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Jessica Schroeder, Tom and Diana Brown's only child, opens her dad's "Celebration of Life Harvest" by thanking dozens of friends and relatives on hand to help.



NSP photo by Tim Evans

Harvest helpers to the rescue

By Tim Evans
NSP reporter

Tom Brown had more than a few friends. In a special "Celebration of Life Final Harvest" event, family and friends gathered from all over the area to honor the

West Liberty farmer who died at age 63 following an accident near Tipton Country Club on July 7. Friends and family showed up Friday morning, Oct. 25, by the dozens.

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Utility board looks at fluoridation

Staff member advises
against city's long-
standing practice

By Erin M. Gentz
NSP Editor

Should Eldridge continue to chemically fluoridate its drinking water supply? That's one question before the utility board.

Board members heard a presentation several months ago on the case for removing chemical fluoride from the water supply.

So far, the Eldridge Utility Board has taken no action regarding the community's chemical fluoridation, other than to ask for more information. At the Oct. 22 meeting, Lenny Larson, a project leader with ISG Engineering, which is conducting a study on Eldridge's water supply system, mentioned that if the city decided to remove the addition of chemical fluoride, the company could conduct sampling on the water supply to determine water age better, which would help calibrate the city's water model.

"Depending on the board's direction with fluoride, we're pretty objective.

• Former utility board chairman Craig Gehrls writes a letter to the editor.
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More than 2,000 cast early ballots in Eldridge



Voting continues 9 a.m.-
3 p.m., through Saturday

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Managing Editor

More than 2,000 early voters cast ballots at the Scott County Library in Eldridge, and Linda Olson recognized many.

The 20-year Scott County Election worker said a lot of those voters recognized her, too.

"Fae Harvey trained me," she said, referring to her Eldridge friend who has retired from countless elections.

Voters throughout Scott County may cast ballots at the Eldridge library 9 a.m.-3 p.m. through Saturday, Nov. 1.

Early voting is also available at the Bettendorf library, the Davenport main

and Fairmount branch, and the Scott County Administration Center in downtown Davenport.

When early voting resumed Monday, 25,855 had cast ballots, including 2,209 in Eldridge, 14,487 at other early-voting sites, and 9,159 by mail, county auditor Kerri Tompkins said Monday.

In Eldridge, last week's early voters had no wait. One of seven election workers was ready to welcome, verify registration, or do same-day registration, then hand voters their ballots.

Mike Alberts, of Eldridge, zipped in and out in under four minutes.

Janice Payne, a retired Alcoa union

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High school implements 30-minute WIN time

By Erin M. Gentz
NSP Editor

North Scott High School is looking to improve ways teachers can assist students in need of academic intervention. At Monday’s meeting, the school board heard from teacher leader coordinator Michelle Murray, high school principal Andrew Lehn and assistant principal Dan Marceau on changes to intervention.

Murray discussed ways teachers work collaboratively to engage students. Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) have a focus on learning in a collaborative culture. Working within PLCs, the teachers are constantly examining data to improve their teaching methods to ensure students become proficient.

This year at the high school, teachers are following a new agenda for monitoring student success. They are now looking to answer four basic questions:

- What do we want students to learn?
- How will we know when each student has mastered an essential?
- How will we respond when a student experiences initial difficulty in learning?
- How will we deepen learning for students who have already mastered essential knowledge, skills and dispositions?



Murray

Murray.

Lehn described changes to the high school’s Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) program. MTSS is a scheduled time within the school day that allows schools and educators to provide academic, and occasional behavioral support strategies. MTSS starts with universal support, which applies to all students, and can move into targeted or intensive intervention, depending on student needs.

In past years, the high school has done its targeted and intensive intervention during an optional sixth period time (P6). This year, the high school implemented a 30-minute mandatory What I Need (WIN) time.

“Why did we make that change?

“Paired with the district moving to Friday early outs, that’s an additional two hours of lost instruction time. I have had some informal feedback from elementary principals that say elementary teachers are struggling with those two hours they lost. Their lessons are getting tight and kind of crammed together.”

High School Principal Andrew Lehn



Change is difficult, but the main reason, along with data from (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress tests), we had 76 percent of kids proficient in English Language Arts and 77 percent proficient in math. Which is a great number. It’s above the state average,” said Lehn. “State average is in the mid-60s for ELA and math. But that means there were 24 percent and 23 percent of kids that were not proficient yet.”

Moving to WIN ensures students have more instructional time throughout the day, which Lehn said has been a concern of teachers at the elementary level.

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Marceau said that, as the high school moved to WIN time, teachers and administrators wanted to look at how many kids they were impacting. For all the 2023-24 school year, 915 students were assigned P6, with 77.4 percent actually attending. Through Oct. 25 of the current school year, 983 students have been assigned WIN intervention, with 90.36 percent actually attending.

“Granted, a 91 percent attendance rate for our intervention this year is still almost chronically absent,” said Marceau, referring to the new state laws regarding attendance. “So, that’s not stellar. We’re still working on that. But if you look at the number of students that are attending more compared to past years, with how we had this set up, we’ve made this



Marceau

part of our culture that the expectation is that you show up during this intervention time and you’re getting that intervention or enrichment that you need.”

Marceau said the students are assigned to a teacher for three weeks of intervention. Two weeks are locked in as instruction time with the same teacher, with the third week being a little more flexible.

“What happens if, week one, I’m assigned to somebody that teaches chemistry, and I have an English question? Can I go to the English teacher then? Or do I have to wait until flex week?” asked board member Molly Bergfeld.

Marceau said the teachers could make those sorts of arrangements. “What we don’t want to have happen is the student dictating where they want to go.”

Board member Tracy Lindaman asked if there were any consequences for students that do not show up for WIN time. Marceau said the school follows its attendance policy, and students who skip get detention.

Lehn said that, while many students have expressed a preference for the flexibility of P6, he has heard positive feedback from students and teachers.

“I can see the frustrations and some of the cons that this brings. But I was in Ms. Hoelting’s class, and there were probably 15 freshmen, and I recognized 12 of them. I’m not very good at getting to know every kid yet, but probably two or three of them were on a good note. Nine or 10 of them were our challenging students. And she had an awesome lesson. They were engaged. They had a group conversation about biosphere, atmosphere. And kids that I never thought would be academic after watching them in the hall were really academic in that setting. So, it was really cool to see that kids that were probably struggling with their academics were getting that help they needed in their science class.”

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Bethany for Children salutes NS schools

Nov. 1 award recognizes mental health services

The North Scott School District has received the Mental Health Matters Award, which will be presented Nov. 1 at the Bethany for Children and Families Community Celebration. The recognition comes as a result of ongoing efforts to advocate for mental health services for students.

The Mental Health Matters Award honors an individual or agency who was influential in helping mental health and behavioral health programs of Bethany for Children and Families succeed. This award distinguishes those nominated who addressed challenges, gained effective strategies and advocates for change and stigma reduction within mental health related struggles.

The district was nominated by Jennifer Guidici, a mental health specialist with Bethany.

She wrote:

“The North Scott School District is our nomination for the Mental Health Matters award for their continued efforts to advocate for placement of mental health clinicians within their schools. North Scott has been committed to partnering with our agency to provide school-based clinicians in all five elementary schools, junior high, and high school

for over seven years. They have pioneered the way for students and families to receive ongoing mental health treatment at seven school locations, serving over 130 families a year, and reducing transportation barriers. The North Scott school board, principals, school counselors, and teachers have been supportive of our collaborative efforts to reduce stigmas and barriers by including clinicians in onsite trainings and social emotional support meetings to enhance and implement quality services within their schools. The district has worked aimlessly to secure GEER II grant to supplement therapist start-up cost and materials, and SCRA grant funding to allocate towards reducing the financial burden of copays and high deductible cost for treatment for families. Their school counselors and staff collaborate daily with clinicians on multi-disciplinary teams to accommodate and advocate for student mental health and implement recommendations into their classroom settings. They have remained committed to the vision of incorporating mental health practices by ensuring that their students have on-site access to mental health support services, and we are honored to nominate the North Scott School District for the Mental Health Matters Award 2024.”

Heather Schults-Hendricks, director

of student services for the district, said one major mental health project the district has been working on this school year includes work at the junior high to ensure therapy services are available to students receiving services in the new Therapeutic Learning Program.

“North Scott received a grant from the Iowa Department of Education to start this program to provide needed services and support to students at the Tier III level in our multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS),” said Schults-Hendricks.

North Scott was one of 10 districts in the state to receive a Therapeutic Classroom Incentive Grant, part of a statewide initiative to increase mental health support for children, youth and families.

According to the Iowa Department of Education, a therapeutic classroom is “a classroom designed for the purpose of providing support for any student, with or without an Individualized Education Program (IEP), whose emotional, social, or behavioral needs interfere with the student’s ability to be successful in the current educational environment, with or without supports, until the student is able to successfully return to the student’s current education environment, with or without supports, including but not limited to the general education classroom.”

New logo for Share and Care Christian Preschool unveiled during silent auction through Nov. 10

After nearly 50 years of serving the North Scott Community as a quality, Christian preschool, Share and Care Christian Preschool in Park View is unveiling a new logo.

The new logo shares the same sentiment and mission as the old, with a new modern look.

The base showcases a book and cross representing faith as the foundation of our program which is integrated into all parts of our curriculum, as well as literacy as the foundation for education.

The tree represents the growth of the child as a whole, with children being the main focus, along with the shapes which offer a bit about the importance of play-based learning.

Share and Care nurtures the social, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of each child, as well as offering the kindergarten readiness skills needed for kindergarten.

Share and Care thanked Sara Gerard, with Simply Modern Design, and a member of the Share and Care Christian Pre-



school Board for the logo design.

The new logo will be unveiled during our Third Annual Silent Auction Event. A variety of baskets will be on display from Wednesday, Oct. 30 until Sunday, Nov. 10 at Park View Lutheran Church.

A glimpse of all the baskets offered will be found on our Facebook event page – Share and Care Christian Preschool Silent Auction Event. The community is welcome to stop in and bid, as well. Share and Care also is taking orders for t-shirts with the new logo design.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS



Three of many baskets at the silent auction through Nov. 10



Mike Alberts grabs a sticker that lets everyone know he voted early at the Scott County Library in Eldridge Oct. 16. NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi

VOTE: 'You see everyone you know'

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representative who has been working elections since 2009, said election work keeps her connected to her community.

Dan Brandon, an election worker since 2020, said this year's early voting is a breeze.

"2020 was as a hot mess," he recalled. "Contentious election. The middle of COVID. Everyone was on guard."

Marianne Blanche likes to work in her home precinct. This was her second week on the job. "You see everyone you know," she said.

Debi Ervin, Eldridge, signed up to work four early-voting days, and was called in for a fifth. She'll be on duty Election Day, too.

Olson said campaign anxiety seems to fade when voters arrive, and exercise their voting rights alongside friends and neighbors.

And she loves the technology, which scans the ballot before it is deposited in a locked, steel bin.

"You used to have to crawl under the machine to pull out the ballots that were piled up all which ways," she said.

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Elena Jones reading with Elise above; and below at the Golden Party with a sketch capturing that memory.

Remembering Elise: A Golden legacy at the Eldridge library



Myra Hamann reading with Elise, above; and left at the Golden Party with Diana Zogg.
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Memories of Diana and John Zogg’s retriever live on

By Riley Johnson
NSP Intern

On Sept. 27, the Eldridge Branch of the Scott County Library hosted a Golden Garden Party in honor of Elise, a golden retriever therapy dog who brought joy and comfort to library visitors before her passing in 2023.

Elise, who passed away on Sept. 26 after a battle with cancer, spent nearly six years as a beloved fixture in the library community, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew her.

For the event, library staff set up a StoryWalk for Elise, a unique program where framed posts display pages from a children’s book in the library’s garden. For Elise, they chose “Boop!,” by Bea Birdsong and Linzie Hunter, a heartwarming tale about a golden retriever. Visitors walked along the garden path, reflecting on Elise’s legacy through the story. At the end of the StoryWalk, a post displayed a series of photos capturing Elise’s involvement in library events over the years, from the Trick-or-Treat Parade to Pajama Storytime, summer reading programs, holiday celebrations, and more.

After completing the StoryWalk, visitors gathered in the courtyard, enjoying puppy-themed sugar cookies and lemonade in the garden. In the heart of the reading garden, a newly unveiled statue of Elise lying peacefully among the flowerbeds served as a tribute to her presence.

This tribute offered a moment of remembrance, reflecting on Elise’s remarkable journey—one that began seven and a half years ago when Diana and John Zogg welcomed the retired breeding dog into their home. Although she had spent most of her life producing litters of puppies, her previous owners believed that Elise would make an excellent therapy dog, inspiring Diana to begin training her.

Diana’s efforts soon led Elise to become a certified therapy dog, and Diana reached out to Emily Haage, the Youth Services Coordinator at the library, to explore the possibility of Elise becoming a regular visitor. Emily was immediately supportive, and Elise made her debut at the Eldridge Branch in 2018.

Librarygoers and staff adored Elise—she would enter the library with a wagging tail, circle the tables at library events, and make sure to stop by the staff who kept treats for her in their desks.

As the months passed, Elise’s presence became a constant source of comfort and joy for everyone at the library. Over the next six years, she became a beloved part of numerous library events. One of her most memorable roles was at the library’s Pajama Storytime, where children would leave their stuffed animals at the library for the night, and Elise would watch over them, often posing for photos with the plush toys. Diana also designed 35 handmade, reversible costumes for Elise, each one adding to the excitement of library events as visitors eagerly anticipated her next outfit.

Beyond her work at the library, Elise’s presence also brought comfort to patients at Genesis and Trinity hospitals, where she would visit patients room by room. “Elise was intuitive to those who were sad. She’d go right up to them,” said Diana. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Elise continued her hospital visits, offering comfort to staff facing high pressure.

In addition to the statue, the event also unveiled a sketch—another tribute to Elise’s lasting impact on the library community. The drawing, which library staff have since displayed in the children’s play area, depicts Myra Hamann and Elena Jones—two young girls who shared a unique bond with

Elise—reading by her side. Elise’s impact is captured in the stories of these two girls, Myra and Elena, who each experienced her comforting presence in their own unique way.

Myra Hamann first met Elise when she was in the first grade. Now in seventh grade, Myra fondly remembers her time with the therapy dog. “Reading with her in the library is my favorite memory with Elise,” said Myra. Myra grew up with Elise by her side; throughout elementary school, Myra would sit and read by Elise’s side and would even visit her at home. “It was like there was a secret language between Myra and Elise. Elise would immediately understand what I meant when I said that Myra is coming over to the house,” said Diana.

On the other hand, Elena Jones had always been terrified of dogs, but her interactions with Elise at the library gradually helped her overcome that fear. Diana recalled that when Elena

turned four years old, she walked up to her and said, “Guess what? Today is my birthday, and I am not afraid of Elise anymore.” From then on, Elena loved reading by Elise’s side whenever she had the chance. “She was very sweet and always calm. She would cheer you up,” said Elena. “I never read much before Elise, but afterwards, I read a lot!” Elise’s calming presence, especially with children, left a lasting impression on all who met her.

Though Elise is no longer physically present, her impact lives on, both within the walls of the Eldridge Library and in the hearts of those she comforted. “She had a good life,” said John Zogg, reflecting on the years he and Diana shared with Elise. “But we are the blessed ones to have had her in our lives.” Elise’s memory will continue to inspire all who remember her calm, loving presence—a gift she so freely shared with everyone she met.



Garden Party guests draw Elise.

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CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE Q&A

Miller-Meeks focuses on inflation, immigration and gender

Campaign biography

I am Mariannette Miller-Meeks and I am running for re-election to Congress because the people of Iowa deserve someone who will never quit fighting for them, their future and the future of their American dream.

As a Congresswoman, state senator, military veteran, and doctor, I have spent my entire life fighting to protect Iowa values. But getting here wasn't so easy.

My father was a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force who often worked extra jobs, sometimes two or three, to support our family. My mother, who got her GED, also worked and raised our family.

I originally dreamed of becoming a teacher because I loved school and wanted to share my passion for learning with others. However, in 10th grade, my younger brother and I were severely burned in a kitchen fire. While at the hospital, I was treated by a physical therapist who went out of her way to make sure I got better. This woman's kindness and selflessness inspired me to become a doctor so I could help others.

I was the fourth of eight children with parents who did not have the means to pay for college. I left home at 16 and enrolled in community college. I later enlisted in the US Army at 18, going from Private to Lt. Colonel during my 24 years of service. I went into private medical practice in Ottumwa in 1997.

My husband Curt and I have two grown children, Jonathon and Taylor.

In 2018, the voters of Senate District 41 elected me to fight for them in the Iowa State Senate. In 2020, I was elected to congress by a six-vote margin, one of the closest races in United States election history. Then in 2022, the voters of southeastern Iowa elected me yet again to fight for our values in the U.S. House of Representatives. I am honored to go to work on their behalf every day.

1. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, what actions would you take, and what policies would you support, to help Iowans economically?

My top priority will be addressing inflation, especially in food, fuel, and healthcare costs. I'll work to lower prices at the pump through energy policies, such as HR 1 that the house passed in 2021; reduce prescription drug costs which my bill the DRUG Act does; and expand access to affordable healthcare which several of my bills (Accelerating Kids Access to Care as one example) that passed the House do.

To strengthen Iowa's economy, reauthorizing the Tax Cut and Jobs Act will keep the tax burden of lower income, working and middle-income families low, supports small business and farmers. It supports and promotes job creation and boosts domestic manufacturing. Homegrown energy independence supported through the House passed HR 1 bill helps lower costs to families and keeps businesses competitive. Prioritizing government spending and reducing regulatory burdens will help grow the economy, raise wages, and combat inflation.



Mariannette Miller-Meeks

tion. We will continue to grow Iowa!

2. What limits, if any, should be placed on Iowa women's access to abortion?

As a physician, I am prolife with three exceptions - rape, incest, and life of the mother. Since the overturn of Roe, it is now up to each state to come up with common sense solutions. I also believe that we must prioritize policies that support women and families, such as improving access to affordable healthcare, contraception, and expanding resources for prenatal care, adoption, and childcare. And I've put forth these pro-woman and pro-family ideas into legislation. I am also a co-chair of a bipartisan working group on paid family leave. We can empower and provide meaningful support to women and families.

3. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, what actions would you take, and what policies would you support, regarding immigration?

As a member of the Republican led House, we have taken positive action, but VP Harris/President Biden need to be held accountable for disastrous and radical actions opening our southern border. I support securing our borders and enforcing immigration laws to address illegal immigration, human trafficking, and drug smuggling. Strengthening border security through physical barriers and advanced technology is key. I have also voted for HR 2 the House, passed border security and immigration bill. I have also led on several smaller bipartisan legal immigration bills such as the Afghan Adjustment Act and the America's Children Act and one to prohibit the State Department from "wasting green cards" by not fulfilling the 1 million annual legal visas applications authorized annually.

4. Other than the economy, reproductive rights and immigration, discuss your position on a topic of your choice.

The economy and inflation are what every Iowan seems to be struggling with and is a constant source of conversation. But I'm proud of the work I have done on pharmacy benefit manager reform to lower drug prices immediately. Additionally, I am proud to be announced as a "Friend of Farm Bureau," work we have done to support and advance biofuels (especially year round E-15) and Iowans in rural areas are concerned about Communist China buying up farmland - but we are taking serious action and I voted to stop China from buying farmland near military bases. Lastly making sure that we preserve girls' sports for girls and that they have a level playing field is a priority and needs to be passed by the Senate.

Candidate Q&A by the DeWitt Observer

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CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE Q&A

Bohannon aims for border control, health costs and reproductive choice

Campaign biography

Christina Bohannon is a mom, law professor, and former engineer. She is running for Congress because she believes we need less bickering in Washington, and more working together — for a government that works for the people. Christina will fight every day for Iowa families, kids, and small businesses because she believes if you work hard, you deserve a fair shot to get ahead.

The youngest of her parents’ three children, Christina grew up living in a trailer in a rural small town. Her parents never finished high school, and her mom worked at a daycare while her dad struggled to make ends meet as a construction worker.

She worked her way through engineering school and then law school by picking oranges, cleaning trailers, and working as an engineer. Christina graduated first in her law school class and was Editor-in-Chief of the law review, and after graduation went on to clerk for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

More than two decades ago, Christina was given a life changing opportunity to move to Iowa and become a law professor at the University of Iowa. She is proud to have raised her daughter here on the Iowa values of decency, fairness, and hard work. Christina’s daughter recently graduated from City High and is in her second year of college.

At the University of Iowa law school, Christina teaches and writes in several areas of law, including teaching Constitutional Law, Torts, and Intellectual Property. She’s spent her career working on business innovation, capitalism, and economic growth, and teaching our young people about the importance of democracy in a country founded on the promise of freedom and equality.

In 2020, voters picked Christina to represent District 85 in the Iowa House. During her time in the Statehouse, Christina listened to her community to protect working families, look out for seniors, push for more investment in our public schools, and help Iowa families and small businesses recover from the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19. She’s worked with both parties to pass legislation to crack down on human trafficking and to address the often overlooked problem of elder abuse.

Outside of serving her community, Christina enjoys running, hiking, bike riding, and spending time with her daughter and husband.

1. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, what actions would you take, and what policies would you support, to help Iowans economically?

We badly need action to bring down costs. From groceries to gas to housing, our cost of living is simply too high. I grew up in a trailer where my parents worked hard to make ends meet - my dad as a construction worker before he got sick, and my mom in a daycare. I know firsthand the stress and impact that even small price increases can place on family budgets over time.

I’ll fight to lower costs by going after price gouging corporations that are taking advantage of Iowa families to rake in record profits. These corporations have too much control of Washington politicians and are not being held accountable. My opponent Mariannette Miller-Meeks has taken more than \$150,000 from the oil and gas industry and voted against a bill to stop them from price gouging. She’s taken nearly \$200,000 from the drug industry and voted against allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prices and against capping insulin costs at \$35 a month for seniors. It doesn’t have to be that way. Congress can do its part to protect customers.

2. What limits, if any, should be placed on Iowa women’s access to abortion?

No politician – whether in Washington or Des Moines – should be able to tell women what they can do with their own bodies. Those decisions should be made by women and their families in consultation with their doctor. Yet Mariannette Miller-Meeks backed a complete nationwide abortion ban with no exceptions for rape, incest, or situations in which the life of the mother is at risk. Her ban would even end IVF fertility treatments nationwide. That simply can’t happen. We must restore Roe v. Wade and the rights, protections, and freedoms that it guaranteed Iowa women.

3. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, what actions would you take, and what policies would you support, regarding immigration?

We must secure the border. This Congress had a golden opportunity to pass the toughest bipartisan border security bill in a generation that was backed by Border Patrol. Yet Miller-Meeks chose to play political games and side with her party bosses to kill the bill. For decades, Washington politicians have said they want to fix our broken immigration sys-



Christina Bohannon

tem but they refuse to take any action. I’ll work with anyone to put more Border Patrol agents on the ground, expand inspection equipment to stop fentanyl trafficking, and increase processing capacity.

4. Other than the economy, reproductive rights and immigration, discuss your position on a topic of your choice.

I owe my life to public education. Not so long ago, Iowa was a destination for young families seeking great public schools. In recent years, however, our public schools have consistently suffered from a lack of funding – under Governor Reynolds’ new law, we will spend hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer money each year to private schools at the expense of our pub-

lic schools. Many schools in our rural towns have already closed. Rep. Miller Meeks supports Governor Reynolds’ voucher plan. She has verbally attacked teachers in congressional hearings and has voted for congressional budget cuts that would eliminate more than 100,000 teacher jobs.

In Congress, I will fight to make sure every kid can learn and I won’t stop until Iowa is once again number one in education. I will reinvest in public education at every level and push for a federal bill that invests in public education, with a special focus on rural and small-town schools. I will expand CTE and career education programs so students who do not choose to go to college can find good-paying jobs in the trades or manufacturing.

Candidate Q&A by the DeWitt Observer

EICC film screening addresses fastest growing crime

Eastern Iowa Community College and the AAUW (American Association of University Women) invites the community to a screening of the documentary, “Gridshock,” addressing the urgent issue of human trafficking.

Adults and teens 16 and older are invited 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Scott Community College Welcome Center, Student Life Center, Room 2300, 500 Belmont Road, Bettendorf.

Park in Lot D on the main campus. The film raises awareness about human trafficking, the fastest-growing

crime here in Iowa and worldwide. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session following the screening. “Gridshock” helps identifying human trafficking: Learn to recognize the signs and understand the realities surrounding this crime.

This event will be presented by Melody Stone, MA, LMHC, an expert in human trafficking awareness. The screening is sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the North Central Iowa Coalition Against Human Trafficking.



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SCHOOLS: District will survey staff about changes at quarter's end

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Board member Stephanie Eckhardt asked about closed campus during WIN and lunch time. Lehn said that had recently been implemented.

“I like to think most of our student body will make good choices when they leave, but some don’t, and that’s kind of on the school. They’re under our watch from 7:30 to 3:15. If they go do something they shouldn’t because of an open campus, that’s on me. As they get to be juniors and seniors, I would hope they get that responsibility. The real world is close. But I think that was the number one thing. We’re catching a few kids coming in, and it’s a closed campus. You want to go eat McDonald’s, it’s an hour detention.”

Bergfeld asked about staff feedback, and Lehn said they would be surveyed at the end of the academic quarter.

Bergfeld said she had heard negative feedback regarding students not having a fixed schedule. “Some kids kind of need that routine and consistency. Some people learn differently.”

Marceau and Lehn acknowledged there had been some gaps in communication between the school and parents and students regarding the need for WIN. “If I were to do it all over again, that’s one piece that I think we would go back and really tailor out is that commu-

Board meets with contractors over delays

Prior to the regular meeting, board members held a facilities work session with representatives of contracting companies working of the district’s major projects, including Bruce Builders. The session was scheduled in response to calls for greater transparency from board members at the Oct. 14 meeting. At that meeting, the board learned electrical components that were supposed to have been installed in the welding/metals building in advance of its scheduled August opening had yet to arrive.

Stutting said the meeting was productive and the board was able to get a better understanding of the work that remains on the Vision 2025 projects.

“We’re coming to the tail end of all the projects. There’s been a few bumps in the road, but by the first of the year, we should be done except for those little things you have to wrap up on. We should be using our facilities.”

Board member Joni Dittmer thanked Stutting for arranging the work session.

Change orders

The board approved a short list of change orders including:

- River Valley Construction Inc. for the metals lab, an increase of \$410 for a revised project cost of \$21,560, for painting existing doors.
- Rock River Electric Inc. for the metals

lab, a decrease of \$2,179 for a revised project cost of \$278,141.75, for unneeded conduit.

- KE Flatwork Inc. for Lancer Stadium, an increase of \$2,025 for a revised project cost of \$825,375 for cutting asphalt to install a new concrete sidewalk on the north side of the track.

- Sheets Design Build, LLC, for Lancer Stadium, an increase of \$4,338 for a revised project cost of \$739,522 for installation of additional gating.

- Valley Construction Co. for the wrestling practice facility, an increase of \$4,250.40 for a revised project cost of \$1,489,429.33 for two additional fire alarm smoke detectors.

nication to parents and guardians,” said Marceau.

Strategic plan update

The district will be updating its strategic plan. Superintendent Joe Stutting is in the process of getting more information on companies that can help the district formulate the new plan. In response to questions from the board,

Stutting said there would be more of a community input aspect to the process. He said the district would be putting together focus groups of parents, community members and staff.

Bills

The board approved bills in the amount of \$3,077,131.36. Highlights included \$3,670.20 to Logo Pro LLC for

district staff awards presented at the employee recognition event in August; \$4,400 to the Iowa FFA Association for chapter dues and fees; and \$73,739.62 to Kimberly Car City for the purchase of two Chrysler Pacifica vans, which the district took possession of on Monday.

Seventeen students from high school government classes were present at the meeting.

FLUORIDE: Long says natural fluoride is sufficient

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There’s no regulation that requires it or anything like that, so we won’t get into providing an opinion of whether you should keep it or not,” said Larson.

Board chair Michael Bristley asked water operator Cegan Long if he had any additional information about the amount of fluoride that naturally occurs in the city’s water.

“Naturally occurring fluoride is about 0.5 parts per million per liter, so we’re right at that standard that at least the (Centers for Disease Control) and the Iowa Health Department like to see,” said Long. “So, our natural weapons cover what we’re looking for. At this time, I would say it doesn’t make sense for us to put money into chemical fluoride. A large portion of the research that I found was the benefit of fluoride came from the natural version, not the chemical version. So, we would still have fluoridation, but we eliminate the chemical, man-made version for fluoridation, which was the one” that had real health concerns.

“It’s something that, you’re not supposed to consume it. So, you can obviously do mouthwash, spit and rinse, do

that whole thing, but you’re not supposed to adjust it.”

“Remember those little trays that you had to bite down as a kid, hold the tube and don’t swallow?” said Bristley.

“And things keep changing,” added board member Jeff Hamilton. “There’s always more research than just the CDC. There’s more updated ones. You can’t just go with one, right? You have to look at a lot of different ones and decide what’s best for all. And, put the information out there, online, for the people, and let them kind of talk about things and see what they want to do.”

City council liaison Ryan Iossi asked Long if there was any historical information to show if the natural fluoridation of Eldridge’ water has changed.

Long said he had city paperwork going back to the 1960s and 1970s that he could look at. He said he wasn’t sure when the city began testing for fluoride, but he did not expect the natural levels to have changed too much, because the amount of chemical fluoridation has not changed in that time. Long said he would gather more information and bring it back to the board.

“It just would be nice to know, if you look back, why did the community make

that decision,” said Iossi. “Was it because it was recommended by the CDC or another agency, or was it because levels were low and they weren’t meeting that minimum threshold?”

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Eldridge resident and former mayor Marty O’Boyle spoke against the removal of chemical fluoride, especially without community input.

“I would strongly suggest that we keep fluoridation,” said O’Boyle. “The benefit far outweighs the risk of anything else, particularly among children and the length of life for adults, so we need to understand what fluoridation does and doesn’t do before we make a decision without the public knowing what’s going on.”

Bristley said it was important for the board to have more information before making any final decisions. “We’ll definitely try to position ourselves with all the information that is available and go from there.”

Fluoride history

Grand Rapids, Mich., was the first community in the United States to add chemical fluoride to its municipal water supply in 1945, and very quickly saw a reduction in the number of children with cavities and other forms of tooth decay. Chemical fluoridation spread to other communities, which reported similar results. Chemical fluoride was also added to toothpaste, commercial mouthwashes and as a routine treatment during dental visits. It was also added to products such as milk and table salt. About 70 percent of communities in the United States add chemical fluoride to the water supply.

But fluoride is naturally occurring in the water supply, and research has indicated that exposure to too much fluoride

can have negative side effects. These include fluoride toxicity, which can lead to gastrointestinal problems; dental fluorosis, which can lead to discoloration of the teeth; and in severe cases, skeletal fluorosis, which can cause the bones to be denser, but also more fragile. This can cause fractures and calcification of the ligaments and tendons.

Skeptics argue that naturally occurring fluoride, combined with advances in dentistry, should be enough to improve dental health. Many countries, including Japan and most of Europe, do not add chemical fluoride to the water, and some countries, including India, China and parts of Africa, are reducing their levels of chemical fluoride due to their water having higher than average levels of naturally occurring fluoride.

Lineman earns pay hike

The board approved a pay increase for electric lineman apprentice **Dalton Eagle** from \$32.99 to \$35.63 per hour as a result of his completing Module A of the IAMU apprenticeship program. Line foreman Collin Wilson said Eagle is progressing well in the program.

Journeyman electrician sought

The city is still accepting applications for a full-time electric line journeyman. City administrator Nevada Lemke told the board that while a Facebook post push did generate some applications, there were none at the journeyman level. “It’s a hard position to recruit for any time, but we’ll keep boosting it every once in a while and we’ll target different areas to see what we can come up with.” A full job description can be found on the city’s website.

Thanks to Gary Moore

Long praised longtime water department employee Gary Moore, who recently moved. Long said he was trying to get Moore, who has been with the city for 17 years, to come back at least two days a week. “Gary’s awesome. He helps absolutely every department. He is a part-time water employee, but I would say he’s a part-time employee for the city. He takes care of a lot. He’s definitely one of those behind-the-scenes guys that makes everything run but gets no recognition.”

“I know those individuals are hard to replace, and I’ve been in that situation before. You lose someone with that much experience, and it really hurts,” said Bristley.

“He is one person that you see every day he’s working, he’s always got a smile on his face,” added Iossi.



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HARVEST: Neighbors respond “like family” after accident

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They brought more than enough agricultural equipment to harvest the 189 remaining acres on a farm launched in 1846 by the great, great grandfather pioneer of Jessica Schroeder.

Schroeder is the daughter and only child of Tom and Diana Brown, and put together a community harvest on land now owned by Jim Birkett, but farmed by the Browns.

Starting the day with a burrito breakfast sponsored by GPC (Grain Processing Corp. of Muscatine), Schroeder gathered those in attendance for a group picture before a background of about 10 combines, at least 10 grain wagons pulled by red and green tractors as well as at least 15 semi grain-hauling trucks.

She honored her father’s community farm legacy, and told about sitting with her mom, who was also in the accident, at University of Iowa Hospitals trying to figure out how they were going to handle the harvest, and manage the farm that has been in the Brown name since Iowa became a state.

Schroeder, of Urbandale, moved away 20 years ago to earn a dietician degree at Iowa State University.

“My dad knew all of you for some reason,” she said, noting people and business associates were more than willing to help her in a situation that involved farming 1,500 acres of land, including the 328 acres on the family farm located just west of West Liberty on U.S. Route 6.

She praised a few key people who helped her on the mission of learning to farm. “I grew up on the farm, but didn’t really know much about farming,” she said, proud of the business her parents had built over nearly 40 years of marriage.

She said a big part of putting together the harvest today were guys like neighbors Mike and Ryan Deahr, who were like family before and after the accident, saying she will be forever grateful for their guidance during a tough period in



A line-up of 10 colorful combines takes off for the final harvest.

Photos by Tim Evans

her life.

She thanked Andy Buysse of ASAP in West Liberty, who just two days after the accident had a list of every contact and resource she would need. “He helped me with fungicides and . . . all my questions,” she said.

She also pointed out Mike Lemkau, a family friend she remembered cheering her on the prep basketball courts as a Comet. Schroeder said her dad would have been really proud of each and every one who helped and continue to help her through the career change.

Her daughter, Zoey, got the machinery rolling by taking the megaphone and saying, “Farmers, start your combines!”

Schroeder called the event, “truly a celebration of life,” in particularly for her mom and the family, who planned to celebrate that evening with friends in the Brown farm home.

Schroeder said the family never really got a chance to celebrate her dad’s life because “we had all this ahead of us,” talking about the harvest that was held on grounds about three miles down

Route 6. Her mom watched the funeral on July 19 via Zoom from her hospital bed and has been in and out of the hospital four times since the accident, nearly dying twice from internal injuries.

“Everybody wanted to help after Tom passed,” Diana Brown said of the outpouring of support, noting her husband was well connected in the community, a graduate of West Liberty High School, where he was involved in FFA and 4-H while having notable achievements in wrestling and track. He was a member of the West Liberty Lions Club, First Church United, Muscatine County Pork Producers and Farm Bureau.

“I’ve been a bubbling wreck all day,” she said, pointing out the community “showed the love and respect they have for our family,” with the harvest show.

Now was the “perfect time to celebrate,” Schroeder said, proud to have her mom able to attend the final harvest. She said the rain the previous night hadn’t dropped the moisture some areas had on this particular field, noting her dad might have had something to do

with that from the heavens.

Although her mom was unable to get into a combine to help with the harvest, Jessica did, saying it was “awesome to be able to do that, even if it was just for a short time.” It brought her back to special memories of even a year ago when she’d spend time in the combine harvesting with her dad. “We’d talk for hours,” she said, tears swelling up in her eyes.

Schroeder said she was suddenly wrapped into the family farming business and said the Brown farm will continue, even though it may be rented land next year. “Who knows, maybe I’ll be a farmer someday,” she said.

Tom Brown’s sister, Karen Spears of Sheldon, Iowa, called the day “amazing and emotional,” noting her brother’s passion was farming, especially grain crops, after getting into the pork producing business for many years as well.

Spears was impressed with the numbers of friends that showed up for the

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Jessica Schroeder



Young Jessica takes the wheel in this old family photo.

Friends respond for beloved West Liberty farmer Brown

By Jonathan Turner
NSP Reporter

For the first time in 178 years, a 330-acre West Liberty farm will not be tended by members of the Brown family.

On Friday, Oct. 25, more than 100 area farmers met at the last corn and soybean field planted by Tom Brown, to harvest the crops and pay tribute to a community mainstay.

Brown passed away on July 7, 2024, at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics at the age of 63, after a car accident in Tipton that also seriously injured his wife Diana.

A proud graduate of West Liberty High School’s Class of 1979, Tom married Diana Paul of West Liberty on Aug. 18, 1984 and they were set to celebrate 40 wonderful years of marriage this year.

Tom’s greatest passion in life was his farm, according to his obituary. He dedicated over 40 years to farming, from hog farming and drainage tiling to his true love—growing corn and soybeans. Tom’s fields were renowned for their exemplary crops. Tom was a cornerstone of the West Liberty community. Over the years, he served actively in the Muscatine County Pork Producers and Farm Bureau; West Liberty Lions Club, and most recently, on the Board for American Mutual. He was a long-time member of First Church United.

Tom’s life revolved around his family, friends, and community. He cherished his family farm, a Heritage farm established in 1846 with the state of Iowa (one of the oldest in the Hawkeye state) and always worked nonstop to protect it and keep the family legacy alive.

“It was really, really hard. My dad and I were really close, just like I was close to my grandparents,” his daughter, Jessica Schroeder, said recently, before the Oct. 25 event on the neighboring Birkett farm that the family harvested. “Losing my dad felt harder, a loss I had never experienced before. My dad is known in the community for being one of the best farmers.

“We wanted to make him proud and



Jessica and her dad, the late Tom Brown, pose during a previous harvest.

do the best we can to harvest his beautiful crop, I think everyone in the community feels the same way, to make sure we take care of everything the best we can,” Schroeder said. “My dad was a good friend to everybody, and he had the best crop. Everybody knew it too.”

After Tom’s sudden death, the family was really worried about what was going to happen to their farm fields, and how they’d get the crops harvested, she said.

“I’ve learned so much in the past three months,” Schroeder said. “I didn’t even know where most of our fields were. I’ve had to learn where every single field is.”

“Number one, this is to say thank you to all of them — we are so grateful. I want my dad to be remembered,” she said of this past Friday’s celebration. “I want it to be about our history, our family farm.”

In the July accident (where an oncoming car crossed the center line and struck Tom’s vehicle, Diana Brown broke three ribs and had internal bleeding. She had to have surgery right away, and was in the hospital the whole month of July.

The Brown farm became a state Heritage farm in 1996 and Heritage farm again in 2021 for its 175th anniversary. Jessica’s two kids represent the seventh generation of the family involved in the farm.

Tom was one of four siblings – with

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HARVEST: Prime rib lunch caps harvest day

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final harvest, noting Brown loved his community and “loved family farming.”

It took about four hours to harvest the last acres of field, hauled to the three places including the family farm before a prime rib sandwich lunch was provided by the local Case implement dealership, JJ Nichting Company, grilled on the site by the Muscatine County Cattlemen.

Kirk Anderson of Anderson Sugar Tree Farms in Clarence said he used to wrestle with Brown in high school and has been a long-time friend. He provided a semi truck to help with the harvest, noting he would meet Brown in various places throughout his life and “he was always nice.”

“It’s amazing how people came together to get this crop out,” Schroeder said, noting it was the last of hundreds of acres harvested by friends and family on at least four different properties throughout Muscatine County.

Neighbor Ron Lehman says Tom was always a fun guy to visit and called him a “fantastic” person. “Every time we talked, he would always leave us both laughing about something,” he said.

That’s just the kind of guy Tom Brown was, those participating said – friendly with everyone and it came to life Friday. “He had to be smiling looking down on this,” one person said.

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BROWNS: Harvest reunion brings back farm memories

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Steven, Karen, and Kathy. The farm house their ancestor Alfred built burned down in 1906 (when Kathy's grandfather was 6). After the fire, they rebuilt the house and expanded it. In that house, her father Ronald Brown was born (as well as two sisters). Her parents moved into it, and raised their four kids, including Kathy. Tom and his wife took it over and Jessica was raised in that house.

"We have a lot of memories. You don't see that very often. They seem to be tearing down farmhouses," Gervasi said recently. She and her husband Mark have lived in Oregon since 1979, in Tillamook along the Pacific Ocean. She taught and was a school principal.

"We four siblings, we played together. We were always outside," Kathy recalled of the Iowa farm. "We had woods on the property. We would always go down to the creek, build a little fire. We were all in 4-H so we all had 4-H projects. In those days, we had cattle, pigs, chickens, we had everything. We were very self-sufficient — huge gardens. My grandparents lived next door and we were only a quarter mile from town."

Kathy said one of her jobs when she was little was to crawl under the dairy cows and wash the udders. "I hated it, because I thought I was gonna get kicked. I did get kicked one time."

"I would have to get the eggs, too, from the chicken. I didn't like that either because it was scary," she said. "If I reached under the chicken, they would squawk. And we had a mean rooster that would chase me. Roosters are horrible. My older brother, he taught me a lot."

Her mother taught her how to sew and cook. She had piano lessons with her great aunt.

Jessica (an only child) had to do farm chores before school in the morning.

"My parents taught me you always have to work hard," she said, noting her grandparents lived next door.

"You don't see that a lot in families,



Tom and Diane Brown and family celebrate their farm's Heritage designation at the 2021 Iowa State Fair.

when most live far away," Kathy said.

"I always joke, they were the ones who raised me," Jessica (now in her 30s) said of her grandparents. "My parents were trying to work and make a living. That means they're busy, so every day after school when I was little, I'd go over to my grandparents. I'd always go with them to their different events, things that they were doing. They were my favorite people in the world."

Jess was very active in showing hogs in Muscatine County during her grade school years. She thought about going to school to become a veterinarian.

"I've always had an obsession with animals — at one point, I had 30 cats, a dog, a few rabbits and a pig named Wilbur," she said, noting they got rid of their hog farm in the '90s, but she still had shown hogs through 4-H, including ranking

obedience.

"My pigs would always go off and do their own thing," she recalled. "My pig actually laid down in the middle of the ring during showmanship."

Jess then got into horses and then showed horses at competitions. She majored in dietetics at Iowa State, and now runs her own business, Expedition Wellness, in the Des Moines area. She and her husband Brian have a daughter Zoey (turning 11 in November) and a 14-year-old son Brayden.

"I've always loved the history of our family," Jess said. "Kathy and I have always connected on that."

"Family traditions and family history, if you don't have the next generation passing it on, then who's going to pass it on. It'll just stop," she said. "I feel this immense pride and something that I



A family photo of Diane, Tom and Jessica.

want to do. It's a lot of information. It's pretty incredible."

They will rent the family farm for corn and soybean production.

Gervasi said her father loved to tell stories about their family history.

"It's my job to keep going with that and my older brother does that too," she said. "We also have other farms."

Another family farm (dating from 1848) is just down the road, and that's the field they harvested on Friday. They don't own it, but some of the fields Kathy's brother rents from a cousin.

Tom also farmed some of the Birkett farm which was settled in 1848 by Thomas Birkett (who was from England). His granddaughter Dorothy married Preston Brown in 1923. They're Gervasi's grandparents who built the little house next door to the main house in 1953 when Kathy was born so that they could live in the big house (built in 1906 and is still there).

"We had a really great turnout," Schroeder said of the Friday celebration, noting about 150 in all attended, including farmers organized by the Muscatine County Cattlemen's Association. J.J. Nichting Co., a West Liberty implement dealer, sponsored lunch.

"It's a unique event you may never see again in your lifetime," she added.

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Bennett patch grows great pumpkin

New hobby produces 889-pound mammoth

By Tim Evans
AN Reporter

It may haven taken four years to develop, but Morgan Hermiston has discovered a giant new hobby, growing a very unique crop on his family farm five miles south of Durant.

Hermiston, 35, officially grew his first giant pumpkin this year – a nearly 900-pound orange phenomenon that now sits in the front yard of his Bennett home as a Jack-o-Lantern.

The 889.5-pound pumpkin may not have set any Iowa records, but it was, by far, the largest pumpkin Hermiston has ever grown and he hopes to do even better in 2025.

“I’m really looking forward to next year,” he said, noting his entry in the annual pumpkin-growing contest held in Anamosa was an eye opener. “It was a humbling experience seeing some of those 2,000 pound pumpkins. Mine looked like a gourd next to the winners.”

Hermiston says he’s learning more and more about his newfound annual hobby after growing a vegetable garden every year that typically produces a fruitful amount of tomatoes, cucumbers and other vegetables, including regular size pumpkins the family uses for fall decorations. But when the COVID-19 pandemic came around, he was bored and looking for a new hobby with his wife, Brittany, and they came across an Internet section on growing giant pumpkins.

After extensive research on genetics, fertilizers and vine care, he grew an Atlantic 75-pound pumpkin in 2021 at Hermiston Farms in rural New Liberty, where he farms 2,000 acres and raises

13,000 hogs with his dad, Colin.

Unfortunately, due to a combination of issues including pesticide challenges, the plants didn’t produce in either 2022 or ’23, so he went back to research the semi-successful hobby more. He found a grower in California willing to sell three seeds from his giant 2,500-pound pumpkin for \$20. “It was low risk,” said Brittany of the experiment. “We had nothing to lose.”

The seeds were planted in May and Brittany said, “It just took off.” Morgan cared for the pumpkin daily for at least an hour, making sure it had enough water to grow, it’s vines were buried to try to capture more moisture and nutrients while he hand plucked all but one flower blossom from the growing vine daily, giving it all the nutrients it needed to grow.

Brittany said they really didn’t know what they had until late July when “it really took off,” growing as much as 30-35 pounds a day. On Oct. 4, they used industrial cutters to knife through the huge two-inch thick vine feeding the pumpkin, which they hoped was going to be about 1,000 pounds before it was officially weighed at the Anamosa Pumpkin Fest Ryan Norlin Pumpkin Weigh-off on a special scale. It placed sixth in the competition and is currently ranked 480th worldwide according to the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth.

Although the pumpkin may have been huge in size, the vine was the talk of the farm community, estimated at 1,200-foot in length, put on display at first inside a large machine shed on the farm where it took up most of the room and later mowed into the ground. The pumpkin itself traveled from Anamosa to Bennett to rest on a corner spot at the Hermiston home at 443 Main Street.

Now carved into a Jack-o-Lantern, it



Tripp Hermiston poses with his family's big pumpkin.

sits under lights and a giant scary Halloween skeleton for everyone in the area to see. “We had to carve the pumpkin,” which Brittany said only took a little more than an hour, adding it was crucial, “in order to harvest the seeds.”

Those valuable seeds hope to produce an even bigger pumpkin next year and the Hermistons say they’re willing to sell some of them to local growers who may have interest in producing giant pumpkins as well. But Hermiston ad-

mits he may buy more seeds from the same west coast producer he found, hoping for an even larger outcome.

“It takes a lot of water and a little bit of luck,” he said in growing giant pumpkins, pointing out it also has a lot to do with genetics and cooperative weather, which they claimed was ideal this year.

“It’s a hobby that turned into something I really enjoy,” Hermiston finalized.

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DuTrac selects board members at annual meeting

DuTrac Community Credit Union hosted its annual meeting of the membership on Monday, Oct. 14, from its headquarters on Asbury Road in Dubuque.

Daniel Deutmeyer - Dyersville; **Scott Neyens** - Galena; and **Nicholas Specht** - New Vienna, were each re-elected to serve a one, three-year term on the DuTrac Board of Directors (the Board). **Teri Zuccaro** - Dubuque, was elected after being appointed by the board of directors in

December 2023 to fill an unfilled seat. Her term will be for three years as well.

Following the annual meeting, the Board held their annual reorganizational meeting. Table officers elected by the Board are **Kevin Mueller**, chair; **Daniel Deutmeyer**, vice chair; **Teri Zuccaro**, treasurer; and **Harlan Pedretti**, secretary.

The Board committee appointments include:

Credit Committee Chair **John Vail**, with committee members **Kevin Mueller**, **Harlan**

Pedretti, **Teri Zuccaro**, **Daniel Deutmeyer**, and **Ron Kinsella**, DuTrac Senior Vice President of Lending.

Audit Committee Chair **Crenna Brumwell**, serving alongside **Scott Neyens**, **Michael Ready**, **David Eggers**, and **Nicholas Specht**.

Nominating Committee Chair **Crenna Brumwell**, with committee members **Teri Zuccaro**, and **Harlan Pedretti**. Board member **Michael Ready** will serve as associate director liaison.

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Iowa NRCS sets Nov. 22 as first cutoff for conservation program applications

The first application cutoff for Iowa farmers and other private landowners to apply for conservation practices in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 through USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs is Nov. 22.

NRCS accepts conservation program applications on a continuous basis but sets application cutoff dates as funding allows. Iowa agricultural producers and private landowners can apply for NRCS conservation program funding by visiting their local NRCS office. Iowa has 100 NRCS field offices, located at USDA Service Centers in every county.

The Nov. 22 application cutoff includes the following NRCS Farm Bill programs:

- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

conservation funding is the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Signed into law in August 2022, the IRA is delivering unprecedented conservation funding to Iowa farmers. About 36 percent of Iowa NRCS conservation funding last year was through the IRA.

In addition to traditional program funding, the IRA adds targeted funding for climate-smart agricultural practices that benefit soil health, water quality, wildlife habitat, and treat other resource concerns. Examples include no-till farming, cover crops, conservation cover, crop rotations, nutrient management, prescribed grazing, tree-shrub establishment, and windbreak-shelterbelt establishment/renovation.

More about NRCS conservation programs:

CSP

Through CSP, NRCS helps agricultural producers build their operation while

implementing conservation practices that help ensure its sustainability. The program provides many benefits including increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife habitat improvements, and increased resilience to weather extremes. CSP is intended for working lands including cropland, pastureland, nonindustrial private forest land and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of a tribe.

EQIP

Through EQIP, NRCS offers planning and financial assistance to implement conservation practices such as no-till, cover crops, terraces, grassed waterways, nutrient management, manure management facilities, and pasture management.

The Nov. 22 application signup cutoff includes EQIP initiatives, such as the National Water Quality Initia-

tive (NWQI), Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI), Prairie Pothole Water Quality and Wildlife Program, Organic Initiative, High Tunnel Initiative, and On-Farm Energy Initiative.

RCPP

Through RCPP, NRCS co-invests with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes tied to resource concerns.

For a complete list of Iowa RCPP projects, visit: nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/iowa/RCPP.

To apply for NRCS conservation programs, contact your local NRCS office. For more information about conservation planning and programs to help treat natural resource issues on your land, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/ia.

Antique Spectacular this weekend in Rock Island

It is time again for an antique and vintage shopping adventure at the Antique Spectacular Vintage Market, Nov. 1-3 at the QCCA Expo Center, 2621 4th Ave., Rock Island. Featured will be select antique vendors with unique merchandise from around the world. Hunters of vintage will have an opportunity, all weekend, to shop the wide range of quality antiques and vintage collectibles.

This show includes great furniture, art, art pottery, country, stoneware, books, prints, primitives, jewelry, silver, antique glassware, American Indian items, china, postcards, coins, quilts, dolls, toys, paper ephemera, advertising, marbles, vintage clothing, textiles and period pieces. The list of amazing vintage items is endless and all under one roof for the convenience to shop all weekend, for a timeless vintage treasure, that is new to you.

The show runs Friday from 4 – 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is \$10, good all weekend with a wristband or handstamp to return, and parking is free.

Patrons can check out and register on the website: www.antiquespectacular.com to print a \$1 off admission coupon.

More information about the Antique Spectacular is available at www.antiquespectacular.com or contact Kimberly Schilling at 712-326-9964 or kim.aspectacular@gmail.com. The Antique Spectacular is presented by Melting Pot Productions, Inc.

Eldridge poet among 305 in new Iowa anthology

Linda Armstrong Pedersen, Eldridge, is among 305 poets in the Iowa Poetry Lyrical Iowa 2024.

The anthology features finely-crafted poems on myriad engaging subjects, some familiar, others perhaps surprising, according to Editor Marilyn Baszczyński. The 2024 edition of Lyrical Iowa is IPA's 79th anthology.

"I think you'll sense that many of the poems carry a reassuring undercurrent of hope that surfaces in narratives about love, loss, friendship, war, climate, in what is yet to come, a hope that is carried through self-affirmation, faith in possibilities," Baszczyński said.

Poems for the anthology are selected from submissions to the annual Lyrical Iowa Competition. Membership is not a requirement for having poetry included in the anthology, and there are no entry fees. Contestants need only reside in Iowa. The Iowa Poetry Association has about 310 members across the state.

Besides those awarded cash prizes or honorable mentions in the seven adult categories and four student divisions, many other top-ranking poems are showcased in this 168-page book with full-color cover.

This year's anthology has 305 poems selected from about 2,000 entries submitted to IPA's 2024 contests, including six Pushcart Prize nominations. Entries came from 69 of Iowa's 99 counties, sent by persons ranging in age from kindergartners to centenarians.

Books may be ordered from IPA, while the supply lasts. Cost is \$15 per copy (plus shipping) to anywhere in the United States. Books from some

previous years are also available. Check for details at iowapoetry.com or contact the editor at ipa@iowapoetry.com.

IPA welcomes all Iowans

The Iowa Poetry Association, Inc., is a non-profit organization that promotes interest in and appreciation of poetry through education, publication, writing, performance, and contests. IPA aims to serve Iowans of all ages, incomes, identities, and experience levels. Besides sponsoring the annual contests and new, exciting Slam competitions, IPA offers two workshops for poem critiques each year, as well as IPA LIVE!, a vibrant monthly program of online mini-workshops and readings. Among other events, IPA's Palooza group presents Poetry on the Prairie in Perry, Nov 9-10, 2024 and Poetry Palooza, in Des Moines, April 4-5, 2025, this year featuring Ross Gay, Jane Wong, Iowa Poet Laureate Vince Gotera and others. Events are free and open to the public.

Association executive officers include: Dawn Terpstra of Lynnville, President; Rodney Reeves of Burlington, 1st Vice-President; Heather Clark of Winterset, 2nd Vice-President/Historian; Barbara Edler of Keokuk, Secretary; Dawn Mumey of Bettendorf, Treasurer; and Marilyn J. Baszczyński of Earlham, Editor and Contest Chair.

The 2025 Lyrical Iowa Competition adult contests include the Lucille Morgan Wilson Award, Grant Wood Country Poetry Prize, Haiku, Traditional Forms (ghazal, pantoum, sonnet, villanelle), National/World Events, and Humorous Verse.

Eastern Iowa poets in the anthology

Scott

Monica Flink, Emily Harvey, William Hudson, Barbara J. Thompson, all of Davenport; Shea Doyle, Bettendorf; Linda Armstrong Pedersen, Eldridge

School poet: Zailey Bohley, Bettendorf, 1st Place - Upper Grades

Cedar

Sandra L. Green, Tipton; Bonnie Balluff Hanlin, West Branch

Muscatine

Carol J. Anthony, Pat Bieber, Yvonne Breiner, Duffy De France, Rebecca Whitmore, all of Muscatine

School poet: Violet Poci, St Mary and Mathias Catholic, Muscatine.

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Dunlap’s Dairy Sweet serves Iowa’s best breaded tenderloin of 2024

Dairy Sweet, located in Dunlap, and owned by Lori and Greg Thomsen, has claimed the title of Iowa’s Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin in 2024. This marks a triumphant return to a legacy that began in 2005 when the restaurant first won under the ownership of Lori’s parents. Lori and Greg purchased Dairy Sweet from her parents in 2013 and made a strategic move to Main Street, allowing her to not only enhance the restaurant’s visibility but also its reputation for serving some of the finest pork tenderloins in the state.

The Iowa Pork Producers Association conducts the Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin Contest each year. This spring, the IPPA garnered nearly 6,000 nominations from 532 restaurants across the state. Members and industry affiliates anonymously visited the top 40 locations this summer, scoring each on pork flavor, quality, presentation, and overall dining experience. The Restaurant & Foodservice Committee utilized these evaluations to narrow the field to five worthy contenders. A team of judges then visited each establishment to determine the top two winners. Dairy Sweet is the first restaurant to win the title more than once in the entire 22 year history of the contest.

In Dunlap, about an hour northeast of Omaha, Lori and her husband Greg have refined the tenderloin recipe over the years, shifting to using center-cut boneless pork loin for a consistent, quality sandwich. In addition, they cut and tenderize the loins in-house each week. This commitment to quality is evident in the staggering number of tenderloins they serve—approximately 40,000 annually. This dedication not only satisfies local patrons but also attracts visitors from nearby towns and beyond.

“It is a privilege for us to win, not only for ourselves but for our employees who take pride in their work and making our community happy,” Lori shared. Her commitment to her family, team and community is palpable, and it fuels the hard work that has gone into making Dairy Sweet a local staple.

Judge Phil Carey, who evaluated the top five tenderloin eateries, had high praise for the winning sandwich. He remarked, “When we walked into the restaurant, and saw that most of the

customers were eating a breaded pork tenderloin... That’s how you know you’re in the right spot. Then tasting it the sandwich had great flavor, was very tender, and the light breading worked very well with the pork.” Carey’s insights reflect not only the quality of the food but also the atmosphere that Dairy Sweet cultivates, where diners are clearly satisfied.

For Lori, this victory carries a bit more emotional significance. “Hard work does pay off. My parents have both passed on, so this is such a cool way to honor and remember them. It makes me very proud,” she said, highlighting the personal connection she feels to the restaurant’s legacy. This win is not just about the award; it’s a tribute to her family’s hard work and dedication to the community both in the past, and currently as she brings her kids Mandi & Logan into the family business.

Dairy Sweet offers a cozy dining experience, accommodating around 60 patrons at a time. The restaurant is open seven days a week, closing only a few days each year, ensuring that it remains a reliable destination for delicious meals. The staff is known for their hospitality and efficiency, traits honed through their experience running the café at the Dunlap Livestock Auction, where they thrive in a bustling environment.

This celebrated eatery will take home a \$500 cash prize, a stunning plaque, and a banner to showcase their achievement.

This year’s runner-up is Ruby’s Bar & Grill, hailing from Stuart, Iowa. They’ll receive a \$250 prize along with a plaque from the IPPA. Earlier this month, we also recognized several other outstanding finalists, who will receive top five plaques in alphabetical order:

- Bronson Bar - Bronson
- Blind Pig - Monticello
- The Market at the Tap - Monticello

This tenderloin contest celebrates Iowa restaurants that feature hand-breaded or battered pork tenderloin as a staple on their menu. To qualify, establishments must be open year-round. Winners are unveiled every October in honor of National Pork Month, which pays tribute to the hard work and dedication of America’s pork producers.

Cliff’s Bar and Grill in Manning, won the 2023 contest.



The Dairy Sweet tenderloin uses center cut pork for the 40,000 sandwiches served annually.



Lori and Greg Thomsen and family.

Enrollment for HealthCare.gov begins Nov. 1

Iowa to have in-state Navigators for the first time since 2018

Iowans have an opportunity to enroll in health insurance for 2025 during the Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment which starts this Friday, Nov. 1 and goes through Jan. 15, 2025.

Anyone who is not eligible for insurance through Medicare, Medicaid, or employer-based insurance may be eligible to purchase insurance under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) coverage provisions. Iowa Navigator assists people with the process of selecting a plan and applying for financial assistance that helps people pay for their monthly premium. About 90% of those who enroll receive subsidies to make the insurance more affordable. New rules have increased subsidies and made it possible for even most high-income earners to qualify for the lower-cost plans. National trends show that about four in five people across the country could get a plan for less than \$10 per month.

Iowa Navigator is a federally funded non-profit organization that helps families and other underserved communities gain access to health coverage options through the Marketplace, Medicaid, or CHIP (HAWKI). They can assist with enrollment applications and help consumers apply for financial assistance through HealthCare.gov. In 2019, First Choice Services, a non-profit agency headquartered in West Virginia, applied and were awarded funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to expand its operations so that it could help Iowa residents. From 2019 through this August of 2024, the IA

Navigator program offered only virtual or phone assistance.

For this Open Enrollment period, IA Navigator has received its highest-ever funding award. CMS recently announced[1] that the organization would receive \$1.25 million per year for the next five years. This increase has allowed the program to hire 8 Navigators in Iowa who will work across the state in three offices based in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, and Sioux City. This expansion will allow for in-person enrollment assistance by Navigators to be offered for the first time since 2018.

Jeremy Smith, program director for IA Navigator, says getting help signing up is essential. Many people are overwhelmed by the options or may not realize how to shop for affordable health

coverage. Smith says that the increase in funding has really helped the program expand and get the word out about the Marketplace. “This historic increase in funding for our program will help

us provide even more assistance to Iowans and will allow us to increase our presence in communities throughout the state,” Smith says. “Our Navigators will be working hard throughout the year to help get the word out to people about the benefits of the Health Insurance Marketplace. We are excited to see how this year goes and help get the insured rate down.”

For January 1st coverage, sign-up must be completed between November 1st and December 15th. Open Enrollment will completely end on January 15th. The IA Navigator program is available for free in-person or telephone assistance. Call 515-978-9570 or visit www.iowanavigator.com to book an in-person or phone appointment for free assistance.

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NSP OPINIONS

Radium Girls cast and crew share history lessons

Back in May, when Lancer Productions announced this year's productions, I was so excited to hear that "Radium Girls" was part of the slate. I was familiar with the story, and I'd read the tales of these girls painting their faces and teeth with the luminescent paint so they could glow in the dark. The factory workers were told what they were doing was patriotic, because they were painting glow in the dark watches for soldiers on the front lines of World War I. And the work was good, with the girls well paid for the time. Radium was seen as a miracle, and if you look in old newspapers, you can see it touted as a cure for all sorts of ailments. Just swig a bit of this tincture and, voila! Revitalization!



Work in Progress
NSP Editor
Erin M. Gentz

But when the girls started getting sick, to the point that their jaws started rotting away, the companies that had relied on their hard work suddenly turned against them. They hid evidence that the radium was the cause and hired unscrupulous doctors to lie about their conditions. It wasn't radiation sickness, they said. It was syphilis. It took the death of a man, Dr. Sabin Arnold von Sochocky, inventor of the radium paint, for the public to start to believe the girls. The story is shocking, even in an age where corporate exploitation of work-

"The girls, their story didn't get as big as it did until they were all gone. Until decades later. We learned in Ottawa, they were still painting with radioactive paint until the 1970s. Even people in Ottawa don't know the full story. The girls, their story didn't get as big as it did until it was too late."

Ryenne Lacher

ers continues to be an issue. While I've been looking forward to seeing the show, I was also quite interested to hear that, over the summer, the cast took a trip to Ottawa, Ill., which was home to two watch manufacturers, the Radium Dial Corporation, which closed in 1936, and Luminous Processes, which remained in operation until 1978. Ottawa remains affected by the radiation, which the Environmental Protection Agency has been trying to abate since 1986. I was definitely interested to hear what the cast had learned, and when I talked to the seniors a couple of weeks ago, I was blown away by their thoughtful and well-considered answers. Jax Martin said the experience of being in this show has taught him, "how hard you have to fight for change to happen. The Radium Girls had to fight and die just to get something as basic as, maybe we shouldn't be using radio-



North Scott alums and longtime friends Maddie Harbour and Isabel Conner are co-directing Lancer Productions' "Radium Girls."

active chemicals to paint. It's just how much you have to fight to get people to care about people over profit." "It's taught me that there are two sides to every story," said Ryenne Lacher. "When it was happening, and the girls were alive and they were fighting for justice, no one believed them. These men in these corporations, they all just turned to those people. "The girls, their story didn't get as big as it did until they were all gone. Until decades later. We learned in Ottawa, they were still painting with radioactive paint until the 1970s. Even people in Ottawa don't know the full story. The girls, their story didn't get as big as it did until it was too late."

"Everything was the status quo of that time," agreed Collin Meinert. "It was seen as normal, as accepted. It was so hard for it to change, for it to be seen as some sort of bad thing. The people that fought for it took a whole lot of time and a whole lot of effort, and it still didn't quite work how they wanted it to for a long time." Something Lauren Pawloski said stuck with me. She talked about being at one of the cemeteries in Ottawa and seeing where there are headstones for some of the girls. But they're not buried there, because their bodies are still so radioactive, they can't be in the ground. Their remains are locked up in a laboratory somewhere. "These women can't lay at peace," she said. "They're still being used and used."

Busy fall

While "Radium Girls" is being produced for North Scott audiences this week, that's not the end for this cast. On Saturday, Nov. 16, they'll perform the show for students across the state at the Iowa Thespian Festival at the University of Northern Iowa. It's already been a busy year for Lancer Productions. "Radium Girls" was cast in June and the company has busily been working away since then. In addition to the Ottawa trip, there have also been various trips to the University of Iowa and UNI for theatre education, as well as a recent trip to Wisconsin and Chicago to see a few shows, including "9 to 5: The Musical," which Lancer Productions will put on in the spring, and "Noises Off" at Chicago's famed Steppenwolf Theatre. Things aren't likely to slow down any time soon. Auditions for the Children's Theatre Production of "James and the Giant Peach" are Nov. 7-8, and Children's Theatre Workshop and the Speech Craft and Vendor Fair are both Dec. 7. And, in addition to theater activities, there are also about 50 kids out for speech this year. So, you'll have to excuse troupe director Stacie Kintigh for taking a teensy step back to start the year. She's producing "Radium Girls," but not directing this year. Instead, she's leaving

that in the hands of some very capable North Scott alums, Maddie Harbour (2017) and Isabel Conner (2016). Friends and co-directors Maddie and Isabel have been friends since their high school days, and Isabel said directing together has added a new level to their friendship, "and has only made it stronger. Because not only are we dealing with conflict with other people, and how do we deal with that together, but also stepping out of that director mode and into friend mode."

"We both have a similar acting style, so that makes it kind of easy," said Maddie. "We've had some moments where we need to step back and talk about a different subject, but I really think, overall, we talk those moments out and we're able to tell each other, or tell ourselves, when we're in the wrong, so we can come back and have a productive conversation." Like many of their actors, Maddie and Isabel weren't entirely familiar with the story of the Radium Girls before they started work on the show, so this has been a learning experience for everyone.

"It's definitely been interesting teaching the kids about this specific time and this specific incident, mostly because it was very new to both of us," said Maddie. "When we decided to do this specific play, we both went, OK, now we have to learn. We have to be the students so we can properly teach the significance and the importance of what these women went through. So that's been interesting. We were just talking about it in the back of the house, some of the kids have taught us different things. And we think it's really special to have it go back and forth. So, it's been

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Carole Elston mailed these images of the 1940 National Cornhusking Contest to the NSP in hopes they'd be preserved. Find this and others online with this column.

Readers turn to newspapers to preserve the past



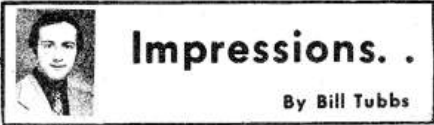
On the Record

Mark Ridolfi

Seventeen ancient images jammed into a notecard hinted at a story, and Carole Elston knew there had to be more to it. Elston found the images during a spring clean out of her Donnellson, Iowa home, and wasn't quite sure what to do with them. She saw the dates, the crowds filling corn-stubble fields and a mammoth Goodyear blimp. That was enough to spark her online search, which brought her to our NSP site. She found our October 2020 Country Connection feature by Jennifer DeWitt that offered rich details of the 1940 National Cornhusking Contest on 60 acres of Henry and Anna Keppy's Scott County farmland. The blurry images had no connec-

tion to Carole and her family. But she couldn't compel herself to throw them away. They seemed like treasures. Carole called our office in July and asked if we'd be interested. Here are a few of those images. Think of it as a 1940 Facebook page, except with no selfies. Folks back then never aimed lenses at themselves. Many of the 4 by 2.5-inch, ragged-edge snaps are as blurry as 80-year-old memories. But that 2020 cornhusking story keeps evoking more. It reached 6,000 homes then, and still racks up page views online. Carole is just the latest to find it. Each week, Erin M. Gentz' Our Past column presents glimpses that draw reader responses. This edition's autumn Country Connection explores more history. Reminds me that newspapers remain as essential for preserving the past, as they are for reporting the present.

PAST IMPRESSIONS 1974



The 1974 election may be one of the most important in recent history in that it's the first Congressional race since Watergate was fully displayed to the voting public. Only after next Tuesday will we really know what impact Watergate has had on politics at various levels. One thing's for sure, however, and that's that political observers are going to have a hey day. Come what may, there will be more than enough analysis to satisfy the palate of the average citizen. It's interesting to note that one major broadcast network, ABC news, has chosen Lincoln and Butler Townships in Scott County as one of its "key precincts". Differing combinations of demographic data from these precincts will be plugged into the ABC computers to aid in statistical analysis of voting trends among differing social and economic levels throughout the country.

Former NSP owner Bill Tubbs' Impressions column appeared for 53 years on this page. Bill passed away Sept. 20.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Character matters this election

Good character matters. Kamala Harris has it. Donald Trump does not. Christina Bohannon has it. Marianne Miller-Meeks.....stands firmly behind Donald Trump. I'm reminded of the saying, "one rotten apple spoils the barrel." Who you support in all their reprehensible actions says something about who you are. Ads supporting the Miller-Meeks campaign grossly misrepresent both her virtues and the positions held by her opponent. Miller-Meeks has repeatedly voted against the interests of Iowans. Voting against capping insulin costs at \$35 per month while at the same time accepting thousands of dollars from pharmaceuti-

cal companies is just one example. Unlike what TV ads would have you believe, Christina Bohannon does not want to defund the police. She is, in fact, supported by law enforcement officers. Christina will work to ensure that women have the right to determine their own healthcare treatment. She supports the second amendment while, at the same time, recognizing the need for common sense regulation. Christina Bohannon will represent all Iowans with integrity and common sense. I urge you to vote for character at all levels. Christina Bohannon, Kamala Harris, Tim Walz, and Democrats up and down the ballot. True freedom depends on it.

Cecil Chapman
Davenport

A wake-up call for all thinking farmers

This is a wake-up call to all thinking farmers and those that struggle with family health. Supporters of a bill in the Iowa Legislature, S.F. 2412, claim it would ensure farmers could continue to have access to "safe, approved tools like glyphosate to control invasive weeds and keep crop yields high." The claim is made in a campaign-like "thank you" ad promoting legislators who apparently advocated this legislation. The sponsor's website betrays their motive: TakeControlIowa.com. The ad is sponsored by the "Modern Ag Alliance," a group that includes pharmaceutical company Bayer. We can read and hear daily how Iowa has grown to have the second highest cancer rate in the nation. Think about it: Where might this have come from? From our water to the food we are eating, we are taking in significant levels of glyphosate and other chemicals. I have heard from many farmers recently report high yields, but those results aren't showing up in their bank accounts. Think about it: We are producing more than what we need, then supply and demand drives the prices so the farmer needs to sweat it out and take whatever he/she gets. There are reams of data that ques-

tion the safety of these "tools" and it has been squashed for years. Resistance to glyphosate is growing, and scientists are pulling their hair out because development for newer herbicides has been slow in coming. We are often seeing a decline in yield growth from GMO (genetically modified crops) versus standard or conventional seed stock. Water needed for GMO seed is significantly higher and good worm populations decrease with increased soil erosion from the harsh chemical treatments. It is easy to see that these legislators have marginal understanding of this. They should be asking in their circle of friends and families about the sad incidences of cancer and look in the mirror. The Republican Party is known for deregulation and less involvement in our lives. I find their action with this bill contradicting and hypocritical. It is interesting to note that Rep. Norlin Mommsen and Sen. Chris Cournoyer were not listed. I hope this was because they understand. For the health of our society, find candidates that think first before they follow the money.

Dieter Härle
Davenport

Vote for Trump, if...

Vote for Donald Trump! ...If you are NOT concerned about his:

- Friends in high places like Russia, North Korea, et. al.
- Admiration of Hitler
- Misuse of our military
- Egocentricity
- Retribution to anyone who disagrees with him
- Misogyny ("Grab 'em by the "kitty.")
- Criminal convictions

- Bankruptcies
- Bullying
- Enjoyment of chaos
- Projected increased national debt
- Lies about FEMA and everything else
- Dementia

I cannot, in good conscience, vote for him..... How about you?

Keith Riewerts
Long Grove



Iowa has been at the heart of American decency; let's be that again

In 1998, I was on the North Scott softball team that played in the longest softball game in state-tournament history. We played 19 innings through rain and muck to emerge victorious. In the most stressful moments, our Hall-of-Fame Coach Dennis Johnson wouldn't rant or give elaborate speeches. He'd simply tell us to "remember who you are". He would remind us of 6am weightlifting sessions, our preparation, and commitment. We are in the final stretch of an election that feels like a muddy, 19-inning game. And all Iowans need to do is "remember who we are." Iowa's history is full of early acts of decency and the fulfillment of the promise of democracy. Iowa was formed a free state absent of slavery, and its territory honored all men as free years before. In 1838, Iowa was the first territory to allow women to own property and the first state to ensure women their wages. Iowa was

the second state to legalize interracial marriage, the first state university to allow women to enroll. Iowa granted Black men the right to vote before the 15th amendment was ratified, became the second state to outlaw segregated schools, and the first to elect a woman to public office. Iowa was the third state in the nation to grant women the right to vote, welcomed the first-ever mosque in the U.S., and became the second state to allow marriage equality for gays and lesbians. This is who we are Iowa. We don't need to do anything but show up and be ourselves because when Iowans vote, we don't put party politics or petty preferences first. So, in this next week, the only thing to do is ensure that every single Iowan who wants to vote does so. Let's cast our votes for decency and democracy for generations to come.

Bridgette Davis
Hadley, Mass.

Same ol' playbook

Crunch-time and Dems are using their old playbook against Trump: Save some of our best dirt until last. Now model Stacey Williams claims Trump groped her in 1993 after being introduced to her by Jeffrey Epstein – 31 years ago. In her own words, "I had allowed something to happen to me that I could have stopped." 1993 - the year Bill Clinton, a sexual abuser became President, denying all accusations. Where was the Me-too movement then? Also Hillary Clinton and others now

label Trump a fascist. I sincerely feel sorry for Hillary whose husband, also a president, was a known womanizer and unfaithful to her. I voted for Bill just once. I'd like to ask Hillary how she, arguably the most capable woman to ever run for president, had her presidential plans ruined by a "Fascist" and womanizer? Didn't she take electoral votes of smaller states seriously?

Bob Bartel
Eldridge

'I make no apologies for standing up for political sanity'

I'm sure most of you can agree that it is a good thing that the election season is almost over. For me personally it has been the most personal and nastiest campaign ever run against me. I want to end this campaign by telling you what I have done and ask for your vote. As your State Representative I have one of the most bipartisan voting records in the Capitol. I have voted for healthy increases in public education funding every single year, raised beginning teacher pay to fifth in the Nation, and made mental health funding a priority. I have voted to lower your property taxes, lower your income taxes, and make sure small-town businesses have a regulatory environment in which they can thrive. I have floor managed legislation to make EMS an essential service, provided critical funding for our firefighters and police, and made sure Iowa is not a sanctuary state for illegal immigration while welcoming new citizens to our country and state. Every year I have been your State Representative I have voted for a balanced budget and Iowa is categorized

by multiple non-partisan organizations as one of the best fiscally managed states in the country. Fighting eminent domain abuse and ensuring your private property rights are protected has been my trademark. Three laws protecting private property rights have been signed into law in the last decade and I have authored and floor-managed all of them. I am blunt and to the point when it comes to defending Cedar, Muscatine, and Scott Counties. For that I do not apologize. You always come first before party and special interests. I also will not make apologies for standing up for common-sense and political sanity. I honor my campaign promises and only promise what I believe I have a chance to deliver. I will stand firm and dig in my heels always to defend all of you. It has been an honor to be your State Representative and I humbly ask for your vote to continue common sense in politics on or before Nov. 5.

Rep. Bobby Kaufmann
Wilton

Former utility board chairman offers explanation

I had recommended to the Eldridge Utility Board that we consider investing some of our cash funds in U.S. Treasury Bills, as this is a safe investment and would earn more interest than currently offered by the bank. By doing so, the utility would increase its interest income and therefore, might help to reduce or delay future rate increases for customers. It was discussed by the board and we determined we should move for-

ward. However, it was brought to my attention that during this process, a couple of steps were skipped that were required before transferring funds. Even though my intention did increase the return on our money, I resigned due to not following proper procedures. It is important for the utility board and the community that things are done correctly.

Craig Gehrls
Eldridge

1974: Deputies thwart high school shooting

Oct. 30, 1974

• The **North Scott School Board** was attempting to shorten the school year by scheduling snow days during the week after Easter. However, they learned that may not be possible due to teacher contracts. Fifteen teachers who signed contracts to teach through June 5, and not the week of April 1-4, said they did not want to change the calendar. Superintendent **Melvin Heiler** said the teachers had told him they signed their contracts with the understanding the calendar would not be changed. The board said it needed a legal interpretation before it could act, with some members saying the April dates had been on the calendar as snow dates all along, and the possibility had always existed there would be school on those days.

• **Lincoln** and **Butler townships** in Scott County were selected by ABC News as “key precincts” to watch in the 1974 election. The network and the Scott County League of Women Voters were set to work together to report the vote as soon as the results became available. **Mary Lee Benson** would be reporting from Lincoln Township, which was nearly all rural, and **Ellen Kelley** would



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report on Butler Township, which represented the incorporated city of McCausland and the unincorporated area of Park View.

• **Walter Fahrenkrog** of Eldridge received his Certified Public Accountant certification during a ceremony in Des Moines sponsored by the Iowa CPA Society. Fahrenkrog had been an accountant in Scott County for 20 years, including 14 years in private business in Donahue before setting up practice at his residence in Eldridge two years earlier.

• There were no injuries, but plenty of shaken up people after a 15-year-old student pulled a .22 caliber pistol on his teacher and classmates during a sophomore English class at North Scott High School. Teacher Mrs. **Gala Sunderbruch** had been preparing to administer a test when the student revealed the gun and told the class, “We’re going to settle a few things first.” He called the Davenport Times-Democrat office and reportedly said “You better get to North Scott High School pretty quick soon, because a student is going to do something drastic.” That message was relayed to the sheriff’s office and the high school office. As principal **Ed Fischer** and assistant principal **Steve McNicol** patrolled the halls, Mrs. Sunderbruch managed to sneak out of the classroom. Sheriff’s deputies confronted the student, who was still holding his classmates hostage. The deputies secured the release of the girls in the class and continued to talk to the young man, asking if he was mad at the students. When the young man said, “No,” one of the deputies reportedly said, “If he’s going to shoot anybody, it should be me.” Eventually, all the boys in the class were released except one. While the ensuing events were not entirely clear, a single shot was fired into the wall of the classroom. As the young man attempted to leave the classroom with his hostage, the classmate was able to sidestep the gun. One deputy threw the young man to the ground, and another grabbed the gun. The young man was arrested and charged with intent to do great bodily harm, carrying a concealed weapon, and pointing a gun at another person. He appeared in juvenile court and was referred to Mercy Hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

• The **North Scott football team** captured the Illowa Conference crown after defeating Sterling Newman 28-12. **Kevin Jansen** and **Alan Ward** were named “Players of the Week.” In order to reach the playoffs, the team would need to defeat Central DeWitt the following week and have Centerville upset Fairfield.

Oct. 31, 1984

• **Eldridge** was named one of six Iowa cities to be awarded a **mini liquor store** by the Iowa Beer and Liquor Control Department. The store would be built south of LeClaire Road on South 9th Avenue. Northwest Davenport was also chosen, with its store to be constructed at 53rd and Brady streets.

• After a month-long investigation, two DeWitt men were arrested and charged with theft at the municipal utilities’ storage building on Buttermilk Road. Several thefts of wire reels had been reported, and Eldridge police staked out the building. They saw the two men unsuccessfully attempting to load a reel of wire onto their vehicle and pursued the men. The men fled into a cornfield, where they were arrested.

• **W. Norman Harvey** of Eldridge was elected first vice-president on the **Iowa Telephone Association**. Harvey was the manager of Central Scott Telephone in Eldridge.

• Three area students were chosen to participate in the University of Iowa’s 1984-85 University Band: **Mike Whitaker** on trombone, **Lisa Fahrenkrog** on oboe, and **Al Goldis** on melophone.

• It was a big week for North Scott athletics, as the **girls’ cross-country** team qualified for the state meet in Ames. The team was ranked No. 1 in the state. Meanwhile, the volleyball team qualified for the state tournament in Des Moines, a first in school history.

Nov. 3, 1999

• Having captured a share of the MAC championship, the **North Scott football team** had something else to celebrate: the team’s first trip to the state playoffs. They were set to take on Pleasant Valley at Lancer Stadium.

• The **Eldridge City Council** was wary of donating towards the expansion of the town’s branch of the **Scott County Library**. While the council held a meeting on the subject of donating \$1 million to the library through the establishment of a TIF district, a member of the public suggested voters decide the issue through a referendum. Four of the five council members agreed.

• A space crunch at the **Scott County Courthouse** was set to be alleviated through a **\$13.8 million renovation project**, with some county offices being relocated to the adjacent Bicentennial Building. This would allow for more judicial business to be conducted at the courthouse.

• More than 30 **Ed White students** turned up for school on a teacher in-service day to learn about citizenship. They donated decorated pumpkins to area residents and businesses. More than 300 pumpkins had been decorated by students.

• **Cora Ferris**, daughter of **Rod and Rachel Ferris** of Maysville and a student at the University of Northern Iowa, spent her summer on an unusual internship. She toured minor league ballparks across the country with the San Diego Chicken. One of her most memorable stops was at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., where the mascot took part in the induction, which featured **George Brett, Nolan Ryan** and **Robin Yount**.

Nov. 4, 2009

• **Ellen** and **Katie Jelinske** of Eldridge helped two-year-old **Zach Powell** have a Happy Halloween. Zach had recently been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, and the Jelinskes, who were neighbors of and babysitters for the Powells,

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Things Back To Normal After Shooting

SCENE OF SHOOTING—This is the location where a shot was fired from a 22 caliber automatic pistol last Thursday at North Scott High School. A 15 year old male student stood in this corner and fired a shot that lodged in the woodwork to the right of the filing cabinet.

1:40 p.m. Mrs. Sunderbruch was preparing to give the class a test, when the student pulled the gun and said “we’re going to settle a few things first.” He directed the room and Mrs. Sunderbruch to the north side of the room and Mrs. Sunderbruch to a seat near the rear.

A telephone call was received at the Davenport Times-Democrat office at 1:35 p.m. with the warning: “you better get to North Scott High School pretty soon because a student is going to do something drastic.” The message which came from a “male with a young sounding voice” was relayed to the Sheriff’s office at 1:47 p.m. and notification given immediately to Cpt. Al Epperly and Sgt. Farber who were on patrol in the Eldridge area at the time.

Epperly said he and Farber went immediately to the school where they conferred with Principal Ed Fischer and Assistant Principal Steve McNicol. Epperly and Farber stayed at the school office to avoid scaring anybody who might have seen them.

Meanwhile, while Fischer and McNicol were walking the halls looking for anything suspicious, Mrs. Sunderbruch managed to slip out the door of the classroom when the youth went on the intercom, and she called for help.

Epperly went to the door of the classroom immediately after being notified of the location of the trouble by McNicol who was met by Mrs. Sunderbruch in the hall.

Epperly said he saw 35 students huddled in the corner and the boy with the automatic pistol. He talked with the boy “quite a while” and negotiated the release of the girls. Epperly said he then

walked on into the room and asked the youth if he was mad at the kids, to which the response was “no.” “I told him if he’s going to shoot anybody, it should be me,” Epperly said.

The ensuing events were not exactly clear, except that the youth fired a shot into the wall in the southwest corner of the room, and finally let the boys go except for a single hostage, Chris Winkler. As the youth was leaving the room with the gun in Winkler’s back, Winkler sidestepped out of the youth’s view and Epperly grabbed the youth’s gun and his throat and threw him to the floor, while Sgt. Farber grabbed the gun, ending the frightful episode.

The youth who pulled the gun was new to the district, coming to Eldridge from Ohio in August. It was believed that he obtained the pistol at home during noon hour. He had no previous trouble with the law. He was quiet and contrary to previous reports was not a straight A student.

There was no school schedule for Friday because of a planned faculty workshop. Classes didn’t resume until Monday, thereby allowing people to settle back down to business.

BULLET HOLE — Close-up shows where the bullet from a .22 caliber automatic pistol entered the woodwork in the southwest corner of classroom A7 at North Scott High School Thursday.

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Five Injured In Crash On Sunday

Three persons remain hospitalized as the aftermath of a three car accident at approximately 1:37 a.m. Sunday, October 27.

According to a report by the Scott County Sheriff’s Department, the collision occurred at the Highway 6 and County Road Y30 Intersection near Stockton when Mrs. Janice Kay Moeller, 34, Walcott, driving a 1966 Chrysler westbound on Highway 6, stopped to make a left hand turn onto County Road Y30. Mrs. Moeller’s auto was struck in the rear by a 1973 Chevrolet driven by William Wayne Decker, 39, Davenport, also westbound on Highway 6.

The Moeller vehicle was pushed into a third auto, a 1974 Pontiac driven by Lowell Gehris, rural Dixon, who was traveling east on the highway.

Decker and a passenger in his car, Dennis Anderson, 36, Davenport were taken to Mercy Hospital, Davenport, where they were treated and released. Mrs. Moeller, Gehris and Mrs. Lowell (Deanna) Gehris, a passenger in the Gehris vehicle, were also taken to Mercy Hospital where they are undergoing treatment.

A hospital spokesman reported Mrs. Moeller and Mrs. Gehris as “fairly good” condition and Gehris as in “fair” condition Monday afternoon. Gehris’ injuries reportedly include a broken jaw, fractured skull, ankle injury and facial lacerations and his wife incurred broken ribs and a broken collarbone.

All three automobiles were reported as totally demolished. Decker has been charged with OMVUI.

Mrs. Moeller is in room 335 at the hospital; Gehris is in 363 and Mrs. Gehris is in 229. Cards will be welcomed.

Gardens Project Ends First Year

Bob Granger, chairman of the Eldridge Jaycees Community Gardens, said that according to signed agreements, all produce should be removed from the gardens no later than Oct. 31. The gardens will be plowed yet this fall for next season.

Granger said that the project will be continued next year, and that in January letters will be sent to all previous gardeners for advance sign-up.

The project, in which garden plots on the Jim Kuhl farm south of Eldridge Acres were rented to local residents, was termed a “success” by Granger. He said several residents removed more than 200 pounds of produce from the 20’ x 40’ plots. Granger said the project was supported well by the community.

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An Iowa State study in 1971 indicated that the typical Iowa hog producer was 48 years old.

Jaycee-Ettes Eye Screening November 6

ELDRIDGE - The Eldridge Jaycee-Ettes will conduct an amblyopia open eye screening for children up to the age of five years. The screening will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church, Eldridge on Wednesday, November 6 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

For further information call Linda Yaska, 285-4352 or Nancy Coe, 285-9533.

First Trust Names Dixon Office Head

The new branch office manager at First Trust and Savings Bank, Dixon, will be Gary Martin, replacing Craig Benoit who was promoted to the Wheatland office where he will be in charge of the loan department for the bank’s three offices, located in Dixon, Wheatland and Lost Nation.

Martin is a 1972 graduate of the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in economics. He has been employed with First National Bank at Prairie City as agricultural representative, and also with the Marion County Savings and Loan Association in Knoxville.

Martin grew up on a farm south of Carlisle in central Iowa and graduated from Carlisle High School. He and his wife Kathryn and three year old daughter Christina will be moving to Dixon by Nov. 1.

Martin’s official title will be that of assistant cashier and office manager.

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UTILITY POLE VANDALISM

Photo shows how one of two western red cedar utility poles owned by Eastern Iowa Light and Power Co-op were sawed into several sections in a corn field on the Lester Baughman farm last week. The vandalism action appeared to be a protest against the line crossing a field to reach the company’s new North Scott sub-station at Park View. NSP PHOTO

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wanted to make sure Zach felt included for trick or treat. They made 35 special bags, with toys and snacks that were low in carbohydrates, and distributed them in their neighborhood so Zach could have safe treats when he went door to door. “What they did goes beyond words,” said mom **Amy Powell**.

• **Scott County** was looking to reduce its general fund budget by \$825,000. County departments were asked to reduce their budgets by five percent or to the 2008 level of the budget, whichever was higher. The sheriff’s department would bear the brunt of the cuts, with a \$242,009 reduction.

• Despite having disbanded 20 years earlier, members of the **Eldridge Jaycees** met for a reunion in celebration of the 40th anniversary of their charter dinner. Charter members in attendance included **Dale Braack, John Small, Harold Meggers, Barry Braack, Dave Oberbroeckling, Dick Cole** and **Dick Heiman**.

• Senior **Nate Curlott** was a repeat winner in the Mr. North Scott competition, a fundraiser for the Student Hunger Drive. Curlott also wore the crown in 2007. First runner-up was junior **John Davison**, and second runner-up was freshman **Charlie Kane**.

• The **North Scott Junior High cross-country team**, which included **Skylar Books, Madison Temperly, Emily Lane, Cody Birely, Spencer Diercks, Rebekah Arana** and **Michael Wedemeyer**, competed at the state meet. Birely placed 10th in the boys’ race and Lane came in 13th in the girls’ race.

Oct. 30, 2019

• The mother of the junior high student who brought a gun to school asked the North Scott School Board to rescind her son’s expulsion. **Lindsay Andrews** believed her son, Luke, was receiving inadequate education at a group home he had been sent to after his conviction in July. She said the expulsion was preventing him from receiving public education in other districts. “We’re struggling to get any kind of education for him. I’m not looking to send him back to North Scott. Help me help him, because he does need help,” she pleaded with the board.

• Scott County engineer **Jon Burgstrom** announced he would retire, effective Dec. 31. He had worked for the county for 23 years, and 10 years in Clinton prior.

• Five candidates were vying for four seats on the Princeton City Council: **Terri Applegate, Christina McDonough, Jim Nelson, Jami Stutting** and **Gina Wolfe**.

• The **North Scott football team** secured its fourth straight district title with a 21-0 win over Davenport Assumption. They would face off against Cedar Rapids Xavier in the first round of the playoffs.

• **Abbi Lafrenz** and **Bailey Boddicker** qualified for the state cross-country meet. Lafrenz was just the third Lancer to qualify for the meet four times, after **Kim Schneckloth** and **Wendy Bare**.

GENTZ: Alumni treasures behind-the-scenes look

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a really nice mixture of going back and forth between us teaching the kids and the kids teaching us.”

“For me, in particular, I’m very used to working with junior high students. That’s where my journey had started,” said Isabel. “So, this has been a brand new experience of just being able to challenge myself beyond just the basics, because that’s what I do with my junior high students. So being able to talk about motive and why are you doing this scene and what are you trying to get out of this scene. And that’s something we learned from Stacie directly. So that has been just really great learning opportunity for me, and something that I hope to take back. The other thing, and we’ve talked about this a couple of times, of finding that balance that this is a very serious play and when it is important to tell that story versus theatre is an opportunity to grow and have fun and be able to laugh and when is it important to do that as well.”

Being back in their home theater has been a learning experience for them as well.

“It has been amazing and it’s eye-opening,” said Isabel. “As a student, you don’t get to see everything that happens behind the scenes. You’re putting in the hard work, but they put in a lot of work. It’s been great to come back and be a part of what created us.”

“It’s almost like the Wizard of Oz, when you pull the curtain,” added Maddie. “A lot of things we thought magically happened on the stage, now it’s like, oh, no, you had to sit there and do that? Oh, yeah, that’s fun. Like she said, it’s eye-opening.”

After graduating from North Scott Isabel went to UNI, and now she’s a teacher and theatre director at Pleasant Valley Junior High.

Maddie took a slightly different path. She started out at the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Neb., and initially had no plans to continue with theatre. The death of her friend and “The Little Mermaid” co-star SJ Madden in a 2018 car accident changed that.

“I was like, I have to live my life doing what I love. I kind of liked it out there, but I hadn’t really transitioned yet, and so I decided life was too short at that moment. So, I switched schools. I came back closer, and I actually pursued my theatre degree. And since then, I’ve been immersing myself in all kinds of different theatre again. I became a happier person, I can say that.”

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville, Maddie returned to the North Scott area and works in marketing. She also quickly returned to Lancer Productions, and has assistant directed shows with Renae Mohr and Ashley Becher.

While Isabel and Maddie said they’d both like to return to onstage roles eventually, they’re pretty happy being in the director’s chair, too. And they said they’ve loved working with the kids at North Scott.

“Part of the reason we came back is, not only is this a home for us, but these kids are so beyond talented,” said Isabel. “So, it’s great to work with them and they’re just also aware of everything that’s going on. It’s great.”

“And like you say, this is always going to be home, but what makes you stay here is those kids. They grow on you,” agreed Maddie. “It’s something that’s always kind of stuck. I can’t even express how intoxicating their spirits are. The way that they want to learn, and they want the help. They want to grow, and they want to be these beautiful humans when they leave here. And that’s so inspiring and touching that we get to be part of that journey.”

“Radium Girls” will be presented Thursday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors, and are available at tix.nshslp.com or at the door.

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- Mayor Todd Sawyer, Stanwood
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Wilton farm has long, sweet history for Ochiltree Family

By Jonathan Turner

Lynn Ochiltree is the de-facto town historian for Wilton, Iowa.

Co-owner of the iconic Wilton Candy Kitchen downtown (with his wife Brenda), he is thrilled to be part of a family that's been recognized by the state for owning both a Century Farm and Heritage Farm.

The 127-acre Muscatine County farm – on Highway 927 in Wilton – was founded in 1866, and Lynn Ochiltree is the sixth generation that's co-owned it. The farm has been eligible for Century Farms since 1966, it's now eight years past the Heritage eligibility, and it earned both. The family never applied for it before.

The Wilton farm started with Anton Feltman, a German immigrant from Bavaria. In 1854, he and his family came to the U.S., through New Orleans, up the Mississippi River. They first settled in Muscatine, and straight up north of Wilton, to move in with the William Brammeier family, related somehow.

"We think he was related – cousins, or brother-in-law, an uncle or nephew, we're not sure," Lynn said. "We were surprised. This reference has always been in our family, which was documented in the '30s. But it's interesting we never really had anybody in the family ever say the Brammeier family was related."

Wilton became incorporated as a town in 1855, with the railroad just coming through.

Anton was hired to work on the railroad, and the farm included the Mississippi-Missouri Railroad camp, where they had supplies and an encampment for workers, Lynn said.

Feltman didn't come to own it until 1866. The farm passed to his son, Gotlieb, who then sold it to his nephew Garold in 1945. Garold Ochiltree's parents were Minnie and Homer Ochiltree.

Nancy Feltman was Gotlieb's sister and she married Christian Jaspersen. Their daughter was Minnie (Wilhelmina).

"A lot of these properties were given to Civil War soldiers, encouraging them to come west to settle," Lynn said. The

"Way down on the creek bottom, dad would plow along the creek bottom, and there were all the old stories about the Indians that used to stay up on the hill. We picked up arrowheads like you wouldn't believe out of the bottom, and we'd plow it."

Leo Ochiltree



Lynn and Brenda Ochiltree, and Lois and Leo Ochiltree, display family farm photos.

Feltman family had moved across the river from Muscatine into Illinois before settling in Wilton.

"He worked for the railroad and he found out he couldn't get paid, for whatever reason," Lynn said, noting he ended up getting paid, to buy 40 acres in Illinois.

The family moved two miles east of Wilton, where Gotlieb was born. Originally, the farm was 240 acres, and the Ochiltrees ended up acquiring 160 acres in 1945, south of the railroad tracks.

Garold was Leo Ochiltree's father. The farm produced corn, soybeans, cattle and hogs. Leo (Lynn's father) worked on the farm all his life (now 127 acres), from the time he was 10. Now it's farmed (corn and beans) by Leo's nephew Rodney Ochiltree.

They tore a house on the farm down in 1963. Lynn Ochiltree and his family moved into a house they built in 2009, after using beams from a former barn. He grew up in a Taylor Avenue home where his parents still live. No family member has lived on the farm since Leo's brother Jerry and his wife in 1962.

"We had family friends, relatives stay," Leo said. "Way down on the creek bottom, dad would plow along the creek bottom, and there were all the old stories about the Indians that used to stay up on the hill. We picked up arrowheads like you wouldn't believe out of the bottom, and we'd plow it."

"For us kids, that was a big deal, while dad was out there plowing," he added.

The Wilton Fairgrounds (which operated until about 1917) had a building moved to their farm, and Leo baled hay in it. "We fed cattle out of it, shoveled manure out of it, for years. It was a big building."

There's no original buildings, other than a silo, remaining on the farm.

Lynn wanted to build a house there to save the 1880s-era barn. "I feel bad that we tore it down on some level, but I feel proud that we saved it, because it'll have another hundred years of use the way we saved it."

In the 1950s, Leo's dad and some other guys went to the Oscar Mayer plant in Davenport and tore down some vacant buildings. All that steel was brought to their Wilton farm to save the barn from rotting.

"It was in excellent shape when we took it down, because that steel saved it," Leo said. "Dad had a good friend

1866

Ochiltree Farm, Wilton

Leo and Lois Ochiltree

Size: 157.1 acres; Now, 124.31

who worked there who said, 'We're tearing a building down, you wanna come get it? The steel from the Oscar Mayer building saved the barn.'

"It would have been great to save it as it was, but it wasn't really worth it," Lynn said. "We saved all the post beams and one side of the barn had a lean-to on the south, and that those barn boards on the south side almost had never been exposed to the weather. We saved all that side of the barn, and put that entire wall of boards in our house, in the entryway when you walk in."

"It was really special to know we've given the barn a new life," he added. "It's fun when dad goes in and he re-

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The Ochiltree farm in the 1940s.

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members using the barn. We had pigs there growing up.”

Lynn (who has a younger sister, Li-sha) recalls that as “the other place.”

“I was real meticulous – I wanted the beams from the barn put back together exactly how they were taken down. So the barn sits exactly the way it sat, except a few 30 or 40 feet to the north. Part of the house is all the original flooring from the barn, so we saved certain pieces.”

Leo recalled some time in the ‘50s, there was a huge beehive in the barn. There’s still marks from the hive on one of the beams in Lynn’s house. “It’s been cleaned, but yeah, it’s still there.”

“My favorite memory – I just loved exploring the old buildings that were there, going up into the barn,” Lynn said. “We scooped a lot of manure, and that wasn’t fun. I’ve been in the silo. We didn’t spend a ton of time over there.”

Leo and Jerry worked on farming it.

When the family acquired it in 2017 from Leo’s parents’ estate, they cleaned up several fence rows and other areas. “It really didn’t have any tender loving care until then,” Lois said. “We really gave it a new facelift.”

Lynn and his wife Brenda named their son Christian (not after Jasper-son), after Christian Marolf, the first settler of Wilton in 1849.

“I love Wilton and I love history,” Lynn said. Christian Ochiltree, who’s 15, is seven generations removed from Marolf.

They’ve owned the Wilton Candy Kitchen since 2015. The business began in 1860, in the building that dates from 1856. The first soda fountain was installed in 1882.

Lynn, 56, is considered the town’s historian. “I’ve loved these stories since Minnie Ochiltree told me about Anton Feltman when I was little.”

“I didn’t realize how far these things went back until I got older,” he said. He’s hoping to make it to the 200th an-

niversary of the family farm and the Candy Kitchen building.

The Nopoulos family operated the Candy Kitchen from 1910 until the Ochiltrees bought it.

The family was honored to earn the state designation for their Heritage

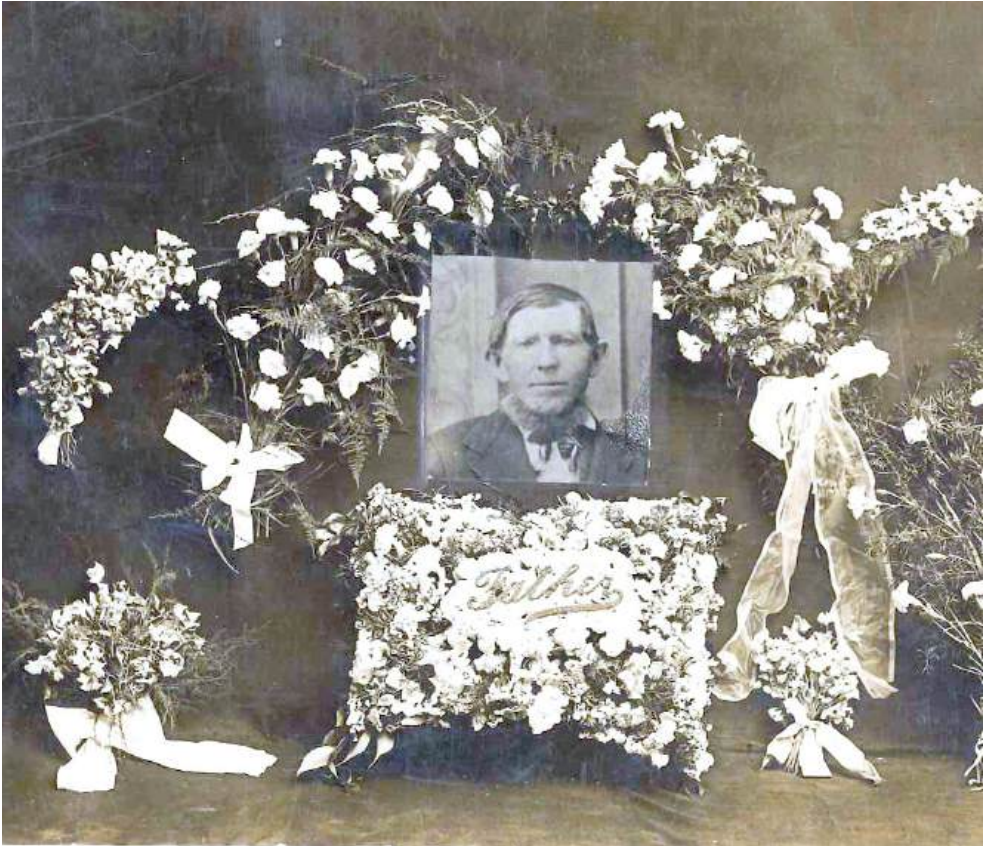
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“We had everybody there but my son-in-law,” Lynn’s mother Lois said, noting nine family members attended.

“It was really cool; it was a long day,” Lynn said. “We saw a lot of people we knew.”



Anton Feltman in 1898, in his sitting room with a portrait of his wife.



Anton Feltman funeral display, 1910.

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An “Arps & Krafts Show” takes pride in Eldridge

By Jonathan Turner

Wendy Kraft lives in a beautiful home on a hillside overlooking the Mississippi River, at the end of a dead-end street in the west side of Davenport:

She takes enormous pride in the long life of the Eldridge farm started in the 19th century by her great-great grandfather, Peter Arp, who came to Iowa from Fiefbergen, Germany (in Schleswig-Holstein) in the 1850s.

The 77-acre farm began in 1866 south of Eldridge on Buttermilk Road and is one of several new Century Farms recognized this year by the State of Iowa. The barn wasn’t built until the 1920s and was sold with a house around 2002.

The farm produces corn and soybeans, and it is rented out.

“Grandma was the best cook, so her food, playing on her porch,” Wendy said recently of her fondest memories. The farm had about 20 cats, plus dogs, chickens, geese and ducks.

In its early years, the farm was owned by Peter Arp’s son John, his grandson Elmer Arp, then Elmer’s children Merl Arp and Ardelle Kraft (who was married to Henry Kraft).

Ardelle and Henry were Wendy’s parents and her grandma was Nora Arp (Elmer’s wife), who died in 2001 at age 101. “She was the sweetest, most loving lady,” Wendy recalled.

Wendy was one of six children – with siblings Charlotte Harsken, Dianne Harrington, Susan (who died of leukemia at age 27 in 1979), Kent Kraft and Joni Grove.

Susan’s son Jonathan Zimpleman lives in South Carolina and is part owner with the living siblings.

The farm is owned by Arps & Krafts LLC, and the Merl Arp Marital Trust. They found out about the state Centu-



The family of Peter Arp (seated second from left), who immigrated to Iowa from Schleswig-Holstein, Germany in the 19th century.

ry Farm program from the 2023 North Scott Press when it was featured. This was the first time the family applied for the honor, and could have applied for the Heritage (150 years and up) designation, which it plans on doing.

At the recognition at the Iowa State Fair in August, Wendy’s family attendance totaled 17 representatives from nine states – in addition to Iowa, they

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Wendy Kraft with her family's Century Farm designation.



A photo of Merl Arp, his sister Ardelle and their mother Nora.



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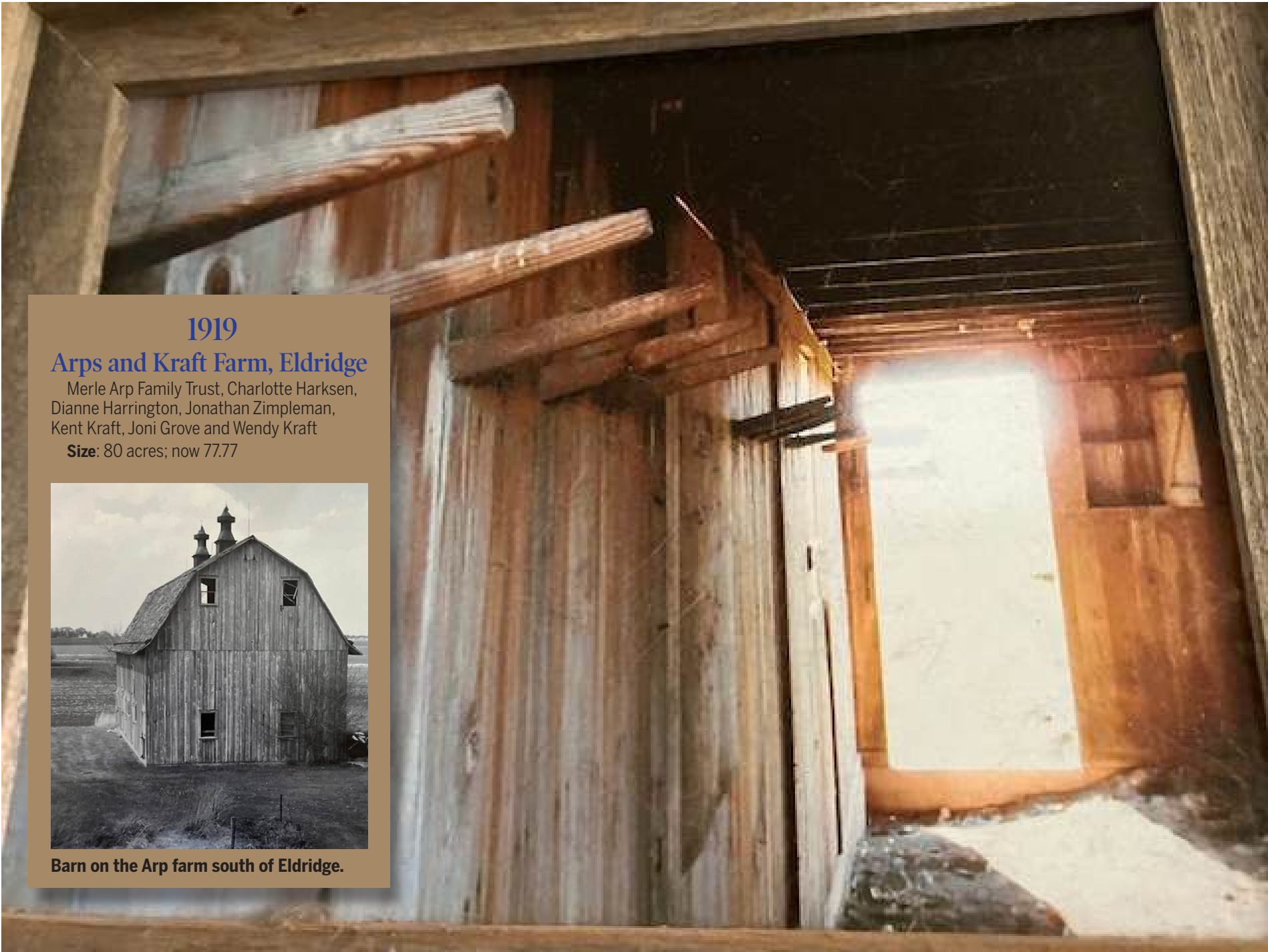
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1919

Arps and Kraft Farm, Eldridge

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Size: 80 acres; now 77.77



Barn on the Arp farm south of Eldridge.

Inside the Arp barn.



Wendy Kraft with an ear from the 2021 harvest.

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came from Oregon, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, South Carolina, California, Colorado, and Maryland.

The youngest family member is Finley Kraft, 15 months, son of Dan Kraft and Emily Wright Kraft (Dan is Kent's son), from Hiawatha, Iowa – the seventh generation.

"I have a really deep sense of my heritage, my roots," Wendy said. "I have

been to Fiefbergen twice, the first time in 2004."

"It was awesome, knowing that I'm walking the same paths, the same streets that Peter did," she said, noting she keeps in touch with a couple distant German cousins. "Fiefbergen was founded around 1275."

Wendy is a member of the Schleswig-Holstein Society, named for the region in Germany from which many Quad Cities area immigrants hailed.

"Genealogy, my ancestry fascinated me," she said. The society (Wendy is a charter member) meets quarterly.

So many Germans moved to Iowa because of similar topography and similar climate, Wendy said.

When they had past family reunions (every few years), Wendy's boyfriend used to call it "The Arps and Krafts Show."

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Ed O'Connor and his oldest son Jack (Jim's father).

‘The greatest experience’: Donahue farm predates state of Iowa



Jim O'Connor in his cornfield in Donahue.

By Jonathan Turner

The 119-acre Donahue farm owned by Jim and Sharon O'Connor is so old it predates founding of the state of Iowa.

Iowa was incorporated Dec. 28, 1846, the same year the farm on 300th Street in Donahue started out with 88 acres. Jim O'Connor is the fourth generation of his family to farm (he's owned it since the 1970s), and since 2020, has rented it out for corn and soybean production.

"I got a bug in my head, heart and soul from my grandfather," he said, noting his father Jack started farming in 1966. "I always had a yen for agriculture."

An Army veteran, Jim and his father farmed, including raising hogs for market. His father got out of the business in 1983, and Jim farmed with his brother Dennis for about five years, facing challenges of the national farm crisis that decade.

"It was pretty ugly in the '80s, with the ag depres-

1846
O'Connor Farm
Donahue

James Patrick and Sharon A. O'Connor

Size: 88 acres; now, 119

sion," Jim said. "It was tough, but we managed through it."

For 22 years, he worked for ag giant Caterpillar in quality control, until 1988.

"There's all kinds of positive memories with my childhood," growing up on the farm, Jim said. "After I came back from service, I wanted to get into livestock, so I got into the hog business."

One of his innovations was cross-breeding Yorkshire and Hampshire pigs with a third breed (Duroc), which proved quite successful at show competitions. The O'Connors had a grand champion hog in a mid-'70s contest in Washington, Iowa, and beat many other Scott County hog producers at competi-

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tions.
“I’ve always been a student of genetics,” Jim said. “Each of the breeds carries different characteristics. I thought Duroc would be real good for that cross. We were producing about 400 hogs on an annual basis.”

A drawback of his childhood on the farm was milking and drinking milk from unvaccinated cows, and Jim later developed the bacterial infection brucellosis. He said that led to health complications he’s had to deal with, like emphysema and heart conditions.

Jim said his father always held back in farming, and “I was always more gung-ho, to get more land, upgrade machinery,” he recalled. “I bought a farm in Grand Mound in ’76, owned it for a short period and sold it for a gain. I pushed to buy ground next door, about 35 acres. I improved it quite a bit and it’s very productive.”

They got out of the hog business in the ’90s when pork prices dropped considerably.

Jim also got involved with raising homing pigeons, inspired in the mid-’90s by the wedding of former Chicago Bull Scottie Pippen, who released white doves at his ceremony.

“I converted a shed to a pigeon loft and had a lot of fun with that,” Jim said. “I went to swaps and meets and got a lot of birds everywhere.” He had his white pigeons at an average of a dozen weddings a year, until 2020.

Jim and Sharon have four children, including a daughter, Johnnie, who owns a 400-acre farm with her husband outside Charles City, Iowa, producing corn and soybeans.

Their son Patrick is a New York City police officer, stationed at the Freedom Tower (One World Trade Center), Kate lives in Nashville and sells medical equipment, and Kelly Lawrence lives in Colona, Ill., and is a special education teacher at Geneseo High School.

“I thought it was the greatest experience, growing up on the farm,” Kelly said recently. “I loved the animals we cared for. We had horses growing up and we rode all the time. We would pack



Jack O'Connor, left, and his family on the hay elevator. From top to bottom -- William (Bill) O'Connor - youngest brother to Jack, then Jack's children James Patrick, Kathy, Maryellen, and Susan.



Aerial photo of the O'Connor farm in 2019.

a lunch and we would just ride all day long.

“The times were great back then – our parents trusted us,” she recalled, noting they helped care for sheep and pigs. “We were pretty mature, independent. The farm taught us responsibility, accountability, a really solid work ethic.”

“It was just an awesome experience to have. One of my favorite memories was playing hide and seek with the neighbor kids and our cousins visiting us,” Kelly said. “Farming, you gotta love it. It teaches you humility, being humble. It can kick you in the teeth.”

“One of the hardest lessons was

death,” she said. “Death of horses; we had one horse struck by lightning, baby pigs that got crippled. Seeing them hurt and suffer was always sad to me. It taught you how to grieve. I loved the farm so much, it saddens me that nobody’s going to take it over.”

Kelly said it’s a very proud moment for the family to be recognized as an Iowa Heritage Farm.

“It’s been in our family for such a long time. A lot of farms didn’t make it in the early ‘80s,” she said. “It shows the grit and determination my Dad and Grandpa had to make it successful. I’m just very proud of our history, the good and the bad.”

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An Eldridge family farm puts emphasis on family



Mary Oetzmann McVey and her husband Rex at their Eldridge farmhouse.

1854
Oetzmann-McVey
Farm
Eldridge
Size: 160 acres. Now, 52.187

By Jonathan Turner

The Oetzmann McVey farm is not only Iowa, but it's literally heaven. A 51-acre farm on Lincoln Road in Eldridge (off a gravel road), there are cornfields as far as the eye can see, beautifully manicured grounds with flowers, a 1912 farmhouse that's been extensively renovated and expanded, a wide-open, serene vibe, and a number of outbuildings, with a comfortable home next door.

The farm – owned by Mary Jo Oetzmann McVey and her husband Rex -- started as 160 acres in 1854, first recognized by the state as a Century Farm in 1974, and this year as a Heritage Farm.

An 80-acre property was originally bought from the government by Ebenezer and Clarissa Cook (for whom the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf is named) in 1851. Ebenezer became a wealthy lawyer and financier, and his wife carried out his wishes after his death in 1871, that the couple's wealth should be shared with those in need.

Paul Petersen started the farm. His daughter married an Oetzmann. "It's fun. We had a lot of fun at the fair," Mary Jo said of going to Iowa State Fair for the recognition ceremony. "A lot of people came up to us and shook our hands. We ran into a guy who lives in Florida now but grew up in Eldridge, so that was kind of cool."

There were 16 members of their family who attended, and some friends from Bettendorf.

When McVey's parents passed away, the farm was 153 acres, and Mary Jo and her two sisters divided it three



Jacob McVey, his wife Kendra and their three children (ages 5, 3 and 1).



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ways in 2017. One sister is Marcia Donaubauber and the other is Sheryl Saddoris (she later sold her portion).

Of the original buildings, the McVeys only have the milk house and tractor shed remaining. Her son Jacob McVey and his family (wife Kendra and three kids, ages 5, 3, and 1) live next door.

In 1984, Mary Jo's father Roland Oetzmann decided to have the barn taken down and use the wood to build a house that Jacob now lives in. It was remodeled in 2018, with a second floor added, when Jacob and his family moved in.

“It was a ranch house and I made it into a two-story house,” he said, noting new siding was put on. “It was a pretty big undertaking. It was important for me to stay on the farm here, so we wanted to raise our family here. I was a North Scott graduate and my wife went to North Scott.”

Jacob works for Bowman & Associates, selling HVAC equipment. Kendra McVey also is from Eldridge, where she teaches third grade at Ed White Elementary.

He and his wife (a couple years younger) didn't know each other in high school.

"It's just a good area to live. It's peaceful out here," Jacob said. "We're close enough to town."

The only animal on the farm now is the younger family's cat, Hazel. Mary Jo said her dad used to have 50 cats.

“When they were building the house here, there was a path from the cats walking back and forth all the time,” Mary Jo said. There also used to be a one-room schoolhouse (built in 1872) on the farm property. Her great grandmother Minnea Oetzmann attended the school.

They once had hundreds of cattle on the farm, and when Mary Jo was growing up, they had cattle and pigs. Her husband Rex has a shop where the corn crib had been (taken down in 1985, when they moved to the farm from Davenport).

Rex and Mary Jo went to one grade at the one-room schoolhouse. Her parents attended the 1974 state designation as a Century Farm.

“We raised our three kids here,” Rex said. Mary Jo loved playing outside and helping her dad with the pigs.

"I never drove a tractor; my older sister did," she said. "We played baseball here a lot. My dad always loved baseball."

“We had a lot of aunts, uncles, and cousins who would stop in often. Mom always had the coffee pot on and pie or cookies to share,” Mary Jo recalled. “Mom and Dad ran the farm by themselves. Mom drove a tractor out in the field as much as what my dad did. One of my memories is when the John Deere dealership delivered two new 3020 tractors. One with a cab and one without, of course, Mom got the cab! And when I was in 2nd grade, the corn picker caught on fire. That was exciting to have the fire trucks come from Eldridge.”

They rent out the farm to a family that's been operating it since the late '70s, corn and soybean production.

"We plan on keeping it this way, no factories," Rex said. "As you know, they're moving closer to us. I don't know."

“Hopefully one day, my three kids



A 1950s aerial view of the rural Eldridge farm.



The McVey farmhouse, built in 1912, and photographed in 1957.

inherit everything," Mary Jo said. She has daughters Jennilee and Abbie, and a total of eight grandchildren (four girls and four boys).

Jacob and his father restored his great-grandfather's car (from 1956), and another car from 1971. The large storage building also includes Mary Jo's dad's 1946 Case tractor.

Mary Jo is retired from working for the state of Iowa (social services), and then Genesis, and Rex worked as a mechanic for city of Davenport buses, then 40 years for Twin Bridges Truck City. When her parents built the ranch house next door, they asked Mary Jo and Rex if they wanted to buy the farm house.

"It was not a good time to move; that was just when Caterpillar was leaving," she said of the '80s farm crisis. Now is clearly a much better time to be on the farm.



The family displays a sign from the old school District 5 school house on the property. Mary and Rex attended one year at the school house.

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The Stoll family accepts Heritage Farm plaques at the Iowa State Fair.



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The Reeder family poses with Century farm plaques at the Iowa State Fair.



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- Rochau Family Farm, Davenport, 1866

Century

- Arp Family Trust, Merle, Eldridge, 1919

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Heritage

- McCullough, Gary & Joanne, Muscatine, 1870
- Mills Family, Gary, Nichols, 1849
- Ochiltree, Leo & Lois, Wilton, 1866
- Walker Farm, Stockton, 1864

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The Mills family poses with Heritage farm plaques at the Iowa State Fair.

Brandon Mills, Amy Mills, Randy Baughman, Connie Mills with grandson Rizzo Baughman, Beth Baughman, Lily Savona, Lincoln Andersen, Julie Savona, Gary Savona. Not pictured are four more grandchildren, Jackson Mills, Christian Mills, Samara Mills, and Quentin Mills.



The Walker family receives Heritage farm plaques at the Iowa State Fair.



Sebastian, London and Lisha Martindale, and Lois and Leo Ochiltree , Christian, Brenda and Lynn Ochiltree, at the 2024 Iowa State Fair Heritage Farm recognition. They are flanked by Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, and Iowa Farm Bureau Federation President Brent Johnson.

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The McCullough family celebrates their Heritage farm at the Iowa State Fair.



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The Criswell family is honored at the Iowa State Fair for their Heritage farm. Front row, from left, Chris Criswell, Jenny Criswell, and Jodie Criswell. Back row, Ben Claussen, Creighton Claussen, and Rylee Claussen.



The Rochau family accepts Heritage Farm plaques at the Iowa State Fair.



The Brus family accepts Heritage Farm plaques at the Iowa State Fair. Mary Brus, Joan Brus, Richard Brus, Becky Avise, Mike Avise, Rachael Avise (little girl), Ruth Brus, Bernard Brus, Daniel Avise (boy), Thomas Brus, Sandy Brus, Michelle Brus, Lisa Brus.



The Oetzmann and McVey families at the Iowa State Fair Heritage Farm ceremony.



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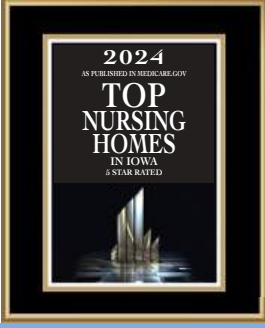
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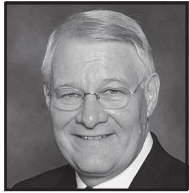
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After a 140-mile drive to Statesmen Community Stadium in Oskaloosa, North Scott returned home as Class 4A District 3 champions.



Senior wide receiver Cash Bowe had this pass dropped right in his arms.



Junior Evan Kruse looks for an angle to the endzone.



A small but loud and proud student section cooked up the usual game night chants.



Head coach Kevin Tippet gives senior Carson Lage five after a touchdown drive.

NSP Photos by Ross Shinberg



Senior Gehrig Kirst uses every inch of his six-foot-one frame to snag this interception.



Senior Jacob Neymeyer boots away a second half kickoff.

Arts and crafts show this weekend in East Moline

Make plans now to attend the First Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show at the Bend XPO in East Moline on Friday, Nov. 1, and Saturday, Nov. 2. This is one of the area's largest shows, with more than 125 talented exhibitors presenting and selling the Midwest's finest handcrafts. The show is a production of Callahan Promotions, Inc. and offers patrons the opportunity to enjoy original affordable arts and crafts.

Among the various products pre-

sented at the show are paintings and prints, gourd art, birdhouses and bird feeders, ceramics, jewelry, metal art sculptures, ornaments, gnomes, soap, pet products, yard and garden art, stained and etched glass, quilts, photography, pottery, candles, clothing, floral wreaths, dolls & doll clothes, rugs, baskets, aprons, place mats, table runners, purses, wood and metal signs, wall hangings, ink pens and many more original products.

Exhibitors will also be selling homemade salsa, breads, fudge, barbecue sauce, jams, dried soup and food mixes, flavored pasta, coffee cakes, coffees and flavored teas.

Admission to the show is \$6, with anyone 10 and under free. Parking is always free. Show hours are Friday from 3-9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Teresa Claussen pulls perfect Football Contest entry

Teresa Claussen of Long Grove had a pristine Football Contest entry this week. Not only did she correctly guess all of the winners, she was also bang on with a tiebreaker of 47, the total number of points in Oregon's 38-9 win over Illinois. Congratulations on the \$50 first prize!

Grant Porter of Long Grove receives the \$25 second prize, with a perfect score and a tiebreaker of 50. Jaclyn Kearney of Park View and Mary Kashmarek of Eldridge both had tiebreakers of 53 and will split the \$10 third prize.

Other contestants who guessed all games correctly, and their tiebreakers, include Pat Murphy of Bettendorf (56) and Carson Kress of Eldridge (58).

Making up the honor roll were contestants who missed one: Brady Ernst, Mitchel Gorsh, Keller Kearney, Kamryn Kearney, J. Michael Burke, Jim Roseman, Lisa Mealer-Burke, Taylor Bush, Gary Ebelsheiser, Clay DeCock, Ivy Wallace, Page Mossage, Gianna Wallace, Connor Kashmarek, Andrew Kashmarek, Mike Murphy, Troy Harmel, Eric Clark, and Dick Clark.

Forty-five contestants missed two and 39 missed three. There were 140 entries.

Games missed the most frequently

included Cedar Rapids Kennedy over Davenport North, West Virginia over Arizona, and Texas A&M over LSU.

Other winners included North Scott over Oskaloosa, Cedar Rapids Xavier over Burlington, Clear Creek-Amana over Clinton, Cedar Falls over Davenport West, Dubuque Hempstead over Davenport Central, Pleasant Valley over Linn-Mar, Alabama over Missouri, Kansas State over Kansas, Notre Dame over Navy, Oregon over Illinois, Iowa over Northwestern, Missouri State over UNI, Texas over Vanderbilt, and Michigan over Michigan State.

Four weeks remain in the contest, with a new slate of games appearing in this week's NSP.

Be sure to visit our sponsors to pick up your extra entry forms: Porter Insurance Agency, DuTrac Community Credit Union, ORA Sports Medicine, Ed Morse Chevrolet GMC in DeWitt, First Central State Bank, American Mutual Insurance Association, Ruhl&Ruhl Realtors - Nancy Billups, Iowa 80 Truckstop, Steve's Auto Sales in McCausland, King's Material, Eastern Iowa Tire, Eldridge Body Shop, Central Broadband, Amhof Trucking.



Learn about history and podcasts Saturday at Eldridge library

Are you interested in local history or curious about how podcasts are created? The Scott County Library System is excited to announce an upcoming live recording of the Relevant or Irrelevant Podcast (ROI) on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Eldridge Branch.

In this weekly show, the hosts examine events of history through the discussion of books, journal articles, papers, and presentations, then historians and history buffs ask the question, what is relevant or irrelevant in today's world. Since the launch of this show in 2008, they have recorded 585 shows. ROI has been recognized for excellence in public affairs journalism. The program has received multiple Outstanding Broadcast Awards from the Iowa Broadcast News Association including a First-Place award in the Public Affairs for the Large Market Radio division. ROI has also received several Eric Severeid Awards in Talk/Public Affairs from the Midwest Broadcast Journalists Association for excellence in public affairs journalism.

This event will be held at the Eldridge Branch, located at 200 N. 6th Ave. Join us as we host ROI for this special event that is open to the public. There will be two live podcast recordings of the award-winning show. Attendees will have the opportunity to listen to the shows live and learn more about how a podcast is created. You are welcome to attend as much or as little of the program as you would like.

At 10 a.m., host Terri Toppler and History Buffs Rick Sweet and Ed Broders will record Show #593, "History of the Scott County Library," interviewing Christine Barth, information and tech services librarian for the Scott County Library System.

At 11 a.m., Toppler, Sweet and Broders will record Show #594, "Little Stone for a Big Man: The Giant of Scott County," featuring local historian and author John Brassard.

For more information on the event, visit scottcountylibrary.org.



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Special Execution**

**STATE OF IOWA
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SCOTT COUNTY
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VS
MICHELLE CARLSON (TURNER) a/k/a MICHELLE A. CARLSON; DOMONIC O. TURNER; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; MM FINANCE, LLC; and L& M ACCOUNTS, INC
DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor)**

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execu-tion ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real es-tate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: Lot 7 in Oak Heights Addition (formerly Oak Knoll) to the City of Davenport, Iowa situated in the County of Scott and State of Iowa

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City of Donahue

October 7, 2024

Mayor Schoenthaler called the regular meeting of the Donahue City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Arp, Ganzer, Cronkleton, Kelley and Looney. Also present was Sarah Ganzer, Ben Baugher, Victor Rose, Dave Rose, Mike DeJulius, Clayton Scjoenthaler, Kevin Marple and Matt Miaires.

Minutes of the previous meeting held 9/9/24 were considered.

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

Receipts for September:	
Road Use Tax.....	\$2937.53
General Fund.....	12653.19
Water Fund.....	116.00
Sewer Fund.....	84.00
Total Receipts.....	15790.72
Expenses presented for review:	
Alliant Utilities, electricity.....	710.49
First Trust, FTD.....	280.07
Central Scott, phone.....	210.20
Sarah Ganzer, software & food.....	180.89
MCI, long distance.....	29.92
IPERS, retirement.....	287.95
North Scott Press, Publications.....	94.83
Iowa American Water, water & sewer.....	100.59
Commercial Printers, signs.....	179.88
Cedar County Coop., fuel.....	508.72
Republic Services, refuse pick-up.....	2388.75
TCM Bank/VISA, supplies.....	348.47
Larry Mohr, electrical supplies.....	802.37
State of Iowa, sales tax.....	5896.29
Payroll.....	1627.55
Total.....	\$13646.97

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

Additions to the agenda were that we got a bid for some street repair work on 8th Court East. It is a 27x16 patch from Hammertime. They need to get it repaired as soon as possible or it may need to wait til spring. A council member will contact them on a time frame. The city returned some electrical receptacles to Menards. The Friends of Donahue took over the Blessing Box in front of the City Shed. They will look for businesses or groups to help fill it.

Various correspondences were read and the financial report was given.

Mike DeJulius was here and presented the city with the bond permit for the Maple Grove housing addition. The city attorney looked at it earlier in the day and is good with it. Cronkleton made a motion to accept bond permit and it was seconded by Kelley. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

The city received a copy of the DNR permit for the lift station for the housing addition. Iowa American Water received one also. The week of October 14, 2024 Mike DeJulius hopes to be moving some dirt for the addition. The Final copy of the Plat has the surveyor's signature on it. The city still needs to sign it. The city engineer Jason Holdorf would like to see the restrictive covenants yet. The retention pond will be returned the HOA covenant.

TIF was discussed with the mayor and a council member in late September with the city attorney and Amy Bjork from Dorsey & Whitney. Amy wants some wording changed and what the cost would be for this project.

The city purchased a broom sweep and a bigger bucket for the skid loader. Cronkleton got a price for a 74 inch snow blower from Bobcat for \$7050.71. We will keep our eyes open for a snow blower. The tires were delivered for the skid steer also. A pivot bolt for the plow will be delivered for the bucket. We may need to look into stainless steel flag holders for the flags that go on the poles. We may need to replace the black pick-up in a few years.

The city will get a lift to help with the installation of the Christmas light brackets and electrical outlets.

Trick-or-Treat will be Thursday October 31, 2024 form 5-7 p.m. Please have porch light on. A hot dog grab and go sack lunch will be available at the Fire Station from the same time. The Friends of Donahue will be having a pumpkin carving contest on October 30, 2024.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Arp and seconded by Cronkleton, to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Ken Schoenthaler
Mayor**

**Christie Arp
City Clerk**

City of Eldridge

October 21, 2024

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open session at Eldridge Community Center at 7:00 pm on October 21, 2024.

Council Members Present: Dan Collins, Brian Dockery, Scott Campbell, Ryan Iossi, Adrian Blackwell (absent)

Presiding: Mayor Frank King
Also Present: Marty O'Boyle, Ivory Butler, Henry Rieck, Ayden Tschopp, Davis Hoeper, Cole Green, Jackson Stevenson, Ray Nees, Erin Gentz, Dale Grunwald, Tony Cavanaugh, Haily Sanders, & Zach Howell

Motion by Dockery to approve the agenda. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment
Students that were present introduced themselves.

Mayor's Agenda
Motion by Iossi to approve City Council Minutes from October 7, 2024. Second by Campbell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Campbell to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting from October 7, 2024. Second by Iossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Campbell to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$449,690.18. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Campbell to approve a Liquor License Renewal for Tasty Cafe. Second by Iossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business
Motion by Dockery to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-13 Amending Title C, Chapter Two, Section 8.04 of Eldridge City Code for Residential and Commercial/Industrial Sewer Rental Unit billing. Second by Collins. Roll call vote indicated, Campbell (Aye) , Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Iossi (Aye)

Motion by Dockery to approve Change Order #1 to the 2024 Eldridge Street Improvements contract in the amount of \$17,144.40 for a pavement patch on W LeClaire Rd and an additional contingency amount of \$25,252.50 for potential curb and gutter replacement along N 7th and N 8th Street only at the direction of field engineer and City staff . Second by Dockery. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Iossi to approve a proposal from Shive Hattery in the amount of \$35,750 for the 4th Ave Traffic Signal project . Second by Collins. Roll call vote indicated, Campbell (Nay), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Iossi (Aye)

New Business
Motion by Campbell to approve an estimate from Flenker Land Architecture Consultants, LLC, in the amount of \$4,850 to perform wetlands delineation of Sheridan Meadows Park pond with options to include additional areas in the delineation. Second by Iossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Iossi to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2024-14 Amending Chapter 8, Title C of the Eldridge City Code by adopting new building codes. Second by Collins. Roll call vote indicated, Campbell (Aye) , Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Iossi (Aye)

Motion by Campbell to approve Resolution 2024-27 Approving the FY24 Street Finance Report. Second by Dockery. Roll call vote indicated, Campbell (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Iossi (Aye)

Motion by Campbell to approve Resolution 2024-26 Approving Stone Brook 3rd Addition Outlot Replat. Second by Dockery. Roll call vote indicated, Campbell (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Iossi (Aye).

Motion by Campbell to approve Change Orders #1 and #2 for the Triple B Construction Contract for Iowa DOT Project #TAP-T-2290(616)—8V-82 Townsend Farms Trail in the amounts of -\$6,750 and \$5,527.50 respectively. Second by Iossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Board/Staff Activity Reports
City Administrator
Updated the Council on the outcome of the TEAP kickoff meeting and the City's Update Breakfast. Also updated the Council on the City's Health Insurance renewal.

Fiber will be installed in all city facilities.

Proposal to have the Joint Utility Board and Council Meeting on November 4th.

Lincoln Road traffic counts were submitted to Bi-State.

Assistant City Administrator
Planning & Zoning reviewed the Solar Ordinance revisions will be forthcoming.

City Clerk
Shared with Council that the auditors were onsite last week and were very complimentary of Staff's response and record keeping.

Police Chief
Officer Cavanaugh shared with the Council that Officer Sander's training is going as planned.

Motion by Dockery to move into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)j "To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property". Second by Campbell. Roll call vote indicated, Campbell (Aye) , Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Iossi (Aye)

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 8:27 pm Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Frank King
Mayor**

**Martha Nieto
City Clerk**

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SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

8:57 a.m. — Charles Ivan Nunn, 33, Davenport, was charged with a sex offender registration violation – 1st offense, following an incident in the 400 block of West 4th Street, Davenport.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

7:22 a.m. — Allison Courtney Jacoby, 37, Bettendorf, was charged with OWI – 1st offense and driving while license denied or revoked, and cited for violation of financial liability coverage, following an incident in the 19200 block of 252nd Avenue, Bettendorf.

MONDAY, OCT. 14

4:00 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near Big Rock Road and 52nd Avenue, Dixon. A vehicle driven by Paige Nicole Owings, 30, DeWitt, was southbound on 52nd Avenue, traversing onto Big Rock Road. Owings reportedly told deputies she sneezed and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle left the roadway and went into a ditch. Owings was cited for failure to maintain control.

4:23 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem at West Lake Park.

8:00 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near East 53rd Street and Utica Ridge Road.

8:59 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 22000 block of 300th Street, where a vehicle driven by Bailey Jean Johnson, 29, Princeton, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

3:40 a.m. — Kristy L. Moeller, 51, Lincoln, Neb., was charged with eluding and possession of a controlled substance, and cited for failure to obey a stop sign and yield the right of way and speeding, following an incident in the 100 block of South 3rd Avenue, Eldridge.

7:49 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

9:27 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

9:31 a.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 600 block of West 4th Street.

10:19 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem near Ripley and West 9th streets.

1:51 p.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 24700 block of 178th Street.

3:54 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of West 5th Street.

5:45 p.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 1400 block of Kaylann Drive.

5:57 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with hit and run damage in the 700 block of West Walcott Road, Walcott.

6:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near 140th Street and 110th Avenue.

7:24 p.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 18000 block of 250th Street.

8:11 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a missing person in the 300 block of Walnut Street.

1:09 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 3000 block of Utica Ridge Road.

9:41 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 100 block of Kirkwood Boulevard.

10:31 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 3700 block of Brady Street.

12:38 p.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 200 block of South Park View Drive.

1:53 p.m. — Deputies responded to a vandalism complaint near Valley Drive and Wells Ferry Road.

3:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 6000 block of Brady Street.

4:01 p.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 17100 block of 293rd Street.

4:03 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

4:31 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 1600 block of West 53rd Street.

6:37 p.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 600 block of North Highway 67.

6:50 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 27700 block of Great River Road, where a vehicle driven by Eugene Joseph Harding, 69, Silvis, Ill., struck a deer that entered the roadway.

9:38 p.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 5300 block of Elmore Avenue.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

8:20 a.m. — Ashley Leann Taylor, 32, Davenport, was charged with driving while barred (habitual offender), following an incident in the 400 block of West 4th Street, Davenport.

9:47 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 2700 block of West 72nd Street.

9:58 a.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 2000 block of Telegraph Road.

12:55 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 2300 block of West Locust Street.

1:05 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance.

2:44 p.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 100 block of East 4th Street.

6:47 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 3800 block of West Kimberly Road.

9:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near Utica Ridge Road and East 76th Street, Davenport, where a vehicle driven by Kara Kristin Kemmerer, 53, Eldridge, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

8:42 a.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 13400 block of Utah Avenue.

2:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 3300 block of Spring Street.

3:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance near Bridge Avenue and East 29th Street.

3:28 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near Brady Street and East Kimberly Road, Davenport. A vehicle driven by Julia Vermeere, 40, Rock Island, was in the inside left turn lane at the intersection of Brady Street and East Kimberly Road. A vehicle driven by Arlo Wayne Samuel-

son, 88, Laurens, was in the outside left turn lane. As the vehicles made their left turn, they collided.

4:36 p.m. — Leanna Rose Boore, 42, Buffalo, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) – 1st offense, following a traffic stop in the 200 block of Jefferson Street, Buffalo.

5:15 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near Jones and North 5th streets.

5:20 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 28100 block of 229th Street.

9:01 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance.

9:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance.

10:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance on Manor Drive.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

12:07 a.m. — Dartavious Darion McNeil, 21, Davenport, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) – 1st offense, following a traffic stop near mile marker 125 on Highway 61 South, Eldridge.

12:29 a.m. — Deputies responded to a shots fired call near Whitewood Avenue and South Rolff Street.

12:54 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 6300 block of Appomattox Road.

12:56 a.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 1400 block of Marquette Street.

1:53 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 4800 block of Utica Ridge Road.

2:03 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 5900 block of Elmore Avenue.

10:41 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Manor Drive.

1:45 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of East Brownlie Lane, Long Grove.

2:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of South 2nd Street.

3:25 p.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint on Manor Drive.

4:04 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 300 block of West 3rd Street.

4:30 p.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 2200 block of Marquette Street.

6:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near East 53rd Street and Elmore Avenue.

7:45 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 2300 block of Jackson Avenue.

9:29 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 287.5 on Interstate 80 East. A vehicle driven by Jolie N. Mugabe, 26, East Moline, was eastbound on Interstate 80. Mugabe reportedly started to fall asleep while driving, causing the vehicle to run off the roadway to the left. Mugabe swerved to the right in an attempt to get back on the roadway and overcorrected, causing the vehicle to go into the south ditch.

11:25 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance near South Concord and Marion streets.

11:41 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 1700 block of West 68th Street.

TUESDAY, OCT. 15

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16



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'Next men up' pave path to title

Lancers crush Oskaloosa to claim district crown; NS hosts Western Dubuque on Friday

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

It is not possible to quantify adversity. But if it were, North Scott football would be multiple standard deviations to the negative.

"I don't think, in 18 years as a head coach," Kevin Tippet began, "I've ever had this many changes in our lineup and as many different guys hurt at different times.

"That's football and that's sports sometimes. You can't control it. But I don't think we've started the same offensive line since week three. We've started a different group every time."

Dealing with a revolving door of rotations and personnel has not been easy. But the hallmark of good teams is winning when not at their best.

The Lancers' unwavering faith in each other helped to snap a three-season district championship drought.

With a 56-7 dismantling of Oskaloosa, North Scott claimed a district crown for the sixth time since 2016.

This title, however, is extra special because of the path these Lancers took to get here.

"They've battled hard. Guys keep their nose down, keep working and find ways to get better," Tippet said. "Different people step up and make plays. To be district champs is a testament to us pounding on that rock and being there when it mattered."

Lancer senior Gehrig Kirst added, "We just had people come out and do what they needed to do... You see a new guy next to you and he can still do the same job. I trust him to do it."

To win the district title, North Scott needed two week nine scenarios to hit. The Lancers had to beat Oskaloosa by at least 11 points to own the district points differential tiebreaker against Cedar



The Lancers mob senior Caden Noel (No. 63) after he scored his first varsity touchdown off of a blocked punt and recovery.

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Senior Chase Smith spins the ball for an endzone shot.

Rapids Xavier and Clear-Creek Amana if all three teams ended the regular season with one district loss.

Additionally, North Scott also needed Clear Creek-Amana to beat Clinton. If the Lancers and Saints were the only two teams with one loss, the Lancers would lose the head-to-head tiebreaker

with the Saints.

The Clippers easily took care of the River Kings, 56-22, putting the onus on North Scott to take care of its business.

"We talked Sunday night with our guys. After Clear Creek beat Xavier, we got a little help. We controlled our own destiny," Tippet said. "We figured we had to win by 11 or more. As a coach, I've never been in that situation where points mattered."

At no point Friday evening did the 11-point margin come into question.

Despite going three-and-out on its first possession of the game, the Lancers took a one-way train to title town.

Senior Cash Bowe opened the scoring with a 12-yard touchdown grab five minutes into the game.

Before the first quarter ended, senior Beau Morgan scored a two-yard rushing touchdown, the first score of his career, to push the Lancers over their magic number.

On the very next play from scrimmage, Kirst took matters into his own hands by ripping the ball out of an Indian ball carrier's hand and dashing in for the team's first defensive score of the season.

"This whole week, we emphasized winning the turnover battle. That's a big thing because we haven't gotten very many of those this year," Kirst said. "Even before that drive, we were saying, 'Go get one. Go get one. He's leaving it out.' I saw (the ball) and ripped it and ran."

Leading by three scores, North Scott's offense continued to roll.

Carson Lage scored his first touchdown of the night from 23 yards out to put his team up 21-0.

After a second turnover generated by Kirst, this time an interception, Lage scored on another touchdown pass from senior Chase Smith to set the score at

35-0.

The mercy rule running clock began with seven minutes and 31 seconds left in the second quarter.

"We really started clicking after that first drive," Smith said. "We figured out what they were doing on defense — we were practicing for something else. We were expecting a 3-3 stack, which they did come in with. But we were preparing more for a three-deep, cover-three, look. But they mostly came out in cover zero."

Trying to play man coverage against Lage and Bowe was a flaw in the game plan.

Bowe erupted for 146 yards on 11 catches and two touchdowns. His touchdown catch gave North Scott a 42-0 lead before the end of the half.

Lage hauled in three passes for 62 yards and two touchdowns. Smith played just one quarter but completed 14 of his 17 passes for 208 yards.

"We knew they were going to play some man coverage. I didn't expect them to play only man coverage all game," Tippet said. "As soon as we saw that, we made a small adjustment on the sideline and off we went. Chase threw some great balls. Our receivers made some good plays. And our protection was good."

Sophomore Miller Haedt started the second half at quarterback for the second time this season and rushed in for his second touchdown of the season to make the game 49-0.

Oskaloosa avoided a shutout with a 56-yard touchdown strike with 8:43 to go in the fourth quarter.

But North Scott would get the last laugh.

With under two minutes to play, on a fourth and 17 from its own two-yard line, the Indians lined up for a punt.

North Scott senior Caden Noel got into

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Lancer senior Kennadi Thiessen



Lancer freshman Natalie O'Flahrity



Lancer senior Yorty Hagedorn



Lancer sophomore Jason Garnica

NSP Photos by Ross Shinberg

NORTH SCOTT CROSS-COUNTRY

Reaching the end of the road

Lancers' season ends at state qualifying meet in Bettendorf

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

North Scott's cross-country runners ran their final race last Wednesday at Bettendorf's Crow Creek Park, marking the end of the 2024 season.

For the first time since 2013, the scarlet and silver won't be represented in Fort Dodge for the state meet.

Even without a November race, Lancer coach Amy Knoche sees the positives after the season finale.

"This meet was a good experience builder for our younger kids who will be returning next year," Knoche said. "Both teams were fairly young this season, so it is encouraging that they are hungry to get better and be back faster next fall."

Of the 14 Lancer runners who toed the line for this year's district meet, 10 will have the opportunity to return in 2025. Eight runners are either freshmen or sophomores.

These athletes were given a difficult task for the state qualifying meet drawing the Crow Creek Park assignment. While it is close to home and a course the Lancers are familiar with, these Bettendorf trails are among the toughest in the state.

While the runners were resilient and ran good races, no personal records came from the North Scott side at this meet.

"Crow Creek is a really tough course to PR on just because of the nature of its difficulty," Knoche said. "It really doesn't surprise me that we didn't have any PRs."

"Everyone in the girls' race dropped times from September and I was happy to see improvement from when we ran there earlier in the season, which is

what we want."

Freshman Natalie O'Flahrity, as she has for a majority of the season, paced the Lancer girls' efforts with a 21:25 race, which was good for a 31st-place finish.

Sophomore Khloe Hamilton was the other Lancer to go sub-22 minutes with her 37th place time of 21:53.

The other five North Scott runners were all bunched up in the 22-minute range.

They finished, in order, with senior Kate Blodig (22:05 — 38th), sophomore Sophi Schneckloth (22:30 — 42nd), senior Kennadi Thiessen (22:38 — 43rd), senior Kaelin Carlson-Gross (22:38 — 44th) and freshman Grace Hamann (22:49 — 45th).

In the team standings, the North Scott girls finished seventh out of eight eligible teams. The Lancer boys placed eighth out of 10 eligible teams.

The boys' team had just six runners finish the race as the injury bug struck again.

"For the boys' team, all season we just seemed to battle injury and illness constantly," Knoche said. "The state qualifying meet was no different. Unfortunately, Carter (Unwin) had to make the tough but probably wise decision not to finish because he is still nursing an injury... Several of the other guys were ill earlier in the week. It's a tough break when all the marbles are down for one specific race."

dorf all qualified as a team in the boys' race with Bulldog AJ Willey claiming the district crown with a 15:56 race.

Pleasant Valley's boys missed qualifying for the state tournament as a team for the first time in 22 seasons.

The Lady Spartans, however, continued their fall dominance. Claiming each of the top four spots, led by Ani Wedemeyer at 18:33, Pleasant Valley will be a threat to win it all in Fort Dodge.

City High and Waukee's girls also punched their tickets.

Other notable MAC qualifiers include Davenport Central's girls' team, Davenport Assumption's boys' team and Central DeWitt's boys' team.

Despite North Scott's season ending one race short, its teams will have a lot to build on heading into next season.

Through the ups and downs of 2024, the Lancers remained true to one of the core philosophies that made the team so successful over the past decade.

"Cross-country can be considered an individual sport, but I really love how the culture of our team is built around being a family," Knoche said. "The kids run for each other instead of individual glory. It's cool to see the relationships that the athletes form with each other and the coaches."

"Running is hard and sometimes mundane, so we do our best to provide team activities that keep the kids engaged. I really love to see the kids continue to form their relationships with their teammates in activities outside of cross-country."

"We had exceptional senior leadership this year, so I'm excited to see how the younger kids will learn from them and keep that tradition going for next season."

Lancer girls' fastest times

Natalie O'Flahrity, 20:56; Kate Blodig, 21:01; Sophi Schneckloth, 21:17; Khloe Hamilton, 21:22; Kennadi Thiessen, 21:46; Grace Hamann, 21:49; Kaelin Carlson-Gross, 21:57.

Lancer boys' fastest times

Jack McCarthy, 17:15; Carter Unwin, 17:17; Yorty Hagedorn, 17:31; Parker Hamly, 17:41; Jason Garnica, 17:57; Zeke Skyles, 17:59; Ben Clayton, 18:13.

Three Lancer boys turned in top 50 times, including junior Jack McCarthy (17:54 — 36th), senior Yorty Hagedorn (18:13 — 44th) and sophomore Parker Hamly (18:19 — 46th).

Sophomore Jason Garnica cracked the varsity lineup for just the third time this season after running a 17:57 personal record in the freshman/sophomore Mississippi Athletic Conference meet on Oct. 16.

At Crow Creek last Wednesday, he posted an 18:35 time and earned 52nd place.

"Jason has been running really well this season, but again has been dealing with both injury and illness. It was nice to see him grind it out and finish the season with a solid race," Knoche said.

Freshman Zeke Skyles (18:41 — 53rd) and sophomore Ben Clayton (18:58 — 57th) rounded out the Lancer lineup.

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NORTH SCOTT VOLLEYBALL

Lancers throttle Clinton in regional semifinal

North Scott concedes just 19 points in dominant straight sets victory

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

The Lancers know what time it is and they are not messing around.

They began their regional semifinal against Clinton at 7 p.m. in The Pit last Thursday and got out of the gym in time to make any late dinner reservations.

North Scott defeated the River Queens 25-7, 25-8, 25-4 in the regional semifinal and are now four wins away from repeating as state champions.

The match was so lopsided that the Lancers got 14 girls into the match across the final two sets.

However, the usual suspects were still doing the damage.

Junior Kenzie Moeller cracked 15 kills on just 19 attacks. Senior Abbey Hayes was ultra-efficient as well, smacking 13 kills on 20 attacks. Senior Emee Allard joined the party with seven kills on 12 attacks.

Four other Lancers recorded multiple kills Thursday night including junior Paige Coon with five, juniors Addison Allen and Adalynn Johnson with three and senior Lainey Wall with two.

Allen assisted on 40 points and dug up six attacks. Junior Ainsley Haedt led with 12 digs and Moeller recorded her double-double with 11 digs.

Haedt and Moeller combined for seven of the Lancers' 10 aces. As a team, North Scott served at a 95.9 percent clip.

On the opposite side of the regional bracket, Class 4A No. 14 Grinnell topped unranked North Polk in four sets (25-22, 21-25, 28-26, 25-18).

The Lancers and Tigers played the regional final on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in The Pit in the first matchup between the schools in Varsity Bound's recorded history.

The winner advanced to the state tournament. The Class 4A volleyball state tournament begins on Monday, Nov. 4 in the early evening window at Xtream Arena in Coralville.

First serve for the state semifinals will be just after 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6.

The Class 4A state title game will start no earlier than 12:15 p.m.

A full recap of the regional final will be published in next week's edition.

If North Scott qualifies for the state tournament, a state tournament preview and a game story from Monday's quarterfinal will also be published.

Season statistics summary

Kills

Abbey Hayes, 358; Kenzie Moeller, 254; Emee Allard, 192; Paige Coon, 55; Lainey Wall, 49; Addison Allen, 42; Adalynn Johnson, 34; Ainsley Haedt, 1; Addison Harms, 1.

Kill efficiency

Addison Allen, .389; Emee Allard, .332; Abbey Hayes, .329; Lainey Wall, .292; Kenzie Moeller, .265; Adalynn Johnson, .257; Paige Coon, .248.

Assists

Addison Allen, 850; Ainsley Haedt, 39; Abbey Hayes, 14; Kenzie Moeller, 13; Laina Brehmer, 5; Emee Allard, 4; Lainey Wall, 1; Paige Coon, 1.

Digs

Ainsley Haedt, 253; Abbey Hayes, 152; Emee Allard, 149; Addison Allen, 131; Kenzie Moeller, 125; Laina Brehmer, 43; Paige Coon, 17; Lainey Wall, 13; Cadey Bredar, 8; Reese Jackson, 3; Adalynn Johnson, 3.

Blocks

Lainey Wall, 53; Paige Coon, 48; Emee Allard, 34; Abbey Hayes, 27; Addison Allen, 24; Kenzie Moeller, 21; Adalynn Johnson, 1.

Aces

Addison Allen, 63; Abbey Hayes, 52; Kenzie Moeller, 44; Ainsley Haedt, 23; Emee Allard, 23; Laina Brehmer, 21; Paige Coon, 8; Lainey Wall, 5; Addyson Miguel, 2; Cadey Bredar, 2; Kenna Kibler, 1.

Serving efficiency

Laina Brehmer, .978; Ainsley Haedt, .970; Emee Allard, .932; Abbey Hayes, .915; Kenzie Moeller, .875; Addison Allen, .853.



North Scott senior Laina Brehmer gets ready to send this serve on its way.
NSP Photo by Erin M. Gentz

FOOTBALL: Lancers renew rivalry with Western Dubuque

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the backfield and swatted the punt with his right arm. The ball stayed inside the endzone, took one big bounce, another small hop, and landed in Noel's arms for a touchdown.

North Scott's sideline poured onto the field to celebrate another senior scoring points.

"It wasn't even our punt return team. It was our defense on the field. They didn't protect very well," Tippet noted. "That was a lot of fun. We'll take that 15-yard penalty all night."

Playoff push begins at home

Early Saturday morning, the Iowa High School Athletic Association released its Class 4A playoff pods and final Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) rank-

ings.

As district champion, the Lancers earned a guaranteed home game and drew an all too familiar foe.

Western Dubuque will come to Eldridge this Friday to renew its rivalry with the Lancers.

The Bobcats ended North Scott's season last year in Epworth with a 21-7 victory at the quarterfinal stage.

It was déjà vu five weeks ago as Western Dubuque defeated North Scott by the same score at Lancer Stadium in non-district play.

In the interim, Western Dubuque lost two games and finished in third place in its district.

The Bobcats lost 25-6 on the road against Waverly-Shell Rock and 10-7 at undefeated Decorah.

However, due to its position at No. 7 in the RPI, Western Dubuque was never in danger of missing out on the playoffs.

Other district champions in 2024 are Spencer (No. 14), Decorah (No. 2), Gilbert (No. 6), North Polk (No. 1) and Norwalk (No. 12).

North Scott and Western Dubuque are in playoff pod 'B' with Decorah (RPI No. 2) hosting Newton (No. 14) on the opposite side of the bracket.

Playoff pod 'A' consists of Fort Dodge (No. 16) at North Polk and Cedar Rapids

Xavier (No. 8) at Norwalk.

Pod 'C' includes Clear Creek-Amana (No. 11) at Pella (No. 3) and Waverly-Shell Rock at Gilbert.

Lastly, matchups in pod 'D' are Ballard (No. 13) at Lewis Central (No. 4) and Adel DeSoto Minburn (No. 5) at Spencer.

Quarterfinal playoff host sites are determined solely by the final RPI. For North Scott, this means it can only host the quarterfinals if Newton hands Decorah its first loss of the season.

For now, the Lancers will focus all of their energy on solving the Bobcats' puzzle which has stumped them in the last three meetings.

Unlike last season's playoff game, the Lancers will have the home-field advantage.

"We had it in the back of our minds on senior night that could have been our last game in that stadium. We tried to cherish that moment," Smith said. "But now that we have another one, we're going to put on a show for our home crowd."

Season statistics leaders

Passing yards

Chase Smith, 1655; Cash Bowe, 158; Miller Haedt, 60.

Rushing yards

Evan Kruse, 576; Jerrod Lee, 278; Chase Smith, 273; Will McDermott, 56; Miller Haedt, 44; Cash Bowe, 30.

Receiving yards

Cash Bowe, 724; Carson Lage, 683; Kye Smith, 267; Scott McCoy, 83; Jesse Eller, 49.

Total tackles

Kye Smith, 40.5; Brent Morgan, 38.5; Beau Morgan, 33.5; Gehrig Kirst, 32.0; Will Schneckloth, 28.0; Cash Bowe, 25.0; Peyton Brenner, 23.5; Cole Johnson, 23.0; Landon Golinghorst, 21.5; Bryce Stewart, 21.0.

Interceptions

Cole Johnson, 2; Cash Bowe, 2.

Fumble recoveries

Gehrig Kirst, 2.

Kicking

Chase Smith 31-32 on PATs, 2-3 on FGs.

4A RPI RANKINGS (WEEK 9)
1. North Polk (9-0)
2. Decorah (9-0)
3. Pella (8-1)
4. Lewis Central (8-1)
5. ADM (7-2)
6. Gilbert (8-1)
7. Western Dubuque (6-3)
8. Cedar Rapids Xavier (6-3)
9. North Scott (7-2)
10. Waverly-Shell Rock (6-3)
11. Clear Creek-Amana (6-3)
12. Norwalk (6-3)
13. Ballard (5-4)
14. Spencer (6-3)
15. Newton (6-3)
16. Fort Dodge (7-2)

CLASS 4A PLAYOFF PODS ROUND OF 16
Pod 'A'
- Fort Dodge at North Polk
- Cedar Rapids Xavier at Norwalk
Pod 'B'
- Newton at Decorah
- Western Dubuque at North Scott
Pod 'C'
- Clear Creek-Amana at Pella
- Waverly-Shell Rock at Gilbert
Pod 'D'
- Ballard at Lewis Central
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ASHLEY DEXTER

Dexter inducted into St. Ambrose athletic hall of fame

Former Lancer two-sport star played soccer and basketball as a Fighting Bee

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

North Scott alum Ashley Dexter (Class of ‘09) was inducted in the St. Ambrose Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 17 as part of the University’s 34th class of inductees.

Dexter (SAU Class of ‘12, ‘14) is the school’s most prolific women’s soccer points scorer with 188 career points. She finished her career with 71 goals, which tied for most in school history, to go along with a school record of 46 assists.

She was named the Midwest Collegiate Conference (MCC) Women’s Soccer Player of the Year in 2010 and 2013 and received NAIA All-American honorable mention three times in 2009, 2010 and 2013.

“Standing here, I’m extremely humbled by this incredible honor,” Dexter said at the beginning of her induction speech. “I’m so grateful to my family, coaches, teammates, training staff, the athletic department and St. Ambrose as a whole.”

Dexter is just one of four players in Fighting Bee history to earn first-team

all-conference honors four times (2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013).

Additionally, she earned the MCC Newcomer of the Year award in 2009.

No stranger to life as a multi-sport athlete, Dexter also played on the SAU women’s basketball team and was a three-time academic all-conference selection. She ranks eighth all time in St. Ambrose history for assists and steals.

Dexter noted that she went to St. Ambrose only on a soccer scholarship. It wasn’t until two basketball players convinced her to join their team in her first month as a freshman.

“That part of that accomplishment, playing two sports in college, is extremely rare and tough to do,” said Larry Schroeder at the ceremony, who coached Dexter in basketball at North Scott and St. Ambrose. “Ashley pulled it off extremely well.”

“She was one of the most determined, hardest-working and smartest players I ever coached. It was like having a second coach on the floor,” Schroeder said. “There was something special, in those last two minutes, that she could pull out that critical shot and make things happen and gave us a win many times.”

At North Scott, Dexter was a four-year letterwinner and three-year starter in basketball. She was named to the first-team all-MAC her senior season when she led the team in assists and steals.

Dexter is North Scott’s all-time lead-



Ashley Dexter (far left) accepts her honor with fellow inductees John Mravinac, Keegan Buttimer, Randy Rafael and Jeff Batterson (accepting for his brother Steve Batterson).

NSP Photos by Ross Shinberg

ing girls’ soccer scorer with 80 goals. She ranks second all-time with 36 assists.

In 2009, she earned first-team all-MAC

honors and became the first Lancer to receive first-team all-state honors.

LANCER SPORTS ROUNDUP

Varsity Football

North Scott 56, Oskaloosa 7
Friday, October 25 at Statesmen Community Stadium
SCORE BY QUARTERS
North Scott 21 21 7 7 — 56
Oskaloosa 0 0 0 7 — 7

SCORING
 NS — Cash Bowe 12-yard pass from Chase Smith (Gehrig Kirst kick), 8:29 1Q
 NS — Beau Morgan 2-yard rush (Gehrig Kirst kick), 2:22 1Q
 NS — Gehrig Kirst 27-yard fumble recovery (Kirst kick), 2:08 1Q
 NS — Carson Lage 23-yard pass from Chase Smith (Gehrig Kirst kick), 8:21 2Q
 NS —Carson Lage 26-yard pass from Chase Smith (Gehrig Kirst kick), 7:31 2Q
 NS —Cash Bowe 28-yard pass from Chase Smtih (Gehrig Kirst kick), 0:57 2Q
 NS — Miller Haedt 9-yard rush (Gehrig Kirst kick), 4:30 3Q
 OSK — Kayne Boender 56-yard pass from Tyler Edgar (Arabsho Davlatshoev kick), 8:43 4Q
 NS — Caden Noel blocked punt and recovery in endzone (Gehrig Kirst kick), 1:42 4Q

STATISTICS			
Turnovers	NS 5	OSK 0	
Rushes/Yards	18-26	14-(-2)	

Comp/Att/Int	15-20-0	8-22-2
Passing Yards	221	99
Total Offense	247	121
Punts/Yards	3-120	7-237
Extra Points	8-8	1-1
Total Tackles	32.5	34.5
Sacks	2.0	0.0

NORTH SCOTT INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Passing: Chase Smith 14-17, 208 yards, 4 TDs, 0 INTs; Miller Haedt 1-3, 13 yards. **Rushing:** Evan Kruse 7-26; Will McDermott 5-7; Beau Morgan 1-2-1; Jonas Schlichting 1-2; Miller Haedt 3-(-2); Chase Smith 1-(-4). **Receiving:** Cash Bowe 11-146-2; Carson Lage 3-62-2; Landon Golinghorst 1-13.
Tackles: Kye Smith, 2.5; Aidan Kelley, 2.5; Caden Noel, 2.5; Cash Bowe, 2.0; Ryder Maher, 2.0; Will Schneckloth, 2.0; Ayden Tschopp, 2.0; Colten Goodding, 1.5; Gehrig Kirst, 1.5; Peyton Brenner, 1.5; Scott McCoy, 1.0; Brady Hubner, 1.0; Carson Lage, 1.0; Landon Golinghorst, 1.0; Beau Morgan, 1.0; Charlie Ohl, 1.0; Gabriel Skyles, 1.0; Jay Lightle, 1.0; Matt Burklow, 1.0; Trey Feist, 1.0; Benjamin Lightle, 1.0; Brent Morgan, 0.5; Grady James, 1.0; Bryce Stewart, 0.5. **Tackles For Loss:** Caden Noel, 1.5; Aidan Kelley, 1.0; Ayden Tschopp, 1.0; Gehrig Kirst, 1.0; Landon Golinghorst, 1.0; Trey Feist, 1.0; Will Schneckloth, 1.0. **Sacks:** Ayden Tschopp, 1.0; Trey Feist, 1.0. **Fumble recoveries:** Beau Morgan, 1; Gehrig Kirst, 1; Caden Noel, 1. **Interceptions:** Cash Bowe, 1; Gehrig Kirst, 1. **Kicking:** Gehrig Kirst 8-8 on PATs.

Football Standings

	District		All	
	W	L	W	L
North Scott	4	1	7	2
Cedar Rapids Xavier	4	1	6	3
Clear Creek-Amana	4	1	6	3
Clinton	2	3	3	6
Oskaloosa	1	4	2	7
Burlington	0	5	2	7

Last week’s results
 North Scott 56, Oskaloosa 7
 C.C.A. 56, Clinton 22
 C.R. Xavier 49, Burlington 6
This week’s games
 Western Dubuque at North Scott
 C.R. Xavier at Norwalk
 Clear Creek-Amana at Pella

Volleyball

Region 4A-3 Semifinal
North Scott def. Clinton 25-7, 25-8, 25-4
 Thursday, October 24 at North Scott High School
NS INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Attacks: Kenzie Moeller 17-19, 15 kills; Abbey Hayes 17-20, 13 kills; Emree Allard 10-12, 7 kills; Paige Coon 6-6, 5 kills; Adalynn Johnson 4-5, 3 kills; Addison Allen 5-5, 3 kills; Lainey Wall 2-3, 2 kills; Reese Jackson 1-1; Addison Harms 1-1. **Assists:** Addison Allen, 40; Ainsley Haedt, 3; Kenzie Moeller, 1. **Digs:** Ainsley Haedt, 12; Kenzie Moeller, 11; Addison Allen, 6; Emree Allard, 5; Abbey Hayes, 4; Adalynn Johnson, 1. **Blocks:** Paige Coon, 2; Kenzie Moeller, 1; Addison Allen, 1. **Serves:** Ainsley Haedt 23-23, 4 aces; Kenzie Moeller 14-14, 3 aces; Abbey Hayes 11-11, 1 ace; Addison Allen 8-10, 1 ace; Addyson Miguel 2-2, 1 ace; Laina Brehmer 3-4; Reese Jackson 2-2; Adalynn Johnson,

CLASS 4A REGIONAL FINALS
Region 1: Charles City at Cedar Rapids Xavier
Region 2: MOC-Floyd Valley at Sioux City Bishop Heelan
Region 3: Grinnell at North Scott
Region 4: Dallas Center-Grimes at Clear Creek-Amana
Region 5: Sergeant Bluff-Luton at Lewis Central
Region 6: Norwalk at Pella
Region 7: ADM at Glenwood
Region 8: Marion at Carlisle

Cross Country

2024 State Qualifying Meet Meet
 Wednesday, October 24 at Crow Creek Park
VARSITY GIRLS’ TEAM SCORING
 1. Pleasant Valley (17); 2. Iowa City High (50); 3. Waukee (71); 4. Linn-Mar (114); 5. Muscatine (150); 6. Bettendorf (155); **7. North Scott (191);** 8. Davenport North (255).
TOP 10 FINISHERS
 1. Ani Wedemeyer, 18:33 (PV); 2. Grace Boleyn, 18:48 (PV); 3. Maddie Millage, 18:54 (PV); 4. Vivian McCombs, 19:00 (PV); 5. Michelle McConkey, 19:10 (WAU); 6. Abigail Burns, 19:11 (ICH); 7. Brynn Edgin, 19:15 (PV); 8. Grace Hamann, 19:25 (ICH); 9. Jaylee Duncan, 19:25 (PV); 10. Hailey Kozloski, 19:27 (LM).

NORTH SCOTT RESULTS
 31. Natalie O’Flaherty (21:25); 37. Khloe Hamilton (21:53); 38. Kate Blodig (22:05); 42. Sophi Schneckloth (22:30); 43. Kennadi Thiessen (22:38); 44. Kaelin Carlson-Gross (22:38); 45. Grace Hamann (22:49).
VARSITY BOYS’ TEAM SCORING
 1. Iowa City High (41); 2. Waukee (73*); 3. Bettendorf (73); 4. Pleasant Valley (78); 5. Linn-Mar (101); 6. Muscatine (203); 7. Davenport North (217); **8. North Scott (231);** 9. Davenport West (239); 10. Burlington (267).
TOP 10 FINISHERS
 1. AJ Willey, 15:56 (BET); 2. Linus McRoberts, 16:08 (ICH); 3. Ethan Boston, 16:17 (LM); 4. Ethan Cheney, 16:18 (LM); 5. Max McDowell, 16:20 (ICH); 6. Jonas VanDis, 16:24 (WAU); 7. Joseph Lawry, 16:26 (WAU); 8. Emmett Palmberg, 16:26 (ICH); 9. George Karr, 16:26 (ICH); 10. Andrew Heden, 16:27 (BET).
NORTH SCOTT RESULTS
 36. Jack McCarthy (17:54); 44. Yorty Hagedorn (18:13); 46. Parker Hamly (18:19). 52. Jason Garnica (18:35); 53. Zeke Skyles (18:41); 57. Ben Clayton (18:58).

FOLLOW THE LANCERS

Friday, November 1 V-FB: Western Dubuque at North Scott, 7 p.m.
Monday, November 4 V-VB: State Quarterfinals at Xtream Arena, 4 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. start times
Wednesday, November 6 V-VB: State Semifinals at Xtream Arena, 12 p.m. or 12:25 p.m start times
Thursday, November 7 V-VB: State Championship at Xtream Arena, 12:15 p.m.
Friday, November 8 V-FB: State Quarterfinals. Opponent TBD, Site TBD, 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 9 V-GSWIM: State Qualifying Meet at Dubuque Hempstead High School, 12 p.m.

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Eldridge Police Report

Monday, Oct. 21

5:49 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 100 block of Trails Road. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

4:14 p.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

4:22 p.m. — Cameron Andresen, 20, of Spragueville, was arrested for driving under suspension and cited for no insurance, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

5:01 p.m. — Kaitlyn Knepper, 16, of Long Grove, was cited for failure to reduce speed to a reasonable and proper rate, after being involved in a two-vehicle accident in the 100 block of North 1st Street.

11:11 p.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South 3rd Street. Handled by officer.

11:19 p.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 400 block of West Pinehurst Drive. Handled by officer.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

3:22 a.m. — Assisted another agency with a report of a vehicle that failed to stop near Rockingham Road and South Elmwood Avenue.

7:12 a.m. — Complaint of a dog not on a leash in the 400 block of South 8th Avenue. Handled by officer.

10:29 a.m. — Ruben Miranda Perez, 31, of Davenport, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

2:13 p.m. — Complaint of a fire alarm sounding in the 300 block of West Slopertown Road. The call was turned over to the fire department. Handled by officer.

3:42 p.m. — Complaint of an assault in the 500 block of South 5th Street. Handled by officer.

4:21 p.m. — Paulino De La Trinidad Garcia, 36, of Milan, Ill., was cited for no driver’s license, no insurance, and operation with cancelled title/suspended/revoked registration, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

6:14 p.m. — Complaint of juveniles ding-dong-ditching in the 100 block of South 8th Street. Handled by officer.

7:21 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 2900 block of South 1st Street.

7:51 p.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle near Slopertown and South Buttermilk roads. Handled by officer.

10:41 p.m. — Complaint of a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of North 1st Street. Handled by officer.

11:12 p.m. — Report taken for vandalism to a vehicle in the 700 block of North 1st Street.

11:36 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 100 block of North 1st Street. Handled by officer.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

7:42 a.m. — Assisted another agency with a traffic stop on Highway 61.

4:46 p.m. — Assisted with a child custody exchange in the 800 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

10:34 p.m. — Report of a barking dog complaint in the 200 block of North 6th Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

Thursday, Oct. 24

7:46 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 300 block of North 4th Avenue.

9:38 a.m. — Complaint of a disturbance in the 200 block of South 1st Street. Handled by officer.

11:30 a.m. — Complaint of a fire in the 1100 block of East LeClaire Road. The call was turned over to the fire department. Handled by officer.

3:33 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 100 block of West Spring Street. Handled by officer.

Friday, Oct. 25

4:03 a.m. — Complaint of three dogs running loose in the 200 block of West LeClaire Road. The owner retrieved the animals. Handled by officer.

8:27 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle near West Lincoln and South Buttermilk roads. Handled by officer.

9:31 a.m. — Complaint of a minor accident between two vehicles in the 200 block of South 1st Street. The drivers exchanged information. Handled by officer.

1:09 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS

call in the 100 block of South 3rd Avenue.

2:05 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 200 block of West Spring Street.

3:48 p.m. — Complaint of a disturbance in the 200 block of West Spring Street. Handled by officer.

8:56 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 200 block of North 4th Avenue.

9:37 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle near North 6th and West Price streets. Handled by officer.

11:24 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 600 block of East LeClaire Road. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

Saturday, Oct. 26

6:27 a.m. — Assisted a resident in the 600 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

9:07 a.m. — Complaint of a dog running loose in the 600 block of West Donahue Street. The owner retrieved the animal. Handled by officer.

9:50 a.m. — Parker Ward, 15, of Eldridge, was cited for failure to obey a stop sign, following a traffic stop in the 200 block of South 1st Street.

2:17 p.m. — Jennifer Rose, 41, of Cordova, Ill., was cited for no insurance and operation with cancelled title/suspended/revoked registration, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

2:21 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver on Highway 61. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

6:06 p.m. — Assisted a motorist in the 800 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

6:07 p.m. — Assisted another agency with an EMS call in the 500 block of Park View Drive.

9:10 p.m. — Complaint of a vehicle in a ditch on Highway 61. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

10:06 p.m. — Jennifer Klinkenberg, 41, of Eldridge, was cited for operating a non-

registered vehicle, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

10:29 p.m. — Clayton Carlson, 19, of Long Grove, was cited for no insurance, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

10:26 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle in the 2000 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

10:48 a.m. — Complaint of a reckless driv-

Family food traditions is topic at Butterworth Center Nov. 4

On Monday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m., the Butterworth Center will host “What’s for Dinner? Preserving your family’s food traditions,” as part of the Evenings at Butterworth series.

Join Gretchen Small, director of programs and collections at Butterworth Center and Deere-Wiman House, as she shares her goal of preserving her family’s food culture. No doubt, you remember favorite dishes from your own childhood, and you can use those memories to preserve history through the food traditions that have enriched your family. Genealogy is more than just your family tree and photographs of ancestors.

er near West Price Street and Dammann Drive. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

4:40 p.m. — Complaint of children left in a vehicle unattended in the 100 block of South 3rd Avenue. Handled by officer.

5:21 p.m. — Nathan Brown, 46, of Muscatine, was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

Learn what you can pass on to your descendants about how food enriched your family history.

Come share these memories as Gretchen leads us on a trip to the past to celebrate your family’s food traditions in a new, fun way.

No reservations are needed to attend. The event is funded by the William Butterworth Foundation, manager of both the Butterworth Center, located at 1105 8th St., Molien, and Deere-Wiman House, located at 817 11th Ave., Moline.

There is no charge for admission. For more information, call 309-743-2701 or visit butterworthcenter.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

City of Walcott
ORDINANCES AMENDING CHAPTER 60 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WALCOTT, IOWA
Summary of Ordinance 552-24 enacted by the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, on the 21st day of October, 2024.
This Ordinance amends Chapter 60, Administration of Traffic Code, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walcott, Iowa, pertaining to definitions and pedestrian’s right-of-way. Where traffic control signals are not in place or in operations, the driver of a vehicle

shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping, if need be, to so yield to a pedestrian or a person riding a bicycle crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.
A copy of Ordinance 552-24 is available for public inspection at Walcott City Hall and online at www.cityof-walcott.com.

Lisa Rickertsen
City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
City of MCCAUSLAND				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The City of MCCAUSLAND will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 11/12/2024 06:00 PM		Contact: Sheila Bosworth		Phone: (563) 225-3600
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, McCausland Civic Center				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	167,332	0	167,332
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	167,332	0	167,332
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	132,836	0	132,836
Licenses & Permits	7	425	0	425
Use of Money & Property	8	8,900	0	8,900
Intergovernmental	9	37,950	0	37,950
Charges for Service	10	166,400	0	166,400
Special Assessments	11	8,000	0	8,000
Miscellaneous	12	1,350	0	1,350
Other Financing Sources	13	18,500	0	18,500
Transfers In	14	45,000	0	45,000
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	586,693	0	586,693
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	13,900	0	13,900
Public Works	17	208,252	56,000	264,252
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	50,150	0	50,150
Community and Economic Development	20	8,500	0	8,500
General Government	21	93,578	0	93,578
Debt Service	22	18,000	0	18,000
Capital Projects	23	46,502	0	46,502
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	438,882	56,000	494,882
Business Type/Enterprise	25	124,438	0	124,438
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	563,320	56,000	619,320
Transfers Out	27	45,000	0	45,000
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	608,320	56,000	664,320
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-21,627	-56,000	-77,627
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	30	287,187	0	287,187
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	31	265,560	-56,000	209,560
Explanation of Changes: Purchase new tractors to replace old equipment. Funds will come from the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.				

LEGAL NOTICES

PAYROLL 10/12/2024, PAYROLL 10/12/2024	109,881.91
PLEASANT VALLEY REDI-MIX INC, CONCRETE REPLACEMENT.....	328.67
PREMIER PEST MANAGEMENT, CITY HALL PEST MNGMNT.....	65.00
QUAD CITY SAFETY INC., WORK GLOVES/SAFETY GLASSES.....	108.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #400, GARBAGE SERVICES	33,927.00
RIVER VALLEY COOPERATIVE, DIESEL	976.82
RNUS DISTRIBUTION INC., WATER.....	30.00
SADLER POWER TRAIN, REPLACEMENT JOINTS	

183.54	
SAMS CLUB, SUPPLIES FOR BATTLE/BADGES.....	126.64
SCOTT CO LIBRARY SYSTEM, SEMIANNUAL TAXES	139,143.00
STAPLES, SUPPLIES.....	398.90
THEISEN SUPPLY INC, CLOTH ALLOW - BAETKE ..	69.95
TIMOTHY REIMERS, SQR REIMBURSEMENT	740.00
TOTAL DETAILING AUTO, SQUAD 821 - ON DUTY CLEANOUT.....	40.00
TRIPLE E SALES, 2019 POLARIS RANGER DOORS	3,059.99
TRUPANION, MONTHLY K-9 INS PREM	122.97
TWIN-STATE ENG. & CHEM., ROUND UP	72.75
USPS, POSTAGE FOR CASE 2024-6456	24.63
VISIT QUAD CITIES, QTRLY FUNDING	750.00
WAL-MART SUPERCENTER, CONDIMENTS FOR BATTLE/BADGES	10.62
WEX BANK, FUEL	6,471.81
TOTAL.....	\$449,690.18

Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board

October 22, 2024
The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board was called to order at 5:00 P.M. on October 22nd, 2024, at Eldridge City Hall.

Board members present were Michael Bristley, Abby Petersen, Rachel Padavich, and Jeff Hamilton. Also present, Lenny Larson, Collin Wilson, Marty O'Boyle, Ryan Iossi, Nevada Lemke and Sadie Wagner.

Public Comment – Marty O'Boyle expressed his concerns about removing fluoride from the City's water supply and notifying the community.

Motion by Hamilton to approve amended Agenda to move item 6 and item 7-B to after item 9-C. Second by Padavich. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Motion by Padavich to approve Utility Board Minutes from October 8, 2024. Second by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Administrative-
A. Update from Lenny Larson – ISG Engineering Project Leader. Lenny stated that they had a site visit in September to go over the overall system. They have been sampling the media within the filter to understand what media and stratification are there. He stated that the water tank under the water plant is much larger than what was anticipated, and the city has plenty of storage. He also stated they have a meeting scheduled next Tuesday for someone to come inspect the aerator, once that is completed, they will know what shape it is in. Lenny stated they are going through all documents and data that the city has shared with them and that they plan to sit down with the city staff in November to go over their findings. He also mentioned that Cegan is working with ACCO to vent the caustic out of the building to avoid earlier deterioration. He is also working with J R Supply regarding the chlorine injection system to find out why the plant was set up the way that it is to see if they can make changes to where the chlorine gas is mixed with the water. Lastly, Lenny stated that if the city decided to remove fluoride, ISG could do sampling throughout the city at certain hydrants to determine how quickly it is leaving the system to enable them to better detect water age and how it is moving through the distribution system. This would help calibrate their water model.

Financial –
A. Motion by Petersen to Approve Bills Payable in the amount of \$80,014.68. Second by Padavich. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

C. Motion by Petersen to approve consolidating the Utility's bank accounts with the City's bank accounts as recommended in the annual financial audit findings. Second by Padavich. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

D. ...Motion by Padavich to approve a proposal from PFM to perform a Revenue Requirements Analysis for the Water Department in the amount of \$7,000 with an additional option of a Cost-of-Service Study for an additional \$13,000. Second by Hamilton. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

E. Discussion on implementing a Utility Billing Policy to establish delinquent billing and aged debt/ collections procedures. Possible utility policies were discussed amongst the board and city staff.

Electric Department-
A. Outages – none.

B. PCA Update – Given by Nevada Lemke. She shared with the board a graph of the PCA going back to quarter 2 of 2022 and an explanation of the PCA and why it is charged or credited to the city residents.

C. Motion by Padavich to approve wage increase for Dalton Eagle from \$32.99/hr to \$35.63/hr as a result of completing Module A of the IAMU apprenticeship program and pursuant to the terms of the CBA. Second by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

D. Department Update – Given by Line Foreman Collin Wilson. Wilson stated they are continuing their routine maintenance and wrapping up their underground projects before the weather becomes cold and will start their overhead work in the winter. He also stated they are caught up with new services being installed for new builds.

Water Department-
A. Motion by Hamilton to approve replacing high service pump #2 in the amount of \$5,083.00 plus power connect fees from LMI. Second by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

B. Motion by Hamilton to approve a quote from Cahoy for the repair of high service pump #2 at a cost of \$6,234. Second by Padavich. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

C. Department Update- Given by Water Operator Cegan Long. Long stated that ACCO would have an analysis from the filter media samples back within a couple of days. On October 16th the water operators dealt with a potential water main break at Hardee's. They found that Hardee's irrigation system broke and it was not the city's portion. He also stated that tomorrow was their last day of flushing with the expectation they may need to flush an extra couple of days but still plan to be finished by the end of October. Cegan also made a statement about a part-time employee, Gary Moore, who has recently moved that he would like to see return. He expressed how much they appreciated him as an employee. Lastly, he stated they had a meeting with Van Wert regarding upgrading the city water meters going forward to make meter reading easier on both the Utility Billing Clerk and the Water Operators conducting the reads.

Motion by Padavich to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 P.M., to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)a “To review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued

receipt of federal funds.” Second by Petersen. A roll call vote was taken. Bristley Aye. Petersen Aye. Padavich Aye. Hamilton Aye.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board resumed open session at 6:42 P.M.

Financial-
C. Motion by Padavich to approve payment in the amount of \$ 7,455 to Dickinson, Bradshaw, Legal firm for legal services. Second by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Motion by Padavich to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 P.M. Second by Hamilton. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Sadie Wagner
Billing Clerk

BILLS PAYABLE OCTOBER 22, 2024	
IOWA WORKFORCE DEV, UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM - COFFMAN.....	\$36.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PRINTER INK FOR TREATMENT LAB.....	259.40
CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE, WIFI/TELEPHONE SVCS	279.71
CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE, WIFI/TELEPHONE SVCS	493.00
CINTAS CORPORATION, CLEANING SVC - SHOP MATS	82.62
CINTAS CORPORATION, CLEANING SVC - CITY HALL MATS.....	53.98
CINTAS FIRST AID & SFTY, FIRST AID KIT REFILLS	22.88
CLIMATE ENGINEERS-QC, HVAC SYSTEM MAINT	261.49
FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO., ELECTRIC PARTS....	3632.93
HAWKINS INC., CHLORINE GAS CYLINDERS	2185.64
IOWA ONE CALL, UTILITY LOCATES.....	438.60
ISG I&S GROUP INC., 16TH AVE TOWER REHAB	5867.99

ISG I&S GROUP INC., WATER SYSTEM PER/ HYDRAULIC	35493.98
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE, WELL #2 ELECTRICAL WORK.....	264.58
MENARDS, PUC PIPE FOR TREATMENT PLANT	12.96
PLEASANT VALLEY REDI-MIX , CONCRETE REPLACEMENT.....	164.33
PLUMB SUPPLY, PPE - GLOVES.....	37.91
PLUMB SUPPLY, HT IMPACT WRENCH & 2 DRILL SETS.....	588.94
PLUMB SUPPLY, PIPE WRENCH, DRILL BITS, FLEX SET	431.88

QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC, MONTHLY WATER TESTING.....	282.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #400, CONTAINER DELIVERY	159.00
USA BLUE BOOK, HANDHELD FIELD TESTING.....	426.04
USA BLUE BOOK, HYDRANT FLOW DIFFUSER....	2331.95
USA BLUE BOOK, RED HYDRANT PAINT	163.90
USA BLUE BOOK, HYDRANT REPAIR WRENCH.....	70.95
WEX BANK, FUEL	368.99
WEX BANK, FUEL	240.56
COMMUNITY ACT OF EA IA, PROJECT SHARE	54.00
PAYROLL 10/12/2024, PAYROLL 10/12/2024	23988.57
TOTAL.....	78694.78

CREDIT CARDS	
FARM & FLEET, IMPACT REDUCING ADAPTER	11.33
HOME DEPOT, HAND TOOLS FOR WTP	793.61
CENEX - BIG 10 MART, DIESEL FOR TRIP/TRAINING	52.89
WENDY'S, EAGLE - TRAINING MEAL	11.01
SARKU JAPAN, EAGLE & GHEER - TRAINING MEAL	36.59

CASEYS, EAGLE - TRAINING BREAKFAST	3.49
MOJITO'S, EAGLE & GHEER - TRAINING MEAL.....	33.07
BEST WESTERN PREMIER, LODGING/HOTEL FOR TRAINING.....	283.70
WENDY'S, GHEER - TRAINING MEAL.....	13.85
OUTBACK, GHEER & EAGLE - TRAINING MEAL	72.69
CASEYS, GHEER - TRAINING BREAKFAST	7.67
CREDIT CARDS.....	1319.90
BILLS PAYABLE	78694.78
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$80,014.68

Probate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY

CASE NO. ESPR082267
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES A. MARTEN, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of James A. Marten, Deceased, who died on or about March 10, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on September 27, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of James A. Marten, deceased, bearing date of February 15, 1982 , was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Karen Marten was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated October 4, 2024.
Karen Marten, Executor of Estate
C/O David J. Franks, Attorney for Executor
3345 Utica Ridge Road
Bettendorf, IA 52722
Date of second publication: November 6, 2024

Probate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY

PROBATE NO. ESPR082806
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGIE IRENE READINGER, Deceased

You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of June, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of MARGIE I. READINGER, deceased, bearing date of the 25th day of January, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Cathy J. Gomez, was appointed Executor of said estate. Notice is further given that any action to set aside said Will must be brought in the District Court of said County within four months from the date of second publication of this notice or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against said estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court as provided by law, duly authen-

ticated, for allowance; and unless so filed within four months from the second publication of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) such claim shall thereafter be forever barred.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2024.

CATHY J. GOMEZ, Executor
1613 Hillcrest Ave.
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Attorney Christine Frederick
125 Kirkwood Blvd.
Davenport, Iowa 52803
Telephone: (563) 322-4537
Date of second publication: November 6th, 2024

Probate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY

CASE NO. ESPR082948
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHERYL L. SOUHRADA, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sheryl L. Souhrada, Deceased, who died on or about August 13, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on August 19, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Sheryl L. Souhrada, deceased, bearing date of September 9, 2010, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Mica E. Spicer was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated August 9, 2024.

Mica E. Spicer, Executor of Estate
2518 238th Street
DeWitt, IA 52742

Daniel J. Condon
Attorney for Executor
Condon & Condon
610 9th Street
DeWitt, IA 52742
Date of second publication: November 6, 2024

Public Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY
NO. SPCE136299
SEIZING AGENCY NO. 17-74646DPD
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF IN REM FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY SEIZED FROM JAMES A. WELLS II DEFENDANT

TO: JAMES ARNETT WELLS
1727 EMERALD DR #4, DAVENPORT, IA 52804
Pursuant to the requirements of Section 809A.8 of the Code of Iowa, each of the above named persons is notified of the following
An IN REM FORFEITURE COMPLAINT was filed in the Scott County District Court on September 9, 2024.

On or about October 7, 2017, certain property as shown on the inventory or schedule attached to said In Rem Forfeiture Complaint was seized from JAMES ARNETT WELLS.

☐ _X_ Property which was illegally possessed.
☐ _X_ Property which was acquired as or from the proceeds of a criminal offense or series of offenses.
☐ _X_ Property which was used or intended to be used to facilitate the commission of a criminal offense or to avoid detection or apprehension of a person committing a criminal offense.

You are hereby notified that if you wish to contest this forfeiture, you must file with the Clerk of District Court a Motion or Answer within twenty days after publication of this notice. Failure to do so will result in a judgment by default rendered against you and the loss of any ownership rights you may have in this property.

THE STATE OF IOWA
Kristina K. Lyon
Assistant County Attorney

City of Riverdale

PLACE: Council Chambers, City Hall, 110 Manor Drive, Riverdale, Iowa 52722

DATE: October 22, 2024 TIME: 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: A meeting of the City Council was held in-person at the appointed time and day in accordance with open meeting laws set and defined by the State of Iowa (Sections 21.2 and 21.8).

1. WELCOME
1.1 CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Heddlesten.

1.2 ROLL CALL - Council members present: Vince Jurgena, Steven Townsend, Paul DCamp, Stephanie Harvey, Beth Halsey. Absent: None. Also present: City Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Krell, Public Works Operations Manager Brian Ballard, Engineers Chris Cooper and Jason Snyder, and members of the public Phil Schubbe, Kevin Adams, Dean Kugler, and Shane McQuillan on video.

1.3 MEETING AGENDA - Motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended by Townsend, seconded by DCamp. All ayes; MC. The amendment included striking resolution 2024-075 and moving 7.5 to section 2. Harvey joined the meeting.

1.4 CONSENT AGENDA - Motion to approve the consent as agenda as amended by Jurgena, seconded by Halsey. All ayes; MC. The amendment included the addition of EFT transactions to the claims report. Claims Report – October 9, 2024, to October 22, 2024: Claims Report

AFLAC, insurance	\$94.46
American water, utilities.....	20.72
Carla Chapman, property.....	1.00
City of Bettendorf, fuel	384.98
City of Riverdale, sewer.....	119.19
EFTPS Processing Center, taxes.....	1,795.96
Field Fire, maint.....	1,780.27
Hopkins & Huebner, legal.....	620.00
Hughes Telephone Inc, phones.....	199.70
Iowa American Water, utilities	63.74
Iowa One Call, locates	48.60
IPERS, pension.....	2,558.89
Jacob Stoltenberg, refund.....	30.00
K&K True Value Hardware, supplies	31.99
Low's, supplies	47.46
Manosh Pillai, refund.....	100.00
Metronet, internet.....	99.95
MSA Professional Services, engineering.....	4,836.45

North Scott Press, publishing	342.48
PS3 Enterprises, parks.....	680.00
QC Slit Fence Inc, supplies	584.00
Quad City Bank & Trust, fees	43.24
Ron's Toy Box, maint	103.22
Scott County Library System, library.....	7,841.00
State of Illinois, taxes	223.70
Twin State Technical Services, IT services.....	2,700.00
Verizon, phones.....	7.02
Claims Total:.....	25,358.02
Refunds by Fund	
610 Sewer.....	0.00
Refunds Total:.....	0.00
Payroll by Fund	
001 General	5,470.98
110 Road Use Tax.....	696.96
610 Sewer.....	234.02
Payroll Total:.....	6,401.96

Total Paid by Type	
Accounts Payable (Claims) Total.....	25,358.02
Utility Refunds Total.....	0.00
Payroll Total.....	6,401.96
Paid by Type Total:	31,759.98
Claims, Refunds, & Payroll by Fund	
001 General.....	25,337.58
110 Road Use Tax.....	3,713.22
306 Welch TIF Cap Project.....	2,167.50
610 Sewer.....	541.68
Claims, Refunds & Payroll Total:	31,759.98

2. PUBLIC HEARING
Motion to open public hearing by Townsend, seconded by Halsey. Roll Call Vote: Jurgena aye; Harvey aye; DCamp aye; Halsey aye; Townsend aye; MC. The public hearing was opened at 9:00 p.m.

Cooper presented information regarding the Fenno Lane/Alley right-of-way acquisition project. The City intends to sell 89 square feet of roadway to Heather Wren and William Baumgardner for \$1.00.

Motion to close the public hearing by Townsend, seconded by Halsey. Roll Call Vote: DCamp aye; Halsey aye; Harvey aye; Jurgena aye; Townsend aye; MC. The public hearing was closed at 9:02 pm.

3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 2024-073 Resolution Approving the City's Annual Urban Renewal Report. Motion to approve by Townsend, seconded by Halsey. All ayes; MC.

3.2 2024-074 Resolution Appointing Beth Halsey as the Parks Committee Chair. Motion to approve by Jurgena, seconded by Townsend. All ayes; MC.

3.4 2024-076 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Iowa Department of Revenue and the City of Riverdale, Iowa, Regarding the State Setoff Program. Motion to approve by Harvey, se-conded by DCamp. All ayes; MC.

3.5 2024-077 Resolution to Vacate Street/Alley and Dispose of Real Property. Motion to approve by Townsend, seconded by Harvey. All ayes; MC.

3.6 2024-078 Resolution Approving the Annual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Report. Motion to approve by Townsend, seconded by Halsey. All ayes; MC.

4. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn by Townsend, seconded by Jurgena. All ayes; MC. The regular meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

FOR THE CITY OF RIVERDALE: Anthony Heddlesten, Mayor
ATTESTED BY: Kaelan Kelly, Administrative Assistant

Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa

Board Agenda

November 5, 2024	
12:30-2:00 PM	
Community Action of Eastern Iowa	
500 E. 59th Street Davenport, Iowa	
Or via Zoom	
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88249995780?pwd=iVv1o4nxnN7ABucyV6Gc0GzIqkAxiz.1	
Time: Item Action/Information	
12:30 PM: Welcome/Introductions.....	Information
12:35 PM: Approval of minutes of September 3, 2024...	
Action Item	
12:40 PM: FY25 Expenditure Report	Information
12:50 PM: Head Start contract -CAEI indirect rate.....	
Action Item	
1:00 PM: Quarterly Reports	Information
1:10 PM: Website	Information
1:20 PM: Nominations/recruitment.....	Information
1:25 PM: Community Plan	Information
1:40PM: Other Business.....	Information
1:45 PM: Public Input	Information
1:55 PM: Adjourn	Action Item
Next Meeting: December 3, 2024	

Scott County Kids

Contracts Management Meeting Agenda

October 31, 2024	
1PM	
Or via Zoom:	
Join Zoom Meeting	
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84014423787?pwd=igbwkt289EOqIc8OpOLLtUcH5GkYf.1	
Time: Item Action Item/Information	
1:00pm: Welcome/Introductions.....	Information
1:05pm: Approval of minutes of August 29, 2024	
Recommendation Item	
1:10pm: Review FY25 Expenditures	Information
1:15pm: CAEI Indirect Rate	Recommendation Item
1:20pm: Quarterly Reports	Review/Discussion
1:25pm: Community Plan	Review/Discussion
1:35pm: Website	Information/Discussion
1:45pm: Public Comment	Information
1:55pm: Other Business.....	Information
Next Meeting: November 21, 2024	

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

1st Ad – 10-30-2024
2nd Ad – 11-06-2024

Iowa District Court
COURT CASE #EQCE137306
Special Execution

STATE OF IOWA
SS.

SCOTT COUNTY
OHP 1, L.C. PLAINTIFF
VS

CHRISTINA L DILLEY, DEAN L DILLEY, CAPITAL ONE BANK and any unknown parties in possession at 1722 Bridge Avenue., Davenport Iowa
DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor)

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real estate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: The North 55 feet of Lot 12 in A. C. Fulton's Plat of North Davenport Lots, in the City of Davenport, Scott County , Iowa, as recorded in Book “Y” of Town Lot Deeds, on page 565, records in the Office of the Recorder of Scott County, Iowa

1722 BRIDGE AVE , DAVENPORT IOWA
The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:
Date and Time of Sale: 11/26/2024 11:30
Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse
This sale not subject to redemption.

LEGAL NOTICES

Judgment Amount: \$46,741.05
Accruing Cost: \$5,871.68
Interest: \$3,763.20
from: 11 /01/2023
Attorney: DWYER & WING PC
Date Filed: 08/15/2024

Sheriff Tim Lane
Scott County, Iowa
Chief Deputy Shawn Roth
Chief Deputy Joe Caffery

For additional information, visit the Sheriff's Office at <http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/sheriff>

City of Walcott

October 21, 2024

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, October 21, 2024, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Everett Bieri, Harry Knutsen, Kirk Koberg, Lisa Mengler, and Jacob Puck. Staff present: Jeff Blake, Lisa Rickertsen, and Paul Stagg.

Approval of Agenda. Knutsen moved and Mengler seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Introduction of Audience/Public Comments. John Brockmann and Kristi Robinson. Brockmann stated he is improving his commercial property and questioned why the City doesn't have programs to encourage commercial property owners to improve their property, such as a sidewalk program similar to the program available for residential properties in which the City pays for ½ of sidewalk repairs/installation of public sidewalks. The sidewalk program will be placed on the next agenda.

Public Hearing on Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Cost for the North Grove Street Water Main Replacement Project. Mayor Kostichek opened the public hearing. Questions arose on the project dates and tree removals. Robinson, engineer with Veenstra & Kimm, stated the project is scheduled to be completed by December 6, 2024 (with exception of the seeding). Stagg stated the adjacent property was notified of the two tree removals in the public right-of-way. No written comments were received. Mengler moved and Knutsen seconded to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. Puck moved and Bieri seconded

to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, minutes from October 7, 2024, Resolution 2024-39 - Authorizing Transfer of Funds, Resolution 2024-40 - Establishing Hourly Wage and Vacation for the New Building Official/Zoning Administrator, and Resolution 2024-41 - Acknowledging New Investments. Roll call ayes: Puck, Bieri, Mengler, Knutsen, and Koberg. Motion carried.

North Grove Street Water Main Replacement Project.

- Resolution 2024-42, Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Cost for the North Grove Street Water Main Replacement Project. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve Resolution 2024-42. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Puck, Bieri, Knutsen, and Koberg. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2024-43, Awarding Contract for the North Grove Street Water Main Replacement Project. Eight bids were received, with the project engineer recommending to award the contract to the low bidder, Eastern Iowa Excavating, in the amount of \$151,634.05. Bieri moved and Mengler seconded to approve Resolution 2024-43. Roll call ayes: Bieri, Mengler, Puck, Koberg, and Knutsen. Motion carried.
- Approval for Wulf Lift Station VFD (Variable Frequency Drives). Stagg reported on the purchase of a VFD for the lift station on Wulf Road from Electric Pump at a cost of \$13,665. Koberg moved and Bieri seconded to approve the purchase of a VFD from Electric Pump. Motion carried. The purchase will be paid from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund.
- Approval of Engineering Services for Well Property Info/Plat. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the surveying/engineering services from IMEG for the well property purchase at a fee of \$6,500. Motion carried.

Ordinance 552-24, Amending Provisions Pertaining to Pedestrians' Right-of-Way. This Ordinance amends sections 60.02 and 65.07 pertaining to pedestrians in the right-of-way, to match recent changes to the Code of Iowa. Puck moved and Bieri seconded to approve the third and final reading to adopt Ordinance 552-24. Roll call ayes: Puck, Bieri, Mengler, Koberg, and Knutsen. Motion carried.

Ordinance 553-24, Amending Provisions Pertaining to Dog Licensing – Introduction and 1st Reading. Ordinance 553-24 was introduced. This Ordinance amends Chapter 56, Dog and Cat Licenses, by changing the license and registration requirements for dogs and cats. Bieri moved and Koberg seconded to approve the first

reading to adopt Ordinance 553-24. Roll call ayes: Bieri, Koberg, Knutsen, Mengler, and Puck. Motion carried.

Disposal of 2017 Dodge Charger. Stagg reported the high bid on GovDeals for the 2017 Dodge Charger was \$10,900. Koberg moved and Knutsen seconded to sell the 2017 Dodge Charger to the high bidder for \$10,900. Motion carried.

City Clerk Report.

- City Attorney Position. Rickertsen reported Attorney Schirman will not be able to fulfill the appointed term, which ends on 12/31/2025, but another attorney at Brooks Law Firm has shown interest in the appointment. Council directed staff to meet with the interested attorney.
- Resolution 2024-44, Setting Date for Hearing on Water Service Line Assessment. This is to set a date for a public hearing on the proposed assessment of costs of an emergency nuisance abatement of a private water service line. Mengler moved and Knutsen seconded to approve Resolution 2024-44. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Knutsen, Koberg, Bieri, and Puck. Motion carried.

Puck moved and Koberg seconded to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.

Mayor
John Kostichek

Lisa Rickertsen City Clerk	
Expenditures for October 21, 2024	
BROOKS LAW FIRM, SERVICES	\$493.00
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCAR, FUEL.....	949.43
CENTURY LINK INC, SERVICES.....	1,027.05
DOORS INC., LOCK SERVICE.....	200.00
HAWKINS INC, CHEMICALS.....	1,243.37
HUMANE SOCIETY, BOARDING FEES	150.00
HYVEE, FIRE DEPT FOOD & DRINKS	115.20
IA ASSN. OF MUNICIPAL UTIL, QRTLTY SAFETY TRAINING DUES	717.00
IOWA 80 GROUP, DIESEL & FUEL	353.06
IOWA ONE CALL, NOTIFICATIONS.....	12.60
KLINE SEWER AND DRAIN LLC, JETTING SERVICES	1,625.00
MANATT'S INC, ASPHALT OVERLAY	41,223.60
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERVI, SERVICES	857.80
PLATINUM SMART, BACKUP SERVICES	270.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES, DUMPSTERS	600.00
RICKERTSEN, LISA, MILEAGE REIMB/DES MOINES TRAINING.....	230.48

RICOH USA, INC, COPIER	4,782.53
SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTE, SEMIANNUAL LIBRARY TAXES.....	32,086.00
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BOOKING FEES	75.00
STAGG, PAUL, MEDICAL REIMB	714.13
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, SOFTWARE INSTALL & FEES	1,591.73
UPS, SHIPPING FEES.....	26.02
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., PARTS	960.13
VERIZON WIRELESS, INTERNET SERVICES	200.05
VICTORY ENTERPRISES INC., WEBSITE HOSTING	250.00
WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT, EWASTE	236.00
WELLMARK, PREMIUMS	18,649.42
ZOGG, KACI, FD FOOD REIMB	45.17
SUBTOTAL.....	109,683.77
PAYROLL, 10/11/24.....	30,778.40
CBI BANK & TRUST, MONTHLY ACCOUNT FEES ...	22.00
ATLANTIC BOTTLING COMPANY, TIF REBATE	22,398.45
IOWA 80 TRUCKSTOP, TIF REBATE.....	12,264.80
HAGERTY EARTHWORKS LLC, N DOWNEY ST WATER MAIN PROJECT FINAL	29,891.77
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	205,039.19

FUND TOTALS	
GENERAL	80,691.26
PARK ENHANCEMENT FUND.....	41,223.60
TIF FUND	34,663.25
WATER UTILITY	36,385.76
WATER MAIN REPAIR FUND	960.13
SEWER UTILITY	10,279.19
SOLID WASTE	836.00
TOTAL.....	\$205,039.19

“I know the real Bobby Kaufmann.” State Representative Austin Harris writes about his heartfelt legislative experience with Bobby.

“This time of year, it is usually referred to as “silly season” in politics, but perhaps that’s an oxymoron. I have been particularly surprised by the rhetoric in the race to re-elect my friend, Bobby Kaufmann. I write to the residents of Cedar, Muscatine and Scott County to testify in support of a longtime friend, colleague and mentor of mine.

His opponent often tries to frame Rep. Kaufmann as a bully, mean-spirited and as a homophobe. As the only openly gay elected official in the Iowa House, who just so happens to be a Republican, I’d like to share with you my experience with Rep. Kaufmann.

First off, I’ve known Bobby for over 10 years. He is the same man I knew 10 years ago. Often times we get tired of politicians who stick their fingers in the wind and look at which direction the wind is blowing. The Bobby you know today, is the same Bobby you knew a decade ago. Strong will? Yes. Always willing to listen? Also, yes. Never shy to be himself. We need more of that in our government, not less.

Secondly he gives everyone a fair shake. Rep. Kaufmann, who is chairman of the powerful Ways & Means Committee, has tasked me with multiple bills to help relieve the tax burden on everyday Iowans. I’ve seen him up close give both Republicans and Democrats a fair hearing. Give them the opportunity to make their case. No one works harder to work across the party lines than this man.

Finally, to address the most ridiculous claim. As the first openly gay Republican to ever be elected in Iowa, I can say Rep. Kaufmann has done more to support me as a person, as an elected official and as a colleague than anyone else. His character is unmatched.

So, don’t buy the manure his opposition sells you. I know the real Bobby Kaufmann. And there is no one else I’d rather serve with than him.”
– Rep. Austin Harris

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FOOTBALL
CONTEST

CONTEST RULES
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1. This contest will appear in The North Scott Press for 12 consecutive weeks. Object is to predict the winners in the greatest number of 17 games that will be played each week. Games that are ties will not be judged.

2. Only official 2024 entry forms will be accepted. They are available free from the sponsors, or you may use the entry form from the paper. Same-sized (4 3/4" x 6") handwritten facsimiles will be accepted, but entries submitted on photocopied or mechanically reproduced forms will be rejected. Entry forms from previous years will not be accepted. There is no purchase necessary to enter.

3. Game pairings are listed in the ads. Write your winning pick on the entry form. Only one team name is needed for each line. If your predictions are not on the proper line, they will be disqualified.

4. Mail or deliver your entry to The North Scott Press, 214 N. 2nd St., (P.O. Box 200), Eldridge, Iowa 52748. You may put more than one entry in an envelope. Entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday and received at our office no later than Saturday for Sunday judging. Entries may also be brought to our office before 5 p.m. Friday. The NSP will not be responsible for delays in mailing. Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances!

5. One entry per person per week. If you submit more than one entry under the same name, all such entries will be void. Anyone is eligible to enter except employees of the NSP and their families.

6. The person picking the most games correctly wins a \$50 cash prize from the NSP. Second best wins \$25 and third \$10. Ties are decided by a "Tie Breaker" which will appear in one of the ads. If there is still a tie, money will be pro-rated.

7. Winners will be announced in *The NSP* each Wednesday in a news story (please wait for the paper to come out!). Judge's decisions are final. Say "thanks" to our sponsors and enter today!

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