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Godbersen car collection: One of Ida Grove's treasures

by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

Long-time GOMACO employee John Tarr recently gave an informal tour of the Godbersen family car collection. The car "museum" is located in downtown Ida Grove, in the former Holmes Motors building. Tarr explained how he came to be caretaker of the automobiles.

"I've worked for the GOMACO Corporation and the Godbersen family for 46 years," he stated. "I started out in the maintenance department at GOMACO. I worked there until 2000, then I switched over to the GOMACO trolley company. All the time that I worked at GOMACO, I've taken care of the Godbersen properties, and all the cars. They've kind of been my babies as long as they've been the



At the drive-in: A waitress on roller skates brings a milkshake, in addition to the burgers, fries, and drinks, to this red 1962 Ford Thunderbird convertible.

Godbersen family's babies."

Tarr discussed how the car collection first got started.

"Harold Godbersen

probably started collecting cars about 1978," said Tarr. "He bought the 1932 Chrysler LeBaron at the big car auction in Scottsdale, Arizona. After he

bought it, he talked to me about it one day. He always called me 'Johnny.' He said, 'Johnny, that's the first thing I really

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Justin Reininger

Justin Reininger strives to be more involved in the community

by MARY MORGAN
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Justin Reininger moved here to Ida Grove in the fall of 2020. He had just received his license to practice law. He was living in Maine where family was and realized that although Maine is a great place to visit, it was not so good a place to earn a living. He had gone to law school with Ryan Gaskins and he notified him of the potential to make a good living here in Ida Grove. So, his quest

began here. He is closer to his parents who live in Nebraska where he grew up. Reininger is the first in his family to go to college, the first to work in such a job as this. He is in the generation where most of his cousins are in their 40s and 50s and he has just turned 30. Reininger says,

"As a small town attorney, I do a little of everything such as criminal defense, juvenile cases, and real estate transactions. I'm (continued on page A3)

Jacobson enjoys the smiles and hugs at Little Raptors Daycare

by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

Nicki Jacobson, director of Little Raptors Daycare in Holstein, has her hands full with taking care of little ones. Jacobson explained what goes on at the daycare center, which is on the north end of the Ridge View school building.

"We take care of kids aged six weeks to third grade," said Jacobson. "We used to be in classrooms down the hallway, and when the school added on, they built the daycare rooms so we could be a little more separate. After (continued on page A3)



Here I come!: One of the toddlers at Little Raptors Daycare heads for the door, as others check out the books and toys.

Mayor Nathan Weitzl speaks of his goals

by MARY MORGAN
IDA COUNTY COURIER

Mayor Nathan Weitzl answered some questions for me as he has entered his first months in office:

How does it feel to be elected as the mayor of Ida Grove?

Being the mayor of Ida Grove is truly



Photo submitted
Ida Grove Mayor
Nathan Weitzl

an honor. It's a responsibility I take seriously and I am proud to contribute to the well-being of our community. Serving the people and addressing local issues brings a sense of fulfillment and I appreciate the opportunity to make a positive impact on the town I call home.

Now as you have settled in as official mayor of Ida Grove, what is your first order of business?

My first order of business is to engage with the community to better understand the needs and encourage local participation in city council meetings to collaborate on solutions to issues we face. From there, I plan on continuing to work with Owen Bolte and the IG-EDC, Doug Clough, Ida Grove Community Betterment Foundation and Brian Lundell with the Chamber of Commerce as we share in the vision of making Ida Grove a

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Walsh, Stinkbait perform at Ida Grove King Theatre



Photo by Mary Morgan • Ida County Courier

Tyler Walsh, comedian making us all laugh it up at the King Theatre on Jan. 27.



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Stinkbait, a country band entertaining us with their vocals, fiddles, bango, and guitars on Jan. 27 at the King Theatre.

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Let's Dance the Night Away!

■ by BRENT HARM
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The annual OABCIG Dance Night, presented by the high school dance team, was held on Saturday in the gymnasium. This year's theme was "Let's Dance the Night Away!" The OABCIG Dance team consists of Sadie Schirmmacher, a senior, juniors Malia Lansink, Alexis Patera, and Chloe Pridie, sophomore Courtney Ackerman, and

freshman Ella Boysen. Performances included the OABCIG Dance team with their award-winning Hip Hop, Jazz, and Lyrical routines. Grade school students from preschool on up to middle school also participated with routines. A number of individual and duet performances were showcased, and the parents even got in on the act with a dance routine of their own.



Sweet senior moment: Sadie Schirmmacher is escorted by her mom Andrea, as she is recognized as the lone senior on the OABCIG dance team. Sadie is the daughter of Andrea and Randy Schirmmacher. She is a four-year member of the dance team and this year's captain. In the fall, Sadie plans to attend the University of South Dakota and major in Kinesiology and Exercise Science.



Preschool performers: The OABCIG preschool kids got their chance to participate during Dance Night at the high school gym on Saturday.



Kindergarten kids join in the fun: OABCIG kindergarten students had their chance to join in the fun of Dance Night at the high school gym on Saturday.



Hip Hop party!: The OABCIG dance team of, from left, Ella Boysen, Malia Lansink, Sadie Schirmmacher, Alexis Patera, and Courtney Ackerman perform their award-winning Hip Hop routine at Saturday's Dance Night in the high school gym.



All that jazz!: The OABCIG dance team of, from left, Malia Lansink, Alexis Patera, Courtney Ackerman, Sadie Schirmmacher, and Ella Boysen perform their award-winning jazz routine.



Lyrical motion: The OABCIG dance team performed their award-winning Lyrical Dance routine, during Saturday's Dance Night at the high school gym.



First grade fun!: The 1st graders wave their arms and kick up their feet to the song "Can You Keep a Secret" at OABCIG Dance Night on Saturday.



Moms got the moves!: The moms of the OABCIG dance team members got in on the fun, performing their own routine during Dance Night on Saturday at the high school.



Dads showing daughters how it's done: Larry Boysen (left) and Grant Patera shake it up during the parents dance at OABCIG Dance Night on Saturday.



Excellence on display: The award-winning OABCIG dance team displayed some of their trophies and photos at Dance Night on Saturday.

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Current Ida County 4-H Foundation members include: Front: Ron Rice, Linda Burk, and Paige Whitney. Back: Mary Dreeszen, Leanne Hammer, Lori Forneris, Bob Paulsrud, Jeana Todd, and Alex Conover.

Ida County 4-H Foundation celebrates 20th anniversary

The Ida County 4-H Foundation will be celebrating our 20th anniversary this year and was established in 2004 to provide funds and support for the Ida County Extension 4-H program. Our mission is to support a strong and vital 4-H program in Ida County.

The mission of the 4-H Foundation is to provide the necessary resources to help offset costs and make it possible for local 4-H youth to take advantage of educational workshops and materials for Ida County youth members and adult volunteers, grants to Ida County 4-H Clubs for special projects or educational trips, financial assistance for Ida County youth participation in summer camps, conferences, and leadership training and recognition trips.

Ida County 4-H Foundation supports scholarships for Ida County 4-Her's to attend college or vocational school. To date, \$65,250 has been awarded to Ida County students to attend further education. The foundation also provides support for the membership fee and recognition for Ida County 4-Her's, leaders, and volunteers. The Ida County 4-H Foundation has also given close to \$5,000 for special club projects. Many of those projects were making improvements to or adding to the Ida County Fairgrounds by the various clubs.

The Foundation's work relies on donations from

area businesses and individuals. The donations create an expanding pool of essential funds that are used to address the greatest financial needs determined by the foundation members to accomplish their mission. Their fundraising efforts have included auctions, pancake brunches, fruit sales, 4-H club sponsored basket auctions at the fair, and a raffle.

Foundation members can also be seen volunteering for various duties during 4-H activities.

If you would like to support 4-H in Ida County through the Ida County 4-H Foundation, donations can be made to the Ida County 4-H Foundation Treasurer, Leanne Hammer, 803 Kastner Dr., Holstein, IA 51025.

—more about

(continued from page A1) learning estates and taxes. We do civil cases and small claims. The criminal cases keep it interesting. I am constantly learning. If you meet a lawyer who says they know the law, look again, because a lawyer is constantly learning the law. And I like that (to constantly learn). To some extent, I have control. I can send someone to someone else if I think another lawyer is better equipped to handle it."

Reininger says they try to keep a healthy work schedule with balance. That is where his help with the Kiwanis comes in. Reininger has helped the Kiwanis with the concession stands at the ball fields. He likes helping with the Christmas Ball.

He is a member of the Kiwanis board.

Besides Kiwanis, Reininger is the coach for the high school Mock Trial team. This year, they have a full team, which is good. They actively meet every weekday at 6 a.m. at the school to get ready to compete in March. They will get a full case. This year, it is a murder case. The kids will play attorneys, witnesses, and such. They will compete against other schools. Reininger says,

"I have always enjoyed trials. Right out of the gate, I took a jury trial and won. The 1 percent of cases that go to trial, that is what I enjoy. I am going to put together a scholarship fund for Mock Trial students to apply for the

estimated sum of around \$2,000."

Reininger is also the city attorney which it is his job to sit in on the City Council meetings to answer any problems that may come up. Rieninger states he wants the city to do well, so he tries to stay involved. Reininger says,

"I don't plan on going anywhere. I just bought a house. I only plan on getting more involved with the community as I grow. I am engaged to Olivia Fernandez. We are getting married in August of this year. She is currently the assistant director of the Norelius Library of Denison."

Looks like his plans are here to stay. Ida Grove has welcomed a good asset to the community.

...Reininger

—more about

(continued from page A1) better place to live, work and play.

What are some goals or projects that you will be working on? My key goals revolve around fostering community growth and well-being. My priorities include the improvement of roads and infrastructure, supporting local business and attracting new ventures to help stimulate economic growth. The challenges around infrastructure improvements are budget constraints. My team is working hard on sourcing grant opportunities to help in this regard and am optimistic we will be in a better place to plan in the near future.

What important issues will you be discussing ahead in council meetings? I first would like to say that I appreciate the collaborative spirit within our city council.

Each member brings a unique perspective and a shared dedication to the well-being of our community. While we all have diverse opinions, the commitment to constructive dialogue and finding common ground is evident. I believe our city council and the city staff are top notch and am looking forward to continuing to work closely with them.

We are entering into budget season, so I imagine a lot of our conversations will be around the budget. I will be working closely with the city council members to establish budget priorities that align with the community's needs. We will continue to work with the county to enhance public safety, such as improvements to countywide law, emergency services and community policing efforts.

What else would

you like to say to your public? It is an absolute privilege to serve as your mayor and I want to express my gratitude for entrusting me with this responsibility. I am eager to collaborate with all of you to shape the future of our community as your voices are critical in the journey! I encourage open dialogue and am committed to understanding your concerns and aspirations. Together, let's build on our strengths, overcome challenges and continue to strive for improvements to a town we call home. I am here to listen, learn and lead with your interests as my priority and truly believe that together we can achieve great things. Thank you for entrusting me with this role and I look forward to working together for the betterment of Ida Grove.

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OABCIG Large Group District Speech Contest Results

Communication: Choral Reading: I	interview: Ensemble Acting: I
Mad Ones: Musical Theatre: I	Hewitt/Van Houten/Mogensen: Improv: I
Guys and Dolls: Musical Theatre: II	Weir/Johnson/Leed: Improv: I
Regina Flector Wins the Science Fair:	Bad Auditions by Bad Actors: Ensemble Acting: II
Ensemble Acting: I	Large Group Speech Contest: Feb. 3 at Spencer.
Mean Girls: Musical Theatre: I	
13 Ways to screw up your college	

Ridge View Large Group Speech Results

District Speech results:

Receiving 1 ratings and advancing to the State Speech Competition Feb. 4.

Improv - Tatum Shepherd, Noah Shepherd, Sophia Keleher.

Improv - Tess Pacza, Kinzie Hagen, Daniel Najera.

Musical Theatre - "Nobody's Perfect" Tess Pacza, Brody Bisenius.

Musical Theatre - "Step-sister's Lament" Kinzie Hagen, Leanna Vincent, Sophia Keleher.

Reader's Theatre - "Ridiculous Red Riding Hood" Gillian Chance, Corvin Griffin, Maddy Horan, Taylor Vincent, Sarai Cervantes.

Reader's Theatre - "Group Therapy": Brody Bisenius, Addy Tesch, Valeria Najera, Jordan Kluver, Brooklyn Cudabeck, Emma Mentzer.

Choral Reading - Leanna Vincent, Katie Lara, Molly Reiss, Jayley Endrulat, Jaycie Vohs.

Short Film - "The Real Housewives of Small Town U.S.A."

Short Film - "The Homecoming Cult" (mocumentary).

Receiving a 2 Rating - Improv - Owen Barry, Antone Carlson, Evan Ramirez, Odin Hansen.



United Bank of Iowa recently made a substantial commitment to the Ida Grove City Park renovations with a pledge of \$75,000. On hand to present the first \$25,000 installment were Dan Dotzler, Jean Burns and Derek Conover from United Bank of Iowa. Tony Bennett accepted the donation on behalf of the Ida Grove Kiwanis Charitable Foundation, as co-sponsor of Phase 1. The Ida Grove Economic Development Corporation has developed a master plan for significant renovations of City Park to be completed in phases over a period of years. Major planned improvements include a splash pad, additional playground equipment, modern shelter with restrooms, shaded picnic spots, improved parking, and an outdoor amphitheater.



Reading to the littles: Nicki Jacobson, director of Little Raptors Daycare in Holstein, spends some quality time with a few of the children under her care.

—more about . . . Raptors Daycare

(continued from page A1) the expansion, it was two years ago in August that we opened here."

The daycare center operates year-round, not just during the school year. While Ridge View is affiliated with the daycare and oversees it, most of the daily operations of the daycare center are separate from the school activities. Nicki, a Schaller native, gave a brief history of and reason for the center.

"They've had the daycare for about five years in this school," she stated. "They decided there was a need for it. A lot of these kids go to school here for a half-day in the building. So they just walk down the hallway to their classrooms. They don't have to get bused here, and their parents don't have to find transportation for them. They can just come here in the morning, go to school, and come back here in the afternoon to get picked up."

Jacobson discussed the ages and numbers of kids they take care of.

"We have a four-year-old preschool, and a five-year-old transitional kindergarten, that are half-days. Some are in the morning; some are in the afternoon, they come back and forth. We have three different rooms. Our zero to 18-month-old room has 15 babies. Our toddler room has 19, and our school-age room has 37 kids."

The children at Little Raptors Daycare are not just from Holstein.

"We have some from Schaller, Ida Grove, Anthon, and Correctionville. Some come here because they don't have enough daycare, or the parents are coming to work in town, so they just bring their kids here."

Nicki mentioned the help she has working with her.

"We have eight full-time employees and about 10 part-time employees."

There are ways for people to contribute to Little Raptors Daycare if they want to help.

"People can donate money or supplies," said Jacobson. "They can donate their time to come in and rock and hold babies."

Nicki also talked about her training and experience.

"There's classes you have to take, and so many hours of training," she explained. "I've done daycare for about 17 years. I worked at another daycare center, and I've done in-home daycare too."

Keeping staff is definitely the biggest challenge, according to Jacobson.

"I feel like the need for workers has increased. It's become extremely harder to find daycare than it used to be. There's just less and less people doing daycare."

Finally, Nicki shared her favorite aspect of the job.

"When the kids come in smiling and give you a big hug, that's the best part," she said. "I like seeing what they've accomplished and watching them grow."

TURN BACK TIME...



Telephone school: Ida Grove telephone school of instructions group, in front of Baxter Hotel in Ida Grove, 1929.

IDA ITEMS

10 years ago

The Ida County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting last week for the new Lewis Family Drug location in downtown Ida Grove.

O-A/BC-IG 66, L-B 63: The Falcon girls avenged a 24-point setback to Lawton-Bronson earlier in the season with a three-point decision in a conference tournament contest in Correctionville. Coach Megan Parker said her girls did a good job on offense and defense. "Offensively, we had a couple of girls step up big time for us. Defensively, we held L-B's big scorer to about half the points she had the first time we played them." Two Falcons produced a double double stat game. Jensen Boger had 24 points and 14 rebounds while Cheyenne Wilcke had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

O-A/BC-IG 67, Ridge View 41: O-A/BC-IG beat the Raptors in a conference tournament semi-final contest in Ida Grove. The Falcons opened up a 14-4 lead at the end of the first quarter and steadily pulled away from the Raptors as the game progressed. "With the loss to Ridge View (Jan. 14) still fresh in our minds, we knew we would have to play well," said coach Jon Nelson. "Our kids executed the game plan to perfection." Jacob Luft tallied 20 points and seven assists. Ben Dotzler added 10 points and 10 rebounds. Tyler Oberreuter also scored 10 points. Jackson Graff topped Ridge View's scoring list with 13 points. Zach Tokheim scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

15 years ago

Dr. John Sinnott and Dr. Carl Toben of Ida Grove were honored for their combined 76 years of family practice in Ida County, during a retirement reception at the Skate Palace. More than 600 area residents attended the reception hosted by friends. During the event, Ida Grove mayor Dennis Ernst presented the doctors with plaques on behalf of the city proclaiming Feb. 7 as Dr. Carl Toben Day and Dr. John Sinnott Day, for their "faithful dedication" to the community.

The Battle Creek-Ida Grove High School drill team participated in the Midwest Regional Dance Competition. The team won the super sweepstakes trophy, for receiving a score of 90 or above out of 100 points, on all three of their routines from all three judges. Team members include Kendra Krager, Emily Glawe, Kaylee Spotts, Autumn Phillips, Taylor Bogue, Morgan Venteicher, Carly Brosius, Nicole Patera, Caitlin Bielenberg, and coach Anne Zobel.

The BC-IG girls closed out the regular portion of their basketball schedule with a 72-53 decision over Ar-We-Va. Senior Hannah Redenius scored 31 points, which pushed her career total points over the 1,000 mark. BC-IG finished the regular season with a 15-3 record and ranked 12th in the state in class 2A.

20 years ago

The Odebolt-Arthur School Board accepted three resignations Monday. Resignations included elementary/middle school principal Sandy Boerner, middle school science teacher Bob Mollhoff, and interim superintendent Dennis Johnson.

The Galva-Holstein School Board approved a proposed contract with the teachers for the 2004-05 school year Monday. The contract proposal calls for a \$325 increase in the base salary from \$22,375 to \$22,700. In its initial offer, the education association asked for an \$825 increase, while the board countered with a \$25 increase.

25 years ago

The Ida County Pork Producers held their annual banquet in Ida Grove. The festivities included crowning of pork royalty for 1999. They include Little Miss Pigtales Kortney Friedrichsen, 6, of Holstein, daughter of Kirk and Kathy; Pork Queen Brenda Rohlk, 17, of Arthur, daughter of Kyle and Mary; Tail Twister Joshua Lansink, 6, of Danbury, son of Marc and Mary; Pork Princess Courtney Lansink, 15, of Arthur, daughter of Dennis and Tammy; and Little Miss Pigtales Princess Morgan Renze, 5, of Ida Grove, daughter of Brian and Darci.

The Odebolt-Arthur girls won the Maple Valley Conference basketball tournament Saturday at Onawa. O-A won three games in the week-long tournament. The streak of games improved O-A's season record to 14-1. Saturday's 39-37 win over Woodbury Central gave the Trojanettes their first ever conference tournament championship.

The win didn't come easy, as O-A's Julie Bloyer made the game-winning basket with eight seconds left in the contest. O-A coach Larry Allen noted his club played an excellent first half. O-A jumped out to a 10-1 lead at the end of the first quarter and were up 25-13 at half-time. "Overall, it was a team effort, but it was the Julie Bloyer show at the end," said Allen. Bloyer finished up with 20 points, 14 rebounds, six steals and two blocked shots.

30 years ago

The Ida County Board of Supervisors approved the county's \$4.8 million dollar budget for fiscal year 1994-95. The budget totals \$4,803,310 and represents a 9.1 percent increase over the \$4,367,287 for 1993-94. The largest increase is \$418,000 for the county engineer.

The Arthur City Council reviewed water and sewer rates Monday. The council reviewed a survey of water and sewer rates charged by 10 area communities similar in size to Arthur. It was noted Arthur's rates are the second lowest among the communities surveyed.

35 years ago

For the first time in many years, Ida Grove is home for a full-line bakery in the downtown business district. On Wednesday, Harold "Herb" and Grace Cole of Moville opened the Rolling Pin Bakery & Coffee Shop, on Ida Grove's Second Street in the former location of the Pizza Junction. Cole, 53, grew up watching his father operate a bakery in South Sioux City.

Junior Todd Irgens broke the Ida Grove High School record for most wrestling dual points in a season, when he led his fellow teammates to a double dual victory last Thursday evening, against the Lawton-Bronson Eagles and the West Monona Spartans. Previously, Doug Lansink had the record with 60 points in 12 duals, and R.J. Bumann had 59 points in 12 duals. Irgens' pin allowed him 60 points in 11 dual meets. Coach Herb Irgens said he was pleased with the Hawk performance, especially since seven Hawks could not wrestle due to injuries or flu.

For the second straight week, Matt Blanco teamed up with fellow Hawk Jeff Spotts to help the Ida Grove cagers come from behind and win, 72-71, over the Charter Oak-Ute Bobcats last Saturday night in Charter Oak. Ida Grove lost the girls' game, 100-78. Blanco, who made a game-winning last second shot against Odebolt-Arthur earlier in the season, did it again against the Bobcats when he sank a two-pointer, under the basket, with four seconds left in the game. Blanco led the Hawks both in scoring and on the boards. Spotts shared the spotlight with Blanco in Saturday night's game, especially during the fourth quarter. Spotts earned nine of 12 field goals on the night and ripped down 10 rebounds, with most of them coming in the final period.

Which U.S. president was often mocked in the press for his unkempt appearance? Which president and his wife hold the record for longest married "first couple"? Jan. 31 is National Hot Chocolate Day, and International Zebra Day; Feb. 1 is Candy-Making Day, and National Freedom Day; Feb. 2 is Groundhog Day, and National Woman's Heart Day; Feb. 3 is National Women Physician's Day, and American Painter's Day; Feb. 4 is Farmer's Day, Homemade Soup Day, and World Cancer Day; Feb. 5 is National Chocolate Fondue Day; Feb. 6 is Pay a Compliment Day, and National Valentine Shopping Reminder Day.

40 years ago

Holstein's City Council voted to drop civil defense from its 1984-85 budget. The decision was made after a discussion about the necessity of the program, and drops the city from the civil defense system. Holstein's share of the civil defense budget was \$755, up \$21 from last year.

The Galva City Council approved a proposed city budget of \$93,442 at its meeting Monday night. The proposed budget is up \$1,232 from the current fiscal year budget of \$92,210. That represents a 1.3 percent increase in expenditures; however, property taxes raised for the new budget will be less than in the current budget.

50 years ago

One sealed bid for the property near the Ida County fairgrounds was turned down. County officials will now be offering the 12.85 acres at public auction Feb. 28. The Ida County Board of Supervisors, acting on behalf of the Ida County Fair Association, advertised for sealed bids on the land that lies next to the fairgrounds. John Krenk of Ida Grove offered a bid price of \$450 an acre, but this wasn't satisfactory to the fair board.

School attendance is still down countywide, due to the flu bug. Ida County reported 169 students absent Tuesday. Battle Creek reported 30 percent of grades 7 through 12, and 17 percent of the elementary, were absent. Absence totals for Galva and Holstein on Tuesday were 53 and 148, respectively.

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

Who was the only man to be elected twice as U.S. Vice President and twice as President of the United States? Answer: Richard Nixon. (Nixon served as Vice President to President Dwight D. Eisenhower from 1953-1961 and was elected President in both 1969 and 1972).

Which president had turned down offers to play professional football? Answer: Gerald Ford. (Ford was a star football player at the University of Michigan. After graduation, he turned down offers to play with both the Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers. Instead, he took a coaching job at Yale University in 1935, because he also wanted to attend law school).

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This week is Catholic Schools Week; and National Meat Week. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

— John 11:25-26

"Why are you trying so hard to fit in when you were born to stand out?"

— What a Girl Wants

"Oh yes, the past can hurt. But you can either run from it, or learn from it."

— The Lion King

"I'm the guy who does his job. You must be the other guy."

— The Departed

"I know what I have to do now, I've got to keep breathing because tomorrow the sun will rise. Who knows what the tide could bring?"

— Cast Away

"The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist."

— The Usual Suspects

"They may take our lives, but they'll never take our freedom."

— Braveheart

"When you realize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible."

— When Harry Met Sally

"I'm going to make him an offer he can't refuse."

— The Godfather

"We are who we choose to be."

— Spider Man

"Calling it your job don't make it right, boss."

— Cool Hand Luke

Grover Cleveland was the 22nd and 24th U.S. President. He was the first and only U.S. president to serve non-consecutive terms. Between terms, Cleveland moved back to New York City and worked at a law firm.

Three presidents (John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe) have died on the 4th of July, but only one president was born on Independence Day. (Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872 in Plymouth Notch, Vermont.)

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Ortho: CNOS-Feb. 7, 12, 14, 21, 26, 28

Podiatry-NONE

Surgery-Feb. 13, 20, 27

Urology-Feb. 1, 29

Vascular & Interventional Specialists-Feb. 20

Wound Care-Feb. 7

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Feb. 13: 2-5 p.m.
Feb. 14: 9 a.m.-Noon & 2-5 p.m.



HEART MONTH

ODEBOLT BULLETIN



Photo by Mary Morgan • Ida County Courier

Pastor Jeff Hansen

Pastor Jeff Hansen says goodbye

■ by MARY MORGAN
IDA COUNTY COURIER

Pastor Jeff Hansen has been at the Faith Lutheran (ELCA) church of Odebolt and Bethel Lutheran of Kiron since August of 2019. He now has been called to Northern California near his wife Cindy's family. Nested between two towns just a few miles off the ocean, Ferndale and Fortuna. Hansen said they knew about these churches, but they were not looking to leave, and he had not even planned on filling out the call papers until he was called. Hansen says,

"It's hard to say goodbye, because these are wonderful people."

Hansen said when the call committee from Faith Lutheran called upon him, they asked how he was on technology. He was

not much on it, but they worked together because they needed to, because Covid hit in 2020 and they needed technology to communicate with people. Hansen explains,

"Jim Michaelson and I started livestreaming with our cell phones. We did not know what we were doing, but we did it and learned together. I started with a short devotion and continued doing those about five days a week. Today, we have people following us from Texas, California, and Minnesota. We have shut-ins who follow us every Sunday. We send letters and bulletins to those who do not have internet access."

Hansen is proud to say what the churches do for the community. Faith Lutheran was blessed with a farm many years ago. They

have been good stewards of the farm and have developed the Faith Foundation. Each January, Faith Foundation gives away large sums of money locally and worldwide. Bethel Lutheran in Kiron has an active food ministry. They serve the Mobile Food Pantry. OAK ministries are strong here. Hansen says,

"Cindy and I take care of one of the berms along the creek that runs past the school. We plant flowers and keep it up. Now that job will be open."

Hansen's final words are, "Coming here has been a blessing. Let me tell you something. I have had congregations who do not know how to laugh. This congregation knows how to laugh and have fun. This is a good place with good opportunities."

Pancake Brunch raising money for Dollars for Scholars

■ by MARY MORGAN
IDA COUNTY COURIER

A pancake brunch fundraiser was held Sunday, Jan. 28, to raise money for Dollars for Scholars. Pancakes, syrup, sausage, and scrambled eggs were the scrumptious meal provided for the people attending. Paul Neuman visited with me about Dollars for Scholars,

"Dollars for Scholars

is an independent foundation. It is a chapter of Scholarship of America. We work with the school to raise scholarship money so that every student graduating from OABCIG gets a scholarship just by filling out the application. The average scholarship money received is around \$3,600-4,000 dollars. We have an endowment and we do a

couple fundraisers such as this Pancake Brunch and Hike-Bike in the summer. So the community is well included. It involves several communities, Odebolt, Arthur, Battle Creek, Ida Grove, and part of Danbury."

Our tummies were full and our hearts went out to the future scholarship winners.



Photo by Mary Morgan • Ida County Courier

Students serving pancakes raising money for Dollars for Scholars.



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People attending the pancake Brunch raising money for Dollars for Scholars.



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The Holstein Kiwanis club was proud to make their annual Festival of Trees Food Donation to the Ida County Community Basket. (Left to Right) Sherry Gebers-President, Kyle Chance-Treasurer, Susan Endrulat-Secretary.



Playing at the King Theatre Feb. 2-4, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday 3:30 p.m.: **The Color Purple** (PG-13/ Musical/Drama/2h 21m). Torn apart from her sister and her children, Celie faces many hardships in life, including an abusive husband. With support from a sultry singer named Shug Avery, as well as her stander-ground stepdaughter, Celie ultimately finds extraordinary strength in the unbreakable bonds of a new kind of sisterhood.

Sunday, Feb. 4, NOON:



FATHOM EVENT - My Fair Lady - 60th Anniversary (G/Musical/ Family/2h 50m). In this beloved musical, pompous phonetics professor Henry Higgins (Rex Harrison) is so sure of his abilities that he takes it upon himself to transform a Cockney working-class girl into someone who can pass for a cultured member of high society. His subject turns out to be the lovely Eliza Doolittle (Audrey Hepburn), who agrees to speech lessons to improve her job prospects. Higgins and Eliza clash,

then form an unlikely bond – one that is threatened by an aristocratic suitor (Jeremy Brett).

FREE Classic Movie Monday, Feb. 5, 6 p.m.: Yours, Mine, Ours (G/1968/Comedy/Family/1h 51m). Navy officer Frank Beardsley (Henry Fonda) is struggling to raise his 10 children in the wake of his wife's death. Frank soon begins dating Helen North (Lucille Ball), a widowed nurse with eight children of her own. After learning of their similar situations, the two are reluctant to pursue a relationship. But with the help of a mutual friend, Darrel Harrison (Van Johnson), the two eventually fall in love and must decide about forming one big, unconventional family.

Playing at the State Feb. 2-5: **The Boys In The Boat** (PG-13, Sport/ Drama, 2h 3m).

Synopsis: During the height of the Great Depression, members of the rowing team at the University of Washington get thrust into the spotlight as they compete for gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Up next: Mean Girls, Turning Red, Ordinary Angels. Tickets and showtimes: holsteinstate-theatre.com, 712-368-6226.

Scholarship opportunity for Iowa High School Juniors

The Hoover Presidential Foundation will award over \$60,000 in scholarships to Iowa students this year. This is the 27th year of the annual Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award, a scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors. The deadline to submit an application is April 1, 2024.

As many as 15 students will be chosen for the program with each receiving a \$1,500 scholarship. In addition, four \$10,000 scholarships are awarded for study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university anywhere in the United States. The award program seeks to identify uncommon students during their junior year in high school. Applicants submit a proposal for a project they want to accomplish, which relates to Herbert Hoover. Hoover was known as a great humanitarian, entrepreneur, engineer, and loved technology and the environment. Students are not evaluated on the basis of grades, test scores, essays, or financial need.

Students are selected each year based on their

stated project goal and detailed plans to reach that goal. Finalists spend a required expense-paid weekend in West Branch (just east of Iowa City) during the summer between their junior and senior year. During the weekend, they receive mentoring and assistance developing their projects to aid in their success.

Time is also spent behind the scenes at the Hoover Presidential Library and Museum to help students become more familiar with President Hoover's ideals regarding humanitarianism and public service. In November of their senior year, finalists make presentations about their projects at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum. At that time, each student receives the \$1,500 scholarship, and four are chosen to receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

Herbert Hoover, Iowa native and the nation's 31st president, is the inspiration for the award. He noted, "We believe in equal opportunity for all, but we know that this in-

cludes the opportunity to rise to leadership . . . to be uncommon." The award, funded entirely by private donations, is sponsored by the Hoover Presidential Foundation, a nonprofit support group for the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and Herbert Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch. Information and applications may be found at www.UncommonStudent.org.

About the Foundation

The Hoover Presidential Foundation promotes and supports the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, the National Historic Site, and other programs that enhance the understanding of Herbert Hoover as president and humanitarian.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

So, I have put quite a few opinions into the paper over the last 6 months. It has been a fun ride to hear all of the opinions people have and to hear what people truly want. The problem is, I don't talk to enough people to get a common consensus on what truly the most popular belief is. I have even contradicted myself in these letters, so for once and all, here is my final opinion. I believe that Galva-Holstein went down the wrong path, and 20 years ago before BCIG went with OA, and G-H with Schaller-Crestland, we should have come together. I do sincerely believe that G-H going south to join with OABCIG as a whole, is not as crazy as people

make it out to be or think. Holstein and Ida Grove are the population centers of each of the districts. Holstein currently has 310 kids living in or around it, which is about 70% of the Galva-Holstein district and Ida Gove has 422 kids in or around it, which is about 48% of their district. Battle Creek is also located nearby at just 7 miles from Ida Grove and 14 miles from Holstein. Their 149 students make up 16% of the OABCIG district, meaning that if everything were to go together, 881 kids of a 1,312 kids or 67.2% of the new district. This means most of the kids are all together. Also imagine the cost that could be saved by slowly consolidating down to a K-12 building. This is a

conversation I think needs to be had with more public input. With that being said, Galva-Holstein voters, you can contact the board President Jamie Whitmer at jwhitmer@rvraptors.org with your support and for OABCIG voters, you can contact your board President Jeff Rasmussen at jeffr@gomaco.com.

Fair disclaimer, I have no power over what either board does, nor do I have the support of either board in the countywide school idea. If you have an opinion to share, please email your representatives on the school board and/or attend the school board meetings and sign up for public comment.

Corvin Griffin
Holstein



Present in the photo is Rylie Lynch (Ida Grove Store Manager), and Crystal Endrulat (HMH Radiology Director).

Ladies Night at Bomgaars supporting women's health

On Nov. 5, the Ida Grove and Mapleton Bomgaars held a night of shopping just for ladies! Thank you to the Bomgaars corporation and our local Bomgaars in Ida Grove and Mapleton for creating awareness of

women's health issues by hosting this festive shopping event for a cause. Thank you for choosing Horn Memorial Hospital as the recipient of these funds to support women's health to the communities we

serve. A percentage of the total sales for the evening was pledged back to Horn Memorial Hospital in the amount of \$1,275.90 from the Ida Grove location and \$555.49 from the Mapleton Bomgaars.

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The Iowa Central Community College Foundation oversees nearly 100 scholarships to financially assist students. These scholarships are made possible by donations from various businesses, organizations, and individuals. For Foundation scholarships may be based on need or specified donor criteria. For more information on Iowa Central Foundation Scholarships or to apply online see <https://www.iowacentral.edu/foundation/scholarships.asp> on the Iowa Central website. To be considered for Foundation Scholarships, applications must be received by March 31, 2024.

A wide variety of general scholarships are available to both traditional and non-traditional students attending Iowa Central.

These include academic, housing, departmental and activity scholarships.

Various academic scholarships are available through the Admissions Department. Valedictorians from Iowa high schools who attend Iowa Central are awarded a full-tuition scholarship with proof of class rank and grade point average (GPA). Salutatorians are awarded \$3,000 and academic scholarships of \$800 are awarded to high school graduates with a 3.75 or above GPA and \$600 for graduates who attained a 3.74-3.25 GPA. Housing scholarships are available to resident students from Iowa in the amount of \$1,000 for valedictorians, \$800 for salutatorians, \$400 for students with a 3.75 or above GPA and \$300 for students with a GPA of 3.74-3.25. Housing and academic scholarships are renewable for a second year if students meet the requirements.

Departmental Scholarships are available to traditional and non-traditional students enrolled in business, education, psychology, health sciences, industrial technology, language arts and humanities, math, science and social sciences. Departmental scholarship amounts may

be determined by a student's academic adviser.

Academic Foundation Industrial Technology Scholarships are available in the amount of \$250 for students enrolled in Iowa Central Industrial Technology programs maintaining a GPA of 2.5-3.24.

Activity scholarships are available for art, dance, newspaper, vocal and instrumental music, drama/theater, student ambassador/student government and athletics. Activity scholarship amounts may vary based on program and department.

A large variety of external scholarships are also available for traditional and non-traditional students. Links to the scholarships with application requirements and application forms can be found on under the scholarships tab on Financial Aid Department website at https://www.iowacentral.edu/financial_aid/external_scholarships.asp

For more information on Iowa Central, enrollment, to apply or schedule a campus visit contact the Iowa Central Admissions Department by phone at 1-800-362-2793 or schedule a visit online via the Iowa Central Admissions website at <https://www.iowacentral.edu/admissions/visit.asp>



Letter of Intent: Shae Dutler signed her National Letter of Intent to play basketball at Grand View University next year



Ridge View senior Tess Pacza, shown here with her parents Katie Pacza and Brian Pacza, has accepted a scholarship to attend Marshalltown Community College and play e-sports for their 2023 National championship MarioCart team.

AEA eyes education bill

■ by MICHAEL HOHENBRINK
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING

A proposed education reform bill has area educators cautiously looking at what the results might be. During its Jan. 22 meeting, the Northwest AEA heard an update on HSB 542. Pete Iversen, who serves as coordinator for communications as well as creative services, said members of the statewide communication

tions team have been meeting daily or even multiple times per day in an effort to stay abreast of developments. Gov. Kim Reynolds has scaled back some of the proposals to allow AEAs to continue to offer special education, but the proposed bill could still see some major developments. Also during the meeting, board members heard a new face would be at one

area district. Mike Mulder will serve as superintendent at MOC Floyd-Valley. The board also looked at sign language interpretative services. Approval was given to an agreement between Northwest AEA and Sioux City Community School District for Sign Language Interpreter Service. The board will next meet Feb. 19 in Sioux City.

Supervisors approve financial requests

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Ida County Board of Supervisors met on Jan. 23, with board members Creston Schubert, Devlun Whiteing, and Raymond Drey in attendance. Due to the meeting room being unavailable because of Court conflict, the meeting was postponed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., within 24 hours of the original posted meeting time. Jeff Williams, County Engineer was present to discuss snow removal on county roads. District 1 & 3 Supervisors reported that they hadn't received any complaints in the last two weeks about the snow removal on their district's roads.

Raymond Drey, Supervisor District 2 had received multiple complaints about the roads being skimmed over and leaving 4 to 5 inches of snow on the roadway. Williams explained that when they first go out after a large storm, the drivers are attempting to get all roads opened. Then, they come back through and remove the snow from the traveled portion of the roadway.

Williams presented a Frontier request for under-ground placement of fiber optic cable in the right of way at PED boring 270th to address 5000-270th St. Maple Twp. The supervisors approved the request. L&L Builders presented

change orders: #29 for adding outlets in the Treasurer's office counter and #30 for changing the front door closure for the new atrium/entrance. The board approved the change orders. The Continental Fire Sprinkler system bid for the 5-year annual inspection for \$1,350 was also approved. The supervisors then approved the Wellness PTO Policy for 2024.

The SIMPCO Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget membership request for \$2,291.20 was discussed and approved. A Credit Card Use Policy was discussed for Ida County employees. After a few additional corrections/changes, the supervisors approved the Credit Card policy, and approved both the Assessor and the Auditor to get credit cards for use per the policy.

Payments in the amount of \$380.85 and \$267.22 to Benefits, Inc. and approved payroll dated 1-12-24 were approved.

Auditor Folk gave each of the Supervisors a copy of the Statewide Supervisors meeting information, to be conducted on Feb. 8, in Des Moines.

The Ida County Library representatives were on hand to address the Board. Members represented were Ida Grove-Angela Scales, Galva-Brenda Naberhaus, and Arthur-Carol Johnson. They began by sharing that they appreciated

the current year's funding. They presented a contract, which they wanted the Board to review and consider signing. The Board asked questions and the librarians shared that with a contract they would have more definitive information regarding the funding that the Board would be giving. They requested an increase in the total amount of the funding, and shared that they would like to have the additional increase added to the second half of the payments when the split is based on census. They commented that with the contract, planning and budgeting would help them to know what they could budget. The Supervisors told them that they would consider this as they worked on the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

The board reviewed Manure Management Plan for Facilities Ehrp's #67047 owner D. Rose LLC. and Webbs-#67048, 1702 Orchard Ave. Also reviewed were the SIMPCO FY24 membership letter, and Assessor Comstock's letter regarding the updating of rural homes that are not part of the farm that is tillable around it, that they would now be classed as residential instead of Agricultural.

The Board of Supervisors will meet again at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25 and Monday, Feb. 5 for budget workshops.

Gov. Reynolds & 24 Republican Governors Joint Statement Supporting State of Texas' Constitutional Right to Self-Defense

Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a joint statement with 24 Republican governors in support of Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Texas' constitutional right to self-defense: "President Biden and his Administration have left Americans and our country completely vulnerable to unprecedented illegal immigration pouring across the Southern border. Instead of upholding the rule of law and securing the border, the Biden Administration has attacked and sued Texas for stepping up to protect American citizens from historic levels of illegal immigrants, deadly drugs like fentanyl, and terrorists entering our country. "We stand in solidarity with our fellow Governor, Greg Abbott, and the State of Texas in utilizing every

tool and strategy, including razor wire fences, to secure the border. We do it in part because the Biden Administration is refusing to enforce immigration laws already on the books and is illegally allowing mass parole across America of migrants who entered our country illegally. "The authors of the U.S. Constitution made clear that in times like this, states have a right of self-defense, under Article 4, Section 4 and Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution. Because the Biden Administration has abdicated its constitutional compact duties to the states, Texas has every legal justification to protect the sovereignty of our states and our nation." Other signatories include: Governor Kay Ivey

(AL), Governor Mike Dunleavy (AK), Governor Sarah Sanders (AR), Governor Ron DeSantis (FL), Governor Brian Kemp (GA), Governor Brad Little (ID), Governor Eric Holcomb (IN), Governor Jeff Landry (LA), Governor Tate Reeves (MS), Governor Mike Parson (MO), Governor Greg Gianforte (MT), Governor Jim Pillen (NE), Governor Joe Lombardo (NV), Governor Chris Sununu (NH), Governor Doug Burgum (ND), Governor Mike DeWine (OH), Governor Kevin Stitt (OK), Governor Henry McMaster (SC), Governor Kristi Noem (SD), Governor Bill Lee (TN), Governor Spencer Cox (UT), Governor Glenn Youngkin (VA), Governor Jim Justice (WV), and Governor Mark Gordon (WY).

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to host Farm Succession Workshop Feb. 15 and 22 in Holstein

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach of Buena Vista, Cherokee and Ida Counties will host a two-day farm succession workshop on Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cobblestone Inn and Conference Center in Holstein. The workshop is designed to provide an overview of farm estate planning, including legal and realistic guidance for creating your own unique farm succession plan. It will be led by ISU Extension and Outreach Farm Management Specialist and Certified Farm Transition Coordinator Alexis Stevens and ISU Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation Staff Attorney Jennifer Harrington. "Every farm will have a unique estate plan," Stevens said. "Changes in the farm can be stressful. You will leave this workshop with tools and resources to make informed decisions that are right for your family and farm." Topics include estate planning, setting goals, implementing your plan, gift and estate taxes, and having the succession conversation with your family. The workshop will provide resources that the participants

can use for future planning. "Many families struggle with succession plans," Stevens said. "Families say they don't know how to start talking about farm estate planning. We ask them, 'What do you have now?' and 'Where do you want to go?' to get them started." Registration fee for the program is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. Refreshments will be provided, and space is limited so registration is required. To register or ask questions, call the Ida County Extension Office at 712-364-3003. Registration deadline is Feb. 10.

Orchestra Festival at Luther College. 4 p.m. Basketball: Girls JV Game vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's Storm Lake. 4 p.m. Wrestling: Jr. H. Meet vs East Sac County at Sac City. 4:45 p.m. Basketball: Boys JV Game vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's Storm Lake. 6 p.m. Basketball: Girls Varsity Non-conference Game vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's Storm Lake. 7:30 p.m. Basketball: Boys Varsity Non-conference Game vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's Storm Lake. Tuesday, Feb. 6 7 p.m. Speech Night at Rosemary Clausen Center for Performing Arts.

RIDGE VIEW ACTIVITY Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 31
1-Hour Late Start-Professional Development.
Thursday, Feb. 1
Wrestling: Girls Varsity State vs TBD at Coralville.
6 p.m. Basketball: Girls Varsity conference tournament vs multiple school vs Western Valley at Western Valley.
6 p.m. Wrestling: Boys Varsity Meet vs multiple schools at RV HS North Gym.
Friday, Feb. 2
Honor Band at Iowa State University.
Wrestling: Girls Varsity State vs TBD at Coralville.
6 p.m. Basketball: Boys Varsity conference tournament vs multiple

schools at Western Valley.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Archery at Siouxland Christian.
Honor Band at Iowa State University.
State Speech Contest, Large Group TBD.
1 p.m. MS Archery at Spencer.
5 p.m. Basketball: Girls Varsity conference tournament vs multiple schools vs Western Valley at OABCIG HS.
7 p.m. Basketball: Boys Varsity conference tournament vs multiple schools vs Western Valley at Ida Grove.
Sunday, Feb. 4
Orchestra Festival at Luther College.
Monday, Feb. 5

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4 p.m. Basketball: Girls JV Game vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's Storm Lake.
4 p.m. Wrestling: Jr. H. Meet vs East Sac County at Sac City.
4:45 p.m. Basketball: Boys JV Game vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's Storm Lake.
6 p.m. Basketball: Girls Varsity Non-conference Game vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's Storm Lake.
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Allie Lund playing flute.

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Solo & Ensemble Contest reigns over musical talent of OABCIG

by MARY MORGAN
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Solo and Ensemble reigns over the students of OABCIG on Jan. 23. Parents came to watch and support their students as they were judged for their musical talent. I sat and listened to Judge Allen Yeager give his advice to the young aspiring musicians.

Allie Lund played her flute wonderfully with accompanist Carol Sadler. She played “Aura Lee”. But there is always work to be done. Allen Yeager asked Lund to raise her right hand and repeat after him,

“I am not an owl.”

“I am not an owl.” Yeager says, “It is not Hoo, hoo, hoo but too, too, too.”

He was speaking of tonguing while playing the flute.

Next up was the Tuba Quartet with Aleric Schoonover, Miles Chesney, Gage Leed, and Kaleb Taylor. They played “Minuet.” Yeager spoke to them about dynamics as well as telling them what a good start they have.

“One thing missing, dynamics. It’s all loud, you need to go up and down. Build it to a climax then back down.”

The musicians all sounded great. It is obvious they have had a good director, Jacob Welper.

Next up again was the Saxophone Choir with Calli Ulrich, Jaylee Williams, Quincy Smith, Marshall Mogensen, Erika Swanger, Aubrey Taylor, Sophi Johnson, Hailey Bender, Jasmine Smith, and Taylor Schable. They played “Minuet.” Yeager spoke to them about dynamics as well as telling them what a good start they have.

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Number of donors to the Chickadee Tax Check-off continues to decline

Last year, more than 5,800 Iowa taxpayers helped boost wildlife conservation with donations to the Fish and Wildlife Fund on their state tax form.

While that may sound like a lot, over the last 20 years, the number of donors has declined by 50 percent and represents only about 0.4 percent of the total taxpayers in Iowa.

This year, the decline in donors signaled a slight decline in donations as well, which totaled a little under \$147,000, a decrease of roughly \$8,000 from the previous year.

“We are extremely thankful for those who donate to wildlife conservation with their tax refunds! The funds are vital to our work on habitat development and restoration programs for some of Iowa’s most vulnerable animal species. We would love to see the number of people donating increase, but it is hard to get the word out about this obscure line on the state tax form,” said Stephanie Shepherd, wildlife biologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Diversity program.

The Fish and Wildlife Fund, commonly known as the “Chickadee Check-off,” is a mechanism the Iowa Legislature created in the 1980s for Iowans to donate to wildlife conservation on the Iowa state income tax form. Before this time, so-called “non-game” wildlife had no dedicated funding.

Non-game wildlife are the 1,000-plus species such as songbirds, bald eagles, salamanders, turtles, monarchs, bees and more that make up the majority of wildlife in Iowa. The Chickadee Check-off



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Don Poggensee with the very first Chickadee Tax Check-off poster that he did for the DNR in the 1980s

is one of the only funding sources for the Iowa DNR’s Wildlife Diversity program, which is responsible for these species. Funding helps to improve wildlife habitat, restore native wildlife, provide opportunities for citizens to learn about Iowa’s natural resources and much more. Recent projects that have been supported by the check-off investigating the nesting success of bald eagles and determining the status of the endangered Poweshiek skipperling butterfly.

“One thing to be aware of, if you’re interested in donating, is that the tax check-off line is pretty inconspicuous and can be easily missed. Be sure to remind your tax preparer that they have a client

that wants to donate,” said Shepherd.

Once located, donating is easy: simply write the amount to donate next to Fish/Wildlife, which is line 21 on Form 1040, and the sum is either automatically deducted from the refund or added to the amount owed.

“If every Iowa taxpayer donated just \$1, it would mean \$1.6 million for wildlife and nature conservation,” Shepherd said.

New this year, if hopeful donors miss donating on the tax form, they can still make a donation to the Wildlife Diversity program on the web at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/donations>.

DNR CONTACT: Stephanie Shepherd at 515-230-6599 or stephanie.shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov



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OABCIG Ida Grove Falcons of the week Jan 22: Front row, (l to r): Maverick DeMoss, Nolan Hupke, David Rettinghaus, Channing Miesner, Addyson Melby, Remy Pierce, and Oliver Nepper. Back row, (l to r): Gavin Rogers, Jaxen Schade, Jayden Schiernbeck, Max Hahn, Lilly Drey, and Kylee Collins.



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OABCIG Ida Grove Falcons of the week: Front row, (left to right): Jasper Puga-Vallejos, Mason Mesenbrink, Diego Lopez, Jaxdan Pierson, and Justin Ausborn. Back row, (left to right): Hailey Ackerman, Jaxson Wieling, Rylie Henningsen, Libby Van Houten, Avery Schabel, Bentley Childers, and Emmett Hasbrouck.

OABCIG ACTIVITY
Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 31

1 p.m. Dismissal-Professional Development.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Girls Wrestling State at Coralville.

3 p.m. Bowling Denison Baker Tournament at Lucky Lanes Denison.

4 p.m. MS Girls 7th Basketball vs Kuemper Catholic at Carroll HS.

4 p.m. MS Girls 8th Basketball at Kuemper Catholic at Carroll MS.

4 p.m. MS Wrestling at Woodbine HS.

6 p.m. Basketball Girls WVC V Tourney.

6 p.m. Wrestling (SCC/

Cherokee) at OABCIG HS.

Friday, Feb. 2

Wrestling Girls State at Coralville.

6 p.m. Basketball Boys WVC V Tourney.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Speech State Large Group Contest.

Wrestling State Dual Teams.

5 p.m. Basketball WVC Girls Finals at OABCIG HS.

7 p.m. Basketball WVC Boys Finals at OABCIG HS.

Monday, Feb. 5

4 p.m. MS Girls 7th Bas-

ketball vs Denison at Odebolt.

4 p.m. MS Wrestling at ESC Sac Community Sac City.

4:15 p.m. MS Girls 8th Basketball at Denison MS.

5 p.m. Basketball JVR/JV Boys vs Kuemper at OABCIG HS.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

3:30 p.m. Bowling G/B at Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn at Locomotive Lanes, Sanborn.

4 p.m. Basketball JV G/B vs Alta-Aurelia at OABCIG HS.

6 p.m. Basketball vs Alta-Aurelia at OABCIG HS.

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... car collection

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spent a lot of money on for myself. Besides that, I think it was a good investment.’ That was the start of the collection.”

The car collection features quite a variety of automobiles.

“He’s probably got about 43 different vehicles,” said Tarr. “Upstairs are all the personal Godbersen family cars. They’re the newer ones, from the ‘70s on up. The oldest car they have is a 1908 REO. The most expensive one is probably the ‘32 LeBaron.”

And, there is more than just cars in the collection.

“In the basement, there’s wooden boats and other stuff that’s been collected,” stated Tarr. “My claim to fame is that I’ve driven everything that’s in this museum, except the boats. We start the cars up occasionally. We have on different occasions taken one out and used it in a parade or something. The only time this museum is open to the public is during Heritage Days. We will open for private tours, and I’ve never heard about anybody being turned down, who wants to take a look.”

Tarr retired from GOMACO three years ago, but still gives tours of the car museum.

“I was head of maintenance in the factory,” he explained, “and I became personal friends of Harold and Leone Godbersen, and Gary and Sharon Godbersen. I took care of all the equipment, and I also took care of their houses. When they started acquiring all these vehicles, they turned them over for me to maintain them and keep them

going.”

Folks from all over have come to check out the unique combination of cars.

“We’ve had people from different states come in and look at this,” said Tarr. “We’ve had busloads of people that come to tour Ida Grove, so we open it up and show them. The REO trucks were restored in-house. Everything else in here is pretty much the way they bought it. There’s also a pedal car collection. If we’ve got a pedal car similar to the real car, we display it next to them.”

Tarr shared a brief history of how the car museum got its present location.

“After Harold passed away in 1986,” he said, “the cars sat for 25 years and nothing was done to them. When this building came up for sale, the Godbersen family thought this would be a great place to start a museum. We got all the cars running again, and they completely renovated this building. We started filling it up, and since then, they’ve added quite a few more. We’ve still got three or four vehicles in the process of being restored, but whether the collection will continue to grow or not, I do not know at this time.”

Finally, Tarr was asked about his personal favorite.

“I like ‘em all,” he said. “The boats downstairs are really spectacular. The craftsmanship that went into restoring those is really something. They were done by a professional boat restoration person. There’s a ‘56 Ford upstairs that’s probably my favorite car. It’s all original and never been restored.”



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Take it on the run, baby!: John Tarr checks out this 1923 REO Speedwagon.



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Ready to hit the links: This red 1929 REO Flying Cloud has golf clubs on board and is ready to head for the golf course.



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Feelin' blue: John Tarr shows off this blue and cream colored 1926 REO Speedwagon.



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Hello to the yellow: This yellow 1980s Royal Ride golf cart would draw some attention out on the golf course.



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Back to the Future! This 1981 DeLorean Coupe is similar to the one featured in the Michael J. Fox movie, “Back to the Future.”



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Rarin'to go!: These antique miniature cars are all lined up and the drivers are ready to go!



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Ready to set sail: This 1916 Hacker Craft Runabout looks nice pulled up to the dock.

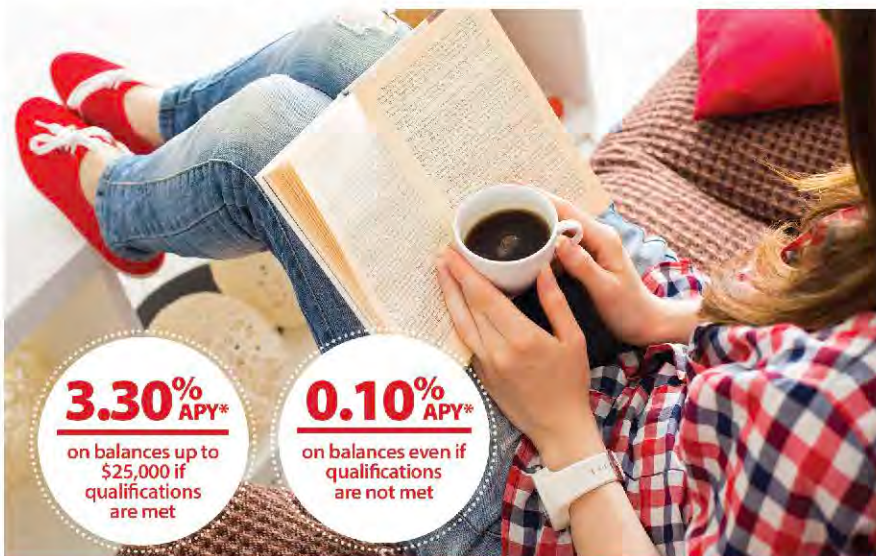


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Ripping across the water: This 1950s racing boat achieved some high speeds on the water.

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Looking to keep the ride going: A sledder at Moorehead Park makes the most of his ride as he comes to the bottom of the hill.



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Headin' back up the hill: This youngster grabs his sled and heads back up the hill for more, Jan. 21 at Ida Grove Moorehead Park.



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Havin' fun: Another sledder reaches the bottom of the hill, still smiling from the experience.

Sledding at Moorehead Park



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Sledding at Moorehead: Sledders took to the slopes at Moorehead Park on Jan. 21, looking for some wintertime fun.



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New City Hall nearing completion:

The front door has been installed, and the flooring was completed last week, in the new City Hall building on Main Street in Ida Grove. The city is shooting for March 1 as the target date to be moved in by, according to deputy clerk Kelly Young.



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Using the rope: Sledders grab hold of the rope to help them get back up the hill at Moorehead Park, so they can slide down it again.

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SPORTS

Ridge View girl wrestlers capture first place at Super Regional tournament

Six wrestlers qualify for state wrestling tournament

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Ridge View girls wrestling squad traveled to Sioux City on Saturday, for the Super Regional state qualifying tournament at the Tyson Events Center. The Raptors captured first place in the 25-team tournament with 224 team points, narrowly defeating Algona with 220 points.

Ridge View had six wrestlers qualify for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament, including Lauren Siegner (26-16) at 100 pounds; Tegan Robertson (34-10) at 120 pounds; Destiny Brown (37-2) at 125 pounds; Tatum Shepherd (37-2) at 130 pounds; Izzy Deeds (41-3) at 135 pounds; and Daynia Werner (28-8) at 170 pounds.

Brown, Shepherd, and Deeds all captured first place in their division, while Siegner, Robertson, and Werner each captured third place in their divisions.

At 100 pounds, Lauren Siegner won by pin in the quarterfinals, lost in the semi-finals, then won an 11-2 major decision and a 12-0 major decision to capture third place. Lynsee Ockerman (105 pounds) won by fall, lost in the quarterfinals, won by fall again, then lost in the next round. Jadyn Friedrichsen (110) pinned her first op-

ponent, lost in the quarterfinals, pinned another opponent, then lost in the next round. At 115 pounds, Bryli Blunk lost an 8-2 decision, pinned her next opponent, then lost in the following round.

Tegan Robertson (120) pinned two opponents, lost an 8-4 decision in the semi-finals, then pinned two more opponents to capture third place. Destiny Brown (125) pinned four consecutive opponents to capture first place in her division. Tatum Shepherd (130) also pinned four straight opponents to capture first place. Izzy Deeds (135) pinned three opponents, then won a 3-2 decision in the championship match to capture first place in her division.

Kiara Luscombe (140) won by fall, lost in the next round, pinned another opponent, then lost a 13-6 decision. Lea Johnson (145) pinned her first opponent, lost in the quarterfinals, then pinned three straight opponents, before losing in the third and fourth place matches. Alexis Meyer (155) pinned her first opponent, before coming up short in the quarterfinals and consolation round.

Daynia Werner (170) pinned her first opponent, lost a 10-0 major decision in the semi-finals, then pinned her next two opponents to



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100 victories! Izzy Deeds of Ridge View earned her 100th career win, with this match at the Super Regional wrestling tournament at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City on Saturday. Deeds won a 3-2 decision in the first place match to win the 135-pound division and qualify for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament.

capture third place. Ashlee Sandoval (235) lost in the quarterfinals, then pinned her next two opponents, before coming up short in the consolation rounds.

Other teams at the tournament included Spencer, Missouri Valley, Sergeant Bluff-Luton, Central Lyon/George-Little Rock, Carroll, Fort Dodge, Manson-Northwest Webster, Western Iowa, Sioux City North, Spirit Lake Park, Sioux Central, Sioux City West, Glenwood Emetsburg, Sheldon/Sibley-Ocheyedan, East Sac County, West Central Valley, Sioux Center, Woodbine, Hull Western Christian, Shenandoah, East Mills, and Harlan.



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Siegner in command: Lauren Siegner of the Ridge View girls wrestling squad is firmly in control of her match at the Super Regional wrestling tournament in Sioux City on Saturday. Siegner won three matches to capture third place in the 100-pound class and qualify for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament.



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Destined to win: Destiny Brown of Ridge View pins her opponent's shoulders to the floor. Brown pinned four consecutive opponents at the Super Regional in Sioux City on Saturday, to capture first place in the 125-pound division and qualify for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament.



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Werner works for position: Daynia Werner of Ridge View gets a takedown and works for a pin, at the Super Regional wrestling tournament in Sioux City on Saturday. Werner captured third place at 170 pounds to qualify for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament.



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Jadyn with the takedown: Jadyn Friedrichsen of the Ridge View girls wrestling squad takes her opponent to the mat, and works to keep control, at the Super Regional tournament in Sioux City on Saturday. Friedrichsen pinned two opponents in the 110-pound division at the tournament.



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Tegan takes down her opponent: Tegan Robertson of Ridge View takes her opponent to the mat, during the Super Regional wrestling tournament at the Tyson Events Center on Saturday. Tegan pinned four opponents on her way to capturing third place in the 120-pound class, and qualifying for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament.



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Meyer makes her move: Alexis Meyer of Ridge View gets the upper hand on her opponent, during the Super Regional wrestling tournament at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City on Saturday.

Go Raptors!



Kolar keeps the Falcons in front: Jenessa Kolar of OABCIG follows through on this short shot off the glass. Kolar scored 17 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead the Falcons to a 47-39 victory over Woodbury Central.

OABCIG girls rally past Woodbury Central 47-39

Falcons trailed by 11 in third quarter

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The young and improving OABCIG girls basketball squad notched another victory on Tuesday night, rallying from an 11-point third quarter deficit to defeat the visiting Wildcats of Woodbury Central.

The Falcons got off to a good start in the contest, building a 10-4 lead and claiming a 12-7 advantage after the first quarter. The Wildcats clawed their way back to tie the game at 14-14 in the second quarter, then took a 20-18 lead into the half-time break.

Woodbury Central came out strong in the second half, increasing the margin to 25-18. OABCIG made a basket to close within 25-20, but the Wildcats then reeled off six straight points to take a 31-20 lead. The Falcons kept battling, going on a 10-3 run to end the quarter and close the gap to four points, at 34-30, after three periods of play.

OABCIG would reclaim the lead at 38-37 in the fourth quarter. The



Abby ahead of the defense: Abby Winterrowd of OABCIG gets ahead of the Woodbury Central defense for two points, during the Falcons' 47-39 victory on Senior Night in Ida Grove.

contest stayed razor close for several minutes, and was tied at 39-39, but the Falcons were able to close out the contest with eight unanswered points to pick up a 47-39 victory.

OABCIG was led by Jenessa Kolar with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Joining her in double figure scoring was Brady Youngren with 13 points. Irelyn Wittrock poured in nine points, while Olivia Schroeder contributed

ed four points. Josilynn Pritchard and Chloe Murphy chipped in with two points apiece. Schroeder also grabbed eight rebounds, while Youngren and Karter Hemer both pulled down four boards. Schroeder led the team with five steals, while Abby Winterrowd came up with four thefts.

OABCIG improved to 2-12 with the win, while Woodbury Central fell to 2-14.



Wittrock with the contested jumper: Irelyn Wittrock of OABCIG puts up a shot over a Woodbury Central defender. Wittrock scored nine crucial points in the Falcons' 47-39 victory over the Wildcats.

Go Falcons!

Ridge View boys hold off MVAO/COU 59-47

■ by BRENT HARM
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The Ridge View boys basketball squad picked up another Western Valley Conference win on Monday night, defeating MVAO/COU by 12 points in Holstein. The Rams put up a good fight despite having a less than stellar record, as the Raptors led 10-8 after the first quarter.

Ridge View was clinging to a 15-14 lead in the second quarter, but reeled off nine straight points to push the advantage to 24-14, and went into the half-time break leading 24-16.

MVAO/COU battled back to within four points at 29-25 in the second half, but the Raptors hit some key three-pointers to build the margin back to 42-33 after three quarters of play.

The Rams wouldn't go away quietly, pulling back to within four points again in the fourth quarter at 47-43. Ridge View once again hit a few key three-pointers, however, and made their free throws at the end to come up with a 59-47 victory.



Burk sinks a basket: Drew Burk of Ridge View puts up a short jumper, during the Raptors' 59-47 victory over MVAO/COU last week in Holstein.

The Raptors were led by Kellen Jensen with 18 points and 14 rebounds. Joining him in double figure scoring was Zach Kolpin with 16 points. Carter Todd poured in nine points, while Carson Harriman contributed six points. Kinnick Jensen chipped in with four points, and Drew Burk knocked down a three-pointer. Gabe Chance added two points, while Cayden Clausen swished a free throw.

Carter Todd grabbed eight rebounds, while Cayden Clausen garnered six boards. Carson Harriman led the team by dishing out six assists.

Ridge View coach Alex Wamke commented on the win.

"We knew our opponent tonight was going to compete hard all night, and we had to earn this win. MVAO/COU plays a unique zone, and does a nice job rotating and playing the passing lanes. Their defense caused some issues for us early



Kolpin with a contested shot: Zach Kolpin of Ridge View jumps up to lay in a basket, as an MVAO/COU defender attempts to stop him. Kolpin scored 16 points to help the Raptors defeat the Rams by 12 last week in Holstein.

on, but Carson (Harriman) and Carter (Todd) did a nice job penetrating the zone, and finding open guys in scoring position. Kellen (Jensen) and Zach (Kolpin) hit some big shots throughout the game, especially from the outside. Our big advantage was rebounding the basketball tonight (39-24). We needed to rebound well, because we struggled to get shots to

fall, especially around the rim. Fortunately, we got to the free throw line for 29 free throws, and found a way to score when we needed to. The key during this next stretch of tournament play will be finding a way to win, and I am proud of our guys for doing that tonight."

Ridge View improved to 9-6 with the victory, while MVAO/COU slipped to 2-10.



Harriman with the floater: Carson Harriman of Ridge View drives into the lane and puts up a jump shot, during last week's contest against MVAO/COU. Harriman had six points and six assists to help the Raptors defeat the Rams 59-47.

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Ridge View girls win ESC wrestling tournament

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Ridge View girls wrestling squad captured first place at yet another tournament, this time being named champions of the 11-team East Sac County tourney on Jan. 22. The Raptors scored 207 team points, compared to second-place Carroll with 154 points.

In individual results, Lauren Siegner (100 lbs) won by pin, then lost a 6-2 decision in the first-place match. At 105 lbs. Lysnee Ockerman lost in the quarterfinals, then pinned her opponent in the fifth-place match. 110-pounder Jadyen Friedrichsen lost in the semi-finals then won by pin in the third-place

match. Bryli Blunk (115) pinned her opponent in the quarterfinals, before losing a 7-3 decision in the third-place match.

Tegan Robertson (120) won her first match by pin, won a 7-4 decision in the semi-finals, then pinned her opponent in the first-place match. Destiny Brown pinned all three of her opponents on her way to capturing first place in the 125-pound division. At 130 pounds, Tatum Shepherd won by fall in both matches to capture first place. Izzy Deeds (135) pinned her first two opponents, then won a 1-0 decision in the first-place match.

At 140 pounds, Kiara Luscombe won her first match in a 14-12 sudden

victory, lost in the semi-finals, then pinned her opponent in the third-place match. Lea Johnson (145) pinned her opponent in the quarterfinals, lost in the semi-finals, then won by pin in the third-place match. Alexis Meyer (155) won by pin in the quarterfinals, lost in the semi-finals, then pinned her opponent in the third-place match.

Daynia Werner (170) pinned both of her opponents, while Ashlee Sandoval (235) earned one pin.

Other teams at the tournament were Okoboji/HMS, Sioux Central, Spirit Lake Park, Manson-Northwest Webster, Emmetsburg, Audubon, East Sac County, AC/GC, and West Bend-Mallard.

Shania Graybill places third at A-R-C Tournament

Buena Vista University first-year women's wrestler, Shania Graybill, placed third for the Beavers at the first-ever American Rivers Conference (A-R-C) Tournament on Jan. 20, hosted by Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.

Graybill, a native of Holstein, picked up a pair of pins during the tournament, including a 28-second fall to wrap up her day and earn a top-3 finish overall. She began the day with her third fall of the year, which came midway through the final

period. The Ridge View High School graduate is currently 7-13 overall this season. Buena Vista returns to the mat on Jan. 23 when it travels to Dakota Wesleyan University for a 7 p.m. non-conference dual.

OABCIG boys bowlers roll past Greene County

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Falcon boys bowling team played host to Greene County on Monday, Jan. 22 and defeated the visitors 2859 to 2784.

In round one, Blaise

Wilcox had the high game with a 215. Ben Hofmeister rolled the high two-game series with a 402, followed closely by Marshall Mogensen with a 390. Wilcox fired a 356, followed by Jackson

Groth with a 340. Dillon Hanneman rolled a 322, while Chase Miesner fired a 270.

OABCIG's round two Baker Rotation scores were 269, 151, 257, 169, and 203.

OABCIG boys bowlers in close match at Fort Dodge

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The OABCIG boys bowling squad traveled to Fort Dodge on Jan. 19. The Falcons won round one 1710 to 1659, but came up just short in the match total, 2575 to 2598.

In round one, Blaise

Wilcox rolled the high game with a 235. Wilcox also had the high two-game series with 377. Ben Hofmeister rolled a 353, followed closely by Dillon Hanneman with a 351. Marshall Mogensen fired a 317, followed by Chase Miesner with a 312 and

Jackson Groth with a 251.

In the round two Baker rotation, Mogensen had the high game of 187. Miesner rolled a 184, followed closely by Hofmeister with a 182. Hanneman fired a 163, while Wilcox rolled a 149.

OABCIG edged out by MMC-RU in boys bowling

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Falcon boys bowling squad took on MMC-RU on Jan. 25, coming up just short, 2786-2805. OABCIG won Round 1, led

by Ben Hofmeister with a high game of 241, and Dillon Hanneman with a high two-game series of 427. Hofmeister had a two-game series score of 407. Alex Weir rolled a 364, fol-

lowed closely by Jackson Groth with a 362. Marshall Mogensen fired a 308, and Blaise Wilcox rolled a 271.

The Round 2 Baker game scores were 198, 174, 198, 207, and 141.

Falcon lady bowlers roll in Remsen

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The OABCIG varsity girls tallied 1,903 pins to MMC-RU/RSM/Cherokee's 2,372 pins, Thursday night in Remsen at Maple

Lanes.

OABCIG's round one scoring came from Leah Sholty (289), Alyssa Monroe (275), Lizzy Hoefling (252), Kamryn Larsen (231) and Kendra Baker

(227). Erika Swanger also bowled but her scores were not used.

OABCIG's round two Baker games were 147, 120, 93, 141 and 128 for a total of 629.

OABCIG girls bowling team splits with Fort Dodge and Greene County

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The OABCIG varsity girls tallied 1,744 pins to Fort Dodge's 2,310 pins, at Family Bowling Center in Fort Dodge.

OABCIG's round one scoring came from Lizzy Hoefling (260), Leah Sholty (257), Alyssa Monroe (247), Kendra Baker (237) and Caitlyn Ulrich (217). Tori Wallace also bowled but her scores were not used.

OABCIG's round two Baker games were 97, 132, 104, 93 and 100 for a total of 526.

"Most of the girls were shoot-

ing on average during individual games," said coach Wylene Redenius. "We definitely need to work on getting our ball down the lane as some houses we struggle, playing basketball, instead of bowling when we are releasing that ball at the foul line!"

Monday's meet

The OABCIG varsity girls tallied 2,173 pins to Greene Co's 1,579 pins, Monday night at Ida Bowl.

OABCIG's round one scoring came from Leah Sholty (324) Lizzy Hoefling (317), Kendra Baker (297), Tori Wallace (287) and Alyssa Monroe (239). Caitlyn

Ulrich also bowled but her scores were not used! Leah Sholty was 1st place medalist and Lizzy Hoefling was 2nd place medalist!

OABCIG's round two Baker games were 145, 154, 146, 134 and 130 for a total of 709. "Home lane advantage?" exclaimed coach Redenius. "Maybe, but we'll take the win! These girls were on fire, with the top four averaging 140 and higher, which is way above their practice averages! We brought it all to this meet, this being the highest we have shot all season as a team, and our bakers games were consistent, averaging a 141."

Falcon boys fall to Westwood 49-42

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The OABCIG boys basketball squad traveled to Sloan on Friday night, to take on the Rebels of Westwood in a first round Western Valley Conference tournament matchup. The game was a rematch of an earlier contest in which Westwood had defeated OABCIG 74-59. The Rebels got off to a blazing start in that first

matchup, and held on for the win.

Friday night's contest was different, as a hard-fought first quarter ended up with the Falcons leading 11-9. OABCIG came out strong in the second quarter, outscoring Westwood 13-6 to take a 24-15 advantage into the halftime break.

It was Westwood who had the hot hand to start

the second half, however, as they out-pointed the Falcons 17-7 in the third quarter to reclaim the lead at 32-31 heading into the final period of play. The Rebels used a strong fourth quarter, again scoring 17 points compared to 11 for OABCIG to come up with a 49-42 victory.

Westwood improved 9-7 with the win, while OABCIG slipped to 7-8.

OABCIG boys come up short at Oakland 58-46

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Falcon boys basketball squad took on the Oakland Riverside Bulldogs, last Monday night in Oakland. The Bulldogs built an early lead of 19-14 after the first quarter, then held onto the five-point lead in the second quarter, taking a 31-26 advantage into the halftime break.

A hotly contested third quarter saw the two squads both score 16 points, as Oakland Riverside took

the five-point lead of 47-42 into the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs closed the door on the Falcons from there to earn a 58-46 win.

The main statistical difference between the two squads came at the three-point line, as the Bulldogs made eight three-pointers compared to one for the Falcons.

OABCIG was led by Brysen Kolar with 14 points. Evan Hoffman powered in eight points, while Ethan Behrendsen

dropped in seven. Jaxx DeJean contributed six points, and Anthony Newquist chipped in with five points. Kade Spotts added four points, while Trenton Gilbert contributed two points. DeJean led the Falcons in rebounds with nine, while Kolar garnered six boards. Behrendsen, Spotts, and Hoffman each caromed four rebounds. Kolar also distributed three assists.

OABCIG fell to 5-7 on the season, while Oakland Riverside improved to 6-6.

OABCIG girls lose overtime nail-biter at Oakland

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Falcon girls basketball squad traveled to Oakland last Monday night, to take on the Oakland Riverside Bulldogs. An intense first quarter ended with the two teams knotted at 7-7. OABCIG came out strong in the second quarter, outscoring the Bulldogs 14-7 to grab a 21-14 halftime lead.

The advantage was short-lived, as Oakland Riverside dominated the action in the third quarter, out-pointing the Falcons 18-10 to retake the lead at 32-31 heading into the

final period of play. OABCIG would win the fourth quarter 9-8, to tie the game 40-40 at the end of regulation.

In the overtime session, the Bulldogs did just enough to escape with a win, outscoring the Falcons 7-3 for a 47-43 overtime victory.

A key statistical difference came at the free throw line, where OABCIG made six free throws, compared to 15 for Oakland Riverside.

The Falcons were led in scoring by Brady Youngren with 13 points. Jenessa Kolar achieved a

"double double" with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Chloe Murphy contributed seven points, while Olivia Schroeder and Irelyn Wittrock both scored four points. Abby Winterrowd and Josilyn Pritchard each chipped in with two points. Youngren also pulled down six rebounds, and Lia Hansen garnered four boards. Winterrowd came up with five steals, while Schroeder, Kolar, Youngren and Wittrock each came up with three thefts.

OABCIG fell to 1-11 on the season, while Oakland Riverside improved to 7-6.

'Farmers' share perspectives on climate change, land rents, conservation in latest Iowa Farm Poll

The latest Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll is now available

■ by J. GORDON ARBUCKLE JR.

Although they wear many hats, perform many jobs and are referred to using many terms, it turns out the people who grow Iowa's crops and livestock prefer to be called "farmers."

The 2023 Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll was released this winter and asked those surveyed what they preferred to be called. Some 75% said they prefer to be called a "farmer." The term "farm operator" was a distant second, at only 10%, followed by even less popular names like "producer, grower and rancher."

While the name may not seem like that big of a deal, it's actually an important part of communicating with "farmers."

"I work with a lot of people who work with farmers, and I hear them use different terms like 'grower' and 'producer' to refer to farmers. So I decided to ask farmers what they prefer to be called," said J. Arbuckle, rural sociologist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and lead author for the poll. "Turns

out, they prefer to be called farmers, by a long shot. That's important to know, because to communicate effectively with audiences, we need to use terms that resonate with them."

Some of the issues this year's poll examines include climate change, soil and water conservation, rented land, woodland ownership and management, and markets for non-GMO corn.

This year's survey is based on responses from 972 farmers. Nearly all (90%) plant corn or soybeans, and about half (47%) raise livestock.

New this year, is a series of questions related to woodland ownership and management.

"Many farms have at least some woodland area, so we wanted to gain a better understanding of how that is being managed and the types of resources landowners are using," said Billy Beck, forestry specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "These results will help us improve how we work with farmers who have woodlands."

Also new – the poll ex-

amines markets for non-GMO corn, in response to countries that have banned the import of GMO corn. Nineteen percent of farmers reported they were interested in contracting to grow non-GMO corn for export, while 54% said they were not and 27% said they were unsure.

Arbuckle said the Farm Poll is a great way for farmers to make their voices heard, while helping to contribute to a better understanding of challenges and opportunities in Iowa agriculture.

"The benefit is that farmers can confidentially share their perspectives on issues that impact their livelihoods, and the results help guide policy and program decisions that keep agriculture vibrant into the future," he said.

Detailed results from the poll will be examined in future news releases from ISU Extension and Outreach. The full report is available from your ISU Extension and Outreach county office, the ISU Extension Store, the Extension Sociology website or from the authors.

Pork Regional Conferences to offer updates on economics, markets, swine health and disease

Swine research and education to be presented at conferences

■ by SHERRY HOYER

The annual series of Iowa Pork Regional Conferences will be offered Feb. 19-22 at four different locations, all starting at 1 p.m. The conferences remain a long-standing partnership of the Iowa Pork Producers Association, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and the Iowa Pork Industry Center.

The shared goal of bringing research and education to producers continues with this year's program, topics and speakers. There are four sessions, one each day. All sessions are free to attend.

Extension swine specialists will offer a Pork Quality Assurance Plus certification session from 9 a.m. to noon at each day's regional conference site. These training sessions are sponsored by the Iowa Pork Producers Association and are free to those who pre-register. Attendees are responsible for their own lunch. Lunch will not be served at the conference sites.

Topics and presenters:

- **National Pork Board Updates by Brett Kaysen, senior vice president of producer and state engagement.** He'll share program updates regarding the organization's work in domestic and international markets, and its success in foreign animal disease prevention and preparedness.
- **Pork Market Outlook by Lee Schulz, livestock economist with ISU Extension and Outreach.** He'll summarize the current supply and demand situation, draw implications for hog and pork markets, and outline a series of broader issues shaping the marketplace.
- **Hot Topics in Swine Health, by Chris Rademacher, Iowa State swine extension veterinarian.** He'll explain new disease surveillance tools available to producers and what's new with diseases such as PRRS, PED and E. coli, as well as some emerging diseases. Also, attendees will get tips on preparing the farm for a foreign animal disease outbreak.
- **More tools for your toolbox.** The ISU Extension and Outreach swine specialist for each respective area will provide updates on various topics, and discuss a variety of information and decision-making resources available for producers.

Conference dates and locations

- Monday, Feb. 19 – **Orange City**, at the ISU Extension and Outreach Sioux County office, 400 Central Ave. NW, Suite 700.
- Tuesday, Feb. 20 – **Webster City**, Briggs Woods Conference Center, 2501 Briggs Woods Trail.
- Wednesday, Feb. 21 – **Nashua**, Borlaug Learning Center, 3327 290th St.
- Thursday, Feb. 22 – **Washington**, ISU Extension and Outreach Washington County office, 2223 250th St.

Conference details and the link to the online registration form are available on the Iowa Pork Producers Association website. Attendees also can preregister by contacting the association by phone at 800-372-7675 or email bsmeby@iowapork.org.

The Thursday sessions will be recorded and made available on the association website after the conference series is complete.

Fishing Report

Black Hawk Lake

Ice thickness is 8 inches near the Ice House Point boat ramp, with several inches of snow and slush on top. Conditions are variable; use caution. There is open water in Town Bay. The area around the fish house in Town bay is kept ice-free with a water agitator to provide open water fishing opportunities.

Black Crappie - Fair: Use waxworms or crawlers on a jig. **Walleye** - Fair: Try minnows or crawlers on jigging spoons. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Use waxworms or small minnows.

Brushy Creek Lake

Ice conditions are variable throughout the lake. Ice thickness is 8-10 inches on the North end, but only 4 inches near the NW corner of Taylor's Island. Use caution and check ice thickness often. ATVs are not recommended around Taylor's Island and other variable areas. Warmer temperatures throughout the week may further weaken ice. **Bluegill** - Fair. **Yellow Perch** - Fair. **Storm Lake (including Little Storm Lake)**

There is open water by the big island. Ice thickness is 6 to 10 inches off the Casino Point area. Other areas may have thinner ice conditions, but it is difficult to see with the snow and slush cover. Warmer weather may deteriorate conditions; use caution and check ice thickness often.

Ice thickness is 3 to 11 inches in the district. Conditions will become more variable with the warmer temperatures throughout the week. Ice will likely soften along the shoreline. For more information, contact the Black Hawk District office at 712-657-2638.

PROCEEDINGS: IDA COUNTY BOS • JAN. 23 MINUTES

Ida Grove, Iowa Jan. 23, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened in adjourned session, members present Chair. Creston Schubert, Devlyn Whiteing, and Raymond Drey. NOTICE: Due to not having the meeting room available because of Court conflict, the meeting was postponed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., within 24 hours of the original posted meeting time.

The minutes of the meeting held Jan. 9, 2024, were read and approved.

Jeff Williams, County Engineer was present to discuss snow removal on county roads. District 1 & 3 Supervisors reported that they hadn't received any complaints in the last two weeks about the snow removal on their district's roads. Ray Drey, Supervisor District 2 had received multiple complaints about the roads being skimmed over and leaving 4 to 5" of snow on the roadway. Williams explained that when they first go out after a large storm the drivers are attempting to get all roads opened. Then, they come back through and remove the snow from the traveled portion of the roadway.

Williams presented a Frontier request for under-ground placement of fiber optic cable in the right of way at PED boring 270th to address 5000-270th St. Maple Twp. Whiteing moved and Drey second the motion to approve the placement. Motion carried all voting Aye.

L&L Builders presented change orders: #29 for adding outlets in the Treasurer's office counter and #30 for changing the front door closure for the new atrium/entrance. Change order #29 was moved by Whiteing and second by Drey to approve and for the Chair to sign. Motion carried all voting Aye. Change order #30 was moved by Drey and second by Whiteing, motion carried all voting Aye.

Continental Fire Sprinkler system bid for the 5-year annual inspection for \$1,350.00 was moved by Drey and Whiteing seconded the motion to approve the bid. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

The Wellness PTO Policy for 2024 was approved on a motion by Whiteing and Drey seconded the motion. Motion carried all voting Aye.

SIMPCO FY24-25 budget membership request for \$2,291.20 was discussed. Whiteing moved and Drey second the motion to approve. Motion carried all voting Aye.

A Credit Card Use Policy was discussed for Ida County employees. After a few additional corrections/changes Drey moved and Whiteing seconded the motion to approve both the Assessor and the Auditor to get credit cards for use per the policy. Motion carried all voting Aye.

Payments in the amount of \$380.85 and \$267.22 to Benefits, Inc. and approved payroll dated 1/12/2024 was approved and moved by Whiteing with Drey seconding the motion. Motion was approved, all voting Aye.

Auditor Folk gave each of the Supervisors a copy of the Statewide Supervisors meeting information, to be held Feb. 8, 2024, in Des Moines.

The Ida County Library representatives were then present to address the Board. Members represented Ida Grove-Angela Scales, Galva-Brenda Naberhaus, and Arthur-Carol Johnson. They began by sharing that they appreciated the current years funding. They presented a contract, which they wanted the Board to review and consider signing. The Board asked questions and the librarians shared that with a contract they would have more definitive information regarding the funding that the Board would be giving. They requested an increase in the total amount of the funding and shared that they would like to have the additional increase added to the second half of the payments when the split is based on census. They commented that with the contract planning and budgeting would help them to know what they could budget. The Supervisors told them that they would consider this as they worked on budget for FY25.

Items reviewed: Ida County Emergency Services quarterly report for Oct. - Dec. 2023, Ida County Sheriff's report for the quarter ending Dec. 2023, Clerk of Courts December 2023 report, Manure Management Plan for Facilities Ehrp's #87047 owner D. Rose LLC. and Webbs-#87048, 1702 Orchard Ave. Also reviewed were the SIMPCO FY24 membership letter and the Assessor Comstock's letter regarding the updating of rural homes that are not part of the farm that is tillable around it that they would now be classed as residential instead of Agricultural.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet again at 10 a.m., on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, and Monday, Feb. 5, 2024 for budget workshops or on call of the Chair.

/s/ Charlys A. Folk Auditor
/s/ Creston Schubert Chair

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PUBLIC NOTICE: CITY OF BATTLE CREEK 2023 WAGES

City of Battle Creek Gross wages for 2023:

Craig Young	66,868.02
Diane Lansink	44,719.90
Sheila Petersen	16,192.50
Corey Tarr	7,215.00
Karen Harrison	1,900.00
Charles Pierce	1,440.00
Jarold Vermeyes	480.00
Jill Winger	480.00
Jeanette Holmes	440.00
Corliss Hansen-Wheeler	437.36
Myra Meek	360.00
Kevin Dausel	360.00
Dan Hedberg	119.00
Abigail Funderman	40.00
	140,951.78

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Jim Edwards
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10:30 a.m. fellowship
10:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Randy Cormeny
608 5TH ST. - 712-365-4477
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. education hour
9:30 a.m. worship

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Martin Davis
2326 STORY AVE. - 712-365-4328
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. worship

IDA GROVE

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Sunday – 10 a.m. confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass

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330 S. MAIN ST.
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Sunday – 9 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. worship

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312 MAIN ST. - 712-364-2412
Sunday – 9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. worship
Wednesday – 7 p.m. Youth Group

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Shari O'Bannon, CRE
321 MAIN ST.
712-364-3829
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. worship;
Coffee fellowship to follow

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712-364-2918
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Sunday – 9 a.m. worship

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712-210-1753
Saturday – 9 a.m. worship

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712-367-2472
Sunday – 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. worship

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Rev. Paul Egger
406 MONONA ST.
712-282-4700
Sunday – 9 a.m. Adult Bible class,
Sunday School • 10 a.m. worship

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Rev. Nancy Peterson
1906 ORCHARD AVE.
712-657-9620
Sunday – worship time varies

HOLSTEIN

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310 E. 2ND ST. - 712-368-2228
Sunday – 9 a.m. worship
10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. coffee hour

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Scott Neumann
113 N. MAIN ST. - 712-368-2850
Sunday – 8:15 a.m. Classic Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
10:45 a.m. Modern Worship

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Ida Grove man charged with assaulting jail staff

■ by MICHAEL HOHENBRINK
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An Ida Grove man is facing an aggravated misdemeanor charge after an incident at the Ida County Jail.

Justin Robert Sassman, 27, was charged after an incident Jan. 17 at the Ida County Jail.

“The defendant was being destructive and creating a dangerous environment for himself, and subsequently, was confined to the restraint chair,” said Deputy Corey Trucke in a sworn statement with court



Justin Robert Sassman

records. “Lead Jailer Hawthorne noticed that one of the belts on the restraint chair was not attached and

entered the cell to assist another staff member in securing this belt, when the defendant spit in her face, making contact with her eye. Justin also attempted to bite Lead Jailer Hawthorne. Lead Jailer Hawthorne was advised by healthcare providers that medical attention was necessary as a result of this assault and did seek medical attention. This incident was captured on camera.”

Arraignment is set for Feb. 5 at 9:30 a.m., and a preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Ida County Sheriff's Log

Jan. 17

Report taken on sick person-general symptoms on Chestnut St. in Battle Creek at 6:10 a.m.

An animal complaint was handled with no report on Chestnut St./Clara St. in Battle Creek at 6:15 a.m.

Fire Co/alarm with info only on Maple St. in Holstein at 7:58 a.m.

There was jail activity which was handled with no report on Moorehead St. in Ida Grove at 8:04 a.m.

A report was taken on JUV Comp-not missing or runaway on Taylor St. in Ida Grove at 11:34 a.m.

A welfare check was handled with no report on Carriage Ave. in Holstein at 12:36 p.m.

Civil paper service on 2nd St. in Ida Grove at 2:28 p.m.

Civil paper service on Moorehead St. in Ida Grove at 2:35 p.m.

Civil paper service on Chestnut St. in Battle Creek at 2:49 p.m.

Civil paper service on Kiel St. in Holstein at 3:22 p.m.

A road Hazard was handled with no report on Main St./Market Ave. in Galva at 4:10 p.m.

A Report was taken on an assault report only on Moorehead St. in Ida Grove at 4:43 p.m.

Jan. 18

A report was taken on a fight in progress on State Hwy. 175 in Ida Grove at 7:13 a.m.

A Traffic control/escort was handled with no report on Kiel St. in Holstein at 7:55 a.m.

Unable to locate Reckless-speeding on Landmark Ave./State Hwy. 175 in Ida Grove at 9:34 a.m.

An animal complaint was handled with no report on 5th St. in Battle Creek at 9:49 a.m.

A welfare check was handled with no report on 2nd St. in Ida Grove at 9:51 a.m.

Suspicious person/activity was handled with no report on 130th St./U.S. Hwy. 59 in Holstein at 11:42 a.m.

A report was taken on an accident property damage only on Orchard Ave./U.S. Hwy. 20 in Galva at 12:29 p.m.

Jail activity info only on Moorehead St. in Ida Grove at 12:55 p.m.

Jan. 19

Med unknown handled with no report on Buena Vista St. in Galva at 2:59 a.m.

Parking complaint or issues handled with no report on 1st Ave./Main St. in Arthur at 3:15 a.m.

Parking complaint or issues was handled with no report on Main St. in Holstein at 4:57 a.m.

A report was taken on an unconscious breathing incident on 1st St. in Battle Creek at 7:29 a.m.

A citation issued on accident property damage only on 2nd St./Main St. in Holstein at 10:51 a.m.

Civil paper service on State Hwy. 175 in Ida Grove at 11:12 a.m.

Civil paper service on Moorehead Ave. in Ida Grove at 11:26 a.m.

Civil paper service on Moorehead St. in Ida Grove at 11:33 a.m.

Jail activity was handled with no report on 2nd St. in Ida Grove at 1:20 p.m.

A welfare check was handled with no report on 4th St. in Battle Creek at 1:29 p.m.

A civil dispute-non family was handled with no report on center St. in Battle Creek at 2:18 p.m.

Civil paper service on State Hwy. 175 in Ida Grove at 2:20 p.m.

Jail activity was handled with no report on Moorehead St. in Ida Grove at 5:47 p.m.

Assistance with Jail activity on Moorehead St. in Ida Grove at 6:36 p.m.

Jail activity was handled with no report on Moorehead St. in Ida Grove at 8:56 p.m.

Jail activity was handled with no report on Moorehead St. in Ida Grove at 11:06 p.m.

Jan. 20

A report was taken on theft/larceny/shoplifting on Walnut St. in Battle Creek at 7:33 a.m.

A report was taken on med unknown on Altona St. in Holstein at 8:19 a.m.

Welfare check was handled with no report on King St. in Ida Grove at 9:33 a.m.

An Accident property damage only was handled with no report on 120th St./Dodge Ave. in Holstein at 9:43 a.m.

A report was taken on a sick person-general symptoms on 1st St. in Battle Creek at 10:40 a.m.

A report was taken on med unknown on Altona St. in Holstein at 11:08 a.m.

A warrant which ended in arrested-report on Moorehead St. In Ida Grove at 3:57 p.m.

Public intoxication ended in arrest-report on Willow St. in Battle Creek at 10:39 p.m.

Jan. 21

An Animal complaint was handled with no report on State Hwy. 175 in Ida Grove at 10:29 a.m.

A Panic/Hold up/alarm was handled with no report on Main St. in Galva at 10:46 a.m.

A report was taken on a sick person-general symptoms on 2nd St. in Holstein at 11:42 a.m.

Civil paper service on Moorehead St. in Ida Grove at 1:08 p.m.

Civil paper service on Kiel St. in Holstein at 2:26 p.m.

Civil paper service on Indorf Ave. in Holstein at 2:31 p.m.

A report was taken on a sick person-general symptoms on 2nd Ave. in Arthur at 5:01 p.m.

Jan. 22

Assistance with a panic/hold up/alarm on Main St. in Galva at 12:29 a.m.

A report taken on traumatic injury on Industrial Park in Holstein at 4:48 a.m.

A report was taken on an accident-unknown injuries on Faith Ave./U.S. 20 in Holstein at 9:28 a.m.

A welfare check was handled with no report on Railroad St. in Holstein at 9:30 a.m.

A report was taken on chest pain/heart problems on Clara St. in Battle Creek at 11:02 a.m.

Civil paper service on State Hwy. 175 in Ida Grove at 11:20 a.m.

A report was taken on harassment / threats on Walnut St. in Battle Creek at 5:03 p.m.

Info only on reckless speeding on Quail Ave./State Hwy. 175 in Arthur at 5:15 p.m.

Assistance with Traffic comp/disabled vehicle on Landmark Ave. in Ida Grove at 7:46 p.m.

Jan. 23

Unable to locate reckless speeding on 290th St./Pioneer Ave. in Arthur at 7:46 a.m.

A report was taken on accident property damage only on 2nd St. in Ida Grove at 8:06 a.m.

A fight in progress was handled with no report on Moorhead St. in Ida Grove at 1:29 p.m.

Civil paper service on 2nd St. in Ida grove at 2:30 p.m.

Unable to locate suspicious person/activity on Iowa St. in Ida Grove at 2:48 p.m.

Civil paper service on LA CASA CT in Ida Grove at 2:57 p.m.

A report was taken on chest pain/heart problems on Park St. in Holstein at 3:10 p.m.

A Panic/hold up/alarm was handled with no report on 5th St. in Ida Grove at 6:32 p.m.

Jan. 24

A Warrant info only on Moorhead St. in Ida Grove at 7:42 a.m.

Nothing given for animal complaint on Davenport St. in Holstein at 8:53 a.m.

A report was taken for an accident property damage only on Moorhead St. in Ida Grove at 11:58 a.m.

Courthouse Report

Small Claims

Discover Bank, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Caidem Lee Preston, of Ida Grove, original notice.

United Bank of Iowa, of Ida Grove, versus Nicole Lynn McClure, of Ida Grove, original notice.

Progressive Northern Insurance, of West Des Moines, versus Jason James Masolin, of Ida Grove, and Amanda Marie Guzinski, of Ida Grove, original notice.

Midland Credit Management, Inc., of West Des Moines, versus Craig Thomas Fox, of Holstein, original notice.

Civil

U.S. Bank Trust National Association versus Ryan Grier Wiese, Julie Ann Wiese, Deere and Company and parties in possession, petition filed.

Accredited Collection Service versus Christina Louise Rogers, order for judgment, \$7,4575.52, plus interest.

State of Iowa versus Robert Joseph Allen, of Ida Grove, order of disposition.

Traffic

Ronnie James Steward, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, speeding.

Wheylin Christopher Carlin, of Battle Creek, no insurance.

Shon Reneae Blake, of Jefferson, careless driving, driving on the wrong side of a two-way highway.

Todd Arthur Jansonius, of Carroll, speeding.

Criminal

Justin Robert Sassman, of Ida Grove, hearing for an initial appearance.

Lee Allan Schultz, of Schleswig, order of disposition, contempt, 10 days, purge jail.

Krstle Cay Curtis, of Battle Creek, motion to dismiss.

Derick Lee Behrendsen, of Ida Grove, motion to dismiss.

Matthew James Korth, of Battle Creek, hearing for an initial appearance.

Ian Mitchell Birks, of Defiance, order for arraignment.

Triston Lee Petersen, of Ida Grove, order for arraignment.

Real Estate Transfers

Total Motors LLC to Another1 LLC, other deed, Holstein Fourth Addition Lot 1 Block 30, Holstein Fourth Addition Lot 2 Block 30, Holstein Fourth Addition Lot 3 Block 30, vacated alley between lots 1-4 Holstein Fourth Addition Block 30, Holstein Lot 12 Block 4, Holstein Lot 13 Block 4, Holstein Lot 14 Block 4, Holstein Lot 15 Block 4, N 1/2 Holstein Lot 16 Block 4, N 1/2 Holstein Lot 17 Block 4, S 1/2 Holstein Lot 16 16 Block 4 and S 1/2 Holstein Lot 17 Block 4.

Shari Putnam to Craig A. Bergman and Diane Rhodes Bergman, warranty deed, N 1/2 Arthur Out Lots Lot 13.

Susan Rupert, Todd Rupert, Joyce Jamison Carolyn and Susan Rupert POA to Ramon Padilla Hernandez, warranty deed, Except North 5' Ida Grove Sixth Addition Lot 10 Block 42 and North 5' Ida Grove Sixth Addition Lot 9 Block 42.

Rita Kastner Revocable Trust to Another1 LLC, warranty deed, Holstein Fourth Addition Lot 1 Block 31.

Mae Louise Properties LLC and Emily Louise Volmar Manager to Another1 LLC, warranty deed, W 1/2 Holstein Elmhurst Addition Lot 8 Block 1 and Lot 9 Block 1.

Roby Lin Larson and Roby Lin Larson Life Estate to Michael Streed and Madison Streed, warranty deed, Lot A 4.89 acres SW SW 23-86-39.

Bethany Duthie and Patrick Duthie to Michael Streed, warranty deed, Lot A 4.89 acres SW SW 23-86-39.

John W. Larson, Jr. and Julie Larson to Michael Streed and Madison Streed, warranty deed, Lot A 4.89 acres SW SW 23-86-39.

Marsha L. Hamaan and Steven D. Hamann to Steven D. Hamann and Marsha L. Hamann Revocable Trust, warranty deed, E 1/2 NE 14-86-39.

Derek Myers and Derek Bleecker to Sean March, warranty deed, Ida Grove First Addition Lot 4 Block 16.

Suzan Graham, Linda Peterson, Ellen Peterman and Gerald Peterman to JWH Enterprises of Iowa LLC, warranty deed, Galva Davis Addition Lot 6.

Arrests

The charge was filed following an incident that occurred Jan. 17 in the Ida County jail.

Jan. 20

Triston Lee Petersen, 18, of Ida Grove, was charged with possession of marijuana first offense. He was booked into the Ida County jail and later released after posting bond.

Jan. 21

Matthew James Korth, 37, of Battle Creek, was charged with criminal mischief in the fifth degree and trespass following an incident in Battle Creek. He was transported to the Ida County jail where he was held overnight. He was released the following day after appearing before the Magistrate.

Jan. 24

Kiley Shay Simonson-Frank, 33, of Sac City, was charged with theft in the fourth degree following an incident in Ida Grove. She was transported to the Ida County jail where she

Jan. 14

Dylan Steven Sassman-Bihrer, 32, of Storm Lake, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Woodbury County. He was taken into custody by Ida County deputies and later released into the custody of the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office.

Jan. 16

The Ida County Sheriff's Office arrested two individuals following an incident that occurred in Ida Grove. Both were charged with domestic abuse assault. Arrested were: Alyssa Monique Rivera, 23, and Christian Fernando Galicia-Gamino, 27. Both were transported to the Ida County jail where they were held overnight. Both were released the following day after appearing before the Magistrate.

Jan. 18

The Ida County Sheriff's Office filed a charge of assault on a correctional officer against Justin Robert Sassman, 26, of Ida Grove.

PROCEEDINGS:
IDA GROVE CITY COUNCIL
JAN. 25 MINUTES

City of Ida Grove
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024
12 p.m.
Temporary City Hall
311 Barnes Street

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tem, Gregor Ernst, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. **2. Roll Call:** Present: Gregor Ernst, Jason Schable & Reynold McLead. Mayor Nathan Weill and councilmen Jared Bogue & Jeff Miesner were absent. Public works foreman, Gerrod Sholly, was also in attendance. **3. Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Schable, second by McLead to approve. Motion carried 3-0. **4. Veteran's Memorial Class C Liquor License Effective 1-27-2024:** Motion by Ernst, second by Schable to approve. Motion carried 3-0. **5. Employee Evaluations:** Council reviewed employee's self-evaluations and discussed if individual goals have been met. Council discussed inflation and increased costs in operating supplies and general expenses, yet not seeing that same increase in revenues. No decisions were made. **6. Other Business:** Schable brought up safety concerns regarding after school parking at the elementary. **7. Adjournment:** Motion by Ernst, second by Schable to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.
Heather Sweeden, City Clerk
Gregor Ernst, Mayor Pro Tem

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PUBLIC NOTICE:
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CDBG CONSTRUCTION

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to the requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, the City of Ida Grove is hereby providing Public Notice that on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., the City Council will hold a public hearing in the Ida Grove City Hall Council Chambers (temporarily located inside the Ida Grove Rec Center, 311 Barnes Street). The purpose of the hearing will be to provide the public information concerning the progress, scope, budget and status of the City's Downtown Façade Renovation Project.
This project is being funded in part through a Community Development Block Grant provided by the Iowa Economic Development Authority.
If you have questions concerning the project, or if you require special accommodation to attend the hearing such as handicapped accessibility or translation services, you may contact the Deputy Clerk at City Hall. Persons interested in the status of funding or the progress of the project are welcome to attend this meeting or submit written comments to City Hall before the Hearing.
Program Contact: City Hall at (712) 364-2428 or Program Administrators (Simmering-Cory) at (641) 355-4072.
Kelly Young, Deputy Clerk

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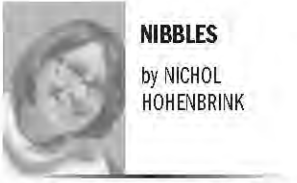
THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR IDA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WALLACE FREDERICK BURK, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR009714
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Wallace Frederick Burk, Deceased, who died on or about Nov. 25, 2023:
You are hereby notified that on Jan. 12, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Wallace Frederick Burk, deceased, bearing date of Feb. 3, 2017, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Sarah Kinney 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.
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Spirit Lake, IA 51360
John L. Sandy, AT0006920
Attorney for Executor
Sandy Law Firm, P.C.
304 18th St., PO Box 445
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Opinion / Editorial

When it comes to soup, homemade can be great



NIBBLES
by NICHOL HOHENBRINK

Me? I think I could eat soup year-round.

Feb. 4, however, is National Homemade Soup Day.

I like soup in that it's nourishing, leftovers (if there are any) keep well in the fridge, and it's easy to reheat. Plus, it just often fills the house with a delightful aroma as it cooks!

BLACK BEAN SOUP
SOURCE: "Taste of Home Skinny Instant Pot Cookbook."

YIELD: 6 cups.
PREP: 20 minutes.
COOK: 5 minutes + releasing.

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 cup fresh or frozen corn
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) vegetable broth
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 medium sweet red pepper, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin

- Dash pepper
 - Minced fresh cilantro
- Select sauté or browning setting on a 6-quart electric pressure cooker. Adjust for medium heat; add oil. When oil is hot, add corn. Cook and stir until golden brown, 4-6 minutes. Press cancel. Remove corn and keep warm. Add beans, vegetable broth, onion, red pepper, garlic and cumin to pressure cooker.

Lock lid; close pressure release valve. Adjust to pressure cook on high for 5 minutes. Let pressure release naturally for 10 minutes; quick-release any remaining pressure.

Puree soup using immersion blender, or cool soup slightly and puree in batches in a blender. Return to pressure cooker; heat through. Sprinkle soup with pepper. Garnish with reserved corn and cilantro.

FREEZE OPTION:
Freeze the cooled soup in freezer containers. To use, partially thaw in refrigerator overnight. Heat through in a saucepan, stirring occasionally adding a little broth if necessary. Sprinkle with toppings.

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER
SOURCE: "150 Years of

Good Iowa Cooking – The Official State of Iowa Sesquicentennial Cookbook."

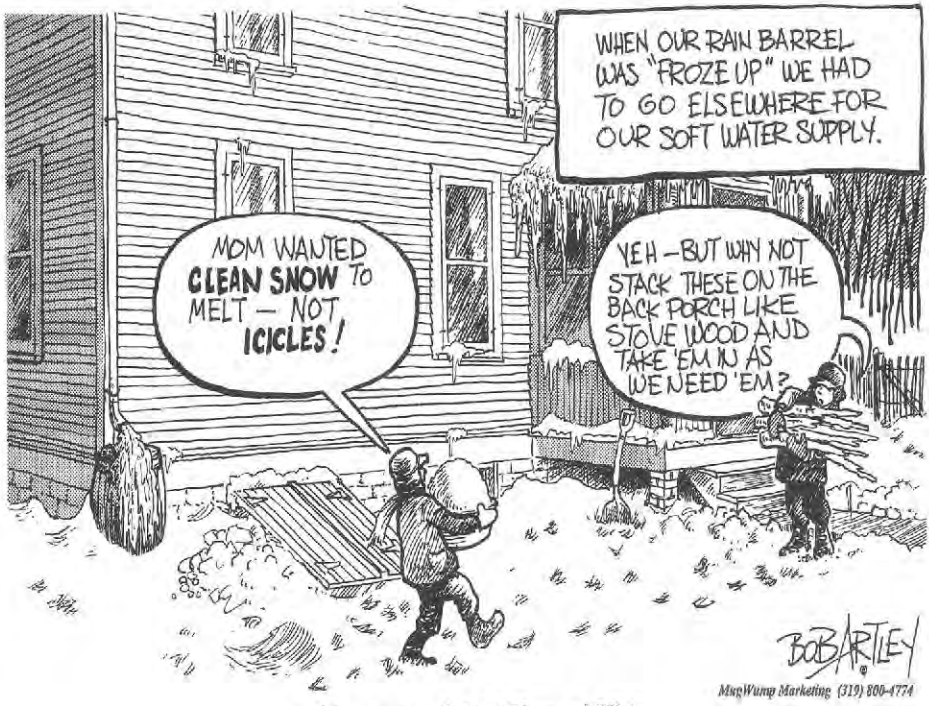
- YIELD: 1 quart.
- 1 can minced clams
 - 1 carton Half & Half
 - 2 cups diced, raw potatoes
 - 1/4 cup chopped onion
 - 3/4 Tablespoon flour
 - 3/4 teaspoon salt
 - Dash pepper

Strain clams, pour juice in measuring cup; add water to 3/4 cup. Boil potatoes, onion and liquid for 20 minutes. Add Half and Half (reserve 1/8 cup). Take reserved Half and Half and mix with the flour. Add flour mixture and bring soup to a boil. Add salt and pepper.

POTATO SOUP
SOURCE: "Firefighters Auxiliary – Mabel, Minnesota."

- 4 cups potatoes, cubed
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 small onion, diced
- 4 cups milk
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook potatoes and grated carrot in water until done. Drain off half of the water. Add milk, butter, onion and salt and pepper. Heat thoroughly. Serve with additional 1 teaspoon butter.



Memories Of A Former Kid.

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EDITOR'S NOTES
by MICHAEL HOHENBRINK

I joke with my wife about running a hotel.

Our youngest, Zane, was patiently tapping on my leg about something.

Then when I shifted slightly, he began using his three-year-old strength to try to push the grownup to the kitchen.

Snack time, man.

Fortunately, he is not old enough to vocalize such a sentiment.

But the gentle pushing served to make his point.

His belly was going to triumph over his desire to watch Tom and Jerry and over any adults talking.

Apparently, though, I'm also on duty as a DJ.

As a case in point, Quincy recently had a request.

"Put some music on, Dad," the pre-schooler recently insisted.

The music in question is an album of polka Nichol

recently found for me, "Jolly Germans."

I've got the "Jolly German March," Dumphy's Laendler, "Good Morning Polka," "Little Party Waltz" and more.

Putting in on my Victrola recently, I found the nine-year-old, four-year-old and three-year-old all getting into it.

Now, Quincy at least digs it.

So, I'm a DJ.

My years in radio were spent largely on the news side of things, so apart from a few months back in college, my time has largely not been spent spinning records.

Though, come to think of it, given the nature of things back when I was involved in radio, we were still using records.

Since I have to periodically explain to the boys how to insert a VHS or cassette tape, that might seem positively ancient.

Also on the side gigs list, I'm due shortly to pause and run over to preschool

and pick up said Quincy as I play chauffeur, though without a snazzy uniform and cap.

I'm doubtful the boys - insisting that they need a ride to school rather than walk the few blocks involved - would offer to tip their driver (even if I helpfully shake a tip jar). Indeed, that might get me stares of mortification in front of their friends.

No, sadly, I'm not going to be able to supplement our income in such a manner.

Perhaps if I ask nicely enough they would all chip in for that chauffeur outfit.

I think it would look rather refined.

My luck being what it is that might be the sum total of my Father's Day gift.

But at least I would look classy.

And the looks of embarrassment from the older boys might well be worth it.

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February

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Egg Salad Sandwiches and Cheese Sandwiches
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FRI-SAT 9-10

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Friday, Feb. 9 (10-7) and Saturday, Feb. 10 (9-1)
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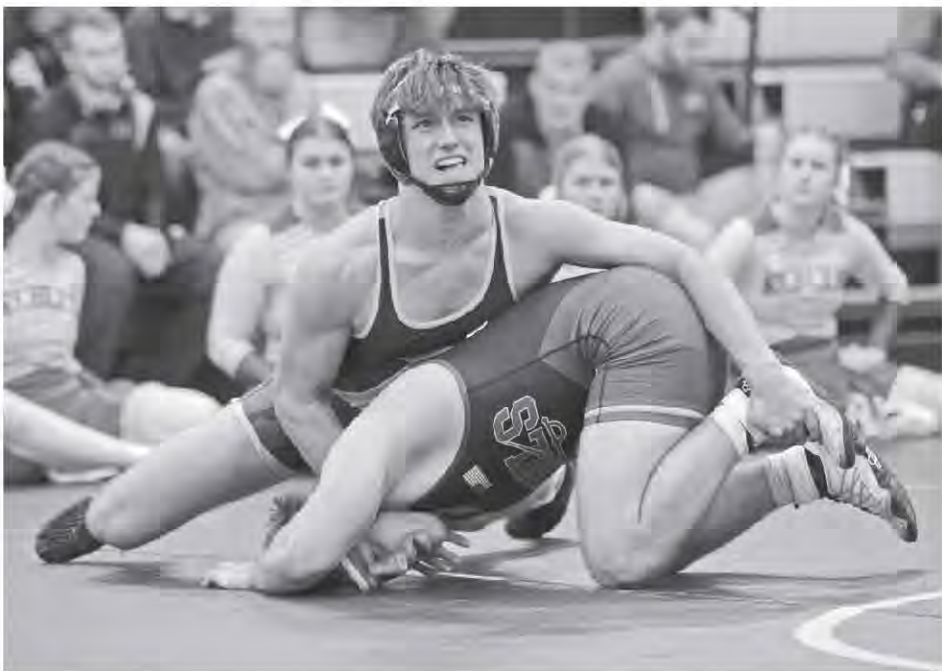
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Shepherd works for a pin: Noah Shepherd of Ridge View twists his West Monona opponent onto his shoulders, during Western Valley Conference wrestling action.



Conner controls his opponent: Conner Jacobson of Ridge View has his opponent in a precarious position, during Western Valley Conference wrestling action. Jacobson won the 150-pound division at the conference tournament.



Wood with the takedown: Austin Wood of Ridge View gets a takedown of his Westwood opponent and works for a better position, during Western Valley Conference wrestling action.



Blake with the takedown: Blake Myrtue of Ridge View takes down his opponent from Kingsley-Pierson, on his way to winning the 190-pound division of the Western Valley Conference tournament.

West Monona girls defeat Ridge View 61-40

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Ridge View girls basketball squad traveled to Onawa on Thursday night, to take on the West Monona Spartans in a first-round Western Valley Conference tournament game. A hard-fought first quarter ended with West Monona holding a slight 13-11 edge. The Spartans put together a solid second quarter, outscoring the Raptors 15-8 to build a 28-19 lead at halftime.

The Ridge View offense had a better third quarter, but West Monona still managed to out-point them 16-14 to extend the lead slightly at 44-33 heading into the final period of play. The Spartans then dominated the action in the fourth quarter, putting up 17 points to the Raptors' 7 points and earning a 61-40 win.

Ridge View was led by Madison Stowater, who had a "double double" with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Claire Wandrey scored eight points and pulled down eight rebounds, while Mya Henningson and Zoey Aschinger both contributed four points. Faith Freese chipped in with three points, while Reese Hawthorne and Alyssa Biede both added two points. Freese also garnered six rebounds, and Aschinger pulled down three boards.

Ridge View slipped to 6-9 on the season, while West Monona improved to 11-3.

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SPORTS



2 shoots for two!: Anthony Newquist (2) of OABCIG puts up a jumper against Siouxland Christian. The Falcons defeated the Eagles 86-44 on Thursday night in Ida Grove.

OABCIG boys trounce Siouxland Christian 86-44

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Siouxland Christian boys basketball squad paid a visit to Ida Grove on Thursday night, to take on the home team Falcons. A competitive first quarter ended with OABCIG on top 20-16. The Falcons ratcheted up the defensive pressure in the second quarter, with a full-court press that the Eagles struggled to break. OABCIG outscored Siouxland Christian 35-5 in the second quarter to build a 55-21 halftime advantage.

The Eagles kept battling, but the Falcons still managed to win in the third quarter 21-12, pushing the margin to 76-33. OABCIG coasted to an 86-44 victory from there.

The Falcons had five players score in double figures, led by Brysen Kolar with 21 points. Also reaching double figures in scoring was Jaxx DeJean with 15 points, Ethan Behrendsen and Kade Spotts, who both had 12 points, and Evan Hoffman with 11 points. Trenton Gilbert and Bodie Hansen both powered in five



Behrendsen to the basket: Ethan Behrendsen of OABCIG goes strong to the hoop against Siouxland Christian. Behrendsen scored 12 points to help lead the Falcons to an 86-44 victory over the Eagles.

points, while Jack Gilbert chipped in with three points, and Anthony Newquist added two points. DeJean led the team in rebounds with 12, while Trenton Gilbert secured eight boards. Kolar, Spotts, Hansen, and Hoffman all pulled down five rebounds,

while Jack Gilbert came down with four rebounds. Kolar also came up with six steals, while Newquist and DeJean came away with four thefts.

OABCIG improved to 7-7 with the win, while Siouxland Christian slipped to 1-10.

Raptor boys race past Rams, earns conference tourney win

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

For the second time in a week, the Ridge View boys basketball squad defeated MVAO/COU in Holstein. The Raptors had beaten the Rams 59-47 in a regular season contest on Monday. This time around, the two squads were clashing in a first round Western Valley Conference tournament game, and while Ridge View came out on top again, the outcome was much different.

Whereas on Monday night, the Rams hung around until the very end, this time the Raptors put them away early, jumping out to quick leads of 6-0 and 13-2, before taking a 17-4 advantage after the first quarter. A high-scoring second quarter saw Ridge View outscore MVAO/COU 21-14 to push the margin to 38-18 at halftime.

The Raptors came out strong again in the second half, winning the third quarter by a 20-5 margin to see the lead swell to 58-23 heading into the final quarter. Ridge View was able to coast to a 71-35 victory from there.

The Raptors featured a balanced scoring attack, with four players in double figures led by Kellen Jensen with 17 points. Joining him were Cayden Clausen with 15 points, Zach Kolpin with 11 points, and Carson Harriman with 10 points. Kinnick Jensen contributed four points, and Brayden Blumn knocked down a three-pointer. Kyle Burk, Cole Jochims, Carter Todd, and Raif Jensen all found their way into the scoring column with two points. Kinnick Jensen and Cayden Clausen led Ridge View in rebounds with eight apiece, while Kellen Jensen and Car-



Kellen goes up for two points!: Kellen of Jensen jumps up to lay in two of his game-high 17 points against MVAO/COU on Friday night. The Raptors defeated the Rams 71-35 in an opening round Western Valley Conference tournament matchup.

ter Todd both ripped down five boards. Zach Kolpin came up with three steals, and Carter Todd dished out seven assists.

Ridge View coach Alex Warnke commented on the win.

“This was a good start to the conference tournament for us,” he said. “We played one of our most complete games of the season, on both ends of the floor. We shared the basketball on offense, and had 22 assists while only turning the ball over 8 times. Our players are doing a nice job moving without the basketball, and getting shots that are in the flow of the offense. When their defense can’t focus on one or two specific

players, it really spreads out their zone. Defensively, we were able to force MVAO/COU to where we wanted them on the court, by staying low and beating them to their spots they wanted to get to. We limited them to only two second chance points, and then turned those defensive rebounds into some transition baskets on offense. We will face a quality Lawton-Bronson team in the next round of the tournament, who plays an opposite style of basketball as MVAO/COU, so we will need to adjust and come ready to play on Tuesday.”

Ridge View improved to 10-6 with the win, while MVAO/COU slipped to 4-11.

OABCIG girls stumble at MVAO/COU

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Falcon girls basketball squad traveled to Mapleton on Thursday night, to take on the Rams in the first round of the Western Valley Conference tournament. MVAO/COU jumped out to a quick 12-2 lead, and held a 10-point advantage of 17-7 after the first quarter. The Rams were still leading by 10 at 21-11, when they went on an 11-0 run to expand the margin to 32-11. MVAO/COU glided to a 36-18 halftime lead from there.

The Rams continued to dominate the action in the second half, building a 54-24 lead after three quarters of play. The Falcons kept battling, outscoring MVAO/COU in the fourth quarter, but the Rams were able to advance in the conference tournament with a 68-40 win.

OABCIG had nine players get in the scoring column, led by Jenessa Kolar and Irelyn Wittrock with seven points apiece. Chloe Murphy dropped in five points, while Karter Hemer, Josilynn Pritchard, Brady Youngren, and Lia Hansen all chipped in with four points. Addisyn Pritchard contributed three points, while Olivia Schroeder added two points. Murphy and Hansen led the team in rebounds with seven each, while Wittrock came up with three steals.

OABCIG slipped to 2-14 with the loss, while MVAO/COU improved to 13-3.



Pritchard gets past the defense: Addisyn Pritchard of OABCIG gets ahead of the MVAO/COU defense for a layup, during the Falcons’ Western Valley Conference tournament contest at Mapleton on Thursday.



Hemer looks for help: Karter Hemer of OABCIG gets the ball inside, but is surrounded by MVAO/COU defenders and looks for a teammate, during the Falcons’ WVC tournament game at Mapleton.



Kinnick drives to the basket: Kinnick Jensen of Ridge View drives between a pair of MVAO/COU defenders, before dishing the ball to an open teammate. Jensen had four points and eight rebounds to help lead the Raptors over the Rams.



Clausen goes up strong: Cayden Clausen of Ridge View goes strong to the hoop with the ball, during the Raptors’ conference tournament victory over MVAO/COU. Clausen scored 15 points and garnered eight rebounds in the win.

SPORTS



Gilbert goes up strong: Trenton Gilbert of OABCIG watches his shot head for the basket, during the Falcons' 67-52 Senior Night victory over Woodbury Central.

OABCIG boys whip Woodbury Central 67-52

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The Falcon boys basketball squad got back on the winning track Tuesday night in Ida Grove, besting the visiting Wildcats of Woodbury Central 67-52. The contest started out as a real dogfight, with Woodbury Central leading 16-14 deep into the first quarter. OABCIG would reel off nine straight points to end the quarter, however, and claim a 23-16 advantage after one period of play.

The Falcons continued the onslaught in the second quarter, scoring nine unanswered points to double up the Wildcats at 32-16. OABCIG cruised to a 36-21 halftime lead from there.

Woodbury Central kept battling, cutting the deficit to 12 points in the third quarter, but could get no closer as the Falcons led by a comfortable margin of 55-36 after three quarters. OABCIG was able to close out the contest, and earn a 67-52 victory.

Woodbury Central used three-pointers to hang around, making seven from long range compared to none for the Falcons. OABCIG came up with 18 steals, however, as opposed to only four for the Wildcats, and made 29 of 58 field goals for a 50 percent clip, compared to WC's 19 of 47 field goals for a 40 percent rate.

The Falcons were led by Kade Spotts with 18 points and nine rebounds. Joining him in double figure scoring was Ethan Behrendsen and Brysen Kolar, who both scored 11 points. Anthony Newquist and Jaxx DeJean both tallied nine points, while Evan Hoffman contributed five points. Jack Gilbert and JJ Parks both chipped in with two points. Newquist, Gilbert, and DeJean all pulled down



Jaxx with the jumper: Jaxx DeJean of OABCIG gets the basketball down low, then goes up strong for two points against Woodbury Central on Tuesday night.



Kolar slams one down: Brysen Kolar of OABCIG dunks the basketball, during the Falcons' 67-52 victory over Woodbury Central.

four rebounds, while Kolar came up with six steals. Behrendsen came away with five steals and dished out four as-

sists. OABCIG improved to 6-7 with the win, while Woodbury Central fell to 3-12.



Spotts shoots for two: Kade Spotts of OABCIG puts up a short jumper, over the outstretched arm of a Woodbury Central defender, during the Falcons' 67-52 victory over the Wildcats on Tuesday night in Ida Grove.

Ridge View girls fall to #10-rated MVAO/COU 73-36

■ by BRENT HARM
IDA COUNTY COURIER

The #10-rated MVAO/COU girls basketball squad traveled to Holstein last Monday, to take on the home team Raptors. In a hard-fought first quarter, Ridge View had a 10-9 lead when the Rams went on a 7-0 run to end the period ahead 16-10.

MVAO/COU started the second quarter with a 6-0 run to build the advantage to 22-10, then gradually pushed the margin to 40-20 at half-time. A hotly contested third quarter ended with the Rams building their lead slightly at 57-32. MVAO/COU coasted to a 73-36 victory from there.

The Raptors were led by Madison Stowater with 21 points. Reese Hawthorne contributed seven points, while Claire Wandrey added six points and Faith Freese chipped in with two points. Stowater also led the team in rebounds with eight, while Wandrey garnered six boards and Alyssa Biede pulled down three rebounds. Freese and Zoey Aschinger both came up with two steals.

Ridge View slipped to 6-8 with the loss, while MVAO/COU improved to 12-2.



Chance eyes the basket: Gillian Chance of Ridge View goes up for a basket as an MVAO/COU defender attempts to stop her, during last week's contest in Holstein.



Wandrey with the layup: Claire Wandrey of Ridge View gets ahead of the MVAO/COU defense, and puts in two of her six points against the Rams. Wandrey also grabbed six rebounds to aid the Raptor cause.



Stowater races to the rim: Madison Stowater of Ridge View zooms past an MVAO/COU defender on her way to the basket. Stowater led the Raptors with 21 points and eight rebounds.

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of excellence in service. Denise has shown continual growth in their customer base, and they are still growing. They may be small-town friendly, but they are definitely "Big Town" insurance professionals.

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NICKLAS D. JENSEN FUNERAL HOME



Death is a fact of life. And it is the finality of death that makes life so special. Nicklas & Sara Jensen, the Owners at Nicklas D. Jensen Funeral Home & Monument Company in Holstein, Correctionville & Merville have dedicated their life to honoring the lives of others.

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Nicklas D. Jensen Funeral Home is prepared to guide people through devastating times with dignity, compassion, and a genuine belief that life is worth celebrating. Call 712-368-4332 for pre-planning help, or simply to ask a question, or log on to www.nickladsjensenfh.com to learn all about them. They have a well-respected reputation among friends, neighbors, and the communities they serve.

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The local hotel & suites that has the most comfortable and luxurious accommodations around, is Cobblestone Inn & Suites at 2011 In-dorf Ave. in Holstein. You'll really like the way you'll be treated like family. If you've traveled a lot and have spent any time at all in motels, it will be easy for you to appreciate their friendly service and great surroundings.

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A direct benefit to our local people is that Cobblestone Inn & Suites is a great place to spend a quick week-end vacation, like an anniversary, away from the kids and daily routines. When you have business to take care of, take a night or two off and relax in a comfortable room at Cobblestone Inn & Suites.

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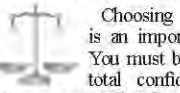
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Choosing an attorney is an important decision. You must be able to feel total confidence in the attorney you call. After all, when you need their services, it will certainly be over a matter that will affect your life in a big way. It makes sense that if you don't know who to call, you will want to find out who is reputable and experienced.

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