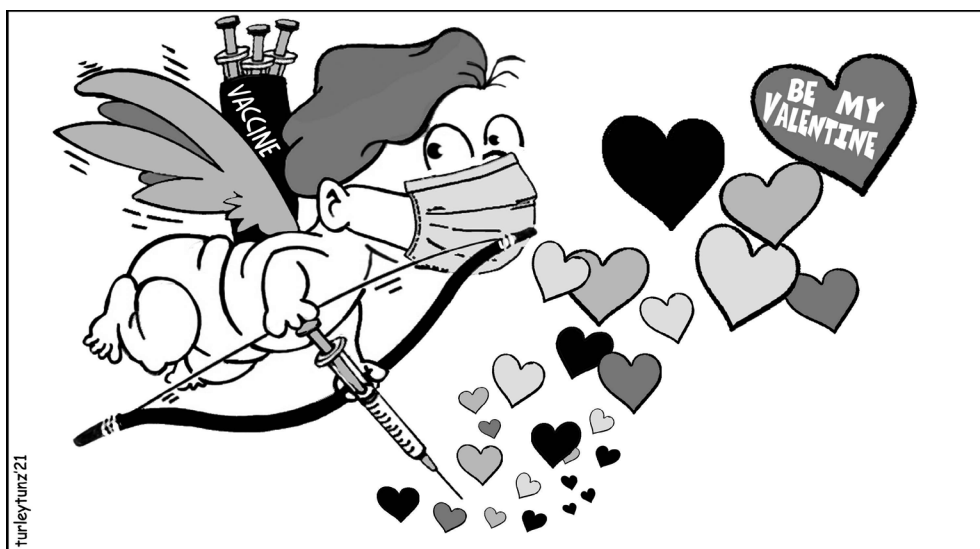
This must change. The good news in our case is that after what she said was "800 tries," Alisa succeeded in the middle of the night. Tears welled on Linda's face when she broke the news to me Friday morning. We received the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine at Walgreens in Davenport on Monday.

It went well. Alisa subsequently successfully enrolled six others!

Our happiness is tempered with concern for the greater good. None of us are fully protected until the masses are protected. Unless the process is speeded up drastically, that will take months! It may be summer before the people we work with, and all the others who are not yet 65 or in a favored group, get the vaccine.

Then how long until we're all comfortable being together without face coverings? No man is an island. We advocate for all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lions club welcomes volunteers to deliver meals to senior citizens

Editor:

It's difficult to believe that in a country of such abundance and wealth, the elderly who have worked to build this nation may potentially go without food.

Hunger has long threatened the health of our elderly and seniors. More than 9 million Americans aged 60 or older face the threat of going hungry. That is one in every six. Many of us have friends or family where we wonder if they're getting the nutrition they need.

The North Scott community has a long history of reaching out to those in need of assistance, which is why we'd like to draw attention to a program that is currently being offered in the North Scott area.

Milestones Area Agency on Aging will provide meals to qualifying seniors. Meals are available for any individual over the age of 60 regardless of income and their spouse of any age. Meals are provided by Milestones Area Agency on Aging and are funded through the Federal Older Americans Act Nutrition Program with private contributions or through other funding such as private fee, caregiver, or Medicaid.

Menus are approved by a registered dietitian and designed to meet nutritional needs of seniors, including diabetic issues. The meals are prepared at St. Ambrose University. There are monthly printed menus; some limited special diets may be available and require a doctor's order.

Milestones relies on community vol-

unteers to deliver these meals, which is where the Eldridge Lions Club comes in. The Lions have been delivering these meals since October of 2018. The volunteers pick up the meals for delivery at the Eldridge Community Center. They then deliver these meals (hot meals and frozen) three times a week (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday). Prior to COVID-19, the Community Center was also a meal site for local seniors. Seniors who attended the meal site may still pick up meals to carry out.

The availability of healthy meals for a senior loved one is a common concern. We believe that if more people were aware that this service existed in the North Scott area, they would take advantage of it. The application is simple: Call Milestones at (855) 410-6222 or (563) 324-9085 to request an application. Service can begin almost immediately.

Also, if you would like to volunteer to deliver meals (generally a 90-minute commitment once or twice a month), the Lions would love to have your help. Delivery personnel wear masks, gloves, and socially distance by delivering at the client's door. For more information on volunteering, please call Ann Mohr at (563) 285-4370.

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Fortunate to have Marty as our mayor

Editor:

How fortunate we are in have Marty O'Boyle as the mayor of our city. I recently phoned Marty regarding two city issues. He was a good listener; told me he would address them and called me back, both of which he did promptly. Marty is a kind gentleman – a great asset to our community.

Marilyn Whitaker

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Great to see young wrestlers in action

Editor:

Sending Roses to Premier Metal Art of Eldridge and QCA Wrestle for sponsoring and providing the You Tube viewing of the Iowa AAU District 5 wrestling tournament on Sunday. This broadcast allowed many family members and friends a chance to see their young athlete compete, when spectator restrictions didn't allow their attendance.

Rhea Green

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Neighbors caring for neighbors

Editor:

Sunday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.: A very cold below-zero morning. We received a phone call from Mike, our neighbor across the street, to see if we were OK. Or if we needed anything. Not having any children in the area to check on us, we really appreciate the call and his concern. Thanks, Mike! It is great to live in Eldridge, where neighbors do care about one another.

Alberta Gilbert

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Readers are invited to submit short editorial tributes, or "roses," to lift up friends and neighbors who are taking the extra step to help others and make our communities better. Submit your "roses" to: North Scott Press, P.O. Box 200, Eldridge, IA 52748, or email: btubbs@northscottpress.com.

OPINION

COVID VACCINES

We shouldn't have to be patient with unfairness, lack of planning

Gov. Kim Reynolds said last week that Iowa was 47th in the nation on supplies of COVID-19 vaccine received from the federal government and 46th on distribution of the drug.

Iowans are, to say the least, frustrated. As an Indianola man commented on Twitter: "Trying to get a vaccine for my parents ... is like trying to get a concert ticket that sells out in the first 10 minutes."



Iowa Capital Dispatch
by Kathie O'Bradovich

Reynolds said state officials were exploring "barriers" to vaccine rollout. On the same day, Iowa Capital Dispatch's Clark Kauffman found

one: Almost half of the state's 1,700 vaccinators are allowed to reserve the doses for their existing customers and patients and turn others away. That leaves public health departments and pharmacies to vaccinate those who qualify but are not part of an existing network.

The practice is short-sighted on the part of providers. Look, these folks have been on the front lines of this pandemic for a year. Their staffs have worked heroically, and far too many have died. They rightly were at the front of the line to get the vaccines. But once the staff has had their shots, it's still to their benefit to get the rest of the population vaccinated as quickly as possible.

From a public relations standpoint, these health-care organizations could be winning over new patients and customers by impressing them with their caring and competence. Running a members-only club that turns away desperate Iowans will not attract new customers.

Unfair policies

Worse, it's discriminatory for those who already come out on the short end of the health-care stick: Those without health insurance. People without health insurance are much less likely to have a medical home where they can sign up or be notified when a vaccine is available. And while they can go to the public health department or, possibly, a pharmacy, they start with fewer options than those with insurance and an existing relationship with a medical provider. That's not fair.

The problem is exacerbated by the state's lack of planning for a centralized, fair system for getting Iowans signed up and scheduled for a vaccine. The Iowa Department of Public Health put out a request for proposals Thursday, with a 24-hour deadline, for a vendor to operate an application/scheduling system and

Other states had centralized registration in place weeks ago, and Iowa is just looking around for vendors now?

call center to help Iowans access a vaccine when they become qualified.

Other states had centralized registration in place weeks ago, and Iowa is just looking around for vendors now? (The 24-hour deadline on the RFP is also a red flag to potential applicants that there's already a preferred vendor.)

There's one thing Gov. Reynolds can do right now to at least end the unfair patronage element to the vaccine rollout. She can do what the Colorado Department of Public Health did in mid-January: Require all vaccinators to create systems that allow people to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine regardless of their patient status.

The directive in Colorado, according to news reports, was meant to "dismantle barriers to access, such as unnecessary identification and patient affiliation requirements."

Interesting, Colorado also called on vaccinators to go by the "honor system" in allowing people to claim eligibility without having to show ID. That's not the way Iowa would likely go while vaccine supplies remain scarce, but it's indicative of a state that is prioritizing getting people vaccinated over quibbling about their status.

Over 5,000 Iowans have died and the state is reporting 900 to 1,000 new coronavirus cases every day, and yet those in charge of state government are behaving as if this pandemic is over or never even happened.

Reynolds and other Iowa leaders have been begging Iowans for patience in accessing a vaccine, while rushing through legislation to force teachers and staff back into classrooms before they can be inoculated.

Iowans knew they would have to be patient, but most didn't realize they would also have to be patients to get a vaccine from a hospital or clinic. Most of us have no choice but to bide our time as vaccine supplies slowly become available. But we don't have to be patient with unfair policies, a lack of adequate planning, confusing or nonexistent communication and general incompetence.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Count all the votes in IA-02 election!

Editor:

Last month, Mariannette Miller-Meeks filed a motion to dismiss Rita Hart's election contest despite the fact that there are 22 legal ballots currently excluded from the election results.

Hart's Notice of Contest details 22 ballots that were unfairly excluded from the IA-02 election and proves that including these ballots would change the outcome of this election. Dismissing the contest would mean knowingly disenfranchising these 22 voters.

Miller-Meeks' motion to dismiss not only minimizes the importance of counting every vote, it provides no legal grounds to dispute Hart's claim to victory.

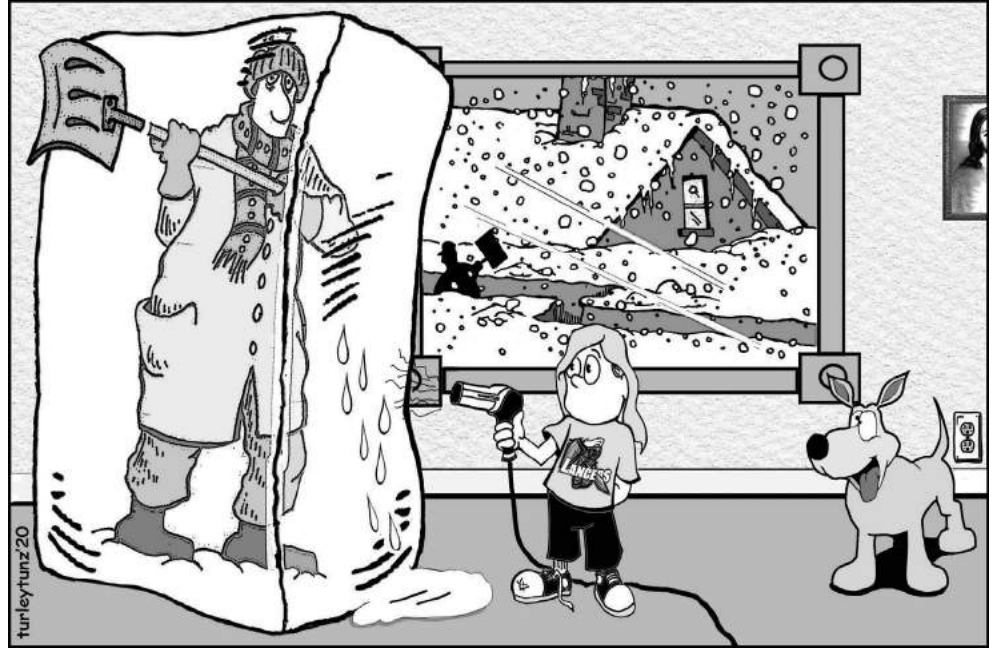
The motion to dismiss never disputes the legitimacy of the 22 excluded ballots, suggesting that Miller-Meeks and her

lawyers see no legal reason for their exclusion. An election contest is taken up if there is evidence that would change the results of the election and result in the contestant's claim to the seat.

Hart's contest provides evidence of legal ballots currently excluded from the election that, if included in the election results, would deem her the winner. With no legal support, Miller-Meeks' motion to dismiss is just a self-serving attempt to silence Iowans and keep her provisional seat in Congress.

We deserve better than this. None of us deserve to be wrongfully disenfranchised. Hart is not asking for a baseless recount, she is asking for the assurance that every Iowan's voice is heard.

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GUEST OPINION

The decline and fall of America as seen through eyes of the world

We have experienced three great attacks in the past two centuries: the first was the Great Depression, which began in 1929 and only began to diminish in 1935. But American democracy was able to recover, thanks to the leadership of President Franklin Roosevelt



Guest Opinion
by Donald Hawley

(Democrat) and the courage, patience, judgment and loyalty of our citizens.

Then came the horrors of WW 2, which began in 1939; our country was drawn into it in 1941 by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (Roosevelt was still in the White House.) Finally, in 1945, after enormous accomplishments and sacrifices by the citizens of the nation and the quality and dedication of our armed forces, our enemies surrendered.

Immediately after this victory we were plunged into conflict with the Russians and their allies in what was called the Cold War but also included the direct military confrontation that we Korean War veterans experienced. Its complexity resists description here but an important fact is that, throughout the long struggle, the U.S. has been recognized as the leader of the democracies - until Donald Trump came along.

The third attack came a few days ago when American citizens attacked their own nation. The effect on us, and the world, of this challenge is just as strong as were the first two: something our leaders, associates, newspapers and television stations seem relatively unaware of. But, abroad, the event has made a very great and very negative impression. The Christian Science Monitor Weekly (January 25, 2021, pp. 6-8,) a very reliable source, has documented the reaction of 14 countries, all of which strongly express this opinion. I have selected these four as typical:

- 1. Russia:** "These scenes ... were yet another blow to those who want to perceive the U.S. as a hopeful and inspiring model. What happened in DC was horrifying to watch."
- 2. Britain:** "I don't know if the image is irreparable. Is it the image of the U.S. or the image of Trump?"
- 3. China:** "A Mob Smashes Capitol Hill, and American-style Democracy is Smashed."
- 4. Germany:** "This happened in the motherland of Democracy. Many people in Europe perceive this as a more severe crisis than the one in Europe."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't support those who degrade our language

Editor:

Can we agree that the entertainment industry purveys the use and abuse of our language? Two recent movies have proven that good entertainment can be delivered free from a mudstorm of f-bombs.

"The Next Three days" (Crowe) and "The Little Things" (Washington) were written, directed and cast without stooping to the degradation that is permeating the industry. Well done! What a refreshing break from tuning out or leaving the theater! These disprove the excuse that "f's" are required to sell movies.

Are there enough of us that are disgusted with the depths that this industry will stoop to make money? Where are the teachers, the clergy, the professional people who have the self respect to use decent language? Where are the labor unions in their efforts to represent their members with the respect due to crafts-

persons?

I thought the bottom had been reached when female actors disgraced themselves (e.g. Meril Streep). Then respected professional roles were scripted with garbage (e.g. lawyers, law enforcement, doctors), but recently the new norm was scripted for a child.

Where will it end? Who perpetuates this dive into the sewers? Are there enough of us left who care? Did we spawn generations who have so little respect for themselves that they aspire to talk like criminals? How did our music become infested with the scum of decadence?

What can we do? Stop buying into it. Show some decency. Teach your children the value of self-respect. That will be a start.

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More columns, editorials are on pages 19-20

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School board disappointed in Ridolfi editorial on charter schools lobbying

Editor:

Re: "School board members on both sides of charter school issue" ("On the Record," by Mark Ridolfi, Feb. 3):

The North Scott School Board felt it was imperative to respond to Mark Ridolfi's editorial in *The North Scott Press* titled "School board members on both sides of charter school issue."

As a board, we are disappointed Mr. Ridolfi did not take the time to have a conversation with a single board member about points asserted within his editorial. The editorial implies that a person must either support all or none of their affiliated party's initiatives.

On the contrary, the North Scott School Board members have a long tradition of openly opposing bills that use public dollars to support charters, vouchers, grants, and other private schooling options. As members of our community, we ran for the school board to support public education and the North Scott School District in a nonpartisan and volunteer position. We have been and will continue to be united in our support for public education.

The North Scott board members have worked tirelessly to support public education. We work together with all our elected officials. As board members, we can agree

on certain topics and we can respectfully disagree on others. We do not believe things are so black and white as Mr. Ridolfi conveyed, that you are either all right or you are all wrong. The editorial implies an individual does not have the ability to work on various issues with various elected officials.

We hope the public understands that the North Scott Community School Board is made up of seven different individuals, who have differing opinions on some issues, but one common goal – to do what is best for the North Scott Community School District and the students it serves.

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Tell Sen. Cournoyer to stand up for Iowa's public schools

Editor:

State Senator Chris Cournoyer ran for office as a strong public school advocate. Being a former public school board member, we believed she had public schools' best interest in her heart.

Now, Sen. Cournoyer needs to explain to her constituents why she cast the deciding vote in support of legislation that will take millions of public tax dollars away from Iowa's public schools and send those dollars to a new private school voucher program.

In fact, Sen. Cournoyer switched her vote on Senate File 159, to go against Iowa's public schools at the last minute, voting with partisan politics instead of with the public schools' best interest.

Iowa's public schools work hard to promote a world-class education for all

our students. Under SF159, Cournoyer's vote will allow every public school student who uses one of the new private school vouchers to take more than \$5,000 a year of state funds away from their public school and their local community.

This fight isn't over. The legislation still must pass the Iowa House and could return to the Senate for a vote.

I advise everyone, especially parents who believe in the strength of our public schools, to contact Sen. Cournoyer at chris.cournoyer@legis.iowa.gov. Tell her to start standing up for Iowa public schools, especially those in the two counties she represents, Clinton and Scott.

Mary Jo Petersen

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A Clinton County, Iowa teacher

County should enforce Master Matrix

Editor:

I applaud those that presented before the Scott County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Feb. 2, discussing the need for a resolution to address the failures of the Master Matrix.

I was raised on a family farm. I was shocked when I saw the map of Iowa showing how quickly factory farms had taken over our state and how farming had

changed from family-owned farms to big business. Factory farms have affected our water, soil, air, and quality of life in a negative way.

The Scott County Board of Supervisors needs to pass the resolution so we can take back local control of our Iowa land.

Rosalind Andersen

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READERS' POLL:

COONHUNTERS ROAD

With 152 votes counted, here is what readers said when asked if they see merit in the suggestion that the name of Coonhunters Road at rural Blue Grass be changed to Hunters Road because of unintended racial overtones and stolen signs?

44 PERCENT: YES

56 PERCENT: NO

New Question: Impeach?

Did former President Donald Trump commit impeachable acts leading up to and during the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol?

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

Private schools: 'My amazing 13-year-old boy with autism not welcome'

Editor's note: This commentary by Kerry Beyer Lust of Ankeny brings a personal dimension to the matter of public funding for private schools – a subject which affects all Iowans, which is currently under debate in the Iowa Legislature and the subject of an editorial in last week's NSP. The NSP agrees with the position of the IASB, of which North Scott is a member, against the bill favoring charter schools.



Brandon Lust

This is my son Brandon. He is an amazing 13-year-old boy with autism. Once again, the phrase "school choice" has come up in the Iowa legislature. There is a bill this session that deals with school vouchers (SF 159). Be aware of the different terminology that seems to come up each session. Student-first scholarships, or education savings accounts, are all vouchers. These bills basically give taxpayer dollars to children who want to attend a private school. Some of you may be thinking, "It's my tax dollars, it should go where I want." Really? Can I get a "public safety voucher" for the money I pay for the police and hire a private security firm to protect my house and family instead? Can I get a "roads" voucher and use my tax dollars to only repair the roads I drive on and forget the rest? That is not the way taxes are supposed to work.

Because of my son's special needs, private schools will not accept him. They are allowed to discriminate against him and pick and choose which students they will educate. When you hear the term "school choice," remember there are thousands of Iowa children who have no choice. This bill will not change that. The ones with the choice are the private and charter school administrators who can choose which students to accept. They have every right to do that, but if they begin to receive tax dollars then they should be held to the same standards as public schools.

You may also hear that "competition" is good for public schools. Public schools cannot raise their own revenue. They are dependent on taxpayer dollars. Private schools can raise tuition. Public schools must educate every student. Private schools can

'I cannot stand by and be silent when it is proposed that tax dollars be taken away from my son's only choice in education and be given to schools who are allowed to reject him because of his diagnosis.'

choose who they want to accept. You may hear private schools emphasize their excellent test scores. You may also hear about "failing" schools. Children with special needs like my son do not always test well. My son's test scores drag down the average at his school. My son is more than a test score. Every child is. Does that mean his public school is failing? Absolutely not! My son is surrounded by amazing teachers and associates. He has made unbelievable progress during his time in school. However, he will always have autism, and he will always have to work harder than typical kids to make progress.

I cannot stand by and be silent when it is proposed that tax dollars be taken away from my son's only choice in education and be given to schools who are allowed to reject him because of his diagnosis.

If you feel the same way, please contact your local legislators.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If this is not impeachable, what is?

Editor:

Copy of letter sent to Iowa's U.S. senators Ernst and Grassley:

Since the second impeachment trial for former President Trump begins this week, I hope you'll consider my thoughts on the subject.

I have grave concerns about your willingness to put country before party. There can be no doubt about the guilt of Mr. Trump in the incitement of an insurrection against the nation's Capitol. We all watched it unfold in real time on TV.

For months, Mr. Trump refused to accept the results of an election he clearly lost. He told us what he was going to do before the election, and he did exactly that after the election.

The big lie asserting that, due to fraud, the election was stolen from him inflamed his supporters, and he poured gas on the fire. As they stormed the Capitol they yelled "Hang Pence" and "The President sent us."

Even as he watched it all on TV, Mr. Trump did nothing to stop it – didn't call in the National Guard – nothing.

This dangerous man, who attempted the treasonous act of overthrowing our government, is responsible for putting you and every person in that building

in mortal danger! Failure to hold him accountable is not only unconscionable, but will almost certainly ensure that, in the future, someone less crude and crass will attempt to try it again. Next time it might succeed.

To suggest that because he is no longer in office, he cannot be brought to trial, is a lame excuse to, once again, give him a pass on his transgressions. This defies logic. He was impeached the moment the House voted to do so.

The fact that the trial occurs after Mr. Trump has left office is immaterial. Conviction is the only means of holding a dangerous man accountable and deterring future abuse of power. Censure alone would do nothing since Mr. Trump has no conscience and no shame.

Please put politics and party aside and do what you are charged to do. The Republican track record on this is not very good, but the evidence could not be more clear. If this is not an impeachable offense, then what is?

Cecil Chapman

2814 E. 37th St., Davenport

(Mr. Chapman is retired as vocal music teacher at North Scott Junior High.)

OPINION

1996: Bawden Printing expanded

Feb. 10, 1971

• Students at Alan Shepard Elementary School received a reply to a letter they sent to the astronaut on Jan. 27. Shepard thanked the students for their well wishes. The students had also created a bulletin board at the school so they could track the progress of the upcoming Apollo mission Shepard would be taking part in.



Our Past

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

• Peggy Harloff, a senior at North Scott High School, was chosen as a delegate for Business Queen at the A.M.S. Business Show in Davenport. Harloff was chosen for the honor by the business teachers at the school.

• Four young Canadians, ages 16-18, were discovered in the basement of a newly

constructed home in McCausland. A North Scott bus driver saw the youths break into the home, which belonged to LeRoy Lenninger, and called the sheriff's department. The young men, who were from Windsor, Ontario, were driving a Volkswagen believed to have been stolen in Detroit.

• The North Scott wrestling team captured the Illowa Conference title, the Lancers' first since joining the conference five years earlier. Giles Looney, Pete Lagoni and Dave Kluever also brought home individual titles.

Feb. 12, 1981

• The North Scott School District was looking at major budget cuts after Iowa Gov. Robert Ray slashed education funding. Superintendent Dr. Robert "Bear" Stevens told the school board the district might have to cut as many as 20 teaching positions. Other cuts included switching to every-other-day kindergarten and eliminating activity buses and field trips.

• Sadie Arp, Helen Zogg and Cathy Schmidt were in the running to be the queen of the North Scott Human Services Charity Ball.

• William Wait of Eldridge was promoted to U.S. Army colonel during a ceremony at the Rock Island Arsenal.

• Funeral services were held for Dario Wuestenberg of Eldridge. Wuestenberg had served as Eldridge water superintendent and had also owned and operated the Wuestenberg Mink Ranch in Eldridge. He was a 40-year volunteer on the Eldridge Fire Department.

Feb. 14, 1996

• Bawden Printing president Mark Bawden enlisted the North Scott High School marching band to announce to his employees the company's plan to expand an addition 28,000 square feet to its Eldridge facility. It was the ninth expansion project since Bawden moved to Eldridge in 1982. The company also planned to add a new web press capable of printing one million book pages an hour.

• The 40th annual Scott County Pork Producers banquet was held at the Starlite Ballroom at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. In addition to the reigning Pork Queen, Shelley Keppy, a number of past queens were in attendance, including: Debbie Spies Luett, Mary Hein Maurer, Sherry Hirl Roberts, Sharon Spies, Marcia Klindt, Susan Paustian Schemmel, Jean Moffit Keppy, Jennie Schnoor, Jennifer Claeys McClimon, and Annette

Spies Herman.

• Twins Raleigh and Roman Kraft, both of Walcott, planned to celebrate their 90th birthday with an open house. They had both farmed in the Walcott area.

• Republican presidential candidate Lamar Alexander paid a visit to North Scott High School and spoke to the student body. Alexander had recently won the Iowa Student Mock Caucus.

• North Scott senior Jeni Schneckloth signed a letter of intent to continue her volleyball career at the University of Northern Iowa.

Feb. 15, 2006

• McCausland residents celebrated after the U.S. Postal Service reversed a plan to close the town's post office. The USPS had cited the expense of renovating the facility, but the townspeople were willing to shoulder the cost. All involved parties said the negotiation had been positive and productive.

• The North Scott School Board awarded a contract to Construction Partners Inc. of Rock Island for renovations to the girls' locker room and The Pit.

• Elesha Gayman of Davenport announced her candidacy for Iowa House. The 27-year-old was running for the District 84 seat against Republican incumbent Jim Van Fossen.

• Students at Virgil Grissom Elementary celebrated "Cabin Fever Day," and had the opportunity to try out some new activities, including scrapbooking, birdhouse building, cake decorating, baton twirling, and tae kwon do.

• Tom Jungblut of Eldridge shot a hole-in-one at the Tangolunda Golf Course in Huatulco, Mexico. The feat was witnessed by three of his friends from Dubuque.

Feb. 10, 2016

• North Scott Junior High administrators scuttled a plan to switch to "standards based grading" following a pilot program during the first semester. Principal John Hawley noted that the technology used by the district for grading did not support this new system, and the school would be sticking with traditional letter grading going forward. School board members had a lukewarm reception to the results of the pilot program.

• Mitchell Hayes, a 2015 graduate of North Scott High School, was killed in an early morning car accident on Buttermilk Road. Two others in the vehicle, including the driver, were injured.

• NSP editor Scott Campbell was presented with the Master Editor-Publisher award, the highest honor from the Iowa Newspaper Association. He was congratulated by Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad.

• Lancer Productions presented the winter dinner theatre musical, "Nice Work If You Can Get It." Cast members included Keegan Harry, Ali Watkins, Andrea Warhurst, Sydney Kuehl, Connor LaPage, Isabel Conner, Brendan Ludwig, Emmett Boedeker, Maddie Harbour, and Isobel LaCorte.

• Lancer sophomore Corvon Seales secured a 56-54 win over Clinton with a last-second shot that thrilled a packed Pit. The girls beat Clinton 58-27 during the Cake Auction doubleheader.

Erin Gentz is a life resident of Eldridge who has been employed at The NSP since 2013. She is a graduate of North Scott High School and Simpson College. She can be reached at notices@northscottpress.com.

LEGISLATOR

Bills of note in Iowa Senate

This was the fourth week of the legislative session. We continued our work on many important issues in subcommittee and committees, and also had some more floor debate. Senate bills of note:



Cournoyer

Senate File 231: This bill allows a person holding a special minor's driver's license who resides on a farm or is working on a farm in Iowa to operate a motor vehicle

between 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. to help with farm work. Currently, teenagers can drive a tractor between farms but cannot drive a pickup between farms. This bill makes a common-sense update to this law.

Senate Study Bill 1089: This bill focuses on expanding broadband access for all Iowans. Over the past year, we have seen just how crucial it is to increase access and bandwidth. We saw a number of activities we do daily move online, whether it was work, school, or even doctor's appointments. The goal is to both help promote investment in facilities that provide high-speed service and ensure it will not quickly be superseded by new technology.

Senate Study Bill 1159: Supplemental State Aid. This bill proposes an additional \$45.2 million to K-12 schools in new funding on top of the nearly \$3.5 billion spent on K-12 education last year. Much of state funding for education is connected to the number of students enrolled in each school district. Because of the significant decrease in enrollment across the state due to COVID, a traditional increase in state aid could leave some districts with a decrease in funding for next year. To address this dilemma, SSB 1159 provides a one-time increase of \$65 per pupil for next year. This amount totals another \$29.4 million. These dollars will provide schools with more money this year without creating a funding bubble the state budget could not afford the following year. Finally, SSB

1159 allocates nearly \$10 million to address per pupil and transportation inequities.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Senate File 246: this bill relates to civil and criminal enforcement activities involving the practice of massage therapy and human trafficking as well as expands the definition of "forced labor or services."

Bill Number Pending: I introduced a bill that would require training on human trafficking awareness and prevention upon renewal of Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs).

Senate File 198: This bill would require the state transportation commission to make the entire length of U.S. 30 four lanes. Improvements and four-laning U.S. 30 will make for safer and more efficient travel across Iowa while creating increased economic activity statewide. Learn more and join the coalition of support at: <http://www.hwy30coalition.com/>

Senate File 251: This bill directs the Department of Public Health to develop a strategic plan to improve breastfeeding support and awareness among all mothers in the state.

Constituents at the Capitol

I attended the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association Legislative Reception and visited with Scott County Deputy, Sgt. Sean Thompson.

Future forum

Saturday, Feb. 20, 10-11 A.M. In person at What BBQ (106 S. Cody Road, LeClaire) or virtually: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88947422507?pwd=S3g2dWNWZmd2WGFjQU9NR2lrTE0zUT09>

Meeting ID: 889 4742 2507

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Sen. Chris Cournoyer (R-LeClaire) represents District 49. Contact her at (563) 289-7335 or during the session at (515) 281-3700, or Chris.Cournoyer@legis.iowa.gov.

Vaccines coming to pharmacies

This week I was given some information and updates pertaining to COVID-19 and I wanted to take this opportunity to share it with you as well.



Mommsen

On Feb. 1 the state began Phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccine roll out which qualifies people 65 and older to receive the vaccine. The roll out in Iowa has been the responsibility of the county health departments. Each county has the ability to distribute the vaccine however they feel is best.

In Clinton County they have five pharmacies to call: Scott Drug, MercyOne Clinic, Clinton Hyvee Pharmacy, Clinton Jewel-Osco and Wagner Pharmacy to get your name on the list for when more vaccines come available.

In Scott County they are going to have planned clinics. The link to sign up for these clinics will be posted on their website, Facebook page, and through local media partners. To learn more about getting vaccinated in Scott County visit <https://immunize.scottcountyiowa.gov/>

Walgreen, CVS

This week the Iowa Department of Public Health announced that in partnership with Walgreens and CVS they will be distributing approximately 32,000 COVID-19 vaccines to Iowans 65 and older. These are unused vaccines that were originally allocated to the Long-Term Care Pharmacy Partnership Program. Since there is a limited supply, only select Wal-

greens and CVS locations will be offering the vaccine. Iowans age 65 and older can register online for a vaccine appointment at a participating Walgreens or CVS. If you are not able to secure one of these vaccine appointments, be assured that more vaccines are coming to the state on a weekly basis.

Walgreens will be offering vaccines at a store location in the following counties: Black Hawk, Cerro Gordo, Des Moines, Dubuque, Johnson, Linn, Polk, Pottawattamie, Scott and Woodbury. Appointment information can be found at: https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

CVS will be offering vaccines at a store location in the following counties: Black Hawk, Dallas, Linn, and Polk. Appointment information can be found at: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

If you have interest in any particular bill or would like to know where it is in the process, please contact me and I will do my best to try and keep you up to date. You can also follow bills on the legislative website once you know the bill number www.legis.iowa.gov.

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

CORRECTION: North Scott continues to lag behind most districts with per pupil funding as low as Davenport. Mark Ridolfi's "On the Record" column of Feb. 3 incorrectly said North Scott received more than Davenport.

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

How to contact your legislators

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

Republican Mark Lofgren of Muscatine represents Senate District 46. Contact him at (563) 272-8683 or during the session at (515) 281-3700 or emailing Mark.lofgren@legis.iowa.gov.



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AREA NEWS BRIEFS



Tammy Blick



Austin Ziegler

Veteran bankers join First Central

For more than 30 years, Tammy Blick has been helping people in the Quad Cities with their banking needs.

She will continue with that focus at First Central State Bank as a vice president/loan officer based out of the Eldridge office.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me, to keep my focus in the Quad-City area, while also joining a great team," Blick said. First Central State Bank CEO and president Brigham Tubbs said Blick's ability to develop and maintain relationships with her clients molds well into the First Central State Bank environment.

"Tammy has a proven track record of putting her clients first, which is what we focus on every day at First Central," he said.

Austin Ziegler joins the banks as vice president and business development officer. Ziegler, who also brings several years of banking experience in the Quad Cities, is based out of the LeClaire location.

"Austin has been a tremendous ad-

dition to our team," Tubbs said. "We're focused on serving our clients in the best way possible, so these recent additions are an extension of that mindset."

Ohnward Bancshares, Inc., is a billion-dollar-plus holding company with 18 financial offices in eastern Iowa, including First Central with offices in DeWitt, LeClaire, Clinton, Goose Lake and Eldridge. It is locally owned by shareholders living primarily in Jackson, Clinton, Scott, Jones, and Linn counties.

Poetry contest open to all Iowans

Anyone who has dreamed of becoming a published poet may make his or her dream come true through the Iowa Poetry Association's (IPA) 2021 Lyrical Iowa Poetry Contest. Lyrical Iowa is IPA's annual anthology of poetry published since 1946 featuring more than 300 poems. The contest is open to anyone with an Iowa address.

Poets may submit up to a total of five poems in any of seven categories for adults. Students may submit up to five poems in their division (grades K-4; 5-8; 9-12, college). Only one poem per person may be published. Selections are made anonymously by out-of-state judges. Modest cash prizes are available for those who place in any of the categories.

The contest is open until Feb. 28. Rules are available online at www.iowapoetry.com/rules2021.htm. Before entering, be sure to read some of 2020's winning poems online at www.iowapoetry.com/lyricaliowa.htm. Notifications are sent in

July to winners and those whose poems are selected for publication. Prestigious Pushcart Prize nominations (iowapoetry.com/pushcart.htm) will be announced in early fall.

Email submissions are preferred for adult and college divisions; all K-12 must mail in submissions by USPS to appropriate school editors. If you cannot access the internet, send a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) for contest rules to Iowa Poetry Association c/o Marilyn Baszczynski, editor, 16096 320th Way, Earlham, IA 50072.

Century, Heritage Farm applications open

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) encourages eligible farm owners to apply for the 2021 Century and Heritage Farm Program designations. The program was created by IDALS and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation to recognize families who have owned their farms for 100 years and 150 years, respectively.

To apply, download the application on the department's website at iowaagriculture.gov/century-and-heritage-farm-program. To be included in the 2021 Century or Heritage Farm Program, completed applications must be received by the department by June 1, 2021.

This marks the 45th anniversary of the Century Farm program, which started in 1976 as part of the Nation's Bicentennial Celebration. To date, more than 20,000 farms from across the state have received this recognition.

This is the 15th anniversary of the

Heritage Farm program; more than 1,000 farms have been recognized since this program began in 2006.

To search for previous Century and Heritage Farm recipients, visit century-farms.iowaagriculture.gov. Photos from past recognition ceremonies are also available on the Century and Heritage Farm Program website. The ceremonies recognizing the 2021 Century and Heritage Farm families will be held at the Iowa State Fair on Aug. 19-20, in the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion.

Iowa Elks Association offering vocational grants

The Iowa State Elks Association is offering 20 \$1,500 vocational grants for the 2021-22 school year to individuals pursuing a vocational (two-year or less) training/educational program.

These grants are open to current high school seniors or any non-traditional student (second career, etc.) pursuing such a program at an accredited school.

The grants are not intended for students who will pursue a four-year course of study that will eventually lead to a bachelor's degree, including students attending a community college with the intent of continuing on to a four-year degree program.

Grant applications can be found on the Iowa State Elks Association website at iowaelks.org/enf/scholarships and returned before March 8, 2021. Scott, Muscatine and Clinton county residents can mail applications to: Davenport Elks Lodge 298, 4400 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804. If questions, contact: elkslodge298@mediacommb.net.

Virtual event offers inside look at legislative process

Iowa Extension council members and youth in grades 8-12 can get an inside look at the legislative process, meet key legislators and hear from World Food Prize Foundation staff virtually at Iowa Legislative Insider on Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 8:30-10:45 a.m. Individuals as well as teachers and classrooms are invited to register at <https://tinyurl.com/y5y95rot>. There is no fee to attend, but registration is required to receive the link to attend.

Virtual attendees will meet Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg and State Representative Ross Wilburn and learn about the life of a legislative page. They also will explore the role a lobbyist plays in crafting legislation presented by multi-client lobbyist Emily Piper. The event will be capped off with speakers from the World Food Prize Foundation: Joi Latson, program coordinator global youth institute, and Kelsey Tyrell, director of youth leadership development. Beau Nistler, 4-H alumni and elementary school teacher in Thailand, also will join to offer an in-depth look at global food policy.

The event is hosted by the Iowa Extension Council Association and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development.

'Birds and You' exhibit opens at Putnam

The Putnam Museum's next featured exhibit explores bird species through themes of extinction and the role of citizen science to preserve these important members of the animal kingdom.

"Birds and You" is an original Putnam exhibit, and it opened Feb. 6. The exhibit is included with general admission and remains open through mid-2021 at the Putnam, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum.

The exhibit was inspired by the extraordinary decline of the bird population in North America — a 29-percent decline, or a loss of 2.9 billion birds, since 1970.

For more information, visit putnam.org/Exhibits/Featured/Birds-and-You. For groups, or to plan your visit, call 563-324-1933.



"If you can protect the soil from erosion, it gets landowners' attention."

CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Capture Landowners' Attention



Lance Lillibridge
Benton County farmer

The conservation practices that Benton County farmer Lance Lillibridge employs on the land he owns to protect the soil from erosion and improve organic matter helped him expand the total acres he farms. Because he had the courage to do something differently, some retired farmers have asked him to rent their land.

"I have learned that if you have the courage to try something new, people will take notice," Lillibridge said. "I have been able to make this system work for my acres and that has helped me rent more ground."

Conservation gets noticed

The first piece of rented land Lillibridge captured happened because of a conversation about strip-till with the previous tenant that was preparing to retire. "There's not a lot of strip-till farmers in this area of the state," he noted. "When this farmer made the decision to cut back on the land he rented, he asked if I would be interested in his particular farm. When I showed interest, he talked to the landowner."

On the recommendation of the previous tenant, the landowner called Lillibridge. "We discussed my farming system. I explained my dedication to adding conservation practices like strip-till to protect the soil from erosion while maintaining an upward yield curve," he said. "This quickly taught me if you can protect the soil from erosion, it gets landowners' attention."

Keeping landowners informed

Lillibridge uses data from the land he owns to explain how conservation practices improve soil health on rented land. "I discuss the soil health benefits I have observed, as well as the economic benefits," he said. "I'm protecting the soil and our crops keep getting better."

He also has conversations about nutrient management with his landlords based on grid soil testing results done every three to five years. "Our results reveal an increase in organic matter and soil fertility, which has resulted in a reduction of fertilizer that's applied," he said. "When I share this information with landowners, they are pretty happy."

Cover crops on rented land

A few years ago Lillibridge began experimenting with cover crops and now he discusses benefits like holding water and retaining nutrients with his landlords, as well as the cost-share programs to get started.

"It's hard to put a value on conservation practices, whether it's using cover crops or switching tillage systems," he said. "I've learned that people are watching me, and that has enabled me to grow my operation. In my opinion, there's a pretty good return on investment."

Resources to Start Conservation Discussions

Iowa's non-operating landowners trust you, their tenants, to keep their soil productive for generations to come. You're their best source of information on adding conservation practices and the mutually beneficial value that can be seen today and in the future.

Iowa Corn offers several resources to help you have these important discussions.

Visit IowaCorn.org/RentedLand

- Learn how tenants successfully approach the topic of conservation practices with landowners
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Scott County hosts outdoor adventures

Two dozen adventurers joined Scott County Conservation's guided snowshoe hike at the Wapsi Center, Feb. 4. More winter adventures await.

More snowshoe adventures

Feb. 17: Scott County Park Whispering Pines shelter. (Feb. 20 event is full.)

March 3 and 6: Wapsi River Center pine ring, Dixon.

Call 563-328-3286 for availability and registration.

Birding adventures Feb. 13

Backyard Birds: Learn how to identify and attract Iowa's backyard birds and make take-home pine cone bird feeders. 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Cocoa Picasso: Learn more about backyard birds with this family-friendly program that includes a hike, and a bird-themed painting lesson. \$5 per canvas. 1 p.m.



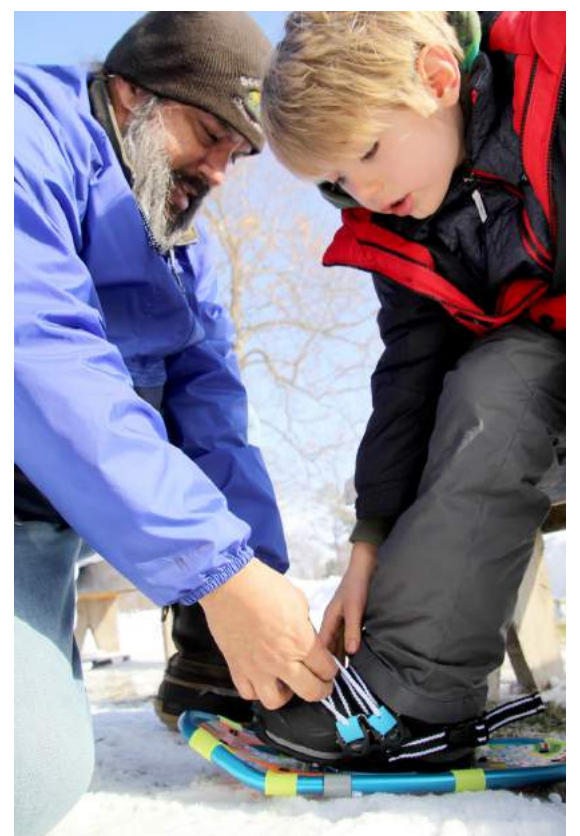
First-time snow shoers, from left, Carol Stream, Marlene Corray and Gretchen Cluff.



Heather Dalhoff crosses a foot bridge.



Dennis Kramer, of Dixon, enjoys his snowshoe walk.



Wapsi Center director Dave Murcia helps Haden Dalhoff with snowshoes.



Wapsi Center naturalist Mike Granger ends the hour-long walk with a snow shower. Granger led the families with a snow-throw that he usually reserves for school group tours, which have been few through the pandemic.

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NSP SPORTS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Senior Sam Scott got aggressive with the basketball and led the Lancer scoring attack with 12 points in the overtime win over Assumption. NSP photo by Scott Campbell



Mia Doellinger (50) and Chloe Lewandowski got the first starts of their Lancer varsity careers on Senior Night Friday night. Doellinger did a nice job of fronting Assumption star AJ Schubert in the early going, while Lewandowski battled hard for a loose ball against Assumption's Anna Wohlers. NSP photos by Scott Campbell



Lancers lock up No. 1 seed

Exciting overtime win over Assumption should do the trick

By Scott Campbell

NSP Editor

Well, that should just about do it.

No matter what happened in last night's (Tuesday) Top-5 Class 4A matchup between No. 4 Central DeWitt and No. 5 North Scott, the Lancers will most certainly be staying home for the early post-season run, and a third straight trip to Des Moines can be secured without leaving the friendly confines of The Pit.

Although the official Class 4A regional pairings won't be announced until later this week, the Lancers surely secured a No. 1 seed — which go to the state's top eight teams — with last week's sweep of Davenport Central and Davenport Assumption.

The coup de grace was Friday night's E-ticket ride over the No. 9 (Class 3A) Knights, where the 32-29 overtime victory was electrifying, exhilarating and even exasperating, all in one entertaining extravaganza.

The victory improved North Scott's season mark to 12-1, and left the Lancers in control of their own destiny heading into the matchup with the Sabers, which had huge implications in the Mississippi Athletic championship chase. A win would give coach T.J. Case's girls the inside track at claiming back-to-back MAC titles.

Thinking bigger picture, Friday night's narrow and hard-fought win is just what the Lancers needed heading into their all-important postseason run.

"For sure we needed a game like this," said Case, who seemingly tried every strategy in his team's arsenal to pull out the win. "I told the girls that, like it or not, this game made us better. These are the type of games you want to be in."

"Most likely, if you get down to Des Moines, you aren't going to be beating somebody by 30 to 40 points. You're going to be in a tight game because everybody's good, and we really needed this."

To be certain, it was a defensive dogfight, which produced North Scott's lowest point total of the year. However, both team's shooting percentages matched the frigid polar vortex temperatures outside, which made for a maddening night if you're a fan of offensive-minded basketball.

"It was pretty exciting from the tip, and it felt like a postseason game," said Case. "Everybody was on the edge of their seats, and it was chippy. You could just tell that we hadn't played or prac-

ticed for a couple of days (because of the weather).

"We weren't as sharp as we needed to be, but everybody just battled through it to see who could get it done at the end. I thought defensively we did some really nice things, but offensively, we struggled to get in rhythm and get shots to go down."

No kidding. The Lancers connected on just 11 of 37 field goals, including a paltry three of 16 from beyond the arc. Making just seven of 17 free throws certainly didn't help matters.

In the end, a pair of dogged defensive stands, and some last-minute overtime heroics from seniors Sam Scott and Ashley Fountain got the job done.

Scott, who struggled through a chilly 4 for 14 shooting night, delivered the dagger with a driving layup with 1:24 left in OT. Fountain's final two free throws with four seconds left — after missing four of her previous eight — secured the win.

"It was a tough shooting night," said Scott. "Our whole team was struggling from the outside, and that makes us know we have to pick up our defense. Luckily we did that, and that helped us win the game."

"It was a rough game," said Fountain. "I was very frustrated. My shots just were not quite going in, and I couldn't even make a layup. I was so glad I got those last two free throws to go down."

It was a tough shooting night, to say the least, and the first quarter set the tone, where North Scott connected on just two of nine field goals, while the Knights went two of 11 from the field.

In what is a North Scott tradition, Case started five seniors, with Reagan Schoening, Alyssa Bockenfeld and Mia Doellinger joining Scott and Fountain for the opening tip. Fellow seniors Kate Schermerhorn and Chloe Lewandowski took the floor just over two minutes in.

While the Lancers battled hard, and Case pointed out the defensive effort of Doellinger in trying to stop Assump-

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Lancer coach T.J. Case

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	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Central DeWitt	9	1	13	1
North Scott	7	1	12	1
Davenport North	7	1	8	1
Bettendorf	7	3	7	3
Muscatine	7	6	7	7
Pleasant Valley	6	6	9	7
Davenport Assumption	5	8	5	10
Davenport Central	3	7	4	7
Davenport West	1	7	2	9
Clinton	0	11	0	13

tion's AJ Schubert, they couldn't keep the visiting Knights from building a 7-0 advantage nearly midway through the frame.

A Schermerhorn three broke the ice for the Lancers with 4:11 left. Case brought in regular starters KK Farnum and Lexi Ward with 3:54 on the clock, and Scott brought the Lancers to within 7-6 with a three-ball of her own with 3:13 left.

Case played 11 girls in what was an entertaining first quarter.

"Maybe a little bit of our start was the Senior Night thing, but that's what we do," said Case. "We got down 7-0, and we kept hoping it wouldn't be too big of a hole."

"You kind of hope the girls can come out, play well and hit a couple of shots. That wasn't the case, and then you have to say enough is enough, and you make the decision to go with the dogs."

"At the beginning of the game we had a different rotation, so not everybody was as focused, and it was kind of hard to get back into focus after that," said Fountain. "Then we were missing shots, and we all got frustrated. We finally pulled it out and made it through."

North Scott tied the count at eight on a Lauren Golinghorst bucket to start the second quarter, and two free throws by Scott and a Ward layup off a steal gave the Lancers a 12-10 lead with 2:49 left in the half.

Both coaches were warned for being "too talkative" in the first half, and the Knights took a 13-12 lead into intermission.

The Lancers finally found some offense in the third quarter, with back-to-

Scott's takeaway

At first blush, this was one, ugly girls' basketball game. Upon further reflection, it was exciting, entertaining and deserving of a much bigger crowd.

On a normal Friday night in The Pit, with the Knights and Lancers duking it out, the atmosphere would have been electric for this one. Even with COVID-19 protocols in place, there was still plenty of juice in the building.

Props to Coach Case for starting an all-senior lineup, and for sticking with it, even though his team trailed 7-0 early. It was the right thing to do.

At the end of the game, it was an interesting lineup for the Lancers, as seniors Sam Scott, Ashley Fountain and Kate Schermerhorn, along with sophomore Lexi Ware and freshmen KK Farnum and Sydney Skarich saw all the minutes down the stretch. The Lancer future looks bright.

For all intents and purposes, the hay is in the barn as far as regional seeds are concerned. Even a possible loss to No. 4 Central DeWitt last night (Tuesday) shouldn't hurt the Lancers. However, there is one interesting caveat looming on the post-season horizon.

If the Class 4A state rankings hold, and the Lancers and Sabers continue to be ranked fourth and fifth, and both teams advance to the state tournament, that would mean they could be playing a first-round game in Des Moines. Now that would be something.

WRESTLING

It's a make-or-break week for NS grapplers

Lancers on cusp of return to State Duals; district meet is Saturday

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

When the COVID-19 infested wrestling season got under way two months ago, just getting to the end seemed like a proverbial pipe dream.

Now, with the final buzzer within earshot, North Scott has seemingly hit the home stretch in full stride.

Still basking in the afterglow of their second straight Mississippi Athletic Conference championship, the Lancers are now cruising into the penultimate week of the season with a full head of steam.

First up is tonight's Regional Duals, where the Lancers will be lying in wait to meet the winner of No. 11 Iowa City West and No. 22 Pleasant Valley. North Scott is ranked No. 6, and the regional final is set for 7:10 p.m. matchup in The Pit.

The Lancers will be looking to book their second straight trip to the State Duals — and ninth overall — after finishing fourth a year ago. The State Duals are set for Wednesday, Feb. 17, beginning at 9 a.m. at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

However, that's just one goal waiting to be claimed this week.

The real big one comes Saturday, when the Lancers will head to Bettendorf for the Class 3A District meet. There, each and every Lancer will be looking to stamp their ticket to the Individual State Wrestling Tournament that begins on Feb. 18.

The top two individual finishers in each weight class will advance to Des Moines, and the meet will basically be a replay of last week's MAC tourney, with only Assumption and Central DeWitt not being part of the eight-team field.

"It doesn't feel like we should be at this point in the season already. It's been a weird year," said Lancer coach Drew Kelly. "You take it one day, one week at a time, and just try to get through that

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Lancer coach Drew Kelly

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Regional Dual up first

After starting the season ranked 13th in the first Dual Team rankings of the season, the Lancers moved up to No. 10 in the second rankings, and finally settled in at No. 6 in the third and all-important list.

The top eight teams received first-round byes, and home mat advantage, and the Lancers definitely earned their way back into elite status.

North Scott has built an impressive résumé by virtue of its 14-2 dual meet record, and has earned the favorite's tag for tonight's meet.

The Lancers rolled to a 64-15 win over Pleasant Valley back in December. Iowa City West, a perennial state power, is 2-1 on the year after not taking the mat until January because Iowa City schools were not meeting in person.

The Trojans recently finished third at Waverly-Shell Rock's Rick Caldwell Invitational — their only tourney of the year — where the top-ranked Go-Hawks captured the team title at their own six-team event, while fourth-ranked Fort Dodge finished second.

On paper, a Trojan-North Scott dual has plenty of panache, as both teams have six wrestlers listed in the top 10 at their respective weights.

Leading the way for West is top-ranked Hunter Garvin (9-0) at 138, and a pair of third-ranked wrestlers in the likes of seniors Graham Gambrall, who is 3-4 at 152, and Ashton Barker, who is 9-0 at 170.

Iowa City West's other ranked wrestlers are junior Kael Scranton (eighth at 132), senior Grant O'Dell (ninth at 126) and junior Parker McBride (sixth at 120).

McBride is 2-0, but hasn't wrestled since Jan. 7.

North Scott will counter with six ranked wrestlers of their own, led by senior Josh Connor (138), and juniors Trace Gephart (113) and Peyton Westlin (145), all who are ranked fourth.

Lancer sophomores Seth Madden (170) and AJ Petersen (182)

are ranked 10th and seventh, and senior

Joey Petersen is ninth at 195. Senior Deven

Strief, ranked third at 160, isn't expected

to take the mat.

Obviously, the feature

match of the

night will be the 138-pound meeting between Connor and Garvin, two of the

top four wrestlers in the state, while the Madden-Barker match could be equally

entertaining.

Rounding out North Scott's lineup will be sophomores Drew Metcalf (106), Logan Schmidt (120), Aydan Cary (152), Dylan Marti (160) and David Borchers (285); junior Cael Straley (126); and seniors Chase Porter (132) and Kade Tippet (220).

"We haven't seen Iowa City West, but they're a real solid team, with a lot of good wrestlers," said Kelly. "If our guys compete like they have been, we'll have a good shot.

No matter who we have, there will be big matches.

"It will be a good dual, and in tough duals it comes down to getting bonus points, and not giving them up, and you have to win those toss-up matches. If we can compete like we have been, I like our chances."

Dandy of a District

The race for the district team title will most likely come down to North Scott and Bettendorf, but that finish is basically irrelevant. On Saturday, when the action kicks off at high noon, it's all about advancing to the Big Show in Des Moines.

For all intents and purposes, the meet pretty much seeds itself as the MAC tourney finishes are a pretty good indication of how things stack up.

With that said, the Lancers should enter the meet with five, and possibly six, No. 1 seeds, including Gephart, Connor, Westlin, the Petersen brothers, and maybe Strief.

Cary and Tippet should be sure-fire No. 2 seeds, and Straley could be in the two or three seed conversation. Madden will most likely be seeded third, and Porter could sneak in there as well. Schmidt and Metcalf, and most likely Borders, will be seeded fourth.

If you're into history, it's worth nothing that Strief and Connor are looking to become the 14th and 15th Lancer wrestlers to become three-time state meet qualifiers, while Gephart and Westlin are hoping to go back-to-back.

Strief is a two-time placewinner, finishing fifth as a sophomore and fourth a year ago, while Connor will be looking for his first podium finish. Westlin finished fourth last year.

"A lot of guys will have real legitimate shots," said Kelly. "This time of year, it's one match a time, wrestle your best match, and go on from there. The district tournament is where things happen, and the first round is the biggest.

"Our guys know what they have to do. We have guys in good spots, and they'll be ready."

GIRLS' BB: North Scott looking to close out the regular season with momentum

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back buckets by Farnum and five points from Scott helping them build a 24-21 lead heading into the fourth.

Unfortunately, the offense disappeared. A pair of free throws by Fountain gave the Lancers a 26-24 lead with 6:48 left, but they proved to be North Scott's final points in regulation.

The Knights tied it up with 5:05 remaining, and both teams delivered stout defensive stands the rest of the way, with the Lancers denying the Knights a good shot over the final 31 seconds.

Assumption drew first blood in the four-minute overtime, but Fountain's left-handed layup knotted the score at 28 with 2:21 left. Scott's drive a little less than a minute later gave the Lancers a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

The Knights had a chance to tie it with 26 seconds left, when Anna Wohlers drained two free throws, but the second was waved off for a lane violation. Assumption forced a North Scott turnover, and Wohlers missed another layup before the Lancers eventually secured the ball, which led to Fountain's final free throws.

North Scott, playing without sophomores Hattie Hagedorn and Cora O'Neill was led by Scott's 12 points. Fountain finished with seven.

"I thought we were a little thin on the bench tonight," said Case. "We were just looking for a little more offensive spark, and we just didn't have it. I guess the defense was enough.

"Assumption is very talented, and they are a tough matchup. For us to hold them to 29 points says something. We didn't shoot it well from the line or the

field, but we were still able to get it done, so credit to the girls for not quitting."

Case said he was happy to see Scott get aggressive with the basketball, even when her outside shots weren't falling, and he was impressed with the play of Farnum and fellow freshman Sydney Skarich down the stretch.

"Sam opens up a lot more people the more aggressive she gets, and that's been good to see," said Case. "She can't make shots if she doesn't shoot them. I also thought that Sydney and KK, for two freshmen, on the floor late, were very aggressive and did good things."

All things considered, it ended up being a good night.

"This game will help us," said Fountain. "I'm glad we played this game down the stretch, just because in tournament play we aren't going to have a blowout game. We need more experience in how to handle the pressure of close games.

"I'm very excited for this last week. We get to play DeWitt, and that's another chance to prove ourselves. It should be a good one. I feel like we'll be No. 1 seed, and I think we'll be successful in the post-season as long as we keep our heads up, don't get nervous and keep doing what we've been doing."

North Scott will close out the regular season on Friday at Muscatine. The regional tournament is set to begin next week, and the Lancers will most likely open play on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Lancers roll past Central

North Scott used a balanced scoring attack, built a 24-9 first-quarter lead, and never looked back while rolling past Davenport Central with a 62-48 win on

Tuesday (Feb. 2).

Samantha Scott seemingly found her long-lost, long-range shooting touch by draining four three-pointers en route to

a 16-point night, while Ashley Fountain and KK Farnum added 15 and 10 points respectively.



Freshman KK Farnum (44) battles for a big offensive rebound in the second half of Friday's overtime win over Assumption.

NSP photo by Scott Campbell

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Home cookin' sounds good to Lancers

Lancers drop OT thriller at Assumption; hope to be home for postseason

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

There's definitely something to be said for home cooking, and it's a good thing the Lancers will most likely be in their own kitchen when the postseason rolls around.

After last week, one thing is clear: The Lancers like the shooting background in The Pit much better than launching shots into the abyss on the road.

	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Pleasant Valley	10	3	13	3
Davenport Assumption	9	3	11	5
North Scott	8	4	10	4
Davenport West	5	4	6	4
Central DeWitt	6	5	9	7
Davenport North	6	5	7	5
Muscatine	6	5	7	7
Bettendorf	2	7	2	7
Davenport Central	2	9	2	9
Clinton	1	10	1	13

With their eyes well adjusted to the friendly confines, the Lancers connected on 47 percent of their field goals in a 45-33 win over Davenport Central on Tuesday (Feb. 2), but on a frigid Friday night at Davenport Assumption, the Lancers came out on the wrong end of a 59-56 overtime loss.

That defeat put a crimp in North Scott's MAC title defense, as the Lancers are now a game behind league-leader Pleasant Valley in the loss column.

However, the MAC title is secondary for Lancer coach Shamus Budde and his staff, as their sights are set on another deep postseason run. And, thankfully, it appears that journey will begin at home.

The Class 4A substate pairings are expected to be released today (Wednesday), and from the looks of things, it appears that North Scott (10-4) has secured the No. 2 seed in Substate 5, and would then get a first-round bye and a semif-

nal home game on Friday, Feb. 26.

Although nothing official has been announced, it is anticipated that Dubuque Hempstead (12-3) will have done enough work to get the No. 1 seed.

Muscatine (7-7), winner in six of its last nine games, including signature wins over North Scott and Davenport Assumption, is most likely in line to be the third seed, with Davenport West (6-4), which has dropped two of its last three, slotted in at No. 4.

Dubuque Senior (5-8) and Clinton (1-13) will round out the six-team field.

"If we can get the No. 2 seed, that would be a big deal," said Budde. "One of our goals is to always get that one or two seed, and that's especially important with the way things are shaking out this year, where anybody can beat anybody."

"Plus, the way we've been shooting on the road, having a home game is a plus. We have not shot it well on the road at all."

Heading into Friday's game with Assumption, the Lancers were hitting at a dismal 38-percent clip from the field in their previous five road games, and a frigid 31.8 percent from beyond the arc.

In their three most recent home games, the Lancers were hitting a cool 49.5 percent of their field goals, including 40 percent (20 of 49) from beyond the arc.

Unfortunately, the downward trend on the road continued at Assumption.

"First of all, we got off to a slow start, and we've had a couple of those, most notably, at Central and Muscatine," said Budde. "If we get off to a slow start, and with the way we play, it's just difficult for us to catch up."

"The problem is a combination of things. We had some first-quarter turnovers, but our shooting was not good. We had good looks all night. We got to the paint, right to the rim, and missed a bunch of bunnies throughout the whole game. That's what cost us."

It was a big win for the ninth-ranked (Class 3A) Knights, as it snapped a four-game losing streak. They rolled to a 13-2 lead after the first quarter, but



Lancer sophomore Cole Kilburg looks to make something happen during the second half of last week's 45-33 win over Davenport Central in The Pit. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

North Scott came back, thanks in part to senior Canon Guffey's 10 points, and trailed just 22-17 at the half.

Assumption pushed the lead back to 30-18 with 4:48 left in the third quarter, but nine straight points by the Lancers pulled them to within 33-27 entering the fourth.

To their credit, the Lancers just wouldn't go away. It was 43-38 after junior Ollie Hughes' fast break layup midway through the final frame, and senior Landon Eiland pulled his team to within three with 2:17 left on a floater and pair of free throws.

North Scott eventually pulled even at 48 on sophomore Drew Kilburg's bucket from the paint with 17 seconds left, and that's the way things stood at the end of regulation as Assumption's Noah Mack missed an 18-footer just before the buzzer.

The extra four-minute period wasn't kind to the Lancers, as their hosts scored the first five points and did all of their damage from the free-throw line, where they scored 11 points.

Guffey's trey brought the Lancers to within two (53-51) with 36.7 seconds left, and after the two teams exchanged points at the free-throw line, Matt Tallman made it 56-53 by hitting one of two with 11.9 seconds left.

The Knights corralled the rebound on Mack's miss, forcing the Lancers to foul, and Mack sealed the win with two free throws.

Eiland was a man on a mission in the fourth quarter and overtime, scoring 16 of his 17 points. Guffey had a career high 13, while Cole Kilburg finished with an even dozen.

"We fought back and made it close," said Budde. "Obviously, nobody likes to lose, but there are some positives out of it. Our guys really stayed together and their communication was great. Hopefully we can continue to build on that."

"I'm not concerned. We'll take a look at film and fix the things that broke down. There are definitely a few little things on defense that we really need to clean up, and they've been exposed the last two or three games."

The Lancers were scheduled to host Central DeWitt last night (Tuesday), and then will seek to get revenge on Muscatine in a home game on Friday. The Muskies handed the Lancers a 51-46 loss last month.

Neither game is a sure thing for the Lancers.

"DeWitt and Muscatine, like Assumption, are tough matchups for us," said Budde. "We have really struggled against teams that have good size."

Muscatine really killed us inside the first time we played, and a lot of the teams on our schedule are bigger than us.

"When you're undersized like us, especially on defense, we have to come up with creative ways to take away what the other teams really wants to do, which is throw it inside."

North Scott 45, Dav. Central 33

The Lancers were seemingly hitting on all cylinders in the 45-33 home win over Davenport Central on Tuesday (Feb. 2), as Drew Kilburg and Ollie Hughes led the scoring attack.

Kilburg finished with 15 points, while drilling all three of his shots from beyond the arc, while Hughes added 13 markers and a team-high eight rebounds.

Both Kilburg and Hughes were instrumental in getting things started on the right foot, as they each connected on a pair of three-point bombs to spur the Lancers to a 16-8 lead after the opening eight minutes.

North Scott led 22-11 with just under three minutes to play in the first half, but Central closed to within 24-15 at the break.

Give credit to the Blue Devils, as they just wouldn't go away. North Scott opened at 16-point lead with just over two minutes to go in the third quarter, but Central cut the gap to 33-24 entering the fourth, and never threatened the rest of the way.



Lancer senior Canon Guffey has been an unsung hero this season, and is often forced to match-up with players taller than him, as evidenced by this play in Tuesday's win over Davenport Central. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

FOLLOW THE LANCERS

Wednesday
JV-BB: Maquoketa at North Scott, 4 p.m.
V-WR: Regional Duals at North Scott, 6 p.m.

Friday
F/S-GB: North Scott at Muscatine, 4:30 p.m.
F-BB: Muscatine at North Scott, 4:30 p.m.
JV-GB: North Scott at Muscatine, 6 p.m.
S-BB: Muscatine at North Scott, 6 p.m.
V-GB: North Scott at Muscatine, 7:30 p.m.
V-BB: Muscatine at North Scott, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
F/S-GB: North Scott at Dav. Assumption Inv., 9 a.m.
F-BB: North Scott at Iowa City High Inv., 9 a.m.
V-WR: District Wrestling at Bettendorf, noon

Tuesday
Bowling: Regional Meet at Colonial Lanes, 10 a.m.
F-BB: North Scott at Davenport North, 4:30 p.m.
S-BB: North Scott at Davenport North, 6 p.m.
V-BB: North Scott at Davenport North, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
V-WR: State Duals at Des Moines, 9 a.m.

GIRLS' BOWLING

NS girls peaking at right time

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

Things are trending upwards for North Scott's girls' bowling team, and now it remains to be seen if that improvement will pay off in the post-season.

The Lancers are finally at full strength heading into Tuesday's district tournament at Colonial Lanes in Iowa City, and are coming off a fifth-place finish at Saturday's Muskie Invitational, where they rolled a 2,153, which was preceded by a narrow 2,366-2,314 loss to Muscatine on Monday, Feb. 1.

The two scores the Lancers turned in last week are their second and third best outings of the season.

Senior Briley Larson led the Lancers on Saturday with a 341 series, followed by Katy Caskey (287), Kenzie Wilson (268), Kelly Caskey (245), Faith Beadle

(241) and Lizzie Samara (221).

Larson had the high games of the day with a 189 and 180, and also had the hot hand in the loss to Muscatine earlier in the week where her 195 game led to a 358 series.

Team	Average
Keokuk	2,937
Clinton	2,611
Oskaloosa	2,019
North Scott	2,009
Mount Pleasant	1,952
Burlington	1,945

Other Lancer scores on Senior Night included Katy Jecks (326), Beadle (309), Wilson (272), Kelly

Caskey (245) and Samara (173).

The Lancers will take a 2,009 average into Tuesday's meet, where Keokuk (2,937) will be the heavy favorite. The team champion in each of the five districts will advance to the state meet in Waterloo, along with three at-large teams.

BOYS' BOWLING

Lancers gear up for Monday's district meet

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

North Scott is going to have its work cut out if it wants to qualify for the Boys' State Bowling Tournament, and the Lancers will need to regain their mojo.

The Lancers wrapped up the regular season with a 2,706-2,618 victory over Muscatine on Monday (Feb. 1), and then finished a somewhat disappointing seventh at Saturday's Muscatine Invitational, where they rolled a 2,775 total.

Both scores are well below their season average, and with the Regional tournament set for Monday at Lancer Lanes in Cedar Rapids, North Scott will have to up its game if it wants to be on contention for a state tournament berth.

The top team in each of the five Class 2A districts will qualify for the state meet on Wednesday, Feb. 24 in Waterloo, along with three at-large teams. Each district individual champion will also qualify, along with the next best five scores from across the state.

North Scott will come into the district meet as the No. 3 seed with a 2,854 average, behind both Clinton (3,065) and perennial state power Keokuk (2,899). Both of those teams finished ahead of the Lancers on Saturday.

Clinton finished second with a 3,098 total, behind champion Louisa-Muscatine (3,165), while Keokuk rolled a 2,866

total, which was good for fourth.

However, it should be noted that the Lancers have high scores in their bags, as they've topped the 3,000 mark on three different occasions this year.

Team	Average
Clinton	3,065
Keokuk	2,899
North Scott	2,854
C.R. Washington	2,817
Burlington	2,652
Independence	2,646
Mt. Pleasant	2,366

Sophomore Lex Adkisson led the Lancer charge on Saturday with a 405 series thanks to games of 204 and 201. Sophomore Morgan Welch rolled a 390,

on the strength of a 244 game, and junior Jacob Ohsann turned in a 384, with a high game of 220.

Rounding out North Scott's scoring were senior Landon Rupp (351), sophomore Nik Davis (328) and senior Dylan Elam (306).

"It was a rough day for the Lancers," said Lancer coach Marie Tharp. "We need to get refocused on our spare shooting, and work hard to come back from the tough couple of weeks we have had to get ready for districts."

It was Rupp who had the hot hand in the win over Muscatine earlier in the week. His 360 series topped the Lancer charts, followed by Lex Adkisson (352), senior Max Adkisson (333), Davis (333), Welch (332) and Elam (327).

LANCER SPORTS ROUNDUP

Varsity Girls' Basketball

North Scott 62, Davenport Central 48
Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Davenport Central

Player	2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS
Hattie Hagedorn	1-6	1-4	1-3	6	9	5	4	0
Ashley Fountain	2-4	2-4	5-8	15	5	3	1	1
Lexi Ward	2-2	0-0	2-2	6	4	0	0	0
Samantha Scott	1-3	4-11	2-2	16	6	3	0	2
Makayla Farnum	4-7	0-0	2-2	10	8	0	1	0
Reagan Schoening	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	1	2	0	0
Alissa Bockenfeld	0-0	0-2	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
Sydney Skarich	1-2	1-1	0-0	5	6	3	0	0
Kate Schermerhorn	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Lauren Gollinghorst	2-5	0-0	0-1	4	7	0	0	1
Totals	13-29	8-23	12-18	62	46	17	6	4

North Scott 32, Davenport Assumption 29 (OT)
Friday, Feb. 5 in The Pit

Player	2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS
Reagan Schoening	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Alissa Bockenfeld	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0
Ashley Fountain	1-2	0-2	5-10	7	7	2	2	0
Samantha Scott	2-5	2-9	2-2	12	4	1	2	1
Mia Doellinger	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Lexi Ward	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	3	2	2	0
Sydney Skarich	1-2	0-1	0-2	2	2	0	1	1
Kate Schermerhorn	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	0	0
Lauren Gollinghorst	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	4	0
Chloe Lewandowski	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Makayla Farnum	2-6	0-1	0-1	4	5	0	1	0
Totals	8-21	3-16	7-17	32	23	6	12	2

Varsity Boys' Basketball

North Scott 45, Davenport Central 33
Tuesday, Feb. 2 in The Pit

Player	2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS
Drew Kilburg	2-3	3-3	2-2	15	2	3	3	0
Oliver Hughes	1-4	3-8	2-2	13	8	3	0	0
Canon Guffey	0-0	0-1	1-2	1	5	0	1	0
Carter Markham	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	2	1	1	0
Landon Eiland	3-4	1-2	0-1	9	3	4	0	0
Cole Kilburg	1-3	1-2	0-1	5	4	3	1	0
Totals	8-17	8-17	5-8	45	24	14	6	0

9-10 Girls' Basketball

North Scott 58, Davenport Central 32
Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Davenport Central

Scoring: Sophie Solis 2, Abby Rouse 9, Harmony Hansel 3, Mercie Hansel 18; McKinley Toohey 11, Maddy Wilshusen 6, Kaycee Newman 2, Natalie Knepper 3, Jorie Hanenburg 4.

Coach Todd Satterly's comments: "Kids were great tonight! Energy was there from the tip. Our girls had to play up vs. Central (Central only fielded a JV 1 team), and our girls got after it. We had nine girls score, with Mercie leading us with 18 points and 4 steals. McKinley Toohey came off the bench and once again played well (11 points and 3 steals). Natalie and Jorie were our defensive leaders, getting 4 steals apiece. Maddy led us in rebounding with 5. Harmony and Sophie both led us with 3 assists each. Just a great team effort by all the girls."

Wiffleball champs

11th annual North Scott Wiffleball tournament



Adult division champions: North Scott Alumni
From left, front: Garrett Holst, Teagan Fletcher, Payton Dieckman. Rear: Andrew Lundvall and Cole Ernst.



Third- and fourth-grade champions
From left, Jax Rus, Jeremiah Harrington, Ben Lewis, Griffin Haedt and Cam Wenck.



Fifth- and sixth-grade champions
Tristan Hoyt, Keegan Diercks, Josh Black, Jax Adkisson, Tyler Hoyt, and Kale Blodig.



Seventh- and eighth-grade champions
From left, Adam Schneckloth, Will Schneckloth, Jay Lightle, Yorton Hagedorn and Carson Lage.



High School Division champions
From left, Darnell Butler, Sam Skarich, Jakob Nelson and Cody Sunny. Not pictured, Ryan Campbell.

SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

FRIDAY, JAN. 1

11:10 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 134 on Highway 61 South. A vehicle driven by Chad Thomas Puffenbarger, 25, 2115 W. 69th St., Davenport, slid on the icy roadway, causing the vehicle to strike a snow bank and flip into a ditch.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19

1:17 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft near New Liberty Road and 93rd Avenue.

2:18 p.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

7:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near 20th Avenue and 200th Street.

8:13 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 24100 block of 60th Avenue.

10:30 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near 200th Street and 20th Avenue.

11:21 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 25800 block of Scott Park Road.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

5:27 a.m. — Deputies responded to a vandalism complaint in the 10500 block of 200th Street.

9:44 a.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 400 block of West 6th Street.

10:16 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 22100 block of 70th Avenue.

10:56 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

2:29 p.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 6000 block of 116th Street.

3:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem near South 1st Street and South Cadda Road.

5:45 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near 90th Avenue and 140th Street, where a vehicle driven by Jonathon Patrick Douglas, 40, 3770 153rd St., Blue Grass, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

8:03 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 21100 block of Scott Park Road.

11:23 a.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 18600 block of 110th Avenue.

1:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to an indecency/lewdness complaint in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

2:02 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

2:10 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

2:28 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 500 block of Schmidt Road.

4:31 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 26700 block of Scott Park Road. A vehicle driven by Jennifer Johnene Maas, 47, 2845 Washington Lane, Davenport, took a left turn too sharply and struck a stop sign, knocking it down.

11:17 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 10700 block of River Camp Road.

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

3:56 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

8:25 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of West

4th Street.

3:31 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a missing person in the 200 block of West 3rd Street.

5:30 p.m. — Deputies responded to an indecency/lewdness complaint in the 30900 block of Scott Park Road.

5:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near Exit 6 on Interstate 280 East, Davenport. A vehicle driven by Gregory Robert Fuller, 64, Muscatine, took the exit too sharply, causing the vehicle to leave the roadway. It struck the Exit sign before coming to rest in a ditch.

6:50 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft on Park Avenue.

7:18 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 24900 block of 257th Street, where a vehicle driven by Ryan Daniel Smieja, 43, 27486 265th Street, Princeton, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

10:29 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 3400 block of North Plainview Road.

SATURDAY, JAN. 23

3:58 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 7000 block of Elmore Avenue.

2:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 28100 block of 120th Avenue.

2:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint.

3:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 1000 block of Walker Street.

4:03 p.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

5:09 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 11400 block of 160th Street.

SUNDAY, JAN. 24

6:19 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near 20th Avenue and New Liberty Road.

1:53 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 100 block of Crest View Drive.

3:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 21200 block of 50th Avenue.

5:25 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of North 1st Street.

MONDAY, JAN. 25

7:44 a.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 24700 block of 200th Avenue.

7:46 a.m. — Deputies responded to an indecency/lewdness complaint in the 200 block of North Mississippi Street.

8:10 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem.

9:07 a.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint on Hillside Court.

10:03 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 23300 block of 60th Avenue. A vehicle driven by Aaron A. Gorzney, 40, Cordova, Ill., was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Nikole Lynn Koester, 32, Wheatland.

11:18 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near mile marker 305.5 on Interstate 80 East. A vehicle driven by Misty M. Grimes, 44, Moline, was eastbound on Interstate 80. She was involved in a verbal argument with the passenger in her vehicle when the passenger grabbed the steering wheel, causing the vehicle to swerve into the other lane, where it struck a vehicle driven by Gerald D. Jacobs, 72, Gen-

eseo, Ill. Jacobs' vehicle left the roadway and rolled into a ditch. Grimes' vehicle veered into the median, where it struck nine fence posts before coming to a stop.

11:33 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 2000 block of Lillie Avenue.

12:02 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near Kirkwood Boulevard and Bridge Avenue.

12:55 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft near Main and West High streets.

1:20 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 200 block of South Cadda Road.

1:28 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 17000 block of 267th Street.

3:41 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint.

4:02 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

5:23 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near Scott Park Road and 300th Street.

5:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

5:43 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 28000 block of Great River Road.

7:00 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 2700 block of Hawthorne Drive.

7:31 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 400 block of 1st Avenue.

10:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 100 block of Crest View Drive.

10:57 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 800 block of West 7th Street.

TUESDAY, JAN. 26

4:32 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 109 on Highway 61 South. A vehicle driven by Kaitlyn Alexandra Mays, 20, 11538 109th Ave., Davenport, was southbound on Highway 61. Due to snowy road conditions, she lost traction, causing the vehicle to slide off the roadway, where it struck a mile marker sign before coming to rest on the shoulder.

5:33 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 1400 block of Dodge Street.

8:34 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 130 on Highway 61 North. A vehicle driven by Thomas Meek Jenkins, 40, Clinton, lost traction due to snowy road conditions, causing the vehicle to roll into the median.

8:55 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 130 on Highway 61 North. A vehicle driven by Luke David Anderson, 35, Montpelier, Iowa, lost control due to road conditions, causing the vehicle to slide off the roadway and roll into a ditch.

9:54 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 3100 block of West Kimberly Road.

10:09 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 24500 block of Valley Drive.

10:27 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 200 block of South Kensington Street.

1:20 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near Harrison and West Locust streets, Davenport. A vehicle driven by Anthony Danielle Carter Ellis, 22, 2356 N. Linwood Ave., Davenport, ran a red light and struck a vehicle driven by Cheryl Sue Kuhlmann, 65, 2445 E. 32nd St., Davenport. Carter Ellis was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device and failure to provide valid proof of insurance.

2:06 p.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 18400 block of 307th Street.

2:50 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 23500 block of 115th Avenue.

3:55 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

4:19 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 13900 block of 110th Avenue.

8:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to a re-

port of theft in the 2300 block of West Locust Street.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

2:51 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

5:39 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 4800 block of State Street, Riverdale. A vehicle driven by Deirdre Waynette Brown, 41, 546 W. 16th St., Davenport, was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Clifford E. McKinzey, 59, Milan. McKinzey was cited for failure to stop within the assured clear distance.

9:54 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

1:44 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 4100 block of East 60th Street.

5:55 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 600 block of North Highway 67.

7:02 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

THURSDAY, JAN. 28

12:36 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of South Parker Street.

3:13 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 6800 block of West River Drive.

6:59 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem near South 1st Street and East Sapphire Lane.

8:24 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 23400 block of Great River Road.

12:49 p.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 21400 block of Scott Park Road.

1:53 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near East Locust Street and Kenwood Avenue.

2:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 4400 block of State Street.

3:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 23700 block of Territorial Road.

3:30 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near mile marker 296 on Interstate 80 West. A vehicle driven by William D. King, 64, Rock Island, was westbound on Interstate 80 when a vehicle in front of his reportedly slammed on its brakes. King braked sharply in response and was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Walter Ralph Dodds, 61, 213 E. Mayne St., Blue Grass.

4:09 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an aircraft accident in the 9000 block of Harrison Street.

4:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to a vandalism complaint.

5:05 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 400 block of South Pioneer Drive.

7:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 300 block of West Kimberly Road.

10:54 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 8300 block of Northwest Boulevard.

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

12:06 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 21400 block of Scott Park Road.

2:41 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Park View Drive.

7:30 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 5200 block of Welcome Way.

9:50 a.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint on Timberline Drive.

10:31 a.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 300 block of North 3rd Street.

11:38 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near West River Drive and Gaines Street, Davenport. A vehicle driven by Craig Thomas Ogden, 61, Moline, was stopped at a red light when he was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Robert Andrew Balzer, 56, 4690 Criswell St., Bettendorf. Balzer said that his brakes locked up, causing

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him to skid into Ogden's vehicle. Balzer was cited for failure to stop within the assured clear distance.

12:41 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near West 3rd and Ripley streets, Davenport. A vehicle driven by Ryan Nicholas Kaegbein, 23, Cedar Rapids, ran a red light and struck a vehicle driven by Kiley Renae Begey, 32, 301 Jefferson St., Buffalo. Kaegbein stated that he had been lost and failed to see the red light. He was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

1:18 p.m. — Deputies responded to an indecency/lewdness complaint in the 900 block of Park Avenue.

4:11 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

10:47 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 17900 block of Great River Road.

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

12:58 a.m. — Deputies responded to an abuse/abandonment/neglect claim in the 18500 block of Criswell Street.

1:55 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a robbery/carjacking in the 3700 block of West Locust Street.

2:01 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 6300 block of Hillandale Road.

9:37 a.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 11600 block of 130th Street.

3:17 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 700 block of West Iowa 80 Road.

5:24 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 10500 block of 200th Street. A vehicle driven by April Danielle Scharfenberg, 31, 210 Commerce St., Stockton, was westbound on 200th Street when she lost control due to slick road conditions. The vehicle left the roadway and spun out into a ditch. Scharfenberg was cited for driving under suspension, failure to provide proof of insurance, and failure to maintain control.

6:33 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

6:51 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 298 on Interstate 80 West. A vehicle driven by Timothy L. Berberich, 22, Downers Grove, Ill., was westbound on Interstate 80 when he lost control due to

icy road conditions. The vehicle left the roadway and rolled into a ditch.

7:00 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage.

SUNDAY, JAN. 31

12:47 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 21000 block of Brady Street. A vehicle driven by Lester Jack Monkus, 35, 1102 Minnie Ave., Davenport, was eastbound and approaching a railroad crossing, with a train traveling northbound on the railroad tracks and lights flashing. Monkus attempted to stop, but slid into the crossing, where his vehicle struck the caboose portion of the train. Monkus reportedly stated he had attempted to stop, but wet road conditions caused his vehicle to slide into the railroad crossing. The driver of the train confirmed Monkus' version of events.

8:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near Forest Grove Drive and Friendship Path.

8:48 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

9:12 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

9:29 p.m. — Deputies responded to an indecency/lewdness complaint near 4th and Jefferson streets.

MONDAY, FEB. 1

6:32 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 7000 block of Elmore Avenue, Davenport. A vehicle driven by Jason Albert Roy Williams, 21, 7077 Elmore Ave., Davenport, was plowing snow in a parking lot when the salt spreader on the rear of the vehicle struck a parked vehicle.

8:13 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near Valley Drive and Wells Ferry Road. A vehicle driven by Michael Joseph Dolan, 64, 19070 Wells Ferry Road, Bettendorf, was approaching the intersection of Wells Ferry Road and Valley Drive. Due to icy road conditions, Dolan's vehicle slid through the stop sign and into the intersection, where it was struck by a vehicle driven by Ashley Marie Garrison, 32, 9 William Court, LeClaire. Dolan was cited for failure to provide proof of insurance.

8:24 a.m. — Deputies responded to the

scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 100 block of East Bryant Street, Walcott. A vehicle driven by Johana Lopez, 20, Hammond, Ind., was attempting to back in between two buildings. The vehicle struck one of the buildings, causing damage to the siding.

9:12 a.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 11400 block of Coonhunters Road.

1:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft near New Liberty Road and 93rd Avenue.

2:00 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 900 block of May Court.

3:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 29600 block of 98th Avenue.

4:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

5:46 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 3800 block of Tanglefoot Lane.

10:19 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 1000 block of Front Street.

11:45 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 11300 block of 140th Street.

TUESDAY, FEB. 2

4:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near East Kimberly Road and Interstate 74, Davenport. A vehicle driven by Jeremy Christopher Siebler, 40, 3213 Fieldcrest Drive, Davenport, slowed due to traffic and was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Ellen Mary Haberkorn, 50, 6544 Blackbird Lane, Bettendorf. Haberkorn

was cited for failure to stop within the assured clear distance.

4:28 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint.

7:09 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 15100 block of 270th Street.

8:11 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 4900 block of Texas Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3

8:42 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 26700 block of Scott Park Road.

12:22 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 1800 block of Grant Street.

5:51 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 8900 block of 140th Street.

8:26 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

THURSDAY, FEB. 4

12:41 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 24800 block of 240th Avenue. A vehicle driven by Murphy Duane Epton, 38, 5924 Fenno Road, Bettendorf, was northbound on 240th Street when he lost control of the vehicle, causing it to leave the roadway and roll into a ditch. Epton was cited for failure to maintain control.

9:27 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

9:59 a.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

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Nursing home care and the 'look-back period'

Health care plans provide access to medical care and other necessities and reduce out-of-pocket health-related expenses. Each plan is different, and depending on where you live, your coverage may vary.

People quickly find that many health-care plans do not include provisions for long-term health care, such as paying for nursing facilities. Understanding how health plans work and learning about potential financial reviews for nursing home payment qualification is a good idea for anyone concerned about

financing their future health care needs.

Health care basics

In the United States, health care is largely privately managed, with most employers offering access to various health coverage plans. Government subsidized plans include Medicare, which is for retirement-age individuals and younger people with disabilities. Medicaid is a joint state- and federally-run government program that provides health coverage to low-income individuals and families.

Just as in the United States, health insurance in Canada does not pay for nursing home care in most cases. In the United States, unless an individual meets low-income criteria, nursing home care is paid for by the resident; otherwise, people who qualify for Medicaid can have their nursing home expenditures paid for by that program. To receive Medicaid assistance, applicants should expect a financial review, including a look-back period.

What is the look-back period?

The senior health, finance and lifestyle resource Senior Living advises

that Medicaid is a "last resort" method of financing nursing home costs. Individuals are expected to use other means of payment first and "spend down" their assets. When financial resources dwindle, Medicaid will kick in to provide coverage.

To ensure that individuals simply do not transfer money out of their accounts to avoid paying for nursing home care by their own means, Medicaid requires a look-back period into applicants' finances to determine if there were any violations to rules regarding

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asset transfers.

Most people engage in some sort of long-term planning to protect a portion of their assets so that they can be used to support spouses or children. According to rules, an applicant is permitted to transfer certain monies to his or her spouse, provided the spouse isn't also applying for long-term care through Medicaid. Most money and tangible asset transfers (check with your state Medicaid office for the most current rules) must have taken place 60 months

(5 years) prior to application for Medicaid. Penalties will be instituted when rules are broken, namely gifts or asset transfers that take place within the look-back period. This could delay Medicaid acceptance.

Paying for long-term care can be complicated business with look-back periods and required spend-downs. It is in a person's best interest to seek the guidance of a financial planner who specializes in elder care to navigate these financial waters.



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FAMILY NEWS



Freddie Steenbock to note 90th birthday Feb. 16

Happy 90th Birthday to: Freddie Steenbock on Feb. 16. Please shower Freddie with cards to celebrate his Big Day. A greeting card may be sent to: Freddie Steenbock, 2039 N. Linwood Ave., Davenport, IA 52804



Neilsons to note 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 13

John and Norma Neilson of Eldridge will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 13.

Norma Schnoor and John Neilson were married Feb. 13, 1971, at Zion Lutheran Church, Davenport.

Mr. Neilson retired after 43 years with MidAmerican Energy Co.

Mrs. Neilson has owned her own alteration and sewing business for 40 years.

They are the parents of Kelli (Ron) Zimmer of DeWitt and Amy (Andy) Straley of Eldridge.

Their grandchildren are Ben, Cameron and Mia Zimmer, and Cael and Drew Straley.

BIRTH

KYNLIE ELLENBERG

Aaron and Katelyn Ellenberg of Stockton are the parents of a daughter born at 5:29 p.m. Jan. 22, 2021, at Trinity Medical Center, Bettendorf.

Kynlie Joann weighed 7 lbs., 3.7 oz., and was 19 inches long.

She is welcomed by a brother, Karson, 7, and a sister, Kennedy, 4.

Grandparents are Bart and Linda Paulsen of Stockton and Terry and Christy Ellenberg of Davenport.

Great-grandmother is Sandi Paulsen of Durant.

MENUS

NORTH SCOTT SCHOOL MENUS

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

Monday, Feb. 15 — No school.

Tuesday, Feb. 16 — Elementary and Junior High: Macaroni and cheese cup, mini corn dogs, peas, celery and baby carrots, sidekick, apples, chocolate cherry snack mix (CCP). High School: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, dinner roll; 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, Feb. 17 — Elementary: Wild Mike's cheese pizza bites, marinara sauce cup, fresh romaine salad, chopped peppers and cucumber, strawberry applesauce, lunch bunch red grapes. John Glenn, Alan Shepard: Papa John's pizza. Junior High: Little Caesar's pizza, fresh romaine salad, pasta salad with veggies, chopped peppers and cucumber, strawberry applesauce, lunch bunch red grapes. High School: Macaroni and cheese bowl, mini corn dogs, peas or double cheeseburger; or sweet and sour chicken, broccoli stir fry vegetables, seasoned rice with peas and carrots, egg roll or pepper jack chicken sandwich, crinkle cut French fries; or lasagna roll-up, Texas toast bread or breaded mozzarella cheese sticks, marinara sauce cup.

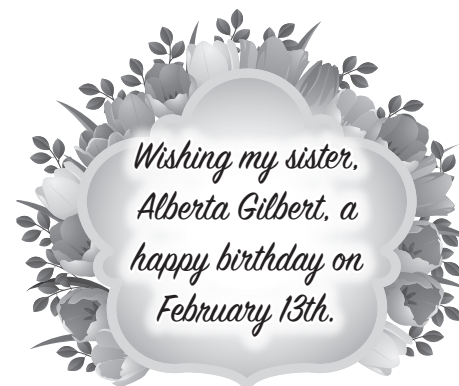
Thursday, Feb. 18 — Elementary: Doritos ToGo chips, taco meat, shredded cheddar cheese, Mexican slow cooked beans, shredded lettuce, salsa, blueberry yogurt parfait cup, banana. Junior High: Doritos ToGo chips or soft flour tortilla, taco meat, shredded cheddar cheese, Mexican slow cooked beans, shredded lettuce, salsa, blueberry yogurt parfait cup, banana. High School: Crispy breaded pork fritter or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll; or Pizza Hut pizza; or round tortilla chips, beef nacho meat, cheddar cheese sauce, refried beans with cheese.

Friday, Feb. 19 — Elementary: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, garden veggie cup with ranch, diced fruit cup, fresh seasonal fruit, M&M cookie (CCP). Junior High: Chicken nuggets or crispy breaded pork fritter, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, dinner roll, garden veggie cup with ranch, diced fruit cup, fresh seasonal fruit. High School: Premium breaded chicken sandwich (regular or spicy buffalo), crinkle cut French fries, baked beans or boneless chicken wings (regular, buffalo or honey BBQ); or cheese nachos or cheese fries, homemade chili, dinner roll; or pasta with marinara meat sauce or cheesy chicken alfredo, Bosco cheese stuffed breadstick, green beans or cheese pizza ripper, marinara sauce cup.



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Wishing my sister,
Alberta Gilbert, a
happy birthday on
February 13th.

OBITUARIES

Coy 'Gene' Oliver

Coy E. "Gene" Oliver, 81, Davenport, passed away at home on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial for Gene will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Davenport. Visitation will be prior to Mass from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The Mass may be viewed by visiting Gene's obituary at www.hmdfuneralhome.com Honoring his wishes, cremation has been accorded and inurnment will be at the National Cemetery, Rock Island Arsenal. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Coy Eugene Oliver was born March 9, 1939, in Golden Pond, Trigg County, Ky., to Coy Everett and Willie Mae (Rogers) Oliver. He proudly served in the United States Army. He was united in marriage to Kathryn Orr on July 2, 1966. Gene was the former owner of Gene's Radiator prior to retiring from Threaded Products Inc., Eldridge. He served our community as a member of the Knights of Columbus and past president of the "Columbus Club." He served on the Board of Directors for Alcoa (Accentra) Credit Union, St. Alphonsus Credit Union, John O'Donnell Stadium,



and past president of Davenport West Little League. He also served on the St. Alphonsus Parish Council and was on the maintenance committee at Camp Conestoga Girl Scout Camp. Gene enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing, and evening bonfires. He took great pride in his yard and garden as he was affectionately referred to as "Mr. Green Genes."

Gene is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Kathryn, and their sons; Brian (Renee' Elias) Oliver, their children Sydney, Ian and Addison (our angel), Gaylord, Mich., and Kevin (Sandra Eckert) Oliver, their children Nicole (fiancé Dillon Swanson), Brooke, and Cameron, Savage, Minn.; his siblings; Grace Baker and Nancy Wallace, both of Princeton, Ky., and Ruby (Butch) Miller, Rock Falls, Ill.; a sister-in-law, Sally Ploehn, and brother-in-law, James (Mary) Orr, all of Davenport; numerous loving nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Addison, sisters; Gladys Litsy, Frieda Hinds and Amy Otto; brothers, Vernon, Howard, Hollis, Ernest, William and Lonnie; sister-in-law Mary Eloise Funk; and brother-in-law John "Jack" Orr.

Custom obituary

Catherine Bloom

Catherine Ann Bloom, 75, of Brownsburg, Ind., formerly of Eldridge, died Feb. 3, 2021, after a brief illness. Services were held Feb. 9, at St. Malachy Catholic Church in Brownsburg with the Rev. Sean Danda officiating. Inurnment at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in DeWitt will follow at a later date.

Born Oct. 4, 1945, in Clinton to William Joseph Bloom, Jr. and Mary Gertrude (Murtoth) Bloom, Cathy grew up on the family farm northeast of DeWitt. She was a 1963 graduate of St. Joseph's High School in DeWitt.

For many years, Cathy was the owner/operator of the Eldridge Bike Shop. She also held numerous positions in the North Scott Community School District including school bus driver, custodian, child care assistant, and crossing guard.

In early 2000, Cathy relocated to Brownsburg to be closer to her daughter, Laura, and son-in-law, James. She was happily settled in her new home for the arrival of her two grandchildren. In addition to enjoying being with her



grandchildren as they grew, Cathy was a member of the St. Malachy Altar and Rosary Society, Chat N' Do Homemakers' Club, and Hendriks County Welcome Wagon. She was the president of her condo association and volunteered in political campaigns. Until approximately two weeks prior to her death, Cathy worked for the YMCA, providing before and after school care at a local elementary school.

Cathy is survived by her daughter, Laura (husband James) Burks of Jamestown, Ind., son, Bob Hoepner, of Chicago, grandchildren, Jacob Burks and Jacquelyn Burks, sister Mary W. Bloom of DeWitt, and brother William E. (wife Mary) Bloom of Ankeny. She was preceded in death by her sister, Helen Bloom, of De Witt.

A complete life story can be found for Cathy at www.ericmdbellfuneralhome.com.

Custom obituary

Harvey 'Ray' Kennedy

Harvey "Ray" Kennedy was born on July 8, 1927, in Melrose, N.M. He attended all grades and graduated from Melrose School in 1945. Ray served in the United States Navy on the USS Chicago during World War II. He kept a detailed journal of his service experience, which in 2017, was printed in a book titled "Sailor Boy Ray's Excellent Adventure." Following his discharge in 1946, he continued to pursue his education, enrolling at Iowa State University in Ames. Ray graduated from Iowa State University in 1953 with a degree in vocational agriculture. He taught vocational agriculture in Miles and Lost Nation for six years. Then, he taught industrial arts in Walcott for 16 years.

While at college, Ray met Carol Groth while passing oranges under the neck at a church youth group function. They were united in marriage on Feb. 18, 1951, at the Olin Methodist Church in Olin. Ray and Carol raised a beautiful family of five children: Karen and her husband, Denny Seibert of Harvey, Iowa; Stanley Kennedy and his wife, Lorraine of Mesa, Ariz.; Jeffrey Kennedy and his wife, Judy of Centennial, Colo.; Jennifer and her husband, Rick Byriel of Urbandale; and Gordon Kennedy and his wife, Patty of Marion.

Ray's family remember him digging in the dirt, planting flowers, and play-



ing the harmonica. He greatly enjoyed and cherished family gatherings. Ray and Carol spent 24 winters in Arizona following their retirements. While in Arizona, he taught Bob Ross painting and harmonica classes. Ray's unfailing sense of humor was often coupled with his harmonica skills to everyone's enjoyment. He loved to find a good deal at a garage sale and was always cooking up ways to make or save money. Ray loved to sing "Happy Birthday" for all his family. He also loved to sing, "I Am My Own Grandpa," a favorite comedy song. Ray was a very faithful church member and shared harmonica hymns at men's prayer breakfasts and Sunday school.

In 2015, Ray and Carol moved to Pella. He passed away peacefully at home on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at the age of 93 years. His memory will be cherished by his wife of almost 70 years, Carol; their five children and spouses; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Needham Alexander and Rosa (Smith) Kennedy; and his three siblings.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Van Dyk - Duven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Custom obituary

Phil Slightom

Phil Slightom, 84, of DeWitt, passed away Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021, at his home. A funeral service will be held at 12 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 (today), at the Runge Mortuary, with a visitation from 10 a.m. until service time. The family requests that masks be worn and social distancing guidelines followed. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity. Online tributes and condolences may be made at www.rungemortuary.com.

Phil was born in Medora, Ill., on Aug. 8, 1936, the son of Charles and Gwen (Stice) Slightom. He married Vickie McGoldrick on March 23, 1988.

Phil is survived by his wife, Vickie;



daughters, Julie Grubbs, Patty (Tom) Edwards, and Lee Anne Calderwood; son, Jim (Sherril) McGoldrick; brothers, Larry and Floyd Slightom; sister, Terri (Eddie) Cobb; nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Phil was a cowboy at heart and he was an avid horse trader. He enjoyed traveling, trail riding, and attending horse and tack sales with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-dad, Fred; son, Stephen; sister, Sharon; and both sets of grandparents.

Custom obituary

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STUDENT NEWS

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

Rachel Anderson of Eldridge was named to the President's List for the fall 2020 semester at Grand View University, Des Moines. Eligible students must have earned a GPA of 4.0 for the semester. Anderson, a 2020 graduate of North Scott High School, is majoring in elementary education and playing softball for the Grand View Vikings.

MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY

Kendall McNaull and Joseph McNealey, both of Eldridge, were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Cody Anderson of Pleasant Valley; Isabella Brewer of Long Grove; Mahum Haque, Daniela Rybarczyk, Grace Schons and Elizabeth Zupancic, all of LeClaire; Brendon Lee of Eldridge; and Abigail Shekleton of Princeton, were all named to the President's List for the fall 2020 semester at the University of Iowa. Eligible students must have earned a GPA of 4.0 for the semester.

The following local students were among those receiving academic degrees from the University of Iowa following the completion of the fall 2020 semester.

Jake Benischek of Durant received a bachelor of science in engineering degree (major – industrial engineering).

Morgan Bowker of Princeton received a bachelor of arts degree (major – psychology).

Kiel Brown of Eldridge received a bachelor of business administration degree (major – marketing).

Thomas Christopher of Blue Grass received a bachelor of arts degree (major – cinema).

Ashley Clark of Eldridge received a bachelor of science degree (major – therapeutic recreation).

Nathan Dunahoo of Eldridge received a bachelor of arts degree (major – computer science).

Deke Hagen of Walcott received a bachelor of arts degree (major – cinema).

Parker Kearney of Princeton received a bachelor of arts degree (major - psychology).

Maureen Lamb of Pleasant Valley received a doctor of philosophy degree (molecular and cellular biology).

Mikaela Mikkelsen of Eldridge received a master of public health degree.

Oladapo Obitayo of LeClaire received a master of business administration degree.

Mackenzie Paper of Durant received a bachelor of arts degree (major – enterprise leadership).

Nathan Schmitt of Eldridge received a master of business administration degree.

Joseph Schuler of LeClaire received a master of science degree (finance).

Elizabeth Scott of Walcott received a bachelor of science in nursing degree (major – nursing).

Anna Vershaw of Long Grove received a bachelor of arts degree (major – health and human physiology).

KINSEY NEWMAN RECEIVES AUTO SHOW SCHOLARSHIP

The Quad City Community Foundation is pleased to announce that **Kinsey Newman**, a student at North Scott High School, was among the recipients of a Quad City Regional Auto Show Scholarship. Kinsey was awarded \$5,000 to attend a college or university. She was nominated by Smart Automotive of Daventryport.

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY

The following local students were among those named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at St. Ambrose University. Eligible students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

Blue Grass: Katelyn Bruce, Haley Dawson, Ashley Frantz, Claybourne Herrman, Emma Janecek, Andrew Peek,

Adam Sigwarth, Carter Steele

Donahue: Anne Kilburg, John Kilburg
Durant: Haleigh Carnes, Hannah Frisch, Cheyann Hilbert

Eldridge: Tori Andrews, Madison Case, Presley Case, Alida Gottschalk, Thade Gottschalk, Heather Hoeger, Adriane Latham, Sam McCammant, Elena Muhs, Peyton Reese, Madison Van Blaricom, Jack Van Scyoc, Alexis Yaddof

LeClaire: Kaitlyn Bradley, Logan Collier, Darian Creighton, Amy McCabe, Drake Monzon, Nicole Pessman, Nicholas Schons, Trisha Themas, Lindsey Voss

Long Grove: Aurora Gentz, Aubrey Kurt, Hope Seefeldt, Christopher Yerington, Lauryn Youngers

Princeton: Jevon Boley, Jeremiah Clark

Riverdale: Anna Griswold, Benjamin Wilson, Jonah Wilson

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

The following local students were among those named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at the University of Northern Iowa. Eligible students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

Blue Grass: Alician Daily, Anthony Flack, Cole Flack, Emma'le Maas, Kameron Reed, Turner Sperry, Alivia Sturmer

Dixon: Sarah Garland

Eldridge: Benjamin Belken, Grace Bof-feli, Hannah Butler, Travis Doty, Madison Everson, Kathryn Gainer, Regan Greenwood, Lauren Hanssen, Hannah Harms, Taylor Hendricksen, Collin Kull, Emily Latham, Erica Loussaert, Caleb Rheingans, Isabella Richards, Karli Rucker, Chad Schaefer, Shelby Schmidt, Allison Triplett, Spencer Willey

LeClaire: Alexandria Post, Mackenzie Wisneski, Clare Basala, Thomas Griffin, Emma Hartz, Kara Lindhoff

Long Grove: Tytan Anderson, Abigail Stivers

Maysville: Cody Storjohann

Princeton: Molly Burgmeier

Walcott: Hailey Hansen

The following local students were among those receiving academic degrees from the University of Northern Iowa following the completion of the fall 2020 semester.

Alyssa Felix of Blue Grass received a bachelor of arts degree (family services).

Jessica Glover of Donahue received a bachelor of arts degree (accounting, management: business administration).

Jennifer Baldwin of Eldridge received a master of arts degree (speech-language pathology).

Emma Couvault of Eldridge received a master of accounting degree (accounting).

Adam Fielder of Eldridge received a bachelor of arts degree (graphic technology).

Kayla Hoeger of Eldridge received a bachelor of arts degree (economics: business economics and finance: personal wealth management).

Brooke Naber of Eldridge received a master of arts degree (speech-language pathology).

Chad Schafer of Eldridge received a bachelor of arts degree (history).

Spencer Willey of Eldridge received a bachelor of arts degree (supply chain management).

Delaney Basala of LeClaire received a bachelor of arts degree (psychology, social work).

Brenna Bleeker of LeClaire received a bachelor of arts degree (early childhood education).

Connor Brown of Long Grove received a bachelor of science degree (manufacturing engineering technology: advanced manufacturing).

Connor Brown of Long Grove received a bachelor of arts degree (technology management).

Isabel Conner of Long Grove graduated with high honors and received a bachelor of arts degree (English teaching).

Cody Storjohann of Maysville received a bachelor of science degree (construction management).

CLUB NEWS

BLUE GRASS JR./INT. SUNSHINE WORKERS 4-H

The Blue Grass Jr./Int. Sunshine Workers 4-H club meeting was called to order on January 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. virtually on zoom, with 24 members present.

The November secretary's report was approved by Madeline Paustian, seconded by Ellie Weyeneth. Maya Schaf-

fer moved to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Bethany Hebel.

New business: 4-H family fun night has been cancelled, contact our leaders if you have any questions. The 4-H pledge was led by Lucy Shlickslup.

Greta Brus moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Teagan Busing. The 4-H pledge was led by Aleah Hebel.

Demonstrations were given by Greta

Brus (Soccer Goalies), Paige Keppy (Decorative Letters), Gracyn Koehler (Resin Keychains), and Maya Schaffer (Road Trip Snacks).

Mary Beth Schiable gave a presentation about counseling and her career as a school counselor. She works at Dewitt High School.

We did not have a regular business meeting in December. Instead, we had a Christmas gift exchange and we made fleece tie blankets for Closet2Closet. Demonstrations at our December meeting were given by: Allison Toft (How to Use Alcohol Inks to Create Coasters), and Emmalynn Golinghorst (Easy Christmas Tree Ornaments).

Respectfully Submitted,
Halle Hansen

ELDRIDGE LIONS CLUB

The Eldridge Lions Club held its regular meeting via Zoom on Monday, Feb. 1. The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Ann Baughman. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Merlyn Frick and recited by the club. The club listened to Martina McBride sing "God Bless America." The invocation was given by Jan Sebastian. Two IA KidSight sites are planned in February and one in March. To date, the club has completed 240 screenings. Delivery to Blessing Boxes is being coordinated, and a list of suggested items is being sent to club members. Donations to the Monarch Memorial will be accepted until supplies run out for the ornaments, which will be displayed in March at the Eldridge Library. The Club has been invited to serve a pancake breakfast in July for the Eldridge Sesquicentennial. The 9EC District Convention will be held via Zoom on Saturday, March 20. Kathy Rhinehart is the Convention Chair and International Director Larry Edwards will be the keynote speaker. The evening ended with memories of Kristi Ernst being shared—her joy and laughter will be very much missed by club members.

BLUE GRASS SR. SUNSHINE WORKERS 4-H

The Blue Grass Sr. Sunshine Workers 4-H club meeting was called to order on January 10, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. with 9 members present. Brianna Blake led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brianna Blake moved to approve the Secretary's report; seconded by Bella Busing.

Alaina Lake moved to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Brianna Blake.

New Business: 4-H fun night was canceled, and looking into a digital presentation and awards ceremony. Looking into an online raffle.

Hunter Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Hailey Ramp. The 4-H pledge was led by Julia Werning.

Demonstrations: Brianna Blake's presentation about her father's police dog, Titan. Alyssa Skirloff's embroidery presentation on French Knots. Then we made crib sheets for the University of Iowa's Preemie Project.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hailey Ramp



Pantry accepts Hometown Holiday help

North Scott Food Pantry representative Janalee Keppy, left, accepts a \$1,374.91 check from Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce director Tabitha Kramer, and membership coordinator Heather Khoury. Visitors at the chamber's drive-through holiday event exceeded those collected at the customary downtown event. The check represents money collected at the drive-through, and brings to more than \$2,000 in holiday pantry promotions by North Scott Foods and other contributors. Plus, drive-through visitors left 400 pounds of food donations for the pantry.

The family of Darold Busch wish to thank everyone who sent food, condolence cards and donations on the passing of Darold. He passed Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021. Visitation and funeral was held Friday, Jan. 15, 2021. Resting place is at St. Ann's Cemetery.



Affordable housing on Senate fast track

By Perry Beeman
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds' broad proposal to improve affordable housing advanced in the Iowa Senate with strong support Thursday.

Representatives of development companies and local governments praised 29-page Senate Study Bill 1142. They said the mixture of tax credits and other support is critical to the state's future.

"Helping people find affordable housing was a priority even before the pandemic and since then it's gotten worse," said Tom Chapman, executive director of the Iowa Catholic Conference. "We have data that shows when people have high housing costs, it causes their need for food assistance, for example, to go up as well. So the things that we do in this bill to help on the housing side will be very helpful."

The bill offers disaster housing assistance, housing tax credits, added workforce housing incentives, loan guarantees for downtown revitalization projects, eviction prevention assistance and disaster housing recovery assistance.

A Senate subcommittee on Feb. 4 voted to send the bill to the full Senate Local Government Committee.

In one part of the proposal, Reynolds seeks \$50 million in workforce housing tax credits annually for three years, with \$20 million reserved for small cities. Another section doubles the amount of money the Iowa Economic Development Authority can use for brownfields development, to \$20 million a year. Brownfields typically are polluted, vacant sites where various businesses operated previously.

Reynolds has noted some economists project Iowa will need to add 47,000 housing units by 2030. Forty percent of the state's housing was built before 1950, she adds.

To address that, Reynolds proposed:

Doubling the Workforce Housing Tax Credit, to \$50 million. The program has a \$13.3 million backlog of projects seeing assistance.

Establishing an Iowa Housing Tax Credit program offering \$15 million in credits a year and aimed at developing 3,750 new rental homes for low-income families by 2030.

Doubling the Redevelopment Tax Credits for vacant or underused properties to \$20 million and extend the program to 2031.

Creating a Disaster Recovery Housing Assistance program.

Establishing a Main Street Loan Guarantee Program for eligible downtown revitalization projects.

Allowing larger transfers from the real estate transfer tax to the State Housing Trust Fund.

"This bill is really put together to target housing across the spectrum to make sure we are filling those niche needs," Reynolds aide Logan Shine told a Senate subcommittee Thursday. "As the governor travels the state, almost every staff member, almost every business owner, says we need housing if we expect Iowa to grow. We need places for them to live that they can really afford and we really encourage you to support this bill."

Business organizations and housing advocates for years have made improving the state's housing stock, especially at the low and moderate price levels, a top priority to attract workers to Iowa, and to encourage graduates to stay here.

The subcommittee meeting came one day after Iowa Business Council Executive Director Joe Murphy said Iowa's stagnant population and the tight workforce that comes with it is "bordering on a crisis."

Several speakers, including developers from Wisconsin and Colorado represented by former state representative Christopher Rants, said the form of tax credits Iowa is envisioning is different than in most states. If Reynolds changed the type of tax credits involved, the state could gain 20% more spending power for the programs by reducing tax payments by developers, they said.

Jon Murphy of the Iowa Housing Trust Funds Advocate Network said the number of housing trusts in Iowa has doubled to 27 since 2008, when the state started allocating \$3 million a year. The bill would allow that to increase with transfer from the real estate transfer tax.

Matt Eide, lobbyist for Weinberg Investments Inc., encouraged lawmakers to consider expanding the bill to also allow qualifying developers to use the money to remodel existing units that don't meet code.

The Iowa Association of Business Industry spoke in favor of the bill. "We think this bill is especially important for rural Iowa," said ABI lobbyist Brad Hartkopf. "Often jobs are available out

there but because of the lack of workforce housing, employees can't just get out there and take those jobs because they don't have homes to go to."

Lisa Houser, executive director of Habitat for Humanity, asked lawmakers to expand the bill to include stronger incentives for home ownership. "This bill does a lot for developers and for renters," Houser said. "We do believe that it could be a bit more comprehensive if more was focused on home ownership — not to take out any of the other sections."

The subcommittee of Republicans Mark Lofgren of Muscatine and Mike Klimesh of Spillville and Democrat Todd Taylor of Cedar Rapids unanimously advanced the bill.



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- Holiday Pay
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- Continuing education programs
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