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Andy Lane, and his dad, Steve Grolmus, smile for an instant, then return to stocking shelves Friday at North Scott Foods store. NSP photos by Mark Ridolfi

Grolmus touched every NS life

HyVee arrives in April to continue North Scott Foods 20-year tradition

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Managing Editor

Helpful smiles will remain in every aisle of North Scott Foods.

Steve Grolmus has been coaching customer service long before he and his wife, Julie, built their Eldridge store in 2002. He said HyVee will be blessed with an experienced crew and a loyal customer base when North Scott Foods becomes one of HyVee's 285 stores in eight states with 93,000 employees.

HyVee announced the purchase Feb. 9, a day after Grolmus gathered his staff to disclose the end of his 40-year grocery career that helped feed nearly every North Scott resident at one time or another.

Grolmus hired well over 1,000 people through the years for his Eldridge store. They're among the reasons he stuck with it so long, and negotiated with HyVee to make sure his current staff members have futures after the sale.

"It's a first job for many people. It's where they learned about work. We've got people here whose kids have worked here. People come back and say, 'Thanks for my first job.' When we get kids with good work ethic, they thrive here," Grolmus said.

He hopes to complete the transition by early April. HyVee said it will offer jobs to North Scott Food's approximately 15 full-time and 70 or so part-timers.

"We're really excited to be part of the Eldridge com-

munity. HyVee is employee-owned, and part of that is we try to better the cities where we are. Our store leadership will be very involved with the community," HyVee communications director Dawn Buzynski said.

She promised a local management team that will continue the community support that distinguished North Scott Foods for 20 years.

Grolmus said he's fended off buyout offers for years, but said it was time to sell. "They've been knocking for a while now. We didn't accept offers. We said we were not interested."

The competitive business got even tougher through the pandemic. Now he's looking forward to more Cubs ball games, more Arizona trips and no more of the round-the-clock stress of operating his town's only grocery.

Grolmus not only led his store through COVID, he was chairman of the Iowa Grocers Association



2002: Julie and Steve Grolmus open North Scott Foods in Eldridge. Contributed photo

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Another Keppy joins school board

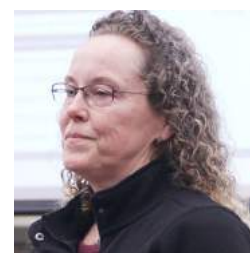
By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Managing Editor

Carrie Keppy will succeed her father-in-law, Glen, on the North Scott school board, continuing her public service that has included work on two state boards, and the National Pork Board.

Keppy runs a consulting business, Agricultural Resources, from her Slopertown Road home, has two sons enrolled in the district, and said she's eager to get to work.

"It's an honor to complete my father-in-law's term. I'm proud to represent the folks in

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Carrie Keppy

More school news inside

- District discloses construction updates, and five parents ask for more information.

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LEGO Leaguers take 2nd at state

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Managing Editor

Someday, an electric-powered truck will pull a mobile power station into a disaster zone, raise solar panels into the sky, and generate electricity for flood, earthquake or other catastrophe victims.

That's the vision North Scott Junior High First LEGO League team developed to win an astounding second-place finish for the Innovation Project Award at the statewide competition at Iowa State University in Ames.

Jaws dropped when team members got the news Feb.

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Olivia Uhlenkamp and Max Vannorsdel demonstrate the LEGO League project that placed second at state competition.



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PRINCETON

Trail supporters fill city hall

Town struggles to fund its share of trail grant

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Managing Editor

Princeton trail fans filled city hall Feb. 9, imploring council members to find a way to accept a \$187,000 federal trails grant that some council members fear the city cannot afford.

Twenty people, including 17 residents, said the city should not abandon the federal grant awarded to design a trail through town mostly along U.S. 67.

Residents were joined by Visit Quad Cities director Dave Heller, River Action director Kathy Wine, and Olathea Creek Vineyard owners Bryce and Julia Flaherty, who all cheered the project.

Heller said the city needs to be a part of river-focused tourism development. "You've got to have product. They're not going to come if you don't have something to offer them," he said.

He said the trail will be a life-enhancing feature for town residents, as well. "It gets people off their couches. It gets kids off their devices. Conversations are happening in every corner of Iowa about outdoors recreation. From a Princeton perspective, we should do whatever we could do to be part of that strategy."

Last February, the council cheered the grant from Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program that will cover 25 percent of an estimated \$240,000 engineering fee. The designs are required before seeking more grants to build the trail.

But last month, two of five council members voted against a motion to fund the city's share, after learning the city must cover the full amount, then get reimbursed.

In January, Karen Woomert and Zach Phares voted "no," on the motion for city funding.

At the Feb. 9 meeting, Phares said he supports the trail, but can't figure out how the city would cover its share.

"As one of the bad guys from last meeting, I don't think anyone here needs convincing," about the value of the trail. "I don't think we need to stop doing fundraisers. We still allocate \$10,000 a year. The discussion is whether this TASA grant makes sense."

City attorney Candy Pastrnak said the January vote has no consequence on the project. She said funding votes require an ordinance or resolution disclosed in advance, not a motion that was not included on the agenda.

Council member Jami Stutting voted for the January motion, but shares some of Phares' concerns.

"I voted yes because I've been on the trail committee. It would go right through my yard on Highway 67, and I



Princeton council members listened nearly an hour to residents who support the city accepting a grant to cover engineering costs for a trail through town.

NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi

want the trail. But not once was it mentioned the city would have to come up with \$240,000. We only have a \$1.2 million budget. To ask us to take a quarter of our budget up front terrorizes me," Stutting said.

Clerk Kisa Tweed advised a short-term loan as a possible solution. Council member Wine said she's spoken with Blackhawk Bank and Trust president Jim Huiskamp, who was eager to meet with the city. Blackhawk has a branch in town, and has sponsored Princeton Trails fundraisers.

Twenty people encouraged the city to find the money. Just one, former council member Ann Geiger, said it was too much.

"I will tell you we cannot afford it. The county has not run a trail between LeClaire and Princeton. There is no indication the county is interested. I'm not against the trail. I just don't think we can afford \$240,000," Geiger said.

Those speaking in support of the trail grant include:

Abby Bruns, 219 River Drive. "We know we have real issue with our sidewalks here. The city should be committed to this.

Sara Fenton, 1336 U.S. 67: Just moved back from Ankeny. "In Ankeny, trails are essentially the lifeblood of our community. I would implore the group to vote yes. I think we're building a trail to future progress and prosperity."

Tara Fleisch, trails committee volunteer, who has helped organize trail fundraisers.

North Scott schools superintendent **Joe Stutting**: "We support all of our cities and what they do, and projects to grow the city. That's what brings families here and keeps this school open." Stutting, a Princeton resident, said he would provide no feedback on the city budget. His wife, Jami, serves on the council.

Bryce and Julia Flaherty, Olathea Creek Vineyard: "We're very excited about the path. We've hosted fundraisers for it," Bryce Flaherty said. "As a paramedic, I'm for anything we do to get people to move and be active.

Jennifer and Kim Hildebrand: 205 Bluff Boulevard. Jennifer says the trail is needed to reach homeowners along busy U.S. 67. "When our kids were young, we wouldn't let them go on highway. We feel separated from the city even though we pay city taxes. Our kids are known as river rats in school. I don't want it to be known as river rats anymore. I want Princeton to be progressive."

Dean and Deb Mathias: QC bicycle club. Dean said the next Interstate 80 bridge will likely have a bike lane that can bring more riders to a new Iowa river trail. Deb said many club members prefer trails to roads. "The trail is a gift for your residents," she said.

Jake Adrian, of Bettendorf: The former Princeton resident said he has biked cross country, and completed four ironman competitions. The trail will draw more visitors and residents, he said.

Kathy Wine, director for River Action, Inc., supported the grant application. "One of the prides of Europe is their trail system along waterways. That could be Princeton and LeClaire, making a 17-mile stretch. You can be the catalyst. It takes courage."

Dave Heller, director, Visit Quad Cities: "Conversations are happening in every corner of Iowa about outdoors recreation. From a Princeton perspective, we need to do whatever we could do to be part of that strategy."

Allan Pilliard, 324 Fourth St., is a lifelong cyclist who relies on trails throughout the Quad Cities. Lately, he's been riding his electric bike. "Everyone says this is about recreation, but alternative vehicles are coming out, and this would be an alternative route for all transportation," he said.

Mary Joe Anderson, is owner and developer of the Anderson 400, a commercial development site annexed into Princeton. She said the Mississippi River is the No. 1 attraction in the region and urged funding of the trail.

Other supporters who spoke included **Jason Belinski**, 207 N. Sixth St., **Tyler Nack**, 1502 U.S. 67., and **Kevin Homann**, 209 N. Sixth St.

MORE PRINCETON NEWS

Street repair estimates top \$200K

Public works director Chris Rindler estimated more than \$200,000 in Princeton street repairs, including \$100,000 to resurface a portion of the three-block-long Bluff Boulevard off U.S. 67 on the city's south side.

Rindler said he estimated these costs to resurface crumbling asphalt:

- Alley behind city hall: \$25,000
- Woomert Park lot. \$60,000
- Second Street at Chestnut: \$17,000
- Bottom of Bluff Boulevard: \$100,000

"It will be nothing but gravel, shortly," Rindler said about Bluff.

Clerk Kisa Tweed said the city will finish annual payments in June on a loan for Chestnut road work.

That payment has been an \$80,000 to \$110,000 that can be used for another general obligation bond, Tweed said.

Council member Karen Woomert advised, "Stop putting band-aids" on city streets. "Do a G.O. bond for streets in need of dire

repair," she said. Council member Gina Wolfe suggested focusing on downtown streets.

Soft streets

City building inspector Tim Ruser said the council needs a tougher off-street parking ordinance to keep heavy loads off soft streets.

A warm winter left town streets susceptible. "It's not supposed to be this soft now. We're thawed," he said.

He said police chief Wyatt Heyvaert needs an enforceable ordinance. "Wyatt wants to enforce it. How do we write a law to make it enforceable? We don't want to have Barney Fife throwing the book at everybody," Ruser said.

Committee volunteers needed

Princeton is looking for two new park board members, one new board of adjustment volunteer and a Boll's Community Center board member.

Longtime community center chairman Kevin Stutting resigned due to increasing

work commitments.

Council members advised Tweed to post the openings on Facebook. Tweed noted that previous posts got no responses.

Carstens returns

Retired police chief Brian Carstens will return as a part-time officer. Carstens said he'll take some patrol shifts, but mainly resume the salvage vehicle inspections. As police chief, Carstens was among the few in the county registered to declare damaged vehicles as salvage. Most of that fee income goes to the city. New police chief Wyatt Heyvaert is completing training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

\$16K comp time pay out

The council voted unanimously to to pay out 494.2 hours in compensatory time to public works director Chris Rindler. That totals \$16,091.15 at his \$32.56 hourly rate.

He will be paid in 100-hour allotments over the next three months, clerk Kisa Tweed said.



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Lake brings voting fraud warning to Scott County

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Managing Editor

Kari Lake returned to Iowa with thunderous applause from Scott County supporters cheering her claims of election fraud in her Arizona governor campaign and across the nation.

The North Scott High School Class of 1986 graduate roused the crowd, taking the stage to the song, "American Woman," at seat-shaking volume, to declare that systemic voter fraud is keeping Republicans out of office.

"We have the best policies. We can have the best candidate and the best ideas to turn things around. If they continue to steal our elections, it really won't matter," she said.

Scott County Republican Women welcomed Lake Friday to a jam-packed Tanglewood Hills Pavilion in Bettendorf. Elected leaders Rep. Luana Stoltenberg, county treasurer Tony Knobbe and sheriff Tim Lane were among elected officials on hand.

In December, Arizona judges dismissed all of Lake's claims of fraud for her 17,177-vote loss in the 2022 Arizona governor race. A three-judge appellate panel is considering her appeal.

The Arizona Supreme Court rejected another person's lawsuit seeking a court order to overturn the election.

In Scott County, Lake said she won the Arizona's governor race, and proving it remains her top priority.

She disclosed no presidential aspirations. She pledged support to Donald Trump, and said he alone can fix the problems she attributes to President Biden's leadership.

That includes illegal immigration, and drug smuggling at the border. Lake cautioned about the threat of fentanyl, which she said is part of a Chinese conspiracy against the United States.

As evidence, Lake said a fentanyl-laced vapor cartridge was found at her alma mater, North Scott High School. Eldridge police chief Joe Sisler on Feb. 23, 2022, said he suspected fentanyl in a THC vape cartridge taken from a North Scott student Feb. 17. The next day, Sisler said the state crime lab found no fentanyl.

Lake said her Arizona campaign de-



Kari Lake speaks Feb. 10 at the Tanglewood Pavilion in Bettendorf to the Scott County Republican Women's Club.

NSP photos by Mark Ridolfi



Randy Hamilton brought this 1974 Lancer football team photo for Lake to sign. Her dad was coach. Contributed photo

fied advice from her state's GOP leaders. She said they cautioned her in the governor campaign, "Don't talk about COVID. Don't talk about vaccines. Don't talk about masks. Whatever you do, don't talk about stolen elections. I said those are important issues right now. Those are the things we've got to talk about. I



Lake speaks with guests after her speech.

took all those rules and threw them in the circular file," Lake said.

Her visit drew many supporters with fond memories of her and her family.

Lisa Schumacher, of Pleasant Valley, was at a front-row table to hear Lake recall how Schumacher drove her to her first day of school in Bettendorf. Schumacher shared the same memory in a July 27 NSP story.

Schumacher described a boisterous Lake household with Kari and eight siblings. The home always seemed to be filled with neighborhood kids.

Lake recalled it, too, in her speech. She shared warm memories of her father, and growing up in Scott County.



Longtime Scott County GOP supporter Linda Greenlee poses with a Lake poster.

She said her short Quad-City visit already included visits to Happy Joe's and Rudy's Tacos. Still on her list? Hungry Hobo.

Rural Long Grove farmer Randy Hamilton brought along his 1974 Lancer football team picture with Lake's dad, the late Larry Lake, a beloved coach. Hamilton said Lake coached his sophomore team, then moved to the varsity team. "We lost two games over three years," said Hamilton, a tackle on offense and defense.

"He just knew how to talk to people. He was my teacher, too, American government. I really wanted to get the picture signed by her. Everyone respected him," Hamilton said.

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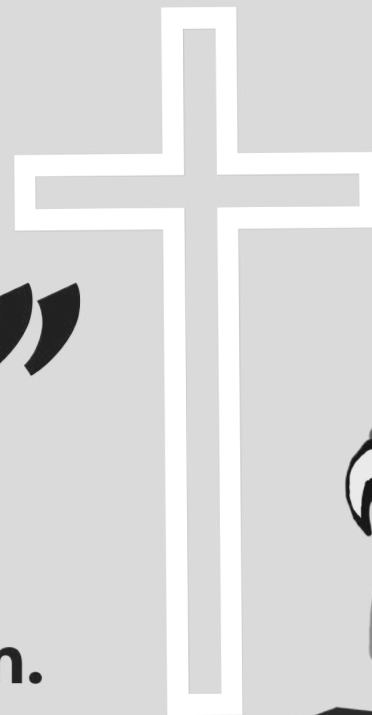
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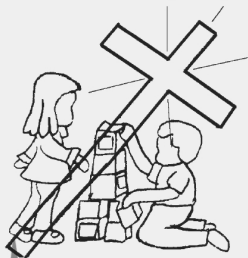
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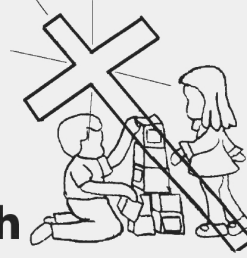
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Iowa DNR reports best deer harvest in a decade

Town hall hunting forums begin Feb. 20 in DeWitt

Iowa's deer hunt rebounded to a 10-year high in 2022, but far below the 120,000 animals harvested in 2010.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources' 2022 tally shows 109,611, the most since 2020. Forty-two percent were antlered bucks.

DNR officers will detail results of deer and turkey seasons, and discuss the 2023 season at a series of public forums throughout the state beginning Feb. 20 in DeWitt.

"We'll talk about the harvest, and have presentations by our deer and turkey biologists about conditions in the state," said Curt Kemmerer, wildlife biologist based in Maquoketa.

He'll be at the DeWitt meeting and others to greet familiar faces and new ones. "We know a lot of the folks, but it's a chance to meet new ones and welcome them, too."

He notes few changes in Iowa hunting rules and regulations.

"We go over the basics and any updates. It's like a town hall forum where people ask questions and we do our best

to answer."

Scott County hunters reported 733 deer killed in 2022, including 310 antlered bucks. The county has averaged 726 over the past five years. DNR shows 22 spring and three fall turkeys last year.

Muscatine County reported 1,269 deer harvested in 2022, including 531 antlered bucks. The county has averaged 1,258 over the last five years. Hunters reported 92 spring and five fall turkeys.

Cedar County reported 1,095 deer harvested in 2022, including 472 antlered bucks. The county averaged 1,139 over the past five years. Hunters reported 55 spring, and five fall turkeys.

Louisa County had 1,248 harvested deer, including 549 antlered bucks. The county averaged 1,313 deer per year since 2018.

Hunters reported 68 spring turkeys and one fall turkey.

Clayton County, north of Dubuque, led Iowa in deer and turkey harvests. Deer count reached 2,201, with 67 percent of them antlered bucks. Clayton led spring turkey harvest with 423, and was second in fall turkey hunt with 16.

The DNR says Iowa's deer herd is very mobile. "A significant number leave and travel to new areas before establish-

ing a core area. These core areas may change seasonally with deer shifting between wintering areas and breeding areas. These movements allow deer to fill voids left open due to deaths and easily pioneer into new areas when habitat is suitable," according to the DNR annual

report.

"High rates of movement occur during spring when deer move to their fawning areas. Many of last year's fawns are forced to find areas of their own at this time."

EASTERN IOWA 2022 DEER AND TURKEY HARVEST

County	Does	Bucks	Total
Muscatine	572	531	1,269
Louisa	543	549	1,248
Cedar	511	472	1,095
Scott	342	310	733
Clinton	487	549	1,172
Jackson	1,046	889	2,245
Statewide	51,055	46,465	109,611

TURKEYS	Fall	Spring	Total
	5	92	97
	1	68	69
	5	55	60
	3	22	25
	3	86	89
	13	351	364
Total	425	11,933	12,358

2022 IOWA TOP 5 DEER

County	Does	Bucks	Total
Clayton	2,201	1,469	4,137
Allamakee	1,805	1,340	3,544
Madison	1,630	1,008	2,936
Van Buren	1,456	1,083	2,898
Warren	1,124	1,022	2,405

TOP 5 TURKEY

County	Fall	Spring	Total
Clayton	16	423	439
Jackson	13	351	364
Appanoose	13	341	354
Warren	14	340	354
Fayette	5	280	285



Iowa DNR

DEER HARVEST 2018-2022

County	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Muscatine	1,269	1,207	1,274	1,207	1,331
Louisa	1,248	1,712	1,259	1,128	1,219
Cedar	1,095	1,076	1,214	1,127	1,182
Scott	733	667	769	681	778
Clinton	1,172	1,117	1,187	1,090	1,190
Jackson	2,245	2,183	2,550	2,355	2,581
Statewide	109,611	102,765	109,548	99,999	108,403

IOWA DNR 2023 HUNTING TOWN-HALL FORUMS

Feb. 20

- DeWitt, 7 p.m., DeWitt Community Library, 917 Fifth Ave.
- Waverly, 6 p.m., Waverly Public Library, 1500 W Bremer Ave.

Feb. 21

- Bloomfield, 6 p.m., Wapello County Conservation Board Pioneer Ridge Nature

Center, 1339 Hwy. 63

- Des Moines, 6:45 p.m., Des Moines Izaak Walton League, 4343 George Flagg Parkway
- Lake View, 6:30 p.m., Speaker Park Shelter House, 418 North Blossom St.
- Perry, 7 p.m., Forest Park Museum Building, 14581 K Ave.
- Toledo, 7 p.m., Otter Creek Lake State Park Nature Center, 2283 Park Road

Feb. 22

- Okoboji, 6 p.m., Maser Monarch Lodge, 22785 Nature Center Road
- Ventura, 7 p.m., Iowa DNR Wildlife Office, 15326 Balsam Ave.

Feb. 23

- Chariton, 6:30 p.m., Chariton Community Center Rooms A & B, 502 North Main St.

- Decorah, 7 p.m., Franklin W. Olin Building, Room 102, Luther College, 700 College Drive, next to the Prues Library
- Dubuque, 7 p.m., EB Lyons Nature Center at Mines of Spain, 8991 Bellevue Heights Road
- Iowa City, 7 p.m., Johnson County ISU Extension Office, 3109 Old Hwy. 218 South
- Wapello, 6 p.m., Langwood Education Center, 14019 H Ave.

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KEPPY: New appointee is unsure about running in fall school election

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North Scott," she said after Monday's meeting.

Glen Keppy resigned due to health concerns.

Carrie Keppy brings a familiar name, "and a perspective of a mom who's active in schools, and of an outsider; I didn't grow up in this district."

She is from Grass Lake, Mich., and earned a master's degree in agriculture technology in 1995, and a bachelor's in the same field in 1993 from Michigan State University.

She worked seven years for the National Pork Board in Des Moines, including four years as environmental service director. That's where she met her husband, Chad.

She serves on Scott County's board of adjustments, and condemnation

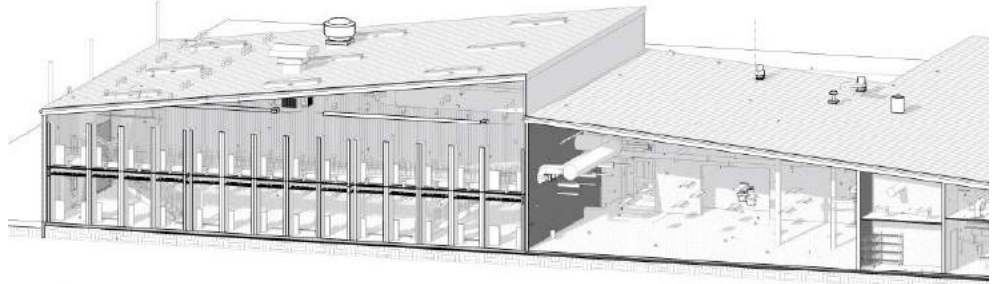
board.

Carrie Keppy said she is unsure about running in the fall. She said she wasn't asked, and wasn't interviewed. She was among 10 applicants to fill Glen Keppy's term through the Nov. 7 election.

Other applicants were: Donn Wilmott, Miguel Puentes, Erin Petefish, Joe Zrostlik, Scott Meskimen, Ryan McNall, Steffan Nass, Stephanie Eckhardt and Regina Matheson.

Wilmott is a former board member, and Eckhardt was a candidate. Both lost their 2021 bids.

"It was a tough decision," board member Frank Wood said. "Hopefully, they'll think about running again in the fall."



This updated exterior drawing of the proposed Regional Innovation Center was among 80 pages of plans dated Feb. 6, that were disclosed by the board Monday. Find links to all of the board's updated plans with this story online at northscottpress.com

Board releases 214 pages of project updates

Five residents ask board for more public discussion of \$45M plan

North Scott schools on Monday disclosed 214 pages of new drawings and designs following questions at board meetings about the district's \$45 million building plan.

Monday's board meeting opened with five district parents asking the board for more information about the plan, and financing decisions.

Superintendent Joe Stutting summarized design changes covered in the documents, emphasizing that specifics weren't known at the time of the March 2022 referendum.

"I was very specific these are designs that will change after the referendum," Stutting told the board Monday. "We purposefully did not ask square footage or dollar amounts. I said in speeches the reason I do not do that is I don't want to be held, 'You said this exactly.' I said things change in design."

He also detailed the board's reasons to incur \$1.77 million in additional interest costs by delaying principal payments the first seven years.

He said the board chose to keep annual payments low to retain \$1.5 million of the district's annual sales tax revenue for other projects.

That decision pushed total interest costs to \$10,508,085 on the \$45 million loan packages. Higher principal payments would have resulted in interest costs of \$8,736,284, Stutting said.

"Yes, we paid more interest. But during seven years, we freed up \$10,500,000 available for projects in that time," he said. "We didn't want to be Clinton or Camanche and borrow what we think projects will cost. We wanted to make sure there's enough money in case they went over."

The Regional Innovation Center to be built on South First Street is about \$3.5 million over initial estimates. Stutting noted that more fundraising is needed to add to the \$1 million state grant, and \$4 million commitment from Eastern Iowa Community College, he said.

The board is expected to consider construction bids for the Regional Innovation Center on March 20.

Five parents speak out

Before Stutting spoke, five district residents asked the board to provide more information to the public.

Amy Meskiman said she contacted four board members. "I cannot say that my concerns are settled. In fact, I would say I am even more concerned with this situation," she said. "When I voted no in September, it was because of my uncertainty of the regional innovation center, and that is where my concern still stands."

In addition to the project growth, Meskiman questioned the vocational priorities. She said eight of EICC's 16 agriculture career paths are in low-growth areas. The path with the largest growth, veterinarian technician, pays a \$32,000 annual salary, "about the same as fast-food," she said. "This is why I feel it was important for the district to seek outside guidance for a project this large."

District parent and employee Ashlee Bell agreed.

"I understand there are public forums that have been scheduled, but I find it

Open enrollment draws 20

The board accepted 18 open enrollment requests for next school year from Davenport students, along with one each from DeWitt, Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf school districts, for the 2023-24 school year. That includes 13 kindergarteners, five junior high, two high school and a second-grader. No building assignments have been made for the elementary students.

The board declined open enrollment requests from two Davenport junior high, and one fourth-grade student.

For this school year, the board accepted four open enrollment requests, for students from DeWitt. Two are in junior high, and two are at White Elementary.

concerning that these meetings are all scheduled after the final vote to approve bids on March 20," she said. "As parents, citizens and district employees, we deserve to be given the opportunity for dialog. One-on-one meetings do not inform the public, and in my opinion, it seems like information is being concealed."

Parent Abby Petersen asked about operational costs, and the board's plans for the old Eldridge fitness center, and the Eldridge church at 208 S. Fifth St., which the board bought in October.

Resident Mark Goodding repeated concerns he raised at last month's meeting. Britney Goodding asked the board to get more community input and not be dazzled by "the shiny object they thought would make the community pop."

After the meeting, board president Mark Pratt said regular board meetings, emails and the district web site remain the best way for residents to express thoughts about the building projects. That includes board appearances at schools and city council meetings in the district.

"This project is very exciting for our district. We've spent years leading up to this point, and we'll continue to do what we can. This is a very exciting time for the district," Pratt said after the meeting.

Board hits the road

School board members will be available at the following meetings:

- March 30: 6:30 p.m., Neil Armstrong Elementary, a regularly scheduled board meeting.
- April 3: 6 p.m., Eldridge City Council. Board members will be available an hour before the council's regular, 7 p.m. meeting at the Eldridge community center.
- April 27: 6 p.m., Virgil Grissom Elementary
- May 25: 7 p.m., John Glenn Elementary

Contract estimates 5.8 million copies

The board ordered 28 new copier systems totaling \$156,611 from Copy Systems, Inc., of Coralville. The order continues the district's relationship with the company, under terms that have risen "less than \$1,000," from the company's first contract seven years ago.

Last year, the district produced 5.131 million black and white copies billed at .0035 dollars, or \$17,958.57. Color copies totaled 653,520, billed at .0295, or \$19,278.84.



North Scott school board member Joni Dittmer welcomes Carrie Keppy to the board at Monday's meeting. NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi

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LEGOS: Coach's grant wins casino funds that help revive team for school year

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10. Their team began the school year with no funds, little equipment and no advisor. They finished second among 60 teams at state competition.

Their LEGO model, research and presentation met all standards during the competition. Judges said their idea, plan development, and presentation elevated the project to its second-place finish.

"A completely new idea," wrote one judge. "Great, creative, new idea that can change the world," wrote another.

Advisor Nicole Pilcher said the achievement reflects weeks of hard work, revisions and collaboration with experts in the field.

"I can't really describe how much these students put into this project," she said. "They never gave up."

Team member Graham McReady said the experience was invaluable.

"Three things that I learned during LEGO League was to keep everyone on task and not mess around. I learned new things about solar power, and how to code the robot," he said.

Century Electric helps out

The team's first surprise came at the regional competition at the Putnam Museum. The first round of robot games was rough, and the team shifted strategy and personnel, and wound up 15th among 64 teams, good enough to advance to state.

"When it was announced that we were going to state, that was crazy because I've been doing LEGO League for a long time, but this was the farthest my team had ever made it," seventh-grader Olivia Uhlenkamp said.

The team reached out to Eldridge Utility's line foreman, Jacob Rowe, to help calculate energy needs, and the amount

of solar panels to provide it.

Century Electric and Solar owner Aaron Griesenbeck advised the students during classroom visits, then fielded emailed questions. He joined them at the junior high Feb. 8 for a pizza party, with parents, siblings, supporters and principal Chad Jones.

"It was all them. They asked, 'Is it possible? Does technology exist?' We used that to explore what can be done, and what could be done as things change," Griesenbeck said.

Pilcher said his help was instrumental. "He has given so much to these kids, I can't say enough wonderful things about Aaron. His initial visit to meet the team was part of the reason that the kids chose solar for their project, instead of one of the other renewable energy sources," she said.

Pilcher and Allan Vatnsdal, whose kids Anthony and Braden are on the team, coached the team through ideas to execution. The students dreamed up a mobile power station, pulled by an electric truck to carry sun-tracking panels where they're needed.

Griesenbeck said it's no pie-in-the-sky dream. He's sure something similar will be developed as battery storage continues to get cheaper and light.

Much of the calculation involved battery storage and weight. The team had to find lighter-weight substitutes because the servomotor couldn't lift the LEGO panels.

Regional judges advised the team to trim its presentation.

"The main thing we needed to work on was the presentation on our Innovation Project. The Innovation Project is a majority of the team's overall placement, and we have a good project, but we couldn't fit it within the five minutes allowed," team captain Ben Hill said. "We did a lot of tweaking and managed to get



Junior high LEGO League team members cheer the news of their second-place finish at state. NSP photos by Mark Ridolfi

it within that time the week before the state competition."

Lancers make great impression

Pilcher said the finish is only one reason she's proud of her team.

The students represented North Scott well.

Board member Molly Bergfeld supplied them with 200 Lancer bracelets, and the students handed them out to fellow competitors. It was the icebreaker they needed to network at the state event, a big part of the LEGO learning process.

It made an impression on student Dana Webb.

"There was one team, The Flying Pigs, they were a little younger than us and had been struggling, so we ended up helping them and showing them how to

fix the issue in their robot that they were having," she said.

Pilcher said most junior high students want to help, but aren't always comfortable approaching others. The Lancer bracelets did the trick.

Pilcher is a North Scott substitute whose own kids enjoyed LEGO League. She stepped up as advisor when the district needed one for the junior high team.

Pilcher not only took the coaching job, she wrote the proposal that led to the Scott County Regional Authority granting the district \$12,428 for STEM education.

"Our robot was old and decrepit. Our computer was so old the Windows license expired, and they weren't going to replace it," Pilcher said.

STUDENTS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES

'A lot of practice'

When it was announced that we were going to State, that was crazy because I've been doing LEGO League for a long time, but this was the farthest my team had ever made it. As part of the overall feedback we got from the judges was that our presentation was too long, and we needed to make it shorter to make it fit into the five minutes we have to present. And after a lot of practice we finally did! Right before leaving for State we got the time of four minutes and 22 seconds!

At State we tied our score in the robot games that we got at regionals, 250 and

Olivia Uhlenkamp, mission strategist, coder, builder and researcher

'Most fun this year'

Over my three years in LEGO League, I had a lot of fun, but I definitely had the most fun this year. The main thing we needed to work on was the presentation on our Innovation Project. We did a lot of tweaking and managed to get it within that time the week before the state competition. Overall I had a lot of fun with this year of LEGO League, especially the state competition. I hope future LEGO League teams will have as much fun as I have.

Benjamin Hill, co-captain, co-communicator, project Manager, builder, coder and researcher

'All teams show sportsmanship'

I definitely liked the LEGO League state competition. The teams were so friendly to us, and I was very impressed with everybody's robot designs. There was one team, The Flying Pigs, that was a little younger than us and had been struggling, so we ended up helping them and showing them how to fix the issue in their robot. All of the teams there were showing genuine sportsmanship. I had fun socializing with my teammates and the other teams. Overall this was an unforgettable experience that I had a lot of fun with.

Dana Webb, creative designer, researcher, coder and builder

Teamwork makes it to state

Most people don't know what LEGO League is. The simplest way I can put it is, we make an Innovation Project and program a robot. The



North Scott Junior High Lego League Team, back row, from left, coach Nicole Pilcher, Benjamin Hill, Anthony Vatnsdal, Dana Webb, Olivia Uhlenkamp, Dylan DeMarr, and assistant coach, Allan Vatnsdal. Front row, Graham McCready, Max Vannorsdel, Colton Genz, Brayden Vatnsdal, Youth Mentor, Cora Vannorsdel.

project is to meet the goal of FIRST for that year's season. We also participate in Robot Games. When we were at practice some of us would work on the robot while the others worked on the project. We made it to state after partaking in regionals.

Max Vannorsdel, co-captain, co-communicator, mission strategist

High schooler returns to mentor

Last year I was on the LEGO League team. I had a blast and this year I returned to help mentor. As a mentor I mostly help out with the Innovation Project. I help students research, and keep them focused. As you can imagine, if you've ever met a junior higher, some of our practices were a little crazy but we had fun

learning how to research and gaining skills that will be helpful no matter what career we choose to pursue.

Cora Vannorsdel, freshman NSHS Robotics Team, LEGO League youth mentor

'I can't wait to do it again'

Our robot's name is Scotty because we are a part of the North Scott community. We coded the robot so it could complete the tasks. For example, on one mission, you were to push a button-ish thing that activates the windmill that deposits energy and the robot needs to collect that energy and bring it back to its base. Day after day, we as a group spent multiple times modifying the robot.

At the robot games, we scored 210 in the first round, 230 in the second round, and 250 in the final round, putting us in 15th place out of 64 teams for the Robot Games! Our Innovation Project went really well. Everyone spoke clearly and gave the judges good information. We ended up getting second place out of 64 for the Innovation Project! Things I learned during LEGO League: Keep everyone on task and not mess around; I learned new things about solar power, and how to code the robot. I really enjoyed Lego League this year and I can't wait to do it again next year.

Graham McCready, coder, researcher and builder

GROLMUS: Grocer hired more than 1,000 over 20 years at Eldridge store

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Board. The association inducted him into its hall of fame last year as Retailer of the Year, a fitting cap on a 40-year career.

“With hard work, and a humble sense of pride, Steve Grolmus built North Scott Foods from the ground up 20 years ago. But beyond the four walls of the store, his constant example of servant leadership, family values and vision for local economic development has created positive momentum for his entire community,” according to Iowa Grocer, that trade journal for the association.

Grolmus’ career began in his family’s Williamsburg, Iowa, grocery store. Jack Grolmus managed the store, and his wife, JoAnn managed the bakery. Son, Steve, joined the store at age 14.

After high school, he graduated from Drake University business school and was heading for a career in finance, when his folks opened a store in Park View.

He came to help and never left.

Steve and Julie raised three kids here. Son Steven is an accountant in Tiffin, Iowa. Daughter Allie is a nurse in Chicago. Son Andy joined the family business and will stay on, eager for a future with HyVee.

“Friendly faces that were here are still here. I’ll still continue hiring quality kids and other employees.”



Cheryl Simmons



Jessica Mizer stocks shelves at North Scott Foods, where she’s worked five years.

Steve’s wife, Julie, managed the Park View store bakery. Grocery is all his family has ever known.

“I saw how hard he and my mom worked in the Park View store,” Andy said. “Dad would come home. And Mom would leave in 10 minutes.”

Andy is staying on.

“I see lots of career opportunities with HyVee, and different career paths,” he said.

Both Steve and Andy said it was tough

keeping the sale confidential during negotiations. Employees began asking in January. The Grolmuses gathered employees Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the front of the store to break the news. HyVee representatives arrived the next day to begin the transition, and assure employees they will be retained.

Steve Grolmus declined to disclose the price. The 22,000-square-foot store has a taxable value of \$1.415 million, that hasn’t changed since 2018. It sits on a

three-acre lot the Grolmuses bought for \$425,904 in 2002.

His son, Andy Lane, and store bookkeeper, Cheryl Simmons, said HyVee agreed to continue some North Scott Foods practices they credit for fostering customer loyalty.

That includes carrying groceries to the parking lot, a North Scott Foods practice long before the pandemic.

“We want to keep that local, small town atmosphere that we built here. They’re not going to make us stop taking out groceries. That’s something customers want and need,” he said.

Simmons said the new company also valued her store’s long support of the North Scott Food Pantry. Grolmus has donated food, as well as thousands of dollars raised from customers at the store and hosted food drives.

The store hosted countless fundraisers, community car washes, and school supply drives in the parking lot.

Simmons said HyVee also appreciated

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Jill Reedy is among dozens of well-wishers who stopped by North Scott Foods. Reedy was the Archway Cookie representative 15 years ago for Grolmus’ Park View store, before he built in Eldridge.



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Cheryl Simmons helps a customer Friday. Simmons worked 15 years as North Scott Foods bookkeeper. She's staying on with HyVee. She was a HyVee cashier as a high schooler in Muscatine.



Retired Scott County sheriff's deputy Jim Connell is part of the stocking crew. He's staying on with HyVee, too.

GROLMUS: 'This community has been great to us'

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North Scott Food's long tradition of hiring special needs employees with flexible schedules and chaperones, when needed. Simmons has 15 years with North Scott Foods, mostly as bookkeeper, and her two kids worked there, too. One of Simmons' first jobs as a teenager was at HyVee in her Muscatine hometown.

She hopes the North Scott community will be patient through the transition. "Friendly faces that were here are still here. I'll still continue hiring quality kids and other employees," she said.

She counts more than 700 employees hired since she joined the front office in 2007.

The path ahead of grocery stores is much different than when the Grolmuses built their Eldridge store. Steve, Andy and Cheryl discussed it Friday, in between stocking shelves, and unloading a delivery semi.

"It seems like an entirely different business sometimes," Steve said.

Product ordering used to be routine. "Now, there's still about 25 percent of items I'm looking for that are out of stock."

So he had to get creative, looking for suitable alternatives. "It's exhausting, but rewarding. We created a lot of loyalty for customers who found things here they couldn't find elsewhere," Steve said.

Andy said fewer customers show up once or twice a week with a long list. Instead, people stop in more frequently. He recalls an industry survey showing that nearly half of Americans have no clue as to dinner menus at 5 p.m. each day.

"We have a new generation coming that has grown up with online ordering. So we need to give them other reasons to come to our store," Andy said.

Part of that will require continuing North Scott's distinction of high-quality products, especially meats. "Everyone in North Scott knows a farmer, and where they can get a quarter or half a cow. We have to be distinguishing ourselves with top quality foods," Andy said.

He said HyVee will bring distinctions

North Scott could not provide. For example, he mentioned online ordering apps. North Scott provided an app for pick-up, but its computer vendor required a separate app for delivery. "HyVee has tried-and-true apps that do all of that," Andy said.

Andy turned 39 last week. His dad, Steve, was 38 when the Eldridge store opened.

Steve retires at age 59. His father, Jack, died at 58.

"It's time. This community has been great to us, and I've enjoyed working with them. We were among the first to invest on LeClaire Road, and we've seen this town just take off. This is the right step for us, and the town," he said.

2012 Lancer alum opens Launch Lab workout facility

Brock Brade coaches hitting, pitching, fielding

By Erin M. Gentz
NSP Editor

North Scott area sluggers looking to improve their skills have a new workout area at the Launch Lab in Eldridge.

Located at 306 N. 2nd St., the Launch Lab is an indoor practice facility featuring two cages that can be set up to accommodate aspects of baseball and softball, including pitching, hitting, catching and fielding.

Owner Brock Brade, a 2012 North Scott alum and a graduate of Luther College, opened the facility in late 2022, and had an official ribbon cutting with the Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 7.

Brade captained the North Scott baseball team to a Mississippi Athletic Conference championship his senior year,



and is ready to welcome athletes to the facility.

"We hope to encourage anyone to continue to build their passion and skills for baseball and softball, and really enable them and give them the tools that some of us didn't have, to work on their game," he said.

Brade, a hitting specialist, is building his staff of coaches to offer private lessons and clinics.

Current North Scott senior and Black Hawk College commit Noah Young will offer catching lessons. Robert Copley, a 2011 North Scott grad, will lead pitching lessons. And softball instructor Jenelle Shamrell will teach hitting, catching and fielding.

Private lessons are only one aspect of Launch Lab. The facility is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for self-use sessions.

Users can book a session on the website, LaunchLabBaseballAndSoftball.com, or by downloading the Glofox app.

After selecting a time slot and entering payment, the user will receive a keyless entry access code that will be valid for the length of the session. Self-use sessions start at \$22.16 (including tax and processing fee) for 30 minutes. A video



Pitching, batting and catching stations are set up inside the Launch Lab.

NSP photos by Erin M. Gentz

on the website walks users step-by-step through the booking process.

"The facility is for anybody who wants to do anything baseball or softball related," said Brade. "Obviously, the preference would be to the athletes, but it is available to anybody for date night, or anybody looking for a workout."

To book private lessons with any of the instructors, visit the website or call 563-296-5747. Brade said slots booked for lessons will be closed to self-use sessions.

The owner says he's thrilled to be back in the North Scott area sharing the sport he loves.

"It's an absolute treat to come back to the community that helped me get my feet off the ground. In a roundabout way, I came back, and the same community was there eight or 10 years later for this now, instead of my baseball career, supporting me in this. So, it's pretty cool to see my career change a little bit, but still remain doing what I love. This has been a passion."

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NSP OPINIONS

LOCAL CONTROL

You can't be for liberty if you're banning books

Two years ago "Impressions" introduced "Signs that the Apocalypse is Upon Us," to call attention to items which, though they are actually happening, are so surreal that it seems the end of time must be near.

Gov. Kim Reynolds and Moms for Liberty gave us such a moment last week. I wish I were making this up, but sadly, no, the governor, appealing to the prejudices of certain moms, said the Legislature should pass a law banning a book in EVERY school if it is found unfit in ANY school. This is needed, she said, "to restore sanity, to make sure our schools are a place of learning and not indoctrination."

She criticized public schools for "demonizing our country." The governor was serious, even as the effect of her proposal would be that one overzealous group in one district could cause a book to be banned statewide – to heck with the First Amendment and local control. Note that committees of educators, students, ordinary citizens and administrators already exist in local districts to make those decisions. Reynolds' Orwellian idea is surreal. I thought we lived in the land of the free and the home of the brave. The only liberty these groups – and apparently the governor – are interested in is their own; not yours or mine, just theirs. You can't be for liberty if you're banning books.

Impressions
by Bill Tubbs

Fearfully, they speak

Not surprisingly, the books that Moms for Liberty find objectionable deal with sexual awakening and coming of age for gay, lesbian and questioning youth. The objectors state, correctly, that these subjects are better dealt with by parents. Tragically, though, too often, parents who find the materials objectionable are either ill-equipped or unwilling to have those conversations.

The latter may seem presumptuous from a country editor, but my experience as a parent of a lesbian daughter and co-founder with Linda of the local PFLAG chapter 20 years ago, inform me otherwise. (The PFLAG chapter is not holding meetings, but members have funded a scholarship at North Scott. Applicants submit an essay on "Why Inclusion Matters.")

On many occasions at PFLAG meetings (Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays), we listened as youth, conflicted about their sexual identity, fearfully poured out their hearts about problems they were having with parents who refused to accept that their child might be among the gay and lesbian population – a certain minority in every period since the dawn of time – including in higher mammals who are not thought capable of making moral choices.

Helping kids at school

The lucky ones had parents who were open-minded enough to consider the possibilities – and that having a gay or lesbian son or daughter is not the end of the world. (Actually, it's quite normal.) But if those positive, constructive conversations cannot happen in the home, then where?

It is into this vacuum that trained educators are prepared to listen and lend a helping hand, without judgment;

The governor was serious, even as the effect of her proposal would be that one overzealous group in one district could cause a book to be banned statewide – to heck with the First Amendment and local control.

and, I assert, save lives, because gay and trans youth without family support are twice as likely to be at risk for suicide.

In our PFLAG meetings, we met and dialogued with gay and trans individuals who underscored this point. They feared judgment and exclusion from parents, but often found acceptance and understanding from a public school teacher or counselor.

Significantly, the books which Moms for Liberty and the governor would remove from the shelves are among the helpful resources provided by the teacher or counselor.

A settled issue

The late Episcopalian Bishop John Shelby Spong wrote extensively on this subject. His insights, including analysis of scripture – what it says and DOESN'T say about homosexuality – provided a way forward with integrity. He observed that in all of human history, never has a prejudice been raised to the level of public discussion and debate, and gone backward.

Specifically, with regard to homosexuality, 14 years ago he declared inclusion a settled issue. "The battle is over. The victory has been won. There is no reasonable doubt as to what the final outcome of the struggle will be," he wrote in 2009. "It is time to move on."

Heroes, victims and villains

The bishop did observe, however, that there would be a backlash, and added, "What's left to be determined is who will be the heroes, the victims and the villains."

Indeed, we have seen them all, from heroes like the North Scott students who write persuasively for inclusion in their PFLAG scholarship essays, to the victims like Matthew Shepard, the teenager who was tortured and left to die in the Wyoming prairie, to the villains who would turn the calendar back.

Based on recent statements, I put Moms for Liberty and Gov. Reynolds in the latter category, but hold hope that they, too, can change, that parents and schools will be able to give youth the help they need; that a new birth of freedom will win our hearts and sweep our state, that legislators will not rush to judgment, schools like North Scott will retain the local control that is rightly theirs, and collectively we will renew our commitment to First Amendment principles for all, not just some.

For the sake of the child, and actually, all of us, our future as free people, that is my fervent prayer.

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State Rep. Mike Vondran, R-Bettendorf, sits with, from left, Katie Gimbel, of Long Grove, Suzanne Peppers, of Eldridge, and North Scott school board member Molly Bergfeld, Saturday at Tasty Cafe, Eldridge. NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi

Feb. 18 forum gives state lawmakers another chance

Rep. Mike Vondran moved from table to table at Eldridge's Tasty Café Saturday morning, acknowledging all, then sitting down to get specific with folks about pending legislation.



On the Record
by Mark Ridolfi

Katie Gimbel, of Long Grove, and Suzanne Peppers, of Eldridge had questions about a bill affecting physician assistants. Gimbel is an Iowa Physician Assistants Society board member, and Peppers heads St. Ambrose University's PA grad program.

Both plugged a bill that would allow physician assistants to operate independently of medical doctors, and extend the same liability protections that physicians enjoy under Iowa law.

Since the session began, Vondran's made Saturday mornings at Tasty a part of his constituent outreach.

He said the tableside talks seem more productive to him than the community forums that Scott County legislators have attended for some 50 years.

Those forums collapsed last year after most Republicans declined to participate.

Vondran attended as a candidate, and agreed with other legislators – Sen. Chris Cournoyer and Rep. Norlin Mommensen – that those forums too often were soapboxes for some audience members more interested in making a point than asking a question. Most Republicans stopped attending last year's forums.

God bless Maggie Tinsman, who persisted.

The former state senator and Scott County GOP conscience kept pushing, and revives the county's 54-year tradition, 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 18, at Davenport's Fairmount branch library, 3000 N. Fairmount St.

Vondran said he'll be there. So will I.

Sure, the format, audience, and sometimes, the legislators, make those forums more confrontational and less congenial. People cheer. And boo. The audience squirms as moderators try to enforce time limits.

To which I conclude: So what?

State legislators should consider it an obligation to hear from constituents who think differently. It comes with the \$48,000 a year most of our elected state legislators earn for their part-time elected service.

The forums provide the only access many voters have to their lawmakers. Not everyone can make 8 a.m. breakfasts in Eldridge. Candidates wouldn't know what to do if they all showed up.

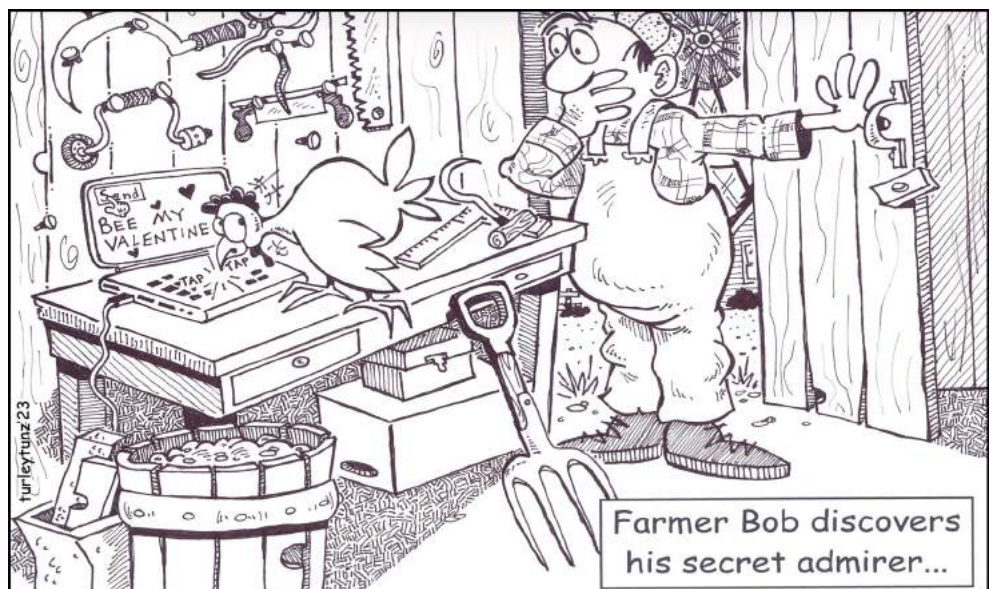
Many in the audience have no agenda. Some are eager to hear updates directly from the horse's mouths.

In the good old days – I'm thinking 2019 – the forums always included time for legislators to talk one-on-one and listening to voters, a bit like Vondran's café encounters.

The Feb. 18 forum audience should show up with good questions, big ears, and patience.

Lawmakers, too.

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OPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iowa needs vaccination against GOP virus

Republican agenda for passing unpopular voucher law:

1. To gain votes in the midterm election, the governor endorsed and funded opponents of Republican incumbents because the incumbents had voted against the bill both prior years.

2. Created new education reform committee to debate the bill.

Approved new chamber rule that even when bill contains new spending it is not required to go through budget committee.

3. Nos. 2 and 3 allow less oversight.

4. Used debate process rule to prevent introduction of any amendments.

5. Passing the bill first thing while people weren't paying attention.

Using every dirty trick in the book is not a model of democracy. Passing the voucher law ignored history's lesson on separation of church and state.

Des Moines had already passed mean-spirited rules against students needing extra support and empathy. Since passing the voucher law, proposals abound. Censorship at the college level.

Banning books.

Limiting free speech while teaching history with tattle-tale fines up to \$5,000 in public schools.

Lowering qualifications for teaching.

Dangerous changes to child labor laws.

The list will only grow in the dumbing down of Iowa.

The voucher law is like a virus with mutations. The vaccination is new leadership in Des Moines.

Mary Tomsche
Long Grove

Watch your tax dollars

The New York Times and lots of others are announcing new highs for state and federal minimum wages. None that I have seen include facts about the results of any or all of the previous edicts. Show us the numbers! How many Americans actually experienced

a long-term benefit?

Visitor centers in Davenport, Moline, Rock Island and LeClaire, are all funded to entice folks to drop by and help our economy. Before you decide to invest any more tax dollars, shouldn't you check with the air transportation folks. Would it help to stop gouging passengers to and from Chicago? How about signing an airline that was on time occasionally, one that understands the stress induced by missed connections and the need for leg room? A bigger airport won't help. We may soon need a smaller one. Don't hire a consultant just use common sense.

How does it boost our economy to fund a train that makes it easier to shop and find entertainment in Chicago?

Did we really just learn that printing more money causes inflation? Seemed to be a popular notion back in 1958. Maybe the textbook went out of print. Maybe political scientists should have some science in their resumes.

How much would it cost Americans to take the census using the vast computer technology already bought and paid for? No genius required here, just a new kind of politician. One who thinks.

When will we achieve the correct level of diversity? Government and educational institutions abound that concentrate on more diversity. How will we know when a goal has been achieved? We are the most creative, most productive culture on the planet, because we are free.

The diverse cultures that melded here since the 17th century built an exemplary union. We seem to be intent on destroying the structure of that history.

Technology has enabled wide sharing of creativity with the planet, yet we denigrate our own strength and tax our own resources to achieve a goal we haven't or can't define. When we infuse the productive people of another country, we reduce their ability to progress. Shouldn't we show some compassion by leaving them to improve their native lands?

Bill Wohlford
Bettendorf

Easterseals Iowa helps farmers with disabilities

Last week, the Agriculture and Natural Resources budget subcommittee had a visit and presentation from Easterseals Iowa.

Easterseals has a great rural solutions program that I have some personal connections with. They do fantastic work with individual farmers who have become physically disabled in one way or another, allowing them the chance to keep doing what they love: farming.

Rural Solutions supports farmers and farm family members who have acquired a disability through accident or illness, with accommodations that allow them to continue their way of life and live in their rural communities. This service is not available through any other entity in Iowa.

Items loaned can include power/manual wheelchairs, as well as provid-

ing parts and equipment for items, such as installing a hand break or lift on a tractor. There were 112 farmers and farm families served in the 2021/2022 fiscal year, and I hope to continue to watch them do their work in our state.

On Feb. 9, the Iowa House passed HF 161. This bill limits the amount of noneconomic damages that can be awarded for a medical malpractice claim at \$2 million if the incident happened at the hospital and \$1 million if it happened somewhere else. No amount of money can ever make up for the loss of a loved one. But in Iowa, massive noneconomic damage awards have increased exponentially. They drive up liability costs and make the cost of providing care in Iowa less competitive. We need to compensate people for medical injuries, but we also need to keep Iowa's health care industry intact.

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Rep. Norlin Mommsen
District 70



Cat Meier brought a small flock and her belongings back to her native Scott County.

Scott County native follows her heart home

North Scott reunions foster reconnection after 35 years in Texas

It was a scene out of the Beverly Hills television show when we stopped at a truck stop in the middle of nowhere Kansas. While filling the 26-foot U-haul truck with gas, our rooster began to crow. He was in a crate in the back of the truck next to our seven hens. His less than charming, and no-sense-of-humor personality forced him to share his presence with curious onlookers.

Our two cats in the front with us were howling, reminding us that we still had a long way to go.

Steve and I both grew up in the Eldridge area:

My family on a beautiful eighty-acre farm West of Eldridge, his family living on a picturesque farm in the Long Grove area. We became friends while attending North Scott junior high and high school together in the eighties.

I remember my life growing up being out of a picture book until the farm crisis of the 1980s hit, which brought drastic change into the lives of many Quad City families. At times the struggling economy completely altered the fabric of rural America.

My desperate father, feeling as if he had no other choice, made the decision to sell the family farm and move to north Texas where he had heard that the economy was booming.

It was the summer before my senior year that Steve and I said goodbye. Not having Facebook or social media to rely on, when my family drove south I left my friendship behind. It wasn't until thirty-years later at the time of a 1986 high school class reunion that we were reunited at the Happy Joe's in Eldridge. It was within hours that we were holding hands and on Christmas we just celebrated our five-year wedding an-



Cat Meier
Long Grove

niversary.

In the beginning of our relationship, Steve had made the big decision to move to Texas so that we could start a life together. But soon the Iowa farm that his family still lived on called him back. He desperately missed the quiet summer evenings off of the gravel road vs. the four-lane highway that he had been newly forced to live off of.

He dreamt of again riding for days on his favorite John Deere combine harvesting the corn. So one day, like my father, he told me he wanted to move, but this time back to the Iowa family farm life.

I thought he was crazy.

With the housing market strong we sold our house when it wasn't even on the market and began to pack. Moving from a large home to a temporary RV on the family farm, in Texas we rented a 40-yard Dumpster and either threw away, donated or kept only our most prized possessions to simplify our life even more. We drove back one more time to get our 90-pound dog, said goodbye and this time headed north.

The initial plan was to move in the spring so you could say that I was shocked to learn that I would be moving to Iowa in the middle of winter. Leaving behind our 75-degree weather for snow was quite shocking as I hadn't driven in snow for many years. Even the simple question of what type of winter clothes did we own? But the 40-degree day when we arrived was what locals referred to as "shorts weather." Really?

The boxes are in storage and I, with the help of a map, found my way alone from Long Grove to the Eldridge pharmacy and grocery store. Our chicken family is now in a new insulated hen house, our dog has adjusted and the Iowa life so far is just what my husband promised me and what I remember. It has been filled with peace, good people, strong families a new economy, beautiful scenery and a slower way of life.

Maybe the statement instead should be is, were we crazy not to move back sooner?

Cat Meier returned to Scott County with Steve Boyle, after living in Texas since 1986.

Congrats to NSP

Congratulations to you and the North Scott editors. It is an honor to be a subscriber to an outstanding weekly newspaper. **Jim and Ida Weibel, Long Grove**



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

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Technology committee aims to regulate disclosure of personal data

Last week in the Senate Technology Committee, we passed Senate Study Bill 1071 that creates a new Iowa Code chapter that addresses consumer data protections. The bill provides consumers with personal data rights to invoke at any time, outlines these rights, and establishes regulations for controllers and processors of personal data. If this bill becomes law, Iowa will become the 6th state in the country to establish data privacy rights for its citizens. While everyone involved acknowledges that a federal law would be preferable, we agree that it is unlikely that Congress will act anytime soon. As technology changes and threats to data privacy evolve, the intent is to have this legislation serve as a starting point in addressing these threats and give Iowa consumers more control over their data.

by streamlining and simplifying the complicated tax code. It consolidates 18 property tax levies, limits open-ended levies for additional spending by local governments, reinstates hard caps on levies, and provides a series of controls to protect Iowa taxpayers by controlling growth of local government.

Property tax bills

Work on property tax relief continued with Senate Study Bill 1124 and Senate Study Bill 1125. The goal of those bills is to create a phased-in approach to provide relief to Iowans paying property taxes.

Senate Study Bill 1124 gets Iowa's property tax system back to the basics

by streamlining and simplifying the complicated tax code. It consolidates 18 property tax levies, limits open-ended levies for additional spending by local governments, reinstates hard caps on levies, and provides a series of controls to protect Iowa taxpayers by controlling growth of local government.

Additionally, it eliminates loopholes abused by local governments to exceed limits set by law and increases voter participation in bond referendums and debt consolidation by local governments.

I have received a lot of feedback on the proposals so far from constituents, locally elected officials, and administrators, and we will work through the concerns and effects of the bill to ensure that local government is funded appropriately to continue to provide services to our communities.

Liability limits to improve health care

The cost and accessibility of health care is one of the most important issues for many Iowans. Last week the Iowa Legislature passed a major reform to help reduce costs and increase access for health care. House File 161 works to achieve that goal by implementing a limit on the amount of non-economic damages a jury may award to a plaintiff in a medical malpractice case. These limits were set at \$1 million for doctors and \$2 million for hospitals. Limits on



Iowa's new Attorney General Brenna Bird, left, joins from left, Rep. Tom Determann, Greg Gannon from DeWitt Bank and Trust, Keith Hook from Citizens First Bank in Clinton and Sen. Chris Cournoyer for the Iowa Banker's Association reception.

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non-economic damages exist in 33 other states, including California and several states surrounding Iowa. Punitive damages and economic damages remain uncapped.

Health care professionals from all corners of the state have been urging lawmakers for a reasonable limit on non-economic damages. Medical professional recruitment is difficult and extremely high malpractice insurance premiums discourage doctors from working in Iowa. Rates have been rising by 20-30 percent annually. Many physicians and hospitals are struggling to get malpractice insurance at all, regardless of price.

The bill also created a medical error task force with the goal of identifying

causes of errors and reducing their occurrences.

Stem Day brings DeWitt students

Feb. 9 was STEM Day at the Capitol, hosted by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council. Students and educators from across Iowa, including a robotics team from Central DeWitt, joined legislators to showcase their skills and featured many exhibits for increasing awareness on education and careers in science, technology, engineering and math. These students are our future innovators, and I enjoyed speaking to them about the exciting opportunities that exist for them right here in Iowa.

Please feel free to contact me via email at chris.cournoyer@legis.iowa.gov or 563-289-7335.

1973: Eldridge fends off Davenport annexation up to Blackhawk Trail

Feb. 14, 1973

The Eldridge City Council rejected an annexation proposal from the City of Davenport. The proposal would have seen an east-west line along Blackhawk Trail beyond which Eldridge could not annex to the south. In exchange Davenport would not contest areas already

voluntarily annexed into Eldridge in January. The east-west line would chop off portions of the existing Eldridge city limits, and would also remove Eldridge from any land near the property owned by Caterpillar.

For the second time in less than three years, the Eldridge Mobil station was the victim of an arson attack. An alert neighbor called authorities when he saw the fire, and the Eldridge Fire



Our Past

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

Department arrived to quell the flames before the blaze could get going. Approximately \$41 had been stolen from the cash register. The station, owned by Dennis Shannon, had also been gutted by an arson fire in September of 1971.

Second-graders at Ed White Elementary School received a tour of the Edgetowner Restaurant from Mrs. Birch Holden. The students were able to compare the quantities the restaurant used to the food in their own homes.

Three students at North Scott High School were the children of staff at the school. Freshman Steve McNicol, son of vice-principal Steven McNicol, and junior Jeff Schmelzer, son of P.E. teacher Donald Schmelzer, said the experience wasn't too bad, since they didn't see their fathers much during the day. However, freshman Pete Snyders, son of driving teacher Dick Snyders, said he saw his dad "a little too much."

North Scott wrestlers Bob Braun and Ned Looney took first, and Kim Flenker and Alan Schneckloth were runners-up at the sectional tournament, allowing them to advance to the district meet. The Lancers finished third as a team, behind Pleasant Valley and Central DeWitt.

Feb. 17, 1983

Stockholders of the Dixon Independent Telephone Company were set to

vote on a possible merger with Central Scott Telephone. CST offered to buy the Dixon company for \$625,000 in cash for the 366 shares of the company, and Dixon stockholders would be offered stock in CST on a share-for-share basis.

The Eldridge Planning & Zoning Commission approved the opening of a video game room behind the Klean-Kare dry cleaners. There were nine arcade games, including "Tron," "Naughty Boy," and "Mrs. Pac-Man," as well as two pool tables. The business was owned by Ann Goldis.

Bob Tank, chairman of the board of Central Trust and Savings Bank in Eldridge, was feted with a surprise party from his employees for his 80th birthday. A potluck lunch was held in his honor, and employees donned "I Love Bob" buttons all day.

Tim Bohlmann was crowned king of North Scott's Bachelor Capture. Other Top 5 members of the court included Steve Dawson, Kurt Kreiter, Andy Hamann and Dennis Golinghorst.

Gary Bader of Eldridge became the state champion in the men's single novice racquetball division after winning a tournament at the Courtside West Racquetball Club in Davenport.

Feb. 18, 1998

Wilma Zabel made a \$15,000 gift to the North Scott Educational Foundation, upping the organization's endowment fund to \$640,000. President John Laing told the North Scott School Board the group hoped to add another \$300,000 over the next five years, which would allow the NSEF to fund awards to 37 students.

Phil Roberts of Walcott joined the staff of *The North Scott Press* as a reporter and photographer.

Members of the Long Grove Civic League were teaming up with staff at the Long Grove branch of the Scott County Library to help fund an expansion of the branch, which was currently housed in the basement of the Civic Center. Having received a grant from the Scott County Regional Authority, the group was looking for donated labor.

Students at Tina's Dance Studio held a dance-a-thon to help raise money to send a group of girls to dance at Walt Disney World. Girls chosen to attend the Orlando event were Jennifer Braden, Amy Jennings, Jennifer Jennings, Jenny Potter, Ashley Stoltenberg, Tina Wolfe, Savana Egan, Lisa Howard, Sarah Oldsen, Cassandra Spies and Ashley Wundram.

North Scott eighth-graders Michael Arensdorff and Hannah Hainline were chosen as representatives of the Mississippi Bend AEA to attend the first Groundhog Day job shadow at the Iowa state capitol. Arensdorff was paired with Rep. Danny Carroll of Grinnell and Rep. Danny Holmes of Walcott, while Hainline shadowed Rep. James Van Fossen of Davenport.

Feb. 20, 2008

Freshman Adam Perrin became the first North Scott underclassman to claim a state wrestling title. Perrin won the 103 lb. title with a 6-5 decision over Sioux City North's Chad Ryan. He was just the fourth Lancer to ascend to the top of the podium at the state wrestling tournament.

Eldridge was being looked at as a possible lunch stop spot for the final day of RAGBRAI, which would have its final leg from Tipton to LeClaire. Joe Taylor of the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau encouraged the city council to roll out the welcome mat for the event, which was expected to draw 10,000 bikers and 5,000 members of support staff. Walcott was also reportedly interested in hosting the stop.

The Bettendorf Fire Department was recruiting new members for its Explorer post. The post was the only one of its kind in the area, and provided an opportunity for students aged 14-18 to learn the fundamentals of first-aid and firefighting techniques.

The McCausland City Council voted to move forward with a plan to purchase a building from Steve Lindle. It was hoped this site could serve as a new, permanent home for the town's post office. Residents had already pledged \$12,000 towards the purchase, with fundraising events being quickly planned.

Eighty-year-old Elsbeth Noel of Long Grove was working with a personal trainer to help stay in shape. She hired Bill Amling of Health by Design in Eldridge. He said that although he was surprised that Noel wanted to join his program, she had been a very good client. "She's very determined," he said. Noel said she was seeing benefits after just two months. "I can tell I've got more strength in my legs, and I feel a lot better," she said.

Feb. 14, 2018

The Park View Water and Sanitary District was considering a rate hike that board members said would help continue improvements in cleaning up the

Mobil Station Is Object Of Arson

ELDRIDGE – An alert neighbor, a police phone service and a quick response from the Eldridge fire department snuffed what could have been a serious fire at the Eldridge Mobil station early Sunday morning.

The fire, set by a thief who broke into the building around 1:50 a.m. Sunday, was seen in the rear of the garage and reported to Police by Ray Perkins, a neighbor who lives above the Eldridge Corners tavern.

Firemen arrived at the station almost immediately and quelled the fire before it could get a good start. Barrels on the west wall of the inside of the garage containing grease rags had been set afire.

Feb. 14, 1973 NSP clipping

community's brown water problems.

Princeton was looking to expand, and planned to hold a series of public hearings. The first would focus on rezoning the newly annexed land north of town for a Dollar General. The council was also expecting to hear more about an annexation of more than 400 acres south of town, where Paul and Marjo Anderson sought to attract a corporate campus.

Lancer Productions prepared to present its Children's Theatre production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Cast members included Sophie Cox, Grace Sampson, Kyle Skinner, Garrett Bowe, Abi Jensen, SJ Madden, Noah Kelley, Keegan Harry, and Natalie Romanick.

The North Scott girls' basketball team claimed a share of the Mississippi Athletic Conference title, with a win over Davenport North. They shared the top spot with Pleasant Valley.

The North Scott wrestling team qualified seven for the state meet: Zach Petersen (220), Cole Ernst (285), Caleb McCabe (126), Collin Lewis (145), Quentin Albright (132), Austin Clark (152), and Jake Matthaidess (160).

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Tax & Financial Planning Guide

Money management tips for retirees

What constitutes a perfect retirement is different for everyone. Some people may imagine spending their golden years fishing their days away, while others may aspire to finally embrace their inner globetrotter. Though individuals' retirement dreams differ, every retiree will need money, which only underscores the importance of a wise and disciplined approach to money management.

Average life expectancies have risen considerably over the last several decades. According to estimates from the United Nations Population Division, the average life expectancy in Canada for both sexes is just under 83 years, while it's slightly more than 79 in the United States. Those figures are a welcome sign, but they may inspire a little fear among seniors who are concerned that they might outlive their money. No one knows how long they will live, but everyone can embrace a handful of money management strategies to increase the chances that they won't feel a financial pinch in retirement.

- Study up on the tax implications of withdrawing from your retirement accounts. Every retirement investment vehicle, whether it's an IRA or a 401(k), has tax implications. Money withdrawn too early may incur tax penalties, and even money withdrawn long past retirement age could elevate retirees into a new tax bracket that could prove costly. A financial advisor can help retirees determine the tax implications of withdrawing money from their retirement accounts and may even develop a detailed guideline

of when withdrawals should be made and how much should be withdrawn in a given year in order to minimize tax liabilities.

- Prioritize your own needs. Though retirees, particularly those with children and grandchildren, may feel an obligation to help their families in difficult financial times, generosity can be very costly for adults who have stopped working. Retirees may or may not have opportunities to generate new income, and even those who do likely won't make enough to meet their daily financial needs. Given that reality, retirees must prioritize their own financial needs, including their immediate needs and those they will have for the rest of their lives. Though it might be difficult to turn down loved ones' requests for financial help, retirees must make sure they can pay their bills and maintain a quality of life that won't jeopardize their long-term health.

- Examine your housing situation. Equity in a home is a feather in the cap of many retirees. Retirees who own their homes and live in locations with high property taxes might be able to cash in on their equity by selling their homes and downsizing to a smaller home with lower property taxes. If moving is not a consideration, discuss a reverse mortgage with a financial advisor. A trusted financial advisor can highlight the advantages and disadvantages of reverse mortgages, which are a great option for some people to improve their financial well-being in retirement.

- Stick to a budget during retirement. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that roughly 70 percent of individuals who turn 65 will need long-term care in their lifetimes. That's just one expense retirees must budget for, and it's more sizable than some people may recognize. In fact, the Fidelity Retiree Health Care Cost Estimate found that the average retired couple age 65 in 2022 will need roughly \$315,000 to cover health care expenses

in retirement. And health care costs are just one of many expenses retirees can expect to have. Budgeting and avoiding overspending can ensure retirees have the money they need when they need it.

No one wants to outlive their money in retirement. Various strategies can help retirees effectively manage their money so they can enjoy their golden years without having to worry about their finances.





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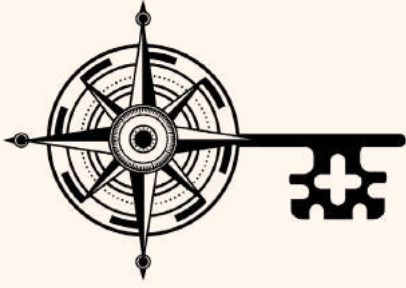
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Rebekah Doering

Rebekah has a vast knowledge of the market in the Quad Cities and surrounding areas. She focuses on helping sellers get their homes ready to put on the market, and showcasing the value of the home to buyers. Rebekah grew up in Park View, and is a North Scott graduate. After high school, she attended St. Ambrose University, graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Finance and Accounting. Rebekah currently lives in Princeton with her husband, Wesley, their daughters, Norah and Claire, and son, Deacon. The Doerings have 2 dogs and a cat.

They enjoy spending time together boating on the Mississippi River, and canoeing and fishing at Lost Grove Lake. She is involved with JA, involved in PTO and volunteers coaching for her daughter's sports teams. She has been selling Real Estate since 2013.



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Ashleigh Weinert

Ashleigh has 5 years of real estate experience and over 20 years in the customer service industry. Ashleigh is passionate about her career and helping people with one of their biggest life milestones. Ashleigh is a longtime resident of the Quad Cities, and a graduate of Pleasant Valley High School. She and her husband, Andy, and daughters, Addyson and Frankie, live in Silvis, Illinois. They have a dog, Georgia, and cat, Gypsy. In Ashleigh's free-time she loves to read, explore local shops and restaurants, and spending time with friends and family. She joined The Doering Team in 2022.



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Amanda Yeggy

Amanda has an immense knowledge of the market in the Quad Cities, and surrounding areas. Whether you are looking to buy or sell Amanda is ready to be your life long real estate agent. Amanda has been a longtime resident of the Quad Cities, earning her Bachelor's Degree from Western Illinois University. She and her husband, Dan and daughters, Danielle and Dalaney, live in Bettendorf, Iowa. Danielle and Dalaney attend Bettendorf High School. Danielle will soon be a student at the University of Iowa - Go Hawkeyes! Dalaney is enjoying her last two years at Bettendorf playing Volleyball as much as she can.

At home there is never a dull moment with their three fur babies; Storm, Logan and Walter. Amanda has valuable experience on all sides of the real estate transaction. She has worked for a real estate law firm, spent years as a Mortgage Loan Officer and is now starting her third year as part of the Doering Team. She joined The Doering Team in 2019.



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Alixx Boynton

Alixx focuses on getting files from pending to closing after a contract has been accepted. She communicates with buyers, sellers, lenders, attorneys and other agents to ensure a smooth process. She coordinates schedules for inspections and closings. She also focuses on our listings, making sure that they look great, our clients stay informed, and that they are marketed appropriately. Alixx also schedules Open Houses, plans and executes our client appreciation events, and manages our client database to make sure we stay in touch!

Alixx was born and raised in LeClaire and graduated from Pleasant Valley High School. After high school, she worked as a Technical Writer for the Marine Corps. She currently lives in Princeton with her daughter, Hayzell, and three cats, Rigby, Beans and Matilda.

Alixx enjoys watching her daughter play tennis, shopping for deals, and crafting. She joined The Doering Team in 2017.



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Kesha and Melody Carlson find their ski legs at the Wapsi Center.

NSP photos by Mark Ridolfi



Alex and Meira Carlson head down the trail.

Making tracks at the Wapsi Center

Meira Carlson didn't see her dad go down.

"But I heard him," she said.

Meira had gotten quite comfortable on cross country skis and jetted ahead, past the Wapsi Center pine circle and onto a hillier trail.

Back by the pines, her dad, Alex, brushed off the snow and tried again.

He and Kesha Carlson, with kids Meira, 8, and Melody, 6, took their first cross-country skiing and snowshoe excursions Feb. 3, at Scott County's Wapsi Center. With a dozen other novices, and a couple of old hands, they tried new winter sports, then warmed up with a chili cook-off.

The old hands included Wapsi center naturalist Rebecca Baugh, Mike Granger, and former center director

and lifelong supporter, Bob Bryant. Bryant went down, too, on the icy snow that had started to melt during last weekend's warm-up.

But he was up quickly, and sticking with the Carlsons, who said they'll be back for more skiing.

But not snowshoeing, said Meira. She liked following the deer and coyote tracks, but found it exhausting. "It tired my legs."

Jo Ann Breaux, of Port Byron, said she'll return, for sure. Saturday was her third attempt to learn skiing at the Wapsi Center. Weather canceled the first two. So she was glad enough snow remained for her first venture. "I've got a lot to learn. But I met a lot of nice people," she said.



Case VanDeWalle



Wapsi Center volunteer Lucia Dryanski won the day's chili cook-off. First-time skier Jo Ann Breaux samples entries.



Former Wapsi Center director Bob Bryant joins the first-timers. Bryant also was Clinton County Conservation director. In 2002, the Iowa Association of Naturalists recognized his lifetime of service with the Aldo Leopold Environmental Education Award.

OBITUARIES

Richard Mumm

Richard Mumm, 84, of McCausland, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. at Schultz Funeral Home in DeWitt. A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in McCausland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the McCausland Fire Department.

Richard was born, Oct. 3, 1938, in rural Scott County, to Rudolph and Alice (Lueders) Mumm, the seventh of 10 children. He went to Butler #4 school, a one-room rural school, through 8th grade. Richard attended DeWitt High School, where he lettered in wrestling, and graduated in 1957. He worked in various capacities on the family farm, as a fence builder for Sears & Roebuck, and as a forklift operator at the Rock Island Arsenal, where he retired after 30 years of service. Richard married Jane Hill on Sept. 11, 1976. The couple resided in rural McCausland, where they farmed and raised two sons.



Richard was passionate about farming, raising cattle, hogs, and poultry, and growing corn and soybeans. He took great pride in decorating the farm for the holidays, especially Christmas. He enjoyed being part of a large family, and their frequent gatherings.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; sons, Adam (Andrea), and Mark Mumm, both of Des Moines; grandchildren, Audrey and Abigail; siblings, Shirley (Tom) Hahn, Darlene (Daryl) Pieper, Wayne Mumm, and sister-in-law, Jean Mumm; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Delores Lineburg, Lois Muhs, Doris Nickles, Emogene Nelson, Norman Mumm, and Eugene Mumm.

Arrangements are in the care of Schultz Funeral Home, DeWitt. Condolences may be expressed at www.schultzfuneralhomes.com

Custom obituary

David Wellman

A funeral service for Pastor David Paul Wellman, 67, of Davenport, will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Crossroads Independent Baptist Church, 21141 Scott Park Road, Davenport. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church. Burial will be in Rock Island National Cemetery. The Runge Mortuary, Davenport, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Pastor Wellman died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, Iowa City.

David Wellman was born Oct. 17,

1955, in St. Louis, Mo.

He married Kathy Adams on June 24, 1983, in Davenport.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy; a daughter, Tara Beth (Steve) Nichols, Davenport; a son, Sheldon David (Katie) Wellman, DeWitt; his mother, Shirley Robinson Wellman, Panama City, Fla.; and his sisters, Vicki Lyn (Mike) Bird, Lee's Summit, Mo., and Pamala Sue (Mike) Shadix, Panama City.

Memorials may be made to Crossroads Independent Baptist Church.

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Shirley Baustian

Shirley passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on Feb. 7, 2023, at the Clarissa C. Cook House, Bettendorf. She was 92.

Shirley Joan Kreiter was born on Jan. 7, 1931, to Henry and Roma (Wiese) Kreiter. She grew up in rural Scott County with her two brothers, Jack and Ken.

Shirley graduated from Davenport High School in 1949, where she was involved in numerous activities and clubs. She was secretary for student council, runner-up for homecoming queen, and part of the Lincoln Go Getters 4-H Club. Shirley was crowned "Miss State of Scott" in 1948.

She married Don Hugo Baustian on Sept. 4, 1950, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport. They raised their three children, Roger, Dana, and Gina, on their Century Farm in Scott County, where they lived for most of their married life. Don and Shirley were bound together from the day she first laid eyes on him in 8th grade. They were inseparable and had a love that was sweet, tender, respectful, unbreakable, full, and constant. They leaned on each other so beautifully. In their older years, when Shirley's eyesight started to falter, and Don's legs weren't as steady, they held hands to get to wherever they were going, together. They had been married for almost 70 years when Don passed away in May of 2020.

Shirley was a caretaker to the people she loved. If you stopped by the farm for a visit, she'd offer you soda from a glass bottle and a homemade sweet treat. If you came to chat in the living room, she'd give you cookies and ice cream. She took care of the guys in the field during planting and harvest with picnic lunches and always had a warm supper ready at the end of the day.

She was the steady rock in everyone's lives, always calm, sweet, and ready to laugh. When Don and Shirley's phone rang, Don would usually answer only to say, "just a minute, here she is." We can still hear the way she always answered the phone, with a beautiful, singsong "Hello!"

Shirley was a devoted grandmother to her nine grandchildren. She and Don hosted them in the summer for weekend



mini vacations, and attended all their games, matches, recitals, 4-H shows, races, regattas, or anywhere else they could bring their lawn chairs.

She loved watching summer thunderstorms, the air show fly over their farm, reading the *North Scott Press*, and chatting on the phone with her friends. She kept a big garden for canning and pickling, and was a wonderful baker. Friends and family always looked forward to her cinnamon rolls, dinner rolls, breads, and many desserts. Her home was always welcoming and spotless.

Shirley was a faithful member and volunteer at Faith Lutheran Church in Eldridge for most of the years of her life. She prepared potlucks, taught Sunday school, and always took time to converse there with old and new friends. Faith Lutheran was a big part of her life and the church cherished the time Shirley spent there.

Shirley was preceded in death by the love of her life, Don Baustian, in 2020.

Shirley is survived by her three children, Roger (Sheila) Baustian of Davenport, Dana (Teresa) Baustian of Davenport, Gina (Brian) Bettini of Davenport; her nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; her dear friends, Bud and Dot-tie House; and her sister-in-law, Myra Kreiter.

The family would like to thank the kind and supportive staff at the Clarissa C. Cook House for giving Shirley such peaceful end-of-life care.

The funeral took place Saturday, Feb. 11, at 1 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Eldridge with visitation one hour prior to service. Following the service, her burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery in Davenport. A Celebration of Life was held that afternoon from 4-8 p.m. at the Outing Club in Davenport. Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Chambers Funeral Home, Eldridge, assisted the family with arrangements.

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

Custom obituary

Raymond Claeys

Visitation for Raymond M. "Raymo" Claeys, 76, of Eldridge, was held from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Long Grove. Burial followed in St. Ann's Cemetery. The Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home, Davenport, assisted the family with arrangements.

Mr. Claeys died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, at his home.

Raymond Claeys was born Nov. 15, 1946, in Davenport, the son of Felix and

Rita (DeSchepper) Claeys.

He married Peggy Haupt; they later divorced.

Survivors include his daughters, Jeni (Jim) Kipper, LeClaire, and Sarah (Cristian) Carlton, Eldridge; nine grandsons; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Ann (David) Schanze, Grand Mound, and Madonna Hughes, DeWitt; and a brother, Francis Claeys, Eldridge.

Memorials may be made to the family. Online condolences may be made at www.hmdfuneralhome.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Walcott City Council

Monday, February 6, 2023

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 6th day of February, 2023 at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Everett Bieri, Lisa Mengler, Harry Knutsen, and Jacob Puck. Absent: Kirk Koberg. Staff present: Lisa Rickertsen and Paul Stagg.

Approval of Agenda. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the agenda with deletion of item eight, Kaitlynn Capper, as requested by Ms. Capper. Motion carried.

Public Hearing. Mayor Kostichek opened the public hearing on the maximum property dollars levy for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 (FYE 2024). Rickertsen stated the maximum property tax levy dollars is \$1,079,134, which is 4.03% less than the current year. Rickertsen reported on recent legislation filed last week which could reduce the residential rollback by 1.8% for FYE 2024. No written or other oral comments were received. Puck moved and Bieri seconded to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. Knutsen moved and Puck seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, January 2023 financial reports, and to request services from the State of Iowa Auditor's Office for the FYE 2023 examination. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2023. Bieri moved and Puck seconded to approve the minutes from January 16, 2023. Motion carried.

City Hall Restroom & Hallway Upgrades. A project worksheet was presented to upgrade the City Hall restrooms and hallway. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the City Hall restroom and hallway upgrades as presented, not to exceed \$7,000. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-6, Approving the Maximum Dollars Levy for FYE 2024. Bieri moved and Mengler seconded to approve Resolution 2023-6. Roll call ayes: Bieri, Mengler, Puck, and Knutsen. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-7, Approving and Adopting the Scott County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Puck moved and Bieri seconded to approve Resolution 2023-7. Roll call ayes: Puck, Bieri, Mengler, and Knutsen. Motion carried. Hazard mitigation plans are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be updated every five years. The current plan will expire in June, 2023.

Ordinance 533-23, Amending Chapter 162 Pertaining to Requirements for Rental Property. The proposed change references the City's Rental Housing Guide, which will exclude single family homes occupied by children or parents of the owner from rental housing inspections. Knutsen moved and Puck seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 533-23. Roll call ayes: Knutsen, Puck, Mengler, and Bieri. Motion carried.

Public Works Department Report. Discussion was held on requesting the City Engineer and/or IMEG representatives attend a special council meeting regarding the W. Otis Street deficiencies.

City Clerk's Report. Rickertsen reported on other pieces of state legislation recently filed, including proposed changes to sales taxes and the property tax system in Iowa, which will greatly impact cities and counties.

Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.

Mayor John Kostichek

Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

A-L-L Equipment, air compressor	\$7,840.24
Alliant Energy, services	9,692.94
Amazon Capital Services, heaters, chargers, paper	275.29
Bonnel Industries, plow parts	355.08
Brooks Law Firm, P.C., services	1,102.00
Casey's, fuel	1,041.02
CNH Industrial (Titan Machinery), parts	276.50
Comdata, cc charges	4,734.17
Durant Ambulance, support contribution	1,000.00
Hawkins Inc, chemicals	1,491.13
Henderson Products, Inc, plow repair	890.15
Hill, Adam, medical reimb	1,410.22
Illowa, annual membership	25.00
IMEG Corp, const observation services	10,266.45
Iowa 80 Group, fuel	506.35
Iowa Codification, january 2023 code supplement	283.00
Iowa Dept of Inspect. & Appeal, permit fee	40.00
Iowa One Call, notifications	30.60
Kline Sewer and Drain LLC, camera-inspect main	900.00
Krebs, Neal, medical & meal reimb	154.54
Mediacom, services	136.90
Miscellaneous Vendor, deposit refunds	73.61
Napa Auto Parts, filters, oil, wd40	560.83
North Scott Press, publications	449.55
Orkin, services	85.00
Otto, Kathy, cleaning services	225.00
Republic Services, services	7,361.42
Richardson, Justin, meal reimb	11.12
River Valley Co-op, lp & diesel	2,081.46
Riverstone Group, ice control	65.70
Sinclair Tractor, parts	634.49
Stagg, Paul, mileage & medical reimb	270.19
State Hygienic Laboratory, lab tests	809.50
Town & Country Tires Inc., sweeper repairs	640.00
UPS, shipping fee	14.81
US Cellular, services	554.99
Zarnoth Brush Works Inc, gutter brooms	321.00
Subtotal	56,610.25
Payroll 1/20/23	29,288.18

Payroll 2/3/23	29,252.64
CBI, account fee	22.00
Grand Total Expenditures	\$115,173.07

Fund Totals	
General	\$59,686.99
Fire Reserve-Celebration	40.00
Street Projects-Lincoln	10,266.45
Water Utility	19,450.21
Utility Deposit Refund	73.61
Sewer Utility	17,842.92
Solid Waste	7,812.89
Total	\$115,173.07

January Revenue	
General	\$76,916.43
Police Vehicle Reserve	1,245.41
Fire Vehicle Reserve	356.97
Fire Donations	187.64
Fire Bldg Reserve	99.67
City Equip/Vehicle Reserve	171.77
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	30.98
Park Enhancement	2.89
Police Reserve Donations	655.44
Community Beautification	11.80
Municipal Bldg Fund	269.81
Road Use Tax	15,361.25
Employee Benefits	1,103.56
Local Option Sales Tax	24,123.60
TIF 15.12	
ARPA	176.69
Debt Service	530.69
E Lincoln St Project Fund	530.70
Water Utility	29,537.72
Water Tower Reserve	112.25
Water Main Repair	6.81
Utility Deposits	140.00
Sewer Utility	40,385.92
Sewer Lift Station	26.64
Solid Waste	7,838.82
Total	\$199,838.58

Scott County Zoning Board of Adjustment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Scott County Planning and Development Department has on file the following application as allowed by the Scott County Zoning Ordinance. In accordance with Section 6-30, this Notice is being sent to all property owners of record within 500 feet of the area in question and to appropriate County officials to notify all of a public hearing to be held in the 1st Floor Board Room, County Administrative Center, 600 W 4th Street, Davenport, IA, 52801 on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 4:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hear the request of Ronald D. Cline to allow a 30' x 30' detached garage to be constructed two feet (2') from the south roadway easement and twelve feet (12') from the east roadway easement in lieu of the fifty feet (50') prescribed in the Zoning Ordinance, at the property address 24630 184th Street Place, legally described as Lot 3 of Geists's 2nd Addition in Section 7 of Pleasant Valley Township (Parcel #850737303). The applicant cites the lot topography, location of utilities, and the positioning of the roadway easements as the hardships warranting approval of the variances from Ordinance regulations.

If you have questions or comments regarding this meeting or the requested variances please call, write or email the Planning and Development Department, 600 West Fourth Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801, (563) 326-8643, planning@scottcountyiowa.gov or attend the meeting.



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SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

4:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 25100 block of 205th Street. A vehicle lost control, spun out, and left the roadway before striking a utility pole and coming to a stop. The vehicle was abandoned at the scene.

MONDAY, JAN. 30

4:00 p.m. — Michael Deangelo Jefferson, 36, Davenport, was charged with a sex offender registration violation — 1st offense, following an incident in the 400 block of West 4th Street, Davenport.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

1:53 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 7000 block of Elmore Avenue.

10:55 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

11:54 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem near South 16th Avenue and East Lomar Street.

3:54 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 3500 block of Kimberly Downs Road.

6:41 p.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 2700 block of 62nd Street Court.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

8:23 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 35600 block of Valley Drive.

9:00 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem.

11:28 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 700 block of West 61st Street.

3:07 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 15000 block of 70th Avenue.

3:19 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 18800 block of 270th Street.

10:34 p.m. — James David Hammond, 57, Iowa City, was charged with a drug tax stamp violation, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and an open container violation (passenger), following an incident in the 21000 block of Brady Street, Davenport.

10:50 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near 270th Street and 150th Avenue.

11:13 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance near Ridge Point and Middle Road.

11:26 p.m. — Caleb James Blieu, 22, Durant, was charged with OWI — 1st offense, and cited for failure to maintain control, following a vehicular accident in the 7500 block of 112th Street, Blue Grass.

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

12:37 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 100 block of Elmhurst Lane.

4:59 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 8200 block of Northwest Boulevard.

8:22 a.m. — Deputies began a death investigation in the 12900 block of 100th Avenue.

3:53 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Oakley Drive.

3:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 500 block of West Mulberry Lane.

5:28 p.m. — Deputies responded to a vandalism complaint in the 15000 block of 270th Street.

MONDAY, FEB. 6

6:59 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

8:03 a.m. — Destiney Makenna Matlock, 26, Davenport, was charged with driving while barred (habitual offender), and arrested on an outstanding intrastate warrant, following a traffic stop in the 1500 block of West Locust Street, Davenport.

8:20 a.m. — Daniel Clellen Jones, 41, Bettendorf, was charged with trespassing, following an incident in the 900 block of Park Avenue, Panorama Park.

8:24 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 11300 block of 140th Street.

12:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

12:28 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 13800 block of 118th Avenue.

1:41 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 1100 block of West 7th Street.

1:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 13800 block of 118th Avenue.

4:55 p.m. — Deputies responded to an indecency/lewdness complaint in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

5:21 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near Highway 61 South and 267th Street, Long Grove. A vehicle driven by Rebecca Mary Cox, 44, Eldridge, took Exit 129 from Highway 61 South. She stopped at a stop sign at the end of the ramp at 267th Street. She was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Paige A. White, 34, East Moline.

6:19 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near Interstate 80 East and North Plainview Road, Walcott. A vehicle driven by William Robert Sterba, 77, East Moline, took Exit 284 from Interstate 80 East. He stopped at a stop sign at the end of the ramp and prepared to turn onto North Plainview Road. He was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Christine Dawn Bolte, 60, Walcott. Bolte was cited for failure to stop within the assured clear distance.

11:06 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

8:13 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

8:54 a.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 900 block of Park Avenue.

10:08 a.m. — Deputies performed a welfare

check in the 24500 block of Valley Drive.

3:46 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near 290th Street and 1st Avenue.

5:43 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

8:32 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near South Cody and Eagle Ridge roads.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

2:50 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 900 block of Park Avenue.

8:24 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

11:11 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 21400 block of Scott Park Road, Davenport.

12:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 26700 block of Scott Park Road.

3:18 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of South Park View Drive.

4:25 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 22200 block of 260th Street.

4:45 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 18800 block of 270th Street.

4:51 p.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 4800 block of Competition Drive.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

1:20 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 2800 block of Woodland Drive.

8:59 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 13900 block of 110th Avenue. A vehicle driven by Scott Ronk Thomas, 63, Moline, was northbound on 110th Avenue. The vehicle began to fishtail due to slippery road conditions. As Thomas attempted to regain control, his vehicle struck a vehicle driven by David Lewis Jr., 69, Blue Grass, what was southbound on 110th Avenue. Lewis' vehicle left the roadway and went into a ditch.

9:10 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near mile marker 304 on Interstate 80 West. A vehicle driven by Justin Tyler Wetter, 28, Des Moines, was westbound on Interstate 80. Wetter reportedly lost control due to slippery road conditions and struck a vehicle driven by Zachary Thomas Holst, 35, LeClaire. Holst's vehicle spun out and came to rest on the inside shoulder of the roadway. Wetter's vehicle left the roadway and went into a ditch.

9:19 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

9:26 a.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 700 block of West Iowa 80 Road.

9:43 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

9:47 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near 240th Street and 240th Avenue.

9:56 a.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 14100 block of 111th Avenue.

12:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 300 block of North 3rd Street.

1:05 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 1300 block of West 8th Street.

1:30 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a juvenile problem in the 1600 block of 210th Street.

1:51 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 18300 block of 249th Avenue.

2:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to an indecency/lewdness complaint in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

3:02 p.m. — Deputies responded to a vandalism complaint in the 7600 block of New Liberty Road.

3:12 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 4300 block of East 53rd Street.

11:17 p.m. — Steven Allen Patterson, 70, of Princeton, was charged with domestic abuse — simple assault, following a report of a domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of 2nd Street, Princeton.

11:41 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near Exit 109 on Highway 61 South, Blue Grass. A vehicle driven by Dustin N. Cotten, 52, Cushing, Okla., was southbound on Highway 61. As he attempted to pass another vehicle, that vehicle veered into his lane and struck Cotten's vehicle. The other vehicle then left the scene and continued southbound.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

8:21 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 600 block of North Highway 67.

8:26 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 800 block of Davenport Street.

11:48 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

11:48 a.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 200 block of Mason Drive.

11:53 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

11:54 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

12:02 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 200 block of South Park View Drive.

1:43 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 1000 block of West 5th Street.

STUDENT NEWS

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

The following local students were among those named to the Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester at Augustana College, Rock Island. Eligible students must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.5 for the semester.

Davenport: George Behnke

Blue Grass: Leighla Hebel

Eldridge: Deayden Jackson

LeClaire: Laurin Baker, Keagen McAuliffe, Aine Moffit, Roger Pavey

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Nathan Greve of Donahue was named to the Chancellor's List for the fall 2022 semester at the University of Wisconsin — Platteville. Eligible students must have earned a GPA of 4.0 for the semester.

Greve, who is studying music, was also named to the Dean's List.

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ELDRIDGE POLICE REPORT

MONDAY, FEB. 6

12:07 a.m. — Jason Fransene, 44, of Fulton, Ill., was arrested on an outstanding warrant for forgery and theft; also for eluding, interference with official acts — bodily injury — no intent, driving under suspension, open container, improper use of registration and no insurance.

1:32 p.m. — Complaint of a dog running loose in the 700 block of North 8th Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

3:34 p.m. — Report taken for vandalism to a machine in the 200 block of North 9th Avenue.

4:39 p.m. — Nathan Kilker, 47, of Long Grove, was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

5:48 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver on Highway 61. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

8:30 p.m. — Removed debris from the roadway in the 500 block of West LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

10:44 p.m. — Andrea Preston, 45, of Clinton, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear — driving while revoked.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

6:29 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 100 block of East Price Street.

9:58 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 100 block of East Price Street.

1:21 p.m. — Complaint of a dog running loose in the 200 block of West Spring Street. The dog was returned to its owner. Handled by officer.

2:07 p.m. — Eric Barth, 34, of Eldridge, was cited for no insurance and operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop near 250th Street and Scott Park Road.

2:24 p.m. — Cassandra Disney, 31, of Eldridge, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop near West Price and North 1st streets.

3:20 p.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 200 block of South 5th Street. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

6:38 p.m. — Report of alarms going off in the 1000 block of Muirfield Circle. The call was turned over to the fire department. Handled by officer.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

1:35 a.m. — Assisted another agency with a traffic stop on Highway 61.

10:35 a.m. — Report taken for a death investigation in the 300 block of North 6th Street.

10:44 a.m. — Zachariah Szabo, 24, of Cedar Rapids, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop in the 1000 block of East LeClaire Road.

11:54 a.m. — Betty Wyffels, 60, of Eldridge, was cited for driving with an expired license, following a traffic stop near South Scott Park and East Lincoln roads.

3:18 p.m. — Assisted a landlord with a civil issue in the 200 block of North 6th Street. Handled by officer.

4:39 p.m. — Complaint of a subject in the 100 block of South 5th Street. Handled by officer.

6:00 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver on Highway 61. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

2:04 a.m. — Gavin Olson, 21, of Bettendorf, was arrested for OWI — 1st offense and cited for failure to reduce speed, following a traffic stop in the 500 block of East LeClaire Road.

9:51 a.m. — Report taken for fraudulent activity in the 1100 block of East Price Street.

9:52 a.m. — Complaint of a vehicle in a ditch on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

9:55 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

10:13 a.m. — Report taken for a single vehicle accident in the 25200 block of 162nd Avenue.

10:41 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

11:22 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle near 240th Street and 155th Avenue. The vehicle was towed. Handled by officer.

12:37 p.m. — Complaint of a disturbance in the 300 block of North 3rd Street. Handled by officer.

1:22 p.m. — Report taken for fraudulent activity in the 1000 block of East Iowa Street.

5:12 p.m. — Tatiana Stepanek, 22, of Davenport, was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop in the 400 block of West Doral Drive.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

12:33 p.m. — Report taken for theft of property in the 100 block of South 3rd Avenue.

5:55 p.m. — Complaint of a subject walking on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

6:39 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of North 9th Avenue. Handled by officer.

6:47 p.m. — Report taken for an EMS call in the 1000 block of East Iowa Street.

8:14 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 400 block of South 14th Avenue.

10:51 p.m. — Kevon Jack, 21, of Davenport, was cited for failure to obey a stop sign, following a traffic stop in the 2000 block of Slopertown Road.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

1:08 a.m. — Megan Pieler, 41, of DeWitt, was arrested for OWI, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

6:31 a.m. — Complaint of two dogs running loose on Highway 61. Animal control was contacted. Handled by officer.

9:46 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 200 block of Trails Road. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

2:36 p.m. — Report taken for theft of property in the 600 block of East Price Street.

5:27 p.m. — Complaint of juveniles on a

roof in the 500 block of South 5th Street. Handled by officer.

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

12:43 a.m. — Kendell Austin, 22, of Clinton, was arrested for driving under suspension, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

5:15 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 600 block of East LeClaire Road. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

7:01 a.m. — Timothy Driggers, 47, of Davenport, was arrested for driving under suspension and on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear — driving under suspension, following a traffic stop in the 2000 block of West Slopertown Road.

12:15 p.m. — Michael Brown, 23, of Chicago, was arrested for driving under suspension, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

11:11 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver on Highway 61. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.



Spanish Club offers pulseras

Alex Stagg and Cam Goro and other North Scott Spanish club students are selling handmade bracelets or pulseras. Students are offering them at the junior and high schools. Others interested may contact advisor Tracey Rivera at 563-285-3322

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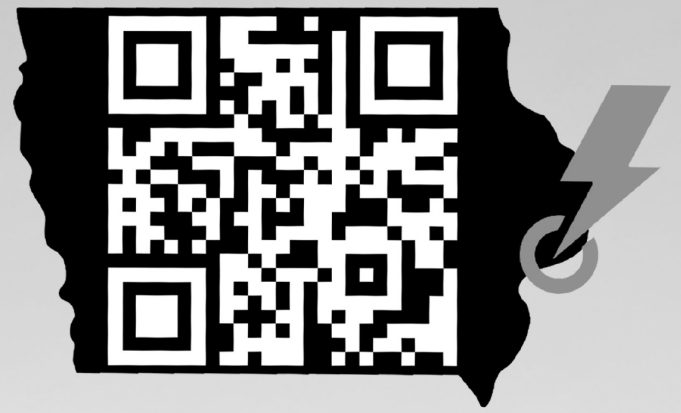
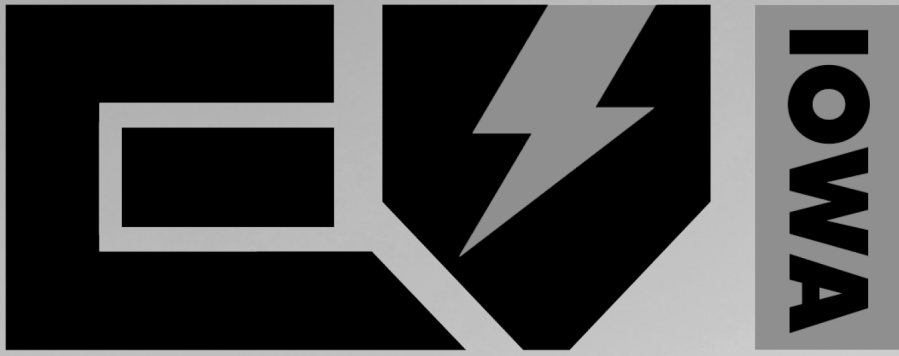
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BOYS' WRESTLING

11 wrestlers qualify for State

North Scott ties school record in historic district tournament meet

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

11 was the magic number on Saturday. The 11th day of February produced 11 North Scott state qualifiers at the district meet, tied for the most in school history.

"Eleven is a big number," Lancer coach Drew Kelly said after the podium celebrations. "The guys wrestled well. We all had legitimate chances to win. We had some tough losses along the way, but we turned some things around in other matches."

Seniors Drew Metcalf (120), Ayden Golden (126), Aydan Cary (145), Ilias Louck (152), Dylan Marti (160), Seth Madden (170), AJ Petersen (195), and David Borchers (285), sophomores Hayden Ulloa (106) and Jace Tippet (182) and freshman Matthew Williams (113) will all make the trip to the Wells Fargo Arena this week.

Golden and Petersen were the Lancers' two district champions. Williams, Cary, Marti, Madden and Borchers each claimed second place, while Ulloa, Metcalf, Louck and Tippet each took third.

Petersen returned to his familiar spot on the district podium with his second-straight district championship and third overall trip to the state tournament.

He used a second-period pin in the semifinals and a 5-2 decision win over Muscatine's Evan Franke in the title match to propel himself to the top.

"It feels good. It's always something exciting," Petersen said. "It's another award to go up on the wall and hang up and say, 'I did this.'"

He has beaten Franke multiple times this season, including defeating him two weeks ago via a 15-4 major decision for

the MAC championship title.

"I knew he likes to go to the upper body, and if I wanted to do that like I want to, I had to win that," Petersen said. "Once I got him down where I knew I was in control, I made sure he knew that and just wore him down."

Having qualified for the state tournament for a third time, Petersen credits the Lancer wrestling program and his coaches for keeping him consistently at the top of his game throughout his time at North Scott.

"They evaluate seventh and eighth grade. They see your potential and pull it out of you freshman year," Petersen said. "They make you keep improving no matter what. We have so many coaches looking from many different angles and from so many different backgrounds. They make sure everybody is doing what they can, keeping everybody honest, and having fun with it, too."

Taking a similar path as Petersen, Golden also used a semifinal pin to get into the first-place match, where he piled on 18 points en route to a technical fall over Dubuque Hempstead's Landon Reisen.

"I'm feeling great," Golden said after his win. "I wasn't expecting to see (Reisen), but I was OK with that. I just went out there and was able to score a lot of points."

Golden, who qualified for his second state tournament, stuck to his game plan of keeping things simple and earned himself another trip to Des Moines.

"If you're solid, you're winning matches," Golden said. "I know what my good stuff is. If I stay with what I'm good at, and don't do anything dumb, I know I can win a lot of matches."

Four wrestlers will be making their state tournament debut this week: Williams, Metcalf, Louck and Tippet.

Kelly shined a light on Metcalf for his work ethic and perseverance in getting him to this point.



Senior AJ Petersen, ranked No. 3 at 195, has his sights set on the state title in Des Moines after winning the district championship.

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Senior Ilias Louck ran the gamut of results, using a pin, technical fall, major decision and regular decision to reach the title match at 152.

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"I couldn't be any more excited for him," Kelly said. "He just missed out last year on a heartbreaker. He's a senior, and he's been a four-year starter for us. He has put in all kinds of work."

Among the two-time qualifiers, Borchers battled through injuries this year to make a return trip to the promised land, and Kelly thinks he has what it takes to compete at the top.

"I'm excited for David," Kelly said. "He went through a bit of an injury coming out of Urbandale. We got him back healthy and training. He's got all the tools. He'll be a tough out next week."

This is the first year that district meets allow for 24 qualifiers rather than 16, and the Lancers took full advantage of the opportunity.

At the district seven meet, the Lancers and Pleasant Valley Spartans combined to fill 21 of the 24 available spots. Muscatine got two spots and Clinton nabbed the last one.

North Scott took second place in the team standings with 196.5 points. Pleasant Valley, with 203.5 points, just edged out the Lancers despite qualifying one fewer wrestler.

With so many Lancers performing well, the positive vibes were beaming out of the locker room and practice gym at North Scott High School.

"The wrestling room was bouncing,

and everyone was having fun," Petersen said. "Music is playing, we're jamming out. We were playing baseball with a foam roller and a piece of tape. You're hanging out and having fun. It's an amazing feeling."

The Pit was rocking throughout the day, which almost certainly contributed to the great feelings and success on the day.

"This home crowd is amazing," Golden said. "I saw all of our JV kids up there going crazy, and we had all of our parents up there, too. It was the best crowd of the year. It was awesome."

The Lancers won't have much time to celebrate, as they need to be in Des Moines on Wednesday.

With the expanded field, the state tournament is now a four-day contest.

From Wednesday through Friday, Class 3A will wrestle from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The consolation finals and championship finals will take place on Saturday, Feb. 18.

After a bit of prep work during the days following districts, the team will be ready to ship out.

"It's a quick turnaround," Kelly said. "We'll have a shakeout tomorrow, and we'll do a bit of work on Monday and Tuesday. It's just fine-tuning what we're doing well and making some adjustments. These guys are ready."

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BOYS' WRESTLING BRACKET PREVIEW

Wrestlers face long roads to podiums

Madden and Petersen receive byes as nine Lancers wrestle in Wednesday's first round

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

With 33 percent more wrestlers in the boys' state tournament this year, the path to the podium is tougher than ever.

The Lancers will have plenty of opportunities, however, with 11 state qualifiers having their say in who finishes at the top.

Class 3A gets the night sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as the action gets underway in Des Moines.

Wednesday will play host to the first and second rounds plus the first round of consolations.

Thursday will start with the second round of consolations, followed by the quarterfinals and third consolation round.

Friday is semifinal day with the third, fourth, and fifth round of consolations also taking place.

Lastly, on Saturday morning, are the consolation semifinals and finals, followed at night by the championship matches.

Here is a brief glimpse into each North Scott qualifiers' opening round matchup and path toward advancing to the weekend.

106: Sophomore Hayden Ulloa (22-21), the No. 20 seed, will face No. 13 Wyatt Heffron (17-6) of Downing Catholic in the first round. Waiting in the second round is the No. 4 seed Tyler Harper (26-5) from Norwalk.

113: Freshman Matthew Williams (27-20), seeded 21st, will take on the twelfth seed Ayden Beck (25-7) of Dallas Center-Grimes. The winner will face fifth-seeded Ryker Graff (31-7) from Waverly-Shell Rock in round two.



Senior Seth Madden snags the foot of Drew Burds of Western Dubuque during the semifinals of Saturday's district tournament.

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120: Senior Drew Metcalf (27-21) is also seeded 21st in the 12/21 matchup. He will face Ryan Rider (33-5) of Carlisle. The No. 5 seed, Matthew McCrea Jr (29-5) of Bondurant-Farrar, awaits the winner.

126: On the opposite line of the 12/21 matchup, district champion senior Ayden Golden (28-19) will face Dayne Rew (19-17) of Urbandale. No. 5 seed Kane Butrick (28-15) is looming in the second round.

145: MAC rivals collide as No. 13 seed senior Aydan Cary (24-16) and No. 20 seed Luke Jennings (28-12) of Clinton face off in the first round. In the two schools' dual on Jan. 26, Cary did not wrestle due to injury. Justin Avila (38-7) of Iowa City West waits as

the four seed in this bracket.

152: Senior Ilias Louck, the No. 22 seed, takes on the No. 11 seed, Daniel Zeoh (38-8) of Des Moines East in round one. The six seed, Braylon Griffiths (43-5) will wrestle the winner. Interestingly, Griffiths is unranked according to IAWrestle's Feb. 8 release.

160: No. 15 seed senior Dylan Marti (31-15) draws a tough section with No. 18 seed Jackson Winkey (38-11) in the first round, with No. 2 seed Josiah Schaetzle (39-2) of Dubuque Hemp-

stead looming in round two.

170: Senior Seth Madden (39-6) is one of two Lancers to earn a first-round bye. Seeded fourth and ranked sixth, Madden will wrestle the winner of No. 13 seed Mason Wray (34-13) of Valley West Des Moines and No. 20 seed Dax Clatt (33-16) of Indianola.

Zooming out, Madden has a potential quarterfinal matchup with No. 5 seed Jacob Fistler (34-2) of Dallas Center-Grimes and a potential semifinal clash with Pleasant Valley rival and top-seed Caden McDermott (38-1).

182: Sophomore Jace Tippet (31-20), the No. 18 seed, will face No. 15 seed Ben Brushaber (27-12) in round one. No. 2 seed Tate Naaktgeborn (30-3) of Linn-Mar awaits in the second round.

195: Senior AJ Petersen (39-5) also received a first-round bye as the fifth seed and will face the winner of No. 12 Camden Feuerhelm (34-10) of LeMars and No. 21 Jack Cahill (Ankeny Centennial).

Petersen is ranked third according to IAWrestle, higher than his potential quarterfinal opponent, No. 4 seed and fifth-ranked Danarii Mickel (28-7) of Ames. A massive semi-final clash is in the making if Petersen and No. 1 seed and second-ranked McCrae Hagarty (40-2) both make it to the final four.

285: The Lancers' third ranked does not get the luxury of a first-round bye. No. 10 seed senior David Borchers (22-10) is ranked twelfth according to IA Wrestle and will face No. 23 seed Warren Summers (31-23) of Abraham Lincoln to conclude first-round action.

The No. 7 seed, Cooper Martinson (31-12), will await the winner in round two, and No. 2 seed Carson Hagan (19-0) looms in the quarterfinals.



Senior Dylan Marti catches Pleasant Valley's Ike Swanson in the semifinals and pins him at 1:24 to secure his spot at State.

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Despite losing in his first match on Saturday, senior David Borchers won his final two matches, including an 11-second pin in the true second-place match.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lancers are primed for playoffs

After blowout wins, North Scott is ready for a postseason push

By Ross Shinberg

NSP Sports Editor

North Scott's girls' basketball team seemed to get exactly what it wanted this week, both on and off the court.

On The Pit floor, the Lancers engineered blowouts of Clinton 70-29 Friday night and Muscatine 69-43 Tuesday.

The Lancers held the River Queens to single-digit outputs in all four quarters and had the game wrapped up by half-time.

"These games are nice when you can get all your girls in and you have success on your home court," Lancer coach Devin Davis said after the game. "To end our regular season with this game was a lot of fun."

The first quarter was a slow burn as the Lancers got out to a 19-9 lead after eight minutes. But the points came early and often in the following period as senior guard Lexi Ward opened the second quarter with a steal and score.

Freshman guard McKenzie Moeller drained threes on back-to-back possessions two minutes later to put North Scott up by 22.

The Lancers ended the quarter with six points in the final minute to go into the locker room up 43-16 and have a stress-free second half.

North Scott had 10 players score in the game and were led by senior forward Lauren Golinghorst's 22 points. She was followed by Moeller's 13, junior forward/center KK Farnum's seven and freshman guard Allison Moeller's six.

"I just thought we flowed very well on defense and got on everything," Golinghorst said. "We got a lot of transition points, too, which was one of our big goals tonight."

Off the court, the Class 4A regional pairings came out on Wednesday afternoon, and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union rewarded the Lancers' efforts with the No. 2 seed in Region 7 and the No. 11 spot in the penultimate Class 4A rankings.

This position gives the Lancers a first-round bye and an opportunity for a potential title match against No. 1 seed Clear Creek Amana.

The Clippers defeated the Lancers in last season's regional finals, and revenge is on the mind.

"We were pretty excited," Golinghorst said about the bracket reveal. "We lost to Clear Creek last year, and we want our revenge this year."

Davis echoed the same sentiment, saying, "I think the girls want a little bit of revenge after how last year ended. We all returned. And we have a volleyball rivalry going on because they lost to Clear Creek at state also, and a couple of the girls do both."

As the No. 2 seed, the Lancers play again on Saturday, Feb. 18, and will host the winner of the Keokuk v. Burlington matchup taking place on Wednesday.

"Our hope is to get to that final game and to have another shot at Clear Creek Amana. We saw that and we were excited," Davis said. "We're looking forward to that, but we obviously have to take care of game one on Saturday first."

The Lancers are going into these play-



North Scott seniors rush to hug Hattie Hagedorn after she scored the first basket of Tuesday's game. From left: Cora O'Neill, Lauren Golinghorst, Hattie Hagedorn, Bailey Boddicker and Lexi Ward.

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offs having won five of their last six games and are beginning to peak as they enter do-or-die territory.

"I feel like our group, the way we're clicking right now, is really good," Davis said. "I don't know if we've had a game where we played our best. This is good, I think, because we are continuing to get good stuff accomplished."

"They've been locked in at practices, and they've started games well. They're really motivated moving forward; they're ready to go."

Hagedorn, Knisley star on senior night

The first blowout of the week came on Senior Night last Tuesday, Feb. 7, when North Scott defeated Muscatine 69-43.

Of all the points the Lancers scored this week, the first two on Tuesday were the most important.

Senior guard Hattie Hagedorn, who is recovering from ACL reconstruction surgery, got the start, walked down the court and scored a ceremonial layup in front of The Pit crowd.

Once the ball went through the net, her fellow senior starters greeted her, and all five embraced in one of the most emotional moments of the season.

"It was amazing," Hagedorn said after the game. "It was like my freshman year again walking out there again. It was special, that's for sure."

And having her teammates meet her under the basket made the night perfect.

"That made me cry," Hagedorn said. "It means everything that I was able to do that with some of my best friends. Being able to make that shot in front of them was pretty fun."

Hagedorn's recovery timeline and Tuesday's game lined up just right to make the moment happen.

"I learned a couple of weeks ago that it could be a possibility if I got the swelling down and I was able to walk," Hagedorn said.

And it happened right just in time.

"This week was her deadline for weight bearing," Davis said. "She texted me this morning and said, 'I can walk!' I know it meant a lot to her, and it meant a lot to her teammates. I think that is something her teammates wanted for her. They actually approached me about doing it."

"She had a big smile on her face and a couple of tears. I think to end with a positive experience in The Pit was important for her."

Once the celebration was over, and the Muskies got a layup of their own, the game was on.

The all-senior lineup of Bailey Boddicker, Lexi Ward, Abby Rouse, Kendall Knisley and Lauren Golinghorst opened the offensive floodgates right away.

Boddicker hit a three-pointer to open the action as the Lancers controlled the game from the jump. Golinghorst scored the next five points, and Knisley drained a triple to open up a 13-3 lead at the five-minute mark.

The Muskies would never sniff that margin again as the Lancers rolled to a 26-8 advantage after the first quarter.

North Scott went into halftime up 44-20 and had reserves enter the game late in the third quarter as the lead topped out at 31 points.

The Lancers had four players score in double figures, including 14 each from Golinghorst and Farnum, and 10 from McKenzie Moeller.

On top of the leaderboard was Knisley, who had a career night with 17 points and five three-pointers.

"I did not expect it at all," Knisley said. "But once my first two threes hit, I was like, 'This is going to be a good night.'"

"I think the record for one game is seven threes," Davis said. "We were joking to see if she would get that one, but she had a great night. When Kendall gets hot, she can shoot it. She had a great practice last night, too, and that led into today."

Knisley said she broke her previous best of four three-pointers in one game. She was thrilled to accomplish this feat on this night of all nights.

"You don't get to experience dropping that many points on Senior Night. It was great; I really enjoyed it," Knisley said. "Tonight was fun. We are a really tight group, and we've always been super close. It's a really special group, and I love every single one of them."

Opponent Scouting Reports

Two Southeast conference rivals will face off on Wednesday, Feb. 15 for the right to play North Scott in the second round.

The Keokuk Chiefs will host the Burlington Grayhounds in what is expected to be a lopsided victory for the home team.

In the teams' two previous meetings this season, Keokuk won at home 57-25 and on the road 47-8. (The halftime score in this game was 31-2).

Keokuk (15-5) is led with a balanced offensive attack from freshman Kendra Boatman (12.6 PPG), senior Kayde Martin (11.9 PPG) and junior Makenna Altgilbers (9.5 PPG).

If Burlington (4-14) is to pull off the upset, the Grayhounds will need their star freshman Mylee Stiefel (17.6 PPG) to carry them.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Lancers return to winning ways

North Scott wins three-in-a-row with one week before playoffs start

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

North Scott is rounding into form right when it matters most.

The scarlet and silver are back on a winning streak after victories last week against Clinton (83-38) and Muscatine (69-56).

Friday night's demolition of Clinton was a wire-to-wire rout. Junior forward Colin Albrecht opened the game with a pair of made free throws, and the Lancers never relinquished that lead.

The offense exploded in the first half, scoring 48 points en route to a season-high 83 points.

"We were super unselfish tonight," junior guard Kyler Gerardy said after the game. "We gave up a lot of good shots for great shots and that leads to what happened tonight."

The River Kings were able to keep the game competitive through one quarter, keeping their deficit within three points after five minutes. But the Lancers scored the final nine points of the period to lead 22-10 after one.

26 more points came in the second quarter as the Lancers hit six three-pointers in the frame.

Overall, the Lancers shot 55.6 percent from the field and a remarkable 53.3 percent from beyond the arc (16 of 30).

"We did a good job of sharing the ball and making the extra pass," Lancer coach Dave McLaughlin said. "Our kids stepped up tonight and played with ease. They were relaxed and moved the ball. I was happy with that."

On the defensive end, the Lancers only gave up 38 points, the fewest points they've allowed all season.

Junior forward Kavon Phillips drew the tough assignment as he had to guard Clinton's 6-foot-8 senior captain Lucas Weiner.

Phillips held Weiner to an inefficient 15-point night with seven out of 19 made field goals.

"He's a lot taller than he looks, that's for sure," the 6-foot-7-inch junior said. "He's a lot longer than me. It doesn't really look like it but when you're out there, his arms are really long and his jump shots are really hard to defend."

It was not long before the reserves entered the game and made some noise of their own.

Senior Cayden Meskimen, junior Grant Peterson and sophomores Tate McLaughlin and Cash Bowe all drilled threes in the fourth quarter, and junior Owen Jordahl hit a two-point shot and dished out an assist.

"It's fun for them to play in front of our student section," McLaughlin said. "Those guys do a good job in practice preparing us. It's great for them to get those meaningful minutes."

"They kind of get the bad end of practice having to do scout team," Gerardy added, "so it's cool to see them go out there in those games and see them do what they can do."

When the clock hit triple zeroes, the Lancers had their 15th win of the season.

Gerardy finished the game with 19 points on 8/12 shooting. Phillips had 12 points on a 6/7 night, with junior forward Brennan Reid (12 points) and senior guard Tyler Watkins (11 points) each finishing in double-digits.

Playing against a team like Clinton, which has yet to win a game, allows for a bit more experimentation that can provide value down the line.

"We tried some offenses that we hadn't run a lot to see what they looked like," McLaughlin said. "We did a little zone action which we'll possibly have to use in the tournament. In a game like this, we're worried about ourselves. We're trying to build on the stuff that we've been doing pretty well."

No matter the competition level, the Lancers have bounced back from a bit of a skid and now find themselves on a three-game win streak.

"I feel like we stayed together through all the hardships," Phillips said. "First Central, then Pleasant Valley. But we stayed together and we're getting our wins back. Going into the postseason, it's a great time to start succeeding right now."

The Lancers went on the road on Tuesday to face Davenport West and will close the regular season at home with senior night celebrations on Feb. 16 against Davenport North.

"Our guys understand what time of the year it is," McLaughlin said. "They have been locked in at practice. We've been building, and we're just trying to get better every day."

Lancers get brutal substate draw

On Monday afternoon, after the Iowa High School Athletic Association released the Class 4A substate playoff brackets, North Scott was hit with good news and "you've got to be kidding me" news.

The good news is that the Lancers earned a first-round bye and will host a second-round playoff game on Friday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. between the winner of Clinton (0-19) and Burlington (14-6).

But it comes on the backdrop of seeing Cedar Rapids Kennedy as the other top seed in the region.

The Cougars, members of the Mississippi Valley conference, are 19-0 and have occupied the top spot in the 4A rankings for the last month.

Davenport West and Davenport North will play each other in the first-round for the opportunity to play CR Kennedy in the second round, although both teams will be considerable underdogs in

the second round.

Lancers down Muskies last Tuesday

North Scott earned a 69-56 road win against Muscatine last Tuesday (Feb. 7.)

After starting out slowly on offense, the Lancers exploded for 23 points in the second quarter to take a 36-22 lead into halftime.

Muscatine punched back with 34 second-half points, but North Scott matched them shot-for-shot to hold on for the victory.

Junior forward Brennan Reid stuffed the stat sheet and led the Lancers in four statistical categories with 16 points, eight rebounds, five assists and one block.

Junior guard Kyler Gerardy added 13 points, junior forward Kavon Phillips scored 11 points with seven rebounds, and senior guard Tyler Watkins chipped in nine points and a team-high three steals.



Junior forward Kavon Phillips got the better of Lucas Weiner Friday night in the battle down low.

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NORTH SCOTT BOWLING

Boys win MAC battle; Girls just miss State



North Scott senior bowler Brock Lynch.

Photo courtesy of Marie Tharp

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

The Lancer boys' bowling team ended the regular season on a high note.

Last Saturday, North Scott defeated Pleasant Valley and Clinton in their final competition before the postseason.

In the two-round competition, consisting of individual and Baker rounds, the Lancers rolled a 3225 series score to get past the River Kings (3137) and Spartans (3052).

"This is a great way to end our regular season with the boys shooting a 3225 total series," Lancer coach Marie Tharp said. "Leading our Lancers again this season was senior Brock Lynch. He rolled a 499 two-game series (231-268). He has only been bowling for two years."

Lex Adkisson (226-239—465), Morgan Welch (225-224—449) and Nik Davis (225-202—427) each rolled a 400 series.

Michael Wilming (182-193—375) and Mason Herrington (191-166—357) were not too far behind.

In the Baker's game, the Lancers' consistency got them over the finish line. All five Baker's games had scores between 193 and 217 for a total of 1010.

The boys rolled for a postseason berth

Tuesday morning at their qualifying meet in Keokuk and the results are still pending.

The Iowa High School Bowling Championships are set for Feb. 20-22 in Waterloo.

Girls season ends in Keokuk

On Monday, the Lancer girls finished fourth at their meet in Keokuk and did not qualify for the state tournament.

North Scott finished in fourth place out of the eight schools with a 2331 series score.

The top two teams, Keokuk (2936) and Central DeWitt (2478) each made the cut to advance.

A few days prior, at the competition with Pleasant Valley and Clinton, the Lancer girls took second with a series score of 2168. They edged out the Spartans' score of 2150, but both schools finished behind Clinton's total of 2,492.

Junior Alexa McDaniel led the Lancers with a 335 individual round with games of 147 and 188. Senior Izzy Whitcanack (155-144—299) and Soren Hundertmark (146-122—268) each got over the '250' mark, while Carla Perez-Espina (121-125—246), Lizzie Samara (113-124—237) and Kennedy Rupp (108-114—222)

were not far behind.

In the Baker's games, the Lancers rolled an average game of 156.6 to finish with a 783 score.



Senior Morgan Welch fires a ball down the lane on Saturday.

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