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North Scott/Eldridge Chamber of Commerce members join Patrick Reid, center, as he snips a ribbon Tuesday morning to open the Thrive Professional Building, 220 W. Davenport St. Eldridge mayor Frank King, right, joined in, along with Reid's business partners Jeff and Shasron Newburn, and Thrive staff Patty Tank and Amanda Kelley.

NSP Photos by Mark Ridolfi

Eldridge welcomes Thrive center

Reids put faith, experiences and dreams into new adventure

By Mark Ridolfi NSP Assistant Editor

Patrick Reid looked hard to find a place to launch his next dream.

Turns out, it was right across the street from his Eldridge home on Davenport Street.

Pat and Jodi Reid this week celebrate their new adventure, The Thrive Professional Building, 220 W. Davenport St., which they hope will spur new adventures for other entrepreneurs in a community Reid believes "is ready to explode."

"Eldridge is like Ankeny was 20 years ago," Reid said. Residential and commercial construction is poised to continue the double-digit percentage growth Eldridge experienced in the last 10 years, he said.

In this environment, the old US Bank building in Eldridge is better suited to be a home to new businesses, with eight offices for real estate, insurance, accounting and other professionals.

It also includes The Vault coffee shop and restaurant that transformed the bank's north side and drive-up into a kitchen, indoor and outdoor dining and drive-through.

Reid is bringing his Plan2Thrive Financial Services business from a downtown Davenport office.



Patrick and Jodi Reid pose in the vault, that will be a special meeting room in the new coffee shop.

He joined North Scott/Eldridge chamber members Tuesday to cut the ribbon on that business, the first to open in the old bank bank building.

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Park View drainage plans exceed \$7 million

Residents may learn more at owners' association meeting

By Mark Ridolfi NSP Assistant Editor

Scott County's study of Park View storm water drainage details at least \$7 million in projects intended to reduce standing water after storms, upgrade capacity to handle current flows, and protect roads from further damage.

The work would improve a system that was never designed to handle current rainfall loads, and has cracked and crumbling drainage pipes throughout the

subdivision, county engineer Angie Kersten said.

Kersten will elaborate at the Park View Owners Association's May 11 meeting.

Association board member Patrick Dodge expects a lot of interest.

"Inadequate drainage has been a hot topic of discussion among Park View residents over the past two years," Dodge wrote after reading the county's analysis provided to him by The NSP. "After reading the analysis, I can validate from a resident's perspective that the problem areas are absolutely problem areas; and I largely agree with the priority ranking."

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Cascade hires Kotter

Former Eldridge administrator says she's not returning, but lawsuit moves forward

By Mark Ridolfi NSP Assistant Editor

Lisa Kotter has no intent of returning to Eldridge after accepting an interim administrator's position in Cascade, Iowa, this week.

But the new job has no bearing on her pending lawsuit against Eldridge, Kotter told The NSP.

Kotter said she has cashed Eldridge checks due after council members ended her contract Sept. 28. Cascade officials say she's a candidate to permanently fill their city administrator position.

"With (Kotter), I think it'll be a seamless transition just because of her experience level and everything," Mayor Steven Knepper told The Dubuque Telegraph Herald.

Kotter's six-month contract calls for a \$1,440 weekly salary for a four-day work week; a \$200 monthly vehicle allowance, a \$30 monthly phone stipend, and \$250 a month to cover health insurance benefits.

It also calls for a review after three months, with the city's consideration of a permanent job offer.



Lisa Kotter

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Sievers' farm leads Iowa farmers into new energy business

By Mark Ridolfi NSP Assistant Editor

The Sievers family Glenora Farms is expanding its natural gas production business, but without more manure.

The western Scott County agri-business pioneered the use of methane digesters to turn cattle manure into natural gas. Now, it is adding another digester to do the same thing with cover crops and commercial food production waste. The Sieverses partnered with Roeslein Alternative Energy, a St. Louis firm that hopes to make plant-based gas production possible for the Sievers and countless other farming operations.

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THRIVE: The Vault coffee shop opens this month

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They'll all be back later this month to cut a ribbon on The Vault coffee shop.

All are in the 6,120-square-foot building he bought from US Bank nearly two years after he made his first offer. The pandemic delayed the deal until Sept. 10, when he paid \$370,000 for the bank, parking lot, park and gazebo.

"For 24 years we've looked out at this building," Patrick said from his corner office, where he can see his home. "I can't believe this all came together right across the street."

Patrick and Jodi Reid grew their family across the street at 305 W. Davenport St.

Reid is a rural West Branch native, and a Coe College graduate and basketball athlete, who later helped coach North Scott boys' teams.

The family belongs to Cornerstone Baptist Church and treasures deep connections to their adopted home town.

"We had a lot of family discussions about this around our dinner table," he said.

Son Ryan, 22 is a University of Iowa senior, and daughter Emerson, 19, is a junior. They're handling online content and social media for the new venture. Son Brennan, 16, and daughter Jordan, 13, attend North Scott schools.

Reid's life-coaching and financial planning experience and enthusiasm drives the family's vision for the Thrive building.

The dream was to create a center for the investment and life-coaching work he's done from his Davenport office. Reid had looked at four Eldridge buildings before he heard the bank was closing in 2020. He called right away, but it took some time to find a US Bank representative able to deal.

Then the pandemic hit. The Reids put their plans on hold, withdrew the bank offer, and waited.

But the dream kept growing. "I wanted to be part of this community, and live out my faith with what I do," he said.

He's inviting financial, insurance and other "complimentary businesses," to



Jodi Reid and coffee shop manager Olivia Adwkiison pose in The Vault.

start up, or move in, get established, then perhaps grow into larger spaces.

"When I started, I would have loved to have found an incubator," he said.

He said his investment counseling is rooted in clients' goals and objectives, not just stocks, bonds and interest rates. The Thrive building will continue that work, plus create space to launch other entrepreneurs. He's already gotten commitments from a ReMax Realtor.

The offices surround a common conference room that will be available to all tenants, with wifi and big screen conferencing.

The basement is being converted to community meeting and event space, complete with kitchen to make, or cater, food.

Reid could imagine yoga or fitness classes in the area.

"Receptions, seminars, that sort of thing. I've heard from dance studios, aerobics and yoga instructors," he said.

Reid was drawn to the old bank's vault, which he thought would add character to his own office in the Thrive building. But that vault had a higher calling.

It will be the centerpiece of The Vault coffee shop. A coffee bar along the north side of the building includes a new kitchen that occupies space used for the drive ups. One drive-up lane remains.

The rest of the outdoor space will be for seasonal seating at a "mini-Panera's" type of restaurant featuring Panini sandwiches, soups, and desserts, along with coffee.

That should fill up the existing parking lot.

He's not sure what to do with the park and gazebo, but he's been approached with ideas for commercial or residential development.

Reid believes the pandemic left people hungry for collaboration. After two years of isolation, "people want to be part of something bigger than themselves. This is a good environment for growth."

He talked about "creating fertile soil for people," not just crops and commerce.

All of it is rooted in faith. "I want to be part of a community and live out my faith in what I do. I just can't take off one hat and put on another."

KOTTER: New contract pays \$1,440 for four-day week

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Kotter told *The NSP* she was referred to the Cascade job by the same employment agency that recommended her for Eldridge in 2020. Her Cascade contract says she's a contender for the permanent job.

"In three months, they'll decide if we go any further," she said Monday.

"I'm excited to work for the people in Cascade. It's an interim position, so we'll see what happens. I'm glad to be serving in a community. This was my choice to be a public servant," she said.

The Telegraph-Herald reported that Cascade has been seeking an administrator since Deanna McCusker resigned in January to become administrator in Washington, Iowa. Chris Ball served as Cascade interim administrator since January, but was named executive director of the Des Moines County Regional Solid Waste Commission.

Kotter filed a lawsuit Oct. 28 seeking unspecified damages, and her job back with Eldridge. That suit seeks a reversal of her termination, a court order barring council member Brian Dockery's vote for her termination, and monetary damages from the city of Eldridge, and council member Dockery.

On Monday, Kotter said her new job, "doesn't have any impact," on the pending lawsuit against Eldridge.

That suit in Scott County has a Nov. 9 trial date before a judge, not a jury.

Dockery, and council members Adrian Blackwell and Bernie Peeters voted to terminate Kotter after the council hired an employment investigator to follow up Kotter's complaints, and city staff complaints against her.

That report discounted Kotter's complaints of harassment, and found that Kotter contributed to a toxic work envi-

ronment.

Kotter told *The Telegraph Herald* that her Eldridge termination was, "a difficult situation," and that she has no intention of returning to Eldridge.

"It was just a challenging position," she said. "I would leave it at that."

Kotter said she was alerted to the job by Patrick Callahan, of Callahan Municipal Consultants. That's the consultant Eldridge contracted in 2019. He presented Kotter and three other finalists to the council in January 2020.

The council hired her in February 2020 for \$106,500 to replace John Dowd, who retired. He was earning \$104,000 after 30 years with the city.

Eldridge council members voted 3-2 to end Kotter's contract. Now-mayor Frank King, and council member Bruce Cheek, voted against the termination.

On Monday, King and Dockery said they hadn't heard about the job. Both wished Kotter well.

"I'm glad to see her working and hope things work out well," King said.

The city issued her separation checks under terms of her Eldridge contract.

Kotter said she's cashed checks. According to Eldridge interim administrator Tony Rupe, that covers:

- \$30,332.06 for six months of additional wages;
- \$9,614.12 for earned vacation and personal leave;
- \$1,375.08 for earned comp time.

She said she did not know the status of her unemployment claims against Eldridge.

Cascade mayor Knepper told *The Telegraph-Herald* that Kotter's termination didn't come up in the interview process.

"Just visiting with her, you had a really good feel for what she has the ability to do, and she's just very, very organized, and she's just able to hit the ground running, I think," he said.

Keep your foot on the brake! More traffic enforcement in Eldridge

More police patrols means more traffic enforcement.

Police chief Joe Sisler confirmed officers are conducting more speed patrols on First Street, LeClaire Road, and Pinehurst.

"We have a couple new officers who are good go-getters," Sisler told the council.

Council member Adrian Blackwell noticed more patrols and asked the chief about it at Monday's council meeting.

The chief said the department records complaints on a "hot sheet," and deploys officers accordingly.

"Pinehurst is a busy location," Sisler said. "When they have the opportunity, they really try to focus on traffic."

He said enforcement is focused on 15- to 20-mph over posted limits. "We're trying to beef it up before someone gets hurt in an accident," he said.

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Nine candidates in primary battles for supervisor

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Nine candidates for supervisor are launching primary campaigns for three seats on the Scott County Board.

New candidates who met the March 25 filing deadline include Republican Jennifer Lane, wife of Scott County sheriff Tim Lane, and Democrat college student Dawson Van Winkle, who worked an unpaid county internship initiated by GOP supervisor Tony Knobbe.

St. Ambrose University marketing, and former Davenport council member professor Joseph C. Miller is running as a Democrat.

The field also includes incumbents Republican John Maxwell and Democrat Brinson Kinzer.

The third open seat will succeed Democrat Ken Croken. He declined to seek reelection and instead launched a campaign for state representative. So far, he has no Republican opponent.

Supervisor Tony Knobbe so far is unopposed in his bid to succeed county treasurer Mike Fennelly, who is not running. Voters elected Fennelly in 2018 to succeed his dad, longtime treasurer Bill Fennelly.

Jennifer Lane emphasizes public safety

Jennifer McAndrew Lane is running as a Republican for supervisor, after briefly launching a bid for Congress.

She's an adult probation officer for the state of Iowa and talked about a need to create more opportunities for those with convictions.



Lane

"Public safety is huge with me. I'm an adult probation parole officer for the state of Iowa. I want to be able to utilize local resource to find them help, find them housing, and for some, education, to help people who committed crimes to stay focused, but be accountable. Our department couldn't do it with the resources available in Scott County," she said.

She commended former supervisor Diane Holst as a mentor.

Lane also is the wife of Scott County Sheriff Tim Lane.

"I was concerned about that being a conflict of interest myself. I called the secretary of state and asked. They said that should be left up to the voters," she said.

Lane said her work brings her into the jail as often as her husband. "I think I would probably be harder on him than anyone," she said.

Ambrose prof focuses on social issues

St. Ambrose marketing professor Jo-

seph C. Miller, 1354 W. 41st St. said his appointed term on the Davenport city council prompted his interest in running for supervisor as a Democrat.



Miller

"After serving on the council through 2021, I saw a lot of opportunities for work on social issues with residents being put out of apartments. A lot of responsibility for social issues is at the county level," he said.

He also opposed the supervisors' use of federal pandemic aid to build a juvenile detention center.

Miller was raised in Detroit. He holds a Ph.D from Michigan State University and has taught marketing at St. Ambrose for five years.

"I've never felt more at home in my adult life than I do here. The people who live here feel like extensions of myself; friendly, outgoing. That's how I am as well," he said.

Student launches career on ballot

Dawson VanWinkle said his unpaid summer internship with the county encouraged his Democratic candidacy, and a career in public service.



VanWinkle

Van Winkle's mom worked at Wells Fargo with supervisor Tony Knobbe, who said he arranged the internship.

Van Winkle is a Davenport West class of 2018 graduate who is in his final semester of a criminal justice degree at University of Wisconsin, Platteville. He's running as a Democrat, but said he wants to appeal to all voters.

"I find myself on the middle ground, open-minded on all topics. My petition is signed by probably 50 percent Democrats and 50 percent Republicans. I can't solely align myself with one party," he said.

Democrat inspired to run for auditor

Ashley Schimanski, of Davenport, is running for Scott County auditor as an advocate for voting, and against recent legislative changes that reduced early voting opportunities.



Schimanski

She was motivated to run against appointed incumbent Kerri Tompkins, who should have stood for election rather than accepting supervisors' appointment last year.

"After Roxanna Moritz retired, the board chose to appoint

SCOTT COUNTY CANDIDATES

Supervisor candidates will compete in a June 7 primary to select the three in each party to advance to the Nov. 8 general elections.

Other candidates may mount write-in campaigns.

Supervisors: Democrats

- Incumbent Brinson Kinzer, of 304 E. Lotte St., Blue Grass
- Karl Drapeaux, 409 Fence Line Dr., Blue Grass
- Joseph C. Miller, 1354 W 41st St., Davenport
- Jazmin Newton, 250 W. 35th St., Davenport
- Dawson Shea VanWinkle, 5230 Shawnee Dr., Davenport

Supervisors: Republicans

- Incumbent John Maxwell, of 10600 275th St., Donahue
- Jean Dickson, 2977 Summertree Ave., Bettendorf
- Jennifer McAndrew Lane, 6362 200th St., Walcott
- Ross Paustian, 389 W. Parkview Dr., Walcott

County offices

Other county offices have no primary challenges.

Attorney: Republican Kelly Cunningham Haan, of Bettendorf; and Democrat Caleb Copley, of Davenport

Auditor: Republican Kerri Tompkins, 5107 Garner Dr., Davenport; and Democrat Ashley Schimanski, 250 W. 35th St., Davenport

Recorder: Michele R. Darland, 930 Mississippi Ave., Davenport; and Democrat incumbent Rita Vargas, 3820 Windsor Pines Court, Davenport

Treasurer: Republican Tony Knobbe, 21665 180th Ave., Davenport; No Democrat filed.

Township candidates

Allens Grove trustee, incumbent David Madden, 27204 Allens Grove Road, Donahue

Allens Grove clerk, incumbent Mark E. Judy, 12 Talley Ho Road, Blue Grass

Buffalo township trustee, incumbent Robert Ewoldt, 10386 130th St., Davenport

LeClaire township clerk, William Patterson, 28250 216th St., LeClaire

LeClaire township trustee, Carol A. Sorensen, 27116 Territorial Road, LeClaire

Liberty township clerk, incumbent Sally J. Howell, 85 312th St., New Liberty

Lincoln township clerk, incumbent Tom P. Knapper, 22850 Utica Ridge Road

Lincoln township trustee, incumbent Diane Holst, 20012 240th St., Eldridge

Pleasant Valley township clerk, incumbent Joy Peterson, 18182 247th Ave., Pleasant Valley

Pleasant Valley township trustee, incumbent Michael VenHorst, 19821 Wells Ferry Road, Bettendorf

Sheridan township trustee, incumbent Glen Keppy, 926 Sawgrass Court, Eldridge

Winfield township trustee, incumbent Keith Krambeck, 29329 172nd Ave., Long Grove.

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rather than elect, which undermines democracy. I want to give citizens an opportunity to vote, rather than give the Scott County board of supervisors the ability to decide who governs," Schimanski said.

She worked 14 years as a hospice caregiver, and also runs an E-Bay business at home. She credited Democratic super-

visor candidate Jazmin Newton


"I feel like maybe the management style should change to more of a coaching style. Unlock the staff's potential; better nurturing and fostering. Create an environment that will be successful in delivering services to Scott County citizens," she said.

Grassley town meeting next Tuesday at DeWitt

Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) will hold a town meeting on Tuesday, April 12 from 2-3 p.m. at the DeWitt Commu-

nity Center, 512 10th St., DeWitt.

The meeting is open to the public as part of his 99-county tour.



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Two proposals coming to revived economic development committee

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Eldridge has two commercial development prospects seeking taxpayer incentives, and is reviving its dormant economic development committee to consider offers at a Thursday meeting.

Council members accepted Mayor Frank King's nominations to the committee only after the mayor relinquished his nominee from the North Scott Chamber, who did not meet with the Chamber's approval.

King nominated seven members:

Nathan Kessler, of Quad City Bank and Trust

Joe Stutting, as the North Scott schools representative

Samantha Yokum, as the North Scott Chamber of Commerce representative

Patrick Reid, financial consultant and owner of the Thrive building

Steve Fahrenkrog, Eldridge accountant

Lacey Daedlow, a real estate representative, and King's daughter

Mitch Cunningham, with Eldridge Lumberyard.

Council member Brian Dockery serves as the council liaison and is not a voting member. He told the council he had no objections to Daedlow since the mayor is not a voting member of the economic development committee or council.

Chamber director **Tabbitha Kramer** alerted the mayor and council by email Monday afternoon that she opposed King's selection of Yokum, a vice president for the chamber.

Council member Bernie Peeters referenced Kramer's objections, and noted that Yokum lives and operates a hair salon in Davenport.

Dockery amended the mayor's list to allow Kramer to serve unless the Chamber chooses someone else. Dockery also

reminded the mayor that Iowa law requires cities to strive for gender balance on all appointed boards.

King's list has two women among the seven members.

Peeters said in the past, Eldridge allowed the school district and chamber to choose their own representatives to the committee.

The mayor said he was unaware of that practice. He said his own research led him to name all the nominees.

Council member Bruce Cheek said he backed King's original list, and voted against Dockery's amendment.

King said the city needed to revive the committee to hear requests for city financial incentives for two projects.

"There's a couple projects up we may need to meet for TIF suggestions to give recommendations to the council," King said Monday. "They'll listen to the projects put together by people who want to ask for TIF."

He said one is R & L Carriers, a nationwide trucking firm based in Wilmington, Ohio, which plans to build on 37 acres on Slopertown Road it bought from John R. Leuck S., in 2021 for \$1.115 million.

King said the other project, identified only as "Whiskey," will be presented to the committee.

King told council both are seeking contributions through the city's tax increment finance district.

\$4.8 million bid for 1st and LeClaire

Council members accepted Valley Construction's \$4,824,157.78 bid to widen

the First Street and LeClaire Road intersection, beginning later this year.

The project won \$2.7 million in federal funding, or about 76 percent of the estimated cost proposed in 2020.

In 2021, council members rejected a \$4.57 million bid they believed to be too high.

The work will add turn lanes to ease congestion and give trucks more room to make the turn.

Sewer plant loans

Council members approved refinancing of loans used to expand the sewer plant, so that the city will qualify for \$775,000 for storm water projects.

Council action Monday approved changes for general obligation, and sewer fund revenue bonds, and will vote again April 18 on the changes to the revenue bonds.

The money will pay to improve Hickory Creek banks on city property, install some new permeable alley surfaces, and a program to help homeowners restore lawns left bare by poor residential development practices.

City staff is meeting this week to establish rules for the lawn restoration program.

(Read more at northscottpress.com)

Hansel wins unemployment benefits for free-speech firing

By Clark Kauffman
Iowa Capital Dispatch

An Iowa judge has awarded unemployment benefits to an insurance salesman fired from his job after making a political speech that sparked accusations of racism.

Nicholas Hansel, of Eldridge, was working as a salesman for the Arthur J. Gallagher Service Company, a multinational insurance agency with 40,000 employees, when he ran for a seat on the North Scott school board last year.

According to state records, the sole reason for Hansel's dismissal was a brief public speech he gave Sept. 20 in support of his candidacy.

In a remark that later sparked allegations of racism, Hansel said during his speech: "Whatever you want to support, support it. But when you walk into North Scott, I want it to be white. I don't, uh, maybe white's not the best word. I don't want it to be political. If you're left, if you're right, it doesn't matter. I want you to be about academics."

During the speech, Hansel also spoke of his children facing difficulties due to their support of former president Donald Trump. "I'm running because I don't want your children to be labeled a Hitler supporter - and mine were because they supported Trump," he said.

Immediately after the speech, Hansel was asked to clarify the "white" comment, and said he used the word to describe political neutrality. "I apologize for using the color," he said.

Hansel applied for unemployment benefits, which the company challenged. Initially, Iowa Workforce Development denied Hansel's claim. He appealed that ruling, and the matter went before Administrative Law Judge James Timber-

land at a hearing in January.

At the hearing, a Gallagher executive conceded Hansel's speech was an exercise of free speech, but asserted the speech was also divisive, violated company policies regarding diversity and inclusion. At the hearing, however, company officials were unable to cite any specific policy that was violated.

Timberland recently issued a ruling in Hansel's favor. He noted that while Hansel's comments "were the sort that an audience of one political outlook would embrace and another would abhor," the evidence showed he was fired for no reason that would disqualify him from being eligible for unemployment benefits.

Hansel's speech on schools, Timberland ruled, "was constitutionally protected free speech, had no reasonable nexus with the employment, did not constitute misconduct in connection with the employment, and cannot serve as a basis for disqualifying the claimant for unemployment insurance benefits."

Hansel lost the election last fall, finishing fifth among six candidates vying for three seats on the school board.



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Bryan Sievers, right, speaks with Scott County supervisors March 31, including supervisor Ken Croken, left. NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi

SIEVERS: Iowa ag ready for fuel market

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The details came in a March 31 Scott County Board hearing about changes to Sievers' farm in New Liberty. Supervisors have agreed to follow the Iowa Department of Natural Resources permitting rules on confined feeding operations, so the county has no say in the plan. The Sievers' digester plan meets DNR criteria and may move forward.

But state law allows county boards to hold hearings for public comment. Family members and Roeslein representatives spoke in favor of the project. No one objected.

Roeslein communication director Brandon Butler accompanied the Sieverses to the Scott County Supervisors hearing.

"We're creating a market around biomass," he told supervisors. The company fosters, "a wholistic approach to creating renewable energy and generating a new revenue stream for agriculture."

Part of that market is driven by California state government incentives that encourage production of plant-based renewable natural gas, but not manure-based.

"If we upgrade, we will be able to sell into the California market," Sievers said. "Buyers in California, such as

refineries, need to separate food waste to be eligible. It cannot be mixed with manure."

The EPA also is considering new rules Roeslein hopes will expand markets for natural gas made from biomass.

Sievers launched his manure digester in 2013 with \$1 million in federal aid.

"We leveraged these federal programs to secure \$4.8 million in private investments to construct our digester facilities, so that for every federal dollar spent, almost five dollars in new private investment have been made," Sievers told a congressional subcommittee in 2020.

That digester runs an electric generator that reduces the farm's utility costs.

The next digester will break down cover crops and plant waste. Methane emissions will be treated onsite, and the renewable natural gas will be sent to an existing pipeline for sale. While the actual gas may not make it to California, refineries there can buy it and qualify for tax credits or other incentives.

Sievers also is vice chairman of the American BioGas Council, which promotes and lobbies for creating markets for renewable natural gas.

Jail repairs reach \$600K

March 5 wind storm lifts 17K-square-foot mat roof

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Scott County is looking at up to \$570,000 in jail roof repairs, and \$16,157.75 for a sewage grinder to clear sheets and blankets inmates have been flushing down toilets.

The March 5 wind storm ripped a 16,900-square-foot mat roof, sending leaks into the jail. Supervisors agreed to pay for emergency repair engineering work already authorized by county facilities director Tammy Speidel.

Speidel hired Wold Architects and Engineers for \$30,398 to design repairs and replacements of a 19,300-square-foot mat roof on the jail. She estimated 75 percent of the mat was ripped loose in heavy winds.

County staff and contractors have secured the damaged roof with hundreds of sandbags and tarps. Speidel said the roof was damaged by winds exceeding 60 mph. She said the next roof will be warranted against damage in winds of up to 90 mph.

Wold estimated total replacement cost at \$570,000.

Supervisors expect insurance will cover the cost, after the county's \$100,000 deductible. Speidel said the county is asking its insurer to cover costs for housing some inmates elsewhere until repairs are complete, probably in October.

Supervisors hired Wold to study and design a juvenile detention center this year. Last year, supervisors hired the firm to design repairs to county administration building exterior panels, which were crumbling.

The sewer grinder follows discovery of blockages in Davenport sewer pipes that serve the jail.

"Davenport sewer started pulling items out they believe came from jail; I tend to believe they are correct because it was blankets and sheets," Speidel told supervisors.

The county board approved Speidel's \$16,157.75 purchase of a grinder from Modern Piping, which was lower than Ragan Mechanical's \$21,009.46 bid.

Pollworker pay

Supervisors approved county auditor Kerri Tompkins to set Election Day poll chairperson pay to \$15, a rate set that previous auditor Roxanna Moritz set for the 2020 elections.

Tompkins asked supervisors to permanently raise chairperson pay from \$12 to \$15 per hour, and boost pay for other pollworkers from \$10 to \$12.50 per hour, beginning at the June 7 primary.

Supervisors also approved her request for \$10 per hour on-call pay for election

workers. Tompkins said precinct staff work 15 hours or more on election days and attend four hours of training before each election.

Precinct chairpersons transport documents and equipment, and occasionally attend additional extra training, adding one to four hours of additional time.

She said the old wage level, "is not adequate to attract and retain sufficient numbers of precinct officials, especially quality workers who can fulfill all of the increasing complex tasks expected of them."

Supervisors voted 4-1 to make official their intent to use pandemic funds for a juvenile detention center.

Budget director David Farmer asked for the vote showing that supervisors backed staff interpretation that the county could use American Rescue Plan Act funds for the center.

Initial federal rules did not allow ARPA funds to build jails. But Farmer said staff research found the rules allow the county to consider up to \$10 million as a "standard allowance" for revenue loss attributable to the pandemic.

"Using our internal county attorney staff, our own internal auditor, and apparently the state of Iowa's auditor said same thing," Farmer told supervisors at the March 29 meeting. "That being said, I feel it best we get assurance from the board of supervisors this is the direction you want to go."

The county actually lost almost no revenue through the pandemic. "What we measured was almost zero dollars," Farmer said.

Choosing the standard allowance requires no documentation of losses, he said.

Beck agreed. "We gave you consensus of the board after final rules were sent out. So really, this is formalization of that consensus we did give the staff back then."

Supervisor Ken Croken disagreed, and voted "no." Croken said the detention center meets neither the spirit nor the intent of pandemic relief rules.

Road markings

Vogel Traffic Services, of Orange City, Iowa, will repaint county road lines this year for \$137,388.80, a 19-percent increase over last year.

Supervisors awarded the bid, which was less than half the \$302,558.23 bid quoted by Iowa Plains Signing, Slater, Iowa.

County engineer Angie Kersten commended Vogel's past work for the county. Supervisors pay to repaint half of county road edge and center line markings each year.

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PARK VIEW: 259-page report starts to address 'a long-term problem'

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In October, Scott County supervisors proposed using up to \$11 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to tackle drainage problems for Park View, an unincorporated subdivision that is maintained by the county.

This month, county board chairman Ken Beck said the study identifies problems beyond the county's capacity to solve.

"There's a bigger problem, and what we're looking to do is focus down with the amount of dollars we can fix and improve that area. But a much needed discussion with the people of Park View, if they want to fix the drainage issue for whole subdivision, is going to be a long-term problem," he said at the March 29 supervisors committee meeting.

The study measured how well the drainage system handled peak flows for five-year, and 100-year scale storms.

"In total, 14 locations were identified where the existing storm water systems failed one or both criteria," according to the \$110,000 study by MSA Professional Services, of Bettendorf. "In nearly all instances, the presence of excess flow was due either to the comparatively limited extent of the existing storm sewer system or the accumulation of surface flows from upstream areas that overwhelmed the capacity of downstream systems."

Scott County Engineer Angela Kersten will elaborate at the Park View Owners' Association May 11 on the \$110,000 study launched a year ago and presented to supervisors last September.

Find a full copy of the 259-page report online with this story at northscottpress.com

Cost estimates

The study did not estimate costs. Kersten said her estimates are "ballpark," and do not include engineering, and easement costs for reaching pipes on private property.

Replacing and fixing four "problem areas," identified in the study would cost at least \$5.7 million.

Kersten said the study found about 6,300 feet of existing storm water pipes that have major problems and require immediate attention. She guessed replacement would cost about \$3 million. Some of that work is part of the \$5.7 million estimate.

Replacing and relining another 1,000

feet of existing pipeline running beneath roads would cost about \$3 million.

Kersten said those estimates disclosed to supervisors last fall, led to the board considering up to \$11 million of ARPA funds for Park View.

Supervisors have cast no votes allocating any of the ARPA funds for Park View.

All ARPA money must be committed by the end of 2024, and spent by the end of 2026.

Kersten said the work will include replacing roads over any storm water pipes that are replaced. But ARPA funds cannot be used solely to pave roads.

Design flaws

The study used video images from inside pipes to detail hundreds of cracks and joint separations Kersten said should be expected with age.

But much of the drainage problem is due to a system designed with ditches and roadway flow, typical for rural areas.

"But this is an urban area with less permeable soil," she said.

Over those 50 years, landscaping and other terrain changes impede the flow as originally designed, causing water to back up into streets and yards.

"Over time, the homeowners and neighborhood developed. They filled in some of the waterways, built sheds and fences. They no longer are functioning as originally designed," Kersten told supervisors.

Supervisor Brinson Kinzer asked if the county should pay for a system that accepts sump pump discharges from homes.

Kersten advised against it.

"Sump pumps are a big problem out there. Twenty years ago, the thought was let's tie all sump pump drains into the storm sewer. All of that water is then piped downstream, so the flow coming at the outlet is quite a bit greater. So the thought now is we don't want all of that extra water having to maintain that at this downstream pond," she told supervisors at the March 29 meeting.

Kersten said residents can learn more and ask questions at the 7 p.m., May 11 Park View Owners' Association meeting.

The association is in the middle of a dues campaign to collect the \$100 per year association fee. The April newsletter reported a \$34,000 general fund deficit for the association.

Beck said Park View residents will have to work with supervisors.

"The ARPA funds provide a unique opportunity to tackle some projects that wouldn't have been in the budget otherwise. Ultimately it falls to our elected officials to determine which ones are viable and to allocate funds accordingly. I have no reason to doubt their judgment." Park View Owners' Association member Patrick Dodge

"It requires the HOA to work with us," he said at the March 29 meeting. "Even if we improve those areas, they have a problem with storing this water to maintain a release downstream."

"Our original idea was to look at existing culverts to see if they were a part of the problem. In the process, a great bigger picture emerged. We need to talk with the people of Park View."

"This incorporates easements across these properties, plus designing of a detention pond to hold that water. We took the first step. Many more steps need to be taken," Beck said.

Dodge said the study accurately reflects what he's seen.

"There are numerous areas throughout Park View where storm water will accumulate in roads - to the point of flowing over curbs in some areas - causing unsafe passage for vehicles. Beyond the roadways, there are several notable locations where the overland flow of storm water largely washes out residents' back yards," he wrote.

He said it's up to supervisors to determine if the work is a priority with pan-

demio funds.

"If this was the county's last \$7 million and we were choosing between improving storm water drainage in Park View or funding public schools, sure let's backburner the storm water. But that's not the case."

"Any time there's a proposal to invest county funds in Park View, certain voices among the county's leadership and among Scott County taxpayers at large will inevitably clamor for bolting shut the coffers and somehow forcing Park View's incorporation. But for incorporation to even be feasible, a great number of logistical barriers would need to be overcome to ensure a smooth transition away from County oversight - and shoring up Park View's infrastructure tops the list."

"The ARPA funds provide a unique opportunity to tackle some projects that wouldn't have been in the budget otherwise. Ultimately it falls to our elected officials to determine which ones are viable and to allocate funds accordingly. I have no reason to doubt their judgment," he wrote to *The NSP*.

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Road trip safety tips

Road trips are great ways to get away from home and see the country. Such excursions enable travelers to get up close and personal with various attractions and afford them a chance to travel at their own pace.

No matter where the road may take you, safety should always be a priority. The home and travel safety resource Safewise reports that car accidents are the No. 1 cause of death in America among people between the ages of one and 54. The Canadian Transportation Safety Board estimates that there are 160,000 car accidents each year in Canada.

When planning your next road trip, these tips can ensure everyone stays safe.

PLAN WHERE TO GET GAS

Even the most fuel-efficient vehicle

will need to be filled up during long road trips. To ensure you're not running on "E" with no fuel station on the horizon, plan in advance where you will take breaks to get gas. Try not to run under one-quarter tank of gas, and coordinate gas stops with opportunities to recharge and visit restrooms.

STOCK THE CAR

Breakdowns happen, even with well-maintained vehicles. Stock an emergency roadside kit and keep it in the car at all times. Kits should include:

- mobile phone and charger
- flashlight
- first aid kit
- jumper cables
- jack and tire-changing tools
- flares
- water and nonperishable foods
- paper maps
- emergency blankets, towels and changes of clothes

Keep the number of a roadside service, and phone numbers for emergency contacts in the glove compartment just in case cell phone service is spotty.

TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS

Driving while tired is just as dangerous as driving while intoxicated. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, after being awake for 18 hours, the human body functions like someone with a blood alcohol content of 0.05 percent. After being awake for 24 hours, it's equal to 0.10 percent, or the equivalent of a 160 pound man drinking five beers in an hour.

Don't wait to feel tired to pull over. Make frequent stops or switch drivers to give everyone breaks.

KEEP WEATHER IN MIND

Let the season and the forecast dictate your route. Ensure windshield wipers are working and blades are effective. Consult weather forecasts to determine if thunderstorms will be in the area or if it will be especially windy. Never drive through flooded roadways.

DON'T FORGET MASKS AND SANITIZER

Traveling during the era of COVID-19 requires taking extra precautions. Wear masks and sanitize your hands during bathroom breaks and rest stop visits.

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Troubling signs of engine trouble

Without a functioning engine, a car is just an expensive driveway ornament. Engines keep vehicles moving, much in the same way the heart provides oxygen and blood to keep the human body running strong.

Modern engines are a mixture of mechanical moveable parts and complex computerized systems. Many different parts work in unison to keep a vehicle moving. Engines can be challenging for experienced mechanics, not to mention downright confusing for people who are

unfamiliar with what's under the hood of their vehicle. But any vehicle owner can learn to recognize certain signs that an engine may be on its last legs.

ENGINE SHAKING

An engine that is shaking while running may just have bad spark plugs or loose or damaged hoses, offers Sturtevant Used Auto Parts in Wisconsin. However, if those fixes don't work, it could be an indication of a deeper problem that requires a mechanic, such as fuel in-

take system issues, compromised motor mounts or timing belt problems.

EXCESSIVE SMOKE

An engine in trouble typically has to work harder. That results in heating up more quickly, which can lead to overheating. Smoke may be white, blue or black (each color indicates a separate problem). Any sign of excessive smoke is a reason to consult a mechanic.

WARNING LIGHTS

The dashboard tends to light up when the car is started, and one by one those lights diminish as the car's computer checks that all systems are working correctly. If the "check engine" light remains on, it is notifying the driver of a problem. The issue could be a faulty sensor or something more ominous. Mechanics can hook the vehicle up to a scanning tool that runs diagnostics to "speak" to the car's computer helping to diagnose the issue, advises How Stuff Works.

STRANGE NOISES

Popping or tapping noises may suggest that gasoline is igniting prematurely in the combustion chambers of the cylinders. Grinding noises may tell you that the starter motor needs to be changed

or replaced. Transmission issues also can produce grinding sounds. Generally speaking, if the car is making sounds it does not normally make, schedule a service appointment.

POOR FUEL EFFICIENCY

Engine trouble may cause the car or truck to consume gas faster than normal, according to the car information site Carsoid. The engine or one of its components may be faulty. Problems could arise in the spark plugs, oxygen sensor or fuel injector.

METAL FLAKES

If you change your own oil, check to see if the oil has metal flakes, or ask the technician if he or she sees flakes when you bring it in for service. Flakes indicate the engine is creating too much friction and slowly chipping away at the components.

TROUBLE STARTING

Failure to turn over is a clear indicator of engine troubles. It could be the battery, but if the battery is new, look for other causes.

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Headlight glare can be dangerous; how can you cope?

Headlight glare becomes dangerous when visibility is impaired to a point where the risk of accidents is heightened. Glare is a growing problem for many modern drivers due to the increased use of light emitting diodes in headlights.

While glare can be problematic, drivers can take certain steps to make it safer.

Clean the windshield. Dirt and grime found on the windshield can refract light and make glare worse.

Repair scratches and cracks. Glare can be

exacerbated by any imperfections in the windshield.

Change your line of sight. Do not look directly into oncoming headlights. Rather, look slightly down and to the right side of the road so that you're not focusing on the beams.

Get a vision and health check. Changes to vision can impact how glare affects certain individuals. Vitamin A deficiency can cause night blindness, also known as

nyctalopia. Eye shape changes, including a condition called keratoconus, can affect vision. Cataracts and diabetes also impair vision. Visit with a primary care physician as well as an eye doctor to diagnose conditions that can make night vision worse.

Get glare-resistant coatings on eyeglasses. Speak with an optician about eyeglasses with anti-glare coating. This will significantly reduce the amount of glare. VisionCenters.com says standard plastic lenses reflect around 8 percent of the

light that reaches glasses, while high-index lenses reflect up to 12 percent of available light. Anti-glare coating allows 99.5 percent of available light to reach the eyes, essentially eliminating glare. Those who don't wear eyeglasses can purchase specific anti-glare glasses to wear in high-glare conditions, such as when looking at computer and phone screens.

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Tips on how to maintain an older vehicle

New cars have been costly for quite some time, but those costs have spiked considerably since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. That unprecedented rise has led many motorists to wonder how they can get more mileage out of their existing vehicles.

According to data from Kelley Blue Book and Cox Automotive, the average cost of a new car in September 2021 was just over \$45,000. That marked a \$3,000 increase from June 2021 and a \$5,000 increase from the end of 2020.

Drivers who can't afford to keep up with the rising cost of new vehicles can take these steps to keep their existing cars running smoothly for years to come.

Take care of the timing belt. Engines may get all the glory, but they cannot run smoothly without a fully functional timing belt. Engines need various components to do their job, and those components must do so at the right time for the engine to run smoothly. Fully functional

timing belts help to synchronize movements, but belts must be replaced every so often.

Owner's manuals may note when to replace the timing belt, but they generally must be replaced every 60,000 to 105,000 miles. That's infrequent, but drivers can ask their mechanics to keep an eye on their timing belts.

One issue many drivers encountered in the early months of the pandemic when people were driving less frequently was timing belts that were failing long before they reached the projected mile markers. That's because infrequent driving can hasten the demise of the timing belt. This is something for aging drivers who no longer drive a lot to keep in mind.

Take care of the brakes and associated components. The experts at Popular Mechanics urge drivers of older vehicles to replace their brake fluid every two years. Popular Mechanics also advises drivers whose cars are more than seven years old



to replace the rubber brake lines when major brake work is required.

Pay attention to oil levels. The older engines get, the more oil they're going to burn. So drivers of older vehicles should check their oil levels more often than they would if their vehicles were brand new. This also is a great way to discover leaks before they lead to potentially significant issues.

Don't skip maintenance appointments. Even if you're still driving less due to the pandemic, it's best not to skip recom-

mended maintenance intervals. That's true for drivers of all cars, but especially those whose vehicles are aging. Routine tune-ups and oil changes, which may need to become more frequent the older the vehicle gets, can keep cars running smoothly and protect the engine over the long haul.

The rising cost of new cars is compelling millions of drivers to keep their cars longer than they might have anticipated. Some simple maintenance measures can help those cars run strong for years to come.

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Simple strategies to be a more gas efficient driver

Drivers likely need no reminder that the cost of fuel is high. In November 2021, data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration indicated the average price per gallon of fuel was \$3.39. That marked a seven-year high and an increase of \$1.29 in just 12 months.

And now with the war in Ukraine, even higher.

Learning how to be a more efficient driver is a great way to improve gas mileage and take some of the sting out of filling up.

Take it easy behind the wheel. The Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy reports that aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by as much as 30 percent when driving at highway speeds and 40 percent when driving in stop-and-go traf-

fic. Avoid speeding and rapid acceleration and braking.

Utilize in-vehicle energy feedback. A recent study from researchers at the Institute of Transportation Studies found that drivers who used driver feedback devices in their vehicles in an effort to save fuel improved their gas mileage by about 10 percent. Many modern vehicles are equipped with such devices, and drivers can learn to use them and reap the rewards with less frequent trips to the filling station.

Keep cargo off the roof. Rooftop cargo boxes can be convenient when traveling on vacations. However, researchers at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory report that such boxes can reduce fuel economy

by a significant percentage depending on where drivers are driving. City drivers with rooftop cargo boxes may experience a 2 to 8 percent decline in fuel economy, while vacationers traveling at interstate speeds may notice a decline as high as 25 percent.

Cargo boxes are convenient, but they're not very aerodynamic, so it's best to remove them after returning home from vacation.

Avoid idling. Idling was once advised to warm up vehicles so they did not stall once they leave the driveway and hit the open road. However, that stalling oc-

curred when cold carburetors could not get the appropriate mix of air and fuel in the engine. But carburetors have long since been replaced by electronic fuel injection systems, negating the need to warm up a vehicle to avoid stalling. The Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy note that modern engines will warm up by being driven and urge drivers to avoid warming up their cars for more than 30 seconds.

High fuel costs make it advantageous for drivers to embrace efficient driving, which can save a substantial amount of money at the gas pump.



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OPINION: Ours, yours, theirs

CITY HALL

City of Eldridge's missed opportunity is blessing for Reids

Ever since we announced Patrick and Jodi Reid's acquisition of the former US Bank building last Sept. 15, we've watched across the alley daily as crews transformed the 6,120-square-foot icon from bank to the new owners' Thrive Professional Building.

Wow! This is going to be a nice addition to Eldridge. Read about the first phase, The Vault coffee shop, in the story that starts on page 1A.



Impressions
by Bill Tubbs

As I congratulate the Reids on their vision and ambition, I'm scratching my head about the city of Eldridge's missed opportunity. This building could have, and in my view, should have been, the solution to the city's space needs at its cramped city hall. I argued my case in this space on Dec. 9, 2020:

Consider US Bank for Eldridge City Hall

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

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

The project was estimated at \$4.6 million. City leaders settled on the Peterson property on East LeClaire Road and put a \$2.6-million bond vote on the ballot for May 6, 2014. \$2 million more was to come from sales taxes.

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

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

Once in a while, a gift horse looks you in the mouth ... We don't presume to know exactly how the US Bank

building should be retrofitted for city operations. We do know, however, that the assessed value around \$750,000 is a lot less than the \$4.6 million which voters rejected six years ago, even allowing generously for remodeling, which would likely require an elevator.

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

What now for the city?

That was then. This is now. The Peterson property is the site of the YMCA, so one thing turned out well. But office and meeting and police space is stuck right where it was in 2014. And the town isn't getting any smaller; in fact, quite the opposite.

Then-Mayor Marty O'Boyle and members of the city council promised they would at least consider the bank. I assume they did, but if they made an offer, it must've been puny, because in the bargain of the century, the Reids got the whole property, which was assessed at \$750,000, for \$370,000. Park and gazebo included.

Good for them! What then for the city? As best I can tell, it's status quo. We'll muddle along. Use of the community center for larger meetings has been a partial solution, and the pandemic has changed the way we work, so possibly not as much space is needed.

But most of the arguments that were made in 2014 remain. We now have how many police officers - 11? - working out of one tiny space.

Did I mention that while this was happening, Uncle Joe gave the city a big, fat ARPA check in the amount of \$1,020,000, which would've bought the building and gone a long way toward making it a modern city hall?

Since that's not going to happen, hats off again to the Reids for making a positive difference in our community. Time to thrive!

NSP publisher Bill Tubbs has been following activities of the city of Eldridge since 1971. He can be contacted at btubbs@northscottpress.com.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dismayed about silence when schools come under attack by legislators

Editor:

Responding to Ross Paustian's guest column, "Schools: Stop left-leaning curriculum," in *The North Scott Press*, March 30: Actual quotes from the column: "Left-leaning curriculum in the classroom" and "to prevent teachers and administrators from using their roles in schools to indoctrinate students into their political thinking."

As a state representative, Ross' district includes the school districts of Durant, Bennett, North Scott and Davenport. He is a proud sixth-generation farmer in Scott County whom I am sure knows many educators, administrators and board members. His forebears probably had a role in getting schools started in the county.

Public schools are the reason the U.S. is so successful. Children had the liberty to go to school no matter what their religion, sex, social status, wealth and location.

Ross wants us to believe that our fellow community members are leftist, indoctrinating people with sinister agendas.

Teachers, administrators, board members, and support staff are our family members, relatives, former classmates, coaches, fellow church members, good people in our community.

I would like Rep. Ross to tell us who are these people that are indoctrinating our children. Are North Scott board members Joni Dittmer and Glen Keppy these people? Is my neighbor who is a farmer, Bennett school board member, and a fire

chief one of these people? Is the wonderful theatre staff at North Scott these people? How about the junior high teacher at North Scott who, when a gun was faced at her, calmly disarmed the situation, and saved the school from tragedy and her life?

Is the beloved football coach and teacher who has brought school championships to the community one of these? How about my niece who works as para-educator with a special needs student? Is this my friend and neighbor who subs in the school lunchroom in her retirement years? The janitor who helped me set up for an event, is he that person?

I know many in the education sector, and they are good people doing the best for our children. Has Ross spent any length of time observing, volunteering, and interacting with students and educators at any of these schools?

As a state representative, he has never fixed the per student funding for North Scott and Davenport, which receive the lowest funding per districts in the state, adding a measly \$5 this year. It will take many years to fix at that rate.

If and when there are bad actors in the education system, there are rules already in place to handle that.

I am sick at heart of the damage Ross and his fellow representatives are doing to our public-school systems. I am extremely dismayed at the school board members and administrators who are silent.

Susan Stoefen

258 312th St., New Liberty

Slanderous letter reveals most about author

Editor:

Re: "Who is the real Joe Biden?" (letter to the editor, March 30):

I have just one comment regarding John C. Pischke's letter to the editor in the March 30th issue of *The NSP*.

To me, the contents of the letter reveal a lot more about the writer than they do about President Biden, who is the subject of the slanderous piece.

Joe Gross

14225 290th St., Donahue

Independent pharmacies threatened

Editor:

The Iowa Senate has an opportunity to support patient choice and our local pharmacies by reining in abusive behaviors of a little known industry with massive market power: Pharmacy Benefits Managers or PBMs.

In recent years, PBMs have vertically integrated with health insurers and pharmacies at the peril of Iowa patients. Their market influence has gone largely unchecked, sending prescriptions to their own out-of-state pharmacies and forcing patients to use mail-order for their profit.

In addition, PBMs are allowed to reimburse local pharmacies below their cost to dispense the drug, forcing many to

close their doors after decades of serving their community.

The Iowa legislature has an opportunity to help right the course and stand up for Iowa patients and our Main Streets. The House passed a bill to level the playing field; create more market competition, consumer choice, patient protections; and, add transparency on PBM practices.

It's vital the Iowa Senate pass this bill to maintain patient access to health care and local pharmacies.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lisa C. Ploehn, Pharmacist/Owner
Main at Locust Pharmacy,
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READERS' POLL:

INFLATION

With 71 votes counted, here is what readers said when asked how great a concern is inflation to you?

63 Percent: I'm very concerned.

27 Percent: I'm somewhat concerned.

10 Percent: I'm not concerned.

New Question: PARK VIEW

Do you agree with the Scott County Board of Supervisors directing the county's ARPA (federal Covid relief) funds for major infrastructure repairs and improvements in Park View?

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More letters, columns are on pages 16-17A

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OPINION

NORTH SCOTT, PLEASANT VALLEY

Arch rivals prove 'it's all about the kids'

At a time when educators seem to be scrutinized, questioned and challenged for doing what they think, and know, is best for kids, it's time to shine a Friday Night spotlight on those who go above and beyond.

Props to North Scott activities director Jason Schroeder, and his Pleasant Valley counterpart, D'Anne Kroemer, for seemingly moving mountains to make sure this year's Lancer Invitational girls' track meet, and Pleasant Valley's boys' Spartan Invitational, went off with barely a hitch.



Campbell's Scoup
by Scott Campbell

Don't you just love the cooperation between the two competing school districts?

Although the night was long, and more than a bit chilly once the sun went down, Friday night's simultaneous running of the two big meets at Lancer Stadium was nothing but a baton-smashing success.

If you're a high school athlete or coach, it's no secret that Mother Nature has been uncooperative with the spring sports seasons. Rain and cold weather have wreaked havoc with schedules, both in terms of practices and events.

Last week was no exception, and with it becoming more and more difficult to reschedule meets, just because the season is short and most teams already have one or two meets a week, Schroeder and Kroemer took a look at the forecast, and decided to be proactive.

Both were in attendance at the state athletic directors' conference in Des Moines on Sunday and Monday, and were looking ahead at the forecast for the week. North Scott's boys were supposed to host the Lancer Early Bird meet on Tuesday, and once that got cancelled, Schroeder and Kroemer began to put their heads together.

Conversations begin

"Our conversation started because a lot of the same teams were going to be at the Lancer Early Bird and our Spartan Invitational on Thursday," said Kroemer. "Looking at the forecast for Thursday, we knew it wasn't good, and our meet information actually says the meet won't be rescheduled.

"Since North Scott owns its own timing system, and we contract ours for that date only, Jason and I began talking about what a combined meet might look at, and how we could accommodate it."

Both ADs first contacted their respective coaches, and Schroeder was especially concerned with girls' coach Troy Matthaides' opinion, since it was the Lancers' lone home meet of the year.

"The bottom line is that you want kids to be able to run," said Schroeder, "and some teams, including our boys, hadn't even had a chance to compete yet this year. Even though Troy and Joe (boys' coach Joe Greenwood) knew it would be a long night, they were both all in."

Schroeder and Kroemer made the decision to cancel Thursday's meet on Wednesday, and that North Scott would host a combined boys'-girls' meet on

Friday, where the forecast looked more promising.

They then reached out to the schools that were scheduled to compete at their respective events, and only one girls' team had a previous commitment. Schroeder then invited Western Dubuque to fill out the 11-team Lancer field.

Teams were more than thrilled to finally be able to take to the track, and Schroeder and Kroemer then went about the business of lining up volunteers.

Former Lancer associate principal Frank Wood was already scheduled to be the official starter for the girls' event, and Ray Wilden had been scheduled to run the Spartan meet. Both were on board with the switch.

At most Lancer home meets, Schroeder serves as clerk of the course, and along with Wood, makes sure events step off correctly. However, North Scott got a new timing system this year, and since it was the first time it would be used, he thought he needed to be in the press box.

Mike Zimmer

No problem. Former North Scott and Pleasant Valley principal Mike Zimmer, who is currently PV's director of secondary education, typically serves as clerk for Spartan home meets, and he and Kroemer stepped into that role at Lancer Stadium Friday night.

"With the new technology we had, and because of obligations other people had that night, I thought I needed to be up top with the timing system," said Schroeder. "Mike and D'Anne were more than happy to step up."

Since it was scheduled to be Senior Night for both the Lancer girls and Spartan boys, Schroeder even offered to honor PV's seniors, but Kroemer made arrangements to be recognized at another PV event.

"We ended up having plenty of volunteers," said Schroeder. "D'Anne brought some workers over to help fill some voids, and I told the Athletic Boosters to stock the concession stand because it was going to be a big crowd. It just kind of all fell into place, just the way it's supposed to work out."

Thursday's weather was indeed miserable, with a few snowflakes mixed in with the rain. However, the sun came out Friday afternoon and all seemed well with the world.

Fifty-two events

The field events started at 4 p.m., with running events stepping off at 4:30. Counting varsity and junior varsity, there were a whopping 52 events to work through. The final race didn't get under way until after 11 p.m.

There were a couple of small glitches with the timing system, and other than the fact Schroeder had to reset the timer on the lights, everything went off without a hitch.

"Usually for a track meet, I set the lights to go off at 10:30," said Schroeder, "but at 10 it occurred to me that we weren't going to be done, so I had to go change it. I'm glad I thought of that. It would've gotten real dark, real quick."

Kroemer walked out of Lancer Stadium shortly before midnight, with Schroeder leaving 20 minutes later. It

LANCERS, continued on page 16A

LESSONS IN GOVERNMENT

Supervisors bicker over who gets named in 11th-hour resolutions

Jon Sievers said he hoped his four children would get a civics lesson when he brought them to the Scott County Supervisors meeting last Thursday.

The kids got two.



On the Record
by Mark Ridolfi

They saw their grandparents, Bryan and Lisa Sievers, pitch a plan to add sustainable natural gas production to their New Liberty cattle operation. It's a fascinating environmental pivot for an industry often

cast as an eco-enemy.

Read all about it on page 1A of this week's *NSP*.

That lesson would have been sufficient.

Partisan bickering

Before that, the kids got a master class in inconsequential partisan bickering. It's the kind they could see every day in Congress or the Iowa Capitol. But supervisors made sure those kids could see it here, too.

At the March 31 meeting, supervisors Ken Beck, Tony Knobbe, John Maxwell, Brinson Kinzer and Ken Croken all felt compelled to show their support for essential workers by proclaiming March as "Essential Worker Appreciation Month."

But with just six hours left in the month, they couldn't agree on who constituted essential workers.

It seems a repeat of the charade supervisors played Sept. 30. Democrats Kinzer and Croken proposed a resolution proclaiming September as

union labor month, just hours before October began. Then, Republican supervisors voted no because the resolution specified "union" workers.

"There was no attempt to reach across the aisle and say let's make this proclamation good for everybody," Maxwell said at the Sept. 30 meeting.

Kinzer replied: "Your comment to me is you are anti-collective bargaining and anti-labor."

The board's GOP majority voted "no," and more than a dozen Quad-City labor leaders walked out of that meeting in protest. One of them, Operating Engineers Local 150 business agent Karl Drapeaux, told me that is one reason he's a Democratic candidate for supervisor this year.

Fast forward to the final hours of March, when supervisors made their partisan differences paramount for another inconsequential resolution.

Hispanic workers

Since December, Hispanic essential workers, and their supporters have asked supervisors to cut \$3,200 checks to any Scott County working resident not eligible for other pandemic aid. That covers most work-visa holders, Dreamers and undocumented workers. Supervisors heard from tax-paying health aides, store clerks, drivers and others who worked through the pandemic, but got none of the cash benefits Congress bestowed on others.

Johnson County supervisors allocated \$2 million of their \$29.3 million ARPA check for essential workers. But Scott county supervisors, like most other Iowa county boards, declined. Only Croken spoke in favor of that request.

Supervisors listened attentively, but never formally voted on the requests. They did unanimously vote for a budget that didn't include a penny for essential workers.

So Croken presented a resolution at the March 29 committee discussion to dedicate the final few hours of March to honor essential workers. Croken's resolution specified public health, grocery store, food service, gas station, construction, delivery, transit, janitor, social service, emergency service and other workers. "We should take time to recognize and honor each and every one of the essential workers across Scott County..."

Republicans said that list was not inclusive enough.

At the March 31 meeting, for about 15 minutes of those remaining six hours of the month, supervisors argued about the inclusivity of this meaningless resolution.

Resolution rewritten

Beck had already rewritten Croken's resolution. His agreed with Croken's wording that the county should honor those who lost their lives, and those who kept the economy running through the pandemic.

But Beck added, "a large umbrella of sectors from health care to energy to defense to agriculture and everyday needs..."

Supervisor John Maxwell said "agriculture" needed to be included. "You folks need to be recognized," he said to about a dozen Hispanic Scott County residents at the back of the board room. "But ag workers need to be recognized, to recognize essential workers we have in the room, and these

folks who were missed."

Beck's other major change? His resolution omitted Croken's reference to "the exclusion of many essential workers from critical federal and local pandemic aid relief."

Croken erupted, aghast that his resolution presented for discussion Tuesday would be rewritten and put on the Thursday agenda without discussion. "It's the usual shenanigans where you all play fast and loose with the facts and timing," he said.

Republicans win

Democrat Kinzer joined Croken to vote against Beck's amendment, but the Republican majority won out.

"I can accept either one," Kinzer said. Then he noted: "How about stay-at-home moms?"

Those poor moms didn't make either resolution.

In the final vote, Kinzer joined the GOP majority voting 4-1 for Beck's version recognizing March as Scott County Essential Worker Appreciation Month, effective immediately.

Under terms of the resolution, that appreciation expired at midnight.

But in this campaign year, I expect it will come up again.

Until then, here's a proposal for supervisors: If you aim to honor anyone with a special month, do it before the month begins, not on the final day.

But if you want to stoke meaningless partisan divisions, keep it up. You're on the right track.

I sure hope those Sievers kids missed that lesson.

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OPINION

12 inches of snow on April 16, 1997

April 12, 1972

• Joni Lynn Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark of LeClaire, was competing in the Miss Iowa Teen-Age Contest. She was a seventh grader at Black Hawk Junior High School in Pleasant Valley.

• Linnea West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira West of rural Walcott, was selected to attend Girls State by the Walcott American Legion Auxiliary Unit 548.



Our Past

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

• It was estimated that about 1,000 people would be living in Park View by the end of 1972.

• Larry and Marlene Rauch were among the newest business owners in Eldridge, having taken over operation of the Eldridge O.K. Hardware late in 1971. Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Eckermann had owned and operated the store.

• Eldridge and Long Grove firefighters responded to a large barn fire on the Wyatt Frahm farm in rural Eldridge.

April 15, 1982

• The North Scott School Board moved forward with plans to redistrict the attendance boundaries for Alan Shepard and John Glenn elementary schools.

• Nine fifth- and sixth-graders from John Glenn Elementary were honored at the Iowa Capitol for winning an essay contest on conservation. The students also got to meet Gov. Robert Ray. Honored students were Michelle Holdorf, Wendy Keppy, Cindy Long, Kelly Tobias, Laura Schnoor, Heather Snyder, Katie O'Connor and Jesse Petersen.

• Tim Lafrenz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lafrenz of rural Long Grove was set to be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

• The North Scott jazz band placed second at the Iowa Jazz Championships at Iowa State University. Dan Schneider was named one of the top four soloists of the festival, and Melanie Schmidt and Bill Gecsey also received outstanding musicianship awards.

• The North Scott Eagles, a boys' basketball team of 11- and 12-year-olds from Park View, Eldridge and Long Grove, won the St. Alphonsus 6th Grade Tournament. Team members were Scott Horn, Steve Whitaker, Kent Fahrenkrog, Darren Smith, Durelle Nigh, Artie Matje, Kevin Ruschill, Brian Glaus and Tim Ryan.

April 16, 1997

• Twelve inches of snow fell on Scott County, five inches more than the last recorded heavy mid-April snowstorm in 1912.

• Gus Youngberg retired from the Eldridge Park Board after 16 years of service.

• The Princeton City Council planned to vote on whether to purchase the Boll's

General Store on River Drive and renovate it for use as a community center.

• Nora Arp, a resident of the Davenport Lutheran Home, would be honored with a family dinner in celebration of her 97th birthday.

April 18, 2007

• The future of the Eldridge Fitness Center was in the hands of the Eldridge City Council after the current owners, Ryan and Jason Powers, announced they planned to close. The contract would then revert back to Dan and Kathy Kilen, who contacted the city to see if it was interested in purchasing or leasing the business. Park board vice-chair Scott Campbell told the council the prospect was worth investigating; adding city ownership of a fitness center had been discussed during long-range planning sessions.

• Lancer Productions planned to present "There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom" (based on the book by Louis Sachar) as its Children's Theatre production. Cast members included Nate Curlott, Moriah Ewoldt, Adam Spainhower, Ken Krebs, Blair Perrin, Kaleigh Wall, Alex Kolwey, Ali Grolmus, Hope Wilson, Hollie Butcher, Mackenzie Schadel, Tony Percuoco, Aaron Schroeder, Kalie Moore, Taylor Everding, Jim Kinney, Ashley Whitaker, Josie Vaughn, Courtney Garnica and Cory Pearce.

April 12, 2017

• Steve Berg, owner and CEO of QC Coatings, announced plans to bring the business to the vacant Schult Engineering building in Princeton.

• The North Scott School Board was studying a partnership that would turn most before- and after-school childcare over to the Scott County YMCA.

• Funeral services were held for Rodney "Doc" Vanderheiden, an athletic trainer and teacher at North Scott from 1978-85. Vanderheiden, who later went on to a 27-year career with the Bedford Community School District in southwest Iowa, was credited with founding North Scott's state-renowned athletic training program.

• The Scott County Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of new voting machines with new, more reliable scanners.

• The North Scott girls' soccer team came away with a 3-0 victory against Davenport Assumption in a highly physical, somewhat testy match. Junior keeper Heather Hoeger had nine saves on the night.

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

Lancers-Spartans cooperate

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was a long and chilly night, but one filled with a lot of smiles.

"I thought it was a great night, given the fact that we threw a championship meet together in a very, very short period of time," said Kroemer. "There were some outstanding races, and a lot of thank-yous from coaches, parents and kids who were grateful we were able to figure out a way to make it happen for an awful lot of teams."

Count Lancer senior Dane Treiber among them. I interviewed him about the meet Sunday afternoon, and about an hour after our conversation, he sent me a text.

"I also want to thank Coach Matthaidess and the girls' program for letting us combine meets and run with them Friday night."

He obviously knew how special the

night was.

"I would do it again, but only on a Friday night," said Schroeder. "I would never do it on a school night. In the end, it ended up being fun. There's just something special about Friday nights and athletics, and we had a Friday night football crowd for a track meet.

"Very few track meets are held under the Friday Night lights. It was a great environment for the kids."

At the end of the day, or night, it's all about the kids. Arch rivals on the field of competition, give plenty of credit to North Scott and Pleasant Valley for a partnership that does nothing but benefit the students from both districts.

It was a job well done.

Scott Campbell has been covering sports since 1983. He can be contacted at scampbell@northscottpress.com.

LEGISLATOR

Magazine praises Iowa tax reforms

National Review published an article on Monday, commending the Iowa Legislature for its bold tax reforms. They outlined the pro-growth changes, such as the move to a flat personal and business income tax rate, and the elimination of retirement income



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tax. It also acknowledged Iowa's tax code is much more competitive than many states that border us, making us a Midwestern leader in tax reform. The article cited data showing positive migration patterns toward low-tax states nationwide, suggesting a bright future for Iowa's population. Historic tax reform was the right thing to do for Iowans, and our actions are expected to attract new people and business to our state.

Bills of Note:

Teacher shortage: Senate File 2377 passed unanimously this week and will help Iowa schools recruit and retain high quality teachers in the face of the workforce shortage. One aspect of this bill creates an alternate pathway to becoming a licensed teacher in Iowa, creating more opportunities to become a qualified teacher. It also gets rid of the requirement for the Teach Iowa Scholar program that the applicant be entering a high-need area, given that all school districts are encountering difficulties hiring teachers.

Retail Alcohol Reform: This week I floor managed **Senate File 2374** that reforms retail alcohol licenses by bring parity to privileges, streamlining licenses, and eliminates barriers for businesses to operate in Iowa. Through the pandemic and with the continued expansion of native wineries, breweries and distilleries, Iowa's retail structure has seen numerous policy reforms blurring the line between a strictly on-premise or off-premise retailer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The problems with people

Editor:

Most dire reports about global warming/climate change blame this catastrophe on humans, then rely on the scientific community to eliminate fossil fuels, cow farts, plastic straws, low tire pressure and shopping bags from the culture. In fact, humans are the owners of pollution in every form, crime, overflowing jails, landfills and schools, pandemics, cancer, propaganda, crowded highways, fatherless children, and open borders.

Engineers respond to problems by first defining them. Once defined, they apply a process of analysis to zero in on the cause and then the solution. This practice has resulted in the comforts enjoyed by earth's human inhabitants. While technical folks have met the challenge, they're just nerds. They can't violate laws of physics. Can't appease a population bent on reaching infinite numbers. That's the problem.

The solution is to halt current brainwashing that rewards crime, irresponsible parenting, godlessness, ignorance, lack of work ethic, and apathy. Our political representatives offer free stuff (everyone lusts for it, realists know it doesn't exist, that it is our money) to win your adulation, control your thinking.

Brainwashing works. Observe the world you live in. The path of governmental mandates to reduce population has not worked well in communist China. A policy of interactive influence and education is working in India where government has succumbed to reasoning in the need to come to grips with unbridled reproduction.

Our power-wielding czars in business and government incessantly follow the short-term mantra of, "A business/political division must grow to survive." This is preached in college, vigorously applied in daily use and expounded in political speeches. Continuous growth can only work in the long run if you assume that a closed system (earth) can support infi-

nite people.

Think this through. If you have a pail, you can add water only until it reaches the top. Any more is lost, wasted. That's reality. There are many examples of nations that have reached that limit. A few simply resort to genocide. Some are exporting their excess population to the U.S. Others simply choose to degrade the quality of life to the point that socialism is necessary to maintain control.

Where are we on the spectrum? Are you comfortable on the interstate? How about driving home at 5 p.m.? Crime threat OK with you? We can see through the air we breathe, but we can't see the stars. Not so much in LA or NY. We'll need to pave over some farm land soon. How does that make sense when we need more land to feed the growing population? How long will you wait in line for gas?

I tried to get a reservation to visit Glacier National Park. They are booked full for 2022. We thrive in the Midwest, but when will you start to feel the need for elbow room? Your kids? Today's generation is enured to it. I'm not. Think about it.

Use your voice, your vote to encourage an attitude of responsible parenting, ethical work practice, attention to the fundamental precepts of civilized co-existence.

Support education that establishes a norm of quality, an aura of individual contribution, a sense of parenting that focuses attention on one or two kids. Exchange the race to win by overwhelming numbers to win by excellence. Stop pirating the producers from abroad. Leave them to exercise reason in their home countries. Base immigration policy on the capacity of our nation to maintain a quality of life for its citizens commensurate with that expected by those who contribute. Then enforce it!

Do that or nothing and prove that we are as stupid as the socialists think we are.

Bill Wohlford
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OPINION

LEGISLATORS

Parents can see classroom materials

Things are starting to wind down as session comes to an end. These last few weeks have been very busy with the amount of bills being debated in the House. We are



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at the point of voting on and passing budgets, which are some of the last bills that we do. I'm happy with the work that we have been able to accomplish this session, and in this newsletter I would like to highlight one of these successes.

Education Transparency

HF 2577 passed the House this week. **HF 2577** deals with an issue that is a priority to many parents this session. Since the shutdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic, parents got a first-hand view of what their children are being taught in schools. This has energized parents to want to be more informed about the materials being used to teach their children. Parents want to be partners in their children's education. Most school teachers will not have a problem with providing this information to their student's families. **HF 2577** cre-

ates a pathway for school districts and teachers to post their syllabi, textbooks related core materials, and a list of instructional materials that will be used in the student's classes. Along with this, school districts also will need to provide a list of the school's library books. All of these materials just need to be somewhere accessible to parents. A public online catalogue or school management software would suffice. 85 percent of the schools now have the necessary software for this.

The plan includes the ability for parents to review this material. Teachers will also have the opportunity to adjust posted material as the classroom needs change. The ultimate goal of transparency in curriculum is to provide families the means to be engaged in their children's education

Republican Norlin Mommsen of DeWitt represents House District 97. Contact him at Norlin.Mommsen@legis.iowa.gov, or at the capitol, (515) 281-3221 or (563) 357-9826

Addressing workforce shortage

This week, Iowa House Republicans passed our Education budget proposal on the House floor. In this bill, we proposed a new innovative funding approach for Iowa's Regent Universities to help address Iowa's workforce crisis.



Paustian

The bill provides \$12 million for scholarships for students preparing to fill high-need jobs. The students in their junior and senior years of qualifying programs will receive scholarships of \$5,000 per year. This money is on top of the Regent's usual general fund appropriation.

The state and regent universities need to be better partners in addressing the state's workforce needs. This new funding will incentivize the regents to recruit more students to the jobs we need here in Iowa.

Additional bonus money for school employees
Earlier this session, Governor Reynolds

announced she'd be using federal money to give teachers in Iowa a \$1,000 bonus. This week, Iowa House Republicans expanded on those bonuses in an amendment to the Education budget.

This change made those \$1,000 bonuses tax-free, ensuring more of that money actually makes it into the pockets of hardworking teachers. This change also applies to bonuses to peace officers, child care providers, and correctional officers. We also loosened restrictions on how school districts can use their surplus money to allow them to use that money to pay bonuses to the additional school employees, such as bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and classroom aids.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Responding to NSP letter writers

Editor:

In response to **Randy Denner's** article in *The NSP* dated March 23:

I agree with the article until it came to criticizing President Trump. Some of the states decided to send ballots in the mail to everyone and had collection boxes unattended. One person said he waited in line and the rain for hours, and when he went to vote, the people running the voting said he had already voted.

President Trump was checked on every move he made from the time he announced his intention to run for president and continues now.

This past election checked little or no time on making sure all ballots were legal.

The riots in the eastern states were called peaceful, where police cars and police stations were burned and police killed and injured. The Jan. 6 riot was not right.

Pelosi took two Republicans that were appointed by the Republicans and put two liberal leaning Republicans on the investigating committee. That does not seem fair!

In regard to **Donald Hawley's** letter, printed March 30, 2022, in *The NSP*, entitled, "Time to unite behind our leader": President Biden has messed up everything

he has done, starting with his first day in office. No common sense!

Why did he stop the pipeline and slow down new drilling? Then started buying oil from people that don't like us. This has caused high inflation. Especially hurts people on fixed incomes.

Why did he stop the border wall on our southern border? This allows illegal aliens to pour across our borders, some undesirable and some carry disease. The border states are having problems uncalled for. Many of these aliens are loaded on buses and planes are sent north. Mexico cartels are making millions of dollars from the aliens to get them into the U.S.A.

Why was our departure from Afghanistan such a disaster? The military left first, leaving behind billions of dollars in military equipment. I'm told that Afghan military can now fight at night using new night vision glasses. Also, many of our citizens and friendly Afghan people were left behind the enemy lines.

What is happening to Hunter Biden? We need a strong president that can get things done!

Larry Keester
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TRANS-GENDER ATHLETES

Utah's governor listened to both sides; Iowa's didn't

Through history, some political leaders have been outstanding orators. Boy, could they talk. They knew how to mobilize and move people with their words.

Think of Franklin Roosevelt and, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Or Ronald Reagan and, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"



Guest Opinion

by Randy Evans

The ability to crystallize their thoughts in memorable speeches can galvanize public opinion and bring people around to the leader's views.

Listening is important, too

But the best leaders have something else, and it gets too little attention and respect, especially in these divisive times. That is the leader's listening skills.

This lack of attention to listening is unfortunate, because leadership is more than simply making decisions. Leadership is far more complicated than just doing what the leader's most ardent supporters want.

Real leaders listen to people who disagree with them. They let those people explain their experiences, their concerns and suggestions — because such perspective may not be truly understood by the person in charge.

As is often the case when I think about leadership, Robert D. Ray comes to mind.

A recent Iowa History Month essay focused on how during Ray's tenure as governor the state led the way nationally in protecting Native American remains and burial sites. Lakota activist Maria Pearson of Ames was instrumental in the early 1970s in changing the attitudes of government officials, museum administrators and scientists toward the subject.

Her ability to bring change occurred because Ray was willing to listen, even when others were not.

Contractors on a road project near Glenwood uncovered the remains of two dozen pioneers in 1971. The bones of the Caucasian settlers were reburied in a nearby cemetery. But, as was the practice at the time, the remains of a Native American woman and her infant were sent to the state archaeologist's lab in Iowa City for study.

Pearson was livid. She went to the Capitol and demanded to see Ray. He invited her in and listened as she shared her concerns about the way Native American remains were treated like museum objects and were not treated with the same dignity the remains of European-Americans received.

Ray sought the input of others and listened to the concerns of museum curators and archeologists. In the end, he decided that while the public benefits from the museum displays and scientists' studies, the human rights and spiritual concerns of Native Americans must take precedence.

Gov. Reynolds and Gov. Cox

Fast forward to 2022 for a couple of examples of governors listening — one half-heartedly, one with more compassion.

Gov. Kim Reynolds talked with Iowa parents and their daughters who wanted a law barring transgender girls from participating on girls' athletic teams at Iowa high schools and at Iowa colleges and universities.

Unlike Ray, who sought out people with views differing from Maria Pearson's, Reynolds did not invite transgender girls to her office to talk

about the issue. You didn't see photos of her with Gavy Smith, 15, a transgender girl from Decorah, who was born Gavin, a biological boy.

Had Reynolds invited Gavy and her mother to the Capitol, the governor would have learned Gavy has never been a standout athlete in any sport, not even miniature golf. Gavy would have talked about the joy derived from being part of a team and playing alongside friends.

Another leader wrestling with the issue of transgender athletes is Spencer Cox, the Republican governor of Utah.

Last week, he vetoed a bill similar to Iowa's. It bars transgender students from participating in high school sports unless it is on a team comprised of athletes of the gender a trans kid had at birth. Cox's veto letter provides important insight into his consideration of the issue.

"I believe in fairness and protecting the integrity of women's sports," he wrote. "Because there are logical and passionate arguments by many parties, finding compromise or common ground can be difficult."

Fair and compassionate solutions

But Cox said he favors finding fair and compassionate ways to solve bitter disputes.

"I was heartened and encouraged to see legislators sitting down with LGBTQ advocates to work on a compromise that would both protect women's sports and allow some participation for our most marginalized transgendered youth."

The potential compromise would have created a commission of experts to help decide individual cases in which trans kids would be able to participate on a team.

"The concept was fairly simple," Cox wrote. "For the very small number of transgender kids who are looking to find a sense of connection and community — without posing any threat to women's sports — the commission would allow participation. However, the committee would prohibit participation in the rare circumstance of an outlier who could pose a safety threat or dominate a sport in a way that would eliminate competitive opportunities for biological females."

On the last day of the legislative session, the compromise was thrown out shortly before midnight and a complete ban was substituted.

"I am not an expert on transgenderism," Cox wrote. "I struggle to understand so much of it, and the science is conflicting. When in doubt, however, I always try to err on the side of kindness, mercy and compassion. I am learning so much from our transgender community. They are great kids who face enormous struggles."

Cox noted that of 75,000 students participating in high school sports in Utah, only four are transgender. Of those four, only one is playing girls' sports.

He concluded: "That's what this is all about. Four kids who aren't dominating or winning trophies or taking scholarships. Four kids who are just trying to find some friends and feel like they are part of something. Four kids trying to get through each day. Rarely has so much fear and anger been directed at so few."

That insight comes when you listen.

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OBITUARIES

Archie Britcher

Archie R. Britcher, 28, of Davenport, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022. A celebration of his life will be held from 1-5 p.m. on April 23, at the Davenport American Legion, 702 W. 35th St., on what would have been his 29th birthday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for a memorial fund to be established for his girls.

Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home, Davenport, is assisting the family.

Archie Ryan Britcher was born April 23, 1993, in Davenport, the son of Steven and Connie (McCleary) Britcher. He graduated from North Scott High School in 2011. He attended Scott Community College for culinary arts and applied those skills at Crow Valley Country Club and at home. He had also worked in customer service and sales, where he received numerous awards as top salesperson. He was currently working towards getting his real estate license.

Archie is a loving dad, son, brother, nephew, cousin and friend. His three daughters are his pride and joy. They always kept each other smiling and laugh-

ing. He is kind, caring, fun-spirited and truly one of a kind. There is only one Archie!



His soulmate and love of his life was Brooke Neff. They enjoyed activities with all four of their children: Brooke's son, Paxton, and Archie's daughters, Serenity, Maiah and Sophia.

He also loved all sports, video games, traveling, and spending time with his friends and family.

Those left to honor his memory include his mother, Connie Britcher; daughters Serenity, Maiah and Sophia; sister Katie Britcher; maternal grandmother Mary McCleary; aunt Judy (Ken) Jones; uncle Monty (Peggy) McCleary; and aunt TJ (David) Petersen, all from Davenport; and many cousins and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; maternal grandfather, Kenneth McCleary; paternal grandparents, Henry and Betty Britcher; and his fiancée, Brooke Neff.

Online remembrances and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.hmdfuneralhome.com.

Custom obituary

Sr. Mary Core, O.S.B.

Sister Mary C. Core, O.S.B., 73, of St. Mary Monastery, Rock Island, passed away Sunday, March 27, 2022, at St. Mary Monastery, Rock Island.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, at St. Mary Monastery, Rock Island, and was live-streamed through Benedictine Sisters of St. Mary Monastery Facebook page. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Rock Island. Private visitation was from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at the Monastery, with a private Christian wake service at 7 p.m. Arrangements were entrusted to Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, Milan. Memorials may be made to St. Mary Monastery, Rock Island.

Mary Claire Core was born April 4, 1948, in Sterling, Ill., a daughter of Darrell and Anna Jane Bingenheimer Core. She attended St. Anne's Grade School, East Moline, Alleman High School, Rock Island, St. Xavier University, Chicago, Ill., St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, Ind., and University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio.



Sister Mary entered the Benedictine community on Sept. 10, 1967, and made her final profession as a Benedictine sister on Aug. 12, 1972.

Sister Mary's ministry included teaching in Catholic grade schools in Illinois at Nauvoo, Macomb, Monmouth, Chicago and St. Mary's Academy, Nauvoo, Bergen High School, Peoria and St. Bede Academy, Peru, Ill. She served in Youth Ministry at St. Joseph Parish, Pekin, Ill., St. Maria Goretti Parish, Coal Valley, Ill., Mary Our Lady of Peace, Orion, Ill., and Our Lady of Victory, Davenport. She also served as Initial Formation Director and Liturgy Director for St. Mary Monastery.

She is survived by her Benedictine Sisters; her brothers, James (Angela) Core, Spokane Valley, Wash., and Richard (Susan) Core, Los Angeles, Calif.; her sisters, Lois (Steven) Pinto, New Bedford, Mass., and Rita (Wayne) Pacha, Eldridge; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Online condolences may be expressed at [wheelanpressly.com](http://www.wheelanpressly.com).

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Check www.northscottpress.com regularly for breaking news and updates during the week!

Dennis Richlen

Dennis "Denny" R. Richlen, 79, of Bettendorf, passed away Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Genesis Medical Center - East Campus, Davenport.



Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 6 (today), at St. James Lutheran Church, Bettendorf. Visitation will be from 9-11:30 a.m. on Wednesday at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, Bettendorf. Burial will be in Allen's Grove Cemetery, Donahue. Memorials may be directed to Bettendorf Veterans Memorial or to the Bettendorf Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter 776.

Denny was born June 19, 1942, at home in rural Bennett, to Donald and Bette (Mueller) Richlen. After graduating high school in 1960, he joined the U.S. Air Force. He served his country for eight years, during which he was stationed in Spain for five years, later completed a 13-month tour to Vietnam, and earned the rank of master sergeant prior to being honorably discharged in 1968. He first married Maria in 1964 while deployed in Spain. He later married Shirley A. McCluskey

on Oct. 31, 1981, in Davenport. Denny worked in data processing at Caterpillar, Mt. Joy, for 30 years prior to his retirement in 1998. In retirement, he did handyman work.

Denny was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Donahue American Legion Larry M. Gronewold Post #532, Bettendorf Veterans Memorial Committee, and the Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard. He enjoyed deer and pheasant hunting, NASCAR, and was an avid Hawkeye, Packers, and 49ers fan.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Bettendorf; children, Don (Kathleen) of Bettendorf, Lisa (Jeff) of Eldridge; grandchildren, Randon, Kelcie, Rihlen, Mitchell, Reyli; step-daughters, Ann (John) and Lea, all of Davenport; step-grandchildren, Alexandria, TJ, Daniel; sister, Beth Ellen; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and parents-in-law, Robert and Katie McCluskey.

Online condolences may be shared at www.McGinnis-Chambers.com.

Custom obituary

Howard Stuhr

Howard H. "Redman" Stuhr, 85, of Tipton, formerly of Bennett, entered eternity on Wednesday, March 30, 2022,



while under the care of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, after suffering a sudden stroke. A public visitation was held on Sunday, April 3, from 2 - 5 p.m., at Fry Funeral Home in Tipton. A private family burial took place on Monday, in the Inland Cemetery, Bennett. In memory of Howard, memorials funds have been established for both the Tipton Ambulance and the Bennett Ambulance. Cards and memorials may be mailed to 217 E. 11th Street, Tipton, Iowa 52772. Online condolences may be shared at www.fryfuneralhome.com.

Howard was born on Sunday, Sept. 27, 1936, in Bennett, and was the son of Wilhelm and Edna Jane (Stuehm) Stuhr. Howard graduated with the Bennett High School Class of 1954. On May 3, 1958, Howard was united in marriage to Carole J. Wiese, at the Peace Church of Christ United in Bennett.

Until his retirement in 2004, Howard worked for Stuhr Brothers Construction, a family company that Howard and his brother Ralph started in 1960.

After Carole passed away, Howard moved to Tipton, where he found his social life continued involving old friends. Howard was a member of Peace Church in Bennett, he served on both the Bennett City Council and the

Bennett Lions Club.

In the old days, Howard was a proud member of the Dixon Cornbelt semi-pro baseball league. On Friday and Saturday nights you could catch him and Carole on the dance floor dancing to the music of Deliverance, Keepin' Time, or any other bands in the area. Howard always enjoyed spending time with family, watching any sports on TV, with a great fondness for the Boston Red Sox and the Iowa Hawkeyes. And after finally retiring from pounding nails, you knew you could find him shooting the breeze with the guys at the Moeller

lumberyard in Tipton, at the Moeller Boys or the Family Restaurant. Howard is survived by his four children, Kimberly (Brian) Hudson of Tipton, Kory Stuhr of Durant, Keely (Steve) Simon of Tipton, and Shannon (Colin) Hermiston of New Liberty; sister, Gladys Conrad of Clarence; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Howard was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Carole; daughter, Kathy; grandson, Austin; sisters, Norma Wilkening and Elda Rixe and brothers, Elmer Stuhr and Ralph Stuhr.

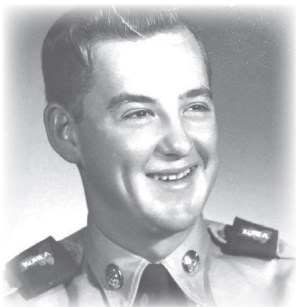
Howard's family would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Iowa City Hospice and the palliative nursing staff at UIHC for the wonderful care they provided.

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Please join us for a graveside military service for Richard (Dick) Lee at 1:00 on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at Elmwood Cemetery, Dewitt, Iowa 52742. We will be gathering after the service at Buzzy's, 414 Main Street, Welton, Iowa 52774 for a lunch and to remember a wonderful person who is greatly missed.

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OBITUARIES

Larry Vens

Funeral services for Larry Vens, 82, of Davenport, will be 11 a.m. Friday, April 8, at the Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home, downtown Davenport. Burial will be in Pine Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Larry died peacefully, Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Silvercrest Assisted Living, Davenport.

Larry was born on Aug. 28, 1939, in Dixon, a son of Arthur L. and Marguerite J. (Lager) Vens. He served in the National Guard until his honorable discharge in 1966. Larry married Judith A. "Judy" (Carlin) Vens on Aug. 8, 1964, in Aledo, Ill. Judy preceded Larry in death on Feb. 8, 2008.

Larry retired from Local 371-Rock Island after driving truck for American Freight and Roadway. He was a member of the Moose, VFW-Auxiliary, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Larry adored his family, his son, Rodney, was his best friend and they



did everything together. He enjoyed all the time spent with his boys, his grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Larry was a prolific weightlifter. He also enjoyed walking his dog and playing cards especially euchre.

Survivors include his sons: Mark (Kathy) Vens, Sedalia, Mo., and Rodney Vens, Davenport; grandchildren: Jeramie Vens, Christopher (Madison) Vens, Nicole (Ben) Palmer, Zachary Tatum, Colton (Linda) Tatum, Brenden Vens, and Jeanette Shuker; great-grandchildren: Violet Tatum, Mabel, Pierce, and Jasper Palmer, a sister-in-law, Judy Vens, Dixon, a special niece, Dawn Bender, and several other loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Judy, Larry was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Carl Vens, his parents, and siblings: Jerry Vens and JoAnn Denklaue. May they rest in peace.

Online condolences may be expressed by visiting www.hmdfuneral-home.com.

Custom obituary

Roger Payton

Roger Lynn Payton Sr., 75, of Somerville, Ala., passed away on Friday, March 25, 2022, with family by his side.

Roger was born on Sept. 26, 1946, in Hartford, Ky., the youngest of three sons, to Elbert and Evelyn Payton. He married Sharon Kay Pullen on April 11, 1966, in Owensboro, Ky., where they later had four children. He served in the United States Air Force, during which he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

Roger worked in the aluminum processing and manufacturing industry, spending most of his career in plant management with Nichols Homeshield Aluminum in Davenport. During that time, he resided in Eldridge, where he and Sharon raised their family. He retired from the Nichols Homeshield Aluminum plant in Decatur, Ala., before going to work for Vulcan Aluminum in Foley, Ala. He retired from Vulcan Aluminum in October of 2016. Sharon passed away on March 11, 2020.

He enjoyed woodworking, home improvement, and was an avid University of Kentucky Wildcats basketball fan. Roger will be lovingly remembered by his four children: Roger (Angi) Payton Jr. of Maquoketa, Mickey (Dennis)



Blake of Eldridge, Bryan (Sarah) Payton of Donahue, and Tracy (Brad) Van Pelt of Noblesville, Ind. By his nine beautiful grandgirls: Chelsey, Lauren, Ariana, Sophie, Addisen, Evelyn, Hattie, Ella, and Teagan; and one hairy legged grandboy, Maxwell. By his brother Norman Payton Sr. Also by the two sweet, yet rowdy, ladies Roger lived with the last two years, Maggie and Ella (Dachshund hounds).

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and brother, Ross Payton. A private family service will be held for both Roger and Sharon in the Quad Cities at a later date.

Roger's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the doctors and staff at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Ala., for the great care and compassion shown to Roger in his last days. Also to Roger's loving friends and neighbors, Bobby and Sylvia Barnes and Beverly Holland, who have truly shown Christ's love and compassion to Roger and his family during this difficult time. Thank you and God bless you. Online condolences may be made at www.peckfuneralhome.com.

Custom obituary

Brian Jones

Brian C. Jones, 51, of Davenport, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. The family will greet friends between 10-12 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, at the Runge Mortuary. A private burial will be held and he will be laid to rest in Maysville Cemetery, Maysville. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rungemortuary.com.

Brian was born Aug. 21, 1970, in Davenport, to Howard and Gloria (Lange)



Jones. He is a 1989 graduate of North Scott High School.

Brian enjoyed watching NASCAR and smoking meat. He had a passion for construction and remodeling projects.

Those left to cherish his memory include his brothers, Jonathan (Jen) Jones and Nathan Jones; and nieces, Jordan and Camryn.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Custom obituary

FAMILY NEWS

Mel and Joanne Puck to celebrate 65th anniversary

Mel and Joanne Puck of Dixon will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

Joanne Brockmann and Mel Puck were married April 6, 1957, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport.

Mr. Puck was employed by the Scott County Sheriff's Department, retiring in 1991. Mrs. Puck was employed at Iowa 80 Group (CAT Scale), retiring in March of 2016.

Their children are Gail (Mitch) Marshall of Lowden, Julie (Steve) Ehrecke of Muscatine, Lori (Dave) Imming of Blue Grass, and Jill Puck of Blue Grass.

Their grandchildren are Brad Pickett, Randi (John) Rhine, Danielle (Dustin) Waters, Vaughn (Jordan) Ehrecke, Spencer (Sarah) Ripperger, Jordan (Justin) Parchert, Carly Marshall, Madison Marshall, Kylie Marshall, and



Kennedy Imming.

They have eight grandchildren: Olivia, Zane, Cael, Piper, Reagan, Huxson, Rylee, and Weston.

BIRTH

CHARLOTTE SMITH

Quentin and Samantha (Cronkleton) Smith of Donahue are the parents of a daughter born at 11:16 a.m. March 14, 2022, at Trinity, Bettendorf.

Charlotte Mae weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and was 19.5 inches long.

She is welcomed by a sister, Olivia, 2.

Grandparents are Sohn and Carolyn Smith of Dixon, and Jeff and Kelly Cronkleton of Donahue.

Great-grandparents are Karin Smith and Lois Bittner, both of Eldridge, and Ray and Chris Yoke of Park View.

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Super pee-wee champ Karson Ellenberg

Durant elementary student Karson Ellenberg took first place at the Super Pee Wee State Wrestling Championship March 6 at Young Arena in Waterloo. Karson is now a three-time state champion of the event. Additionally, he placed seventh in the event when he was in preschool. Karson, a second-grader, is the son of Aaron and Katelyn Ellenberg of Stockton.

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Syphilis is on the rise in Iowa.

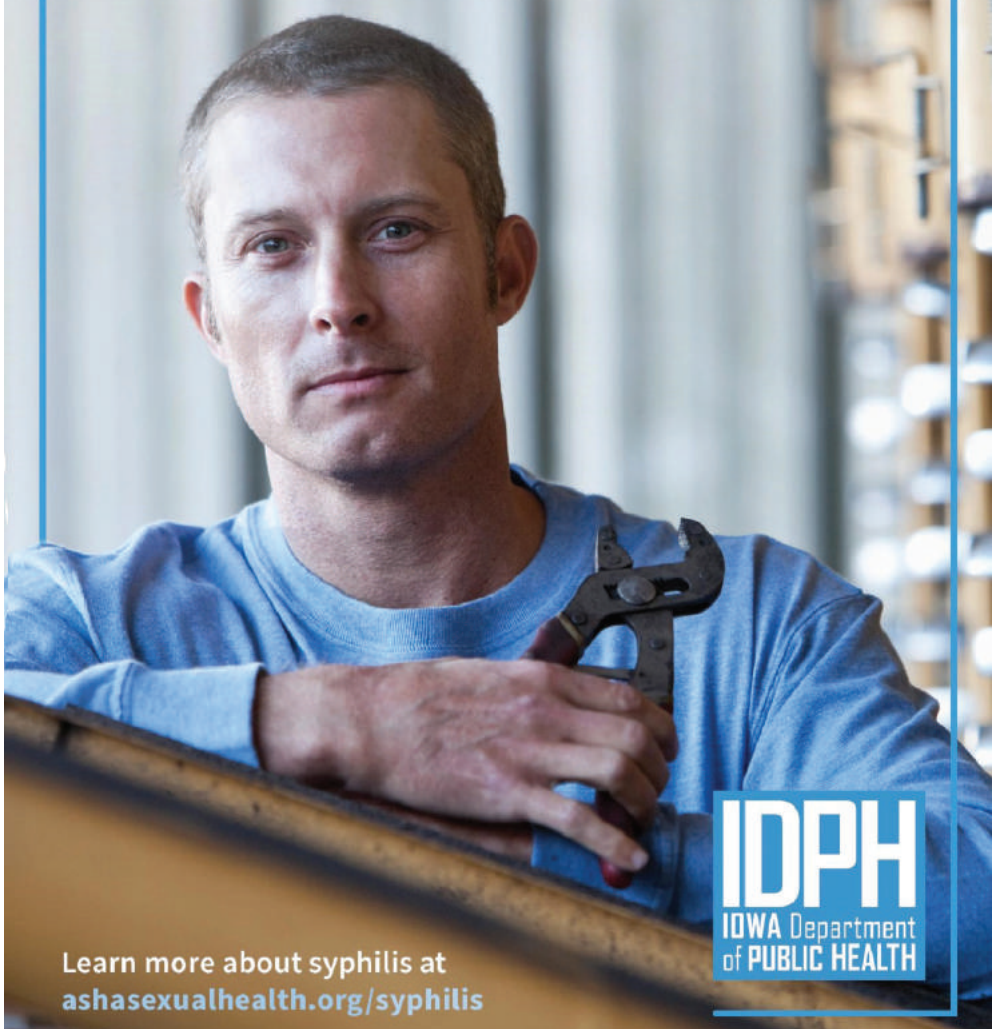
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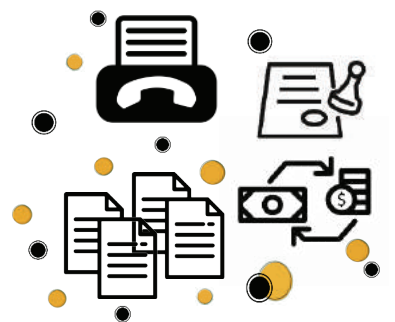
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Students Elizabeth Samara, Patrick Kohnlein, Rowan Schaffert and Madison Wilshusen listen to Angela Reese, of Impact Life Blood Center.



Iowa Department of Natural Resources officer Nicholas Rocca



Angela Reese, Impact Life Blood Center

Workplace readiness: Career day brings high schoolers and professionals together at St. Ann's

More than 250 North Scott sophomores shared their career ambitions, and learned about others March 22 at the school district's annual career day at St. Ann's Church, near Long Grove.

Police officers, bankers, doctors, lawyers, artists, educators and many other professionals spoke with small groups of students about the education, experiences and work habits needed to succeed.

This year's volunteer crew was heavy on North Scott alumni, including:

Daren Doerscher, Katie Schabillon, Angela Reese, Dustin Henningsen, Collin Suiter and Abby Bowers.

NSP photos by Mark Ridolfi



Angela Streigel, of Blackhawk College, Career Planning & Placement



North Scott High School math teacher Sarah Dailey



Bruce Storey, retired from Blackhawk College Career Services



Students listen to Angela Reese, of Impact Life Blood Center.



Peter Ollis, talent specialist for Fidlur Technologies, and North Scott schools communications director Katie Hoyt.



Alyssa Bunkley was smiling behind her mask as she gave a thumbs up while donating.



David Mohr watches closely as Adrian Sowers makes sure the blood is flowing freely.

NSHS students give the Gift of Life

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

Despite many students being on the spring break band trip to Florida, and with Covid still a concern for some, North Scott High School students and staff came through with flying colors when ImpactLife held its blood drive on Thursday, March 10.

After starting the day with a goal of 60 units of blood, 65 were actually collected, and there were 30 individuals who donated with ImpactLife for the first time. More than 200 patients will be served with the blood products collected.

Blood drives like the ones at North Scott, as well as other area communities, are essential to providing the gift of life, especially with Covid having been

so prevalent over the course of the past two years.

“COVID made collecting blood products more challenging with closures, the work force shifting home, and schools having different policies regarding visitors and/or large gatherings,” said Angela Reese, ImpactLife’s donor relations consultant.

There’s no denying that the past two years have been challenging for ImpactLife (formerly Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center), and Reese said the organization had to be creative when it came to collecting blood.

“In working with host groups, especially schools, we hosted drives on buses, at churches or at our donor centers,” she said. “We tried everything in order to bring in donors to meet our patient

needs.

“We still have businesses and schools that haven’t opened their doors yet to blood drives, and these lost opportunities continue to cause strain on our supply levels.”

Complicating ImpactLife’s effort even more has been inclement weather in its southern region. At the end of February, red blood cell inventory for most blood types was at three days or less, and even lower for type O red blood cells and platelets of all types.

“Every unit lost lessens our ability to help a patient and their family have more days together,” said Reese. “There isn’t an alternative to blood products. It is an important part of a patient’s treatment, and it must be there when the

‘North Scott has been a strong advocate for us during the pandemic, and has continued to support the patients we serve.’

Angela Reese

emergency occurs.”

Reese had nothing but good things to say about the school district and the North Scott community.

“North Scott has been a strong advocate for us during the pandemic, and has continued to support the patients we serve,” she said. “We are grateful to all those that have given and will continue to give.”



After giving blood, Adrianna Blackwell, Haili Potter, Amanda Borkhart, Grace Veach and Brandt Kemmerer relax and enjoy refreshments.



Hailey Glover tries to concentrate on something else as David Hesse tries to find a good vein.

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ELDRIDGE POLICE REPORT

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

5:01 p.m. — Complaint of suspicious subjects in the 300 block of North 12th Avenue. Handled by officer.
5:18 p.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of East Franklin Street. Handled by officer.
6:07 p.m. — Complaint of theft of property in the 800 block of West Spring Street. Handled by officer.
8:40 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of North 1st Street. Handled by officer.
9:24 p.m. — Jill Moore, 46, of Walcott, was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop near West LeClaire and North Buttermilk roads.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

4:48 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver near 210th Street and Scott Park Road. Handled by officer.
6:56 p.m. — Complaint of suspicious subjects in the 400 block of North 5th Street. Handled by officer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

6:17 a.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle near South 8th Street and West LeClaire Road. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.
7:26 a.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver near East LeClaire Road and 240th Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.
10:06 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 600 block of East LeClaire Road. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.
7:47 p.m. — Report taken for fraudulent activity in the 700 block of South 7th Street.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

1:07 a.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 800 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.
2:05 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 800 block of West Donahue Street.
6:35 p.m. — Marquita Lee, 33, of Eldridge, was arrested for driving under suspension and cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop in the 2000 block of Slopertown Road.
10:21 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 200 block of North 12th Avenue. Handled by officer.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

10:46 a.m. — Complaint of fraudulent activity in the 1500 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.
4:41 p.m. — Report taken for fraudulent activity in the 100 block of South 4th Avenue.
6:02 p.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. Handled by officer.
6:51 p.m. — Matthew Cady, 39, of Davenport, was cited for no driver's license, following a traffic stop in the 2000 block of Slopertown Road.
9:21 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of South 14th Avenue. Handled by officer.
11:59 p.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 300 block of West Pinehurst Drive. Handled by officer.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

1:48 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 900 block of Trails Road. Keyhold-

er contacted. Handled by officer.

3:17 a.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 500 block of South 1st Street. Handled by officer.
4:44 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 200 block of South 1st Street. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.
6:05 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 2900 block of South 1st Street.
6:51 a.m. — Report taken for a single vehicle accident in the 3600 block of South 1st Street.
9:51 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 400 block of South 8th Street.
2:54 p.m. — Deberah Eddy, 69, of Moline, was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop near South 8th Street and West LeClaire Road.
6:22 p.m. — Corey Bates, 40, of Rock Island, was arrested for driving under suspension, following a traffic stop in the 2000 block of Slopertown Road.
6:54 p.m. — Michael Kubinsky, 37, of Blue Grass, was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop in the 300 block of East LeClaire Road.
7:46 p.m. — Gary Rousseau, 55, of Sabula, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for civil body, following an incident in the 400 block of South 14th Avenue.
9:02 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of West Harvest Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.
10:01 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 200 block of North 12th Avenue. Handled by officer.
10:15 p.m. — Complaint of a disturbance in the 600 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.
10:16 p.m. — Assisted another agency with an incident in the 2200 block of East LeClaire Road.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

1:36 a.m. — Charles Murphy, 42, of Eldridge, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop near East LeClaire and North Scott Park roads.
2:10 a.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 400 block of South 16th Avenue. Handled by officer.
3:57 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious subjects checking car doors in the 400 block of South 7th Street. Handled by officer.
4:23 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 500 block of West Oak Street. Handled by officer.
5:42 a.m. — Report taken for theft of a vehicle in the 1100 block of West Price Court.
10:29 a.m. — Report taken for a recovered

stolen vehicle in the 500 block of South 8th Street.
1:40 p.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 500 block of South 5th Street. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.
2:19 p.m. — Karla Larson, 57, of Davenport, was cited for leaving the scene of an accident, after being involved in a two-vehicle accident in the 600 block of East LeClaire Road.
6:00 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver on Highway 61. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.
7:17 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.
9:06 p.m. — Report taken for a disturbance in the 400 block of South 16th Avenue. Handled by officer.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

1:25 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 200 block of North 7th Street. Handled by officer.
3:05 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 600 block of West Prairie Vista Drive. Handled by officer.
4:16 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious subjects in the 100 block of West Franklin Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.
11:12 a.m. — Report taken for an attempted burglary in the 600 block of North 8th Street.

11:18 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious subjects in the 500 block of North 4th Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.
11:53 a.m. — Report taken for an assault in the 400 block of South 16th Avenue.
1:35 p.m. — Report taken for theft of a vehicle in the 700 block of South 8th Street.
3:09 p.m. — Curtis Wolbers, 56, of Eldridge, was cited for a registration violation, following a traffic stop in the 100 block of South 9th Avenue.
3:26 p.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. Handled by officer.
3:35 p.m. — Nancy Mulligan, 63, of Davenport, was cited for a registration violation, following a traffic stop in the 400 block of East LeClaire Road.
3:58 p.m. — Report taken for a dog bite in the 500 block of South 5th Street.

Special Olympics returns to North Scott on Saturday!

They're back! After two years of events cancelled due to Covid, Special Olympics athletes from eastern Iowa, including the host North Scott Lancers, will compete Saturday, April 9 at North Scott Junior High. Opening ceremony is at 9:00. The public is invited to cheer on and encourage these special athletes as they strive to do their best!

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SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

2:14 p.m. — Andrew John Garcia, 31, Davenport, was arrested on an outstanding intrastate warrant, following an incident in the 2700 block of West 71st Street, Davenport.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

8:34 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 129 on Highway 61 South, where a vehicle driven by Hannah Leigh Giles, 22, Davenport, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

9:51 a.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 500 block of Hendricks Street.

11:04 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 31500 block of Scott Park Road.

11:59 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 1200 block of Brady Street.

1:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint on Birchwood Drive.

4:48 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 22500 block of Great River Road.

7:51 p.m. — Jermaine Calvin Johnson, 43, Silvis, Ill., and Teria S. Robinson, 33, Davenport, were both charged with 5th degree theft — shoplifting, following an incident in the 2200 block of West Kimberly Road, Davenport.

9:21 p.m. — Deputies responded to a shots fired call.

10:46 p.m. — Deputies responded to a fireworks complaint in the 500 block of Belmont Road.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

12:02 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 600 block of Highway 67.

2:31 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a vehicle that failed to stop in the 8200 block of Northwest Boulevard, Davenport.

2:46 a.m. — Luke Matthew Lathrop, 35, Clinton, was charged with OWI — 1st offense and driving while license denied or revoked, following a traffic stop near mile marker 126 on Highway 61 South, Eldridge.

6:29 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 700 block of North Highway 67.

9:27 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report

of an assault in the 500 block of South 2nd Street.

10:24 a.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 300 block of East Mayne Street.

5:30 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident on State Street. A vehicle driven by Wayne Charles Smart, 70, LeClaire, was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Autumn Carianna Markley, 27, LeClaire.

5:33 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 700 block of North Moselle Street.

6:18 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage.

7:48 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 3200 block of Heatherton Drive.

7:50 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near North Mississippi and West Lauretta streets.

9:33 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary in the 2300 block of Forest Road.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

12:30 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 3800 block of Tanglefoot Lane.

1:37 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of Veterans Memorial Parkway.

2:34 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 4500 block of Utica Ridge Road.

7:44 a.m. — Deputies began a death investigation in the 1400 block of Dodge Street.

9:46 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 700 block of North Mississippi Street.

10:51 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem near 5th Street and Park Avenue.

1:28 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 11200 block of 140th Street.

7:10 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of West Front Street.

10:04 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 1500 block of 300th Street.

10:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near Buffalo Avenue and Kimberly Road. A vehicle driven by Maria Jeanette Tale, 20, Davenport, was attempting to turn from Buffalo Avenue to Kimberly Road.

Tale reportedly became distracted by a passenger and struck the stop sign. The vehicle then rolled into a ditch. Tale was cited for failure to maintain control.

11:00 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 6300 block of Brady Street.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

9:27 a.m. — Deputies assisted with a civil matter in the 1000 block of 280th Street, New Liberty.

1:35 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 17900 block of Spencer Road.

6:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

7:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near Allens Grove Road and 295th Street.

8:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 30000 block of 115th Avenue.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

2:07 a.m. — Philip Glen Bowers, 36, Riverdale, was charged with OWI — 2nd offense, following a traffic stop on Belmont Road, Bettendorf.

2:47 a.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 700 block of West Iowa 80 Road.

8:53 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 700 block of West Iowa 80 Road, Walcott. A vehicle driven by Daniel Mac Davis, 59, Santa Fe, Texas, was attempting to pull out of a parking space at the Iowa 80 Truckstop. The trailer his vehicle was hauling struck a parked vehicle.

12:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to an indecency/lewdness complaint in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

1:44 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 5800 block of Elmore Avenue.

3:59 p.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 300 block of North 3rd Street.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

8:02 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Wood Street, Dixon. The complainant reported finding roofing nails poured across his driveway.

9:59 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a juvenile problem in the 1600 block of 210th Street.

11:07 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near 100th Avenue and 139th Street. A vehicle driven by Keisha Dawn Hampton, 32, Blue Grass, was northbound on 100th Avenue when she reportedly lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle left the roadway and went into a ditch, where it struck a metal drain cover. Hampton and a passenger in the vehicle were transported by another party to Trinity Medical Center in Bettendorf, and had left the scene prior to deputies' arrival. Hampton was charged with child endangerment with injury, leaving the scene of an accident, OWI — 2nd offense and failure to maintain control.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

12:33 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

2:12 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 1500 block of West 3rd Street.

2:19 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 6300 block of New Liberty Road.

2:39 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 5400 block of Valley Drive.

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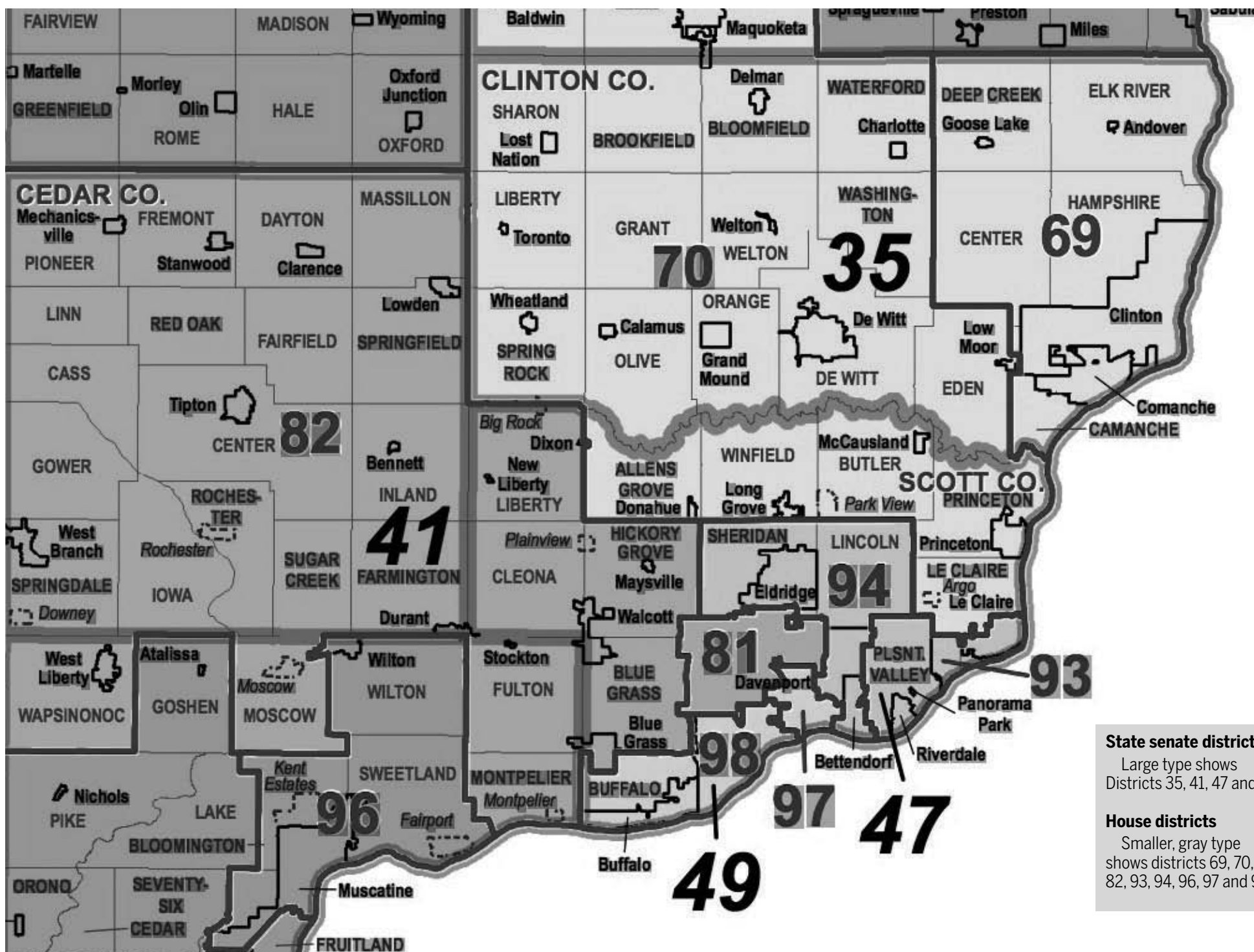
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NSP SPORTS

GIRLS' LANCER INVITATIONAL

Lancers go back-to-back

Total team effort allows North Scott girls to claim team title

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

The sun finally broke through Friday afternoon, but even after it went down on Lancer Stadium, paving the way for a long and chilly night, North Scott's girls' track team still found itself standing in the spotlight.

A year after breaking a 20-year drought of climbing to the top of the podium at their own Invitational, the Lancers used an all-hands-on-deck approach to go back-to-back, and did it in exciting fashion.

In a meet that came down to the very last event, where a third-place finish in the night-ending 4x400 relay sealed the deal, North Scott claimed a narrow 119.5-118.8 victory over Iowa City High to capture the team title.

Yes, take another look at the top of the tote board. That's less than a single point, if you know anything about math.

The Lancer championship was even more impressive since it came against a star-studded 11-team field, and in a meet that was run in conjunction with Pleasant Valley's Spartan Invitational, meaning there were 52 contest events between varsity and junior varsity competitions.

Both meets were originally scheduled for Thursday, but Mother Nature had other ideas. Friday's weather was much more conducive to a track meet, but it was a long night. The first field event stepped off at 4 p.m., and the final race didn't wrap up until after 11.



Senior Faith Nead anchored the Lancers to a second-place finish in the 4x800, and cruised to victory in the 1,500. NSP Photo by Scott Campbell

performance mattered.

"Obviously, winning events is important, but those eighth-place finishes, worth one point, mattered just as much as anything else."

The Lancers did get their share of top finishes, with three victories and five runner-up finishes, but at the end of night it was eighth-place finishes by Calla Brunkan (long jump), Savanna Bruck (100 meters) and Bailey Boddicker (400 hurdles) that truly spelled the difference, as well as the seventh-place finishes of Boddicker in the 3,000 and Peyton Madison in the 800.

At the other end of the spectrum, where winning performances added 10 points to the team total, sophomore Syd Skarich won the high jump, senior Faith Nead rolled to victory in the 1,500, and the quartet of Bruck, fellow senior Maddie Gill, and sophomore twins Mercie and Harmony Hansel topped the 4x200 field.

Senior Gracie Graham had a hand in three second-place finishes, as she was right behind Skarich in the high jump, took second in the 100 hurdles, and teamed with Skarich, senior Alyssa Atzen and freshman Chloe Morrison in the shuttle hurdle relay.

North Scott's other runner-up finishes came from the 4x800 unit of senior Ava Garrard, junior Kaitlyn Knoche, Madison and Nead, along with the 4x100 quar-

ter of junior Jorie Hanenburg, Bruck and the Hansel twins.

The Lancers also got big boosts from third-place finishes by senior Athena Nelson in the long jump and the 4x400 quartet of Gill, Skarich, Knoche and Nelson, while senior Ella McLaughlin (discus), Skarich (100 hurdles) and Mercie Hansel (200) each contributed fourth-place finishes.

All told, Skarich had a hand in contributing 29 points to the Lancer team total, while Graham (28), Mercie Hansel (27) and Bruck (23) weren't far behind.

While individual accolades are important, it was the team title that ruled the night, and that race was nothing but exciting.

The Lancers put a whopping 29.5 points on the board after the field events, and held a narrow advantage over Western Dubuque (28) and Bettendorf (27). City High was back in the pack with just 6.8.

"Our start in the field events was outstanding, and that's without Jorie competing in the shot put," said Matthaiddess. "Getting points there and doing well is always a plus."

Second-place finishes in the 4x800 and shuttle hurdle gave the Lancers a 51.5-51 lead over Bettendorf after the first four running events, but the Bulldogs built a 75-70.5 lead with seven events to go.

City High stormed into championship contention with 14 points in the 200 and 18 in the 400 hurdles. With three events left, it was City High (96.8), North Scott (95.5), Bettendorf (89.5) and Western Dubuque (87.5) at the top of the field.

Nead put the Lancers in front with her win in the 1,500, giving North Scott a 105.5-103.8 cushion over City High, with Bettendorf and Western Dubuque beginning to fade.

North Scott's second-place finish in the 4x100 gave the Lancers a 113.5-108.8 lead over the Little Hawks, and all they needed to do was stay on City High's heels in the final event.

Gill, Skarich, Knoche and Nelson did just that. City High won the 4x400, but North Scott's third-place finish, and six team points, secured the title. Bettendorf ended up finishing third (105.5), with Western Dubuque fourth (100.5).

As for Matthaiddess, he had no idea how close the team race was, or even if the Lancers were in the hunt.

"In some meets we attend, the timing systems people hire have live scoring," he said. "We don't happen to have that system, and I didn't know how things stood until Mr. Knoche (NS principal) took a picture of the team scores on his computer in the press box and texted them to me right before the 4x400."

"I was like, 'Holy cow.' I had no idea where we were at. When a meet takes that long, and is that slow, you don't really think about it. For us, all those finishes just added up in our favor."

Matthaiddess couldn't have been more proud of his team's effort.

The 4x200 team cut 2.5 seconds off their previous best, and the 4x100 (three ticks) and 4x800 (five) were also faster than in the season-opening meet at Muscatine eight days earlier.

Then, even though the shuttle hurdle relay team finished second, they were just two-tenths slower, and that came with one runner falling down and three others clipping a hurdle.

"Realistically, if we don't fall down, we win that race going away," said Matthaiddess. "It was just a really, really good night for us. That was a pretty loaded field. We were definitely going up against the big dogs."

Scott's takeaway

Mark my words: This Lancer team is a formidable force. If Mother Nature would ever cooperate, and allow the girls to get in a groove, the sky could be the limit. I could hear the excitement in coach Troy Matthaiddess' voice when we did our preseason interview a couple of weeks ago, and he wasn't lying when he said his team was ready to roll.

There is talent all around the oval, and this week's dilemma is that I had limited space for all the pictures that I'd taken. It's a good thing the season is just getting under way, and hopefully I'll be able to showcase the accomplishments of this team in the weeks ahead.

This is a fun team to watch. Do yourself a favor and find an upcoming meet to attend. You won't regret it.



Seniors Maddie Gill (l) and Savanna Bruck ran the opening two legs of North Scott's winning 4x200 and fifth-place sprint medley relays. NSP Photo by Scott Campbell



Sophomore Sydney Skarich won the high jump event with a leap of 5'3". NSP Photo by Scott Campbell



Lancer senior Athena Nelson finished third in the long jump and fifth in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. NSP Photo by Scott Campbell

BOYS' TRACK

Lancers finally open outdoor season

Treiber, Skarich lead NS boys to third at Spartan Invitational

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

Sometimes, when you're chomping at the bit to get a season off the ground, the extra adrenalin isn't always a good thing. That just might be the case with North Scott's boys' track team Friday night.

After having their first outdoor meet of the season wiped out by inclement weather, the Lancers finally took to the track for Pleasant Valley's Spartan Invitational, albeit on their home track at Lancer Stadium.

The meet was originally scheduled for Thursday, but when word got out that Spartan officials were going to cancel the meet if Mother Nature stepped in, North Scott offered to host it Friday night in conjunction with the girls' Lancer Invitational.

Friday was sunny but cool, and the Lancer boys were ready to take the track.

In a meet that didn't finish until after 10:30 p.m., because of 52 varsity and junior varsity events, the Lancers claimed a third-place finish in the eight-team field, posting 111 points to finish behind Pleasant Valley (161) and Western Dubuque (132.5).

"Overall, I felt good," said Lancer coach Joe Greenwood. "I liked the way we competed. I was really happy and proud of the way the guys battled in every event. However, I'm not satisfied.

"At the end of the night, and after thinking about it, I just think maybe some of our guys were a little amped up. After having meets cancelled, I think some of our guys were a little too excited, and some of our performances weren't typical of what you'd expect.

"I'm proud of the effort, but not happy with third. If you would interview some of our guys, you wouldn't get a good interview. They would be ticked off because they didn't perform well. Our expectations are higher."

While some performances may not have been up to par, the Lancer did have their moments in the spotlight. Seniors Sam Skarich (high jump) and Dane Treiber (200) each picked up individual victories, as did the 4x100 team of Treiber, junior Miles Robertson, and seniors Darnell Butler and Payton Kruse.

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The relay win was extra special because Butler had to be inserted after senior Hunter Davenport went down with an ankle injury in the sprint medley relay, the evening's first race.

"I think you could summarize the night as a roller-coaster ride, because in the beginning we had some things that didn't go our way," said Greenwood. "We probably lost Hunter for a while because of what happened in the sprint medley."

Davenport had just taken the baton from Butler and was cruising down the backstretch in his 100-meter leg, when he and Robertson got tangled up on the exchange.

"I'm not sure what happened," said Greenwood, "but all I know is that I saw both of them lying on the track. I know Miles had a brand new pair of spikes that were broken, and Hunter's ankle was really swollen."

Even though Robertson was on the ground for two or three seconds, the Lancers still managed to finish fifth in the event, with senior Cael Straley running a strong 400-meter anchor leg. However, that meant Butler had to run for Davenport in the 4x100.

"We made the decision to go with Darnell because he's run that race before," said Greenwood. "He had to run a different leg (the second) than he's used to, but he ran well and we won easily."

Treiber wasn't worried when Butler stepped in. "I didn't think it would be too much of an adjustment, just because Darnell's been on the 4x100 for the past three years with us, and he knows what he's doing," said the senior speedster. "He has never handed off to me before, but I trust him and I knew it was going to be alright. We had a smooth handoff."

The race capped a busy night for Treiber, who also picked up a second-place finish in the 100.

"I felt we performed pretty well as a team, and individually I felt that I performed pretty well," said Treiber. "But, I feel like I have a lot of room for improvement. I liked the way I ran the 200, especially be-



Lancer senior Hunter Davenport takes the baton from senior Darnell Butler in the sprint medley relay. Davenport went down with an ankle injury just 100 yards down the track, but the Lancers still managed to finish fifth.

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cause I was coming off a sloppy 100-meter race."

Also claiming second-place finishes were the distance medley quartet of Chase Smith, Connor Schachow, Isaac Foster and Logan Soedt, and the 4x200 team of Butler, Dylan Marti, Colton Voss and Kruse.

Kruse also had a good night. After missing last year with a knee injury, he finished third in the long jump. Also claiming third-place finishes were Luke Belken (discus), the shuttle hurdle relay team of Cash Bowe, Trevor Kilburg, Jay Lightle and Lowen Krueger, as well as the 4x400 quartet of Soedt, Foster, Straley and Jake Skaala.

Butler was fourth in the long jump, and senior Dylan Parrott was fourth in the shot.

The Lancers were glad to step on the outdoor track, and now they hope Mother Nature cooperates. They were scheduled to host their own Deac Ryan Relays last night (Tuesday), and will compete in the Assumption Invitational on Saturday. They will travel to Cedar Rapids Prairie on Tuesday.



North Scott senior Payton Kruse finished third in the long jump at Friday's Spartan Relays, which were held at North Scott.

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GIRLS' SOCCER

Lancers drop opening two games

Tough schedule looms with trio of state-ranked 3A opponents

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

It was a good news/bad news week for North Scott's girls' soccer team, and really, the bad news was nothing to be worried about.

After two season-opening losses to a pair of teams from across the river, there is no panic in the Lancer huddle.

The same week that they debuted at No. 5 in the initial Class 2A state rankings, the Lancers struggled to get their offense going and dropped back-to-back losses

to Geneseo (2-0) and Moline (1-0) on Thursday and Friday.

With weather being an issue this spring, thus limiting quality practice time, the end results were far from demoralizing.

"With very limited practice, we were unsure what the games would bring us," said Lancer coach Dion Ayers. "Incorporating a new formation with lack of quality practice time has put us on our heels a bit.

"We understood that Geneseo has been at this for a month now, and they were going to bring a pressing style defense that our team would have to deal with. That's what happened."

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BOYS' SOCCER

'You can't ask for a better start to the season'

Lancers open season with shutouts over perennial state powers

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

Aside from the weather, you couldn't have scripted a better beginning to the 2022 season for North Scott's boys' soccer team.

A campaign where success is more than a distinct possibility got under way last week as the Lancers opened with a pair of shutout victories over two perennial state powers.

"You can't ask for a better start to the season," said Lancer coach Troy Bendickson.

With snowflakes in the air, the Lancers made the trek to Cedar Rapids Xavier on Thursday and brought home a 2-0 win over the defending Class 2A state champion Saints.

Two days later they made their home debut and rolled to a 5-0 win over Class 1A state qualifier Iowa City Regina.

Those two wins, along with Monday's 7-0 victory over Davenport West, will more than adequately set the stage for Thursday night's big MAC showdown with Bettendorf on the Lancer pitch.

"Thursday is going to be a big one," said Bendickson. "Bettendorf is always tough, and we'll have our hands full. I'm really hoping the weather improves. We'd sure like to see a big crowd for that one."

The unseasonably frigid start to the season didn't seem to bother the Lancers last week. As season-opening wins go, Thursday's was a biggie.

The two teams played through a scoreless first half, but senior Ollie Hughes staked the Lancers to a 1-0 lead in the 63rd minute by scoring off a corner kick. Five minutes later senior Carter Stratman delivered the dagger with a top-shelf laser that left everybody in awe.

"It was an incredible goal, and probably the goal of the year," said Bendickson. "We knew we couldn't beat their keeper from outside, so I discouraged the guys from shooting out there unless the opportunity presented itself.

"We worked the ball through, and Carter got free. He took a tough pass, went around a defender, and just ripped it into the upper corner. The keeper couldn't touch it, and it was an exciting goal that put the game away."

Bendickson liked what he saw on the field.

"Overall, we played like I thought we would," he said. "We held the ball well.

We were patient, and didn't play at a crazy, frenetic place. Literally, most guys didn't hold the ball more than three to five seconds, and then the ball was moving again. Everybody touched the ball. I was really pleased with how we just held onto it and played very patiently. We really controlled the whole game."

That same game plan played out to perfection on Saturday as the Lancers hosted the Regals, and they were never threatened.

Hughes proved that he is going to be a force to be reckoned with as he netted the hat trick with three goals — two in the opening 40 minutes — while junior Henry Rose collected the other two in the 5-0 win.

"Our guys were ready to open it up, and we definitely did," said Bendickson. "We exploited their weaknesses. They only had three shots, and two came toward the end of the game, but (senior keeper) Jakob (Nelson) handled them both."

Bendickson said a lot of players enjoyed playing time, and even thought it was snowing at the opening kick, things dried up and the Lancers were up to the challenge.

"We played really well," he said. "It was the same as Thursday. We held the ball and took advantage. We moved the

ball forward when we wanted, and had 13 corner kicks, to their one."

Hughes also liked the way the team performed, both against Regina and Xavier.

"It just felt very comfortable out there," he said. "We definitely did a good job of possessing the ball, and I thought we looked pretty good after the first two games.

"I liked how we communicated, and how we played together. We moved as a pack up the field, and I liked how we were able to finish and score."

Finishing and scoring are important, but Bendickson also liked what he saw from the rest of the team.

"Our midfielders have been playing really well, and defensively we've been really strong," he said. "(Senior) Logan Cheek is anchoring us in the back, and he plays smart and fast-paced.

"But he's complemented by everybody else who is playing back there, including (seniors) Grant Nimke, Austin Lee and Tyson Haedt, as well as (freshman) Chase Smith and (junior) Tyler Watkins. They've all contributed and are playing well."

The Lancers are hoping they can continue that strong play against the Bulldogs on Thursday. Monday they will hit the road to Muscatine.

GIRLS' SOCCER: 'We're confident that we will continue to improve'

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Thursday's loss to the Maple Leafs had its highs and lows. The new offensive formation allowed for multiple passing options and defensive attacks. However, the Lancers struggled to string passes together.

"We will have to become better moving off the ball, and focusing on our quality of passes," said Ayers. "When this all comes together, we have no doubt this style of play will help us achieve the success we're looking for.

"The result is not what we wanted, but we're confident that we will continue to improve as we become more comfortable with the ball and the style of play. As the season progresses our soccer legs will become evident, and we will be able to tweak the play that best fits the qualities of this team."

Ayers said the loss was difficult to stomach for some of his players, but that he was confident they would bounce back.

The Lancers didn't have to wait long to get back on the home pitch, as 24 hours later they were back in action against a veteran Moline team.

For the most part, the Lancers played well, but one defensive breakdown was the difference in the 1-0 loss.

"We were curious to see how the girls would respond after a difficult contest just the night before," said Ayers "and how our legs would hold up. We wondered if we would see improvement, and we were not surprised with the overall result.

"We displayed tired legs in the second half, we noticed improvement of play, but still struggled with the ability to create long enough possessions to create many scoring opportunities."

The Lancer defense played well, and for the most part was able to keep the Maroons in check with a bend-but-don't-break mentality. The problem came in the last five minutes of the opening half.

"Moline was able to get to the end-line and slotted the ball back behind our defense and found the result they were looking for," said Ayers. "We overplayed the situation, and lost our marks within the box. Moline did a great job of finishing their chance on frame."

"The defense played solid, but we did struggle keeping possession in critical situations. Natalie Knepper played a very solid game in the goal, and did a great job throughout the game. She continues to grow every time she puts those

gloves on."

Ayers said the offense showed improvement. The Lancers created the passing lanes they were looking for and were in position to keep possession and built the attack by creating numbers on overloads.

"The struggles in the contest came from playing the blind pass or forcing a ball that wasn't needed," he said. "We improved from the Geneseo game, but we're still lacking the patience that is needed to create more scoring chances.

"The team needs to trust one another and understand that movement off the ball is critical to our success. The result was not what we expected, but we have no doubt that they will get there."

'The result was not what we expected, but we have no doubt that they will get there.'

Lance coach Dion Ayers

The Lancers are going to need that improvement to come quickly, as their tough schedule kicks into high gear. They were scheduled to travel to No. 9 (Class 3A) Bettendorf last night (Tuesday), and will visit No. 14 (3A) Iowa City West on Friday.

They will entertain No. 8 (3A) Muscatine on Monday in a 6:30 p.m. battle.



As bundled-up fans get a bird's-eye view, Lancer junior Kendall Knisley (11) and sophomore Georgia Brunkan converge on the ball in Friday's 1-0 loss to Moline.

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GIRLS' TENNIS

Young Lancers gain experience in Clinton

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

As is the case with most spring sports, weather hasn't been a friend of North Scott's girls' tennis team. Fortunately, the Lancers were able to take to the indoor courts at River Cities Tennis Complex on Saturday for Clinton's season-opening Junior Varsity Invitational.

"We've had a rough start to our season with rain, snow and wind most days, ever since we started practicing," said Lancer coach Heidi Wilmott. "We try to practice any chance we can, and I feel like we made a lot of progress on Friday in our challenge matches, which will de-

Lancer Ledger

Seniors: Alexis Richards, Ashley Fluegel, Bailey Newberry, Bella Serrano, Caelyn Engelbrecht, Ireland Laughlin, Jaelyn Longenecker, Jonelle House, Katherine Belken, Katherine Jecks, Lily McCaw, Mackenzie Bahr, McKay Phipps, Nikki Purcell, Megan Reese, Peyton Wenck, Riley Collins, Sophie Serrano, Selena Stilwell.
Juniors: Bella Belkin, Ella Kuesel, Ella Larson, Vianne Jackson.
Sophomores: Amy Patel, Emma Schwarz, Madison Wilshusen, Rowan Schaffert.
Freshmen: Olive Khoury, Sydney Groene.

termine our varsity lineup. There will be a lot of close calls to make."

While the varsity wasn't scheduled to

open the season until last night (Tuesday) at Central DeWitt, the JV girls got court time on Saturday in doubles action.

Freshmen Olive Khoury and Sydney Groene dropped their No. 1 doubles match, while seniors Jaelyn Longenecker and Peyton Wenck split a pair of matches at No. 2 doubles.

Sophomore Madison Wilshusen and senior Jonelle House dropped their match at No. 3 doubles. Sophomore Ella Schwartz and senior Nikki Purcell filled in for Clinton in a No. 3 doubles match and also lost.

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High Jump: 1. Sam Skarich 6-05.00; 9. Evin Harris 5-04.00.
Long Jump: 1. Daviyon Gaston (WD) 20-04.50; 3. Payton Kruse 20-02.25; 4. Darnell Butler 20-00.00. **Discus Throw:** 1. Nolan Recker (M) 167-04; 3. Luke Belken 142-03.50; 13. Nathan Ervin 111.09. **Shot Put:** 1. Nolan Recker (M) 54-02.00; 4. Dylan Parrott 48-11.50; 15. Zach McMillian 40-01.25; 20. Nathan Ervin 36-08.00. **JV Sprint Medley:** 1. Bettendorf 1:45.39; 3. North Scott (Ryan Sanders, Conner Baetke, Bryson Beaudry, Cole Wessel) 1:47.92. **Varsity Sprint Medley:** 1. Clinton 1:39.33; 5. North Scott

(Darnell Butler, Hunter Davenport, Miles Robertson, Cael Straley) 1:40.49. **JV 4x800:** 1. Muscatine 9:19.61; 6. North Scott (Ross Willerth, Dawson Dufloth, Isaac Stanley, Logan Brus) 10:10.89. **Varsity 4x800:** 1. Dubuque Hempstead 8:12.23; 5. North Scott (Yorton Hagedorn, Jake Skaala, Braeden Bohannon, Dylan Dufloth) 9:05.86. **JV Shuttle Hurdle:** 1. Pleasant Valley 1:14.89; 5. North Scott (Grant Peterson, Ryan Stickler, Jesse Eller, August Bauer) 1:18.81. **Varsity Shuttle Hurdle:** 1. Pleasant Valley 1:03.33; 3. North Scott (Cash Bowe, Trevor Kilburg, Jay Lightle, Lowen Krueger) 1:07.38. **100 Dash:** 1. Ty Cozad (M) 11.33; 2. Dane Treiber 11.39; 8. Miles Robertson 11.87. **JV Distance Medley:** 1. Muscatine 4:06.11; 4. North Scott (Nolan Turnquist, Adam Tschopp, Trevor Gehring, Matthew Simmons) 4:19.15. **Varsity Distance Medley:** 1. Western Dubuque 3:50.78; 2. North Scott (Chase Smith, Conner Schachow, Isaac Foster, Logan Soedt) 3:51.27; **400 Dash:** 1. Addison Binnie (C) 52.43; 5. Adam Link 56.49; 7. Evin Harris 57.35; 9. Seth Madden 58.00. **JV 4x200:** 1. Dubuque Senior 1:41.91; 2. North Scott (Easton Beaudry, Jerrod Lee, Evan Ralfs, Cole Johnson) 1:42.35. **Varsity 4x200:** 1. Dubuque Senior 1:32.92; 2. North Scott (Darnell Butler, Dylan Marti, Colton Voss, Payton Kruse) 1:34.84. **110 Hurdles:** 1. Max Doran (PV) 14.89; 6. Lowen Krueger 16.90; 10. Trevor Kilburg 17.65; 17. Ryan Stickler 21.60. **800 Run:** 1. Derek Leicht (DH) 2:3.61; 6. Dylan Dufloth 2:09.83; 16. Braeden Bohannon 2:25.24. **200 Dash:** 1. Dane Treiber 23.00; 7. Dylan Marti 23.86; 10. Colton Voss 24.29. **400 Hurdles:** 1. Matthew Kruse (DS) 56.50; 12. August Bauer 1:04.64; 14. Lowen Krueger 1:04.75. **1600 Run:** 1. Eli Naumann (WD) 4:25.49; 11. Yorton Hagedorn 5:01.56; 16. Ross Willerth 5:28.55; 19. Isaac Stanley 5:45.15. **JV 4x100:** 1. Bettendorf 47.80; 2. North Scott (Ryan Sanders, Conner Baetke, Bryson Beaudry, Connor Schachow) 47.92. **Varsity 4x100:** 1. North Scott (Miles Robertson, Hunter Davenport, Dane Treiber, Payton Kruse) 44.38. **JV 4x400:** 1. Pleasant Valley 3:55.35; 2. North Scott (Adam Link, Cole Wessel, Matthew Simmons, Cole Johnson) 3:56.65. **Varsity 4x400:** 1. Dubuque Hempstead 3:32.89; 3. North Scott (Logan Soedt, Isaac Foster, Cael Straley, Jake Skaala) 3:39.71.

(ICL) 10:42.98; 7. Bailey Boddicker 11:51.48. **4x800:** 1. Bettendorf 10:01.95; 2. North Scott (Ava Garrard, Kaitlyn Knoche, Peyton Madison, Faith Nead) 10:09.31. **Shuttle Hurdle:** 1. Iowa City Liberty 1:11.87; 2. North Scott (Grace Graham, Chloe Morrison, Alyssa Atzen, Sydney Skarich) 1:12.23. **100 Dash:** 1. Audrey Biermann (WD) 12.75; 5. Athena Nelson 13.16; 8. Savanna Bruck 13.30. **JV Distance Medley:** 1. Davenport Central 4:57.46; 5. North Scott (Chloe Morison, Reese Crain, Madison Wilshusen, Kate Blodig) 5:11.44. **Varsity Distance Medley:** 1. Dubuque Hempstead 4:36.07; 5. North Scott (Alyssa Atzen, Grace Graham, Natalie Naber, Bailey Boddicker) 4:45.82. **400 Dash:** 1. Audrey Biermann (WD) 58.39; 10. Brooklyn Strief 1:10.60. **JV 4x200:** 1. Western Dubuque 1:57.32; 3. North Scott (Jorie Hanenburg, Evie Kemmerer, Calla Brunkan, Anna Dickman) 1:59.70. **Varsity 4x200:** 1. North Scott (Savanna Bruck, Maddie Gill, Harmony Hansel, Mercie

Hansel) 1:48.75. **100 Hurdles:** 1. McKenzie Borden (B) 16.19; 2. Grace Graham 16.52; 4. Sydney Skarich 16.68. **800 Run:** 1. Ashlyn Keeney (ICL) 2:23.14; 7. Peyton Madison 2:31.77; 9. Kaitlyn Knoche 2:33.54. **200 Dash:** 1. Audrey Biermann (WD) 26.17; 4. Mercie Hansel 26.75; 5. Athena Nelson 27.11. **400 Hurdles:** 1. Martha Hamilton (ICH) 1:09.19; 8. Bailey Boddicker 1:18.80. **1500 Run:** 1. Faith Nead 4:58.51; 15. Kate Blodig 5:48.65. **JV 4x100:** 1. Western Dubuque 54.44; 5. North Scott (Calla Brunkan, Anna Dickman, Hope Hansel, Evie Kemmerer) 56.59. **Varsity 4x100:** 1. Western Dubuque 51.41; 2. North Scott (Jorie Hanenburg, Savanna Bruck, Harmony Hansel, Mercie Hansel) 51.78. **JV 4x400:** 1. Iowa City High 4:27.64; 2. North Scott (Natalie Naber, Ava Garrard, Brooklyn Strief, Madison Wilshusen) 4:43.75. **Varsity 4x400:** 1. Iowa City High 4:08.87; 3. North Scott (Maddie Gill, Sydney Skarich, Kaitlyn Knoche, Athena Nelson) 4:21.32.

Follow the Lancers

Thursday

G-TR: North Scott at Pleasant Valley Inv., 4 p.m.
B-Ten: North Scott at Pleasant Valley., 4 p.m.
G-Ten: Pleasant Valley at North Scott, 4 p.m.
B-Soc: Bettendorf at North Scott (JV), 4:30 p.m.
B-Soc: Bettendorf at North Scott (Soph), 6 p.m.
B-Soc: Bettendorf at North Scott (Var), 7:30 p.m.

Friday

G-Soc: North Scott at Iowa City West (JV), 5 p.m.
G-Soc: N. Scott at Iowa City West (Var), 6:45 p.m.

Saturday

G-Ten: North Scott at Dav. Assumption Inv., 9 a.m.
B-Tr: North Scott at Dav. Assumption, Inv., 12 p.m.

Monday

G-Golf: North Scott at Clinton, 3:15 p.m.
G-Tr: Lancer Invitational (JV), 4 p.m.
B-Tr: Lancer Invitational (Soph), 4 p.m.
B-Soc: North Scott at Muscatine (JV), 4:30 p.m.
G-Soc: Muscatine at North Scott (JV), 5 p.m.
B-Soc: North Scott at Musatine (Soph), 5:45 p.m.
G-Soc: Muscatine at North Scott (Var), 6:30 p.m.
B-Soc: North Scott at Muscatine, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday

G-Ten: Dav. Central at North Scott, 4 p.m.
B-Ten: North Scott at Davenport Central, 4 p.m.
G-Tr: North Scott at Clinton Inv., 4:15 p.m.
B-Tr: North Scott at C.R. Prairie Inv., 4:30 p.m.
B-Soc: North Scott at Central DeWitt (JV), 6:30 p.m.

Girls' Track

Lady Lancer Relays

Friday, April 1 at Lancer Stadium

Varsity Team Scoring: 1. North Scott 119.5; Iowa City High 118.833; 3. Bettendorf 105.5; 4. Western Dubuque 100.5; 4. Iowa City Liberty 100.5; 6. Dubuque Hempstead 87; 7. Davenport Central 42.5; 8. Clinton 26; 9. Muscatine 15; 10. Pleasant Valley 13.6666; 11. Davenport North 12. **High Jump:** 1. Sydney Skarich 5-03.00; 2. Grace Graham 5-02.00. **Long Jump:** 1. Jasmine Barney (ICL) 15-11.25; 3. Athena Nelson 15-06.25; 8. Calla Brunkan 14-08.75. **Discus Throw:** 1. Madison Maahs (WD) 112-06.50; 4. Ella McLaughlin 98-08; 15. Grace Bunn 66-03. **Shot Put:** 1. Madison Maahs (WD) 38-02.25; 13. Reese Crain 28-02.50; 14. Ella McLaughlin 27-11.50. **JV Sprint Medley:** 1. Western Dubuque 2:02.99; 4. North Scott (Calla Brunkan, Hope Hansel, Evie Kemmerer, Brooklyn Strief) 2:06.45. **Varsity Sprint Medley:** 1. Iowa City High 1:50.67; 5. North Scott (Savanna Bruck, Maddie Gill, Mercie Hansel, Harmony Hansel) 1:57.06. **3000 Run:** 1. Ashlyn Keeney

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This on-site shred service for secure documents is provided for free and is open to everyone.

Attendees are asked not to bring more than five boxes of documents to be shredded. Anything over that amount will be shredded at the discretion of organizers.

The shred events will be held April 15 and April 22 at all First Central State Bank locations.

On April 15, shredding will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. in DeWitt, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Eldridge, and from 2 to 4 p.m. in LeClaire.

On April 22, the events will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. in Goose Lake and from noon to 2 p.m. in Clinton at the Lincoln Way location.

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Report Total	\$1,109,484.35

Second Covid booster authorized for 50-plus

By Jennifer Shutt
Iowa Capital Dispatch

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on March 29 authorized another round of COVID-19 booster shots for people 50 and older, as well as those who are immunocompromised.

The decision to amend an earlier emergency use authorization for a second booster dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine is meant to increase protection against severe illness from COVID-19 as the BA.2 variant grows increasingly common in the United States.

"Current evidence suggests some waning of protection over time against

serious outcomes from COVID-19 in older and immunocompromised individuals," Peter Marks, director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, said in a statement.

"Based on an analysis of emerging data, a second booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine could help increase protection levels for these higher-risk individuals."

Individuals older than 50 would be eligible for the second COVID-19 booster shot once they are four months out from their original booster dose.

MENUS

NORTH SCOTT SCHOOL MENUS

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

Monday, April 11 - Elementary: Macaroni and cheese cup, chicken nuggets, peas, celery and baby carrots, diced fruit cup, apple slices, cinnamon roll. **Junior High:** Macaroni and cheese cup, chicken nuggets or hot dog, peas, celery and baby carrots, diced fruit cup, apple slices. **High School:** French toast sticks, pork breakfast sausage links, hash brown patty or giant breakfast sandwich; or queso blanco cheese sauce or buffalo chicken dip, round tortilla chips; or cheese stuffed shells, Texas toast bread or mozzarella cheese sticks, marinara sauce cup.

Tuesday, April 12 - Elementary: Hot dog, Lays Baked original chips, baked beans, garden veggie cup with ranch, mandarin oranges with pineapple, banana. **Junior High:** Texas toast sloppy joe or BBQ rib patty sandwich, crinkle cut French fries, baked beans, garden veggie cup with ranch, mandarin oranges and pineapple, banana. **High School:** Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, dinner roll; or mandarin orange chicken or General Tso's chicken, seasoned rice with peas and carrots, broccoli stir fry vegetables, egg roll; or Little Caesar's

pizza.

Wednesday, April 13 - Elementary: Cheese pizza ripper, fresh romaine salad, chopped peppers and cucumber, sidekick, lunch bunch red grapes. **Neil Armstrong, Ed White, Virgil Grissom:** Little Caesar's pizza. **Junior High:** Papa John's pizza, potato salad, fresh romaine salad, chopped peppers and cucumber, sidekick, lunch bunch red grapes. **High School:** Crispy pork fritter sandwich or boneless chicken wings or BBQ rib patty sandwich, battered sweet potato fries, baked beans; or round tortilla chips, beef nacho meat, cheddar cheese sauce; or pasta with marinara meat sauce or cheesy chicken alfredo, Bosco cheese stuffed breadstick, green beans.

Thursday, April 14 - Elementary: Tostitos ToGo chips, beef nacho meat, cheddar cheese sauce, corn, cherry tomatoes and carrots, applesauce cup, fresh strawberries, double chocolate chip cookie. **Junior High:** Tostitos ToGo chips, beef nacho meat, cheddar cheese sauce, corn, cherry tomatoes and carrots, applesauce cup, fresh strawberries. **High School:** Chicken tenders, crinkle cut French fries, buttermilk biscuit; or shrimp poppers, cheddar cheese sauce, tater tots or fish sandwich; or Papa John's pizza.

Friday, April 15 - No school.



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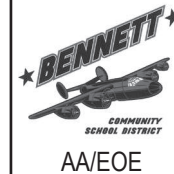
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