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Cancer claim leads to felony fraud charges

By Mark Ridolfi NSP Managing Editor

Maddie Russo's cancer journey ended outside her St. Ambrose University classroom Monday morning, a year after she disclosed a terminal condition, and an hour before her arrest on felony fraud charges that allege she made the whole thing up.

Eldridge deputy police chief Andrew Lellig and officer Garrett Jahns joined sheriff's deputies in the hallway for an

Campbell's Scoup

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arrest capping a compelling story that didn't add up.

The 20-year-old Eldridge native told her treatment story online, to pancreatic cancer support groups, on a national cancer podcast, to assemblies at her college, and The North Scott Press, which published it Oct. 19.

On Jan. 9, an online fundraising site said her condition was getting worse, and sought more money for treatments.

"Maddie's cancer has been progressively getting worse and has spread all over her body including throughout her blood and also on her spine," wrote Tom Bouland, of Bettendorf, who started the GoFundMe page for Russo. "She has tried everything and given it her all.

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Stacey Zapolski coaches the Pleasant Valley team, including four swimmers from North Scott, at the new YMCA pool in Eldridge. NSP photo by Ross Shinberg

NORTH SCOTT SCHOOLS

Keppy wraps up school board service

By Mark Ridolfi NSP Managing Editor

Glen Keppy wrapped up his school board service with a kind note, warm thanks, and a wave of accolades from his board colleagues.

They recalled his service in almost every aspect of the district, including working as a student bus driver as a senior.

"He helped grade the softball field where it is now," board president Mark Pratt said. "He's part of the history of our district, and Scott County."

Keppy said health concerns after his knee replacement last year forced his resignation in his 10th year on the board.

"Due to my health I cannot be the type of board member I want to be, and the district deserves," he wrote to the board. "Being on school board has been very rewarding. I'm proud of the progress this district made in my time on the board."

He was appointed to the board in 2013 and won reelection twice. He championed the school's ag programs in the board room, and in the fields, mentoring FFA students and pitching in on planting and harvesting days.

"I'm very proud of our agriculture and FFA program for becoming not only best in Iowa, but best in the nation," he



Keppy

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Lancers dive in to new pool

Four NS swimmers get feet wet in new, hometown pool

By Ross Shinberg NSP Sports Editor

For the first time, North Scott High School swimmers have a pool to call their own.

The North Scott YMCA opened its doors in December, and Monday, Jan. 16 marked the first practice in the new facility for the Lancer swimmers, and their Pleasant Valley High School teammates.

The Pleasant Valley boys' swim team

took the trip up to Eldridge Monday morning for an 8 to 10 a.m. practice session, and the Lancer swimmers could not have been more excited.

"Practice was great," North Scott senior Alec Harris said. "It was actually a lot of fun to be in the new pool and to be able to show Pleasant Valley a little bit of North Scott."

"It felt good," added Lancer junior Mason Schaack. "It's a nice pool, and it was fun to get the feel of it."

Harris and Schaack, along with North Scott seniors Keaton Braack and Ryland Feist, took part in the practice, during which they worked primarily on endurance and maintaining speeds

over longer sets.

These Lancer swimmers, and all of the ones who came before them, have had to make the drive out to Pleasant Valley for practices and home meets during the swimming season because North Scott doesn't have a team of its own.

For Pleasant Valley boys' head swimming coach Stacey Zapolski, the trip to the YMCA was more than just getting to use a new facility. It was about giving back to the North Scott swim community, which has been a key part of her teams during her coaching tenure.

"In my eight years as the head coach

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Junior high Lego League team off to state

North Scott's junior high Lego League team returns to state competition this weekend with their project, a mobile power station. In the team picture from regionals from left are: Coach Nicole Pilcher, high school mentor Cora Vannorsdel, Anthony Vatsndal, Colton Genz, Dylan DeMarr, Benjamin Hill, Max Vannorsdel, Isaac Persson, Dana Webb, Olivia Uhlenkamp, Brayden Vatsndal, and Allan Vatsndal. Not pictured, Graham McCready. Student team members will share their experiences in the Feb. 8 edition of The NSP.

PREVIEW



The Cat (Lauren Pawloski) arrives to make mischief with the Boy (Ryenne Lacher), the Fish (Charlotte Madden) and Sally (Cyara Jackson).

Grade schoolers revel in 'Cat' productions

By Erin M. Gentz
NSP Editor

There promises to be much mischief afoot as Lancer Productions presents its annual Children's Theatre production, "The Cat in the Hat" and the "Cat'aret" this weekend in the North Scott Fine Arts Auditorium.

Performances are 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28, and Sunday, Jan. 29, and 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28. Prior to each performance, a Scholastic Book Fair and children's activities, including an appearance by local author Pat McCaw, will be held at the high school.

A retelling of the classic book by Dr. Seuss, "The Cat in the Hat" features the adventures of Sally and her brother as they meet the mischievous Cat. With the trickiest of tricks and the craziest of ideas, he certainly is loads of fun. But what starts as an adventure on a rainy afternoon quickly turns into a headache for Sally and her brother. And what will Mum find when she gets home?

Bookending "The Cat in the Hat,"



The Cat (Lauren Pawloski) with Thing Two (Eddie Mohr) and Thing One (Chloe Schwab)

Cast members

The first- through fourth-grade cast of the "Cat'aret" includes: Clara Picciano (Kid 1); Hope McGee (Kid 2); MaKenna Burr (Kid 3); Spencer Jones (The Lorax); Will Noonan (Once-ler); Alaina Triplett (Horton); Melody Germain (Who); Ambellina Kelly (Who); Elena Jones (Sour Kangaroo); Landon Kelly (Wickersham Brother); Irelynn Montenguise (Wickersham Brother); Eleanor Thuenen (Wickersham Brother).

The fifth- through eighth-grade cast includes: Madi Hillmann (Kid 1); Charli Conner (Kid 2); Ben Hill (Willy Wonka); Elly Matheson (Charlie Bucket); Ally Sosnowski (Augusta Gloop); Maggie Noonan (Veruca Salt); Hailey Schaack (Violet Beauregard); Jameson Ruiz (Mike Teavee); Sloan Varner (Oompa Loompa); Hayden Lacher (Peter Pan); Grady Kirst (Captain Hook); Aislynn Seals (Smee); Natalie Sierk (Wendy); Sidora Varner (Jane); Tori Gruenhagen (Michelle); Allie Bibens (Pirate).

will be the "Cat'aret," a cabaret-style production featuring two casts of elementary and junior high students. The first skit, featuring first- through fourth-graders, is a Dr. Seuss-inspired show, featuring characters from "The Lorax" and "Horton Hears a Who." Following "The Cat in the Hat," fifth- through eighth-graders weave a tale featuring characters from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" and "Peter Pan."

The cast of "The Cat in the Hat" includes: Lauren Pawloski (Cat); Ryenne Lacher (Boy); Cyara Jackson (Sally); Charlotte Madden (Fish); Chloe Schwab (Thing One); Eddie Mohr (Thing Two); Cella Hanssen (Kitten); Mya Kelsey (Kitten); Kaitlyn Knoche (Kitten); Jane Nichols (Kitten); and Keegan Panther (Kitten).

"The Cat in the Hat" is directed by Maddie Harbour and Renae Mohr. Technical director is Josh Tipword, assisted by Justin Walker. The show is produced by Stacie Kintigh, with student producer Eva Lubben.

The set was designed by Nora Glover. Lighting design was by Hope Harrison, and with sound design by Ryan Stickler. Light board operator is Hope Harrison. The sound board will be operated by Michael Kintigh, and the sound effects operator is Ryan Stickler. Nora Glover serves as stage manager.

The properties manager is Avery Kelly. Eva Lubben is costume head. Hair and makeup are by Grace Hamann and Eva Lubben. The stage crew includes Isaiah Serrano and Aiden Kelsey.

The "Cat'aret" is directed by Grace Hamann, assisted by Marissa Carlton. The music director is Hannah Noonan, assisted by Taylor Crain. Choreography is by Chloe Schwab, assisted by Abby LaPlante.

Tickets for "The Cat in the Hat" and the "Cat'aret" are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. They can be purchased at the door or in advance at tix.nshslp.com. The price of a ticket also includes entry into the Book Fair.

RUSSO: Arrest affidavit discloses new Kia purchased after fund drive

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Chemo, radiation, and other methods have no longer helped. She has decided to start a clinical trial drug to see if this could be a miracle and put Maddie in remission."

That post generated more than \$4,200 in the last two weeks, bringing the account to \$37,303.

On Jan. 10, a caller to The NSP said she and colleagues found holes in Russo's story, and they met with Eldridge police officers the next day.

They "pointed out many discrepancies found on her pictures posted on her social media sites," Eldridge police chief Joe Sisler said.

Eldridge police subpoenaed medical records that showed, "Madison had never been diagnosed with any kind of cancer, or tumor from any medical facilities within the Quad Cities or surrounding cities," Sisler said in a statement released Monday morning.

Scott County prosecutors called it theft by deception, a Class C felony. She was released on \$10,000 cash bond shortly after her arrest. At the same time, officers with a warrant searched her Bettendorf home.

"It had been discovered some of the pictures she shares as her, have been found as taken from actual cancer patients social media pages," Jahns wrote in the charging affidavit. "Medical records taken from Genesis, Trinity and Iowa City's Stead Family Children's Hospital, where the investigation has led, shows Madison, although a patient, has never been treated for any cancers or tumors."

Her arrest affidavit confirmed she owns a 2023 Kia Sportage, purchased after the GoFundMe campaign began.

Police said they want to hear from any of the 439 donors to Russo's campaign. Donors include the North Scott school district, which contributed \$202.

Russo also received a \$500 gift card from the Dr. Brent Ohl Pancreatic Cancer Support and Awareness Foundation.

In a written statement, representatives of the foundation said their mission of supporting real cancer patients will continue. "The team is saddened to hear that one of our recipients in 2022 has been charged with fraudulently accepting assistance from our fund. Our goal has been, and continues to be, to provide financial support to 100 percent of the pancreatic cancer patients in our community."

In the Oct. 19 NSP story, Russo offered details of her journey and most recent diagnosis. "They gave me a slim 11-percent survival rate for five years before this latest tumor was discovered... At 19 years old, I don't know if I will live to see the day I graduate from college, get married, or become a mom. In the meantime, I will fight."

Some social media postings suggest the public wasn't the only one Russo fooled.

After accompanying Russo to a gala in Chicago, her mother appealed to the public on Facebook to convince Russo to get more medical advice. The witnesses who helped police also provided these excerpts from her mother's page.

"I've got Northwestern Medical in Chicago on board willing to review my daughter's complex cancer case. If only I can convince her to share her information from Iowa. Meeting the doctors last weekend at the Pancreatic Gala in Chicago opened the door to us, thankfully. I'm not gonna stop knocking down doors, no matter how long it takes to convince her many opinions are better than one or two when dealing with cancer at 19.

"When a top medical place is offering to do it, you don't pass that up I say! It might just save your life! All it takes is ONE person to notice ONE thing that

THE EVIDENCE

Eldridge police say images posted by Madison Russo perpetuated her fundraising scheme. That includes the photo purporting to show surgical bandages, and hair loss.

"Subpoenas for medical records ... showed that Madison had never been diagnosed with any kind of cancer or tumor from any medical facilities with the Quad Cities or surrounding cities."

Police are asking donors to contact detectives at 563-285-3916, or police@cityofeldridge.com



Inmate: MADISON MARIE RUSSO



might make the whole difference, she's got NOTHING to lose!

"Can anyone convince her to get more opinions outside the Univ. of Iowa? I cannot... I'm gonna be that nag of a mom that's gonna keep on her until we get better answers."

North Scott Athletic Boosters' 46th Annual

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Theme:

"LANCERS HAVE THE GOLDEN TICKET"



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ELDRIDGE

Council regulates golf carts, but not UTVs – yet

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Managing Editor

Eldridge council members approved new golf cart rules, but sent police chief Joe Sisler’s proposed UTV regulations back to the drawing board after member Brian Dockery flinched at three pages of rules read by mayor Frank King.

“I have all kinds of problems with this request,” Dockery said. “Why are we more restrictive than state law?”

Sisler proposed the regulations last July following the state legislature’s vote opening all county roads to utility terrain, and all-terrain vehicles.

A draft presented by assistant city administrator Jeff Martens set 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. hours of operation, authorized fines starting at \$100 for first offenders, and prohibited them on main streets, including Slopertown and Buttermilk roads and Black Hawk Trail.

The proposal would exempt city employees from the regulations.

Council member Dan Collins wanted later operating hours, since the ordinance requires UTVs to have lights and signals. He and council member Bernie Peeters asked for more time to review the plan.

Dockery sought more changes, including removing the chief’s proposed ban of ATVs in town.

“Everyone in this room knows I run around town on my ATV plowing out driveways for people. Under this, that would be illegal. If I run into someone, or they run into me, I’m toast,” Dockery said.

Both he and council member Bruce Cheek said the state law seemed sufficient.

Golf cart rules

Council members unanimously approved the first of three readings regu-

lating golf carts.

Five pages of rules limit drivers to those 18 or older with drivers’ licenses and proof of insurance. Carts may be operated during daylight hours on all streets except First Street, Blackhawk Trail and LeClaire, Buttermilk, Scott Park, Slopertown, Lincoln, Hillandale and South Cody roads.

Top speed is 30 mph, and carts may not go on trails or sidewalks. The ordinance requires annual permits for \$35, renewable each May for \$25. Fines begin at \$100 for unregistered carts.

Assistant city clerk Ashley Lacey asked how the rules would affect her cart ride to work. The ordinance excludes city staff. The council must pass the ordinance two more times before it becomes law.

Sewer rates rising

Eldridge council members bumped sewer rates 5 percent, adding about \$2 to the minimum monthly bill.

The council raised the rate for the first 90,000 gallons from 82 to 86 cents per 1200 gallons.

Usage above that raises from 72 to 76 cents per 100 gallons.

Council raised the rate 5 percent in January 2022, 2.5 percent in 2021, and 7.5 percent in 2018.

City administrator Tony Rupe said the increase was needed to cover operating costs, and repayment of a \$9 million expansion loan from 2018.

Petersen fills board vacancy

Council members appointed Paul Petersen to the Eldridge Community Center board. He fills the spot vacated by Jeff Martens, who was hired as Eldridge assistant city administrator. Petersen will serve a four-year term that runs through June 1, 2026.

Petersen owns a plumbing company and brings 33 years of mechanical contracting experience. “I am very familiar with the needs of the current facility,” he wrote in his application.

Mayor Frank King said Marcie Ordaz also applied. Ordaz ran for council in 2017 and was at Monday’s meeting. King

Atkins seeks more time from Eldridge

Time is running out for Ashley Atkins’ new home at 880 S. First Street.

She is scheduled to appear Jan. 31 before the Eldridge Board of Adjustment, two years after the board backed her plan to live in a motor home in a garage until the home was built.

On Jan. 6, Eldridge notified Atkins that her permission had expired and the property could no longer be occupied as of Jan. 31.

On Oct. 7, 2021, the Eldridge Board of Adjustment allowed Atkins to build a garage for her motorhome, where she planned to live until her home was built. City code allowed only 11 consecutive days in a camper on a residential lot. The garage is complete, but the home has not been started.

On Jan. 9, Atkins applied for a temporary occupancy permit to continue living there.

The Board of Adjustment meets 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 31 at city hall.

said the state of Iowa’s gender balance rules precluded Ordaz’ appointment to a five-member board that already has three women.

GiGi Seibel serves through June 1, 2026; Tracy Harris through June 1, 2024; Deanna Jensen-Valliere through June 1, 2025; and Thomas Knapper, through June 1, 2025.

Other board openings

The city’s website notes these board openings for volunteers:

Eldridge Utility Board - February 28 through February 2029. Replacing Jim Roseman, who’s term ended.

The city also has terms ending for these boards, and is awaiting word from appointees about continuing service.

Eldridge Park Board - February 28 through February 28, 2028;

Eldridge Board of Adjustments - March 19 through March 19, 2028;

Eldridge Storm Water Advisory Board - Three openings, April 19 through April 19, 2029.

Road closings for air show

Eldridge roads approaching the Davenport Municipal Airport will close for the 32nd annual Quad City Air Show June 22-25.

Council approved closures noon to 4 p.m. each day for:

- Buttermilk Road, Lincoln Road south to Slopertown Road;
- Slopertown Road, From First Street, west to Buttermilk;
- First Street, controlled access to air show and for TCC Materials and R&L Carriers, businesses that are new since the last air show.

No parking

Council members banned parking on the east side of South 14th and 16th avenues in response to complaints about spillover parking from Playstation trampoline park.

Martens said one business complained, and another put up its own no-parking signs after cars parked on both sides blocked the narrow street.

Council member Dan Collins, who also is an Eldridge volunteer firefighter, said he’s seen emergency vehicles blocked by parked cars.

“We’re there quite a bit with MEDIC and fire. We have troubles getting out of the parking lot. It’s just jam-packed,” Collins said.

Council members supported the ban unanimously, but Adrian Blackwell urged city staff to contact Playstation first. “I want to make sure we’re being community minded and good neighbors,” he said.

Grants to QCAIR assist immigrants

Five new grants will help fund the Quad Cities Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees help this year’s arrivals adapt to their new homes in the Quad Cities.

- \$5,000 from the Regional Development Authority.
- \$2,500 from the Quad Cities Community Foundation.
- \$1,000 from the Thrift Clothing Center, part of The Center, a Christian charity on Davenport’s Brady Street.
- \$500 from the Rock Island-based Doris and Victor Day Foundation, Rock Is-

land.

- \$250 from the Immigrant Entrepreneurship Summit, an annual event for immigrants and those who wish to support them.

“We are deeply grateful for the generosity of these organizations who help to sustain our important mission. It is a privilege to help immigrants become successful, productive community members, and it is gratifying when others share our vision,” QCAIR president Grant Curtis said.

Learn more online at qcair.org.

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KEPPY: Board members applaud 'quiet leadership'

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wrote.

Board members recounted his life of leadership and adventures, including a stint in Washington D.C. as a U.S. Department of Agriculture program director, past president of the National Pork Producers Association, and a former Pittsburgh Steeler, Detroit Lion and Green Bay Packer.

He played football at North Scott, then at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. He earned a bachelor's in agriculture technology, then was drafted by the Steelers.

Board members applauded his quiet leadership.

"I've known him throughout my whole education career here. I knew his parents, Roy and Myrtle, very well. They were among the first to welcome me into the community when I was in high school," said Frank Wood.

"You knew you were going to get a heartfelt, honest answer one way or the other. He didn't pull any punches," said Wood, who recalled the warm welcome from Keppy's parents.

"His dad and my dad started National Pork Producers with three other men," board member Joni Dittmer said. "People had no idea what this man has been involved in. He's the most humble man I've ever met. We're so blessed, honored and truly lucky to have Glen and his

family in this area."

Board president Mark Pratt values Keppy's counsel. "He is just that quiet guy who listened. Being into politics as much as he was, you'd think he'd like to hear himself talk. That's not him at all. He's the guy who takes everything in."

"I wish I could do half the listening he did. When Glen finally spoke up, we all listened in because that was the type of leader he is," superintendent Joe Stutting said.

Board to appoint successor

The board plans to appoint a successor to serve through the end of Keppy's term this year. Board members agreed with Stutting's proposal to accept ap-

plications through Feb. 8. Applicants should send a résumé and letter of intent to the board office.

"What do you bring to the table? Why are you a good fit?" Pratt suggested.

The board will review applicants in a Feb. 9 work session, then conduct interviews and make the appointment at the Feb. 13 meeting.

District residents may force an election by submitting a petition with 1,105 signatures, or 10 percent of the last election turnout, by Feb. 8.

"Then we would go to the county auditor and start the process for a special election," Stutting said.

Terms for Keppy, Bergfeld, Maxwell and Dittmer end this year.

Shepard expansion bids top \$5.5 million

Bids for expanding Alan Shepard Elementary in Long Grove total \$5,516,400, for a project scheduled to get under way in April, and be ready for students by fall of 2024.

The board approved 16 contracts for the project being managed by Russell Construction.

Superintendent Joe Stutting told board members that 13 of the contracts had at least three bidders. Just one, the fluid-applied flooring, had one bidder.

Stutting said construction may be complete well before fall of 2024, but he expects parts for electrical work to be slow.

The work includes an addition on the west side of the Long Grove school to create an art room, kitchen, restroom and teachers' lounge.

Contracts:

- Building and site concrete, Ihrig Works, \$284,000. That bid beat the next lowest by \$52,330.
- Masonry, Otto Baum, \$537,315;
- Structural steel, miscellaneous metals, Industrial Steel Erectors, \$285,250;
- General trades, Swanson Construction, \$369,000;
- Roofing and sheet metal, Economy Roofing, \$575,350;
- Entrances and storefronts, East Moline Glass, \$100,000;
- Gypsum board assemblies, River Valley Construction, \$106,800;
- Flooring, Allied Construction, \$19,742; Terrazzo flooring, Wisconsin Terrazzo, \$205,620; Fluid applied floor-

ing, Midwest Flooring Concepts, \$12,100;

- Painting, Color, Inc., \$47,867;

- Food service equipment, Kessenichs, \$525,045;

- Fire protection, Continental Fire, \$524,045;

- Plumbing and HVAC, Hometown, \$955,000. That bid beat Crawford, Ryan & Associates, Petersen Plumbing and Modern Companies.

- Electrical, communication and fire alarm, Rock River, \$687,723;

- Earthwork and utilities, Needham Excavating, \$281,543.

Resident concerned about debt

Mark Goodwin, of Eldridge, asked board members for more information about the costs of the district's \$45 million capital improvement plan.

He questioned interest and other expenses disclosed in a district spreadsheet shared publicly by *The NSP*.

"Are taxpayers aware you are spending \$4.5 million in interest before any principle paydown?" he asked. "Are we going to have opportunity to view new renditions and drawings after the changes are made? Will there be any open forums for public discussions?"

The board on Jan. 9 discussed changes to control costs on the Regional Innovation Center. The board borrowed \$45 million against future property and sales tax revenue for the innovation center, projects at the high school, junior high, Shepard and Armstrong grade schools, and renovations to the softball complex

and football stadium.

Board members did not respond to Goodwin at the meeting. Before he spoke, board president Mark Pratt said the time was only for listening, not board dialogue.

2023-24 calendar

North Scott's next school year begins Wednesday, Aug. 23, ends Friday, May 31, and follows the break pattern of previous years, and neighboring school districts.

The council approved a calendar that includes 17 days with two-hour early dismissal. That's two each month, and one more than this school year.

Early out days are Fridays, except where noted: Sept. 22, Oct. 6, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 8, Dec. 20(Thurs),

Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, Mar. 8, Mar. 28(Thurs), April 12, April 26, May 10, and the last day, May 31.

Winter break is Dec. 21, 2023, to Jan. 2, 2024. Spring break is March 11-15, 2024.

Snow make-up days would be June 3-7 as needed.

Staff health insurance

The district's health insurance fund balance increased enough to forego any employee rate increases next year. The board's health insurance committee also said reinsurance bids are coming in February. Stutting said reinsurance is required by state law to cover claims exceeding \$150,000.

"We have not used a dime of reinsurance. They wanted a 19-percent increase in premiums," he said.

U.S. 61 among state patching jobs throughout the county

The Iowa Department of Transportation will patch U.S. 61 from Interstate 80, north to 290th Street, or St. Ann's Road this year.

A Dec. 17 letter to Eldridge officials detailed five state projects to patch concrete. The other four are:

- Iowa 22 from Y40 to Iowa 461;
- U.S. 61 from Blue Grass limits to Utah Avenue in Davenport;
- U.S. 67 from Valley Drive in Bettendorf to Eighth Street in Le Claire;
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Scott County leads state in conservation contracts

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Managing Editor

Scott County landowners led the state in Conservation Stewardship Program enrollment, capturing just over \$1 million of the \$16 million in federal tax dollars spent statewide to improve private agricultural property.

The county reported 12 new, and two continuing contracts with landowners who seek federal assistance.

Those new contracts pushed Scott County to the top for the first time. Muscatine, Cedar and Clinton counties also reported a record number of new contracts.

"We averaged 3.7 new and renewed CSP contracts per Iowa NRCS office last year, so every office in your coverage area were above the state average," said Jason Johnson, USDA state conservation public affairs specialist in Des Moines.

He said CSP funding "is intended to reward farmers who are already good stewards of the land, but offers payment incentives to them for implementing new and sometimes innovative conservation enhancements to their operation."

Scott County's record comes after Jen-



CONSERVATION SECTION INSIDE

nifer Turner's first year as the county's Natural Resources Conservation Service district conservationist. She recalls a busy year, but had no idea it was a record setter.

"I was really surprised when Scott County got the high mark," said Turner, who managed all of those contracts.

The year was looking good in September, the last month of the fiscal year. "In the last two weeks of September, they still had money left, and they'd call and say, 'Could you do this contract?' I did three or four in the last week," Turner said.

The CSP contracts commit the federal

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CSP

Conservation Stewardship Program helps farmers build on existing conservation efforts by subsidizing custom plans to meet conservation goals.

- **Scott:** Led the state in CSP funding last year with 12 new and two renewed contracts totaling more than \$1 million.
- **Muscatine:** Seven new and two renewed CSP contracts, \$367,000.
- **Clinton:** Five new and two renewed CSP contracts, \$297,000.
- **Cedar:** Five new CSP contracts, \$289,000.

EQIP

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a more traditional Farm Bill Conservation Program that provides incentive payments and financial assistance to implement conservation practices such as cover crops, terraces, grassed waterways, and nutrient management activities.

- **Scott:** Eight contracts last year covering 405 acres, \$159,000.
- **Muscatine:** 22 contracts covering 2,797 acres, \$384,000.
- **Clinton:** Four contracts covering 185 acres, \$28,000.
- **Cedar:** Three new contracts covering 167 acres, \$27,000.

government to a specific rate per acre for field improvements that slow runoff, and keep natural and added nutrients out of Iowa waterways.

Turner said CSP funds more traditional field projects. She said her office manages contracts for other federal

programs that offer government aid for urban farms and even suburban homeowners.

Chickasaw County was close behind Scott, with 28 contracts obligating \$945,000 in federal tax money. Next was Clayton County, with 22 contracts totaling \$682,000.

QC Arts visiting artists bring music, art and dance

Rap, native American songs and stories, contemporary dance, and an Italian folk group are part of Quad-City Arts 49th Visiting Artist Series season this spring.

The year kicks off Jan. 23-27 with Skye Consort and Emma Björling. Free public performances at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 24 at the Moline Public Library; 2:30 p.m., Jan. 26 at the Jackson Concert Series at Wesley United Methodist Church, Muscatine; and 7 p.m., Jan. 26, at the Bettendorf Public Library.

The group also will perform a QC Arts Performance Arts Signature Series, or PASS show, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

The rest of the schedule includes:

Broken Box Mime Theater: Feb. 6-10. The group performs a PASS concert, 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at The J Bar, Davenport.

Alla Boara, modern Italian folk, Feb. 27-March 3. The group will perform 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, at First Presbyterian Church, Davenport.

Eisenhower Dance Detroit, contemporary dance, March 20-24. The group performs a PASS show 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at the Figge Art Museum, Davenport.

Dessa, singer, rapper, and writer, April 10-14.

Ngairre, rhythm and blues singer/songwriter, May 1-3, with a public performance, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2 at the Common Chord Redstone Room.

Martha Redbone, native- and African-American vocalist/songwriter, May 8-12.



Special Olympians back in action

After years of having their games canceled due to weather and Covid, Special Olympics athletes from eastern Iowa enjoyed basketball skills competition Saturday, Jan. 21 at North Scott Junior High. Above, North Scott superintendent and Rotarian, Joe Stutting, helps North Scott grad Amanda Tudzin start the dribbling drill. Top right: Athlete Tim Elskamp celebrates winning a ribbon. At right: North Scott Rotary volunteers

captain Kelly Meyer encourages Hope Bernick. Athletes recite the Special Olympics motto at the opening of every competition.

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SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SUNDAY, JAN. 1

2:36 a.m. — Donald Charles Hacke, 57, Eldridge, was charged with OWI – 1st offense, following a traffic stop in the 8300 block of Northwest Boulevard, Davenport.

SUNDAY, JAN. 8

4:30 a.m. — Jacob F. Reusch, 22, Rock Island, was charged with OWI – 1st offense, following a traffic stop near Interstate 74 and Middle Road, Bettendorf.

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

8:24 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 11600 block of 108th Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

2:11 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 30900 block of Scott Park Road.

5:17 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Blackstone Court.

1:00 p.m. — Kevin Deandre Cooks, 22, was charged with a sex offender registration violation – 1st offense, following an incident in the 400 block of West 4th Street, Davenport.

1:34 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

2:13 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

6:04 p.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 8100 block of 120th Street.

10:47 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 100 block of Crest View Drive.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

1:07 a.m. — Tremayne D. Pole, 33, Chicago, was charged with OWI – 2nd offense and an open container violation – driver, and cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, violation of financial liability coverage, and failure to have a valid license or permit while operating a motor vehicle, following a traffic stop in the 2700 block of Hickory Grove Road, Davenport.

5:26 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of one-vehicle accident near mile marker 130.5 on Highway 61 North, where a vehicle driven by Charles James Viriden, 61, Andalusia, Ill., struck a dead coyote that was lying in the roadway.

9:36 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

11:27 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 14000 block of 110th Avenue, Davenport. The complainant reported theft of mail from a business mailbox.

11:33 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 6200 block of North Pine Street.

12:05 p.m. — Deputies responded to a vandalism complaint in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

12:07 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

12:10 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of West Kimberly Road.

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

9:36 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

10:15 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 600 block of

West 4th Street.

11:33 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 6200 block of North Pine Street.

12:10 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of West Kimberly Road.

8:47 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of West James Street.

11:23 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 2700 block of Middle Road.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

2:57 a.m. — Brooke Shannon Johnson, 32, Davenport, was cited for OWI – 1st offense, following an incident near 60th Avenue and 230th Street, Walcott.

3:06 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

10:55 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near Scott Park Road and 210th Street. A vehicle driven by Joscelyn A. Hocking, 20, Highland, Wis., failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Scott Park Road and 210th Street. She struck a vehicle driven by Darlene M. Reinhert, 77, Davenport. Hocking was cited for failure to obey a stop sign.

12:46 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 3000 block of Farnam Street.

6:26 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 400 block of South 14th Avenue.

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

1:09 a.m. — Deputies responded to a ha-

arrassment complaint in the 300 block of East Lamphere Drive.

12:44 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 600 block of North Highway 67.

1:26 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 600 block of North Highway 67.

1:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 7200 block of 200th Street. A vehicle driven by David Vance Huntley, 19, Walcott, was eastbound on 200th Street. The wind pushed against the trailer the vehicle was hauling. As Huntley slowed the vehicle, the trailer jackknifed and pushed the vehicle into a ditch.

3:09 p.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 13800 block of 118th Avenue.

4:41 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem.

9:54 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of North Salina Street.

11:31 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 900 block of Park Avenue.

MONDAY, JAN. 16

1:46 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of South 14th Avenue.

11:30 p.m. — Tyler Lee McCreight, 32, Blue Grass, was charged with 2nd degree attempted burglary, 2nd degree criminal mischief, 4th degree criminal mischief, and public intoxication – 1st offense, following an incident in the 9300 block of 114th Street, Blue Grass.

ELDRIDGE POLICE REPORT

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

2:48 p.m. — Complaint of theft of property in the 2000 block of West Slopertown Road.

5:43 p.m. — Report taken for hit-and-run damage to a vehicle parked in the 200 block of East LeClaire Road.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

10:56 a.m. — Assisted another agency with a report of a two-vehicle accident near 210th Street and Scott Park Road.

1:11 p.m. — Mia Serrano, 30, of Davenport, was arrested for driving under suspension, following a traffic stop in the 100 block of South Scott Park Road.

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

12:29 a.m. — Ania Jackson, 23, of Davenport, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

3:40 a.m. — Sharda McGowan, 35, of Bettendorf, was cited for speeding and operation without registration, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

3:56 p.m. — Complaint of a disturbance in the 500 block of North 6th Street. Handled by officer.

MONDAY, JAN. 16

1:46 p.m. — Complaint of a disturbance in the 400 block of South 14th Avenue. Handled by officer.

4:37 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 500 block of South 2nd Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

6:06 p.m. — Complaint of a minor accident between two vehicles in the 100 block of South 3rd Avenue. The drivers exchanged information. Handled by officer.

9:50 p.m. — Report taken for an accident between two vehicles near East Iowa Street and South 6th Avenue.

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

5:59 a.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 400 block of South 14th Avenue. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

1:43 p.m. — Chad Lough, 53, of Davenport, was cited for no insurance, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

1:08 p.m. — Report taken for a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of West Prairie Vista Drive.

5:10 p.m. — David Schmidt, 49, of Bettendorf, was arrested for driving under suspension and cited for operating a non-registered vehicle and no insurance, following a traffic stop in the 600 block of East LeClaire Road.

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

5:07 p.m. — Dawn Martin, 38, of Eldridge, was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop near West Davenport and North 4th streets.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

2:19 a.m. — Jeffrey Murphy, 31, of Davenport, was arrested for driving while barred, driving under suspension, and cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop near South Scott Park Road and East Blackhawk Trail.

1:09 p.m. — Dallas Freeman, 22, of Clinton, was arrested for driving under suspension, following a traffic stop in the 1600 block of South 11th Avenue.

2:48 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject near West Sheridan Drive and South 1st Street. Handled by officer.

8:50 p.m. — Complaint of a disturbance in the 800 block of Stonebridge Circle. Handled by officer.

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

4:02 a.m. — Steven Staniger, 53, of Davenport, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop near East LeClaire Road and North 9th Avenue.

6:27 a.m. — Complaint of a fire alarm sounding in the 100 block of South 5th Street. The call was turned over to the fire department. Handled by officer.

9:47 a.m. — Calvin Phelps, 31, of Moline, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for dominion control of firearm offense weapon by domestic abuse offender, intimidation with a dangerous weapon and going armed with intent, and cited for operating a non-registered vehicle, following a traffic stop in the 400 block of North 1st Street.

11:28 a.m. — Martez Lacy, 31, of Davenport, was arrested for driving under suspension, following a two-vehicle accident on Highway 61.

6:24 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 1100 block of East Price Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.



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OBITUARIES

Rita Glade

Rita Kay Glade, 70, formerly of Davenport, passed away Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, at Wheatland Manor, surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be from 12-2 p.m., with the memorial service starting at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28, at Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home, Davenport. Inurnment will be at the Maysville Cemetery, with a Celebration of Life to follow at the Maysville Town Hall.

Rita was born to Carl Jr. and Ruby (Finck) Ferris on July 2, 1952, in Davenport. After graduating from North Scott High School, she ultimately retired from Oscar Mayer, where she worked in product control for 34 years. While at Oscar Mayer, she met her soulmate, Fred Glade, they were inseparable and married April 12, 1980, in Davenport.

Rita enjoyed writing personalized poems to share with loved ones, reading, bargain shopping and taking photos. She had a unique whistle that became her trademark and it followed with playing a tune with her hands. Rita did a lot of volunteering over the years in addition to being a loving mother, a caring

wife, grandmother, sister, and friend. She adored her grandchildren and the time they were able to spend together. She had an infectious smile and bubbly personality spreading cheer wherever she went.

Throughout her entire life, Rita held an unwavering faith in God, which she shared with those who surrounded her.

Rita will be lovingly remembered and missed by her children: Ange Glade, Todd (Tori) Glade, Mindy Glade; mother, Ruby Ferris; siblings, Rod (Rachel) Ferris, Ken (Peg) Ferris,

and Jody Struve; grandchildren, Taylor, Trevor, Marquis, Mia, Mariah, Maliyah, Korey and Kamron.

Rita joins her loving husband, Fred Glade and her father Carl Ferris, Jr. in Heaven. A special thank you to the staff at the Wheatland Manor Nursing home for their care and compassion. Online condolences can be shared at www.hmdfuneralhome.com/obituaries/rita-glade.

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James McGimpsey

James W. McGimpsey, 80, of Eldridge, was called home on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at Genesis Medical Center, Davenport.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Eldridge. Visitation will be Wednesday (today) from 5-7 p.m. at Chambers Funeral Home, Eldridge.

Jim was born on July 21, 1942, in Moline, to William and Ethel (Richardson) McGimpsey. A proud U.S. Navy veteran, Jim's greatest achievement was convincing Deloris "Dee" Stroud to marry him on Oct. 11, 1969, at Grandview Baptist Church in Davenport. After 53 years of marriage, only death could part them.

Jim found his calling as a Local 111 ironworker - building bridges, teaching apprentices, and generally bossing people around for 30 glorious years before retiring in 2004. The only thing that brought Jim more joy than building bridges was showing people the bridges that he built.

Jim's life centered on his faith and his family. Jim made sure his two

daughters and his wife felt his love and encouragement every single day. He impacted countless lives through the ministries of Grandview Baptist Church, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Pine Lake Camp in Eldora, Iowa, and Lake Aurora Camp in Lake Wales, Fla. No one who met Jim will forget his epic stories, love of popcorn, booming voice, mischievous sense of humor, and endless ability to love.

Those left to honor his life are his wife, Deloris "Dee" of Eldridge; daughters, Jennifer McGimpsey of Omaha, Neb.,

and Amiee McGimpsey of Washington, D.C.; sister, Pam Rolens of Branson, Mo.; brother, Dennis McGimpsey of Davenport; and numerous nieces and nephews that affectionately called him "Uncle Gummy Bear."

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather Joe Cole, and siblings, Dorothy Claeys and Gerald McGimpsey.

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

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DEATH NOTICE

Keith Seifert

A memorial service will be held at a later date for Keith Seifert, 81, of Palm Springs, Calif.

Mr. Seifert died Dec. 26, 2022.

Keith Seifert was born Oct. 18, 1941,

the son of Emil and Esther (Knutson) Seifert.

Survivors include his sisters, Karen (David) Moore, Grand Mound, and Carol (Ron) Dohrmann, DeWitt; and a brother, Don (Deb) Seifert, Toronto.

Richard Menke

Richard "Rich" H. Menke, 76, of Long Grove, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his family. Per his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. Visitation was held from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22, at Weerts Funeral Home. Celebration of Life was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, at Eldridge Methodist Church. Memorials may be left to Long Grove Fire Department, Pleasant Valley Education Foundation or Eldridge United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.weertsfh.com.

Rich was born on Dec. 24, 1946, in Des Moines, to Harold and Carol (Gloege) Menke. He attended South Dakota State and Iowa State universities. He proudly served in the United States Army, where he was stationed in Korea during the Vietnam War. Rich was united in marriage to Deborah Goodwin on Aug. 12, 1972, in Winterset. His work history includes working at Cen-



tral Trust Savings Bank in Eldridge as a trust officer. He also was an independent contractor, building and remodeling homes. He finished his career as a project manager for a masonry company.

Rich was a member of the Lions Club, and for 17 years served as a dedicated fireman for the Long Grove Fire Department. Rich was also a member of Eldridge United Methodist Church. He enjoyed woodworking and model railroading. He also enjoyed building and designing homes. He was a huge supporter of his family and their various sport-

ing and music activities. Rich is survived by his loving wife, Debbie; children, Martin (Heidi) Menke of Bettendorf, Jay (Christy) Menke of Worthington, Minn.; grandchildren, Mateah Menke, Margo Menke and Miles Menke; and one sister, Jan Harpole.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Joan. Rich was a loving husband, father and all around wonderful person. He will be missed dearly by his family.

Jeanette Scherer

Jeanette M. Scherer, 95, of Davenport, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, at Genesis East Medical Center. Visitation was held from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22, at the Runge Mortuary. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, at the mortuary. She was laid to rest in Davenport Memorial Park. Memorials may be made in her honor to the Eldridge Volunteer Fire Department. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rungemortuary.com.

Jeanette was born Sept. 23, 1927, to William and Frieda (Hamann) Schnoor. On Feb. 14, 1950, she married the love of her life, Harold Scherer in Davenport. They were married for 72 years.

Jeanette was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she cared deeply for her family, friends and neighbors. She loved spending time with her family and watching her grandchildren's activities. She loved to bake and was always willing to help any organization. Jeanette belonged to Eastern Iowa Antique Tractor Pullers, where she was treasurer, did the announcing, kept scores and handed out awards. She was also on the Iowa State Fair Antique

Tractor Pullers planning committee.

Jeanette was a former Ann Ken Izaak Walton League member, Scott County Farm Bureau and Liedertafel Ladies.

She volunteered at Mississippi Valley Fair Textile Department and received an award for many years of service. She was also a member of the Mississippi Valley Dairy Producers.

Jeanette farmed, alongside of her husband, and also milked cows on their dairy farm for many years. She helped prepare the ground for planting crops and with harvesting corn. She was passionate of canning fruits and vegetables from the garden.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Harold Scherer; daughters, Carol (Harvey) Klindt, Bettendorf, and Donna (Brian) Carter, Princeton; grandchildren: David Klindt, Bettendorf, Daniel (Jennifer) Klindt, Eldridge, Sarah Carter, Davenport, and Tyler Carter, Davenport; along with great-grandchildren, Kylie Klindt and Andrew Klindt.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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FAMILY NEWS



Meinerts celebrate 50 years of marriage

Mike and Susan Meinert of Maysville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner with close family and a trip to Mexico.

Susan Bezdek and Mike Meinert were married Jan. 6, 1973, at First Christian Church, Marion.

Mr. Meinert was engaged in farming and as a guitar teacher.

Mrs. Meinert was employed as a bookkeeper and office manager.

They are the parents of Kevin Meinert (Vickie Bouchard) of Rolling Meadows, Ill., and Keri Meinert of Eldridge.

They have four grandchildren: Ava Meinert, Bella Meinert, Alex Meinert and Collin Meinert.

CLUB NEWS

BLUE GRASS SR. SUNSHINE WORKERS 4-H

The Blue Grass Jr./Int. Sunshine Workers 4-H club was called to order by vice president Abigail Johnson on Sunday, Jan. 15, at noon with 25 members present. Bri Behncke led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The December secretary's report was read and approved by Maya Westerhof; seconded by Gracyn Koehler. The treasurer's report was given. Emma Ziegenhorn moved to approve; seconded by Peyton Koehler.

New Business: Family Fun Night will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds—Star-

lite Ballroom. Join Scott County 4-H & County Council for dinner, awards and rock-n-roll bingo. Everyone is welcome so feel free to bring all family members. There is a sign up form attached to this month's Scott Scoop.

If you weighed in market beef in December, that information needs to be entered into 4-H online by Feb. 1.

Maya Westerhof moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Anna Johnson. Noelle Polzin led us in the 4-H pledge. Gracyn Koehler gave a demonstration on caring for show pigs. Our workshop was a 4-H Cooking School.

STUDENT NEWS

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Harrison Cockrell of LeClaire was named to the Academic Honor Roll at Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville. Eligible students must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.5 for the term.

WARTBURG COLLEGE

Kayden Johnson of Durant, Nathan Link of Eldridge, and Laci Roberts of LeClaire were named to the Fall Term Dean's List at Wartburg College, Waverly. Eligible students must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.5 for the term.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

The following local students were among those receiving academic degrees from Iowa State University in December. Commencement ceremonies were held Dec. 16-17 at Hilton Coliseum.

Benjamin Kroeger of Eldridge received a bachelor of science degree – industrial engineering.

Natalie Mitchell of Eldridge received a bachelor of science degree – construction engineering.

Jaelyn Mulligan of Eldridge graduated cum laude and received a bachelor of science degree – animal science and kinesiology and health.

The following local students were among those named the Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester at Iowa State University. Eligible students must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.5 for the semester.

Dixon: Devon Friederichs
Donahue: Tarynn Kuehl, Brandon Polzin, Ashton Wheeler

Eldridge: Brett Anderson, Hannah Belk, Grace Bjurstrom, Paige Blaskovich, Benjamin Council, Kevin Diep, Eli Engelkes, Benjamin Evitts, Nathaniel Fenn, Bryce Golden, Josiah Gonyo, Hanna Huerta, Katharine Jackovich, Creighton Jones, Ethan Jost, Lily Kain, Abby Kayser, Benjamin Kroeger, Logan Lee, Hayden Lightle, Jaelyn Longnecker, Megan Loussaert, Alysia Migiel, Keaton Rheingans, Hailey Rossmiller, Owen Saxton, Regan Saxton, Ryan Simatovich, Kyle Skinner,

Alexander Upmeyer, Garrett Willey
Long Grove: Mackenzie Galligan, Sophie Hughes, Joseph Knepper, Molly McCunn, Chris Tague, Rachel Wilkerson

Maysville: Evelyn Bauer
New Liberty: Logan Wolf
Princeton: Kyle O'Neill

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

Alexander Gickler of Princeton was among the students named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill. Eligible students must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.5 for the term.

Gickler is majoring in interactive media animation.

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

The following local students were among those named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Upper Iowa University. Eligible students must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.5 for the semester.

Blue Grass: Justine Riberdy
Buffalo: Dawn Nelson
Donahue: Madison Knoche
Durant: Elizabeth Daufeldt
Eldridge: Lynn Allen, Lindsay Leppert
Long Grove: Laura Vannorsdel

HARDING UNIVERSITY

Lily Bendickson of Donahue was among the students named to the fall 2022 Dean's List at Harding University, Searcy, Ark. Eligible students must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.65 for the semester.

Bendickson is a junior, studying elementary education.

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POOL: Bleacher seating is 'right up close and personal'

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of Pleasant Valley, we have always had North Scott swimmers that have been pretty integral to our success," Zapolski said. "We've loved this partnership we've had with North Scott High School. It was nice to come to their home turf, and it was really nice to give these North Scott kids a chance to stay home."

When it comes to what makes the North Scott YMCA a facility for swimming, one factor was nearly unanimous.

"One of the biggest things I noticed about the pool area is the lighting," said Braack, who was the first to rave about it. "The lighting is so nice. At PV, we're basically in a big box. It's super dark in there. Here, it makes the pool feel brighter, and I feel like it makes me swim faster because it boosts my energy a little bit."

Feist noted that the YMCA pool has two walls that are windows, which is much different than the design of pools he is used to.

"Every pool is either a dungeon or all the lights are pointing down so when you are swimming there is a lot of glare," Feist said. "This pool does a really good job of keeping it bright but without the glare. It finds that happy medium."

Spectators will also yield benefits from the new pool as the bleachers run the length of the pool deck, which offers advantageous viewing positions compared to other venues.

"Our seating (at Pleasant Valley High School) is at the end of the pool, but this is a very different perspective," Zapolski said. "It's a better perspective as you watch the race because you can see a little bit better what's going on from

the sidelines. It's right up close and personal."

Getting to experience all of this in Eldridge, surrounded by Lancer scarlet paint, lane ropes, banners and signage around the facility, makes it all the more special.

"Swimming with PV is great, but we are also our own school, so we want to represent ourselves," Braack said.

"It's awesome to swim for PV, but also, especially being here today, to swim for your home colors is awesome," Harris added.

These seniors are hopeful that the future of swimming in North Scott involves the fans decked out in Lancer scarlet and silver coming out to support, and the lanes filled by homegrown swimmers.

"I hope there are a bunch of kids that

get to come here and be on a swim team eventually," Schaak said. "For me, it's been great. Swimming allows you to make friends and learn a lot about life."

Even with all the success North Scott swimmers have brought to Pleasant Valley's team, Zapolski is hopeful that the Lancers get a team of their own, with the new YMCA as the catalyst to make it happen.

"I hope that they start a team out here that encourages the kids in this area to take up swimming," Zapolski said. "It's a lifetime sport. It's the only sport that can save your life. It's a sport you can do until a very old age."

"Hopefully, they can gather some interest and gather some enthusiasm to develop more swimmers in this area with this beautiful facility."

Heart doctor lectures on afib Jan. 31

Cardiovascular physician Dr. Mark Shen, will discuss atrial fibrillation or Afib, at a free community lecture, 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 31 at the Jardine Auditorium at UnityPoint Health - Trinity Rock Island.

UnityPoint's Heart to Heart series presents, "Afib, How We Manage in 2023 and Beyond."

The condition is a type of irregular, or

accelerated beat that stresses the heart.

"Attendees will learn more about atrial fibrillation, or Afib, and how it impacts your heart health," says Dr. Shen. "We will talk more about Afib, and how it can be treated."

The event is free but limited seats are available. Register at unitypoint.org/heart2heart

NORTH SCOTT BOOSTERS

Find your golden ticket at Friday's cake auction

Expect a world of pure imagination at North Scott High School this Friday as the annual Athletic Boosters Cake Auction returns.

Taking a cue from the upcoming release of the latest Willy Wonka movie, this year's theme is, "The Lancers Have the Golden Ticket."

"We are really looking forward to bringing the community together to celebrate and support our coaches and athletes, and eat some delicious cake!" said Amy Powell, who is helping organize the event.

This year's auction will be similar to last year's event, as the Boosters will only be auctioning cakes. Gift baskets and silent auction items will be presented at the Boosters' Casino Night gala in February.

However, Powell said there will be an opportunity for businesses to bid to advertise on the popcorn bags for the spring and summer sports seasons. This would include all soccer, track and field, baseball and softball home meets and games. The opening bid for this opportunity will be \$500.

"We are hoping this will be another

fun way to get our local businesses involved," said Powell.

Cake drop-off at the high school will start at 2 p.m. Friday, with judging to begin at 4 p.m. The silent auction will begin at approximately 4:45 p.m., and will remain open through the third quarter of the boys' varsity game.

Following judging, the top cake winners will be auctioned during halftime of the varsity games, which will feature a girl-boy doubleheader against Davenport Central.

In the commons, cake will be available by the slice for \$1, and cups of ice cream will also be sold for \$1. There will also be a free-will chili supper provided by the Boosters.

A 50/50 raffle to benefit the Boosters will be called after the first quarter of the boys' varsity game.

Basketball action will tip off at 4:30 p.m., with the girls' frosh and boys' sophomore games. The varsity girls' game will begin at approximately 6 p.m., with the varsity boys' game to follow. A freshman boys' game will also be held in the auxiliary gym at approximately 6 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICES

North Scott School Board

Pursuant to Iowa Code 279.6, the North Scott Community School District School Board publishes this notice of its intent to appoint a person to fill a vacancy on the Board. Eligible electors of the North Scott Community School District have the right to file a petition requiring that this vacancy be filled by special election. Petitions must be received by the board secretary within 14 days after the publication of this notice. For details and signatory requirements, contact the board secretary.

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Meeting Date: 2/9/2023 **Meeting Time:** 06:00 PM **Meeting Location:** Princeton City Hall

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NSP SPORTS

NORTH SCOTT BOWLING

Perfection on the lanes

Senior Drake Tegtmeier bowls first 300 game in North Scott history

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

Making North Scott bowling history on senior night. Can it get any better?

Last Monday, Jan. 16, Lancer senior Drake Tegtmeier bowled the first 300 game in school history in a meet against Davenport North. He became the first MAC bowler to roll a perfect game this season, as well as the seventh boys' bowler in Iowa to throw all 12 strikes this year.



Senior Drake Tegtmeier

Photo courtesy of Marie Tharp

"I couldn't really believe it," Tegtmeier said. "I was so hyper-focused that it didn't really hit me at first. It took a while to realize, 'Oh man, I just did that.'"

In the 15-year history of bowling at North Scott, no bowler achieved what Tegtmeier did in Monday night's competition. According to Lancer coach Marie Tharp, the previous best score came last season when Mason Herrington bowled a 290 game in his junior year.

Tegtmeier's game was far from smooth sailing, he says, as he got some fortunate breaks in the early couple of frames.

"There were some nerve-racking moments because I thought some of those strikes probably shouldn't have been strikes because I was off just the slightest bit. But luckily, those turned out," Tegtmeier said.

He was also fortunate in that his lane mates used different paths than he did, which allowed the senior to stick to one path for the entire game.

"I was blessed to have people not use the same lines as me," Tegtmeier said. "When I bowl in a certain spot, my ball takes the same little path every time. And I was very lucky that other people were using different paths. So my path didn't break down and dry out. So I was able to stay on the same path the whole time. I didn't have to adjust."

As the game progressed and the strikes kept coming, his teammates were attuned to what was happening.

"I had some friends tell me afterwards they wanted to tell me to go for the 300, but no, they didn't say that," Tegtmeier said. "I was just getting the usual support like high-fives and fist bumps."

Just like when a pitcher in baseball is

throwing a perfect game, everyone stays quiet about it. Only when the job is done does everybody go crazy.

"Everyone just exploded out of their chairs and gave me hugs," Tegtmeier said of what he experienced after the final strike. "It was a great feeling."

Because it was senior night, Tegtmeier's parents were in attendance. But this initially added more pressure than relief.

"It was kind of a stressful night for me," Tegtmeier said. "My parents don't usually come to our meets, but they wanted to make sure they were here because it was senior night. It was stressful, but it was very special."

"They didn't really say much, because they couldn't believe it either. I think that was the first meet they've been to since this bowling year started. So I'm glad I was able to put it all out there and show what I could do."

After starting the year on the junior varsity team and having a number of solid results, Tegtmeier said he will be traveling with the varsity team for the rest of the season.

With only a few more meets left, the senior reflected on what bowling has meant to him in his high school career.

"The most enjoyable part is not only learning by myself and figuring out how to do things, but also getting support from my coaches and team in general," Tegtmeier said. "I'm really going to miss playing with people that I know and the friends I've always played with."

"I'm looking forward to trying to keep playing the best that I can and not let this skill die out. It's really something that I want to stick with me for a long time."

Boys take first in Ottumwa

Breaking records and winning hardware seemed to be the theme of the week as the NS boys took home first place in the Ottumwa Invitational on Saturday.

As the No. 2 seed in the bracket, North Scott breezed through and swept all three of their opponents for the title.

The Lancers defeated Keokuk in the quarterfinals with 197 and 191 baker's games. Next up was Marshalltown, which offered the closest contest of the afternoon, but North Scott advanced with games of 171 and 189 to the Bobcats' 161 and 159.

The Lancers saved their best for last and dominated the final against Louisa-Muscatine. They edged out the Falcons 211 to 195 in game one, but blew them out in the second game with a 241 to 163 drubbing to clinch the title.

McDaniel first in division

Rounding out the week is another first-place winner. Junior Alexa McDaniel placed first in her division at the junior city tournament on Sunday.

Her average game score entering the tournament was 123, but she rolled games of 197, 215 and 154 for a total of 566.

She ended with an 800 series with her handicap, taking first place by 67 points over the second-place finisher.

It was a busy weekend for her as she helped the girls' varsity team place third at Ottumwa the previous day. The Lancers defeated Muscatine in the first round before falling to Ottumwa, the eventual champions, in three close games.

"It was a great week to be a Lancer bowler," North Scott coach Marie Tharp said.

BOYS' WRESTLING

North Scott qualifies for regional duals

18th ranked Lancers to face MAC foes next week

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

It's beginning to feel a lot like the post-season.

Following the final IWCOA rankings released on Monday, the Lancers officially made the cut for regional duals.

Standing in North Scott's way are two MAC rivals that defeated them earlier this season: Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf.

The Bulldogs, ranked third in Class 3A, will host the meet and await the winner of the Lancers and the Spartans.

"This is what we expected. It was pretty easy for the state with Bettendorf being ranked third," Lancer coach Drew Kelly said Monday night. "Unless one of us or Pleasant Valley were in the top eight, we felt like we were going to see each other."

"They're both good teams. We had close duals both times, and we had opportunities against Pleasant Valley at Waterloo. Some hard-fought matches there. We'll start with those guys, wrestle our best and go from there."

The Lancers first matched up against the Spartans in a triangular at Davenport North on Dec. 15. The dual featured nine pins in the 13 completed matches, but Pleasant Valley held the edge 5-4 and took the dual 46-30, with North Scott forfeiting the final bout after the Spartans clinched the dual.

They saw each other again on the second day at the Battle of Waterloo. It was

a similar result with Pleasant Valley winning 34-25 with only four total pins in the dual.

If the Lancers advance, they will look to get revenge on Bettendorf, who came into The Pit on senior night and won 51-21. North Scott took a 21-9 lead out of the gates, but lost seven in a row to end the night.

Regular season tournament finale

In the final tournament before post-season play, North Scott placed ninth in the Ed Winger Invitational on Saturday at Urbandale High School.

The 24-team field brought powerhouses to central Iowa, where Waverly-Shell Rock took the top prize with 200 team points, followed by Southeast Polk with 187 and Bettendorf with 168.5.

"Overall, I thought we competed really well," Kelly said. "Oftentimes, these tournaments are tougher than the state tournament brackets. We had the best in 3A and some powerhouses in 2A and 1A. The competition is outstanding, and the brackets are loaded."

North Scott, finishing with 81 team points, was bolstered by their rock-solid seniors in AJ Petersen, David Borchers, Seth Madden and Ayden Golden.

Petersen was the best of the bunch, placing third in the 195-pound bracket. He used a pair of first-period pins to reach the semifinals, where he was bested by the No. 1 seed McCrae Hagarty of Waverly-Shell Rock.

He bounced back in the consolation bracket with another first-period fall before grinding out a 4-2 decision win in the third-place match.

The other Lancer to place in the top five was Borchers, who placed fifth at 285.

He opened his day with a first-period fall, but got pinned himself in the second period of his next match to drop out of the winners' bracket.

Borchers finished the day going 2-1 with a 12-5 decision win and a pin in less than 45 seconds in the fifth-place match.

"AJ wrestled well, and David won some really tough matches," Kelly said. "We had a lot of guys right there to get on the stand. Doing this against the top teams, you gain a lot of confidence."

In the 170-pound bracket, Madden lost a 10-3 decision in the semifinal match to drop into the consolation bracket. After a 3-1 decision win in his first match there, the coaching staff felt it was best to end his tournament.

"Seth was not at his best. He was under the weather and wasn't feeling right, so we ended up pulling him from the tournament," Kelly said. "He was back training today (Monday), so this shouldn't be a long-term issue."

Golden rounded out the top Lancer efforts with an eighth-place finish at 126.

After getting pinned in his first match, Golden scored two in a row with pins at 4:00 and 1:43 to get into the seventh-place match, where he succumbed to a 7-5 sudden victory.

The Lancers will have one final tune-up, a MAC dual at Clinton High School on Thursday, before the MAC Championship on Saturday, Jan. 28 hosted by Central DeWitt.

"The guys are starting to sense the

end of the year is coming," Kelly said. "We get excited for it, and our guys will be wrestling their best matches at the end of the year. The MAC is a great wrestling conference, and we should have our guys ready to go compete. It's a fun time of year."

Madden gets win No. 100

In their penultimate MAC meet of the season, North Scott dropped a down-to-the-wire dual against Davenport Assumption 36-31 on Thursday.

Starting at the 120 weight class, the Knights won the first five matches to jump out to a 24-0 lead.

Lancer seniors Aydan Cary, Dylan Marti and Seth Madden chiseled the lead down to 24-13, but Assumption stopped the run right there to prevent further damage and secure the win.

North Scott still had reason to celebrate as Madden's first-period pin over Dru Diaz marked his 100th career wrestling victory.

"Seth is a kid that's super competitive and one of the hardest workers to come through here. The results show that," Kelly said. "He's going to work for everything he gets. He's built himself into an unbelievable wrestler and a great leader."

"You know what you're going to get with him. He's a high-pace, physical wrestler. To see his progress over the four years and emerge as a leader, it means a lot to see guys like him have success. He's put a lot of work in, and he's seeing some results. It's nice, but I know he's got bigger goals this year that we're continuing to work toward."

BOYS' BASKETBALL: NORTH SCOTT 50, ASSUMPTION 44

Executing when it matters

North Scott overcomes poor shooting to steal game against Knights

By Ross Shinberg

NSP Sports Editor

With no action on Tuesday, Friday night's boys' basketball game had to live up to the week of hype.

The late-game drama did not disappoint.

North Scott outscored Davenport Assumption 12-1 in the final three and a half minutes to snatch the win from the Knights Friday night in The Pit.

"Overall, it was a really good high school basketball game and a great atmosphere. It felt like a tournament game," Lancer coach Dave McLaughlin said. "Our kids found a way to win. We didn't play great, I would say. But when it mattered, there with three to four minutes left, they dug down and played together. I'm very proud of how they finished. Down by five, they didn't panic. They just went out, made plays and got some stops."



Senior Drew Sacia goes vertical for the block attempt. NSP Photo by Erin M. Gentz

The Knights got that late five-point lead after an offensive rebound and put-back shot kissed off the glass at the 3:25 mark.

Then, led by their seniors, the Lancers initiated the comeback push.

Tyler Watkins hit a floater in the lane off of a great feed from Drew Kilburg to cut the deficit to three.

The defense got a stop, Watkins corralled the defensive rebound and threw a strong cross-court chest pass to junior guard Kyler Gerardy at halfcourt, who sprinted to the cup and laid it in.

After a few empty possessions on both ends, Kilburg banked home a layup over two Knight defenders to give North Scott the lead.

On the following trip down the floor, Knight guard Damyen Jackson lost the handle on the ball as he prepared to drive into the lane and committed a foul trying to get it back.

Watkins stepped to the line for a one-and-one. Both went up, and both were good. He finished the game with a team-high 11 points.

The only point Assumption would earn in this stretch came off of a split pair of free throws with 22 seconds remaining. But Gerardy and senior forward Drew Sacia each hit a pair of their own to keep the game out of reach.

"We took a timeout there late in the fourth quarter. I didn't have to say much to the kids. I said we have to get stops, and I reiterated that we have to finish plays," McLaughlin said. "We did a good job of contesting shots and making it difficult for them to score late, and our kids did a good job of completing plays on the offensive end."

It was as clean a stretch as one could hope for in crunch time. The Lancers made all eight of their fourth-quarter free throw attempts and committed one turnover in the final five minutes.

But it wasn't as easy for the first 27 minutes, especially early on, as Assumption jumped out to a 15-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Knights had a stretch of six made field goals in a row while North Scott shot 3/14 with three turnovers in the opening period.

The Lancers cut into the lead in the second quarter, with Watkins, Kilburg, Sacia and Gerardy combining for 21 points, but went into the halftime locker room down 26-23.

"We didn't shoot it well, they shot it really well, and they came out the



Junior Kyler Gerardy shoots a floater in the lane. He finished with 10 points, marking his fourth double-digit output in five games. NSP Photo by Erin M. Gentz

tougher team. I thought they were the tougher team throughout the first half," McLaughlin said. "We were able to grind back into it. Without shooting well, you have to get stops on the defensive end. I thought we did an OK job at that. Not a great job, but a pretty good job to keep us in it until we got our offense going in the third and fourth quarters."

Junior forward Kavon Phillips, who was shut out in the first half, scored six of the Lancers' 11 third-quarter points, which helped the home team take a 34-32 lead into the fourth quarter.

In the final eight minutes, the Lancers went with an experienced lineup including three seniors (Kilburg, Watkins, and Sacia) and two juniors (Gerardy and Phillips) to close out the game.

This advantage over the Knights proved to be a key distinction late in the game.

"I think our experience showed down the stretch. Assumption is a relatively young team, and I thought they struggled a little bit with it while we prospered there at the end," McLaughlin said.

North Scott's coach praised the atmosphere in The Pit, calling it the best crowd the Lancers have had so far this season.

"I was trying to yell out plays, and I don't know if they didn't hear me or chose not to hear me," joked McLaughlin. "Our kids fed off the energy in The Pit. It was alive. We've got some big games coming up in the next couple weeks, and we're going to need those fans back to help us get over some humps."

The Lancers haven't had many home games this season, but they've defended home court all the same. They are 4-0 in The Pit this season with an average margin of victory of 12.5 points per game.

This latest victory bumped the Lancers' winning streak to six games and put them alone in second place in the MAC with an 8-2 conference record.

McLaughlin is happy with how this season has transpired in his first year at the helm, but says the job is far from done.

"They compete, they go out, they play hard, they share the ball. I think they've responded to what Coach (Chad) Specht and I have tried to get across to them," McLaughlin said. "Hopefully we can keep improving and getting better. We want to keep playing good basketball. We want to be playing our best basketball heading into the end of February and early March."

GIRLS' WRESTLING

Rested and ready for regionals

Lancers finish third at Midland while resting key starters ahead of regional tournament

By Ross Shinberg

NSP Sports Editor

North Scott's girls' wrestling depth shined especially bright as the Lancers placed third in Friday's tournament at Midland High School and had several top podium finishers.

The Lancers scored 68 team points in the 11-school field, just behind Tipton with 74. Pleasant Valley couldn't be caught at the top with 114 team points.

Of the eight Lancers competing, sophomore Madison Andrews was the best of the best, claiming the top spot in the 235-pound weight class.

Her group, consisting only of Andrews, Brianna Rixen of Maquoketa and Anna Thomas of Tipton, wrestled round-robin style to determine the champion.

Andrews did not sweat for very long as

she needed just two minutes and 48 seconds to pin her opponents to claim the top spot.

"She's a sneaky wrestler," Lancer coach Brian Thomas said. "She's got a little trip move that she's been working on and put both of the girls to their backs and pinned them. At first, I thought it was an accident. But no, it's a move that she's been working on."

Also impressing were juniors Harmony and Mercie Hansel, both taking third in the 130- and 135-pound weight classes respectively.

Harmony went 2-2 on the night with a first-period pin and a 9-1 major decision to claim third place, while her sister Mercie went 2-2 with first and third-period pins to edge out two Lancer teammates, Bryn Stephens and Allison Fowler, in the same group.

"Those Hansel girls, I'll tell you what, they're competitive," Thomas said. "They have one speed. Sometimes it's good, but sometimes they need to slow the pace down. But they were in tough battles, and both had really good tournaments."

Additionally, sophomore Madelyn Rose finished second at 170 in her final event of the season due to health concerns, securing two first-period pins in her four-person group.

'We've been working hard in practice and focusing on some small details we need to clean up. Based on how they're responding in practice, I think we're ready for regionals.'

Lancer coach Brian Thomas

With Midland being a smaller tournament and taking place seven days before regionals start, this provided an opportunity for Thomas to give starters like seniors Jorie Hanenburg, Marin Smith, Abby Allen and junior Tabitha Skyles some rest and time to recover before the postseason.

"We weren't ducking anybody;

They've punched in a lot of matches," Thomas said. "This tournament gave the other girls opportunities to get matches in. We got to watch those girls wrestle and got instant feedback."

The Lancers may also get a boost in the 120 weight class as senior Khyllie Wainwright, who suffered a high left ankle sprain in the senior night dual against Bettendorf, has been cleared for light activity. Her status is still considered questionable.

No matter who is out there on the mats on Friday, the Lancers feel they are prepared for regionals, which begin on Friday, Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. at Alliant Energy Power House in Cedar Rapids.

For those looking to mark their calendars, the girls' wrestling varsity state tournament will take place on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 2 and 3 at the Xtreme Arena in Iowa City.

"We've been working hard in practice and focusing on some small details we need to clean up," Thomas said. "Based on how they're responded in practice, I think we're ready for regionals."

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: ASSUMPTION 58, NORTH SCOTT 52

Fourth-quarter heartache

Lancers outscored by nine in final period

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

The gut punches keep coming, and they don't get any easier to stomach.

After holding Davenport Assumption to 32 points through the first three quarters, the Knights dropped a 26 spot in the final frame to beat North Scott 58-52 in a closely contested MAC battle Friday night at Assumption.

The lead ping-ponged for most of the game, and rarely got above three points. The Knights took a 48-42 advantage with four minutes to go, but the Lancers stormed back with a 10-4 run to tie the game at 52 with 90 seconds left.

The Lancers went 0/3 on field goals the rest of the way and committed a costly turnover on an entry pass when down by four points. Contrast that with the Knights, who took care of business by making a layup and sinking four of six free throws on intentional fouls.

"They shot a real nice percentage in that fourth quarter, and we didn't get stops when we needed to," Lancer coach Devvin Davis said after the game. "We're a team that plays our best basketball when we go from stops into scores. Which, without those stops, it makes our offense a lot harder."

Much like the Lancers' last game against Davenport North, a star player took over in crunch time. On Friday night, it was senior Ava Schubert who scored 10 of her 18 points in the fourth quarter and dominated the paint all game, making seven of 10 field goals.

"Good players are going to look to take over in big moments," Davis said. "It happened with (Divine) Bourrage

against North. It happened with Ava tonight. We have to expect it and be ready for it.

"And we have to understand that when you have a five-point lead, that's when it's time to buckle down. We had a five-point lead in the third quarter. That's our go time. I think that needs to be a shift moving forward. Understanding when you have the control of the pace in the game and just staying composed in those tight moments, those tough moments, is something that we don't have down yet."

Entering the game with two of the top five defenses in the MAC, each allowing just under 44 points per game, this fourth-quarter track meet seemed to come out of nowhere. The first three quarters were a pure grind.

Senior guard Cora O'Neill sunk a three-ball in the early going as North Scott jumped out to a quick 5-2 advantage. But the team went cold thereafter, not scoring again until the 1:29 mark.

The Lancers got down 11-7 with six seconds left in the first quarter. But a bucket from junior forward/center KK Farnum, a quick steal and a buzzer-beating layup from junior forward Sydney Skarich got the game even at 11.

Both teams struggled to get through each other's defenses in the second quarter, as the game was tied at 13 at the midway point.

Farnum banked home a three and senior forward Lauren Golvinghorst added a basket in the final two minutes to put the Lancers up 20-18 at the half.

Golvinghorst and Skarich led the team with six points each after 16 minutes, and Farnum was right behind them with five.

The offenses found their mojo in the third quarter, as neither team went con-

secutive possessions without points until the final minutes of the period.

North Scott got the aforementioned five-point lead after Golvinghorst split a pair of free throws, and the Lancers ended the quarter up 35-32.

Then the floodgates opened and the basket ballooned to the size of a hula hoop.

Assumption made eight of their nine two-point field goal attempts, nailed two of three from beyond the arc, and hit four of seven three throws in the fourth quarter.

The final result gives the Lancers their third loss in four tries. The team is now below .500 in their overall record. They

still maintain a 7-5 conference record, good for fifth in the MAC.

North Scott had high aspirations for this season, acknowledged by a fifth-place spot in the preseason Class 4A rankings.

Now, after a number of tough losses, the team's mindset will have to change down the home stretch.

"This is a game we really wanted moving forward," Davis said. "We just talked about how after this loss, expect to be unranked going into February. Get on the road and get gritty in some games. That's going to be our reality right now. We understand it's not going to be easy."



Senior Lexi Ward plays on-the-ball defense in the second half. NSP Photo by Ross Shinberg

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LANCER SPORTS ROUNDUP

Varsity Boys' Basketball

MISSISSIPPI ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
(Thru Mon., Jan. 23)				
	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Pleasant Valley	9	1	9	4
North Scott	8	2	11	2
Davenport Central	7	3	9	4
Bettendorf	7	3	9	4
Davenport Assumption	6	4	7	5
Davenport West	5	4	6	6
Muscatine	3	7	3	9
Central DeWitt	2	8	4	9
Davenport North	2	8	3	10
Clinton	0	9	0	13

North Scott 50, Davenport Assumption 44
Friday, Jan. 20 in The Pit

Score by Quarters	15	11	6	12	—	44
Assumption	15	11	6	12	—	44
North Scott	8	15	11	16	—	50

Player	2FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	BS
Tyler Watkins	1-2	1-5	6-6	11	3	2	0	0
Kyler Gerardy	4-8	0-4	2-2	10	1	0	0	0
Brennan Reid	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	1	1
Kavon Phillips	4-10	0-2	2-2	10	10	2	0	3
Colin Albrecht	1-3	0-2	0-0	2	2	0	0	0
Drew Sacia	0-1	1-6	3-4	8	4	0	2	0
Drew Kilburg	2-7	0-1	3-4	7	0	2	0	0
Totals	14-32	2-20	16-18	50	27	6	3	4

Varsity Girls' Basketball

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Muscatine	3	9	3	12
Davenport Central	2	9	4	10
Clinton	2	10	3	12
Davenport West	0	11	1	12

Sophomore Girls' Basketball

North Scott 40, Davenport North 15

Friday, Jan. 13 in The Pit

Points: Kalli Johnson 4; Sydney Makelbust 2; Jayda Neiber 4; Kaelin Carlson-Gross 3; Ava Haase 7; Grace Bunn 6; Ruby Bohr 2; Isabella Mohr 5; Addison Eckhardt 7.

Rebounds: Johnson 4; Makelbust 4; Neiber 6; Carlson-Gross 5; Bunn 4; Bohr 2; Mohr 1; Ashley Mose 5; Haase 5.

Assists: Neiber 1; Carlson-Gross 1; Haase 1; Bunn 1; Bohr 1; Mohr 1; Mose 1.

Blocks: Carlson-Gross 1.

Steals: Johnson 1; Makelbust 2; Lilyana Lievens 1; Neiber 6; Carlson-Gross 2; Haase 2; Bunn 1; Bohr 1; Mohr 4; Mose 3.

Coach Todd Satterly's comments: "We struggled to score the ball, but defended very well. Jayda had a tough offensive night, but made up for it with 6 rebounds and 6 steals. Ava and Addison played very well with 7 points each. We had nine girls score tonight as well."

Davenport Assumption 61, North Scott 34

Friday, Jan. 20 at Davenport Assumption

Points: Jayda Neiber 22; Kaelin Carlson-Gross 4; Grace Bunn 2; Ruby Bohr 2; Isabella Mohr 2; Addison Eckhardt 2.

Rebounds: Neiber 8; Carlson-Gross 3; Bunn 1; Bohr 2; Eckhardt 1.

Assists: Neiber 1.

Blocks: Carlson-Gross 2.

Steals: Kalli Johnson 1; Neiber 3; Carlson-Gross 1; Ava Haase 2; Bohr 1.

Coach Todd Satterly's comments: "Assumption is undefeated and definitely showed why. They are very aggressive and quick. Our kids just never could get it going at either end of the floor. Much credit to the Lady Knights. Jayda was really the only bright spot, with 22 of our 34 points. She also grabbed eight of our 16 rebounds, and added three steals. Tough game, but it will make our girls better for sure."

Girls' Wrestling

Midland Girls' Tournament

Saturday, Jan. 21 at Midland

Team Scoring: 1. Pleasant Valley 114.0; 2. Tipton 74.0; 3. North Scott 68.0; 4. Bellevue 62.0; 5. Midland 47.0; 6. Durant 29.0; 7. West Branch 27.0; 8. Waterloo East 24.0; 9. Camanche 18.0; 10. Central City 9.0; 11. Maquoketa 7.0.

110: Chevy Fierce received a bye; Lauren Kathan (PV) maj. dec. Fierce 12-4; Alyssa Lovell (T) pinned Fierce 0:11; Fierce placed 3rd.

120: Abigail Meyrer (PV) pinned Payzleigh Gieselman 0:46; Saidee Hamilton (T) pinned Gieselman 3:58; Sierra Metcalf (NS) pinned Gieselman 1:00; Gieselman placed 4th.

120: Saidee Hamilton (T) pinned Sierra Metcalf 3:23; Abigail Meyrer (PV) pinned Metcalf 1:20; Metcalf pinned Payzleigh Giesleman (NS) 1:00; Metcalf placed 3rd.

130: Julia Phillips (PV) pinned Jordan Jones 1:24; Jones pinned Kadence Michels (BEL) 1:58; Olivia Coates (MID) pinned Jones 1:46; Phillips def. Jones by medical forfeit; Jones placed 6th.

130: Becca Hinderaker (T) pinned Harmony Hansel 3:05; Hansel received a bye; Hansel pinned Julia Phillips (PV) 1:40; Hansel maj. dec. Olivia Coates (MID) 9-1; Hansel placed 3rd.

135: Izzy Peters (CAM) pinned Allison Fowler 1:48; Bryn Stephens (NS) pinned Fowler 1:18; Carmen Faidley (PV) pinned Fowler 1:51; Mercie Hansel (NS) pinned Fowler 1:56; Fowler placed 5th.

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135: Mercie Hansel pinned Bryn Stephens (NS) 4:50; Izzy Peters (CAM) pinned Hansel 3:51; Carmen Faidley (PV) dec. Hansel 5-2; Hansel pinned Allison Fowler (NS) 1:56; Hansel placed 3rd.

140: Cassi Paustian (PV) pinned Macy Koser 1:42; Ryanne Dunn (BEL) pinned Koser 1:14; Koser def. Sam Kennen (T) by forfeit; Koser placed 3rd.

155: Kenley Knief (BEL) pinned Carla Perez 2:40; Farah Labbe (WE) pinned Perez 1:45; Perez received a bye; Perez placed 3rd.

170: Madelyn Rose (NS) pinned Anna Hodge 1:26; Hodge pinned Alyssa Ostofi (D) 3:40; Teagyn Hartz (WB) pinned Hodge 3:07; Hodge placed 3rd.

170: Madelyn Rose pinned Anna Hodge (NS) 1:26; Teagyn Hartz (WB) pinned Rose 1:15; Rose pinned Alyssa Ostofi (D) 1:28; Rose placed 2nd

235: Madison Andrews pinned Brianna Rixen (MAQ) 1:13; Andrews pinned Anna Thomas (T) 1:35; Andrews received a bye; Andrews placed 1st.

Boys' Wrestling

Davenport Assumption 36, North Scott 31

Thursday, Jan. 19 at Davenport Assumption

120: Drew Marietta (DA) pinned Drew Metcalf 0:43. **126:** Derrick Bass (DA) dec. Ayden Golden 9-4. **132:** Cady Wild (DA) tech. fall Will McDermott 16-1 (5:54). **138:** Peyton Pilgrim (DA) maj. dec. Adam Link 15-6. **145:** Michael Macias (DA) pinned Logan Metcalf 1:42. **152:** Aydan Cary

maj. dec. Colton Pilgrim (DA) 10-2. **160:** Dylan Marti dec. Kaleb Kreinbring (DA) 4-1. **170:** Seth Madden pinned Dru Diaz (DA) 1:44. **182:** Chase Diaz (DA) dec. Jace Tippet 9-8. **195:** AJ Petersen pinned Joe Gassen (DA) 0:46. **220:** Rehett Schaefer (DA) dec. Jackson McCallister 6-1. **285:** David Borchers pinned Maverick Kindred (DA) 1:18. **106:** Brody Buhman (DA) pinned Hayden Ulloa 4:52. **113:** Matthew Williams pinned Sean Kersten (DA) 3:55.

North Scott JV 34, Davenport Assumption JV 18

Thursday, Jan. 19 at Davenport Assumption

126: Collin Kruse pinned Collin Rowe (DA) 2:21. **132:** Evan Kruse pinned Grahm Woods (DA) 1:08. **138:** Mikey Kersten (DA) pinned Tanner Yates 4:27. **145:** Aiden Marietta (DA) dec. August Bauer 9-4. **182:** Maxwell Azzaline (DA) pinned Caden Noel 5:03. **220:** Kaden Timmerman pinned Aidyn Allen (DA) 1:17. **285:** Dawson Rheingans pinned Jordyn Allen (DA) 3:26. Charles Ohl pinned Gauge Bowman (DA) 2:13. Mikey Kersten (DA) dec. Elliot Schroeder 8-1. Bennett Hamerlinck maj. dec. Aiden Marietta 8-0.

Ed Winger Invitational

Saturday, Jan. 21 at Urbandale

Team Scoring: 1. Waverly-Shell Rock 190.0; 2. Southeast Polk 171.0; 3. Bettendorf 155.0; 4. Ankeny Centennial 117.0; 5. Waukee Northwest 104.0; 6. West Des Moines Valley 97.5; 7. Fort Dodge 96.5; 8. Blair 93.0; 9. North Scott 79.0; 10. Dowling Catholic 70.0; 11. Dallas Center-Grimes 66.0; 12. Emmetsburg 60.0; 13. Ames 57.5; 13. Underwood 57.5; 15. Norwalk 54.5; 16. Johnston 52.5; 17. Cedar Falls 41.0; 18. Lewis Central 38.5; 19. Fort Madison 35.0; 19. Greene County 35.0; 21. PCM Monroe 28.0; 22. Waukee 27.5; 23. Urbandale 25.0; 24. ADM 9.0.

106: Hayden Ulloa pinned Drew Miller (WAU) 0:22; Ulloa def. Miller by no contest; Hudson Loges (B) pinned Ulloa 1:13; Ulloa pinned Joseph Peterson (EMET) 1:03; Jase Brumfield (WDMV) def. Ulloa by sudden victory 5-3.

113: Ayden Beck (DCG) tech. fall Matthew Williams 4:00 (17-0); Williams pinned Judah Noble (WN) 5:05; Williams tech. fall Jackson Wilcoxon (EMET) 6:00 (16-1); Evan Simpson (CF) pinned Williams 2:36.

120: Keller Wilson (CF) maj. dec. Drew Metcalf 8-0; Metcalf pinned Lincoln Wilcoxon (EMET) 3:35; Alex Hornyak (WSR) maj. dec. Metcalf 11-3.

126: Sevastian Soto (DC) pinned Ayden Golden 2:42; Golden dec. Jack McKenzie (NOR) 13-12; Golden pinned Nick Esser (DCG) 4:00; Golden pinned Kane Shimp (CF) 1:43; Joshua Anglo (J) def. Golden by sudden victory 7-5; Golden placed 8th.

132: Cael Wiener (AC) dec. Will McDermott 8-1; McDermott dec. Sawyer Bouwkamp (PCM) 9-3; McDermott pinned Henry Bagby (U) 1:57; Tyson Brown (B) maj. dec. McDermott 15-1.

138: Adam Link pinned Bo Cowell (FD) 3:34; Link def. Cowell by no contest; Ryder Block (WSR) pinned Link 1:36; Tucker Wheeler (PCM) maj. dec. Link 11-1.

145: Aydan Cary pinned Hewitt Brinegar (PCM) 4:31; Bas Diaz (WSR) pinned Cary 0:50; Wesley Anderson (WAU) maj. dec. Cary 10-1; Atticus Dick (BLA) def. Cary by injury default 4:26.

160: Dylan Marti pinned Joe Hartman (FM) 1:05; Marti def. Hartman by no contest; Danny Diaz (WSR) dec. Marti 5-2; Marti dec. Max Dircks (DC) 7-2; Marti dec. Brendan Smith (DCG) 5-2; Nicklas Martin (SEP) dec. Marti 3-0.

170: Seth Madden pinned Jon Hachitt (ADM) 0:25; Cal Hartman (FD) dec. Madden 10-3; Madden dec. Kaia Fox (JOHN) 3-1; Jace Nelson-Brown (EMET) def. Madden by medical forfeit; Mason Wray (WDMV) def. Madden by medical forfeit; Madden placed 6th.

182: Drew Gerdes (CF) dec. Jace Tippet 9-2; Tippet tech. fall Brayden Williams (WN) 4:53 (18-2) Tippet pinned Donovan Nickelson (PCM) 3:59; Evan Pollard (DC) pinned Tippet 1:20.

195: AJ Petersen pinned Ian Bohnenkamp (CF) 0:26; Petersen pinned Chase Hutchinson (WDMV) 1:21; McCrae Hagarty (WSR) maj. dec. Petersen 16-6; Petersen pinned Isaac Thatcher (FM) 1:55; Petersen placed 4th.

285: David Borchers pinned Jamal Neeway (WN) 1:38; Jake Walker (WSR) pinned Borchers 3:47; Borchers dec. Aiden Lee (BET) 12-5; Kyler Hall (A) pinned Borchers 1:24; Borchers pinned Kaden Clark (PCM) 0:39; Borchers placed 5th.

Louisa-Muscatine JV Tournament

Friday, Jan. 20 at Louisa-Muscatine

FOLLOW THE LANCERS

Thursday, Jan. 26

JV-Boys' WR: North Scott at Clinton, 6:00 p.m.

V-Boys' WR: North Scott at Clinton, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 27

V-Girls' WR: Regionals at Alliant Energy Power House, 11:00 a.m.

9/10-GBB: Davenport Central at North Scott, 4:30 p.m.

S-BBB: North Scott at Davenport Central, 4:30 p.m.

V-GBB: Davenport Central at North Scott, 6:00 p.m.

F-BBB: North Scott at Davenport Central, 6:00 p.m.

V-BBB: Davenport Central at North Scott, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28

Archery: Varsity Invitational at North Scott High School, 9:00 a.m.

V-Boys' WR: MAC Championships at Central DeWitt High School, 10:00 a.m.

V-Girls' Bowling: Invitational at Big River Bowling, 12:00 p.m.

V-Boys' Bowling: Invitational at Big River Bowling, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

9/10-GBB: North Scott at Pleasant Valley, 4:30 p.m.

F-BBB: Pleasant Valley at North Scott, 4:30 p.m.

V-Girls' Bowling: North Scott against Bettendorf at High 5 Bowling Center, 5:00 p.m.

V-Boys' Bowling: North Scott against Bettendorf at High 5 Bowling Center, 5:00 p.m.

JV-GBB: North Scott at Pleasant Valley, 6:00 p.m.

S-BBB: Pleasant Valley at North Scott, 6:00 p.m.

V-Boys' WR: Regional dual against Pleasant Valley at Bettendorf High School, 6:00 p.m.

V-GBB: North Scott at Pleasant Valley, 7:30 p.m.

V-BBB: Pleasant Valley at North Scott, 7:30 p.m.

JV1: Cole Bruck pinned Sawyer Fulton (Mount Pleasant) 1:01; Bruck pinned Kaesyn Husmann (Monticello) 0:49; Bruck pinned Jaxton Jones (Columbus) 3:42; Bruck placed 1st.

JV6: Kaden Miller (Muscatine) pinned Logan Brus 3:25; Preston Prior (Columbus) pinned Brus 0:52; Kreiger Jaydren (Burlington) pinned Brus 2:56; Brus placed 4th. **JV7:** Evan Kruse dec. Rowen Atkinson (Wapello) 5-2; Kruse maj. dec. Noah Swigart (Fort Madison) 12-0; Kruse dec. Alex Venzor (Columbus) 2-0; Kruse placed 1st.

JV10: Collin Kruse tech. fall Hayden Woollever (Fort Madison) 19-4; Kruse def. Julien Pumphrey (Fairfield) by DQ; Kruse dec. Owon Meeker (Wapello) 4-0; Kruse placed 1st.

JV12: Bennett Hamerlinck pinned Abe Vickers (Central DeWitt) 2:54; Hamerlinck pinned Aman Gandhi (Burlington) 2:44; Hamerlinck pinned Avalor Ramirez-Jefferson (Mount Pleasant) 1:37; Hamerlinck placed 1st.

JV13: Luke Meyers (Keokuk) pinned Evan Keppy 0:56; Ayden McManus (Central DeWitt) pinned Keppy 1:56; Keppy pinned Jacson Haessig (Fort Madison) 1:56; Keppy placed 3rd.

JV14: Elliot Schroeder pinned Tyson Garrett (Burlington) 2:54; Schroeder pinned Jack Unger (Fairfield) 0:58; Schroeder pinned Mason Bock (Central DeWitt) 1:33; Schroeder placed 1st.

JV15: Kohl Lair (Burlington) dec. Tanner Yates 9-7; Antonio Harrington (Muscatine) dec. Yates 3-1; Lane Beckler (Mount Pleasant) pinned Yates 0:06; Yates placed 4th.

JV16: Logan Metcalf pinned Owen Diferderico (Burlington) 1:29; Metcalf maj. dec. Aiden Westercamp (Fairfield) 8-0; Metcalf def. Jackson Newman (Mount Pleasant) by medical forfeit; Metcalf placed 1st.

JV17: Dayton Truesdale (Muscatine) pinned Brody Westendorf 3:28; Westendorf pinned Jared Dorothy (Mount Pleasant) 3:46; Westendorf def. Calvin Johnson (Fort Madison) by medical forfeit; Westendorf placed 2nd.

JV18: Evan Ralfs pinned Dakota Noah (Muscatine) 1:10;

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF DONAHUE - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 2/6/2023 **Meeting Time:** 07:00 PM **Meeting Location:** Donahue City Hall

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

City Telephone Number
(563) 282-4161

	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2022 - 2023	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Annual % CHG
Regular Taxable Valuation	15,375,536	15,685,173	15,685,173	
Tax Levies:				
Regular General	105,000	105,000	110,000	
Contract for Use of Bridge			0	
Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit			0	
Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr.			0	
Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center			0	
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project			0	
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs			0	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission			0	
Emergency			0	
Police & Fire Retirement			0	
FICA & IPERS			0	
Other Employee Benefits			0	
Total Tax Levy	105,000	105,000	110,000	4.76
Tax Rate	6.82903	6.69422	7.01299	

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:

Nothing

If applicable, the above notice also available online at:

NSP OPINIONS

Maddie Russo saga leaves us all asking 'Why?'

It's been two weeks since I received a phone call out of nowhere, and ever since, even at my retirement open house, I wrestled with the thought that there was at least one more column to write.

How could I ignore not commenting on the alleged Maddie Russo ruse?

I don't like to get duped. I hate it even more that I was somewhat complicit in helping bilk money from innocent and caring people.

Now, after Monday morning's arrest of the 2021 North Scott graduate, I'm left feeling bewildered and angry. Judging from the reaction on social media, as well as word on the street, I'm not alone.

Why in the world would a 20-year-old girl, with seemingly everything going for her, resort to following what is believed to be a fraudulent path?

It was Tuesday, Jan. 10, when I learned that Russo's alleged scheme was about to unravel, thanks in part to a phone call from one of the anonymous medical professionals who blew the initial whistle.

The individual was calling in reference to the Oct. 19 story I'd written about Russo, and her dire fight with what is typically a deadly and unforgiving disease. Initially, the caller had just one question. They simply wanted to know if I'd ever seen any proof of Russo's pancreatic cancer diagnosis.

Of course, I had not, and that led us down a conversational path littered with unfathomable, yet soon-to-be believable, accusations that made my stomach turn.

The headline on that story, which depicted a quote from Russo, read: "I feel like I've been rocked to my soul." All of a sudden, I had those very same feelings, but for different reasons.

I quickly learned that a small group of medical professionals had reason to believe that Russo's cancer story was



Campbell's Scoup

Scott Campbell, former NSP Editor

nothing but a figment of her imagination.

Among the many details they provided as proof were claims that some of the photos she had posted on social media concerning her treatment were scraped off Google, and that at least one picture, depicting a medical procedure, was actually from Europe, as evidenced by the type of electrical outlet on the wall.

There was a photo of what appeared to be Russo's hair, lying in a sink, and another of her showing her bare back, complete with a long bandage down the middle of her spine.

I was also provided with screenshots of Facebook and Instagram messages, including some from Russo's mother, who seemed to be practically begging Russo to get a second opinion, but to no avail.

The caller was also quick to point out that anybody who supposedly had gone through 15 rounds of chemo, and 90

radiation treatments, could not look as good as Russo did in her photos.

I had to agree they had more than enough circumstantial evidence to at least visit with authorities.

That three-hour conversation took place the following evening at the Eldridge Police station, and all of a sudden it became clear to me that a story I'd written to help extol the wonderful acts of kindness provided by the Dr Brent Ohl Pancreatic Cancer Support and Awareness Foundation, whose mission is to provide \$500 gift cards to people dealing with pancreatic cancer, was about to change dramatically.

On Monday, Jan. 16, it was my turn to meet with Eldridge officer Garrett Jahns. He shared with me how my story was part of his investigation, and I confirmed the quotes attributed to Russo.

It was clear that Jahns and deputy chief Andrew Lellig had done their homework, and Jahns praised the work of the medical professionals who had come forward. It was obvious that they cared, and a week later, the charges were filed.

How it all unfolded

The Ohl Strong Foundation was created in memory of Dr. Brent Ohl, a North Scott graduate, who lost a swift and painful battle with pancreatic cancer in 2016.

The foundation hosts a major fundraiser each October, and I've always written a story the week prior as a way to promote it. That's how I learned of Russo's plight, and I was more than willing to tell what I thought was her courageous story.

I contacted Russo, whom I remembered from her days at North Scott, and she was totally on board. We did a phone interview the very next day, and she laid out her eight-month journey in impeccable detail.

Toward the end of our conversation,

she dropped the bombshell that she had just found out doctors had discovered a football-sized tumor in her lower back, and she had yet to even tell her family.

She told me she had a consultation scheduled with Mayo, and two days before the story was published I texted her to see if she had any updates. It was then that she told me that only 2 percent of the world's population had the type of cancer she allegedly had.

Hindsight is 20/20

Over the course of the past two weeks, I've spent way too much time trying to analyze this whole ordeal in anticipation of Monday's arrest.

Looking back, there was plenty of cause for pause, the most notable being how could someone who has been through so much over the past 11 months continue to look so healthy, especially since she was allegedly getting sicker and sicker.

Other warning flags, since pointed out by the medical professionals, included how improbable it was that Russo could continue to be a student, work part-time at John Deere, and keep up the physical activities she claimed to be doing, all while undergoing debilitating treatments.

In hindsight, things just didn't add up, and props to the medical professionals, and Eldridge police officers, who worked to expose what appears to be a devastating fraud.

It's heartbreaking when you meet people dealing with cancer. It's sad when someone fakes it to get attention, money or who knows why.

When I interviewed Russo three months ago, I told her that her story had truly touched me, and that she'd continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. While her story now sickens me, I still pray that she gets the help she truly needs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reject Reynolds's separate but unequal school systems

Gov. Reynolds demands separate but unequal school systems subsidized with your tax dollars.

Iowa spends 56 percent of the state budget on education. Reynolds wants to pile hundreds of millions more into the education budget for students already enrolled in private schools. This money will be in addition to the millions Iowa taxpayers already spend on non-public education through busing assistance, textbook purchases, special education funding and scholarship support.

Iowa's largest charitable tax credit reimburses 75 percent of donations to school tuition organizations (STO) for private school tuition.

When Reynolds gives vouchers ("educational spending accounts") to private school parents, their children will receive more from taxpayers than they would attending a public school.

Students receiving STO scholarships can spend their voucher money on other education-related expenses like computers, fees, education therapy, and online education. Unused funds roll over in their accounts for future K-12 expenses. That's a pretty sweet deal - if you can get it. But here's the catch: private schools aren't required to accept every student.

Taxpayers have no oversight over private school curriculum or how tax dollar are spent.

After the hysteria over library books, CRT, cameras in the classroom, and accusations of a sinister teacher agenda, do we really trust Gov. Reynolds and company to have the best interests of our children at heart? We must reject her taxpayer-funded separate but unequal school systems. Let's focus our

limited tax dollars on high quality schools required to serve everyone. Let's make Iowa proud again.

Kay Pence
Eldridge

Democrats need to establish 'truth squad'

Martin Luther King Jr's birthday celebration reminded us of the need to bring all Americans together. It reminded me of my military basic training, when we all - White, Black, Latino, Indigenous and Asian - marched, ate, slept and sweated together.

The second jewel was Dan Lee's column in the *Quad-City Times*. He rejected the amusement some find in the chaos that congressional Republicans are currently experiencing. Rather it will be "devastating not just for the Republican Party but for our entire nation."

If we need to be concerned about our nation when one party occupies the White House and has a slight majority in the senate and the other a slight majority in the house, then what shall we do in Iowa, where the legislature is in the hands of one party?

I suggest that Democrats establish a kind of shadow government to combat trends in the Iowa all-Republican government that are unwise and prejudicial. Let's first appoint a truth squad to read and listen and respond to the constant stream of lies, twisted truths and fabrications that come from Republican sources, and then choose individuals to confront our governor and leading members in the US and Iowa legislatures. Something new and daring like this could attract financial support and the attention of potential voters.

Donald Hawley
Eldridge



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Voucher bill will erode public education

I am against private school vouchers for the following reasons:

Non-partisan research doesn't support Gov. Reynolds' conclusions concerning the benefits of vouchers. In fact, the conclusions are that there are no benefits. See research from Michigan State University, Stanford University, and NPR.

Most Republican legislators have not done due diligence in their responsibility to objectively research school vouchers and evaluate opposing viewpoints. They are approaching this like Sen. Scott Webster, from Bettendorf who believes the November election gave Republicans a mandate to pass Gov. Reynolds' agenda without questions.

Unlike private schools that receive generous donations from private donors, public school financing is dependent on tax dollars.

Having observed that the number of low social-economic status students in the Davenport Schools has increased significantly over the past two decades, I can only conclude that a voucher law would cause an even larger economic gap between Davenport and bordering school districts. This is social/economic segregation.

So-called failing schools do not fail because of a lack of qualified teachers. They fail because of the social, environmental, and economic challenges students and their families face. These are challenges not being addressed by elected officials. We would have no 'failing' schools if elected officials would help educators by financing community programs that support and benefit low income families outside the school setting.

Also, who is financing Gov. Reynolds' school voucher advertisements?

Ida Weibel
Long Grove

OPINIONS

Coffee in the workplace: A right or a privilege?

Newspapers cannot run without it

By **Mark Ridolfi**
NSP Managing Editor

Newspapers do not run on coffee alone. But they won't run without coffee at all.

Along with Bill Tubbs and Scott Campbell, our ancient Mr. Coffee decided to retire, too. Tubbs and Campbell are irreplaceable. But a dozen contenders are on the market to succeed Mr. Coffee.

Neither Tubbs, Campbell, NSP editor Erin Gentz or new sports writer Ross Shinberg are coffee drinkers. Shinberg is the first human being I've met who flinches at the smell. Ross' desk is closest to the coffeemaker. He's wonderfully tolerant, but he's still new and on his best behavior.

For the rest of our newspaper staff, coffee is as essential as ink to *The NSP*.

I've weaned myself from a two-pot-a-day habit. Now I'm good for a couple cups of black coffee in the morning, and a sweet-cream treat in the afternoon.

For years, Eldridge was a coffee desert. Sips' fine flavors required a short trip. Eastern Iowa Bakery always came through. Now, we're surrounded by coffee shops.

And I love them for longer coffee breaks.

But an office without coffee? Imponderable.

God bless Erin, who upgraded our office to the DCC 3200 P1, 14-cup, stainless steel programmable Cuisinart.

Sorry, Ross. Hold your nose.

For everyone else: Come by, I'll make you a cup.



Mark Ridolfi and Ross Shinberg

Keep it away from me and my nostrils

By **Ross Shinberg**
NSP Sports Editor

This new employee hazing has gone too far.

Perhaps it was my own fault for telling for everyone in the office that I cannot stand the smell of freshly brewed coffee.

I thought it was just an interesting fun fact to share so that I could join in on the coffee conversation — a harmless tidbit so that I could joke around with my new coworkers.

I was wrong.

This new coffee machine, celebrated with gleeful joy upon its

arrival, is going to be disastrous for my productivity.

My disdain for coffee is well known in the office. My body rejects the aroma as the wisps of steam barge into my nostrils. My nose crinkles and cries out in pain.

And yet, my desk is the closest to the new machine. Was this planned all along?

It's true I've never sipped a cup of coffee in my life, and have never experienced the benefits people attribute to it. I'm sorry, but I'm simply unable to.

And this new machine? It may be the end of me.

"Hotter coffee," the box advertises. I can feel my nose burning already.

"Elegant stainless steel" has never looked so ugly.

"Coffee when and how you like it." How about never and not at all?

Education reform bill advances

Last week the Senate Education and Appropriations committees passed Senate File 94, known as the Students First Act. I am receiving a lot of emails, phone calls and comments from constituents on this bill.

The Students First Act phases in over a three-year period. The first two years are limited to students with defined financial needs. In the third year, all students will be eligible for an Education Saving Account (ESA) that could be used for private school tuition, tutoring or other educational related expenses.

The bill also includes over \$1,200 per student in new funding for public schools with resident students attending a non-public school.

This is money that public schools do not currently receive for non-public students. SF 94 also provides authority and flexibility for certain categorical funds that will allow public schools to spend almost \$100 million to increase teacher salaries or to be used as teacher bonuses.

An amendment has been filed to also extend Operational Sharing for another 10 years that allows districts to save costs by sharing resources.

Critics say school choice will take funding away from public schools. This claim is simply untrue. Public schools have received record increases for K-12 schools over the last several years that stayed ahead of inflation. Since 2017, cumulative increases in K-12 spending is almost \$1.5 billion. Next year, Iowa schools are expected to receive over \$17,000 per public school student, for an average of over \$340,000 for a classroom of 20 students, and a total of \$8 billion statewide from all sources. Despite claims of defunding education, the only time K-12 funding has been cut is when Democrats controlled all of state government in 2009-2010.

As a former school board member, I have been concerned about costs of the proposal. Several of my colleagues and I have also expressed concerns over whether private schools are required to accept all students, especially those with special needs, challenging behaviors, or other concerns that could cause them to be more challenging to educate. We are working on addressing those concerns with either an amendment to the current bill or in a separate piece of legislation.

I will continue to send my own children to public school and work to help them succeed. I also believe that most Iowans will continue to choose to send their children to public schools.

'Cat'aret kids find confidence on stage

There's something to be said for indulging your inner child.

Last week, when I was working on my story about Lancer Productions' upcoming "Cat'aret," I was interviewing the student directors and choreographer Chloe Schwab said something that really resonated.

I asked her if there was anything about working with the kids that surprised her, and she said, "What surprises me is how confident some of them are, and how much they love it at such a young age. I know me, personally, I was always scared to express that and be loud and outgoing, but the kids who are like that, it surprises me, but it makes me love it even more, because they're so easy to work with."

I can relate to that feeling of sometimes being afraid to express myself, or be loud and outgoing. But I think that makes me all the more thankful for the youth outreach programs that Lancer Productions does.

The arts aren't exactly like sports. There's really not a Little League for theatre.

When I was a kid, Children's Theatre Workshop was about the only game in town, unless your parents had the money for something like dance or Davenport Junior Theatre. It was basically elementary music programs and junior high plays until you got to high school.

There were a few examples of children getting to act in Lancer Productions' shows. "The King & I" and "Oliver!" featured youth choruses. When I was a sophomore, we did "The Sound of Music," and the Von Trapp children were cast from the local elementary schools (including one Miss Addie Campbell).

But it didn't happen very often. My freshman year was "The Secret Garden," and the children's parts of Mary, Colin and Dickon were all played by high school students.

Following "The Sound of Music," longtime Lancer Productions' director Judith Jacobs decided to take a chance on working with a live animal instead of kids, with "Annie," and it was back to high school students playing little kids. We went through a lot of ACE bandages with that show.

So it cheers me now to see more programs for young kids who want to take part in the arts. Now there's a summer theatre camp, too. Paul Skyles has an elementary choir. And Stacie Kintigh and Lancer Productions have created a number of wonderful opportunities for kids to get involved and have a great theatre experience.

I found my programs from "The Little Mermaid" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," and it's interesting to see how many kids who were in the Guppy Chorus and the Technicolor Kids are involved in Lancer Productions today.

Last year's "Frozen Jr." featured two elementary students, and Young Elsa, Alaina Triplett, returns to the stage in the "Cat'aret" as Horton the Elephant.

The "Cat'aret" is quite possibly the most elaborate student-led production Lancer Productions has ever staged. High school students wrote the show, directed it, completed the technical aspects, did it all on their own initiative. And the elementary and junior high students are getting chances to shine individually, and are able to show off the things they have learned from their theater experiences.

I like to think that when I was their age, if I'd had the chance to do something like this, I'd have jumped



Work in Progress

Erin Gentz

at it. I was, and am, introverted and fairly reserved. And because I didn't have many available opportunities, it took me a while to come to see performing as a way to express myself. But there's something really powerful about being able to step outside of yourself, to become someone else, and to say and do the things you might not otherwise feel safe to do.

Childhood isn't a one-size-fits-all experience. Sure, not every kid is arty, but not every kid is sporty, either. So I think it's important to give kids ways to learn how to express themselves in a manner they feel comfortable with. It's how they can come to be the best version of themselves.

Mostly though, I'm just kind of weirdly proud of the kids who auditioned for the "Cat'aret." Being confident enough to step into the spotlight and share a part of yourself at such a young age is actually pretty impressive.

I hope they have a good experience. I hope they learn something and have fun. And I hope they keep coming back to the stage.

It's hard to tell what's the main event, "The Cat in the Hat," or the "Cat'aret." But both Stacie Kintigh and Renae Mohr assure me there's something for everyone, and more than enough to keep the kids entertained.

Judging by the rehearsal I saw, a "rough cut" if you will, "The Cat in the Hat" is shaping up to be a lively, if brief, production. It clocks in at a brisk 30 minutes, plus an intermission.

The show is an entirely faithful retelling of the Dr. Seuss classic. The production notes say that not a word has been "touched or added" to the original.

It's light on set, but extremely heavy on props. And it's also a bit of a technical high-wire act. Technical director Josh Tipword informs me there are 230 sound cues. For a 30-minute show, that works out to roughly 7.6 per minute. Which is just ... so many sound cues.

Anyway, it's a little hyperactive, but relentlessly silly, and the cast is having a good time. I think having an audience will really bring a different energy to the show, because kids are going to be really responsive to all of the activity.

And there's going to be a Book Fair! A Scholastic Book Fair! Any other Millennials out there remember how fun it was to get the Scholastic flyer and pick out a book or two? What joy when the Scholastic box showed up and the teacher handed out the new books. Ah, I have so many cheap paperbacks tucked away in storage somewhere.

But whether you have a kid, or you're just a kid at heart, "The Cat and the Hat," and the "Cat'aret" will be performed Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. (There's no Friday show because of the Cake Auction). Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Admission also includes entry to the Book Fair, which will start two hours prior to each performance.

1973: Gene Schneckloth pitches plan for Eldridge golf course

Jan. 24, 1973

The Eldridge City Council heard a proposal from **Gene Schneckloth** on the construction of a nine-hole golf course to be developed on a farm owned by the Schneckloth's in east Eldridge. The proposed plat also included a 31-unit housing development. Schneckloth said he hoped to begin construction by fall.

Eldridge accepted another set of voluntary annexations at a special city council meeting. A third set of petitions was considered, but not accepted, because the properties were in an area that the city of Davenport had already announced it planned to annex.



Our Past

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

Two more individuals were arrested in connection with a series of dynamite threats in Eldridge. Police chief **Harley Osmun** reported that the dynamite was believed to have been stolen from a quarry in Plymouth, Ill., and transported to Iowa. The interstate crime had led the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to become involved in the investigation.

Approximately 800 people attended the annual Scott County Pork Producer's banquet at the Masonic Temple in Davenport. Members of the board of directors were **Otto Wenhausen, Leo Rathjen, Leon Frick, Jack Schinckel, Ed Boll, Donald Schnoor, Delbert Blunck, Leo Hein and Ron Oliver.**

Jim Nelson would be coaching the new North Scott golf team. Boys signed up for the spring sport included **Steve Campana, Bruce Swanson, Larry Keller, Dick Erps, Mike Wallace, Tom Dittmer, Mike Claussen and Mike Boeding.**

Jan. 27, 1983

Mae Wiese announced her retirement as district secretary, effective Feb. 25. She began working for the district in September of 1962 as transportation secretary, and later worked as secretary to superintendent Melvin Heiler. She became district secretary in 1972, replacing **Lorraine Keehner.** "I've seen a lot of growth and change in the district," she said. "I remember when the district was small and there were 29 one-room



Gene Schneckloth clears ground for Rustic Ridge.

NSP file photo.

schools."

North Scott High School students were planning a series of alcohol and drug awareness sessions, to encourage their peers not to drink or take drugs. This would include several speakers, including students from Arrowhead Ranch and an Iowa State Trooper speaking about drinking and driving. The students also had a series of long-term goals, including establishing a peer helper program for the following school year.

Eldridge had received 33 applications for the position of police chief. A committee was formed to review the applications and make recommendations.

Computer programming classes were becoming increasingly popular offerings at North Scott High School. More than 200 students had enrolled in the four years of the program's existence. Some thought they would need to learn computers for the expanding job market, but others said they just wanted to keep up with technology. Classes were taught by **Galen Howsare and Julie Graham.**

Connie Holst, daughter of **Gary and Joyce Holst** of rural Eldridge, was named 1983 Scott County Beef Queen. **Lorinda Hansen**, daughter of **Henry and Vera Hansen** of rural Davenport, was named princess.

Jan. 28, 1998

The North Scott community grieved after **Jana Donaubauer**, 17, and **Tina VanDeWiele**, 19, were killed in a car

accident on Interstate 80 in Johnson County. The girls had been on their way to visit a friend in Iowa City when Tina's vehicle struck a patch of ice and spun out. They were the daughters of **Karl and Marcia Donaubauer** of Eldridge, and **Dean and Karen VanDeWiele** of Donahue. Jana had just participated in Senior Night with the Silver Shakers the night of the accident. North Scott students gathered in The Pit to remember the girls.

A North Scott school bus was involved in an accident after it was struck by a car driving in reverse on 270th Street east of Utica Ridge Road. The four students on the bus and the bus driver were treated for minor injuries and the bus was totaled. The driver of the car was cited for reckless driving.

Barbara Guss of Park View, an English teacher at Wilton High School, was selected to receive the 1997 Distinguished Teacher Award from the University of Iowa. Guss was one of four recipients of the award from across the state.

Sophomore **Sean Stender** improved his record to 28-0 and claimed the 160 title at the **Bob Lueders** Invitational in Clinton. **Kyle Billups** (112), also a sophomore, earned his first individual title of the season.

North Scott students **Maria Linnenbrink, Nikki Ferdan and Leslie Schnack** won the East Central 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Jan. 30, 2008

New Liberty veterinarian **Richard Chittick** retired after 38 years, primarily working with large animals. Dr. Chittick said the biggest change he had seen throughout his career was the decrease in the number of family farms in the area. He joked that large-animal veterinary medicine was "a young man's game," and said that he and his wife Nancy looked forward to traveling and spending more time with family.

The wait was over, as Scott County officials learned that RAGBRAI had designated LeClaire as the ending point for the 2008 ride. **Joe Taylor**, president and CEO of the Quad Cities Convention & Visitor's Bureau said it had been 25 years since the bicycling event had been to Scott County.

Eldridge and Scott County officials met to discuss solutions for a crumbling section of Buttermilk Road. Early estimates for resurfacing the road put Eldridge' share at \$500,000-600,000, but

city administrator **John Dowd** said that a culvert might also need to be replaced, which would add another \$100,000 to the price tag. Dowd suggested that the city council either delay several other road projects in town or issue general obligation bonds.

The **Eldridge Fire Department** was among 30 area departments that responded to a massive fire in Maquoketa. The early morning blaze, which began in an apartment above Jackson County Home Furnishings, destroyed four downtown businesses and damaged two others. Firefighter **Mitch Cunningham** estimated that Eldridge's aerial truck pumped 350,000-450,000 gallons of water during the 12 hours it was on site. Frigid temperatures caused equipment to freeze as firefighters battled the blaze.

The **North Scott Athletic Boosters** raised \$11,747 during the annual cake auction. The top-dollar item of the evening was a print by Galena artist **Carl Johnson** of Lancer stadium, which went for \$1,100.

Jan. 24, 2018

Eldridge was exploring a plan to build soccer fields on city-owned property along Buttermilk Road, next to the sewage lagoons that were set to be shut down within two years. Record growth in the North Scott Soccer Club led the Eldridge Park Board to make the recommendation.

Lt. Col. Tom Stauffer, a 1995 graduate of North Scott, took charge of the Intelligence squadron at Omaha Air Force Base. He would lead and train more than 80 intelligence personnel.

The Scott County Conservation Board reviewed recommendations from the public on ways to improve visitor experiences at the Wapsi Environmental Center near Dixon. The Board commissioned a study to determine the best way to use a \$700,000 gift from the late **Fred Lorenzen** that was given to the center.

The Walcott Historical Society was going strong, three years after its founding. Its largest project so far, a pictorial history of Walcott from 1854-1954, had sold more than 400 copies. The group was currently looking for a permanent home.

University of Iowa recruit and Muscatine senior **Joe Wieskamp** played his final game in The Pit. Although he recorded a 26-point, 13-rebound double-double, it wasn't enough to overcome the Lancers, who defeated the Muskies, 55-46.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF WALCOTT - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 2/6/2023 **Meeting Time:** 06:00 PM **Meeting Location:** Walcott City Hall 128 W. Lincoln Street Walcott, IA

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
www.cityofwalcott.com

City Telephone Number
(563) 284-6571

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Regular Taxable Valuation	111,079,591	101,811,445	101,811,445	
Tax Levies:				
Regular General	899,745	899,745	824,673	
Contract for Use of Bridge			0	
Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit			0	
Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr.			0	
Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center			0	
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project			0	
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs	10,000	10,000	13,900	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission			0	
Emergency			0	
Police & Fire Retirement			0	
FICA & IPERS	74,753	74,753	83,451	
Other Employee Benefits	140,022	140,022	157,110	
Total Tax Levy	1,124,520	1,124,520	1,079,134	-4.03
Tax Rate	10.12355	11.04512	10.59934	

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:

No significant budget increase.

If applicable, the above notice also available online at:

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*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy.

**Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming budget year

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

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ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION

Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2020-3, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee Plaintiff,

vs.
Bertha S. Couch a/k/a Bertha Couch; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Bertha S. Couch; Parties in Possession, et al. Defendants.

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of this court naming you as a defendant in this action. The petition was filed on September 20, 2022, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiffs Mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described in this notice and judgment for the unpaid principal amount of \$53,959.95, with 9.88% per annum interest thereon from March 7, 2021, together with late charges, advances and the costs of the action including (but not limited to) title costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as well as a request that said sums be declared a lien upon the following described premises from June 3, 2008, located in Scott county, Iowa:

Lot 3 in Block 14 in the Plat of Forrest and Dillon's 2nd Addition to the City of Davenport, Iowa, said plat being recorded in Book 45 of Town Lot Deeds, page 505, in the office of the Recorder of Scott County, Iowa; and being the tract conveyed by Paul Stahmer and wife to Wilhelm Frank by deed dated July 27, 1874, and recorded in Book 33 of Town Lot Deeds, page 595, in the office of the Recorder of Scott County, Iowa.

Except the West 10 feet of the above described premises dedicated for alley purposes by quit claim deed executed by William Bungar et. al., dated October 19, 1904, and recorded in Book 70 of Town Lot Deeds, page 547, in the office of said Recorder, commonly known as 1112 Brown St, Davenport, IA 52804 (the "Property")

The petition further prays that the Mortgage on the above described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court deems just and equitable. For further details, please review the petition on file in the clerk's office. The Plaintiffs attorney is Andrea Dyar, of SouthLaw, P.C.; whose address is 1401 50th Street, Suite 100, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

NOTICE

The plaintiff has elected foreclosure without redemption. This means that the sale of the mortgaged property will occur promptly after entry of judgment unless you file a written demand with the court to delay the sale. If you file a written demand, the sale will be delayed until twelve months (or six months if the petition includes a waiver of deficiency judgment) from the entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is your residence and is a one-family or two-family dwelling or until two months from entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is not your residence or is your residence but not a one-family or two-family dwelling. You will have no right of redemption after the sale. The purchaser at the sale will be entitled to immediate possession of the mortgaged property. You may purchase at the sale.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before 21st day of February, 2023, and within a reasonable time thereafter, you must file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Scott County, at the county courthouse in Davenport, Iowa. If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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By:
CLERK OF THE ABOVE COURT
Scott County Courthouse

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Public Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
OF SCOTT COUNTY

EQUITY NO. EQCE135488
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION

Citizens Bank, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs.
Linda S. Aldrich; Unknown spouse, if any, of Linda S. Aldrich; Parties in Possession; Nicholas Skalla-Corlett; Veridian Credit Union, et al. Defendants.

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of this court naming you as a defendant in this action. The petition was filed on October 20, 2022, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiffs Mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described in this notice and judgment for the unpaid principal amount of \$150,437.05, with 4.25% per annum interest thereon from September 1, 2020, together with late charges, advances and the costs of the action including (but not limited to) title costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as well as a request that said sums be declared a lien upon the following described premises from March 22, 2019, located in Scott county, Iowa:

Lot 7 in Block 9 of James Grant's Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23 and the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 78 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M., Scott County, Iowa, commonly known as 2920 Fair Ave, Davenport, IA 52803 (the "Property")

The petition further prays that the Mortgage on the above described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court deems just and equitable. For further details, please review the petition on file in the clerk's office. The Plaintiffs attorney is Emily Bartekoske, of SouthLaw, P.C.; whose address is 1401 50th Street, Suite 100, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

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You must serve a motion or answer on or before

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Scott County Courthouse
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Davenport, IA 52801

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Public Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR SCOTT COUNTY

NO. SPCE135352
SEIZING AGENCY NO. 18-49959DDP
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF
IN REM FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

**IN THE MATTER OF
PROPERTY SEIZED
FROM
JARRED L. CARLYLE
DEFENDANT**

TO: JARRED LANE CARLYLE
4513 JENKINS ST, THE COLONY, TX 75057
Pursuant to the requirements of Section 809A.8 of the Code of Iowa, each of the above named persons is notified of the following

An IN REM FORFEITURE COMPLAINT was filed in the Scott County District Court on 9/8/2022.

On or about 6/30/2018, certain property as shown on the inventory or schedule attached to said In Rem Forfeiture Complaint was seized from JARRED LANE CARLYLE.

X Property which was illegally possessed.
X Property which was acquired as or from the proceeds of a criminal offense or series of offenses.

X Property which was used or intended to be used to facilitate the commission of a criminal offense or to avoid detection or apprehension of a person committing a criminal offense.

You are hereby notified that if you wish to contest this forfeiture, you must file with the Clerk of District Court a Motion or Answer within twenty days after publication of this notice. Failure to do so will result in a judgment by default rendered against you and the loss of any ownership rights you may have in this property.

THE STATE OF IOWA
Robert L. Cusack
Assistant County Attorney

Public Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
OF SCOTT COUNTY

EQUITY NO. EQCE135573
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION

U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank National Association, on behalf of the registered holders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-HE4 Plaintiff,

vs.
Cedrick E. Rashall Jones; Unknown heirs, devisees, creditors, and other claimants with an interest in the property of Cathy Rashall, deceased; Heather Taylor; Laura J. Tate; State of Iowa; State of Iowa, Child Support Recovery Unit; Unknown spouse, if any, of Cathy Rashall; Unknown spouse, if any, of Heather Taylor; State of Iowa, Department of Revenue; Parties in Possession; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; Lloyd's Plan Inc.; LVNV Funding LLC; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, et al. Defendants

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of this court naming you as a defendant in this action. The petition was filed on November 16, 2022, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiffs Mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described in this notice and judgment for the unpaid principal amount of \$77,083.41, with 5% per annum interest thereon from December 1, 2021, together with late charges, advances and the costs of the action including (but not limited to) title costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as well as a request that said sums be declared a lien upon the following described premises from January 13, 2005, located in Scott county, Iowa:

That part of Lots 4, 5 and 6 in Block 4 in Clifton Hills Second Addition to the City of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the West boundary line of said Block 83.93 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Block; thence East to the East boundary line of said Block and a point 86.32 feet South of the Northeast corner of said Block; thence North on said East boundary line 43.16 feet; thence West to the West boundary line 41.97 feet North of the point of beginning; thence South 41.97 feet to the point of beginning, reserving thereout a strip of land off the East end of said land 10 feet in width from North to South for an alley for common use to guarantee and abutting property owners in said Block, to run with the land, commonly known as 929 Washington St, Davenport, IA 52804 (the "Property")

The petition further prays that the Mortgage on the above described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court deems just and equitable. For further details, please review the petition on file in the clerk's office. The Plaintiffs attorney is Emily Bartekoske, of SouthLaw, P.C.; whose address is 1401 50th Street, Suite 100, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

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You must serve a motion or answer on or before

13th day of March, 2023, and within a reasonable time thereafter, you must file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Scott County, at the county courthouse in Davenport, Iowa. If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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Probate

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR SCOTT COUNTY

CASE NO. ESPR081676
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
JUDITH A. DEWULF, Deceased**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Judith A. DeWulf, who died on or about January 1, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on January 17, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Judith A. DeWulf, deceased, bearing date of August 19, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Thomas DeWulf 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 all creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 17, 2023.

Thomas DeWulf
Executor of Estate
2661 Mulberry Court
Marion, IA 52302

Jennifer L. Condon
Attorney for Executor
Condon & Condon

610 9th Street
DeWitt, IA 52742
Date of second publication
1st day of February, 2023

Probate

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR SCOTT COUNTY

CASE NO. ESPR081713
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
GREGG A. MOHR, Deceased**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Gregg A. Mohr, Deceased, who died on or about September 26, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on December 15, 2022, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby 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 four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on January 11, 2023.

Diane K. Oster
Administrator of the Estate
25010 190th Ave.
Eldridge, IA 52748

Joshua T. Cobie, ICIS#: 0011533
Attorney for the Administrator
Brubaker, Flynn & Darland, P.C.
201 W. 2nd St., STE 400
Davenport, IA 52801

Date of second publication
1st day of February, 2023

Probate

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR SCOTT COUNTY

Probate No. ESPR081757
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
ARNITA M. KEMP, Deceased**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Arnita M. Kemp, deceased, who died on or about November 17, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on January 12, 2023, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby 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 four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated: January 12, 2023.

/s/ Kandi Geerts
Administrator of the Estate
240 E. 8th St.
El Paso, Illinois 61738

Kelli M. Golinghorst
Attorney for the Administrator
202 N. 2nd St., Ste. A
Eldridge, IA 52748
Date of second publication
1st day of February, 2023

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

1st Ad - 1-25-2023
2nd Ad - 2-1-2023

Iowa District Court
COURT CASE #EQCE135080
Special Execution

STATE OF IOWA
SS.

SCOTT COUNTY

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., PLAINTIFF

VS

Shane A. Hrudka et al, DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor)

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real estate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: The West 30 feet of Lot 8 in Block 2, in G.C.F. Mitchell's Fourth Addition to the City of Davenport, Iowa, except the South 10 feet thereof; 1525 W. Pleasant St., Davenport, Iowa.

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Date and Time of Sale: 02/21/2023 11:30

Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse

Redemption: After sale of real estate, defendant may redeem the property within - 60 DAYS

Judgment Amount: \$35,347.77

Accruing Cost: \$4,180.75

Interest: \$1,015.04 from: 07/22/2022

Attorney: Dentons Davis Brown PC

Date Filed:

Sheriff Tim Lane
Scott County, Iowa
Chief Deputy Shawn Roth
Chief Deputy Bryce Schmidt

For additional information, visit the Sheriff's Office at <http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/sheriff>

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

1st Ad - 1-25-2023
2nd Ad - 2-1-2023

Iowa District Court
COURT CASE #EQCE135041
Special Execution

STATE OF IOWA
SS.

SCOTT COUNTY

Planet Home Lending LLC, PLAINTIFF

VS

Daniel W. McDaniels et al, DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor)

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real estate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: Lot 4 in Block 1 of Tomson and Armi's Addition to the City of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, as the same appears on plat recorded in Book 48 of Town Lot Deeds at page 495, records of Scott County, Iowa, together with all easement rights presently existing or later arising; 520 W. 16th St., Davenport, Iowa.

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Date and Time of Sale: 02/21/2023 11:30

Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse

This sale not subject to redemption.

Judgment Amount: \$46,764.56

Accruing Cost: \$5,159.28

Interest: \$1,149.09 from: 08/01/2022

Attorney: Dentons Davis Brown PC

Date Filed: 11/30/2022

Sheriff Tim Lane
Scott County, Iowa
Chief Deputy Shawn Roth
Chief Deputy Bryce Schmidt

For additional information, visit the Sheriff's Office at <http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/sheriff>

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

1st Ad - 1-25-2023
2nd Ad - 2-1-2023

Iowa District Court
COURT CASE #EQCE134374
Special Execution

STATE OF IOWA
SS.

SCOTT COUNTY

Pennymac Loan Services, LLC, PLAINTIFF

VS

Dawn E. Turner, et al, DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor)

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real estate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: Lot 34 in Block 4 in Sunny Mede Addition to the City of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, together with all easement rights presently existing or later arising; 3724 N. Sturdevant St., Davenport, Iowa.

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Date and Time of Sale: 02/21/2023 11:30

Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse

This sale not subject to redemption.

Judgment Amount: \$33,505.65

Accruing Cost: \$11,546.23

Interest: \$1,778.09 from: 04/30/2022

Attorney: Dentons Davis Brown PC

Date Filed: 12/02/2022

Sheriff Tim Lane
Scott County, Iowa
Chief Deputy Shawn Roth
Chief Deputy Bryce Schmidt

For additional information, visit the Sheriff's Office at <http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/sheriff>

City of Princeton

Princeton Volunteer Fire Department	
Scott County Fire C	\$50.00
LeClaire Auto Service	1,405.05
Blackhawk Bank &	1,009.08
Mid American E	324.78
H&H Towing	305.00
Windstream	245.32
U.S. Cellular	72.32
City of Princeton	68.82
Dan Doyle	58.83
Keith & Co	1,240.00
Mid American E	538.94
Windstream	245.32
U.S. Cellular	77.96
City of Princeton	68.82
Kirby Water Co	51.00</

LEGAL NOTICES

Scott County Board of Supervisors

January 17, 2023, 8:01 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors met as a committee of the whole and pursuant to adjournment with Dickson, Maxwell, Paustian and Beck present. Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Paustian at 9:51 a.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

Ken Beck, Chair of the Board
Scott County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Kerri Tompkins
Scott County Auditor

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Scott County website at: <https://www.scottcounty-iowa.gov/board/board-meetings>.

Scott County Board of Supervisors

January 19, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Dickson, Maxwell, Paustian and Beck present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Dickson a motion approving the minutes of the January 3, 2023 Organizational Meeting, January 3, 2023 Committee of the Whole, and January 5, 2023 Board Meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

On review of the agenda Supervisor Beck asked to move items #9 and #10 to separate votes as they are Organizational changes.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Dickson that the following resolution (13-2023) be approved. Roll Call: All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The month of January 2023 be recognized as National Mentoring Month in Scott County. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Dickson a motion to open a public hearing and the first of two readings to amend an ordinance of the zoning map to rezone approximately 3-acre portion of an existing 53-acre tract, more or less, (Scott County parcel #850723002) from Agricultural-General (A-G) to Single-Family Residential (R-1). Roll Call: All Ayes.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES IN SECTION 7, PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP FROM AGRICULTURAL-GENERAL (A-G) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1), ALL WITHIN UNINCORPORATED SCOTT COUNTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SCOTT COUNTY IOWA:

Section 1. In accordance with Section 6-31 Scott County Code, the following described unit of real estate is hereby rezoned from Agricultural-General (A-G) to Single Family Residential (R-1) to-wit:

PART OF THE NE ¼ OF THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 7 OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP, COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE NORTH 87° 26' 15" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 7, A DISTANCE OF 20.11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 87° 26' 15" EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 223.07 FEET TO A 2242.00 FEET RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WELLS FERRY ROAD; THENCE 442.47 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 11°18'27" WITH A 441.75 FEET CHORD THAT BEARS SOUTH 31° 35' 15" EAST; THENCE SOUTH 87° 26' 15" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 436.89 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02° 38' 18" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 386.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 3.000 ACRES OR 130,678 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS AND SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

Section 2. This ordinance changing the above-described land to Single Family Residential (R-1) is approved as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Section 3. The County Auditor is directed to record this ordinance in the County Recorder's Office.

Section 4. Severability Clause. If any of the provisions of this Ordinance are for any reason illegal or void, then the lawful provisions of the Ordinance, which are separate from said unlawful provisions shall be and remain in full force and effect, the same as if the Ordinance contained no illegal or void provisions.

Section 5. Repealer. All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its final passage and publication as by law provided.

No one from the public spoke. Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Paustian a motion to close the public hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Dickson that the following ten consent agenda items be approved. Roll Call: All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the Scott County Board hereby approves and adopts the attached Mitigation Action Table as an addition to the previously adopted 2022 Scott County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan document will be adopted in the final format approved by FEMA with its official date of approval being the date of the FEMA letter of approval. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately. (14-2023)

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the table of organization for Information Technology be reduced by 1.0 FTE Technology Systems Specialist – Public Safety (total 0 FTE). 2) That the table of organization for the Information Technology Department be increased by 1.0 FTE Network Systems Administrator – Public Safety (total 6.0 FTE). 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately. (15-2023)

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The purchase of NetMotion maintenance and support from Insight in the amount of \$30,793 is hereby approved. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately. (16-2023)

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) Iowa Code Section 445.63 states that when taxes are owing against a parcel owned or claimed by the state or a political subdivision of this state and the taxes are owing before the parcel was acquired by the state or a political subdivision of this state, the county treasurer shall give notice to the appropriate governing body which shall pay the amount of the taxes due. If the governing body fails to immediately pay the taxes due, the board of supervisors shall abate all the taxes. 2) The City of Davenport has requested the abatement of the following parcels:

Parcel	Address	Tax Year	Amount
G0030-10	1216 Warren St	2021	\$1,376.00
G0046-26	816 W 8 th St	2021	\$22.00
H0026-26	1413 W 13 th St	2021	\$1,326.00
H0062-04	1826 W 4 th St	2021	\$240.00
H0056-58	626 Taylor St	2021	\$478.00
J0029-06A	No situs address	2021	\$14.00
J0029-06B	No situs address	2021	\$2,264.00
J0029-09C	No situs address	2021	\$18.00
J0037-02A	No situs address	2021	\$142.00

J0029-09C No situs address
J0037-02A No situs address

3) The County Treasurer is hereby directed to strike the amount of property taxes due on these City of Davenport parcels in accordance with Iowa Code Section 445.63.

4) This resolution shall take effect immediately. (17-2023)

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The hiring of Brandon Lafrenz for the position of Roads Maintenance Worker with the Secondary Roads Department at entry level rate. 2) The hiring of Cody Halferty for the position of Roads Maintenance Worker with the Secondary Roads Department at entry level rate. (18-2023)

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) All County departmental FY24 budget requests and all authorized agency FY24 funding requests are hereby authorized for filing. The County Director of Budget and Administrative Services has developed a maximum tax levy for the proposed county budget for FY24. 2) The public hearing will consider a maximum proposed tax levy of \$62,890,646 for general services (General Fund) and \$3,700,000 for Rural Services. 3) The Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the time and place for a public hearing on the maximum tax levy for the General Fund and Rural Services Fund for Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Scott County Administrative Center. The public is encouraged to meet and may find contact information at www.scottcounty-iowa.gov. 4) That the publication is posted on the Scott County Website. 5) The Scott County Auditor is hereby directed to publish the notice as required by law. 6) This resolution shall take effect immediately. (19-2023)

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the appointment of Diana Contreras to Benefited Fire District #1 for a three (3) year term expiring on January 19, 2026 is hereby approved. 2) That the appointment of Hans Schneckloth to Planning and Zoning Commission for a five (5) year term expiring on January 19, 2028 is hereby approved. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately. (20-2023)

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the following appointments to the Scott County Condemnation Appraisal Jury for a one (1) year term expiring on December 31, 2023, are hereby approved:

	BANKERS	CITY	FARMERS	REAL ESTATE
BECK:	Hap Volz Amanda Boyer	Devon Irby Sara Somsy	Chuck Brockmann Lori Rochau	Jason Purcell Katie Sommers
DICKSON:	Amy Crist Jeff Bloemker	Paul Powers Jennifer Kincaid	Jeff Keester Joni Dittmer	PT Boeye Sara DeWulf
MAXWELL:	Steve Von Muenster Trish Townsend	Greg Kautz Sharon Maxwell	Joe Golinghorst Jennifer Ewoldt	Lesia Buck Jeff Heuer
PAUSTIAN:	Mike Hein Kristal Schaefer	Mark Ross Mary Kellenberger	Carrie Keppey Keith Steward	Tom Behal Rick Schaefer
TBD:	Vacancy Caleb Jacobi	Vacancy Patrick Doyle	Vacancy Vacancy	Thad DenHartog Jolean Overton

2) This resolution shall take effect immediately. (21-2023)

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The Scott County Board of Supervisors approves for payment all warrants numbered 322157 through 322431 as submitted and prepared for payment by the County Auditor, in the total amount of \$2,739,242.21. 2) The Board of Supervisors approves for payment to Wells Fargo Bank all purchase card program transactions as submitted to the County Auditor for review in the amount of \$112,822.88. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately. (22-2023)

A Motion to approve the beer/liquor license for Big 10 Mart #29, 21010 N. Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52806.

Moved by Paustian, seconded by Dickson that the following resolution (23-2023) be approved. Roll Call: All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the table of organization for the Attorney's Office be increased by 1.0 FTE Assistant County Attorney position (total 9.0 FTE). 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Paustian, seconded by Dickson that the following resolution (24-2023) be approved. Roll Call: All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the table of organization for Facility and Support Services be reduced by ten .45 FTE custodial positions (total .45 FTE). 2) That the table of organization for Facility and Support Services be increased by three 1.0 FTE Custodial positions (total 10.0 FTE). 3) That any .45 custodial positions remaining filled after promotional opportunities will be eliminated through attrition. 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

County Administrator Mahesh Sharma spoke on meetings he recently attended and gave an update on the Medic study.

Supervisor Beck advised that next week would be busy with many committee meetings Board members would be attending.

Moved by Dickson, seconded by Paustian at 5:23 p.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

Ken Beck, Chair of the Board
Scott County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Kerri Tompkins
Scott County Auditor

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Scott County website at: <https://www.scottcounty-iowa.gov/board/board-meetings>.

Expenditures approved for payment by the Board of Supervisors on January 19, 2023	Amount
A&D Technical Supply, direct charge	\$707.00
Abbe Center for Community Mental Health, contribution to agencies	\$527.50
Adams County Sheriff's Office, juvenile justice hearing expenditures	\$75.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc, medical expense	\$567.12
Ahlers & Cooney PC, professional services	\$208.00
All Window Cleaning Services Inc, commercial services	\$1,115.00
Alliant Energy/IPL, infrastructure telecommunication	

2021 \$18.00
2021 \$142.00

Altorfer Machinery Co, commercial services	\$795.21
Amazon Capital Services Inc-Amazon.com, supplies general	\$545.89
Aqua-Tech Car Wash, maintenance vehicles-wash and detailing	\$308.64
Armor Up America, administrative expenses	\$230.00
Arndt, Courtney, mileage	\$192.50
Aspelmeier Fisch Power Engberg & Helling PLC, 229-attorney	\$78.12
Assuredpartners Great Plains LLC, direct charge	\$81.90
AT&T, telephone data	\$500.00
AT&T Mobility-Firstnet, telephone cellular	\$0.62
Baker Tilly US LLP-Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP, professional services	\$12.81
Bauer Built Tire Ctr, vehicle supplies vehicular parts	\$2,900.00
Begey, Kiley R, legal transcripts	\$2,184.18
Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, technology and equipment departmental software	\$345.50
Bettendorf Police Dept, subrecipient-reimbursable allotment	\$12,408.00
Bl In-Ceo Group Company, gps monitoring rental of equipment	\$7,377.70
Bi-State Regional Commission, contribution to agencies	\$728.75
Bill Bruce Builders Inc, building youth justice & rehab. center	\$20,523.50
Binns & Stevens Inc-Binns & Stevens Explosives, direct charge	\$835,704.21
Blair & Fitzsimmons PC, 229-attorney	\$3,570.00
Bleigh, Beverly K, legal transcripts	\$138.60
Blunk, Richard, medical examiner fees	\$12.50
Bob Barker Co, supplies clothing	\$4,710.00
Bonde, David L, mileage	\$1,973.52
Bridges Catering Ltd, kitchen supplies groceries	\$756.25
Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center-CMHC, mh-medical assistance	\$18,545.00
Brus Construction LLC, conservation capital improvement projects wapsi center	\$4,544.93
Builers Firstsource Inc, supplies general	\$704.15
Burke Cleaners, professional services	\$312.13
	\$178.71

CF Haines Trucking LLC-D/B/A Haines Trucking, park maintenance	\$252.01
Calhoun-Burns and Associates Inc-CBA, direct charge	\$12,465.90
Cedar County Sheriff, sheriff transportation	\$138.12
Center for Active Seniors Inc-CASI, contribution to agencies	\$17,812.50
Center for Alcohol & Drug Services Inc-CADS, contribution to agencies	\$54,028.25
Central Iowa Detention, sheriff transportation	\$5,289.25
Century Laundry Distributing Inc, professional services	\$707.49
Centurylink, telephone other	\$3,298.03
Cintas Corporation 342, direct charge	\$868.68
Cintas First Aid & Safety, commercial services	\$257.68
Clinton County Sheriff-Jail Housing, extradition of prisoners house out of county	\$36,795.00
Clinton Municipal Transit Administration, other expense	\$220.00
Code 4 Public Safety Emblems LLC, supplies general	\$1,425.00
Commsys Inc, maintenance computer software	\$2,887.50
Communication Engineering Co-CEC, commercial services	\$670.15
Community Care of Knoxville LLC, mh-residential	\$4,145.26
Community Health Care Inc, contribution to agencies	\$25,172.25
Convergeone, Inc, professional services	\$10,609.44
Cornerstone Wellness Center, contribution to agencies	\$49.53
Crescent Electric Supply Co, supplies general	\$103.03
CS Technologies Inc, telephone voice	\$8,778.38
Culligan of the Quad Cities, supplies general	\$43.00
Cunningham Kindig, Connie, rent space	\$500.00
Databank IMX LLC, maintenance computer software	\$1,920.00
Davenport-Finance Dept, City of, health/medical benefits	\$71,656.97
Davenport Printing Co Inc-DPC, reimbursable allotment	\$3,728.00
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co, supplies general	\$33.00
Dickinson Law-Dickinson, Mackaman, Tyler & Hagen, professional services	\$31,000.00
Dickson Company, The, maintenance equipment	\$901.63
Donnelly-Mayer Lonergan & Rolfe, Brian P, 229-attorney	\$1,608.20
Doors Inc, supplies general	\$225.40
Duplexes LLC, rent space	\$427.50
Eagle Point Energy 3-Eagle Point Energy Holdings, utilities electric	\$421.49
Earthgrains Baking Companies Inc-Bimbo Bakeries, kitchen supplies groceries	\$1,586.40
Eldridge Electric & Water, utilities electric	\$1,106.81
Eldridge Welding & Ornamental Iron, maintenance equipment	\$230.00
FedEx Freight, commercial services	\$261.10
First Resources Corporation, mh-residential	\$804.72
Five Star Masonry, conservation capital improvement projects wapsi center	\$1,828.00
Four Oaks Inc, service contracts	\$1,352.85
Fred's Towing Inc, vehicle supplies vehicular parts	\$95.00
Fred's Towing Inc, accounts payable motor vehicle auction	\$1,140.00
Galls-An Aramark Company, supplies clothing	\$164.12
Genesis Firstmed Pharmacy, pharmacy services	\$9,274.47
Genesis Health System-Behavioral Health, 125-5 day-physician	\$258.00
Genesis Health System\Health Group, hospital services	\$1,131.12
Genesis Health System\Psihology Assoc, medical expense	\$10,665.00
Genesis Medical Center, hospital services	\$1,730.15
Genesis Medical Center-Patients Finance Svcs, 229-5 day-hospital	\$18,886.75
Genesis Psychiatric Hospital, 229-5 day-physician	\$490.97
Gibney, James B, medical examiner fees	\$1,105.00

Global Security Services-IA-Guard, professional services	\$350.02
Good Source Solutions, kitchen supplies groceries	\$4,977.60
Goodall, Adam, direct charge	\$150.00
GPA Legal LLC, 229-attorney	\$190.40
Grainger-WW Grainger Inc, direct charge	\$223.20
Grant County Sheriff's Dept, extradition of prisoners house out of county	\$9,834.00
Greater Davenport Redevelopment Corp, contribution to agencies	\$7,500.00
Harre MD, Barbara, medical examiner fees	\$8,420.00
HDA Lifts LLC-Heavy Duty & Automotive Lifts, direct charge	\$50,102.24
Heartland Business Systems, professional services	\$8,000.00
Henry County Sheriff's Office, extradition of prisoners house out of county	\$6,550.00
Humane Society of Scott County, service contracts	\$13,998.75
Hy-Vee-Johnston, schools of instruction general	\$7,186.02
IACME-Iowa Assoc of County Medical Examiners, memberships	\$700.00
Innovative Interfaces Inc, maintenance computer software	\$6,349.50
Interstate Batteries of Quad Cities, vehicle supplies vehicular parts	\$390.57
Intoximeters Inc, technology and equipment other equipment	\$1,660.00
Iowa American Water Co, utilities water	\$7,982.88
Iowa Communications Network, telephone other	\$10.75
Iowa Dept of Public Health-IDPH, other expense	\$100.00
Iowa Dept of Public Safety-Weapons Permit Sec. state share carry permit	\$1,075.00
Iowa Dept of Transportation, accounts payable motor vehicle auction	\$444.36
Iowa Municipalities Workers Comp Assoc-IMWCA, insurance premiums workers compensation	\$936.00
Iowa One Call, commercial services	\$22.50
Iowa State Medical Examiner, medical examiner autopsies/lab	\$22,480.31
Ipromoteu, supplies general	\$767.25
ISAC, schools of instruction general	\$945.00
Isolved Benefit Services, administrative expenses	\$661.50
Jerome, William, medical examiner fees	\$1,330.00
Johnson County Sheriff, sheriff transportation	\$61.75
Johnson Distributing Inc, commercial services	\$168.00
Jones, Jennifer, supplies general	\$65.92
Jones, Linda, library programming	\$350.00
Jones-Thurman Ph.D-Thurman Psychological-Rosanna, professional services	\$4,175.17
JZ Iowa Holdings LLC, rent space	\$500.00
K&K True Value Hardware, supplies general	\$24.62
Kandis, Ann Fotiadis, medical director	\$256.75
Keller, Jeannette M, 229-attorney	\$114.00
Kuhl-Kuhl's Under the Sun, Barbara, maintenance buildings	\$720.00
Kunau Implement Company, direct charge	\$955.00
L&R Holdings LLC-D/B/A Lowden Floor Coverings, conservation capital improvement projects wapsi center	\$548.50
Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings-Labcorp, laboratory services	\$164.02
Language Line LLC, commercial services	\$29.25
Lawson Products Inc, direct charge	\$1,129.82
LeClaire Community Library, supplies general	\$5.00
Leibold Irrigation Inc, technology and equipment other equipment	\$19,017.00
Lindquist Ford Inc, direct charge	\$148.50
Linn County Treasurer, professional services	\$2,083.33
Linn County Youth Services, service contracts	\$32,175.00
Linwood Mining & Minerals Corp, direct charge	\$127.00
Lovell Fencing Inc, direct charge	\$177.00
Lowe's Home Center, supplies general	\$133.31
Lundberg, Sydney, legal transcripts	\$159.00
Madison National Life Insurance Co Inc, long term disability-employer	\$5,411.06
Mail Services LLC, postage & shipping	\$5,793.02
Malone, Todd Michael, medical examiner fees	\$680.00
Managed Solutions Group-A CES Company, maintenance equipment	\$148.00
Marshall County Sheriff, extradition of prisoners house out of county	\$10,900.00
Martin Equip of IA-IL Inc, maintenance equipment	\$837.16
McDonnell Property Management LLC, rent space	\$795.00
Medical Associates Clinic PC, 229-5 day-physician	\$359.00
Menards, supplies general	\$224.23
Midamerican Energy, utilities electric	\$41,301.34
Midwest Pest Management LLC, maintenance infrastructure (towers, etc)	\$225.00
Midwest Wheel Companies, direct charge	\$194.53
Mississippi Valley Fair, mississippi valley fair funding	\$3,125.00
Mississippi Valley OMS PC, dental services	\$3,625.00
Modern Piping Service-Quad Cities, commercial services	\$493.89
Molo Petroleum LLC\Molo Oil Co, direct charge	\$25,454.50
Motorola Solutions Inc, technology and equipment auxiliary equipment	\$2,985.00
Mulgrew Oil and Propane, utilities natural gas	\$4,461.16
Munck CSR RPR, Michelle R, legal transcripts	\$28.00
Murphy Lawns LLC, commercial services	\$1,117.00
Muscatine County, salaries regular	\$19,806.07
Muscatine County Sheriff, sheriff transportation	\$171.50
Muscatine Legal Services, 229-attorney	\$330.50
Mutual Wheel Co, direct charge	\$40.71
Napa Davenport-MPEC, vehicle supplies vehicular parts	\$357.96
Napa DeWitt-MPEC, vehicle supplies vehicular parts	\$178.51
Neal, Shannon, mileage	\$213.75
Nearmap US Inc, service contracts	\$10,500.00
New Choices Inc-NCI, contribution to agencies	\$2,462.92
North Scott Foods, inventory food/beverage	\$54.75
North Scott Press, public notices	\$620.04
Nyemaster Goode PC, professional services	\$3,250.00
Office Express Office Products, supplies general	\$26.35
Office Machine Consultants Inc, technology and equipment copier replacements	\$34,625.82
Optimae Lifeservices, mh-residential	\$7,065.37
ORA Orthopedics PC, physician services	\$659.17
Ottesen, James L, professional services	\$1,000.00
Pangburn-D/B/A Brandon Pangburn Flooring, Brandon, conservation capital improvement projects wapsi center	\$1,100.00
Panther Uniforms Inc, supplies clothing	\$368.23
Papa John's Pizza-PJ Iowa LC, supplies general	

LEGAL NOTICES

Practisynergy, medicaid mh direct	320.78
Prairie Farms Dairy, kitchen supplies groceries	1,972.87
Precision Builders Inc, buildings warehouse-eldridge	5,698.00
Preferred Cable Solutions Inc-Zalks Inc, technology and equipment wiring	2,236.50
Princeton, City of, utilities electric	85.97
Printers Mark, direct charge	30.00
Proforma Xtreme LLC, supplies general	162.51
QC Analytical Services LLC, commercial services	305.75
Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau, contribution to agencies	17,500.00
Quad City Peterbilt-GTG Peterbilt-Davenport, direct charge	102.39
Quad City Safety Inc, direct charge	18.00
Quad City Times & Muscatine Journal, public notices	1,127.56
Quad City Window Cleaning Inc/Agent Clean, commercial services	40.00
Quill Corporation, supplies general	48.68
Racom Corporation, maintenance vehicles	3,613.51
Radiology Group PC SC, hospital services	168.44
Rathjen, Leo L, infrastructure telecommunication	10,332.50
RDO Truck Center Co, direct charge	184.00
Reams Sprinkler Supply, supplies general	1,264.20
Recordables Inc, other risk management costs	5,150.00
Recco Equipment Inc-Interstate Billing Service, direct charge	3,082.40
River Valley Cooperative, utilities propane	7,298.35
Riverstone Group Inc, direct charge	2,943.37
Rockford Rigging Inc, direct charge	186.04
Roto Rooter Sewer Cleaning Co, professional services	154.00
Roy R Fisher-Nelson Valuation Inc, professional services	4,750.00
Runge Mortuary, transportation	7,820.52
Ryan & Associates Inc, commercial services	920.20
Sadler Power Train Inc, direct charge	997.80
Satellite Tracking of People LLC, electronic monitoring-sheriff	590.00
Schaeffer, Donald, medical examiner fees	2,100.00
Schwarz, Kathy, supplies general	202.03
Schwarz-Snow Removal & Lawn Care, Paul, maintenance buildings	740.00
Scott Area Household Hazardous Material, professional services	99.00
Scott Area Landfill, direct charge	243.27
Scott Area Recycling Center, recycling services	5,250.00
Scott County Conservation, maintenance infrastructure (towers, etc)	1,100.00
Scott County Fleet Services, maintenance equipment	303.71
Scott County Sheriff's Reserve, commercial services	1,296.25
SHI International Corp, maintenance computer software	29,432.03
SIADSA-South Iowa Juvenile Detention, service contracts	5,920.00
Signs Now, supplies general	180.00
Smart Automotive of Davenport, liability claims auto	1,400.51
Smokin Butt BBQ, direct charge	334.25
Sodawasser, Carey, medical examiner fees	510.00
Star Equipment Ltd, direct charge	77.67
State Center, City of, supplies general	4,500.00
Storey Kenworthy-Matt Parrott, supplies office printing	27.54
Streichers, supplies general	2,610.00
Streiter Motor Co, vehicle supplies vehicular parts	215.73
Sue Grings Cabinetry & Design, conservation capital improvement projects wapsi center	3,565.00
Sullivan CSR RPR, Kara, legal transcripts	49.00
Symmetry Energy Solutions LLC-ECP, utilities natural gas	20,046.98
Syverud, Eric, professional services	400.00
Takeform Architectural Graphics, supplies general	317.39
Terracon Consultants Inc, direct charge	1,785.00
The Webstaurant Store, reimbursable allotment	6,772.85
Thompson Truck & Trailer Inc, direct charge	8,376.68
Thomson Reuters-West Group, periodicals & subscriptions	1,827.40
Tower Sites Inc, rent lease-tower site	2,224.00
Transititons Mental Health Services, crisis services	6,250.00
Treasurer State of Iowa-ILEA, technology and equipment reserves	250.00
Treasurer-State of Iowa-DHS, independence	33,305.48
Tri-State Automatic Sprinkler Corp, commercial services	4,151.15
Trimble Funeral Home & Crematory, burial	2,589.33
Trivium Life Services, professional services	23,800.00
TSS Inc, commercial services	423.00
Two Rivers YMCA, administrative expenses	100.00
Tyler Business Forms, supplies general	1,110.78
Tyler Technologies Inc, maintenance computer software	85,833.23
Uniform Den Inc, supplies clothing	6,594.25
Unitypoint Health-Trinity, crisis services	500,000.00
University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics, physician services	469.06
Urban Housing Cooperative, rent space	490.00
US Foodservice Inc, kitchen supplies groceries	4,387.11
Vanguard Appraisals Inc, data processing default	17,225.00
Vera French Community, contribution to agencies	38,584.52
Verizon Connect Networkfleet Inc, direct charge	857.65
Verizon Wireless, telephone cellular	9,919.40
Vollertsen Britt & Gorsline PC, building youth justice & rehab. center	200.00
Vortex Business Solutions Inc, professional services	587.40
Walcott, City of, utilities electric	51.14
WGVV 92.5 FM, reimbursable allotment	2,500.00
White Distribution & Supply-WDS, supplies general	1,014.44
Wold Architects & Engineers Inc, buildings youth justice & rehab. center	17,029.10
Wolfe, John J, 229-attorney	142.80
Candlelight Park Apartments, professional services	240.00
Total	\$2,739,242.21
Purchasing Card System	
AED Superstore, supplies	\$2,477.05
Allegiant Air, travel	413.50
Alliant Energy/IPL, utilities	328.08
Amazon Capital Services Inc-Amazon.com, audio/visual materials	19,857.06
Americas Office Source Inc, supplies	67.73
Animal Family Veterinary Care Center, professional services	230.06
Any Promo, supplies	405.46
APCO International Inc, memberships	1,719.00
Aseptic Inc, reimbursable allotment	74.50
Baker & Taylor Books, audio/visual materials	2,010.46
Batteries Plus Bulbs, supplies	36.70
Bauer Built Tire Ctr, maintenance	176.50
Beaconlive LLC, training & professional services	395.00
Best Buy, audio/visual materials	104.96
Brenny's Motorcycle, vehicle supplies	393.92
Caseys General Store Inc, vehicle supplies	271.45
Central Scott Telephone Co, telephone	145.73
Certasite LLC, maintenance	699.00
Channing Bete Company, reimbursable allotment	235.29

City of Davenport-Sewer Dept, commercial services	1,650.00
Copquest, supplies	224.50
Craftmaster Hardware, supplies	477.71
Crane Equipment & Service Inc-CES Material Handl, direct charge	450.50
DAV Thrift Store, commissary inmate surcharge use	28.00
Dan Cone Group, commercial services	310.50
Delta Air Lines, schools of instruction	(435.20)
Dick's Sporting Goods, supplies	113.98
Direct TV, commercial services	572.48
Doors Inc, commercial services	1,060.00
DP Design, reimbursable allotment	1,277.72
Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse, commercial services	25.00
Eventbrite, schools of instruction	106.66
Family Eye Care, professional services	55.00
Farm & Fleet, supplies	1,907.60
FBI Leada Inc, memberships	50.00
FedEx, reimbursable allotment	174.29
Findaway World LLC, audio/visual materials	244.97
Godaddy.com, service contracts	13.99
Goodwill of the Heartland, commissary inmate surcharge use	39.28
Government Finance Officers Association-GFOA, professional services	1,010.00
Grainger-WWW Grainger Inc, commercial services	1,804.93
Great Western Supply Co, supplies	1,298.62
Greenwood Cleaning Systems Inc, supplies	1,095.20
Happy Joe's, other expense	1,019.38
Hard Head Veterans, technology and equipment	439.99
Hardees, electronic monitoring-sheriff	26.60
Hayman's Westside Ace, maintenance	34.99
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, supplies	1,162.93
Heartsmart, supplies	(41.72)
Henry Schein Inc, reimbursable allotment	272.40
Hilton Garden Inn, direct charge	1,150.04
Hobby-Lobby, supplies	129.85
Holiday Inn, travel	257.60
Home Depot-Supplyworks, commercial services	125.97
Hurts Donut Company, supplies	54.00
Hy-Vee Inc, commercial services	2,120.48
IA Public Def Training-Iowa Dept of Public Defens, travel	26.00
Iclipart, books	69.95
IEHA-Iowa Environmental Health Assoc, memberships	240.00
Informa (IWCE), schools of instruction	1,149.00
International Assoc of Chiefs of Police-IACP/Net, memberships	240.00
Iowa Association of Building Officials-IABO, schools of instruction	756.07
Iowa Dept of Public Safety, schools of instruction	15.00
Iowa Library Assoc, memberships	265.00
Iowa Public Health Assoc-IPHA, memberships	1,125.00
Iowa Secretary of State-Notary Public, direct charge	150.00
Iowa State Bar Assn, recruitment	250.00
Iowa Weed Commissioners' Association-IWCA, direct charge	208.00
Ipromoteu, supplies	405.00
ISAC, schools of instruction	215.69
JC Landscape & Maintenance, maintenance	819.00
Jimmy Johns, kitchen supplies	66.49
Keith Braafarth Matco, supplies	214.95
Kele, commercial services	628.00
Kings Quick Lube Auto Repair, maintenance	45.75
K-Log Inc, supplies	2,433.55
Kohl's, supplies	686.74
Kully Supply, commercial services	1,822.57
Kwik Star, supplies	301.01
Lakeshore Learning Materials, other improvements/ space utilization	139.96
Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute, schools of instruction	175.00
Less Lethal LLC, supplies	2,343.00
Lexisnexis Claims Solutions Inc-Risk Solutions, reimbursable allotment	421.00
Lighting Maintenance Inc-LMI, maintenance	557.08
Mailchimp, books	28.90
Mainstream USA, service contracts	297.96
McDonalds, supplies	6.94
Mediacom, commissary inmate surcharge use	2,201.58
Menards, commercial services	1,193.11
Midwest Pest Management LLC, commercial services	460.00
Mills Chevrolet, maintenance	424.63
MMSGs-McKesson Medical Surgical Inc, reimbursable allotment	7,544.30
Moes Southwest Grill, employee development	130.00
Mouthwatch LLC, reimbursable allotment	807.30
Mycountyparks Com, schools of instruction	130.00
Napa DeWitt-MPEC, direct charge	1,609.88
Nor Northern Tool, supplies	319.99
North Scott Foods, library programming	84.41
North Scott Press, other expense	232.00
Office Express Office Products, supplies	726.88
Office Max, supplies	80.28
Officesupply.com, supplies	54.42
Olive Garden, employee development	325.14
Optics Planet Inc, technology and equipment	1,188.46
Panera Bread, travel	36.12
Papa John's Pizza, commissary inmate surcharge use	274.58
Parking Ramp, direct charge	30.00
Parts Town LLC, commercial services	228.84
Petsmart Inc 271, supplies	13.99
Phillips 66, direct charge	30.22
POS Guys, supplies	840.35
Practice Fusion Inc, maintenance	149.00
Practicon Inc, reimbursable allotment	336.25
Premier Pest Management Services, maintenance	45.00
Quad City Times & Muscatine Journal, periodicals & subscriptions	422.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	145.77
Republic Services-Allied Waste Services, commercial services	1,703.37
Ricoh USA Inc, maintenance	1,417.62
Risius & Assoc Veterinary Service, professional services	278.06
Rodent Pro, supplies	436.10
Ross's Restaurant, other expense	298.49
Roto Rooter & Sewer Cleaning Co, commercial services	593.00
Rubberstamps Net, postage & shipping	234.09
Sam's Club, memberships	2,122.92
Sanitary Suds Laundromat, supplies	50.00
Shampooed All Breed Pet Saloon, professional services	60.00
Signs Now, supplies	2,174.22
Society for Human Resources Management, professional services	229.00
Southwest Airlines, travel	459.95
Sprint, telephone	13.43
Standard Bearings Co, direct charge	35.33
Storey Kenworthy-Matt Parrott, supplies	457.56
Supplyhouse.com, commercial services	1,360.27
Target, employee development	56.57
Team Services Inc, building	7,018.75
Theisens, commercial services	420.84
TPC Cash & Carry, reimbursable allotment	352.10
Trophy World, supplies	5.00
Tyler Technologies Inc, schools of instruction	1,099.00
UI Parking and Transport, travel	1.80
US Cellular, telephone	2,256.69
US Postal Service, commercial services	307.30
Vaccineshoppe.com, pharmacy services	459.42
Vonage, maintenance	239.40

Walgreens, reimbursable allotment	4.49
Walmart, commissary inmate surcharge use	1,565.97
Walmart Corp, reimbursable allotment	73.99
www.Reservations.com, travel	22.35
Your Membership, recruitment	499.00
Grand Total	\$112,822.88

Walcott City Council

Monday, January 16, 2023

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 16th day of January, 2023 at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Everett Bieri, Lisa Mengler, Harry Knutsen, and Jacob Puck. Absent: Kirk Koberg. Staff present: Jeff Blake, Lisa Rickertsen, and Paul Stagg.

Approval of Agenda. Rickertsen requested item seven, City Hall restroom and hallway upgrades, be removed from the agenda due to obtaining additional information. Knutsen moved and Bieri seconded to approve the agenda with deletion of item seven. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, Class C liquor license renewal for Gramma's Kitchen and The Checkered Flag Bar & Grill, December 2022 financial reports, and minutes from January 3, 2023 and January 12, 2023. Motion carried.

Sterling Partners I LLC - TIF (Tax Incentive Financing) Program Application for New Warehouse. Dave Meier was present and requested a TIF rebate for the new warehouse they are building this year. He stated they will be using 100,000 sq ft and 151,000 sq ft will be available for lease. They expect the warehouse to be completed by year end. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the application for the TIF program for a four-year term with the following percentages: 40, 30, 20, and 10. Motion carried. Rickertsen stated the company will be responsible for reimbursing the City for legal fees in connection with the preparation of a development agreement for the TIF rebate.

Durant Ambulance Support. Bieri moved and Knut- sen seconded to approve the budgeted contribution of \$1,000 to Durant Ambulance. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-4, Approving Purchase Offer with Marvin & Loretta Siebke Revocable Trust. Rickertsen reported on the purchase offer details. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve Resolution 2023-4. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Puck, Bieri, and Knutsen. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-5, Acknowledging a New Invest- ment. Rickertsen reported on a CD purchased at CBI Bank and Trust. Puck moved and Knutsen seconded to approve Resolution 2023-5. Roll call ayes: Puck, Knut- sen, Bieri, and Mengler. Motion carried.

Public Works Department Report. Stagg presented his report which included a proposal from the Build- ing Official to change the single-family rental housing regulations. The proposal is to exclude single family houses occupied by children or parents of the owner from the rental housing program. Council consensus was to proceed with the change as discussed.

Purchase of Overhead Doors on Storage Building. Stagg presented a project worksheet to replace four overhead doors on the storage building. Following discussion, Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to approve the purchase of four overhead doors, including labor installation costs, from Raynor Door at a cost of \$17,917. Motion carried.

City Clerk's Report. Set Budget Max Levy Hearing Date. Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to set the FYE 2024 budget max levy public hearing date for Febru- ary 6, 2023, at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the maximum levy amount and rate for the public notice.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Kostichek reported on a re- cent meeting at the Davenport Community School re- garding their legislative priorities.

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

Mayor John Kostichek Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

Alex Air Apparatus, foam	\$1,590.00
American Water Works Assoc, annual dues	418.00
Badger Meter Co, meter reading services	352.62
Bengfort, Scott, mileage reimb	216.15
Bi-State Regional Comm., member dues	275.50
Blake, Jeffery, medical reimb	475.00
Fire Fighters Association, annual burn training trailer	300.00
GPM Environmental Solution, services	412.00
Hawkins Inc, chemicals	693.77
Hyvee, fire dept food	162.77
IA Assn. of Municipal Util, qtrly safety group dues	670.00
IMEG Corp, services	20,467.66
Iowa 80 Group, fuel	39.84
Jeff's Market, fire dept food	397.63
John Deere Financial, supplies	112.84
Menards, supplies	175.38
Midamerican Energy Co., services	2,296.38
Midwest Patch, no parking signs	260.00
Napa Auto Parts, parts	165.48
Newell's Automotive, durango repairs	823.44
North Scott Press, publications	243.08
Otto, Kathy, cleaning services	120.00
Platinum Information Services, email service	839.50
Platinum Smart, services	265.00
Quill Corp., supplies	32.08
Republic Services, services	7,259.78
Rickertsen, Lisa, medical reimb	311.02
Ricoh USA, Inc, copy fees	122.88
Ross Medical Supply Co, In, oxygen rental	213.18
Scott County EMS Assoc., 2023 ems membership	50.00
State Hygienic Laboratory, lab tests	949.50
Treasurer State of Iowa, sales tax	2,721.41
UPS, shipping fees	42.32
USA Blue Book, lab supplies & pumps	1,609.97
Verizon Wireless, services	200.05
Victory Enterprises Inc., qtrly website hosting	200.00
Wellmark, premiums	17,392.40
Subtotal	62,876.63
Payroll, regular staff 01/06/2023	29,746.15
Payroll, fire dept 01/13/2023	6,563.41
Grand Total Expenditures	\$99,186.19
Fund Totals	
General	\$51,359.71
Street Projects-Lincoln	20,467.66
Water Utility	8,292.48
Sewer Utility	11,806.56
Solid Waste	7,259.78
Total	\$99,186.19
December Revenue	
General	\$99,857.28
Police Vehicle Reserve	1,445.88
Fire Vehicle Reserve	359.79
Fire Donations	343.25
Fire Bldg Reserve	99.59
City Equip/Vehicle Reserve	31,189.13
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	31.20
Park Enhancement	1,002.89
Police Reserve Donations	404.73
Community Beautification	12.11
Municipal Bldg Fund	269.58
Road Use Tax	18,185.88
Employee Benefits	6,369.99
Local Option Sales Tax	57,513.18
TIF 1,481.68	
ARPA	176.54
Debt Service	540.28
E Lincoln St Project Fund	540.29
Water Utility	30,512.19

Water Tower Reserve	110.39
Water Main Repair	6.99
Utility Deposits	350.00
Sewer Utility	42,744.54
Sewer Lift Station	27.34
Solid Waste	7,522.03
Total	\$301,096.75

Walcott City Council

Special City Council Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2023

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council members present were: Everett Bieri, Harry Knutsen, Kirk Koberg, Lisa Mengler, and Jacob Puck. City staff present: Paul Stagg and Lisa Rickertsen. Jeff Blake and Korry Kraft were present for review of their department budgets only.

Mengler moved and Knutsen seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

FYE 2024 Budget Review and Discussion. Discussion was held on the proposed FYE 2024 budget, including a review of all departments in the general, general re- serve, special revenue, and proprietary (water, sewer, and garbage) funds, property valuations, general fund deficit, and max levy rate. Rickertsen will make changes to the proposed budget as discussed. Current and potential capital improvement projects were also discussed.

Koberg moved and Puck seconded to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mayor John Kostichek

Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

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FOR SCOTT COUNTY

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Iowa Ag Secretary says it's time to scale up Iowa nutrient reduction strategy PAGE 2B

NSP

CONSERVATION

THE NORTH SCOTT PRESS | Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Land saver

Jennifer Turner helps save Scott County top soil one federal dollar at a time.

She's the county agent for the federal government's Natural Resources Conservation Services program, and helps landowners find tax dollars to preserve ground, limit erosion and keep natural and applied nitrogen out of Iowa lakes, streams and rivers.

The job is a dream come true for a farm girl who uprooted herself from her Indiana hometown, friends and family specifically to become an NRCS agent in farm country.

At age 40, she left to earn bachelor's and master's degrees and find work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

She succeeded in Iowa. Now she's a Jackson County farm owner with a livestock menagerie she assembled mainly for her 3-year-old granddaughter, Rebel, of DeWitt.

Her passion is letting landowners – rural and urban – in on federal funding programs that pay for conservation improvements.

"Yes, there is bureaucracy in this. But, I deal with the bureaucracy. I deal with trying to figure out how a person's project fits. Farming is really tough now; every little bit helps. If you can get cost share and do a conservation proj-

ect that helps out the environment," she said.

She's found landowners ready and willing, but not always able to figure out how.

"A lot of these people really do want to help the environment and soil health, and not over-apply fertilizer. We're all on the same side," she said.

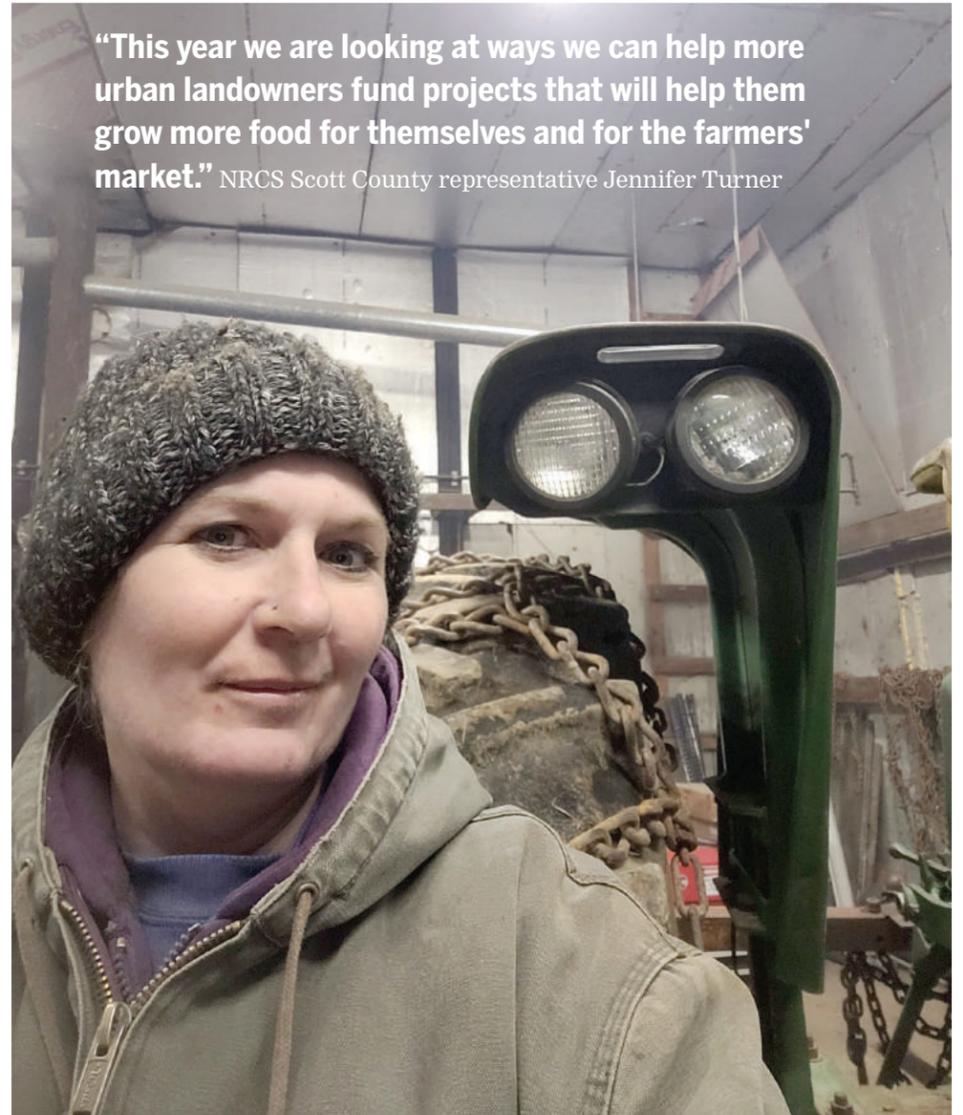
Her realm includes the tax-funded subsidies: Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), an easement program.

Combined, the programs brought \$70 million in tax dollars to Iowa private landowners last fiscal year.

A lot of that assistance came through program contracts negotiated by Turner and others.

Statewide in 2022, the agents obligat-

TURNER, continued on page 4B



"This year we are looking at ways we can help more urban landowners fund projects that will help them grow more food for themselves and for the farmers' market." NRCS Scott County representative Jennifer Turner



Hoosier becomes Iowa farm owner

Jennifer Turner's 3-year-old granddaughter, Rebel, feeds goats at Turner's Jackson County farm. Turner bought the farm after she got her first U.S. Department of Agriculture job in Maquoketa. Now she commutes to Davenport, where she is NRCS agent for Scott County.

Federal funds provide 'once-in-a-lifetime' chance for conservation

By Susan Kozak

Soil Conservation and Water Quality Division director Iowa Department of Agriculture

The Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality, a part of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, has been a flurry of activity over the last year.

We have staff across Iowa, located in all 100 counties, to assist with natural resource conservation efforts. Our work focuses on traditional soil conservation work (which dates back to the Dust Bowl era) and newer efforts related to reducing nutrient loss to our surface waters in the state.

This work can take many forms depending on the land use of the field,

the geology of the area, and what the landowner is trying to accomplish. Currently, we are very focused in finding areas along field edges where a nutrient reducing wetland or saturated buffer might fit into the landscape.

These practices will remain in place for many years and continue to do their job for better water quality.

The division is also encouraging more cover crop acres across the state. Cover crops are important not



Susan Kozak
Director, Iowa Department of Agriculture Soil and Water Quality Division

only to keep soil in place in between cash crops, but also to increase the soil health and organic matter for future generations.

Sometimes, we can get so focused on our day-to-day challenges, we might lose sight of the big picture. But I have been lucky this year to resume some travel and get to chat with conservation professionals from other parts of the country.

The landscapes in Tennessee, Washington, or Colorado might look very different to what we see in Iowa, but it is refreshing to hear that they are taking on similar challenges and looking for nature-based solutions. At a recent meeting, I heard it mentioned several times that the federal funding increases

for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for conservation.

That funding, combined with our dedicated state funding for water quality efforts, positions Iowa to continue to be a leader in nutrient reduction work and to construct wetlands and other edge of field practices at a pace that wasn't possible in the past. There are many opportunities, big and small, to get involved with conservation in Iowa. Reach out to your local USDA service center to find out how you can help us build upon this momentum and accelerate our progress.

IOWA SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Time to 'scale up' in 10th year of Nutrient Reduction Strategy

The last several years have certainly provided some unique and substantial challenges. Yet, despite the pandemic, supply chain disruptions, inflation, and a weather whiplash (from flooding to derechos to drought), we continue to see record engagement in our state's conservation activity. There has never been more awareness, resources, partners, people, and actual conservation work getting done in the state of Iowa than we have today.



Andrew Naig
Director, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

We've come a long way, and I'm proud of the work we've accomplished. We know there is much more to do, but we're excited and optimistic about where we are headed.

Everyone has a role to play in water quality, whether you live in a rural, suburban, or urban area. As we approach

the 10-year anniversary of the Nutrient Reduction Strategy, we must keep our focus on scaling up, accelerating our work, and demonstrating progress.

Iowa has surpassed 350 public and private partners statewide, and we are always looking for more. We only had a few thousand acres of cover crops about a decade ago, but now we've hit 3 million acres with plenty of room to grow. We know that innovative changes on the land leads to positive impacts with our water, and we've accelerated the adoption of edge-of-field conservation practices like saturated buffers, bioreactors, and wetlands.

Using our traditional conservation funding processes, we were able to get a good start on demonstrating the effectiveness of saturated buffers and bioreactors. Now, using the streamlined "batch and build" model, more saturated buffers and bioreactors are planned for construction in the next three-year period than have been installed over the



last 13 years. Historically, when we only had CREP funding for water quality wetlands, we would construct three to five wetlands per year. Now, with dedicated water quality infrastructure funding, we are currently on pace to build 15 to 20 wetlands per year, and the current goal is to construct 30.

I want to thank the hardworking and devoted conservation professionals at the district, state, and federal levels and from our public and private partner businesses and organizations. From outreach, design, and layout, to developing watershed and community-based projects, these men and women go to work each and every day. They are the implementers, and I want to extend my appreciation and gratitude to them for their passion and commitment.

Going forward, we need significant funding, technical and construction resources, and we need more municipalities, businesses, farmers, and landowners to say yes. And just as all technology evolves and progresses, so must our work to protect soil and water. We're continuously innovating, learning, testing, and driving new science-based practices – all of which can make an even greater impact on our shared resources.

There's no denying that we laid out ambitious soil health and water quality goals in the state's Nutrient Reduction Strategy. We all know that these are challenging and complex tasks. We are pleased with our progress but not yet satisfied with how far we've come. We are committed to this important work because the partnerships, investments, and practices will all pay big water quality dividends long-term, and that's a legacy that we can all be proud of.



Meet your Scott County FSA staff

Farm Service Agency staff, from left, Kealy Simkins, Ashlyn Kessler, Hannah Mostaert, and county executive director Jessica Yuska.

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CONSERVATION NEWS

District scholarships available for high school seniors

Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District will award a \$1,250 and a \$1,000 scholarship in 2023. Scott County high school seniors intending to pursue study in any field of agriculture, environmental science, or natural resources have until Friday, Feb. 24, 2023 to apply.

The Scott Soil & Water Conservation District will forward one recipient's application to the state level to compete for additional scholarship awards of \$3,000, \$2,000, \$1,000 or six - \$500 awards. Applications and information are available at the district office, 8370 Hillendale Road, Davenport, 563-391-1403 x3 and our website scottcountysoilandwater.org.

Check first before breaking new ground

If you are proposing to produce agricultural commodities on land that has been determined highly erodible and that has no crop history prior to Dec. 23, 1985, that land must be farmed in accordance with a conservation plan or system that ensures no substantial

increase in soil erosion.

Eligibility for many USDA programs requires compliance with a conservation plan or system on highly erodible land, or HEL, used for the production of agricultural commodities.

Before you clear or prepare areas not presently under production for crops that require annual tillage, you are required to file Form AD-1026 "Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification," with FSA indicating the area to be brought into production. The notification will be referred to NRCS to determine if the field is considered highly erodible land. If the field is considered HEL, you are required to implement a conservation plan or system that limits erosion.

Prior to removing trees or conducting any other land manipulations that may affect wetlands, you are required to update form AD-1026, to ensure you remain in compliance with the wetland conservation provisions.

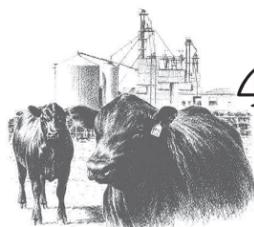
Check with your local USDA Service Center to ensure your activities will be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions. For additional information on highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation compliance, contact your local USDA Service Center.



Scott County Soil and Water District commissioners

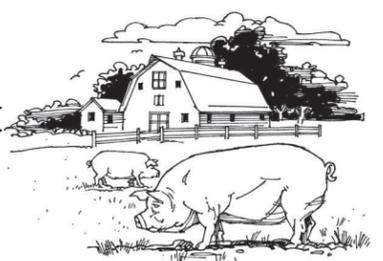
From left: Chad Dexter, Christine Bolte, Joshua Witt, Lora Schmidt, and Richard Golinghorst. Not pictured: assistant commissioners Kathy Henningsen, Jillian Jespersen, Larry Thompson, and Al Werthmann.

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Assistant Commissioners: Kathy Henningsen, Jillian Jespersen, Larry Thompson, Al Werthmann
Staff: Jennifer Turner, Nicole Haney, Jan McClurg

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Scott County SWCD is looking for individuals to serve as Assistant Commissioners. Would you like to see what your local Soil & Water Conservation District does? Are you interested in conservation? Are you willing to attend 1 meeting a month? Then we are interested in you! Contact the office at 563.391.1403 x 3 for details.

Please consider donating to Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District. Scott SWCD is a non-profit. Your donation stays local and is tax deductible. Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District sells bare root trees, native plants and Plantskydd (deer/rabbit repellent) to generate funds. These funds help support local scholarships, educational programs, and other community projects. We also need to raise matching funds for staff and grant opportunities. Your dollar could make the difference. Donate today! Contact the office at 563-391.1403 x 3 for details.

The District's FY2022 Annual Report is available for viewing at the office.

The Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District, 5 elected commissioners and 4 appointed assistant commissioners serve the district. The Scott County SWCD seeks to provide leadership in the conservation and wise use of soil, water and related resources through a balanced, cooperative program that protects, restores, and improves those resources. This mission is accomplished by taking available technical, financial, and educational resources and focusing and coordinating them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water, and related resources. "Scott Soil & Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity provider employer."

2023 TREE ORDER FORM

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SWEETSHRUB	1-2 foot	\$35.00		\$65.00		
RED OSIER DOGWOOD	2-3 foot	\$40.00		\$85.00		
AMERICAN HAZELNUT (FILBERT)	2-3 foot	\$40.00		\$95.00		
AMERICAN PLUM	2-3 foot	\$45.00		\$105.00		
DECIDUOUS TREES						
RED MAPLE	2-3 foot	\$40.00		\$85.00		
SWAMP WHITE OAK	2-3 foot	\$40.00		\$90.00		
BLACK WALNUT	2-3 foot	\$40.00		\$95.00		
SUGAR MAPLE	2-3 foot	\$40.00		\$100.00		
RED OAK	2-3 foot	\$45.00		\$105.00		
CONIFERS:						
WHITE CEDAR (ARBORVITAE)	18-24 inch	\$40.00		\$90.00		
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New Jersey Tea	\$16		
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Royal Catchfly	\$16		
Savannah Blazingstar	\$16		
Spiderwort	\$16		
Swamp Milkweed	\$16		
Whorled Milkweed	\$16		
Wild Petunia	\$16		
Subtotal			

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- Please send payment with order, **make checks payable to Scott SWCD**
- Plants will arrive in late May, the tentative pick-up day is **Thursday June 1, 2023**
- A postcard will be emailed/mailed with the exact pick-up date and location

*Specific Bee Balm species is not guaranteed. Customers will receive Bradbury, Spotted or Red Bee Balm based on availability.

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Turner raises cattle, goats and chickens on her 12-acre, Jackson County farm.

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TURNER: Scott County leads Iowa in CSP contracts for 2022

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ed landowners to projects, then provided subsidies ranging from 18 cents to \$21,063.68, according to the CSP project list for this fiscal year.

The 18-cents-per-acre subsidy helped provide fencing over many acres. The top amount helped pay to submerge wooden structures to create fish habitat in small streams.

Turner looks for projects landowners are interested in, and capable of accomplishing. "I try to find ways that will help them, but not make it something they can't do; make it in manageable chunks, so we're not forcing improvements. Don't take on 10 acres, then have to say I bit off more than I can chew."

Her work made Scott County tops in

Iowa for CSP contracts. In her first year in the county, she secured more federal CSP dollars than any other county agent.

"One guy in the Wapsi bottoms didn't know about our programs of any type, but he had some derecho damage. He reached out. We were able to send a forester out there, and they worked on a forest plan, where he could cut out vines, take out a couple farmed rows and trees that weren't desirable, so that his desirable trees would have more light and space to grow."

Tax dollars covered a portion of the costs and inspired the landowner to do more. "He decided to put in duck nesting boxes. He did a tree planting, also," Turner said.

She and other NCRS county agents assess what landowners want to do, then go looking for the right federal program to fund it.

Another Scott County landowner got federal help to buy a smart sprayer that uses GPS data to direct weed killers. "We chose an activity that worked for him. We chose an activity where we know he can get paid. A lot have GPS technology anyway, so adding this can really save them money by limiting spraying. They apply and get compensated for that activity."

NCRS organizes the activities into different pools for subsidies. They include pools for high-tunnel greenhouse, wild-life, livestock and soil preservation.

Agents find the pool that best fits the project, and still has funds.

Next year, the federal government will add an urban agriculture pool.

"Say you have a home garden, selling vegetables at a farmer's market or stand, and you think, 'I'd like to get a high tunnel greenhouse.' We can help you," Turner said.



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Turner's granddaughter, Rebel, rides Skip.

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TURNER: Federal aid helped cover shop lights, sprayer nozzles and rye seed

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A landowner in Davenport city limits reached out for help on a five-acre forestry plan with nesting boxes and native plants. "We're working on that plan," Turner said.

Organizations are welcome, too. "We have a church that would like to do a food forest."

The EQUIP program has even more latitude.

"One guy had an energy plan, then he got new lights in his shop building, energy efficient ones," Turner said. He got federal help, too.

Turner grew up on an Indiana farm. She's the youngest of 10 children. Her 97-year-old mother remains in Fowler, Ind.

At age 40, she began her education to land this job.

"I wanted to work for the NRCS," she said.

Turner earned a bachelor's degree at Purdue, near her Indiana home, then a master's at Illinois. She began NRCS career in southern Illinois, she moved to Jackson County in 2014.

Her son, Nick, is in Fowler. Daughter McKenzie lives in DeWitt, with her own daughter, Rebel, 3. The Jackson County farm gives Rebel the same kind of experiences Turner treasured as a child.

"I bought the farm really for Rebel. She loves the animals. Of course, I have a horse named Skip. We have bottle calves," Turner said.

Last year, Turner was hired as the Scott County agent. In her first year, she secured more CSP subsidies than any other agent in Iowa.

"I have been working to find out-of-the-box opportunities. Last year, four of the funded contracts were for practices to help wildlife. Many don't consider Scott County as having much forest land, but it does."

Those contracts are being used by

"Last year, four of the funded contracts were for practices to help wildlife. Many don't consider Scott County as having much forest land, but it does."

Jennifer Turner

Scott County landowners to "plant trees and pollinators and native grass plantings, install nesting boxes for ducks and birds, do timber stand improvement where they cut undesirable trees and vines to give the more desirable trees room to grow.

Scott County supervisor John Maxwell is among Turner's clients. He has gotten NRCS assistance for cover crops, pollinator plots, fertilizer management and reduction.

He estimates the aid totals about \$10,000 per year.

"We're targeting nutrients where plants use it, not spreading it all over the field. It's helpful keeping nitrogen and phosphorous in place," he said.

Tax dollars helped pay for rye seed, sprayer nozzles and the field work for the pollinator plots.

He said Turner's NRCS work also keeps him updated on information he shares with tourists at his Cinnamon Ridge Dairy Farm in Donahue.

"What it does more than anything else for me — which doesn't exist for others -- it brings me up to speed in my tours to educate people, especially, non farmers, as to what government programs are doing and what things we farmers are trying to accomplish for cleaner water, cleaner air and soil conservation."

"This year we are looking at ways we can help more urban landowners fund projects that will help them grow more food for themselves and for the farmer's market."



Meet your NRCS staff

NRCS county agent Jennifer Turner and conservation assistant Jan McClurg work at the Soil and Conservation District office at 8370 Hillandale Road, Davenport. Reach them at 563-391-1403, extension 3.



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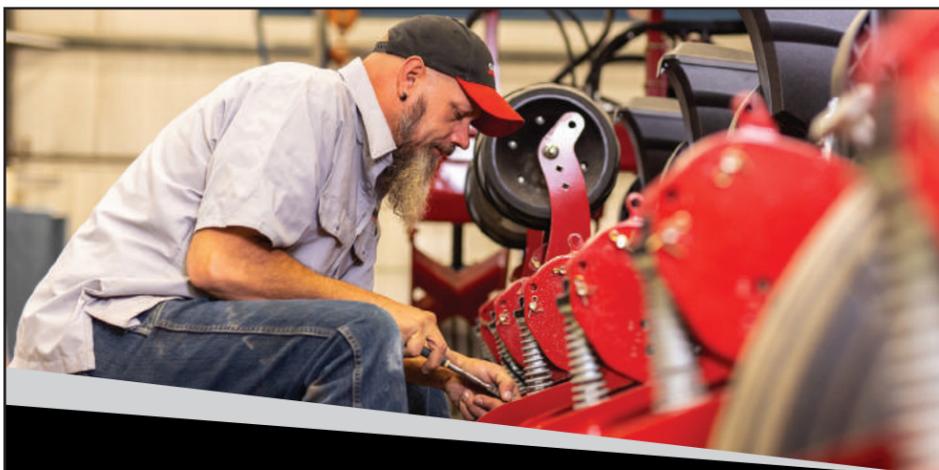
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NRCS obligates \$70 million for Iowa conservation

Conservation practice funding through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service totaled more than \$70 million to Iowa agricultural producers and other private landowners in fiscal year 2022. The newly contracted conservation practices will help treat natural resource concerns on more than 347,000 agricultural land acres.

NRCS staff also wrote 12,041 conservation plans during fiscal year 2022, which cover about 895,000 acres. Conservation plans help producers target and address natural resource concerns such as soil erosion, water quality, and wildlife habitat, in addition to addressing climate change and improving soil health.

NRCS provides conservation funding through four primary programs that are authorized through the Farm Bill: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), and Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP)

NRCS contracted about 45 percent of new federal conservation funding in Iowa through EQIP – a voluntary program that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality, where farmers can choose from a conservation practice list developed at the county level to treat local resource issues.

Through EQIP, NRCS obligated \$31.9 million covering 101,403 acres through 838 contracts.

Top EQIP practices

Three of the most adopted conservation practices by Iowans last year through EQIP include these contracts, acres and federal tax dollars:

- **Cover crops:** 1,037 contracts, 203,900 acres, \$9.9 million)

- **Brush management:** 308 contracts, 3,553 acres, \$956,240)
- **Prescribed grazing:** 264 contracts, 15,247 acres, \$532,761)

Top Iowa Counties for EQIP

State leaders in EQIP contracts, funding, and acres treated:

Howard County led the state with 42 contracts, obligating nearly \$2 million to local farmers, helping to treat resource concerns on about 10,000 acres.

Johnson County was also busy, obligating more than \$1.3 million through 29 new EQIP contracts to help protect natural resources on 14,065 acres.

Other statewide EQIP highlights:

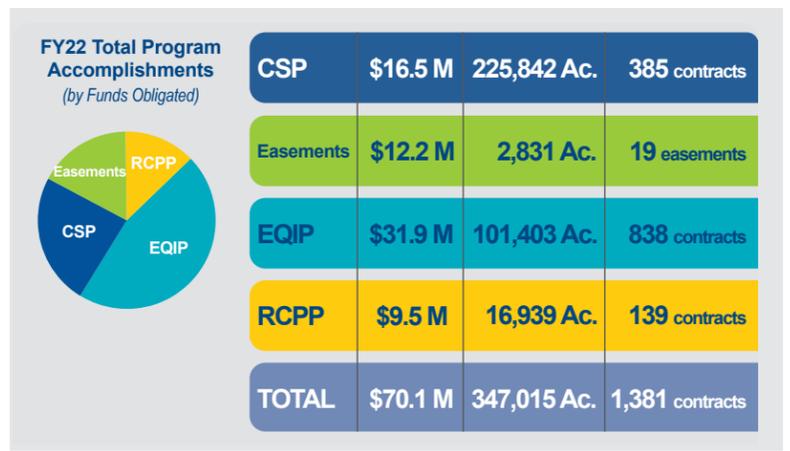
In its inaugural year, 28 Iowa farmers signed up for EQIP Conservation Incentive Contracts (EQIP-CIC), providing \$1.9 million covering nearly 6,800 acres. Producers use EQIP-CIC as a “stepping-stone” on specific land units to achieve sustainable stewardship on an entire operation.

NRCS obligated more than \$4.2 million through the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI) for practices in targeted watersheds that will help control, trap, and reduce nutrient runoff on 11,160 acres.

NRCS obligated \$8.2 million to historically underserved producers in fiscal year 2022. This includes writing 169 contracts covering nearly 16,000 acres for limited resource, beginning, socially disadvantaged, and veteran farmers.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

CSP helps farmers build on existing conservation efforts by customizing a plan to meet conservation goals and needs. Iowa NRCS obligated about \$16.5 million through new and renewed CSP contracts during the past year. In fiscal year 2022, 385 Iowa landowners signed five-year CSP contracts to treat natural resource concerns on 225,842 acres.



Statewide leaders in CSP

Scott County led the state by obligating more than \$1 million through 14 CSP contracts.

Chickasaw County led the state with 28 CSP contracts, totaling 15,603 acres, with an obligation of \$945,000.

Clayton County was next with 22 contracts, covering 8,918 acres and an obligation of \$682,000.

Easement programs

Through ACEP, NRCS helps landowners, land trusts, and other entities protect, restore, and enhance wetlands, grasslands, and working farms through conservation easements. Overall, there are 1,710 conservation easements in Iowa covering about 199,167 acres.

During fiscal year 2022, Iowa NRCS obligated more than \$12.1 million by helping landowners to place agricultural land into 19 conservation easements through three conservation programs:

- **Emergency Watershed Protection Program-Floodplain Easements (EWP-FPE):** Contracted to develop nine new floodplain easements, including six in Muscatine County, where cropland flooded

in the past year or twice in the past 10 years.

- **ACEP-Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE):** Iowa NRCS will restore seven new wetland easements in five counties covering about 464 acres that have been degraded.

- **ACEP-Agricultural Land Easements (ALE):** Three Iowa producers enrolled their farms into an easement to protect the agricultural use and conservation values of their working farms.

Find more details online at nrcs.usda.gov/IA.

Regional Conservation Partnership

Iowa NRCS provided more than \$9.5 million to Iowa farmers in 2022 through RCPP projects that will help treat natural resource concerns on nearly 17,000 acres. NRCS assisted producers through seven RCPP partnership agreements and 139 contracts.

RCPP promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners through agreements and program contracts. The seven RCPP projects in Iowa focus on improving water quality and soil health and creating sustainable grain supply chains.



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New tool helps evaluate carbon farming contracts

Producers looking to calculate financial returns from carbon farming contracts can use a newly updated resource from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The Carbon Farming Decision Tool allows farmers across various Midwest states to input data surrounding various farm attributes in order to calculate net returns on carbon credits generated. The decision-making tool uses Microsoft Excel software and is free to download and use.

Carbon credits are typically purchased from voluntary carbon programs working with agricultural producers by large corporations or other entities looking to offset their own carbon emissions. Voluntary carbon programs allow for producers to be compensated for implementing farming practices that help to sequester carbon, decreasing carbon emissions.

"This tool is intended to help agricultural producers and extension educators approach a complex decision with a solid economic methodology and carbon removal estimates from a USDA-funded carbon model, COMET-Planner," said Alejandro Plastina, associate professor in economics and extension economist at Iowa State University. "A total of 66 agricultural conservation practices per county can be evaluated with this tool."

The tool is available for 10 states so far, including Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Each spreadsheet calculates the net present value of a carbon contract based on various costs associated with carbon farming contracts and payments from carbon contracts. While the tool is intended to be used with individual carbon contracts, producers may evaluate multiple contracts by downloading and completing multiple copies of the decision-making tool.

For more information, and to access the Carbon Farming Decision-making tool, visit extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/html/a1-78.html.

Contact Alejandro Plastina at 515-294-6160 or plastina@iastate.edu.

No-till guidebook

Organic producers looking to increase benefits from a no-till system now have a guidebook to walk them through the process.

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach publication "Organic No-Till Production" provides a how-to for organic no-till production in Iowa, which utilizes a rolled down cover crop to facilitate weed suppression, with the commercial crop drilled, planted or transplanted into the rolled mulch.

The publication offers an overview of different rolling/crimping systems, an economic outline of costs and returns, and provides producers with the resources they need to secure potential crimping roller help from the USDA-NRCS cost-share programs.

More producers are investigating organic no-till production in Iowa, with best results coming from the rolled rye/soybean system. In order for the system to work successfully, the amount of cover crop biomass is extremely important. Research recommends at least 8,000 pounds per acre of rolled rye biomass to create a thick enough mulch to block sunlight to the weeds, allowing the crops to better compete with the weeds.

"We see great benefits from organic no-till in relation to soil quality improvements," said Kathleen Delate, organic specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "The challenge remains to ensure adequate rolled rye biomass to effect ample weed management to obtain competitive yields."

Find the free publication online at store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16633. Or contact Delate at 515-294-7069, or kdelate@iastate.edu

Additional resources on organic agriculture can be found on the Iowa State University Organic Agriculture Program website.

Sprayer certification course begins Feb. 28

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and Iowa Central Community College are offering a four-day workshop that will prepare attendees to become certified as Commercial Pesticide Applicators.

This course will focus on materials needed to take the Iowa Core Manual Exam and Categories 1A (Ag Weed Control), 1B (Ag Insect Control) and 1C (Ag Disease Control). In addition, this material will cover local context and real-life application of insect, weed and disease management. Course information will be presented by ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomists.

The workshop will take place Feb. 28 through March 3, Iowa Central East Campus, Triton Room, in Fort Dodge, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day.

Tuition is \$549 and includes the Core, 1A, 1B and 1C manuals. Tuition assistance is available through Iowa Central Community College. For more information, to register or to learn about tuition assistance, contact Melissa at 515-574-1972.

Conservation district tree and native plant sale funds scholarships, programs

Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District is selling bare-root tree seedlings, native prairie plants and deer/rabbit repellent. Money from these fund-raising sales helps the district support local scholarships, educational programs, and other community projects.

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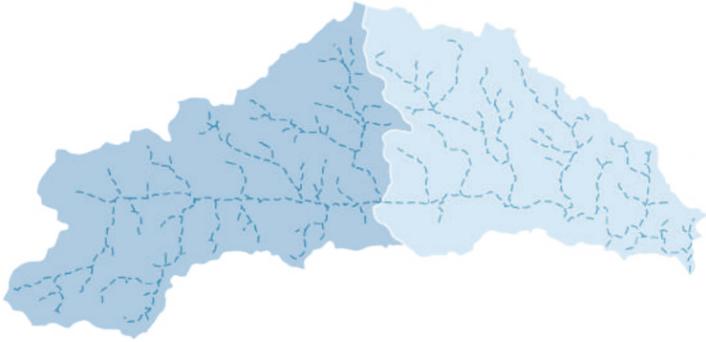
SUPPORT HEALTHY WATERSHEDS

Clean water and healthy watersheds are the foundation of strong communities.
Support what supports us.



Partners of Scott County Watersheds

is a nonprofit dedicated to improving the health and stewardship of local watersheds through education, technical guidance, and volunteer opportunities.



What's a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land where all the precipitation, runoff, streams, and groundwater drain (or 'sheds') to a common outlet. Pictured is the Upper Duck Creek Watershed (left) and the Lower Duck Creek Watershed (right) that span across Davenport and Bettendorf, eventually draining to the Mississippi River.

Get Involved!

Everyone can make a difference and positively impact the health of their local watershed. Follow us on Facebook @PartnersofScottCountyWatersheds to stay up to date on events, volunteer opportunities, & more!



Join Partners of Scott County Watersheds for

Conservation Conversation

FRIDAY, FEB. 10th | 4:00-5:30PM

SCOTT COUNTY FARM BUREAU

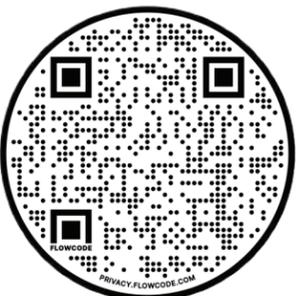
1721 LeClaire Rd, Eldridge, IA 52748

Calling all agricultural producers and landowners of Scott County!



Enjoy complimentary snacks and beverages, meet with other members of the ag. community, and share your thoughts on conservation practices

The goal of this discussion is to identify barriers to implementing conservation practices faced by producers & landowners in the county.



Questions? Contact us at 563.336.3378 or info@partnersofscottcountywatersheds.org
To RSVP visit www.partnersofscottcountywatersheds.org or scan the QR code

4:00 - 4:15

Drinks, snacks, & mingling

4:15 - 5:00

Group discussion, facilitated by PSCW Chair & Walcott Farmer, Mike Paustian

5:00 - 5:30

More beer! Q&A