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Wilmott says, 'That parent group

Tracy Lindaman, Mark Pratt and Frank Wood say North Scott school district voters sent messages to all

Voters want more engagement on educational issues, including matters not necessarily on any district

is much bigger than I thought'

board members, not just the three on the ballot.

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By Mark Ridolfi

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NSP Assistant Editor



Scott County Secondary Roads crew member Brian Goodwin seeds ditches on the Scott-Cedar county line Nov. 5. The native=grass seed mix is part of the county's war on weeds. NSP photos by Mark Ridolfi

# Weed war gets a break

### Weather offers advantage in county's battle against invasive plants

### By Mark Ridolfi

NSP Assistant Editor

Brian Goodwin aimed his hydroseeder north and shot a gray spray of nutrients, native grass and plant seeds he hopes will be Scott County's best defense against weeds.

The county's autumn weed attack relies on ag-gressive roadside seeding to establish native plants in areas choked by invasive plants. The seeding, along with new varieties of herbicide, and some lucky weather breaks, helped Scott County's weed commissioner make a dent in his unending war.

about a quarter of a red solo cup for 100 gallons of water," Burkholder said.

TerraVue is a combination of Milestone and Rinskor, and covers about 140 weed species, including the entire carrot family.

That makes it the best against Queen Anne's Lace, hogweed and

wild parsnips that can clog county Burkholder

ditches and overrun farm fields. "This year I saw a huge rise in



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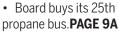
some of the board's biggest initiatives, and serving as its leading political voice in Des

Moines. Wilmott said he is "at peace," with the outcome, thankful for the support that kept him on the board. He's also mindful of the impact of social media.

"I'm sure I lost a few votes by posting my opinions

More than 3,382 district resi-Inside dents cast ballots. That 31.6 percent turnout of active voters elected those three over three

Fridays coming. PAGE 9A others on the Nov. 2 ballot, in-



Brian Burkholder said Scott County spent \$14,689 on seven different weed killers last fiscal year. That includes seven pounds of TerraVue, a new herbicide that Burkholder said is a game changer.

"It doesn't run, or volatize. It has no odor. I use

poison hemlock and wild parsnip, which, once it blooms, there's no point in spraying it. it's already dying," he said. Burkholder said a June cold spell slowed the

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leading up to the November 2020 election," he told The NSP.

He also learned "that parent group is much bigger than I thought."

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## Eldridge mayor-elect King needs 'everyone working together'



"I'm very excited, and very thankful for all the voters who took their time to go and vote for me or Marty. We'll need everyone working together going forward." Eldridge mayor-elect Frank King

### **By Mark Ridolfi**

NSP Assistant Editor

Eldridge mayor-elect Frank King pledged livestreamed meetings and more collaborative leadership. King thanked all voters, and asked them to come together for the city's future.

King won 55 percent of 1,812 Eldridge votes to end Marty O'Boyle's service as mayor. The vote reflects a 41 percent turnout among active registered voters.

"I'm very excited, and very thankful for all the voters who took their time to go and vote for me or Marty. I'm glad so many exercised their right to vote. We'll need everyone working together going forward," he said.

After a heated campaign, King described a quiet election night at his daughter Lacey's home. "We went home early and didn't know for sure," he said.

A quick check online confirmed a victory.

King said he will push to get council meetings live online, and archived for video review.

"There's young blood coming to Eldridge. They're the ones buying the new homes; with kids in school. They want to be more involved with their city. I would like to look into possibly getting, as a minimum, live audio, or possibly video of council meetings," he said.

The council used Zoom in 2020 because of pandem-

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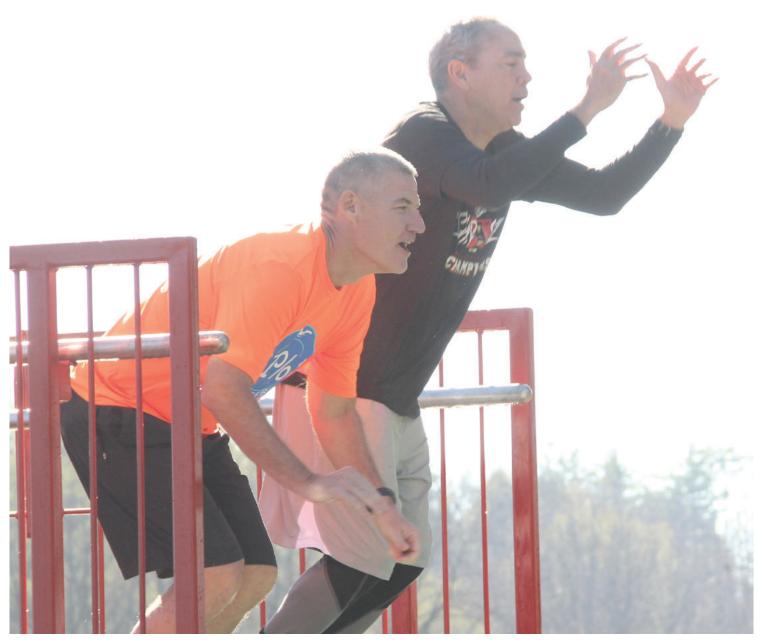
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North Scott Junior High principal John Hawley, right, and Andrew Harris do their parts for Special Olympics. Supporters gathered Nov. 6 at Scott County Park's Whispering Pines shelter to try out a new polar plunge dunk tank shared by Iowa's Special Olympic chapters. NSP photos by Caden Romero

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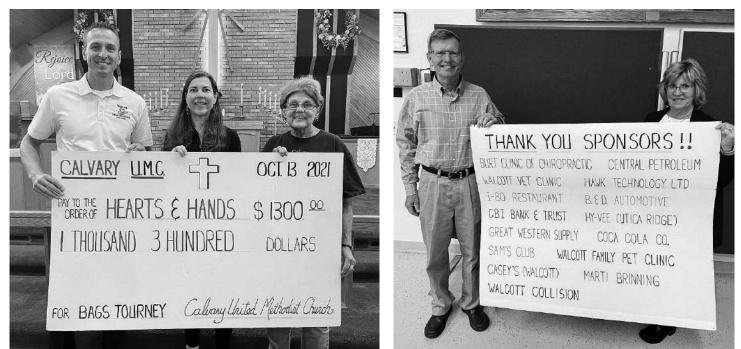
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### Calvary donates \$1,300 to Hearts and Hands

Thanks to the support and donations from a generous community, Calvary United Methodist was able to raise \$1,300 through it's annual Bags Tournament, and the proceeds were presented to the Walcott Hearts and Hands committee last month. The bags tournament is Outreach Ministry for the church, which helps to beautify and develop the Walcott community. Committee members who worked hard to make the fundraiser a success included Larry and Bev Smith, Chuck and Mary Otto, Kevin and Jody Moeller, John Potter, Deb Greve, and Donna Hinch. Next year's event will be held on September 24. LEFT: Pastor Joy Mitchell (center) and Jackie Kallenburger present the \$1,300 check to Hearts and Hands President Dr. Austin Burt. RIGHT: Kevin and Jody Moeller hold a thank you sign for the event's sponsors. Contributed photos

### **Eldridge United Methodists** honor veterans Nov. 10

Eldridge United Methodist Church will honor veterans, 6 p.m., Nov. 10, with a special thank-you from Rev. Jae Hee Lee for U.S. liberation of South Korea.

Lee, a Korean native born after the Korean war, said U.S veterans saved her country and inspired her faith.

Veterans are invited to the church at 604 S. Second St., Eldridge, to hear her story, and share their own.

Participants are encouraged to contact the church in advance at 563-285-4314, or email eldridgeumc@csteldridge. com.

"A lot of American soldiers did a great job helping with orphanages and other things. That was the beginning of rebuilding our economy out of nothing. It really shaped the way we think," Lee said.

### Fourth-grade students will receive Student Dictionaries

A popular program that began in 2004 will continue for ths 18th year on Thursday when members of the Rotary Club of North Scott will give Student Dictionaries to 240 fourth-grade students in the five elementary schhols in the North Scott district.

The Student Dictionary contains a plethora of civic information. More than 4,500 copies have been givento students over the years.

# Soaring fertilizer prices alter 2022 planting plans

### Hurricane halted Louisiana production

### **By Jared Strong**

Iowa Capital Dispatch Farmers in the United States are likely to plant less corn and use less nitrogen fertilizer on their fields for next year's growing season due to sky-high fertilizer prices and short supplies. That trend will be less pronounced in Iowa, where fertile soils make the extra costs worthwhile.

"We have a very natural advantage for producing corn," said Sam Funk, a senior economist for Iowa Farm Bureau. "Those nitrogen fertilizers are worth more on very productive Iowa ground rather than in other states.<sup>3</sup>

A confluence of factors has led agricultural fertilizers to reach their highest prices in two decades, according to Green Markets, which tracks those price trends.

Global natural gas shortages, limited fertilizer stockpiles, and other factors had already driven those prices upward this year when Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana in August. The storm halted fertilizer production in the storm-affected areas and stalled transportation barges on the Mississippi River.

"You've got a lot of different factors that are coming to bear at a certain moment in time," Funk said.

He said farmers are paying up to three times the price for fertilizer they paid a year ago, and some say it's worse:

"Some of our farmers who have been able to guarantee fertilizer availability for next planting season have reported being quoted prices up to six times as high as 2021 prices," U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra, a northwest Iowa Republican, said during a congressional hearing last week.

Some farmers may wait to fertilize

So, what will farmers do? Some are waiting to fertilize their fields until the spring, and some are eyeing alternatives to corn, Chat Hart, an economics professor at Iowa State University, said Friday on "Iowa Press," which airs on Iowa PBS.

One alternative is soybeans, which make their own nitrogen through a symbiotic relationship with certain bacteria. Bradyrhizobium japonicum can

infect soybean roots, and in exchange for the plants' sugars, the bacteria fix nitrogen.

Will Iowa producers switch more over to soybeans?" Funk said. "Some, but not probably to a great extent in this state. You have a yield factor that would penalize you for planting soybeans after soybeans.'

Corn and soybean yields benefit when they are planted in alternating years in fields. Back-to-back years of soybean planting reduces yields, primarily because of the increased presence of microscopic roundworms that damage their roots, researchers have found.

Funk said many Iowa farmers will simply be more judicious with their fertilizer applications and take an economic hit from the higher costs.

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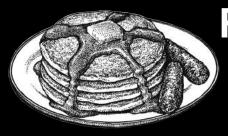
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James Belk, 89, of Eldridge, poses at the Quad City Airport with his sons, from left: Fred, of Donahue; Dan, of Eldridge; and Jim, of Eldridge. NSP photo by Bill Tubbs

### Eldridge's James Belk joins 150 veterans as Honor Flights resume

The familiar face of James Belk, 89, of Eldridge, a Korean War-era veteran, was among the 150-plus veterans welcomed home at the Quad City International Airport Thursday night, Nov. 4, from the first Quad-Cities Honor Flight in two years, thanks to the pandemic. Jim is surrounded by three of his sons (l-r): Fred, of Donahue; Dan, of Eldridge; and Jim, of Eldridge.

James, the oldest of 12, was drafted into the U.S. Army on his mother's birthday in January 1953 and was a gunner in the 537th Field Artillery. The war ended before his deployment overseas.

He served his two-year enlistment and was employed at the Rock Island Arsenal from 1957-88 as printing reproduction supervisor.

The Honor Flight gives veterans the opportunity to see monuments to their service in Washington, D.C. Memorable parts for James included the Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery, and the Korean War memorial.

### Free seminar to inform about COVID vaccines

sponsored event,

"Got COVID Vac-

Louis Katz,

MD., who is the

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tor at the Scott

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The World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities (WACQC), and Bettendorf Public Library invite you to the upcoming co-



Dr. Louis Katz

and deployment of COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S., their efficacy, effectiveness, safety and prospects for future use.

This free event will be held in the Bettendorf Public Library, on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. Because of COVID-19, the Bettendorf Public Library requires that non-vaccinated individuals wear a mask, while vaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.

The World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to foster global education and international understanding within the Quad Cities and beyond.

### NSP FOOTBALL CONTEST Dave Michalek tops in tough week for picks

Four wrong was best in another topsyturvy North Scott Press Football Contest last week. Dave Michalek of Moline won the \$50 first prize with a tiebreaker of 54 (points in Iowa State's 30-7 win over Texas).

Larkin Wallace of Eldridge and Chloe Lillis of O'Fallon, Ill., tied for second with tie breakers of 57 and won \$17.50 each. Also missing four were Matthew Steinbeck (60) and Susan Michalek (66).

Making the honor roll with five wrong were Doug Michalek, Karen McConnaha, Dale Bergert, Kelly Johnson, Bill Lillis, Madden Wallace, Gianna Wallace, Kendal Lillis, Rin Lillis, Mike Mossage, J. Michael Burke, Kate Michalek, Lyn Claussen, Adam Claussen, Todd Brommel Kemp, Rhonda Brockhouse, Bill Bates and Dick Erps.

Games causing the most problems were Army over Air Force, Purdue over Michigan State, Illinois over Minnesota, TCU over Baylor, Texas A&M over Auburn, Illinois State over UNI, and South Carolina over Florida. Other winners: Ohio State over Nebraska, Kansas State over Kansas, Penn State over Maryland, Cincinnati over Tulsa, Alabama over TCU, Michigan over Indiana, South Carolina over Florida, and Arizona State over USC.

Look for a new set of pairings in this week's NSP. Game pairings appear in the ads on the contest page with an entry form that must be filled out and delivered in person by Friday at 5 p.m. to The North Scott Press office at 214 N. Second St., or mailed to: North Scott Press, P.O. Box 200, Eldridge, IA 52748.

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### SHOP LOCALLY Chamber launches North Scott Experience to steer holiday shoppers to local businesses

The Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce announces a new "nonevent" event called the North Scott Experience.

On Friday, Nov. 12, the chamber will kick off its North Scott Experience Virtual Auction. In addition to being a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce, the program will feature many unique and exciting "experiences" that local businesses have to offer.

The Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce constantly promotes "buying local," and this will reinforce that idea, in time for the holidays. People will get to peruse these "experiences" for five days prior to the start of bidding.

The Chamber says browsing is easy; you only need to register if you want to bid for items. While on the North Scott Experience auction website, viewers can click links to learn more about the participating businesses and what they have to offer.

Many of the "experiences" will make holiday gifts, with none of the "shipping delays" expected this season. "Experiences" are in all price ranges, for kids and kids-at-heart, even that person who already "has everything." Examples of

### Neil Armstrong hosts mobile food pantry Nov. 20

After a break because of Covid-19 concerns, River Bend Foodbank and the North Scott School District are again joining forces to bring free food to the



two of our North Scott Experiences: • Weekend stay in luxurious Bald Eagle Cabin at Scott County Park with free kayak rentals from ScoCo Outfitters.

• Semi-ride in a big blue Amhof Trucking big rig to the I-80 Trucking Museum in Walcott, with a fun basket of goodies for the winning bidder's recipient.

Find the auction at https:// www.32auctions.com/northscottexperience.

As a non-profit organization, the Eldridge-North Scott Chamber relies partly on fundraising events to help fund its various community events, programs for member businesses, youth scholarships, support of various other local non-profits and more. Due to the pandemic, several fundraising events have been canceled in 2020 and 2021.

9 Registration is from 10:15-11 a.m., with food distribution beginning at 11. When individuals show up at Armstrong, all they need to do is register. No ID is necessary.
b. Laundry baskets work great to haul the food, and the distribution process could take up to two hours. Residents are asked not to arrive more than 30 minutes before distribution.



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community.

Just in time for Thanksgiving, a Mobile Food Pantry will take place at Neil Armstrong Elementary in Park View on Saturday, Nov. 20, where rural Scott County families in need of assistance can come and get food.

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### ELDRIDGE: O'Boyle hopes city 'gets back on the rails'

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ic precautions. Meetings moved to the Community Center, where King said he'd like to keep them.

But Eldridge has not offered audio or video of meetings.

"We've seen a lot more interest, and I'd like to see those folks stay involved," he said.

King takes office Jan. 1. He said he reached out to the Iowa League of Cities to learn more about the mayor's role. He also said he had consulted with Pat Callahan before the election. Callahan is a former Iowa city administrator who runs Callahan Municipal Consultants, the firm Eldridge hired to recruit applicants for its last city administrator opening.

King said replacement of former city administrator Lisa Kotter will begin under Mayor Marty O'Boyle, who continues through year's end.

#### O'Boyle finishes third term

O'Boyle wraps up his third term and 12 years as Eldridge mayor.

He said he congratulated King.

"I wish him well. He's a long-time friend of mine," O'Boyle said.

"I decided that given the current situation, I couldn't leave the city in the condition it was without at least giving voters an opportunity to re-stabilize the city government again. So I chose to again run. The result of it is citizens chose to do something different," O'Boyle said.



O'Boyle

He also said he delivered King a copy of the civil suit Kotter filed against the city.

Kotter filed suit Oct. 28. O'Boyle was served at city hall Nov. 4. He said he walked a copy over to King's auto shop, two blocks from city hall.

Kotter was among the differences between the candidates. O'Boyle urged her termination and a council majority voted her out.

King and council member Bruce

Cheek voted to keep Kotter.

She filed suit asking a judge to reverse the vote.

O'Boyle said it will be up to King and other council members to find her replacement.

He urged the mayor-elect and council to, "get back on the rails of the track, move forward and accomplish what we've been doing for the past 12 years."

And he emphasized the many Eldridge developments this year follow years of planning.

"It took five or six years to get the YMCA started. The trail extensions took 11 years to get that accomplished. This stuff doesn't happen overnight. It doesn't happen without a lot of time and commitment," he said.

That includes the First Street and LeClaire Road intersection improvements that will start in 2022. Federal funding negotiations with Bi-State Regional Commission, Davenport and Bettendorf began five years ago, O'Boyle said. "I want to thank the voting majority of the last three cycles for giving me the privilege of serving," he said.

O'Boyle expects more community involvement. "I've been doing it all my life," he said.

"But my wife would like to have me spend a little more time around the house, which I'll do," he said.

#### **Dockery returns to council**

Eldridge voters reelected Brian Dock-

ery, who returns to council ready "to council ready start healing the city. We have to do things on a professional level, not a personal level with people ranting and raving. Hopefully we can get to the point that people agree to disagree

in a civil matter," Dockery Dockery said.

Dockery will begin

his fourth consecutive term. He was appointed to fill a council vacancy in 1990, served three terms and lost a bid for mayor against Larry Rauch. He moved from the area in 2003, but returned and won a council seat.

He said he hopes the city finds a role for O'Bovle.

"I think it would be a great healing process if Mayor O'Boyle was still involved in some aspect. Marty has a lot still to offer to the city.

"Marty's done a good job for our community. I haven't always agreed with him on everything, but his heart has always been in the right place. I have to thank him for all his years of service to Eldridge," Dockery said.

#### **Collins joins council**

Voters elected Dan Collins to his first

term. "It's time to get Eldridge back on track and moving forward," he said.

Collins brings years of experience as an Eldridge volunteer firefighter, paramedic, and his full-time work with Callahan Construction, owner of Grandhaven Retirement Community.

Collins attended council meetings for months, and says his next step is delving

### Kotter suit advances on Election Day

Collins

Scott County District chief judge Marlita Greve on Election Day allowed Lisa Kotter's lawsuit against Eldridge to proceed, and ordered the city and council member Brian Dockery to be served with notices.

Dockery was served Nov. 4 at his home.

Notice also was delivered to city hall. Kotter filed suit Oct. 28 asking a district court judge to reverse the elected council's vote. Kotter asks for reinstatement, and for the city to cover her legal costs.

The suit asks the judge to dismiss Dockery's vote for her termination. Kotter claims Dockery had a conflict of interest because he was named in her complaint to the city.

Kotter also alleges Dockery violated her confidentiality rights by confirming the

Mayor Votes Pct. 996 54.97 Frank King Martin O'Boyle 806 44.48 1,812 Turnout Council 913 **Brian Dockery** 28.65 **Daniel Collins** 862 27.05 25.35 April Rus 808 Tisha Bousselot 582 18.26

**Eldridge unofficial results** 

Scott County ballot canvass was after NSP deadline. Full municipal results will be in the Nov. 17 edition.

into city finances in preparation for next year's budget. "I'm honored the people elected me," he said. "I think they were looking for someone who is level-headed and can work with the rest of the council members.'

He welcomed input. "I want to meet their standards, make sure I'm out there to listen to what's going on. I want them to know they voted for a working man who is really looking out for them.'

accuracy of the city's investigation report first published by WQAD.

The report discounted most of Kotter's concerns, but found she had created a hostile work environment for most department heads.

Council members Dockery, Bernie Peeters and Adrian Blackwell voted to terminate Kotter under provisions of her contract.

The council issued \$74,446.14 in separation pay. City clerk Denise Benson said Kotter has not cashed the checks.

- The checks covered:
- \$55,962.40 for six months salary, as called for in her contract.
- \$16,573.48 in accrued vacation and personal leave time.
- \$1,910.26 in compensatory time.

### SCOTT COUNTY COVID-19 CASES THROUGH NOV. 8, 2021

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Total	New Sept.	New Oct.
Bettendorf	439	298	71	1,843	58	41
Blue Grass	44	22	*	567	2	2
Buffalo	10	7	*	164	4	0
Davenport	1,290	720	144	5,089	79	66
Dixon	*	7	*	84	0	0
Donahue	*	6	7	148	0	0
Eldridge	121	58	26	1,709	7	6
LeClaire	52	45	6	812	14	7
Long Grove	15	8	6	340	1	0
McCausland	*	*	0	38	0	0
New Liberty	*	*	0	42	0	0
Pleasant Valley	0	*	0	76	0	0

### NORTH RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### 'Operation Christmas Child' Sunday aims to prepare 100 boxes for children

Operation Christmas Child, an event sponsored by North Ridge Community Church, will be the first of its kind in the North Scott area this year to be a completely free event for the public.

A shoebox packing party will take place Sunday, Nov. 14 from 2-4 p.m. at the church, 1700 Blackhawk Trail Road, Eldridge. The event is open to the public, with a hot chocolate bar, apple cider and

in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first present they have ever received.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 188 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. In 2021, Operation Christmas Child hopes



Princeton	*	8	2	190	0	0
Walcott	27	22	2	332	4	1
Other	*	*	*	100	0	0
Totals	1,998	1,201	364	11,534	160	123

Source: Scott County Health Department data through Monday, Nov. 8, 2021

\* - County health officials do not divulge communities with fewer than six cases.

### Iowa bumps Scott County's September and October COVID cases by 18 percent

State health department contractors added 283 September and October CO-VID infections in Scott County, boosting county totals for those months by 18 percent.

Scott County Health Department Director Amy Thoreson said she discovered the omission while reviewing numbers Sunday.

"That had not been consistent with our daily counts so it was alarming for a variety of reasons. I looked up a sampling of the results yesterday and saw that many were tested in previous months.

Today, we looked up the other results in order to pull the dates and assure that we had an accurate assessment of what was happening.

"We had alerted partners at Genesis, UnityPoint, and Community Health Care as well as Scott County Emergency Management upon the initial results," she said.

Most cases were in Davenport and Bettendorf.

The adjustment added 13 to Eldridge; 21 to LeClaire and five to Walcott.

seasonal desserts.

Organizers Heather Link and Marla Matlock's goal is to kick off the holidays with a time of fellowship and giving to children around the world in need. The goal is to prepare at least 100 boxes. Coat donations. They are also looking for new or gently used coats of all sizes that will be kept in our community for those in need. The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes filled with fun toys, school supplies and hy-

giene items, and delivers them to children

to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 9.7 million children.

Organizers are looking for 25, \$100 donors to sponsor the event, but will be happy with any donation. Sponsors of \$100 or more will be recognized in The North Scott Press and on social media.

Anyone wanting to donate can call (319) 800-9857. Make checks payable to North Ridge Community Church, 1700 Blackhawk Trail Road, Eldridge, IA 52748. Learn more: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/ what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/.





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### WEEDS: County used 45 gallons of Roundup in 2020-21 weed plan

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blooming of Canada thistle, and gave him more spraying time before they bloomed and dropped seed.

"We got six weeks instead of the usual two or three to spray them," he said.

That gave him an edge on the thistle this year.

Like many rural property owners, Burkholder is seeing some weed resistance to Roundup.

"Everybody sees that. The water hemp that farmers are trying to fight is Roundup resistant," he said. "When we do a total kill, we have to go back through again," he said.

He said TerraVue applies more accurately with less drift.

"It leaves a crisp line, and doesn't affect grasses," he said.

Burkholder said a \$1,000 one-gallon jug lasts the season.

The annual weed report lists the



brands, uses and amounts for all of the herbicides purchased by the county's secondary roads department. This year's list includes:

• Milestone, 2.25 gallons; seven ounces per acre for brush control.

• TerraVue, 7 pounds; 2.8 ounces per acre for roadside thistle control.

• Roundup Pro, 45 gallons; 16 ounces per acre for total control and bare ground.

• Vastlan, 18 gallons; 2 quarts per acre for brush control.

• Planview SC, 37.5 gallons; 40 ounces per acre for bare ground.

• Escort XP, 62 ounces; 2 ounces per acre for brush control.

• Pathfinder II, 2 gallons for stump treatment.

Clinton County spent \$17,800 on herbicide, plus hired a contractor for \$56,000 to spray, according to its 2020-21 weed report. County engineer Todd Kinney said the county scaled back its roadside vegetation restoration work and opted for a contractor. The contractor blanketsprays about half of the roadside ditches each year, and spot sprays target areas elsewhere, Kinney said.

He said the restoration was getting too expensive, so the county reverted to focusing on sprays.

Burkholder said Scott County relies on spraying, but remains committed to restoring prairie plants wherever possible.

On Nov. 5, he was just north of Durant on the county's First Avenue at 230th Street. He'd already scoured the ditches and was using a hydroseeder to lay down a layer of prairie grasses he hopes will bloom in spring.

He plants about 20 acres of roadside ditch each year.

Since 2017, he's been plotting native prairies, seeding and spraying sites in a database that will help plan and evaluate long-term strategies.

Burkholder estimates he spends about

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Brian Goodwin uses a fine hydroseeding spray to plant this ditch in western Scott County.

30 percent of his time seeding. That includes preparing seed beds. About 40 percent of his time is spraying. The rest is public outreach and helping lead the county's roadside vegetation advisory group.

"In 2020 we planted at 49 locations. That was double what we've ever done. This year, we created an adopt-a-prairie program and that's taking off like wildfire," he said.

He said many rural landowners are thrilled to find out that managing prairie grasses in a ditch can be easier – and more effective – than constant mowing.

Burkholder said he's happy to consult with residents and make house visits.

He would much rather do that than write weed citations, as Iowa law allows.

"I've never had to write a citation. Mine have been verbal warnings. I contact the property owner, and give them a time frame. We can get with the sheriff's office, post it, and be allowed to go on property. But I've never had to do that."

Clinton County reported no citations and one verbal warning.

Burkholder said conversations work better than citations.

"I would rather be more cordial, friendly, actually talk to people and work with them."

That includes advising property owners on weed control strategies.

"I can tell them what has worked for us, and different techniques," he said.

He would advise most property owners to ease up on mowing. He said that's a weed solution that causes more problems.

"I've seen a lot of mowing this year. It's hard to watch. I've seen remnant wetlands mowed down because it had been so dry," Burkholder said.

He said mowing seems a compulsion for some. "People just love to mow. I know they enjoy it. But it destroys all the habitat for wildlife. And it doesn't help anything to get rid of the weeds."

State law sets the following period for weed control:

• May 20 to June 5: Leafy spurge, hoary cress, curly dock, smooth dock, poison hemlock, red sorrel, purple loosestrife, and musk thistle.

• June 1 to June 15: Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, buckhorn plantain, and wild mustard.

• July 1 to July 15: Field bindweed, horsenettle, perennial sowthistle, quackgrass, velvetleaf, puncturevine, cocklebur, bull thistle, tall thistle, wild sunflower, and teasle

• Springtime: Buckthorn.

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FINANCIAL REPORT			PO Box 307			
FISCAL YEAR ENDED			PRINCETON I	A 52768-0307		
JUNE 30, 2021 CITY OF PRINCET	'ON, IOWA		POPULATION			
DUE: December 1, 2021						
NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the agencies.	Iowa State Auditor	's Office, the U.S. C	Census Bureau, variou	s public interest gro	ups, and State and fo	ederal
agencies.	ALI	FUNDS				
			Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources						
Taxes Levied on Property			475253		475,253	454,995
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year			0		0	0
Net Current Property Taxes			475,253		475,253	454,995
Delinquent Property Taxes			0		0	0
TIF Revenues			130,156		130,156	129,610
Other City Taxes			162,844	0	162,844	140,232
Licenses and Permits			0	0	0	6,350
Use of Money and Property			12,210	863	13,073	10,580
Intergovernmental			206,776	564,143	770,919	173,771
Charges for Fees and Service			194,402	279,710	474,112	416,727
Special Assessments			0	0	0	2,000
Miscellaneous			1,185,731	184,788	1,370,519	18,500
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in			0	0	0	120,238
Total Revenues and Other Sources			2,367,372	1,029,504	3,396,876	1,473,003
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			, ,			
Public Safety			284,546		284,546	274,881
Public Works			241,291		241,291	164,972
Health and Social Services			0		0	0
Culture and Recreation			95,895		95,895	86,407
Community and Economic Development			78,093		78,093	129,610
General Government			1,193,485		1,193,485	89,700
Debt Service			125,770		125,770	125,770
Capital Projects			284,066		284,066	123,770
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures			2,303,146	0	2,303,146	883,434
Business type activities			2,505,140	833,974	833,974	358,413
Total All Expenditures			2,303,146	833,974	3,137,120	1,241,847
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out			2,505,140	0	0	1,241,847
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses			2,303,146	833,974	3,137,120	1,362,085
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/	and Other Financi	ing Uses	64,226	195,530	259,756	1,302,083
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2020	and Other Finalle	ing Uses	886,934	-53,033	833,901	694,517
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2021			951,160	-53,033	1,093,657	805,435
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NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds	budgeted and are n	or available for city	operations: Pension Tru	ust Funds		
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Private Purpose Trust Funds			Agency Fu	nas		
Indebtedness at June 30, 2021	Amount	Indebtedness at June 30, 2021 Amount		mount		
General Obligation Debt	160,000	160,000 Other Long-Term Debt		1,611,274		
Revenue Debt	0	Short-Term Debt			1	1,771,274
TIF Revenue Debt	0				1	
		General Obligation	D 1 ( L' )			4,002,789

ON SALE AT THESE LOCATIONS: Blue Grass: Jeff's Market, JLee Oil Davenport: Fareway W. 53rd St. Donahue: The Depot Durant: Jeff's Market Eldridge: Casey's, Big 10 Mart, Eldridge BP, Quality Inn & Suites, North Scott Foods, North Scott Pharmacy, Eldridge Mart LeClaire: Casey's McCausland: Corner Market Mt. Joy: Mt. Joy Amoco Park View: Kwik Shop, Casey's Princeton: Casey's



### **ELECTION:** Lindaman tops candidates with 2,459 votes

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The candidates said a surge of partisan interest following the district's junior high forum drove participation as much or more than other board achievements.

Wilmott said he remains most proud of the North Scott YMCA, and the board's commitment to in-school education.

"Without the junior high events in April, the last school year would have been defined by the tough decisions the board made in the fall of 2020 to send our kids back to school. Had the events of April this year not occurred, there would be no parent group," he told The NSP.

The board faced hundreds at the junior high April 5 over concerns about a racial bullying incident and the suspension of a dozen students. Some parents, students and staff lamented the bullying. Others, including those who said they represented a group they called, parents united, complained that some suspended students were being shamed about their race. Since then, board members have been responding to emails about book content, diversity training and curriculum.

Pratt and Lindaman agreed they're hearing more from voters than they have heard before.

Lindaman led all candidates with 2,459 votes, or more than 600 above Wood, who finished second with 1,702. Pratt was third with 1,257.

"I appreciate all the engagement," Lindaman said. "The people who elected me deserve for me to listen. I enjoy hearing different perspectives and welcome that. Everybody has one thing in common — We all want North Scott to be as good as it can be.

"We heard from a lot of people, and we had six very strong candidates. I'm going to miss Don a lot. He contributed a lot, and I was happy to have his experience on this board," Lindaman said.

She also welcomed Wood's experience. "I've known Frank a long time, and he brings many skills to our board.'

Wood retired after more than 30 years in education, mostly at North Scott. He also served as Eldridge mayor and won election as a Democrat to the Iowa state Senate.

"I thought it would be very close," Wood said. He noted, "Things have change drastically," in the past year, which drew more attention to school board decisions.

Wood said he's had no contact with any parent groups in the district. "I don't know that much about it. Whatever issues they have, we'll work with them and move forward.'

Pratt said the vote offered "validation" for his work and the board's focus.

The work we're doing as a board, the majority of the community believes in. I see it as a validation," he said.

He, too, welcomed the growing interest, which he said is little different from his Army Corps of Engineers work.

"I work in civil service, so I'm kind of used to working in a fish bowl. It reinforces awareness that we are public ser-

views before the election. "I wasn't a member of that group. Unfortunately for me, it diluted the vote for incumbents after what I thought was a great year," Wilmott said.

#### Hansel: Expect to hear more

Nick Hansel, who finished fifth, said political partisanship at the school board level threatens the "parent-teacher cooperative relationship." Hansel and fourth-place finisher Stephanie Eckhardt spoke outside North Scott school buildings at campaign events livestreamed by the parents group.

Hansel said board members should expect to "hear from more parents, get more emails and hear more concerns. And hopefully that will lead to more cooperation." he said.

"The activism with liberal agendas and the activism with extreme conservative approaches, both of those are not helpful. They aren't focused on parentteacher collaboration, and cooperation. Because the far left and far right are getting a voice, it's resulting in that high level of skepticism."

#### Parent group prompts Maxwell question

Board member John Maxwell said he raised questions at Monday's meeting mainly to "quell misinformation," raised by some of those emails. Maxwell said he specifically asked curriculum director Bernie Brustkern about phonics instruction at Monday's meeting because of questions raised by emails he said were from the parents group.

"One of the processes they're really hammering on is that North Scott does not teach phonics. That is exactly why I asked the question," he said.

Maxwell said more staff presentations are intended to address questions from the parents' group, but to no avail.

He said Brustkern's literacy curriculum presentation at the Oct. 11 meeting was prompted by emails from the group.

"They gave that presentation exactly directed toward this group. It seemed it didn't do anything but get them all riled up," Maxwell said.

For Monday's meeting, Maxwell said he reviewed the emails to find a common misconception. That's why he raised the phonics question during Brustkern's presentation about assessment tests.

Maxwell said he has responded to emails, but has not met personally with those who identified themselves as members of a "parents united" group.

He said their stream of concerns seem to discount what Maxwell said "is a very conservative board. I can't figure it out. After I read their emails, and I listen to what Bernie (Brustkern) had to say, I'm thinking, 'My golly, we have a lot of commonality I don't think they're seeing.'

### 10 more early-out Fridays coming this school year

North Scott school board members added 10 more early-out Fridays to this year's school calendar, building on a tactic that is aimed at improving student performance, and relieving teacher stress.

Board members unanimously approved superintendent Joe Stutting's recommendation to dismiss two hours early 10 more Fridays to a calendar that already included seven.

The first was Oct. 22. The next is Nov. 19.

The board introduced them in 2020 to help teachers deal with new pandemic demands. This year, teachers have used the time to address individual students' achievement gaps. Stutting said the time is essential to allow staff to adjust to a school year like no other.

"I know what the perception is," Stutting said, but teachers are not taking the time off.

It also shows the board's support of staff at a time when recruitment and retention are tough.

'For staff, this is time to get your work done so you're spending weekends with your family," he said.

Stutting said the dates will be shared with parents later this month so all will have time to adjust home schedules. Building principals can advise parents on child care options for those days. "The last thing we want is to send kids to an empty home," Stutting said.

The district already has scheduled early-out Fridays for Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, this year; and Jan. 14, Feb. 25, March 25, and June 3, 2022.

#### New buses

Board members bought three more propane-powered buses for \$348,069

from School Bus Sales, of Waterloo. The firm bid \$116,023 for each 71-passenger bus, and offered a \$6,000

trade-in allowance for four old buses. The bid beat another from Hoglund Bus Sales, of Marshalltown, which offered \$121,899 per bus and no trade-in

allowance. The purchase leaves the district with 26 buses, and all but one use propane. School districts get federal fuel subsidies for propane, which also burns more efficiently than diesel.

Transportation director Luann Baetke said she expects 2023 delivery.

#### The board also:

• Welcomed six open-enrollment students, including a family of four, and two sisters from Davenport. All of the elementary enrollees are at Glenn. Two are at the junior high.

# NOTICE **Eldridge Snow Parking Law**

Parking on all residential streets is banned during a snow emergency -2 inches or more of snow or an equivalent amount of snow from drifting. Please find off-street parking so you will be ready when a snow emergency occurs.

Parking on the street during a snow emergency is banned to allow the City to plow the snow all the way back to the curb quickly and efficiently. You may move your car back to the street after the snow or drifting stops and the City has plowed the street.

### Special Snow Emergency Parking Is Available At These Locations:

\* City Parking Lot at N. 3rd & Franklin

\* Faith Lutheran Church at N. 5th Street along the North Edge of this Lot

\* United Methodist Church Lot in the area just off of South 2nd Street

vants," he said.

#### Wilmott says 'thanks'

At Monday's meeting, Wilmott thanked voters and fellow board members. "I've enjoyed serving with this entire board. I love you. We're part of the balance that works great," he said.

He noted that he and his wife, Heidi, graduated two daughters from North Scott schools. "Now my daughter, Megan, said I've graduated, too," he added.

He also warned of the pressures of social media on education.

"A little advice to administrators who continue to be on Facebook. Take an eight-month break," he said at the meeting.

In an interview with The NSP, Wilmott said his own social media commentary "probably moved some of my supporters to Frank.'

District residents who identified themselves as a "parents united" group posted campaign videos promoting the campaigns of Nick Hansel and Stephanie Eckhardt. Both finished ahead of Wilmott. The first video garnered 13,000

\* Junior High School Lot on S. 5th Street in the SE Corner of this Lot \* On the Street along Centennial Park on the West Side of N. 3rd Street & \* the East Side of N. 4th Street between Donahue & Davies Streets \* Cornerstone Baptist Church on E. LeClaire Rd. in the SE Corner of Parking Lot

Each of these parking areas is identified with signs. All vehicles must be moved from these areas within 48 hours of the end of a snow emergency. If snow is forecasted, please park your vehicle off the street prior to the snowfall. It is easier for the Street Crews, the Police Department and you, the vehicle owner, if the vehicle does not have to be moved after it has already snowed.

The Police Department will not provide warning to owners of the vehicles parked on the street. **Vehicles** left on the street in a snow emergency will be towed. Before that happens to you, call either City Hall at 285-4841 or the Eldridge Police at 285-9822. We will do all we can to help you find an acceptable place to park.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated!

## City of Eldridge

## SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

8:44 a.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

12:22 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of Marquette Street.

12:32 p.m. – Justin William Herum, 23, Davenport, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, and cited for driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked and violation of financial liability coverage, following a traffic stop near Forest Grove and Summerfield drives, Bettendorf.

1:00 p.m. – Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

2:35 p.m. - Zegory Joel Musgrave, 24, Davenport, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and cited for failure to have a valid license or permit while operating a motor vehicle and operation without registration, following a traffic stop in the 4600 block of Brady Street, Davenport.

2:50 p.m. - Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 18300 block of Criswell Street.

3:35 p.m. – Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 200 block of Wood Street.

**4:48 p.m.** – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 6200 block of 114<sup>th</sup> Street.

7:22 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 13400 block of 81st Avenue.

7:41 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of West Walcott Road.

8:36 p.m. – Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 26600 block of 264<sup>th</sup> Street, where a vehicle driven by Nicole Deanna Kearney, 46, Princeton, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

#### THURSDAY, OCT. 28

9:08 a.m. – Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

3:04 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 700 block of West Walcott Road.

3:32 p.m. – Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near Interstate 80 East and North Plainview Road, Walcott. A vehicle driven by Margaret Ann Kassay, 20, Westmont, Ill., was stopped at a stop sign and was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Willie Richard Kirkland, 60, Philadelphia, Miss. Kirkland was cited for following too closely.

8:37 p.m. – Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 297.2 on Interstate 80 East, Davenport. A vehicle driven by Dinesh Singh, 38, Omaha, Neb., was eastbound on Interstate 80 when the vehicle ran off the road and into the median, where it struck a cable barrier before coming to a stop.

**9:08 p.m.** – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 2700 block of East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 29

9:22 a.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 31900 block of Scott Park Road. 9:45 a.m. – Deputies responded to a report

of an animal problem.

10:47 a.m. - Deputies responded to a weapons complaint near West 16th and Ripley streets.

11:03 a.m. - Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 19500 block of 270<sup>th</sup> Street, where a vehicle driven by Michele Lynn Strauss, 49, Eldridge, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

1:18 p.m. - Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 300 block of South 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

3:10 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance on Manor Drive.

8:32 p.m. – Deputies responded to a vandalism complaint in the 5600 block of Fenno Road.

10:07 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 28200 block of 226<sup>th</sup> Street.

10:17 p.m. - Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 28000 block of 230th Avenue.

11:06 p.m. – Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property dam-

age near West 53rd and Sheridan streets. 11:27 p.m. – Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident on North Road, Riverdale, where a vehicle driven by Joseph Allen Holtz, 53, Bettendorf, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 30

1:30 a.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 3900 block of 53rd Avenue.

2:07 a.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 1100 block of West 8th Street.

4:07 a.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 3600 block of West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street.

5:09 a.m. – Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 1700 block of Isle Parkway.

5:39 a.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of Veterans Memorial Parkway.

7:36 a.m. – Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 1500 block of West Front Street.

**8:15 a.m.** – Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 600 block of North Highway 67.

9:45 a.m. - Deputies responded to a vandalism complaint in the 100 block of Crest View Drive.

12:20 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a missing person in the 400 block of North Main Street.

3:16 p.m. - Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 26600 block of Bluff Road.

7:02 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report

of a missing person in the 400 block of West Scott Street.

10:41 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of West James Street.

11:56 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 31600 block of 18th Street.

#### SUNDAY, OCT. 31

12:05 a.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 2900 block of Oak Street.

12:45 a.m. - Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 2700 block of Greenway Drive.

12:57 a.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 1700 block of Isle Parkway.

3:33 a.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 5200 block of Grand Avenue.

3:47 a.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 6300 block of Brady Street.

**1:01 p.m. –** Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 24000 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

6:08 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 100 block of North Salina Street.

6:33 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 21400 block of Scott Park Road.

7:40 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 21400 block of Scott Park Road.

#### MONDAY, NOV. 1

8:59 a.m. – Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

9:31 a.m. - Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 4800 block of State Street.

12:55 p.m. – Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near East LeClaire Road and South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

3:01 p.m. – Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 300 block of North Main Street.

**3:17 p.m. –** Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 600 block of Belmont Road. 5:04 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of South Pioneer Drive.

6:16 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 22800 block of 140th Avenue.

#### **TUESDAY, NOV. 2**

2:17 a.m. – Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 500 block of Walker Street.

6:06 a.m. – Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 400 block of West Iowa 80 Road. 6:12 a.m. - Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

10:52 a.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

11:28 a.m. - Deputies responded to the

scene of an accident with personal injury in the 18600 block of 290th Street.

11:45 a.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a missing person in the 200 block of South Park View Drive.

2:48 p.m. - Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 400 block of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

3:26 p.m. - Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

4:05 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 5800 block of Hillandale Road.

4:44 p.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 4200 block of West River Drive.

6:26 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance on Park View Drive.

10:44 p.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 10400 block of River Camp Road.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

2:44 a.m. – Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue and New Liberty Road. 7:52 a.m. – Deputies responded to a report

of a disturbance on Manor Drive.

8:13 a.m. – Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

11:01 a.m. - Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 28100 block of 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

12:43 p.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 2800 block of North Plainview Road.

2:11 p.m. – Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 10500 block of 140<sup>th</sup> Street.

4:37 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 3000 block of West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.

5:20 p.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion on Manor Drive.

5:21 p.m. - Deputies responded to a vandalism complaint in the 23700 block of 281<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

8:29 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of theft on Manor Drive.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 4

5:14 a.m. – Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage.

8:15 a.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 26700 block of Scott Park Road.

11:02 a.m. - Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 1100 block of East 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

12:35 p.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 7200 block of Northwest Boulevard.

1:29 p.m. - Deputies responded to a harassment complaint on Manor Drive.

4:59 p.m. – Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

6:02 p.m. – Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance.

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# **ELDRIDGE POLICE REPORT**

#### MONDAY, NOV. 1

**5:55 a.m.** – Rhonda Pullman, 50, of Davenport, was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop near South 1<sup>st</sup> Street and East Blackhawk Trail.

**6:39 a.m.** – Rachel Walkup, 47, of Davenport, was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop near South  $1^{st}$  Street and West Slopertown Road.

**6:59 a.m.** – Corey Riley, 29, of Davenport, was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle following a traffic stop near 210<sup>th</sup> and Harrison streets.

**7:58 a.m.** – Report of an alarm sounding in the 200 block of East LeClaire Road. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

**12:55 p.m.** – Report taken for an accident between two vehicles near East LeClaire Road and South  $4^{th}$  Avenue.

**1:52 p.m.** – Complaint of a reckless driver on Highway 61. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

**5:33 p.m.** – Complaint of a suspicious subject near South 1<sup>st</sup> Street and East Lincoln Road. Handled by officer.

**5:54 p.m.** — Assisted another agency with a burglary alarm call in the 17000 block of  $214^{\rm th}$  Street.

**10:35 p.m.** — Assisted another agency with a report of a reckless driver in the 26700 block of Scott Park Road.

### **TUESDAY, NOV. 2**

**8:04 a.m.** – Report taken for an accident involving two vehicles parked in the 200 block of South  $1^{st}$  Street.

**10:01 a.m.** — Removed rocks from the roadway in the 900 block of East Blackhawk Trail. Handled by officer.

**2:01 p.m.** – Performed a welfare check in the 100 block of North  $2^{nd}$  Street. Handled by officer.

**6:26 p.m.** – Assisted another agency with a report of a disturbance on Park View Drive.

**7:58 p.m.** – Complaint of suspicious activity in the 500 block of North 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Handled by officer.

**8:33 p.m.** – Complaint of a disturbance in the 700 block of East Hickory Street. Handled by officer.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

**1:05 a.m.** – Complaint of a suspicious vehicle on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

**3:48 a.m.** — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 600 block of Saint Andrews Circle. Handled by officer.

**8:15 a.m.** – Report of a parking complaint in the 700 block of East Pinehurst Drive. A tow sticker was applied to the vehicle. Handled by officer.

**11:01 a.m.** – Assisted another agency with a harassment call in the 28100 block of  $120^{\text{th}}$  Avenue.

**11:11 a.m.** – Complaint of a disturbance in the 100 block of South 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Handled by officer.

**1:53 p.m.** – Assisted the fire department with a fire call in the 100 block of Trails Road.

**7:01 p.m.** – Report of an alarm sounding in the 200 block of East LeClaire Road. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer. **9:51 p.m.** – Assisted another agency with a report of suspicious subjects in the 18100 block of 271<sup>st</sup> Street.

#### THURSDAY, NOV. 4

**Midnight** – Complaint of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South 7<sup>th</sup> Street Court. Handled by officer.

**12:12 a.m.** – Complaint of suspicious activity in the 900 block of South 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Handled by officer.

**12:21 a.m.** — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Muhs Circle. Handled by officer.

**12:50 a.m.** – Complaint of suspicious activity in the 700 block of East Pinehurst Drive. Handled by officer.

**7:53 a.m.** — Complaint of a water main break in the 100 block of West Spring Street. The public works department was contacted. Handled by officer.

**10:41 a.m.** – Report taken for theft of property in the 400 block of North  $1^{st}$  Street.

**11:32 a.m.** – Complaint of a minor accident between two vehicles in the 200 block of South  $1^{st}$  Street. The drivers exchanged information. Handled by officer.

**4:59 p.m.** – Assisted another agency with a report of a single vehicle accident near Interstate 80 and Highway 61.

**7:29 p.m.** – Report of an alarm sounding in the 400 block of South 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer. **8:41 p.m.** – Sireena Lanning, 32, of Davenport, was arrested for OWI – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense and interference with official acts, following a traffic stop near East Franklin Street and North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. **10:12 p.m.** – Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 700 block of North  $1^{st}$  Street. Handled by officer.

**11:33 p.m.** – Complaint of suspicious activity in the 600 block of Saint Andrews Circle. Handled by officer.

**11:39 p.m.** — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 400 block of South Tombergs Drive. Handled by officer.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 5

**9:32 a.m.** – Assisted another agency with a report of a disturbance in the 100 block of Crest View Drive.

**7:02 p.m.** — Assisted another agency with a report of a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of West Donahue Street.

**8:20 p.m.** — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 700 block of West Davenport Street.

#### SATURDAY, NOV. 6

**1:28 a.m.** – Complaint of suspicious activity in the 500 block of North 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Handled by officer.

**2:09 a.m.** – Kyle Baker, 28, of Davenport, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop near East LeClaire and North Scott Park roads.

**3:18 a.m.** – Complaint of a vehicle vs. animal accident in the 100 block of South Scott Park Road.

**3:57 a.m.** – Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 200 block of East Franklin Street.

**4:52 a.m.** – Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 200 block of East Franklin Street.

**7:52 a.m.** – Report of an alarm sounding in the 200 block of South 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

**8:07 a.m.** – Report of an alarm sounding in the 200 block of South 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer. **12:48 p.m.** – Assisted a resident with a ride

### Jobless rate drops to 4.0 percent

Iowa's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.0 percent in September, down from 4.1 percent in August and 4.7 percent one year ago. The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 4.8 percent in September.

The labor force participation rate remained steady at 66.8 percent. The total number of unemployed Iowans near East Blackhawk Trail and South 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Handled by officer.

**3:34 p.m.** — Mary Dufour, 65, of Davenport, was cited for an expired driver's license, following a traffic stop in the 1100 block of East LeClaire Road.

**5:04 p.m.** – Report of an alarm sounding in the 100 block of South  $5^{th}$  Street. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

**7:00 p.m.** – Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of East Iowa Street. Handled by officer.

**7:25 p.m.** – Paula Bristol, 60, of Wilton, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop near West LeClaire Road and North  $2^{nd}$  Street.

**8:56 p.m.** – Complaint of a suspicious subject near East LeClaire Road and North 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

**9:12 p.m.** — Complaint of a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of West Spring Street. Handled by officer.

**9:39 p.m.** — Complaint of a disturbance in the 100 block of West Spring Street. Handled by officer.

#### SUNDAY, NOV. 7

**12:47 a.m.** – Complaint of suspicious activity in the 900 block of South 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Handled by officer.

**4:40 p.m.** — Complaint of a disabled vehicle in the 1000 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

**5:36 p.m.** – Assisted the fire department with a report of a vehicle on fire on Highway 61.

**8:47 p.m.** – Report of an alarm sounding in the 3400 block of South 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer. **9:11 p.m.** – Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

**9:42 p.m.** — Complaint of a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of West Donahue Street. Handled by officer.

decreased to 66,100 in September from 68,000 in August. The current estimate is 10,000 lower than it was last year at this time.

Meanwhile, the total number of working Iowans increased to 1,594,400 in September. This figure is 1,900 higher than August and 37,600 higher than one year ago.



# **FAMILY NEWS**

### Wanda Stender to note 97<sup>th</sup> birthday with card shower

Wanda Stender will be celebrating her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on Nov. 12. The family would like to honor her with a card shower in celebration of the occasion. Cards and well wishes may be sent to: Wanda Stender, PO Box 572 Walcott, IA 52773.

Wanda (Glunz) married Stan Stender in 1945. He passed away in 1990.

She is the mother of: Douglas (Diane) Stender of Florida, the late Steven (Rita) of Walcott, Michael (Debbie) of Davenport, Loren (Kitty) of Park View, and Gregory (Robyn) of Walcott. She has eight grandchildren and 10 greatgrandchildren.



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## **CLUB NEWS**

#### BLUE GRASS SR. SUNSHINE WORKERS 4-H

The Blue Grass Sr. Sunshine Workers 4-H club meeting was called to order on Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. with 14 members present. Elizabeth Paustian led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sydney Westerhof moved to approve the secretary's report, seconded by Elizabeth Paustian. Emmalynn Golinghorst moved to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Katelynn Toft. Budget was discussed and moved to approve by Emmalynn Golinghorst, seconded by Alaina Lake.

Old Business: renewing members need to be re-enrolled by Dec. 1.

New Business: next flag route is on Veteran's Day (Nov. 11). Blue Grass township's 4-H Family Night will be on Monday, Nov. 8, at 6 p.m. This is a potluck for all 4-H'ers enrolled in a Blue Grass club and their families. It will be held at the Walcott Legion.

Officer Elections: Sydney Westerhof — President; Zach Paustian – VP; Grant VanNice – Secretary; and Claire Westerhof – Treasurer.

Rachel Ehlers moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bella Buesing. The 4-H pledge was led by Alaina Lake. Respectfully Submitted,

Hailey Ramp

#### BLUE GRASS JR./INT. SUNSHINE WORKERS 4-H

The Blue Grass Jr./Int. Sunshine Workers 4-H club was called to order on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. with 19 members present. Kersey Wedeking led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The September secretary's report was read and approved by Madeline Paustian; seconded by Cora Golinghorst. The treasurer's report was given. Madeline Paustian moved to approve; seconded by Emma Ziegenhorn. Discussion was held on the budget. Madeline Paustian moved to keep our club's budget the same as last year; seconded by Cora Golinghorst.

New Business: 1.) Our next flag route is Thurs., Nov. 11. On the schedule to help with the flag route are Faith Bohling, Greta Brus, Halee Hansen, Neveah Calloway, Addison Fowler, and Violet Geest. 2.) Blue Grass Township's 4-H Family Night will be on Mon., Nov. 8, at the Walcott Legion. It will begin at 6 with a potluck supper. Then we will have an installation of officers and awards for last year will be given. This will take the place of our regular November meeting.

Addison Golinghorst moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ellie Weyeneth. Kersey Wedeking led us in the 4-H pledge. Madeline Paustian gave a demonstration on how bubble gum is made. Our workshop was a Parliamentary Procedure activity and we also discussed how to give a successful demonstration/talk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madyson Kengott

### AMERICAN/SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN HERITAGE SOCIETY (ASHHS)

The American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) annual meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Walcott American Legion, 121 W. Bryant St., Walcott.

The program will be speaker Dr. Wolf Koch regarding Haus Barns in Schleswig-Holstein and the two Haus Barns brought to Manning and DeWitt.

Light refreshments will be provided. The program is free and open to the public. The American Legion Hall is handicap accessible. For more information, call Mary Ann Muller 563-284-6640, or e-mail leemarmul@aol.com.

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# **OBITUARIES**

### Marjorie O'Dell

Marjorie R. O'Dell, age 91, of Eldridge, formerly of Moline, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, at the Kahl Home,

Davenport. Services are 11:30 a.m. Thursday Nov. 11, at the Fippinger Funeral Home in Aledo, Ill. Burial is in the New Boston Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until time of services Thursday at Fippinger's, where memorials may be left to the St. John's United Methodist Church, Alzheimer's Association or Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolence can be made at fippingerfuneralhome.com.

She was born Oct. 25, 1930, in rural

Woodhull, Ill., to A. Raymond and Cosetta Stiers Luallen. She graduated from Woodhull High School in 1948 and Morse School of Cosmetology in 1949. On June 17, 1956, she married Edward "Pike" O'Dell in Woodhull. He died June 2, 2015.

Marjorie was employed for 37 years, first at Bishop's Buffet at Duck Creek,

Bettendorf and then Bishop's Cafeteria at SouthPark, Moline. She enjoyed eating out with family and friends and especially enjoyed her co-workers and customers.

She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church for over 60 years and was active in the UMW in her younger vears.

She is survived by three sons, Dwight O'Dell Baytown, of Texas, Tracy (Patti) O'Dell of Eldridge, Drew O'Dell of Rock Island; three grandchildren, Shannon VanMeter, An-(Zach) thony O'Dell, both of Des

Moines, Kate O'Dell of Parnell, Iowa; two great-grandsons, Watson and Everett VanMeter of Des Moines; one sister, Bernice Asplund of Bettendorf; several nieces and nephews.

Her parents, husband, one son, Shawn, and two brothers, Willis and Donald Luallen, preceded her in death.

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ing, Hereford cattle, and model rail-

### **Dale Wiese**

Master Sergeant (Ret.) Dale E. Wiese passed away on Nov. 1, 2021, at Genesis

East Medical Center, after an extended illness. Visitation was at Chambers Funeral Home, Eldridge, on Friday, Nov. 5, from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10-11 a.m. Services followed at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Mr. Wiese was born on the family farm near Donahue Sept. 7, 1932, to Elmer and Leah (Hesse) Wiese. He was the oldest of six children. Dale farmed

with his father until 1952 when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Dale married Peggy Jean Britton of Dixon on June 6, 1954. They were happily married for 60 years until she passed on Feb. 5, 2015. They will be buried together at Rock Island National Cemetery.

He served in the Air Force for 20 years, serving tours around the world. He was an aircraft crew chief on B-47 bombers, an instructor, and finally a command-and-control specialist. After retiring, Dale was an insurance agent and truck driver. He loved woodwork-



the Retired Enlisted Association, and was a lifelong member of the Handyman

Dale is survived by his children, Douglas of Wheatland, Pamela of Mt. Joy, Dean (Deb) of Rock Island, and Jennifer (David) Lineback of Eldridge; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Merle (Dianna) of Eldridge, Gary of Donahue, and Jerry of

Council Bluffs; sisters-in-law, Joyce Corken of Davenport, and Barb Wiebel of Wheatland; and very good friend, Doris Smith of Kirksville, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy; parents and in-laws; daughterin-law, Tonya Wiese; sister, Carole Stuhr; brother, Eldon Wiese; and brother-in-law, Joe Corken.

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personally sustaining a broken leg.

He was a volunteer firefighter and one

of the first EMTs on the Eldridge Fire

Department. Dick proudly served his

### William Meyer

William "Willy" F. Meyer, age 89, of New Liberty, passed away Friday, Nov.

5, 2021, at Wheatland Manor, Wheatland. A private family service will be held at Bentley Funeral Home in Durant. The funeral service will begin livestreaming at approximately 10:45 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, via Bentley Funeral Home's Facebook Page. Burial will take place in Dixon Cemetery, with Military Rites accorded by the Dixon American Legion. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren. Honor-

ary pallbearers will be Lonny Sievers, Bob Golinghorst, John Buhl, Bob Puck, Craig Puck, and Hawkeye Puck. The family requests any memorials be directed to the Dixon American Legion, the New Liberty Fire Department, or the Dixon Fire Department. Online condolences may be left at www.bentleyfuneralhome.com.

Willy was born at the family farm in Dixon on April 7, 1932, the son of Peter and Hattie (Flenker) Meyer. He graduated from Davenport High School in 1950. After graduation. Willy joined the United States Army and was stationed in Japan during the Korean War. He married Beverly Sievers July 7, 1956, celebrating 65 years of marriage this past July. Willy and Bev raised their family and farmed in the New Liberty/ Dixon area. The Meyer Family farms were recognized recently as Century and Heritage Farms. In his early years, Willy played shortstop for Ron Alpen Ford softball team and later enjoyed fol-

### Lyle Shellabarger

Lyle Russell Shellabarger, age 91, of Blue Grass, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021, at his home. A funeral

service was held at 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8, at Bentley Funeral Home, Durant. A visitation was held from 12:30 - 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8, prior to the funeral service. Burial took place in Blue Grass Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.bentleyfuneralhome.com.

Lyle was born on Dec. 23, 1929, the son of Russell and Hulga (Ehrecke) Shellabarger. He graduated from Davenport High School

with the Class of 1948. Lyle married Marilyn J. Dimick on Feb. 25, 1951, in Buffalo Friends Church. Marilyn died on Dec. 3, 1997

Lyle began farming on his family farm in the 1940s, where he milked cows and later raised his family. He most recently farmed alongside his son, Tim, raising crops and livestock. Lyle was a volun-



lowing his children and grandchildren in their many sports and 4-H activities. He spent many years selling hay to

customers throughout the Quad Cities, including the Ringling Brothers Circus. Willy could speak German and Japanese and enjoyed any opportunity to do so. He was a member of the Dixon American Legion for 71 years, where he took part in military funerals and marched in the Dixon Memorial Day ceremony until the age of 87. He also was able to go on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Willy is survived by his

wife, Beverly Meyer of New Liberty; four children, Kerry (Dawn) Meyer of Stockton, Rick (Shari) Meyer of New Liberty, JoDee Meyer of Lake Ozark, Mo., and Rob (Jody) Meyer of Cedar Rapids; 10 grandchildren, Mandy (Drew) Kettwick, Jamey (Kara) Meyer, Katey (Cody) Wille, Jackee (Marques) Ellis, Devin (Lindsey) Meyer, Dustin (Tess) Meyer, Ashley (Alex) Theobald, Avery Meyer, Paxton Meyer, and Breckin Meyer; 14 great-grandchildren; and his loyal dog, Gracie.

Willy was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Leo (Elaine) Meyer; one sister. Lois (Bob) Puck: and one brother-in-law, Donavon (Lynn) Sievers.

The Meyer family would like to extend a special thank you to their neighbors, Dave and Deb Rowland, for all of their assistance and support.

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teer fireman in Blue Grass and a former trustee for Buffalo Township for many years. He also enjoyed woodworking, taking road trips with his family and

traveling with friends. Lyle will be dearly missed by two children, Tim (Stacy) Shellabarger of Blue Grass, and Barb (Chip) Turrittin of St. Peter, Minn.; two grandchil-dren, Rachel (Thorlindur Thorolfsson) Shellabarger of Santa Clara, Calif., and Eli Shellabarger of Newport News, Va.; six greatgrandchildren, Andinia, Viviana, Eleanora, Helena and Olin Turrittin and Thorolfur Shellabarger;

and close family friends, David and Allison Neumeister.

Lyle was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; two grandsons, Jesse and Cole Turrittin: and two sisters. Marguerite Lahl and Evelyn Petersen.

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Richard "Dick" Swanson, 82, of Iowa Falls, formerly of Eldridge, passed

**Richard Swanson** 

away Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021, at Rehabilitation of Hampton surrounded by his family. A Memorial Service was held at 11 a.m., Monday. Nov. 8, at Weerts Funeral Home in Davenport, (3625 Jersey Ridge Road Davenport). Visitation took place an hour before the service, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., also at Weerts Funeral Home. Inurnment followed at Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.weertsfh.com. Dick was born Sept. 17, 1939, in Davenport, son of William and Annetta (Bernauer) Swanson. He married Judy Simkins on Jan. 9, 1963, in Rock Island. Dick was very proud of his many accomplishments, working as a guard at International Harvester for 30+ years. One of his proudest moments while working was riding in an ambulance that crashed and he shielded the patient from all the glass while



roading, but mostly, he loved his family. He belonged to the American Legion,

Club of America.



a great love for coaching little league baseball/softball in Eldridge for over a decade. He was very proud of his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. Dick will be missed by his children: Richard Swanson II of Arizona, Kris (Tim) Hermsen of Iowa Falls, and Jason

country in the U.S Navy

from 1961 to 1966. During

his free time, he loved to

go fishing, travel to Flori-

da for the winter, and had

(Kelly) Swanson of Otsego, Minn.; grandchildren: Kelsey (Adam) Shortlev. Travis Hermsen. Tyler Hermsen. Calvin Swanson and Lucie Swanson; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Pat Ranes. He was preceeded in death by his wife, Judy; his parents; and a brother, William Swanson.

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# NEWS

#### WARTBURG COLLEGE

Nathan Link and Georgia Nissen, both of Eldridge, were inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma first-year honor society at Wartburg College, Waverly. Eligible students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 and be in the top 20 percent of their class by the end of the first year.

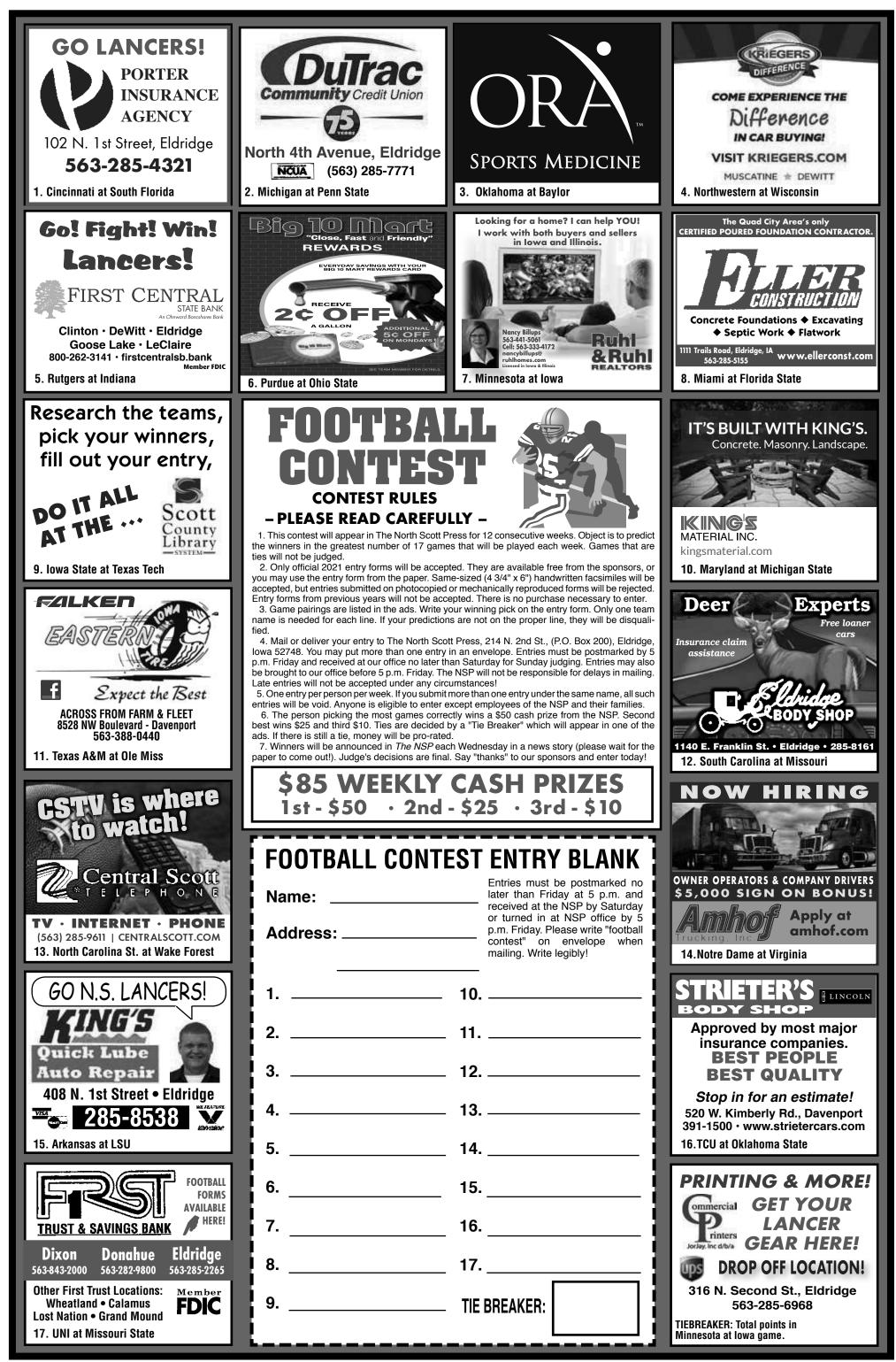
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# NSP SPORTS

### STATE VOLLEYBALL

# **'An amazing season'** Lancer dream dashed in epic semifinal match

NS girls put wraps on stellar 31-5 campaign with loss to Go-Hawks

### By Scott Campbell

NSP Editor

Losing stinks, and there are no ifs, ands or buts about it. When those losses are of the season-ending variety, the sting is a little sharper, and lasts a tadbit longer.

Or, in the words of North Scott senior Ella McLaughlin and coach Taryn VanEarwage, 'It sucks."

Those two words succinctly summed up the emotions following the end of North Scott's magic carpet ride campaign on Wednesday (Nov. 3), when the Lancers bowed out of the Class 4A state tournament with a 25-22, 19-25, 25-17, 32-30 semifinal loss to eventual runner-up Waverly-Shell Rock.

The setback, which snapped a 17-game winning streak, and came one step short of a center court state championship appearance, was nothing short of epic.

The fact the second-ranked Lancers failed to convert

six set points in the fateful fourth set, while committing an uncharacteristic 13 service errors in the match, was salt in the wound.

However, that cut was quickly cleansed with the realization that this season was, indeed, special.

When McLaughlin's final attack as a Lancer went awry, landing the No. 3 Go-Hawks a spot in Thursday's championship matchup where they were swept by top-ranked Western Dubuque — it was a matter-of-fact moment. Yes, there were

pained expressions of disappointment when the Lancers dejectedly walked off the court at Cedar Rapids' Alliant Energy Powerhouse for the final time, but few tears. This loss was taken in stride.

"This is definitely not the outcome we wanted, but

I'm still so proud," said senior Lexi Richards. "It's a sad, in the moment thing, but overall, we have fought unlike any other team. We have so much power and talent, and all of our hard work in this season really paid off."

'I knew that this team wanted it more than anything, and that they were going to give it all that they had. To come in here and do what we did, it sucks right now. But we're going to look back, and we're going to be proud of it.'

Lancer coach Taryn VanEarwage

and worked for every single point." VanEarwage, smiling through tears, couldn't have been more proud of her team's effort, either on Wednes-

day, or in the preceding three months. "Obviously this wasn't the outcome that we wanted, but to see the fight that they had, and then for them to go out and compete for every single point, you can't ask for much more than that, for sure.

"I knew that this team wanted it more than anything, and that they were going to give it all that they had. To come in here and do what we did, it sucks right now.

"It sucks, but I'm re-

ally glad we got the

opportunity to be here

today," said McLaugh-

lin. "We just fell a little

short. I think we had an

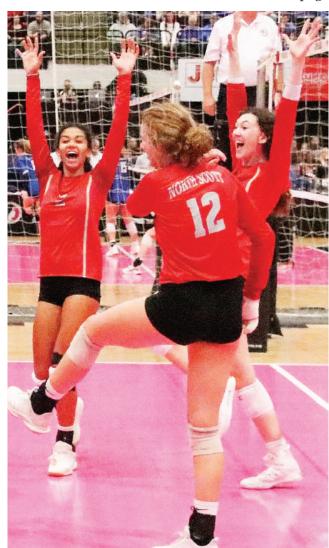
amazing season, and it

shouldn't be defined by

the way we played. We

competed all day long,





Senior Ella McLaughlin was named to the Class 4A all-tournament team.

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Gracie Graham, Ella McLaughlin (12) and Scout Kirshy celebrate a first-set point. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

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But we're going to look back, and we're going to be proud of it.'

In no way did one small setback, just their fifth of the season, cloud the Lancers' campaign. In reality, the year can be characterized and remembered for nothing less than it was, and simply stated, an amazing run fueled by a talented group of seniors.

Oh, where do you begin to adequately put things in perspective?

For starters, the 31 wins amassed this season are the third most in school history, and trail only the state runner-up team of 1986 (35-2-2), and the state championship squad of 1985 (34-1-1).

Wednesday's matchup with the Go-Hawks marked North Scott's first semifinal appearance since 1986, and just their fourth trip to the Final Four.

Even if you don't look at the Lancers' whole body of work, peak at the slice of their senior season pie, which included 17 straight victories and a perfect October in terms of matches and sets.

Brooms were fixtures in their hands as they rolled to wins in 35 straight sets, and it took a tough and talented Waverly-Shell Rock team to pry them out.

A third straight trip to Cedar Rapids was not only dreamt about, but totally expected, and North Scott made good on its goal. The Lancers rolled into the City of Five seasons with a head of steam, and easily dispatched Bondurant-Farrar in the quarterfinals.



A win over the Go-Hawks was anticipated, but never materialized. Still, the season was a success.

While the Lancers are a far cry from a two-girl team, the accomplishments of McLaughlin and fellow senior Gracie Graham need to be noted. Without question, they are one of, if not the, most dynamic duo to ever grace The Pit floor.

A pair of four-year starters, they have had a hand in 103 wins over the course of their Lancer careers, and that's more than any other girl in school history.

In addition, Graham is just the second Lancer volleyball player to appear in three state tournaments the other being Hall of Famer Tracy Graham (1984-86)

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- and McLaughlin would have joined that exclusive club if she hadn't been in Covid quarantine last year. Individually,

McLaughlin has delivered what is believed to be a school-record 917 kills, while Graham finished with 563. That's a combined 1,480, which

surpassed the 1,387 amassed by 2020 graduates Emma Powell (778) and Kendall McNaull (609).

The numbers posted by McLaughlin and Graham would have been much higher if not for the lost games during the 2020 Covid campaign.

Again, North Scott's seventh state appearance only happened because of their total team talent.

"Everyone contributed to our team, whether they played or not," said Richards, "and I love them all."

Richards (182 kills), senior Scout Kirshy (152) and junior Lauren Golinghorst (155) teamed with McLaughlin (313) and Graham (233) to form a formidable front row.

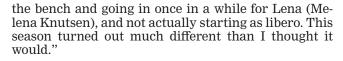
Senior Alyssa Atzen (486 assists) and junior Nora Ralfs (397) were stellar in triggering the Lancer offense, and you couldn't have picked a better-suited tandem.

"I love Nora," said Atzen. "Me and her have been friends for a long time. It's really nice. We always give each other tips and help each other out when needed."

"I love Alyssa," said Ralfs. "We knew at the beginning of the season that we would share the part well, and we love it."

McLaughlin anchored the defense with 301 digs she finished her career with 791— but junior Carley Bredar, who took over the libero duties midseason, finished with 277, followed by Richards (258) and Graham (223)

"At the beginning of the season I never thought I'd be in this position," said Bredar. "I thought I'd be on



#### Semifinal setback

The end was different as well, as everybody expected the Lancers to advance to the state finals. Waverly-Shell Rock erased those expectations.

The difference between being seeded second and third in the state tournament field is like splitting hairs, and once you get to Cedar Rapids, anything can happen, as evidenced by the top two seeds in Class 3A and 5A not even making it to the title tilt.

Waverly-Shell Rock's (WSR) win was not an upset by any stretch of the imagination. It was a match that was there for the taking, and it was the Go-Hawks who played just a little bit better.

While the deciding fourth set was a classic, and one that girls can only dream of playing in, the entire match was worth the price of admission.

With Graham taking control of the net early, with two kills and a block, North Scott looked like a semifinal veteran as it rolled to a 5-1 lead in the first set. WSR came back to knot the count on a pair of ace serves, and the lead was back-and-forth the rest of the way, with neither team leading by more than three.

After trailing 22-19, North Scott came back to tie it up on kills by McLaughlin and Kirshy, but a net violation stopped the streak, and WSR scored the final two points for the win.

The Lancers' 35-set winning streak had been snapped, but VanEarwage's girls weren't fazed. The second set was another tight one, as neither team led by more than a single point until the Lancers went on a 5-0 run to claim a 17-11 advantage.

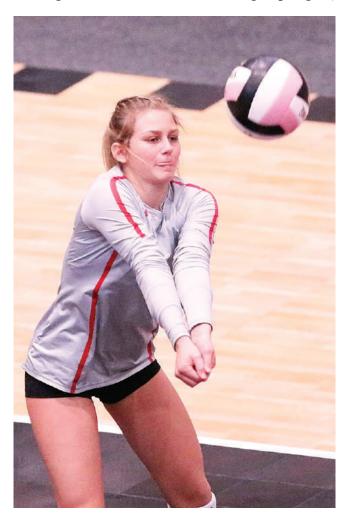
McLaughlin, Kirshy, Graham and Richards each delivered kills as the Lancers seized the momentum, and it was a pair of McLaughlin slams that finished things off and pulled the two teams even after two sets.

North Scott lost its mojo in the third set, and it didn't help that WSR rolled to an early 6-1 lead. The Lancers eventually pulled to within 7-6 on a block by Ralfs, but they would get no closer as the Go-Hawks scored the set's final four points and rolled to the 25-17 win.

The Lancers were one set from elimination, or two sets from a victory. They had only one thing on their mind.

"For sure I always thought we'd come back when we got down, especially after losing the third set," said McLaughlin. "I was so confident in this group of girls,









Gracie Graham delivers a big kill. NSP photo by Scott Campbell Alyssa Atzen with a set.

Carley Bredar makes a pass. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

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Lauren Golinghorst wins a battle at the net.

NSP photo by Scott Campbell Nora Ralfs places a sneaky kill.

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and I knew we all wanted it so bad. I really didn't have a doubt we could get it done."

If you're going to have your season, or career, come to an end, this was the stage, and this was the match.

Sparked by kills from McLaughlin (2), Kirshy (2) and Richards, along with sophomore Syd Skarich's ace serve, North Scott jumped out to an 8-4 advantage. The Lancers held a 10-7 lead after putdowns by Kirshy and Golinghorst, but WSR battled back to take a 14-11 lead thanks to miscues on the Lancer side of the net.

A Golinghorst ace serve tied the count at 14, and kills by McLaughlin and Richards gave North Scott a 17-16 lead, but only because of two fantastic back-toback saves by Atzen.

It was a close match, and getting tighter by the point. WSR led 20-18, but kills by Richards and Golinghorst pulled the Lancers even. The Go-Hawks edged in front 21-20, but back-to-back kills by Golinghorst gave North Scott a 22-21 lead.

The Go-Hawks netted the next two points for a 23-22 lead and were looking to close things out. The Lancers had other ideas, and called timeout to regroup.

Golinghorst was on a mission. Her fourth straight kill pulled the Lancers even, and a McLaughlin slam gave North Scott its first set point at 24-23, and it was a sign of things to come.

The Lancers were on the verge of victory with set points at 25-24, 26-25, 27-26, 28-27 and 29-28, but couldn't close the door. Graham had two kills in that stretch, with McLaughlin and Kirshy each adding one.

The Achilles heel was the fact the Lancers had two service errors, which allowed WSR to pull even at 25 and again at 29.

"Ouch," would be an understatement.

The Lancers staved off a set point and evened the match at 30, but a Go-Hawk kill gave WSR a 31-30 lead, and the end came when McLaughlin's final swing was off the mark.

"That game got so close in the end, and it was constantly back and forth," said Atzen. "We stayed aggressive, and kept pushing ourselves to finish. We continued to bring energy to try and pull it off, but unfortunately it just didn't fall our way.'

"We were just a little less focused today," said Richards. "We were confident, but we have to make sure we can control our controllables, and we were making way more mistakes that we had in the past. We just took a little too long to figure those mistakes out.

VanEarwage said not being able to convert a half

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Another kill for Scout Kirshy.

Lexi Richards shines at the net. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

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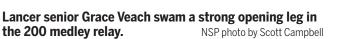




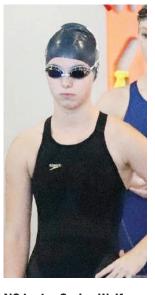
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### **REGIONAL SWIM MEET**









North Scott junior Leah Patton missed qualifying for the state meet in the 100 butterfly by less than half a second. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

NS junior Carlee Wolf NSP photo by Scott Campbell

Grace goes for Glory

### Junior Leah Patton will also compete at State Swim Meet

### By Scott Campbell

NSP Editor

It couldn't have been a more difficult autumn for Grace Veach. She was sick two weeks with Covid, broke her finger, battled two chronic illnesses, and dealt with an autoimmune disease.

It's no wonder that Saturday's Regional Swimming meet was awash with positive emotions.

Competing for Pleasant Valley's up-and-coming young team, the North Scott senior joined an elite group as a four-time state meet qualifier, and will wrap up her illustrious career by swimming in four events this weekend in Marshalltown.

Saturday's performance in the Clinton pool was just what the doctor ordered.

"I was very nervous heading into the meet," said Veach. "I've been really sick, and have been out a lot this season, so I had no idea where I might place. After my first event, the medley relay, my nerves calmed down, and I realized everything was going to be OK.

"Personally, I swam a lot better than I had expected, but there's always room for improvement. I think I did pretty well, and I'm proud of myself. I'm also very proud of everybody else."

Actually, things were better than OK.

Veach was the first Spartan in the pool, and kicked off the relay quartet that also included joined North Scott junior Leah Patton and Spartan seniors Taylor Buhr and Abby Buechel.

The group finished second to Iowa City West, and after finishing 10<sup>th</sup> at last year's state meet, the group enters this year's extravaganza seeded seventh.

Veach also qualified for the second straight year in the 50 freestyle (seeded 25<sup>th</sup>), the 100 back (seeded 20<sup>th</sup>) and as a member of PV's 200 freestyle relay team, along with Spartan freshmen Savanah Smith and Lindsey Durick, along with junior Ellen Tews.

There was a time this fall that Veach thought her

it was pretty good considering how sick I was. That meet just kind of brought me back, and made me realize that if I put my mind to it, I could do it."

Still, the season wasn't without challenges.

"I was very tired all the time," said Veach. "With my illnesses, I needed a lot of sleep, so I didn't go to a lot of morning practices because it's hard to get up early, and then go through a full day of school and then swim again at night. That was very rough on me.

"Day to day, it's hard to do even regular stuff, and then swimming on top of that is really hard both mentally and physically. But I have an amazing team, amazing coaches, and an amazing support team at home that helped with everything."

Veach has high goals for this weekend. She wants a top-six finish in the medley relay, which would give the Spartan quartet a spot on the podium.

She finished  $13^{\text{th}}$  a year ago in the 100 back, and she wants to make the finals again, which would mean making the top 16, while being seeded  $20^{\text{th}}$ .

She's not certain how well the 200 free relay will do, or how the 50 free will shake out. However, she says she's just going to give it her all and see how she does.

#### Tough day for Leah

It was a tough day for Patton, especially having to face the disappointment of just missing a state berth in her specialty, the 100 butterfly.

After swimming a strong leg in the medley relay, and enjoying the thrill of a second-place finish, the expression on her face when she climbed out of the pool following the 100 fly told the story.

Despite shaving three seconds off her previous best time, she knew she'd be on the state meet bubble, and that was definitely the case later that evening as her time of 1:01.85 was a mere six-one-hundredths of a second off the 32<sup>nd</sup> and final state qualifier.

That's less than an eyelash at the finish line, and it marked the second straight year that Patton missed qualifying in an individual event by less than half a second.

"I'm really happy about how well our team did over-



While Grace Veach looks at the scoreboard, Leah Patton celebrates Pleasant Valley's second-place finish in the meet-opening 200 medley relay. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

such high hopes for the 100 fly, and the disappointment of not qualifying as an individual clouded her day.

"Sometimes things don't always go the way you think they will, no matter how hard you work, or how many hours you put into a sport," she said. "I promise to be back stronger and better than ever next year."

Patton ended up finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in the 100 fly, and then was eighth in the 100 back. Her time of 1:03.68 was a little more than a second off the state cut time.

The only other North Scott swimmer to compete in Saturday's regional meet was junior Carlee Wolf, who finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the 100 free with a time of 58.65. It was her first regional meet, and she shaved more than two seconds off her previous best time. Pleasant Valley finished third in the eight-team field with 376 points, and trailed only Iowa City West (484) and Bettendorf (418). The Spartans qualified swimmers in 11 of 12 events, with Veach, Buhr and Buechel being the only four-event qualifiers.

string of state meet appearances was in serious jeopardy.

"When I broke my finger, I was out for two weeks, and I came back the day before the Bettendorf meet," she said. "I was really freaking out, and I had fully convinced myself that my season was over.

"But I swam against Bettendorf. It wasn't great, but

all," said Patton, "but I'm just really disappointed in my own performance. Even though I swam my best times by three seconds in both the 100 fly and 100 back, missing the 100 fly cut by .06 seconds really stings."

Patton is still excited to be swimming with Veach, Buhr and Buechel in the medley relay, and thinks there is still room for improvement. However, she had

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North Scott's traveling party included, front (I-r): Alyssa Bundy, Tyson Haedt, Alyssa Atzen, Emma Schermerhorn, Rylie Robertson, Peyton Wenck, Melena Knutsen, Carley Bredar, Nora Ralfs, Lexi Richards, Vianne Jackson and Kaci Johnson. Back: Coach Taryn VanEarwage, Grayson Juel, Syd Skarich, Lauren Golinghorst, Scout Kirshy, Ella McLaughlin, Gracie Graham, Madolyn Lewis, Shelby Spears, Ella Kuesel, Jorie Hanenburg, Maggie Kracium, Maddy Kayser, Rhyan Schneckloth, Marissa Robertson, Emee Allard, Abbey Hayes and assistant coach Sarah Graham.

### **STATE:** 'Playing for North Scott is an experience I'll never forget'

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dozen set points was a killer, but she wasn't blaming her team.

"That just goes to show how much Waverly-Shell Rock wanted that, too, and there were two really great teams going for a state championship," she said. "They came out with a chance to keep playing.

"I definitely think that if we'd won that fourth set, we'd have gone on to win the match. We had momentum. We just had one wrong error. You can't look back and say maybe this or that, but I think if we would've gotten to that fifth set, we could've pulled it out."

"The outcome was disappointing, but for the most part we played well," said Kirshy, who, in case you're wondering, was named after the character "Scout" in the book "To Kill a Mockingbird." It was her mom's favorite book when she was pregnant.

"There weren't any times during the match that I felt like we stopped fighting. We all wanted to win so bad, and unfortunately, Waverly-Shell Rock pushed through. I just think we got flustered at times, and couldn't find a way to put the ball down and had mistakes at wrong times."

"It was disappointing only because it was our last game," said Graham, "but we played extremely well. I think we lost because we had a few more errors than they did, and that happens to the best of us. It was tough, but there isn't anything we can do about it now. It was a great season for our team."

McLaughlin, who continued to play with a heavy bandage on her right hitting hand, led the Lancer offense with 18 kills. The attack was nothing but balanced as Richards (13), Kirshy (12), Golinghorst (10) and Graham all finished with double-digit kills.

Atzen had 36 assists, while Ralfs contributed 17. The devil was in the details, as the Lancers committed those aforementioned 13 service errors. "We just had some errors, and a lot of service errors, that really hurt us," said McLaughlin, who was named to the Class 4A all tournament team. "We had 13 service errors, and they had zero. It's hard to overcome giving them 13 free points." 'I couldn't have gotten through the past three years without this group of seniors. They've done so much for this program, and they've gotten got me through a whole lot. They are special because of their personalities, their goofiness and their desire to want to go play volleyball. They are all really great volleyball players, but more important, they are super young ladies. They are going to have a great future with whatever they decide to do.'

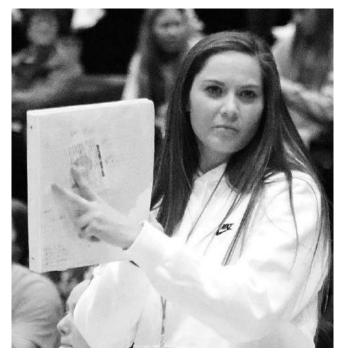
Coach Taryn VanEarwage

When VanEarwage graduated from Augustana a little more than three years ago, there's no way she could've predicted that she'd be at the helm of a Lancer program that would be making three straight state tournament appearances.

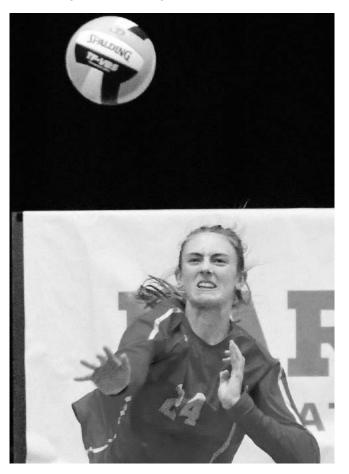
How many other coaches, in their first three years walking the varsity sidelines, have put together such a sparkling (81-16) record? Without hesitation, she gives credit to this particular group of seniors.

"I'm going to miss these girls so much," said VanEarwage. "I couldn't have gotten through the past three years without this group of seniors. They've done so much for this program, and they've gotten got me through a whole lot.

"They are special because of their personalities, their goofiness and their desire to want to go play volleyball. They are all really great volleyball players, but more important, they are super young ladies. They are going to have a great future with whatever they decide to do. The Lancer cupboard is far from bare. Golinghorst, Ralfs, Bredar and Skarich are all state tournament veterans, and would like nothing more than to be booking a fourth straight trip a year from now. From all indications, the future is incredibly bright, thanks to a sophomore team, led by Skarich, that is loaded with talent. Some of those girls were sitting directly behind the Lancer bench in Cedar Rapids, so they've seen the bright lights. For as good as this senior class was, next season will not be a rebuilding year. Instead, it will simply be a reload, and hopefully a return to Cedar Rapids.



Coach Taryn VanEarwage is an impressive 81-16 in her first three years as a varsity coach. NSP photo by Scott Campbell



### The end of the line

Afterwards, the only tears that flowed weren't necessarily because of the loss, but because it was the last time this team would ever take the floor together.

"It's sad to walk off the floor with these girls, because I love them all," said McLaughlin. "North Scott volleyball has given me so much, and I'm so happy to have been a part of this program for the past four years.

"I've met so many amazing people that I probably never would've been close to, and they will always hold a piece of my heart."

"It was definitely heartbreaking knowing that was my last game ever with this team," said Atzen. "I was blessed with the best senior season. These girls mean the world to me, and I am so proud of what we accomplished. Of course we didn't reach our goal, but I'm super pleased with our season as a whole."

"I'll always remember how crazy my teammates are, and how they always brought energy to every practice and game," added Graham. "Playing for North Scott is an experience I will never forget."

### The Details

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#### **NS INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Attacks: Grace Graham 29-35, 10 kills; Alyssa Atzen 2-3, 1 kill; Lauren Golinghorst 16-20, 10 kills; Ella McLaughlin 34-38, 18 kills; Scout Kirshy 19-22, 3 kills; Alexis Richards 26-35, 13 kills; Nora Ralfs 7-8, 3 kills; Syd Skarich 1-1. Assists: Graham 1; 36; Golinghorst 3; McLaughlin 2; Richards 2; Carley Bredar 2; Ralfs 17. Digs: Graham 3; Atzen 7; Golinghorst 2; McLaughlin 4; Richards 16; Bredar 19; Ralfs 3; Skarcih 7. Blocks: Graham 1 solo, 3 assists; Golinghorst 2 assists; McLaughlin 1 assist; Kirshy 2 assists; Richards 1 assist; 2 errors; Richards 1 ace, 1 error; Bredar 3 errors; Skarich 3 aces, 1 error.

Sophomore Syd Skarich delivered three aces serves while filling in at the service line for Ella McLaughlin.

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### **IOWA POLITICS**

# GOP candidates announce for statehouse seats

### Sen. Cournoyer announces re-election bid

Incumbent Iowa state Sen. Chris Cournoyer, R-LeClaire, will seek her second term, this time in a new Senate District 35 that stretches from Scott to Jackson counties.



Cournoyer was first elected to the Iowa Senate in 2018 and has taken active leadership roles. She serves as the vice chair of the state government committee, and also serves as the chair of the Educa-

Cournoyer

tion Appropriations subcommittee. Additionally, she serves on the Appropriations, Education, and Natural Resources and Environment committees and was selected by her colleagues to be assistant majority leader.

"As a senator, I kept my promise to focus on education, public safety, mental health and economic development. I supported sustainable, responsible funding increases for Iowa K-12 schools and community colleges, passed legisla-

tion that supports law enforcement and the men and women who protect us, worked for increased, sustainable funding for mental health and voted for over a billion dollars in tax relief for hardworking families," said Cournoyer. "We have created a strong, resilient economy, and I am proud of the work we have done for the state of Iowa. I look forward to continuing that work and fighting for our values and freedoms in the Iowa Senate."

### Rep. Mohr seeks third term

Rep. Gary Mohr, R-Bettendorf, will seek re-election to a third term, but

in a newly drawn house district. Mohr District represents 94, covering most of Bettendorf. Under the newly confirmed redistricting maps, Mohr will run for District 93 in 2022. The new district includes eastern Bettendorf,

Mohr Riverdale, Pleasant Valley Township and the city of LeClaire.

"Serving the people of my district has

truly been the honor of my lifetime," said Mohr. "I have worked hard in the Iowa House to listen to my constituents and deliver on legislation for the good of my district. As appropriations chair, I've taken a lead in the important work of implementing a responsible budget while properly funding our priorities. I am hopeful that the people of the new House District 93 will allow me to continue this important work for the people of Iowa.'

Mohr lives in Bettendorf with his wife, Jane. He has four children and 12 grandchildren.

### Vondran makes second try for Iowa House

Mike Vondran will make his second try for Iowa state house in the newly drawn House District 94 covering Bettendorf, Davenport, Eldridge, and Sheridan and Lincoln townships.

Vondran, a lifelong Iowan, grew up in Dubuque, Iowa and moved to Davenport in 1984, where he raised his children, started his small business and founded a non-profit to serve the needs of at-risk youth.

Vondran is CEO of TAG, a multimedia-advertising firm he founded in Davenport.

Vondran has served on numerous community boards over the past 37 year, including the Junior Achievement of the Heartland, Quad Cities Cham-



ber of Commerce, Greater Davenport Redevelopment Corporation, Trinity Foundation Health and Downtown Davenport Partnership. Vondran has been on the Great Mississippi Valley Fair Board for 34 years, where he has served in every

Vondran

executive board role and has been president twice. He is the founder and member of the HAVlife Foundation, which he founded in 2007.

"I believe that you can predict the future by building it. I will work to create a home district and greater community where all can thrive and not just survive.

"I believe Iowa must have a competitive business environment that will grow, retain and attract quality businesses to our state. As a business owner, I know the key to a successful budget is to spend less than you take in, and I want to ensure the state is accountable to Iowans."

# Vilsack stands up for **Biden methane plan**

### **By Jared Strong**

Iowa Capital Dispatch

Reducing the number of livestock will not be a priority for the Biden administration as it seeks to drastically cut methane emissions to stem climate change, according to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

Instead, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "climate smart" initiatives will focus on new types of animal feed and manure management.

"There are a multitude of ways in which we can help the livestock industry, regardless of what type of livestock we're talking about," Vilsack told Iowa Capital Dispatch on Friday. "We have to be aggressive. We can't ignore it. We can't stick our heads in the sand."

Methane is a potent greenhouse gas that, along with carbon dioxide, is believed to be a driving force of the planet's warming climate. The new Global Methane Pledge seeks to cut methane emissions by 30 percent this decade.

Cattle are the top source of methane in agriculture. One cow can belch more than 200 pounds of methane each year, according to researchers at the University of California, Davis. There were about 3.7 million cattle and calves in Iowa as



"How are you going to stop cattle from pooping? ... You can't put diapers on cattle. If they're going after animal agriculture, they're going

"With due respect to the senator, this administration is not going after animal agriculture. It's protecting animal agriculture."

# Infrastructure bill passes with one Iowa vote

### By Katie Akin

Iowa Capital Dispatch

U.S. House Democrats finally found common ground Friday ending a weeks-long fight between moderates and progressives over a \$1.75 trillion spending bill and passing a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill.

The infrastructure bill includes new funding for roads, trains, and public transit. It also allocates \$65 billion to broadband expansion, a major priority for rural Iowa.

Rep. Cindy Axne, D-3rd District, was the only one of Iowa's representatives to vote for the bill Friday night.

"This bipartisan infrastructure package, which I look forward to seeing signed into law very soon, will support thousands of Iowa jobs and fund vital investments that I've fought to see included in our agenda this year like the largest investment in rural broadband connectivity in history,' Axne said in a statement.

Sen. Chuck Grassley voted for the bill when it passed the Senate in August.

Next up for House Democrats is the passage of the \$1.75 reconciliation bill. They approved rules on Friday night that set up debate on the larger legislation, which House leaders expect to bring to the floor before Thanksgiving.

fired due to a vaccine mandate. Reps. Mariannette Miller-Meeks and Ashley Hinson are co-sponsors on the legislation

Meanwhile, the senators also joined a letter asking federal agencies to require employees return to in-person work.

#### Female senators demand support for Afghan women

All 24 female senators, led by Ernst, signed a letter Thursday asking Biden to develop a plan to "preserve the political, economic, social, and basic human rights of Afghan women and girls."

The letter points toward advancements in female opportunity while American troops were in Afghanistan, and it raises concerns that the Taliban government threatens those advancements.

'Afghan women and girls need our action now," the letter reads.

### **Delegation mourns Neal Smith, 101**

Former Iowa Rep. Neal Smith passed away Tuesday at the age of 101. Smith, a Democrat, served in Congress for 36 years, from 1959 to 1995.

Grassley Vilsack

of January.

Livestock waste also emits methane as it decomposes.

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley is a Republican from New Hartford, Iowa.

Earlier this week, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, was skeptical that agricultural methane emissions could be reduced without hurting farmers.

"How are you going to stop cattle from pooping? ... You can't put diapers on cattle," Grassley said Wednesday during a call with Iowa reporters. "If they're going after animal agriculture, they're going to look silly.'

But Vilsack, who was Iowa's governor for eight years, said specialized diets can reduce methane production in cattle stomachs. One example: Researchers at the University of New Hampshire have found that a partial seaweed diet can cut methane emissions from cows.

"With due respect to the senator, this administration is not going after animal agriculture," Vilsack said. "It's protecting animal agriculture."

He said repeatedly that the administration does not have plans to shrink

### to look silly."

livestock populations.

More than 30 countries, including the United States, launched the Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate this week, with a promise of billions of dollars to help reduce agricultural greenhouse gas emissions in the next five years.

Vilsack's comments came amid the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Glasgow, Scotland, where Vilsack said he has met with agricultural officials from other countries to discuss the initiatives.

There is a growing understanding that we do share a common challenge with reference to climate," he said. "And I think we wanted to reinforce that there may be a common vision of where all this ends up with net-zero agriculture.'

A spokesperson for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association declined to comment on the issue. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association encouraged the Biden administration in September to "maintain an open dialogue with experts in agriculture.'

#### Senators move against vaccine mandate

The other big news in D.C. this week was the long-awaited announcement of vaccine requirements for large employers. The rule, which takes effect in January, requires employees of large, private companies to either get vaccinated or to get tested weekly and wear face coverings.

Iowa Republicans immediately opposed the measure, and Gov. Kim Reynolds filed a lawsuit against it.

Grassley and Sen. Joni Ernst joined an effort to use the Congressional Review Act to override Biden's executive action. Republicans can only go so far with the measure, as Democrats control both the House and the Senate, but it could force vulnerable Democrats to vote in favor of the controversial mandate.

Republicans in the House rallied around a different bill that would exempt "essential workers" from being

Former Sen. Tom Harkin also issued a statement in memory of Smith, who he said was a mentor to him in Congress.

"Neal was the epitome of an honest, effective, hardworking and selfless public servant," Harkin said. "He got things done for Iowa and the nation that made lives better, and yet he shunned the limelight."

#### Biden explains payments to illegal immigrants

Several Iowa politicians spoke this week about a reported Biden administration plan to pay \$450,000 to immigrant families that were separated at the border under the Trump administration.

The idea was floated in negotiations between the government and the American Civil Liberties Union.

On Nov. 3, Biden said, "That's not going to happen."

White House deputy press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Biden is open to paying families who are challenging federal government separations.

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# **OPINION: Ours, yours, theirs**

### THANK YOU, CANDIDATES

# Election's over: It's time to get back to business

n our city and school elections, the voters have spoken, the winners have been congratulated, and those who got fewer votes (spare me using the word "losers") have conceded. Nobody who puts his or her name on the line is a loser. In our nation's 231-year-old democracy, those with fewer votes have always conceded, until the presidential election of 2020, but let's not go there.



Impressions

by Bill Tubbs

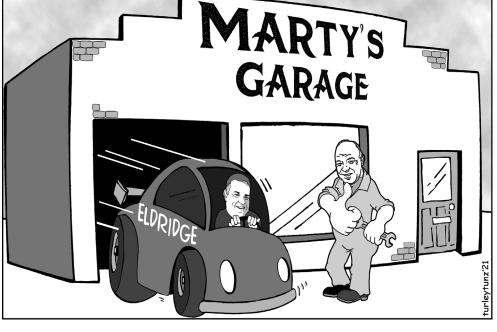
The local campaigns were positive, not negative, and now it's time to get back to business. Eldridge will go forward with a new mayor, Frank King, and we wish him well. Mayor Marty O'Boyle, who was retired and had

was retired and had time to devote to the job which pays

\$2,400 a year, leaves big shoes to fill. Mayor-Elect Frank King, who is not retired, will need to organize things differently and involve more citizens to represent Eldridge on boards and commissions, but that could be a positive. With Eldridge approaching 7,000 population (6,726 and growing), the old ways will have to give way to the new.

### New opportunities

The best way to view this is as an *opportunity* with the RIGHT city



administrator who will engage citizens, respect employees, create a sense of teamwork, delegate, and trust. Finding the right balance with the right people, it seems, will need to be Mayor-Elect King's priority. We wish him well.

As I said at the top, there are no losers, just some who got fewer votes. This year, that includes two incumbents: Mayor Marty O'Boyle and school board member Donn Wilmott, whose seat will be filled by longtime North Scott educator Frank Wood.

In my 50 years at *The NSP*, Marty is the first, and only, individual who served three four-year terms as mayor. This may have continued were it not for the controversy with administrator Lisa Kotter, for which he and others share the responsibility for having hired her. The mayor – the man (in this case) at the top – is the easiest to blame.

### Time for change

But there may have been a sense, regardless, that it was time for a change, and that should not take a thing away from the passion with which Marty has served these past 12 years. He has shepherded Eldridge through enormous change for the good, which he enumerated in a full-page ad in the Oct. 20 *NSP*.

In the end, that wasn't enough. I, for one, hope this won't be the end of public service for Marty, whose positive vision and depth of knowledge, leaders of the future would be wise to put to use. For now, let's take a rest and say *Thank You!* 

Donn Wilmott, like Marty, was instrumental in bringing the YMCA, which is now going up before our eyes every time we drive on East LeClaire Road, to reality. Donn used his membership on the school board and his connections with the YMCA to bring them together with the city – which is the only way this project was possible.

Sometime in 2022 there will be a dedication of this new crown jewel of North Scott, and if there is justice, the names of Marty and Donn should be on the plaque along with the names of those serving at the time of dedication. I'm not sure how this will work, but that's my opinion, for what it's worth.

Thank you to all who ran, who voted, and to the poll workers and election officials.

### IOWA STATE

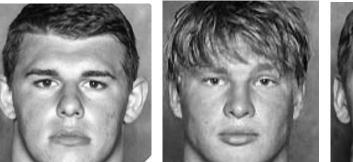
# 5-star culture with ex-Lancers sends Longhorns packing

Texas fans, close your ears and cover your eyes; you're not going to like this. My Iowa State Cyclones beat your Longhorns for the third year in a row Saturday night, and it wasn't close, a 30-7 win at a sold-out Jack Trice Stadium in Ames, Iowa, where 61,500 soaked up the electrifying atmosphere.

I was there, and I even flashed the forbidden "Horns Down" sign in a picture with friends from Ankeny Rotary. "Horns Down," for those who didn't know, is the pinkie and index finger pointed down, not up. The gesture was deemed so provocative by Longhorns' bigwigs that they prevailed on the Big 12 for refs to call a personal foul if flashed by players and coaches. Just like Texas bigwigs have thrown

their weight around on other occasions: In 2011, when their Longhorn TV

**In 2011,** when their Longhorn TV Network frightened Texas A&M to bolt from the Big 12 to the SEC, followed by departures of Missouri to the SEC, Colorado to the PAC, and Nebraska to the Big 10. **In 2021,** Texas bigwigs, drawn by the lure of even greater financial riches, threw their weight around again and dragged Oklahoma with them to the SEC by 2025 or sooner. A \$200.7-million athletic budget (compared with ISU's \$87.7 million) and \$40-million TV payout wasn't enough. They wanted more; the rest of the league fend for themselves.



**Jared Rus** 

Zach Petersen



**Joey Petersen** 



Eldridge, wasn't highly recruited at all. He walked on without a scholarship and worked his way into the starting lineup as a blocking fullback/tight end.

When All-American Breece Hall ran 75 yards for a touchdown on the first play against Kansas State, it was Jared Rus who laid the block that set him free. Ditto for other big runs by the Heisman Trophy candidate, but in the West Virginia game, which Iowa State lost, Rus went down with injury early and didn't return. His presence was missed.

Rus doesn't get a lot of ink, but the former Lancer running back is the glue that holds the Iowa State offense together.

He was back against Texas with his leg bandaged and caught a pass for eight yards when the Cyclones had to start a drive on their 1-yard line. Fun to watch these Lancers-turned-Cyclones in action!

Then there's Zach's brother, Joey

### It's not just about you

Understand this, Texas fans, our "horns down" wasn't directed at you personally, or the Texas players or coaches. It was our sign of frustration over the arrogance of your leaders who sought filthy lucre without regard for your worthy opponents.

An athletic conference should be organized for the mutual benefit of its members, but you didn't care about Kansas, or Oklahoma State, or Iowa State, or any of the rest, did you, Texas? THAT'S why the chant "S-E-C" swelled at Jack Trice as the Cyclones pulled

"Horns down" for Texas, not because of the players or coaches, but the arrogance of wanting everything their way, in all things, at all times. NSP Photo

away in the second half Saturday.

In a way, I feel sorry for you, Texas. Your coach, Tom Herman, a decent man who once was an assistant at Iowa State, had success everywhere he went, and he brought prestige and victories to you, too. His teams from 2017-20 won 32 games and lost just 18 (7-6, 10-4, 8-5, 7-3).

He was 4-0 in bowl games, but that wasn't enough. Now he's gone, and your new guy, Steve Sarkisian, has lost four in a row and is 4-5. And he's doing it with a roster of 5-star recruits.

#### 5-Star Culture

At Iowa State, we have 5-star culture with 2-star, 3-star, 4-star and no-star recruits. Three on our current roster are from right here at North Scott.

I couldn't be prouder of the way **Zach Petersen (55),** from Long Grove, is representing North Scott and Iowa State. He's a senior defensive lineman whose name was called plenty for big plays against Texas.

Zach was a 3-star recruit, but his teammate, **Jared Rus (43)**, from rural

**Peterson (52),** a first-year freshman defensive end who plays on kick teams. John Walters, Voice of the Cyclones, told me at halftime that coaches are pretty high on him, too.

#### **Esteemed in academia**

In 2007, I attended a game at Darrell Royal Stadium in Austin, Texas, home of the Longhorns. They lost that day to the formerly lowly Kansas State Wildcats, which was sweet, but the experience has stayed with me. As they are in many places, the fans are rabid, but the university itself is highly esteemed in academia.

Longhorns' teams consistently compete for championships with outstanding young men and women. My beef with Texas is they want everything their way, in all things, at all times, and if that doesn't happen, they'll pack their bags for greener pastures.

Have fun in the SEC, Longhorns! Don't let the door hit you on the way out!

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# OPINION

## **SPORTS** There were no losers in Lancer Nation this fall

S ports seasons come and go. Like an endless cycle, one year always leads to another. The cast of characters changes, but state championships are the ultimate dream of every high school athlete.

North Scott is no different, and while there will be no new state



championship banners to hang, the recently completed fall sports season was nothing but a smashing success. Yes, the past

Campbell's Scoup by Scott Campbell two weeks have been bittersweet for Lancer Nation. North Scott's football team cruised through

just the third perfect regular season in school history, and with a No. 1 ranking in hand, embarked on what appeared to be a preferred path to another state title.

The 14-10, last-minute, first-round defeat at the hands of Decorah was stunning, and something very few people saw coming. For the Lancers, it was a costly lesson in humility, and how you can never take a game, or an opponent, for granted.

#### Volleyball

The fate of North Scott's volleyball team was a bit different. The Lancers entered the Class 4A state tournament with just four regular season losses, and a No. 2 state ranking.

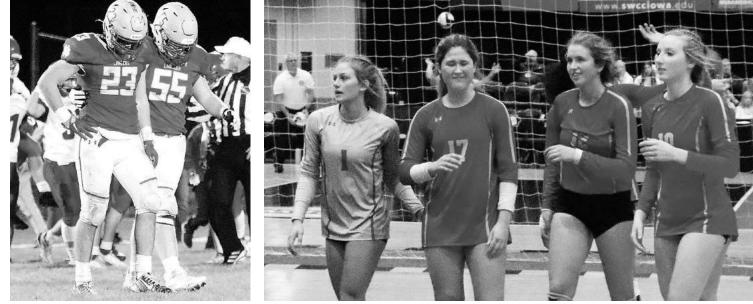
They advanced to the state semifinals for the first time since 1986, and lost en epic, four-set battle to a very good Waverly-Shell Rock team. Coach Taryn VanEarwage's girls didn't overlook the Go-Hawks. It was just a case of a few hits going astray.

There's no doubt that this Lancer team was special, and for us old-timers, it brought back memories of the Glory Years of 1984-86, when the Lancers advanced to the state finals all three years, and the "Dream Team" captured the school's first and only state volleyball championship in '85.

The similarities were eerie. Both teams had fun-loving and contagious personalities. Both teams featured bigtime players, but also a supporting cast that meshed perfectly on and off the court.

The end came a game too soon in Cedar Rapids last Wednesday, and like the football team, a little short of what some would consider that seasondefining dream.

#### **Defining success**



Lancer football players Ryan Campbell and Adam Allen, and volleyball players Carly Bredar, Lexi Richards, Ella McLaughlin and Lauren Golinghorst leave the field and court after their last games.

big family, and the bonds we've made are second to none," said senior Payton Kruse. "We're one big family, and it's amazing being a Lancer."

"For a lot of us, this is the last time we'll be gearing up, and it just sucks," said senior Ryan Campbell. "But, I'll remember how fun this season was, every day at practice, just going with my buddies."

For seniors Jakob Nelson and Carter Lafrenz, there are a lot of good things to remember.

"I'll never forget the memories I've made, and all these guys I've grown up with," said Nelson. "I'll never forget all the good times we've experienced together."

"This loss is very tough to take," added Lafrenz, "but this season is something I'll never forget. I'll never forget the Lancer program, and everything it stood for."

#### **Community service**

It had to be a tough night for the Lancers, but their Saturday morning actions spoke even louder than their Friday night words. At 7:50 a.m. they were gathering at Traditions in Eldridge to help set up for the Ohl Strong Pancreatic Cancer fundraiser, which is held annually in the name of junior Tom Ohl's late father, Brent.

"The morning after that devastating loss, they rolled into the parking lot led by Coach Kevin Tippet," said Peggy Ohl, Tom's mom. "It was quite incredible seeing truck and car after car pulling in. They got out and set up all the tables and chairs for our event, and it was pretty amazing." just so proud I got to meet all of these amazing people, and they will always hold a peace of my heart."

Many of the girls have been playing volleyball together for a long time, and walking off the court truly marked the end of an era.

"Dang, I've been playing with some of these girls ever since I first touched a volleyball," said senior Lexi Richards, "and it's crazy to see how they've grown, especially all my senior buddies. I'm so glad I got the opportunity to grow up to be a Lancer volleyball player.

"I've made so many memories with these girls, and I know I will always have them around me. I'm going to be there for them, and they'll be there for me. I love them."

#### **Cross country**

To be clear, the football and volleyball teams don't have a corner on the market when it comes to understanding what's important.

One of my favorite interviewees this fall has been senior cross country runner Luke Crawford, who along with

### second impressions Five volleyball teams on our radar

The state volleyball tournament provided a nice diversion last week, with games livestreamed on the IGHSAU website. We had five junior Bailey Boddicker and senior Faith Nead, finished their seasons at the state meet in Fort Dodge.

Talk about a thought-provoking, considerate, polite and generous young man. While he was the team's unquestioned leader, it was the team's accomplishments that outweighed everything else.

"I would just like to praise this team," he said. "Everyone has worked so hard this year, while still having fun. We have great coaches that work hard not only to help us with cross country, but also with our lives. I have never experienced such a great culture."

Props to coach Amy Knoche, as well as Tippet and VanEarwage. They are obviously doing things the right way, and we have them to thank for teaching our young men and women what's important in the game of life.

There were no losers in Lancer Nation this fall, and we should all take heart in that.

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population of Latino and Asian families employed at the West Liberty Foods turkey processing plant. The district also includes Atalissa (pop.

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However, success isn't defined by trophies in a case, banners hanging from a rafter, or the number of checkmarks in the win column. No, in the end, and more importantly, the game of life, there are even higher stakes on the table.

To prove that point, look no further than the aftermath of the seasonending losses suffered by North Scott athletes.

Trust me. They get it.

There's no way to sugarcoat how disappointed and shocked the football Lancers were after that unexpected first-round loss two weeks ago. The tears were real. The dazed looks on their faces unforgettable. No one wanted to leave Lancer Stadium for the final time.

I gave them time to process, let the loss soak in, and share heartfelt tears and hugs. The postgame interviews were tough, but only because the players were so emotional. Feelings were raw, but the messages delivered were salve to the wound.

"I'll always remember that we're a

and it has proved annound.

Yes, there are more important things than winning football games.

The end of the volleyball team's road came in the form of a thrilling 32-30 fourth-set loss at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse, and in a game that the Lancers had countless chances to win.

Again, the disappointment was real, and the loss stung, but the Lancer girls were also able to put things into proper perspective.

"There is no doubt that I will remember every person on this team," said senior Alyssa Atzen, "from the players, to coaches, to managers, every single one had an amazing impact on my senior season.

"I have made the strongest friendships on this team, and being able to be a part of this community is an amazing opportunity that I would not have traded for the world. I love North Scott Volleyball so much."

"I love all of these girls," said senior Ella McLaughlin. "North Scott volleyball has given me so much, and I'm so happy to have been a part of this program for the past four years. I'm local teams of interest, not the least of which were our own North Scott Lancers

which were our own **North Scott Lancers** in Class 4A who qualified for the semifinals before losing a tough match to Waverly-Shell Rock. (Thank you to editor Scott Campbell and the sponsors on the tournaament sports pages who make the bonus coverage possible!)

In Class 5A, congratulations to our neighbors, the **Pleasant Valley Spartans**, who defeated Ankeny Centennial, Ankeny and Cedar Falls to bring a state championship home to the MAC. I love it when the locals beat teams from the Central Iowa Metro conference!

In Class 3A, the **West Liberty Comets** gave our staff at the *West Liberty Index* something to write about when they knocked off Mount Vernon and the top-seeded **Davenport Assumption Knights** to advance to Thursday's championship game. The demographics of West Liberty and Assumption are so vastly different, it's hard to imagine them both in Class 3A. Assumption draws students from a metro area of 350,000, while West Liberty (pop. 3,738) is a farming community with a majority-minority 306) and Nichols (pop. 362).

Since 2018, our company has been publisher of *The Index*, so we have a special interest. With no disrespect for the Assumption players and coaches, the Comets' upset was spectacular – a huge event for this small community, and material for a special section of the newspaper.

We admire and respect the work ethic of the immigrant families. West Liberty is a better town because of them. Earlier this year, with a grant from the Iowa Newspaper Foundation, we began a series of features, in English and Spanish, by Mark Plum, a teacher, educating about Latina culture and customs.

The fifth team we followed was the **Wilton Beavers**, in Class 2A. They were the No. 2 seed with a record of 36-2, including wins over West Liberty, but bowed out in the first round to Osage. The *Wilton-Durant Advocate News*, which we have owned since 1980, is publishing special pages to celebrate that team's success.

– Bill Tubbs

# **OPINION**

### **1981: Cox Cable Quint Cities asks Eldridge for rate increase to \$8**<sup>95</sup>

#### Nov. 10, 1971

North Scott musicians selected to the Iowa All-State concert were Cindy Carney, Mark Acord, Dave Kuberski, Rahn Randolph, Greg Heiler and Sue Baker.
Birch Holden was chosen to represent Eldridge on the Scott County Landfill Committee, with Bob Blanche as the alternate.



Our Past

From the files of The North Scott Press compiled by Erin Gentz voters cast ballots. Incumbent Marvin Hinkle and newcomers Joe VanDeWiele and Frank Pancratz were elected to the city council. • State Fair Dairy showmanship awards

Incumbent Eldridge

mayor Leo Tombergs

won reelection by

just four votes, in the

heaviest voter turn-

out on record - 533

*Linit Geniz* were presented to Scott County 4-H'ers Karen Lage, Linda Newell, Pam Paper, Loren Paper, Bill Petersen and Dan Doerscher.

#### Nov. 12, 1981

· Cox Cable Quint Cities asked the city council for a rate increase in Eldridge cable TV service. The proposed rate was \$8.95, \$1 more than the current rate. The company said the increase was justified due to rising costs, such as gas and vehicle maintenance, copyright fees and electricity. The council tabled the request, and turned the matter over to the town Cable TV Commission, who would study it and make a recommendation. Council member Paul Meredith said it seemed in "poor taste" for the company to raise rates right after it hooked up the system. • District officials sought to dispel rumors that North Scott was planning to leave the Mississippi Eight Conference. Superintendent Robert "Bear" Stevens confirmed that officials attended an informational meeting for a new conference, but added, "We have not been invited to join another conference, and right now we're just looking at the situation. No commitments have been made." · A new digital organ was installed at

• A new digital organ was installed at Calvary United Methodist Church in Walcott. It was dedicated with a ham dinner and organ recital performed by Steve Seely of Griggs Music.

• North Scott student athletes voted most valuable player by their teammates for fall sports were Kim Schneckloth (girls' distance running), Mike Campana (boys' cross country), Alice Darland (volleyball), and Mike Campana (football).

• Lancer Productions presented "Flowers for Algernon" as the fall play. Cast members included Al Knapper, Rod Moon, Tammy Kreiter, Steve Sissel, Don Boeding, Kevin Waetke, Tracy Konrad, and Lana Weis.

the addition had been developed, with 23 lots in Phase I.

• North Scott senior Cody DeCock was the first winner of the Mark Andresen Memorial Golf Scholarship. The scholarship, established by Andresen's mother, Judy Kleppe, would award \$200 to an outstanding senior on the boys' golf team. Mark Andresen, a 1994 graduate of North Scott, died in June of 1996 after a 13-month battle with cancer.

#### Nov. 15, 2006

• Hailee Gehrls was chosen for the All-State Choir. Melanie Drenter and Greg Daniels were named as second alternates for the All-State Band.

• John Glenn Elementary School was nominated for the No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Program by the U.S. Department of Education after the school's sixth-grade class ranked in the top 10 statewide on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills' reading and math assessments.

• Chris Gallin, Roxanna Moritz and Larry Minard won election to the Scott County Board of Supervisors. Bruce Braley defeated Mike Whalen in the race for U.S. House of Representatives. Incumbent Jim Van Fossen lost to Elesha Gayman for Iowa House District 84.

· Austin LaCarte and Shawn Gerard were named first-team all-MAC for both offense and defense in football. Other first-team selections were Clay Baker, Dan Biddick, Boyd Higgins and Chris Carter. Second-team choices were Brodie Ambrose, Mike Paulus, and A.J. Wilcox. Third-team mem-bers were Aric Bellendier, Dan Roling, Chris Henningsen and Andrew Hartvigsen. Kyle Loussaert, Kyle Eckerman, Ryan Boll and Tanner Shaw were named honorable mention. Dave Jacobsen was MAC Coach of the Year. Melvin and Ima Riessen of Stockton were celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1941 and still resided on the family farm that Mr. Riessen's great-grandfather bought in 1864.

#### Nov. 9, 2016

• The Scott County Board of Supervisors was set to vote on a proposal by Paul and Marijo Anderson to rezone 350 acres near Princeton for commercial use. The Andersons were hoping to attract a corporate campus or largelot housing to the area.

• A \$402,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation helped clear most of the trees and vegetation from the Highway 61 interchange at Blackhawk Trail. DOT engineer Mark Brandl said the roadside vegetation would be replaced with a blend of trees, bushes and evergreens that

### HISTORY

### The reason for Veterans Day

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row by row That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below. -In Flanders Fields, John McCrae

You may have had to recite Dr. McCrae's famous poem from World War I in school. First published anonymously in 1915, it remains to this day the single most recognizable vestige of the "Great War,"



the debacle is remembered as the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. It is the reason

there is a Veterans Day here in the United States.

It was the reason another, even more ghastly slaughter engulfed Europe in 1939, World War II. The battlefields of World War I turned into stalemated

trench warfare and no-man's landscapes of total desolation. When his timeless poem was published, the Canadian field surgeon was a victim of the war himself, dying of pneumonia.

Guest opinion

by Lowell

Carlson

Maynard Dunham, Sabula, Iowa's last World War I Marine, was 100 when I sat on the end of his hospital bed in Clinton and listened. He was a young Marine again, remembering the unforgettable, the sound of the German Maxim machine guns,

trees cut to splinters, a leafless forest of trunks in the Battle of Belleau Woods in France.

In those three weeks of near constant combat, 5,000 Americans died. The Jackson County combat veteran marveled at how he came back from the line alive. In the letters he wrote home to his parents, Dunham was careful to convey what was likely to pass the censors and not the stark reality of total war, including mustard gas. They were the first Americans, part of the AEF, American Expeditionary Force, to fight in Europe in a foreign country on behalf of another government.

When the long rumored armistice finally came, it was ushered into being by the most intense artillery barrages of the war. In those final minutes before 5:45 a.m. Nov. 11, 1918, and the war officially over deaths on the field of battle were especially tragic. The peace that followed was accompanied by near starvation, revolution, the collapse of fledgling democracies and the rise of totalitarianism in Europe. unofficial custodians of the ritual.

That war is local became all too true, locally. Iowa's Republican governor, William Harding, no relation of President Warren G. Harding, but equally inept, struck out at Iowans of German descent with the "Babel Proclamation" on May 23, 1918. It banned all languages but English in public, in churches, schools, even telephone conversations.

In 1918, the largest single segment of Iowa's population were citizens of German descent. It was estimated that fully half of Iowa's farmers came from a German background.

In Andrew, Lutheran church services using any German language materials ended, they had been a last, cherished reminder of immigrant ties, and now they were tainted somehow with treachery. Library collections were scoured for German language volumes.

The U-boat attack on the Lusitania and the loss of civilian lives only made it worse. Anti-German sentiment ran deep, so much so that when farm families of German background didn't seem patriotic enough, if their sons were not among the first to enlist, they might wake to find yellow paint



splashed on their barn, the side visible from the road.

In Clinton County, Berlin Township became Grant Township. The German measles were renamed Liberty measles and sauerkraut became Liberty cabbage.

Gov. Harding's 1918 proclamation caused more harm than good. It drove people from public interaction. It also exposed Harding to unwanted scrutiny. Like Warren G. Harding's dubious distinction as a contender for worst president ever. Gov. Harding is regarded now as among the worst to preside in Iowa. He pardoned a rapist, and he left office under a cloud when it was disclosed money had been exchanged in connection with the pardon. And Harding had been swept into office carrying 98 of Iowa's 99 counties. What had begun with patriotic parades, long lines of young men waiting to enlist, strong bond sales would devolve into suspicion of immigrants, mass deportations, permanent estrangement of neighbors and something else, a movement to withdraw from the world even as we were becoming a major player in the world. It was President Dwight Eisenhower, and his proclamation dated 1954, that changed this November observance into Veterans Day. The name Armistice died a slow death. I can remember calling the observance by its former name. Veterans from the Great War, the war to end all wars, have long since disappeared, but the legacy of their sacrifice in France endures to this day.

#### Nov. 13, 1996

• The North Scott School Board approved an \$8.9 million list of projects and directed architect Jerry Miller to develop spec drawings in anticipation of a May bond referendum. Projects included science additions to the high school and junior high, new classrooms at all elementary schools, a new gym at the junior high, a new high school kitchen, a music addition at the high school, and district-wide parking lot improvements.

One hundred twenty-two hunters received special licenses to participate in the special deer hunt at Scott County Park. Each hunter needed to pass a shooting proficiency test and attend a safety seminar in order to get a license.
Kent and Cari Pennel became the new owners of the Eldridge Body Shop after purchasing the business from Don and Shar Straka.

• Representatives from Mel Foster Co. and the Dexter family held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the Dexter Acres housing addition near Park View. So far, 14 acres of the total 105 in would require less maintenance.

• Eldridge mail carrier Michele Olson planned to retire after 27 years on the job. Her grandfather, Harry Cronkleton, was a rural mail carrier in Donahue from 1921-1956, and her parents, Howard and Mary Theresa Cronkleton, also worked for the U.S. Postal Service.

• Hannah Moeller was a second-team all-MAC selection for volleyball. Casey Lewis and Alexis Hayes were honorable mention.

• Officials from North Scott High School, including tennis coach Heidi Wilmott, were honored by the United States Tennis Association for their work coordinating a Special Olympics event. The Iowa All Stars competition was named the USTA's "Event of the Year."

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#### **Historic moments**

Some few of us could remember where we were when news of the attack on Pearl Harbor came over the radio. More can remember where they were when Walter Cronkite announced President Kennedy had been shot and killed in Dallas. Most can remember watching the twin World Trade Towers disappear in a cloud of dense gray dust.

In the years following World War I, everyone felt the weight of obligation to observe the ending of the war that changed virtually everyone's life. Armistice Day quickly became the holiest of civic observances. The fledgling American Legion, formed in 1919 by AEF officers while still in France, became the observance's

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# **OPINION**

### PHONY FEARS

## High turnout does not mean there's no voter suppression

owans turned out in better-than-usual numbers for last week's city and school board elections. It's always encouraging to see improvements in voter participation.

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate,



**Iowa Capital** Dispatch by Kathie **Obradovich** 

a Republican, attributed the higher turnout to increased voter engagement in local issues. "People are much

more engaged, and I don't know if that's just COVID or if it's social media bringing more of a focus (on local elections), but people are definitely getting more in the weeds and wanting their voice heard on

local issues, and I think that's great," Pate told Radio Iowa.

His view was well-supported, especially in urban areas, by increased attention and media focus on controversial campaign issues related to school face-mask rules and the teaching of subjects involving race.

### **Politicians claim credit**

The Republican Party of Iowa, however, attributed higher-than-usual turnout to the restrictive new laws on voting that they marched through the Legislature this year. The party wrote in a news release:

"Earlier this year, Iowa Republicans passed election integrity legislation that improved the state's election systems. Instantly, Iowa Democrats and their allies began their misinformation campaign - that Iowa elections would now be more difficult to vote in and votes would be suppressed. Once again, their political spin and fear mongering never came to fruition. In reality, Iowans were more confident in our elections and went to the polls in large numbers to elect local leaders that will defend their freedoms, shattering statewide turnout.<sup>2</sup>

Republican lawmakers made a similar argument when voters turned out in record numbers for the 2020 general election after the GOP passed a raft of voting restrictions. Among them was a reduction in the time to cast an absentee ballot from 40 days to 29.

Sen. Roby Smith, R-Davenport, argued the record turnout justified further reducing the absentee voting window to 18 days. "I sat in this chamber when I heard (that) going from 40 to 29 days, a step of 11 days, would cause less voting," Smith said. "You know what? We get record turnout ... as Senate Republicans pass laws in this chamber, election laws." As I wrote at the time, that record turnout was mostly attributable to the incendiary level of interest in the presidential race and several close congressional contests.

Phony fears about fraud can never justify creating new barriers to vote for hundreds of lowans or disgualifying even one otherwise valid vote.

Since voter fraud isn't a factor in Iowa, the only reason to limit absentee voting is to curtail a form of participation preferred by Democrats. There's no reason to believe Republicans won't keep chopping away at opportunities to vote by mail.

Last week's election turnout was significantly higher than in 2019, with just over 425,000 ballots cast compared to 358,000 two years ago. But it was still only 19 percent of Iowa's 2.2 million registered voters. That's not something to celebrate. It's certainly not reason to further curtail Iowans' voting opportunities.

Even if turnout had been 50 percent, however, that wouldn't prove there was no voter suppression. Increased interest in an election by people who don't normally vote in off years does not mean more restrictive laws didn't discourage or stymie some people who wanted to vote but couldn't. You can have record turnout and still disenfranchise people who needed more time to vote by mail because of illness, mobility issues, lack of transportation or having to work after 8 p.m. on Election Day.

#### 423 ballots denied

County auditors who oversee elections in Iowa's two largest counties, Polk and Linn, told Iowa Capital Dispatch reporter Katie Akin that they had to turn down a total of 423 people who asked to be mailed an absentee ballot in the five days between the old deadline for ballot requests and the new, shorter deadline of 10 days before the election. Most of those voters probably received a ballot another way or voted in person. But probably not all of them.

Auditors said they only received a few mailed ballots that didn't count after the 8 p.m. deadline on Election Day. But there were nine otherwise valid ballots in Polk and Linn counties alone that auditors said didn't count because of the new deadlines.

The county auditor in Marshall County, a Republican, told Iowa Capital Dispatch her office struggled with the shorter window to mail absentee ballots to voters. Another Republican auditor, in Sioux County, said the new law did "not necessarily" improve Iowa's election process. That's an understatement. Phony fears about fraud can never justify creating new barriers to vote for hundreds of Iowans or disqualifying even one otherwise valid vote. That's voter suppression.

# **NORTH SCOTT** Preparing for winter weather

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

Every weather event presents a new and different challenge regarding whether to delay or cancel classes. Please know that our number one



that in mind. Here is the process we use for making a weather call. I begin to watch the weather

forecasts on a regular basis. When a storm is developing, I will use the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Joe Stutting is superintendent of the North Scott School District. He can contacted at (563) 212-2324 (C), (563) 285-9081 (O), or joe.stutting@north-scott.k12. ia.us

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR 'Our democracy is on the ropes'

### Editor:

This letter summarizes an essay by Heather Cox Richardson, "Our democracy is on the ropes."

Emerging details about how hard John Eastman pushed to steal the 2020 election, along with the chronology of the events on the Jan. 6 insurrection, show that we came perilously close to a successful coup d'état.

Eighty-two percent of people who watch the Fox News Channel believe the Big Lie that President Joe Biden did not win the 2020 election; 30 percent of Republicans think violence might be warranted is undermining the perception of the U.S. as a highly predictable and stable environment. For example, Texas's voter suppression measures will cost the state \$14.7 billion in the annual gross product by 2025 and \$1.5 trillion over the next 25 years. In addition, Texas would lose 73,249 jobs by 2025 as businesses and investors flee the state, and voter suppression correlates to declining wages.

One of the biggest myths of authoritarianism is that it is "good for business"; Russian President Putin has jailed over 100,000 business people on trumped-up charges. Thus, anyone with a profitable enterprise becomes a target, regardless of their political sentiments. Republicans have vowed they will not vote to raise the debt ceiling even though a default would send shock-waves worldwide and would likely remove the U.S. permanently from its influential position among other nations.

### priority is the safety of our students, teachers, and staff. Any decision we make is done with

Focus on Education by Joe Stutting

#### **Deliberately faulty logic**

The deliberately faulty logic here should worry Iowa voters. If voter turnout was better than usual with only 18 days to cast absentee ballots, wouldn't limiting early voting to 11 days generate even bigger turnout? Of course not.

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### 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.

to reclaim America.

Efforts to undermine the integrity of U.S. elections carry a high cost for businesses and could weaken investment in the country. It has been the stability of our nation that has attracted investment. That investment, in turn, has built our economy.

What we are seeing in voter suppression acts and political gerrymandering

### **READERS' POLL:**

### Veterans Dav

With 68 votes counted, here is what readers said when asked if our country's emphasis on Veterans Day too much, too little, or about right:

**TOO LITTLE:** 65 Percent TOO MUCH: 1 Percent

### **ABOUT RIGHT: 34 Percent**

### **New Ouestion: Aaron Rodgers**

Did your respect for Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers increase, decrease or stay the same as a result of his statements about his Covid immunization?

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

Jim Turley 410 W. Davenport St., Eldridge

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### Eldridge City Council

The City of Eldridge, Iowa met in open session at the Eldridge Community Center at 7:00 p.m., November 1, 2021. Roll call vote showed Mayor Martin O'Boyle, council members Bruce Cheek, Frank King, Brian Dock-ery, and Adrian Blackwell with Bernie Peeters absent. Also, present were Mark Ridolfi, Salvador Castaneda, Greg Schaapveld, Tracy Harris, Adrianna Blackwell, David Sonntris, Dale Grunwald, Joe Sisler, Tony Rupe

and Denise Benson. Agenda – Motion by Dockery to approve the agenda, second by Blackwell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote. Public Comment –

Mayor's Agenda A. Consideration to approve the minutes of October 18, 2021. Motion by Blackwell to approve the minutes, second by King. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

B. Consideration to approve bills payable in the amount of \$223,951.22. Motion by Blackwell, second by King. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote. Old Business –

A. Consideration of the third reading of Ordinance A. Consideration of the third reading of Ordinance 2021-09 rezoning the Arp Kraft Farm from SA to I-1. Motion by Cheek to approve the third reading, sec-ond by Blackwell. For the record Dockery said he is not opposed to the rezoning for the first two readings but does not support the third since he does not know what is going in there. Roll Call vote showed Cheek, King and Blackwell voting aye, Dockery nay. Motion carried.

King and Blackwell voting aye, Dockery nay. Motion carried. New Business-A. Consideration of the First reading of Ordinance 2021-10 Rezoning of 219 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Motion by Black-well to approve the first reading, second by King. Roll call vote showed Dockery, Cheek, Blackwell and King voting aye, no nays. Motion carried. B. Consideration of Accepting Proposal for Townsend Farms Rec Trail Survey and Design. Motion by Blackwell to approve the proposal not to exceed \$35,000, second by Cheek. Motion approved unani-mously by voice vote. C. Consideration of Approving Resolution 2021-39 Urban Renewal Report 2020-2021. Motion by Blackwell to approve the resolution, second by King. Roll call vote showed Cheek, Blackwell, King and Dockery vot-ing aye, no nays. Motion carried. D. Consideration of Approving a Pricing Exercise with Shive-Hattery for Fellners Addition Street Up-grades Estimated Not to Exceed \$3,000. Motion by Blackwell to approve dunanimously by voice vote. Activity Reports – City Clerk – working on some more reports due to

Activity Reports – City Clerk – working on some more reports due to the State by December 1, auditors to start sometime

the State by December 1, auditors to start sometime in November. Chief of Police – On November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am they will be a swearing in a honorary police officer Hudson. Hudson McKearney has been battling cancer and his dream is becoming a Police Officer when he grows up. Assistant City Administrator - working on reports and working with developers on different projects. Motion by Dockery to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., second by King. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

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amendment is properly attested and is on file with the City Clerk of the City of Eldridge, Iowa. Section two. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, and parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. Section three. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as pro-vided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF NOVEM-BER, 2021. Martin P. O'Boyle, Mayor

ATTEST

### Denise M. Benson, City Clerk

### **Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board**

November 2, 2021 The regular meeting of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board was called to order at 5:00 P.M. on November 2, 2021, at Eldridge Community Center. Board members present were Brock Kroeger, Mike Anderson, Barb O'Brien, Jim Skadal, and Jim Roseman. Also present were Jacob Rowe, Tony Rupe and Jody Coffman. Visitor Marty O'Boyle. Public Comment- None Motion by Anderson, second by Skadal to approve the agenda. All ayes.

hotorin by Anderson, second by Skadar to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion by O'Brien second by Roseman, to approve the minutes from October 19, 2021. All ayes. FINANCIAL – Motion by Kroeger to approve bills payable in the amount of \$57,916.95, second by Rose-

man. All ayes. ELECTRIC – Rowe went through the Cost of Power Analysis and the Electric Income statement with the

Board. Electric department update- Rowe and his crew are working on cutouts and arresstors in the Townsend Addition.

WATER -Water test samples were taken on Octoupdate-Fall hydrant flushing is continuing. ADMINISTRATIVE -No business Motion by Skadal to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 P.M., second by Anderson. All ayes. Respectfully submitted,

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Walcott City Council Monday, November 1, 2021 The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of No-vember, 2021, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kos-tichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Everett Bieri, Kirk Koberg, Lisa Men-gler, Jacob Puck, and Larry Smith. City staff present: Jeff Blake and Lisa Rickertsen. Approval of Agenda. Mengler moved and Puck sec-onded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

onded to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Introduction of Audience/Public Comments. No public comments at this time.

public comments at this time. Consent Agenda. Rickertsen reported details of the Resolutions. Puck moved and Mengler seconded to ap-prove the consent agenda including the invoices, min-utes from October 18, 2021, Resolution 2021-40 - Trans-fer of Funds, Resolution 2021-41 - Obligating TIF Funds from the Consolidated Walcott Urban Renewal, and Resolution 2021-42 - Designating Financial Institutions and Depositories. Roll call aye: Puck, Mengler, Smith, Bieri, and Koberg. Motion carried. Request for One-Way Alley Traffic in 200 Block Be-tween N. Parker & N. Main Streets. A written request, signed by six residents in the 200 block between N. Parker & N. Main Streets, proposed that the alley be one-way northbound Property owners in this block

one-way, northbound. Property owners in this block had the following comments: Karolyn Williams submitted a letter in support of a one-way alley; Kylie Moore reported on vehicles speeding through the alley and expressed safety concerns; Brent & Nancy Arp men-tioned concerns of their business parking located off this alley and are not in favor of restricting it to a oneway; and Kendall Mattson was not in favor of restrict-ing the alley to a one-way. Following further discussion, Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to deny the request to designate as a one-way and to have Chief Blake contact drivers observed to be speeding. Motion carried. Council thanked the citizens for attending and reminds all residents that the speed limit in alleys is 15 MPH. Hearts & Hands Foundation - Wescott Park Concession Stand Improvements, Austin Burt presented proposed renovations to the Wescott Park concession stand and restrooms. He reported that the Hearts & Hands Foundation has applied for a grant to assist with the improvements and they have support/funding from other local organizations. All renovations to city-owned buildings require approval from the City Council. The Park Board will discuss future Wescott Park restroom fixture upgrades, to be paid by the City, at their next meeting. Following further discussion, Puck moved and Smith seconded to allow the Hearts & Hands Foundations to proceed with the proposed building related plans at the Wescott Park concession stand and restroom and to obtain any required per-mits. Motion carried. Parking Concerns – 200 Block of S. Grove Street. Mengler again expressed safety concerns with re-stricted visibility and street narrowness due to parking on the west side of S. Grove Street, near the E. Bryant Street intersection. Joe Hahn stated that several years ago, prior to the Grove Street paving project, the west side of that block had signage prohibiting parking but the signs were not reinstalled following the project. Rickertsen will check with Attorney Schirman to see if an ordinance is required to institute a no parking zone or if this area falls under City Code section 62.06(13) Hazardous Locations. Mengler moved and Bieri sec-onded to proceed with establishing a no parking zone on the west side of the 200 block of S. Grove Street, between Bryant and Durant Streets. Motion carried. Resolution 2021-43, Approving Agreement with Scott County Emergency Management Agency (SCE-MA) Regarding the Deployment of Unmanned Aircraft System(s). This allows the Fire & Police Departments to contact SCEMA to request drones during specific emergencies. Smith moved and Mengler seconded to Rickertsen will check with Attorney Schirman to see if

to contact SCEMA to request drones during specific emergencies. Smith moved and Mengler seconded to approve Resolution 2021-43. Roll call ayes: Smith, Men-gler, Puck, Bieri, and Koberg. Motion carried. Fire Department Report. Interim Fire Chief Korry Kraft reported the department has banners, advertis-ing recruitment, and requested permission to place them on City property. Following discussion, Smith moved and Koberg seconded to allow the Fire Depart-ment, as a department of the City, to place the signs on City property but not in City right-of-way. Motion carried. City Clerk's Report. Rickertsen reported the health

City Clerk's Report. Rickertsen reported the health insurance premium for 2022 will increase by 3.05% and the dental insurance rates will remain the same. Puck moved and Koberg seconded to approve the 2022 em-ployee health and dental insurance renewal with Well-mark. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Kostichek thanked the citi-zens in attendance, as well as the Hearts and Hands Foundation and Fire Department volunteers. Council Member Comments. Council members ex-pressed concerns with the Victory Park project land-

scaping. Koberg questioned the recent concrete pour on Main Street.

Smith moved and Koberg seconded to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.

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### Dixon City Council

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**Council Proceedings** November 1, 2021 Mayor Laughlin called the regular meeting of Dixon

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City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with council mem-bers Tweed, Motz & Meyer present. The consent agenda included the minutes of the October 6th mosting. Clerk's financial report and the port and the

ollowing revenues and expenses:	
Accounts Payable:	
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Central Scott Telephone Co, phone & internet	
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Postage, sewer notice letters	
Republic Services, garbage contract	
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#### .520.00 Scott County Secondary Roads, snow maintenance

....734.40 ...\$500.00 Tony Dahms, october mowing . Revenues:

#### THE ESTATE OF Evelyn Mae Greiser,

Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Evelyn Mae Greiser, Deceased, who died on or about November 27, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on October 26, 2021, the Intestate Probate of Evelyn Mae Greiser, deceased, was admitted to probate in the above named court and was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Julie Lynn Lawrence was appointed administrator of the estate. Any action must be brought in the dis-trict court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascer-tainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so field by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. id) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated this 21st day of October, 2021. Pamela Vasquez, Petitioner 2414 LeClaire St. 2414 LeClaire St.

### Davenport, Iowa 52803

John M. Carroll, ICIS PIN No: 13123 Attorney for Administrator Address: 201 W. 2nd Street, Suite 801 Davenport, IA 52801 Date of second publication 10th day of November, 2021

Probate THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY CASE NO: ESPR080923 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Gail C. Rizzo,

Deceased

Deceased To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Gail C. Rizzo, Deceased, who died on or about October 1, 2021: You are hereby notified that on November 2, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of Gail C. Rizzo, deceased, bearing date of March 21, 2012, was admitted to pro-bate in the above named court and that Michael T. Rizzo and Matthew T. Rizzo were appointed executors of the octate. Awy action to cot acide the will must of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Michael T. Rizzo **Executor of Estate** 2216 E. 47th Street Davenport, IA 52807 Matthew T. Rizzo Executor of Estate 3129 Marynoel Ave. Bettendorf, IA 52722

Joshua T. Cobie, ICIS#: 0011533 Attorney for Executors Brubaker, Flynn & Darland, P.C. 201 W. 2nd Street, Ste. 400 **Davenport, IA 52801** Date of second publication 17th day of November, 2021

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

1<sup>st</sup> Ad - 11-3-2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Ad - 11-10-2021

**Iowa District Court** COURT CASE #EQCE133249 Special Execution

STATE OF IOWA

SCOTT COUNTY Pingora Loan Servicing LLC, PLAINTIFF VS

VS Brandi Powell et al, DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor) As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real estate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: The south 10 feet of Lot 11 and the north 42 feet of Lot 12, Block 2, of The Highlands, an addition to the City of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa; 2014 Highland Ave., Davenport, Iowa.

October 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting, Clerk's financial rep
following revenues and expenses:
Accounts Payable:
Alliant Energy, utilities
Bush, Motto, Creen, Koury & Halligan, lega
Shuttleworth & Ingersol, legal fees
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### City of Eldridge ORDINANCE 2021-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER TWO, TITLE D OF THE ELDRIDGE CITY CODE, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE DATE.

DATE. Section one. That the zoning map referred to in Chapter Two, Title D of the Eldridge City Code, and be-ing a part of the ordinance of the City of Eldridge, in so far as said map pertains to the land known as the Arp Kraft Farm and described as follows: The south half of the southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 79 North, Range 3 East of the Fifth Princi-pal Meridian, Scott County, Iowa, excepting therefrom the final plat of Arp Addition to the City of Eldridge, being a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 79 North, Range 3 East of the Fifth Princi-pal Meridian, Scott County, Iowa. These parcels are currently SA Suburban Agricul-tural and are to be rezoned to 1-1 General Industrial. In addition, the following parcel map is attached herewith (exhibit A) and made a part hereto as the same pertains to said area is enacted as a substitute and in lieu of the same area described as shown on said district map.

said district map. Bet it further enacted that the zoning map, together with the boundaries of the districts, designations, with the boundaries of the districts, designations, notations, references and other information shown thereon as the same pertains to the area described above are, and by way of amendment, made a part of the zoning ordinance of the City of Eldridge, Iowa, and shall have the same force and effect with respect to said area as if the zoning map and all notations, refer-ences and other information shown thereon were as fully set forth or described therein, the original of said

Local Option Tax	2.562.97
Local Option Tax Road Use	2.324.41
Sewer	
Garbage	
Total	\$35,252.76

Expenses:

General Fund	\$6.627.95
Local Option Sales Tax	
Road Use	
Sewer	
Garbage	
Total	\$5.725.36

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Meyer with a second by Motz. All ayes. Public Forum – no oral or written comments were

made.

Reports - Motz discussed fence without a permit at 300 Walcott St. and wanting an updated Animal or-dinance limiting the quantity of animals a person can have on their property. Mayor Laughlin advised Motz

Mayor Laughlin informed those present that the sale of the sewer plant is moving forward. The sale should be completed by fall of 2022 if the findings are favorable by the Iowa Utilities Board. At 7:17 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Meyer

At 7:17 p.m. a motion to acjoin with a second by Tweed. All ayes. Steve Laughlin, Mayor

### Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk

### Probate

Attest:

General Fund

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT SCOTT COUNTY Probate No ESPR080920 NOTICE OF PROBATE, OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR, AND **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** IN THE MATTER OF

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows: Date and Time of Sale: 11/30/2021 11:30

Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse This sale not subject to redemption. Judgment Amount: \$99,771.60 Accruing Cost: \$15,896.98 Interest: \$3,540.53 from: 01/21/2021 Attorney: Sayer Law Group PC Date Filed: 09/07/2021

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Chief Deputy Snawn Roti Chief Deputy Bryce Schmidt For additional information, visit the Sheriff's Office at http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/sheriff

#### **NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S** LEVY AND SALE

t Ad – 11-3-2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Ad - 11-10-2021

### Iowa District Court COURT CASE #EQCE133666 **Special Execution**

#### STATE OF IOWA

SCOTT COUNTY

First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation, PLAINTIFF VS

Denise E. Kroeger et al, DEFENDANT (Judgment Debt-

or) As a result of the judgment rendered in the above As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real estate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: Lot 14 in Heatherton Heights First Addition to the City of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa; 2624 Wooddale Ave.,

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Accruing Cost: \$12,882.17 Interest: \$1,358.91 from: 06/02/2021 Attorney: Sayer Law Group PC

Date Filed: 08/08/2021

**Sheriff Tim Lane** Scott County, lowa Chief Deputy Shawn Roth Chief Deputy Bhawn Roth Chief Deputy Bryce Schmidt For additional information, visit the Sheriff's Office at http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/sheriff

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

1<sup>st</sup> Ad – 11-10-2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Ad – 11-17-2021

### Iowa District Court COURT CASE #EQCE130051 Special Execution

**STATE OF IOWA** 

### SCOTT COUNTY

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, PLAINTIFF

Nicholas Richard Atzen et al, DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor)

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real estate to sat-ify the indement. The preserve to be cold ice Let 44 block 2, Replat of a portion of Ridgeview Park, a Subdivision in Scott County, Iowa, in the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 78 North, Range 3 East of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., situated in the City of Davenport, Iowa; T310 N. Oak St., Davenport, Iowa.

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Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse This sale not subject to redemption. Judgment Amount: \$92,771.79 Accruing Cost: \$4,957.78 Interest: \$15,354.68 from: 09/01/2017

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Attorney: Southlaw PC Date Filed: 08/27/2018 Sheriff Tim Lane Scott County, Iowa Chief Deputy Shawn Roth Chief Deputy Bryce Schmidt For additional information, visit the Sheriff's Office at http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/sheriff Sheriff Tim Lane

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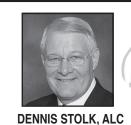
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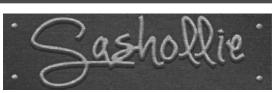
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# Lancers relive old memories

The North Scott classes of 1960 and 1961 held their 61st and 60th reunions on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Scott County Park. The former Lancers enjoyed wonderful weather as they enjoyed fellowship and relationship renewals. Wooden remembrance plaques were presented to a member of each class, via a drawing, and winners were Dennis Timmerman and Gerry Kuhl. David Knapper was presented a plaque for having the most grandchildren.

Members of the Class of 1961 included (I-r): Linda Siem Fawcett, Bonnie Keppy Moeller, Margie Mueller Thiering, Carolyn Arp Dannatt, Lorna Tank Sawyer, Henry Storjohann, Carol Madden Moeller, Jim Schneckloth, Gerry Kuhl, Joyce Werthmann Schneckloth, Eleanor Schmatz Barker, Bob Holst, Gail Mess Burkamper and Janet Buckley Maher. Contributed photo





2021 16208201100000 CITY OF MCCAUSLAND FINANCIAL REPORT PO Box 27 FISCAL YEAR ENDED MCCAUSLAND IA 52758-027 JUNE 30, 2021 CITY OF MCCAUSLAND, IOWA POPULATION: 313 DUE: December 1, 2021 NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal ALL FUNDS Governmental (a) Proprietary (b) Total Actual (c) Budget (d) Revenues and Other Financing Sources Taxes Levied on Property 14245 142,453 136,800 Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year Net Current Property Taxes 142,453 142,453 136,800 Delinquent Property Taxes 0 0 0 TIF Revenues 0 Other City Taxes 52,751 47,57 52,75 Licenses and Permits 46 Use of Money and Property 7,486 193 7,679 8,450 47.148 41.448 Intergovernmental 47.148 Charges for Fees and Service 34,197 124,345 158,542 147,72 Special Assessments 23.07 23.078 10,000 Miscellaneous 8.226 8,220 5,700 Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in 40,000 40,000 60,000

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Public Safety			11,238		11,238	15,200							
Public Works			66,594		66,594 0	104,500							
Health and Social Services			0										
Culture and Recreation Community and Economic Development General Government			28,785 2,541 79,687		28,785 2,541 79,687	71,24							
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### grilling for charity \$10,260 for Hudson Ferris

First Central State Bank recently announced its final results from a Grilling For Charity event in Eldridge, helping the family of Hudson Ferris. The community bank raised \$10,260. There to celebrate the donation were (front, I-r): Mary Richards, Angela Glover, Brandi Lord, Sandra Matthiesen, Vikki Snell, Mackenzie Koberg, Dani Hair and Wanda Ward; back: Chad Ulrich, Teri Leu, Norma Bickel, Tom Messer, Laura White, Scott Wiley, Greg Keppy and Bryan Niers.



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# Rushing toward disaster **Inside:**

- Huge mulch fire
- New dispatch towers
- Volunteer rosters



Volunteers ask: Please heed the flashing blue lights. Page 2B



# Respect the flashing blues

You can't miss the flashing blue lights. But when Long Grove fire chief Josh Roe accelerates toward Park View on 267th Street, he always looks for trouble at U.S. 61.

More than half of Long Grove fire department calls are two miles east in Park View, so Roe knows what to expect. Drivers exiting northbound U.S. 61 onto 267th sometimes simply ignore the lights and turn into his path.

"We've had vehicles try to race us toward Park View. They think they're going to beat us up the hill. Or they just keep rolling. People just don't yield," Roe said.

State law is clear; pull over for the flashing blue lights.

Scott County firefighters say much of the public believes otherwise.

"Just last week I had my lights on for a late night call," Princeton fire chief Karen Woomert said. Assistant chief Dan Doyle was just ahead of her, racing to the station. His flashing blues were on, too.

A motorcycle initially heeded the warning.

"A motorcycle pulled into the fire station when we did. He said, 'oh I thought you were a cop.' Then he took off. Dan and I just looked at each other and ran into the station," Woomert said. The driver seemed to suggest firefighter blue lights mean something different under Iowa law.

They do not.

State law calls for \$100 fines for those caught ignoring emergency vehicles.

Some firefighters say enforcement is, necessarily, non-existent.

"It's frustrating, but I get it. If there's an emergency, a deputy isn't going to bolt after someone who flies by us," said Dixon volunteer Glen Thede.

Thede lives and works in Davenport, and volunteers for Dixon where his family has farmed for decades. When the alarm sounds, Thede heads north, usually out Iowa 130.

'From Farm and Fleet to the city of Dixon, I'd say about 60 percent will pull over. The other 40 percent? There's no wav they don't see it.

"All of us volunteers have blue and white lights on our personal vehicles. Most of us run fire department plates.

pull over."

Thede wants to believe it's simply confusion.

"Sometimes you see that deer-in-theheadlights look. It's like they don't know what they're supposed to do," he said.

Other drivers know full well, he said. "I had a mutual aid call from Maysville. I'm running south on Y40, lights and siren. I had three cars pass me north-

bound at 55 mph." Those drivers seem oblivious that emergency vehicles might be stopping or turning.

And in rural Scott County, volunteer emergency responders are rarely alone.

"We're coming from all directions. You'll see everyone from an 18-year-old



new recruit to some of our most loyal volunteers pushing 80," Thede said.

They're driving pumpers, tankers, pickups, sometimes with trailers, on dark rural roads. Volunteers with lights are allowed to run 10 mph over the speed limit. Those who ignore the flashing blues just make it tougher.

"They're counting on us to look out for them while we're on the way to an emergency," Thede said. All firefighters are asking for is a mo-

ment of help before they get there.

Other drivers may feel inconvenienced by a 30-second delay. But volunteer firefighters know the value of

LIGHTS, continued on next page

"We've had vehicles try to race us toward Park View. They think they're going to beat us up the hill. Or they just keep



rolling. People just don't yield." Long Grove Fire Chief Josh Roe

People see us coming. But they don't

Saturday, June 19, Northwest of Maysville. Walcott, Dixon, Donahue, Maysville and New Liberty. House, garage, Deere tractor.

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Donahue fire chief Dave Coon estimated fewer than 50 percent of drivers pulled over when he shuttled water to this mulch fire Wednesday and Thursday at Peterson Properties LLC at Mount Joy. Eldridge Fire Department photo





### LIGHTS: 'They're counting on us to look out for them'

Continued from previous page

every second saved.

Three minutes can turn a kitchen fire into a whole-house fire.

Thede asked drivers to spend the 30 seconds stopped on the roadside to contemplate what awaits those emergency responders.

We're not running these lights for show. Just please be respectful of the volunteers who are on their way to something that's probably much worse

than you are," he said. Donahue fire chief Dave Coon said those who observe the law "are lifesavers," Coon said. "They're saving our lives, and helping us get to an emergency where others may be at stake."

Coon also is an Iowa Department of Transportation supervisor who oversees crews on U.S. 61. He said it seems half of motorists are oblivious to emergency lights.

"Blue light, red light, any light," he said. "They don't yield. They don't slow down. And it would make you sick to see how many are on their phones."

Coon described his working conditions at highway emergencies.

Try doing your job with cars going by at 70 mph a few feet away. People don't understand the level of danger," Coon

said.

Scott County Sheriff Tim Lane said he and most first responders are accustomed to some drivers ignoring the flashing lights.

"That's always been an issue. Nowadays, seems to be more than ever," he said.

He acknowledged many don't seem to know what to do.

"I sometimes question if people know what to do when they have emergency lights come up behind them, or even coming towards them. We've found a lot of people react differently to having lights come up behind them. Obvious they don't know," he said. Whether an ambulance, patrol officer

or firefighter, the response is the same: Move over to the right hand shoulder.

"On a four lane, sometimes you see people try to move to the left shoulder. They should always reduce speed and move to the right," he said.

He said drivers seem to heed squad cars more than firefighters.

"People know police cars can pull them over, but they're not going to get that from a fire truck or ambulance. So it is up to law enforcement to actually protect those fire and ambulance crews," he said.

Enforcement is rare, and typically



### Mulch fire draws five departments Firefighters from Eldridge, Long Grove, Donahue, Maysville and Davenport contained a mulch fire at the Peterson Properies LLC in Mount Joy. The lot north of the old Caterpillar plant is piled with limbs and mulch from the 2020 derecho.

Eldridge fire department photos

used when failure to pull over causes an accident or injury.

Lane could recall "only a handful of citations" he's written in his career. He remembered state troopers following up to ticket a few drivers who ignored deputies' lights and sirens.

Lane asks drivers to assume that their

trip is not as urgent as the first responders running hot.

"The fire department doesn't go out unless it's a good reason where time is a factor.

He offers this advice to drivers: "Act as if the fire truck or ambulance is headed to your own loved one's accident.'

### lowa law

Yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle displaying flashing lights or giving an audible signal by moving over to the right, stopping and waiting until the vehicle has passed before proceeding. (lowa Code section 321.324).

### **Penalties**

Upon receiving a record of a person's conviction for a violation of the move over law that resulted in a crash causing damage, injury or death, IDOT shall suspend the person's driver's license without preliminary hearing, as follows:

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### SCOTT COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

New 911 towers ready for 2022

### By Mark Ridolfi

NSP Assistant Editor

Five new emergency dispatch towers are up in Scott County, and most of the 1,600 radios are in hand for the region's long-awaited dispatching upgrade.

Next month, Scott Emergency Communication Center director Dave Donovan hopes to learn for certain how well it works. The county's RICOM contractor will begin testing to see how well the new system covers rural gaps and penetrates schools and other buildings the old system could not.

By January's end, it should be up and running. "We're scheduled to

do in-building testing. We've identified

100 buildings in the county we knew were

always problematic

for radio coverage,' Donovan said.

That includes North Scott and all schools,

and larger public and

commercial buildings. In the first week of

December, contrac-

tors will bring the

"We know signal strength is better. Now we'll see how much better."

SECC director Dave Donovan

new radios into those buildings to test signal strength. "We hope our first responders go live

"We hope our first responders go live by the end of January," Donovan said.

The project included new towers near Walcott, Buffalo, Scott County Park, Riverdale and Princeton. It added transmitters to the existing tower at the SECC building, and a leased tower in west Davenport.

Together with towers and equipment on the Illinois side, the system adds channels, reach and functionality for every police officer, firefighter, and emergency medical responder in the bi-state region.

Testing in December begins with site testing.

"We know signal strength is better. Now we'll see how much better," Donovan said.

He said some buildings may need



**TOWERS**, *continued on following page* **A new emergency dispatch tower is next to Princeton's water tower, reaching first responders in Iowa and Illinois.** 

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NSP photos



### **TOWERS:** County begins saving for next system

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amplifiers to improve reach.

"We can work with building owners to maybe install amplification devices. We can't afford to do that in every building in the county where we might have issues.

But in school districts, it's pretty important," he said.

Amplification costs would vary by size and density of building.

Scott County leaders are also hoping to start saving for the next communication upgrade after paying off the debt for this one.

Scott and Rock Island counties partnered in 2019 on an \$11.6 million contract with RACOM that links existing towers, added six more, improves the reach, distances and ability of agencies in both states to work together. Rock Island County covered \$3.09 mil-

lion of that contract. The smaller share is because the county's responders already have newer radios.

Scott County taxpayers are covering \$8.5 million share of the contract, plus radios, and refinancing the SECC's construction debt.

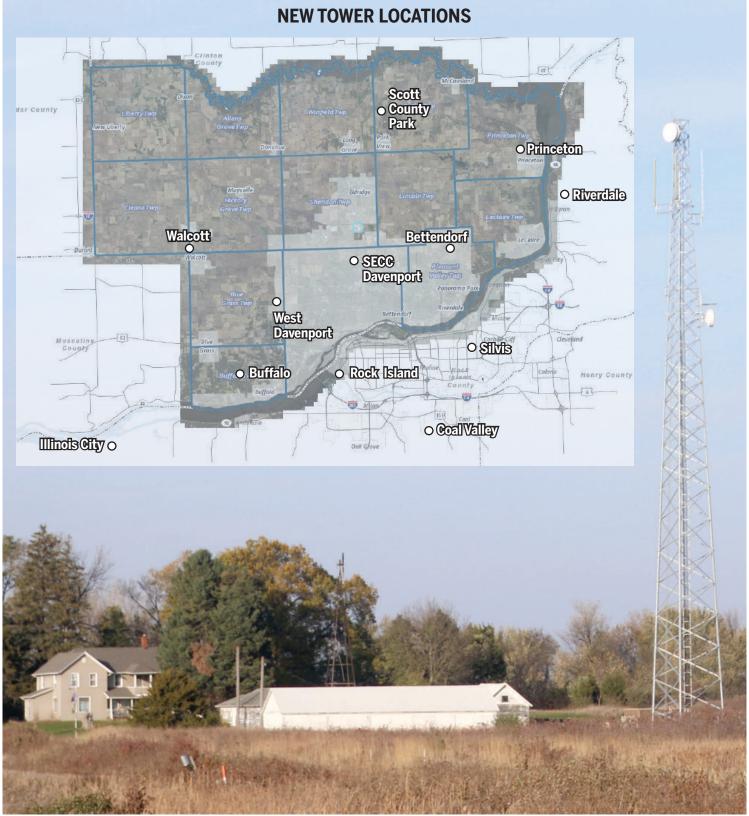
Scott County supervisors borrowed \$12.7 million, including \$5,470,000 for emergency equipment, \$4,790,000 for radios, and \$2,420,000 for refinancing the SECC's 2009 construction bonds, county budget director David Farmer said.

Taxpayers are covering about \$2.3 million in annual bond payments, covered by residents' 911 monthly phone bill fee, and a special property tax levy.

The loan will be paid off in June 2028. Donovan and Farmer said supervisors are planning to begin setting aside money to maintain, improve and eventually replace this dispatching system without borrowing again.

"As the debt service is removed, redirect that cash into a capital fund," Farmer said.

He anticipated a \$250,000 set-aside beginning as early as the 2022-23 fiscal vear.



Another new tower is up in Scott County Park.

# Be aware of these common causes of house fires

According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, roughly 25,000 home fires causing more than 300 deaths occur in the United States each year. Homeowners can keep themselves and their families safe by being aware of the dangers around a home that can contribute to house fires and the preventive measures that can reduce the risk for such fires. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the following are the most common factors that can lead to fires around the house.

· Cooking accidents: It can take mere seconds for grease splatters or an overheated pan or pot to cause a fire. Stay in the kitchen at all times when cooking.

Heaters: Have furnaces and other heating appliances regularly inspected. Keep portable heaters away from anything that can burn, including curtains and furniture. Do not leave portable fires involving clothes dryers or wash-

heaters running while you are sleeping or out of the home.

Smoking: Smoking inside a home can lead to fires. Some people forget to extinguish the smoke or embers may fall, while butts may smoulder for hours before causing flames to form.

Washers and dryers: Between 2010

ing machines each year. Mechanical or electrical failure or malfunction was involved in the vast majority of home fires involving washing machines. Failure to clean dryers also can cause fires to ignite.

Candles: Candles can add ambiance to a room, but they also can be a fire hazard. Candles easily can be knocked over by children, pets and others. Do not leave candles lit and unattended.

and 2014, American fire departments responded to an estimated 15,970 home

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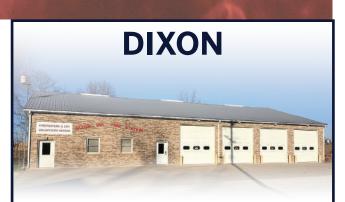
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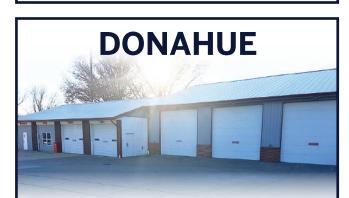


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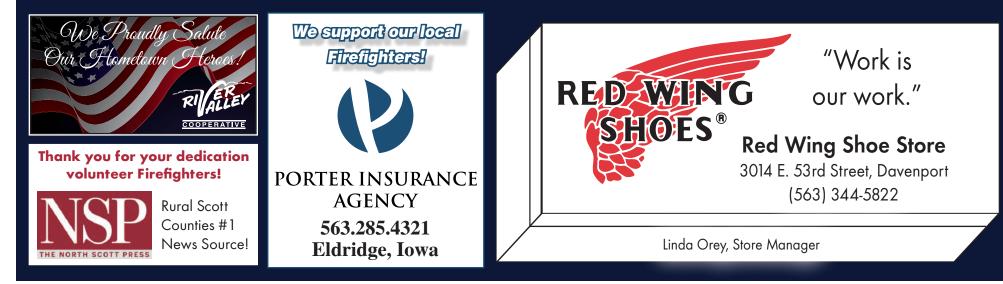
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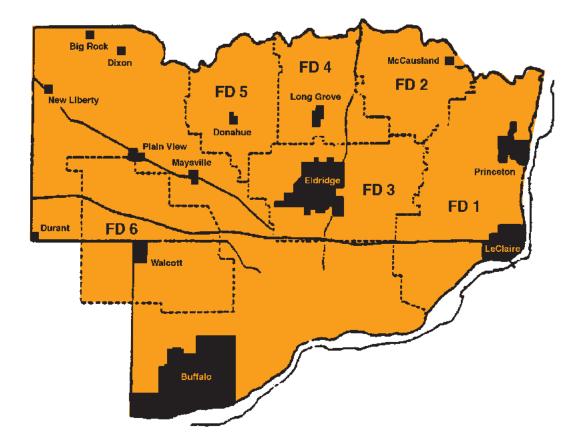
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