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Almanza

Next Princeton chief is Chicago homicide detective

By Mark Ridolfi NSP Managing Editor

Jose Almanza agreed to take over as Princeton police chief after Jan. 12, his last day as a Chicago police homicide detective.

Almanza, who goes by Freddy, agreed to accept the job offered by a Nov. 9 unanimous council vote.

The 47-year-old detective was married 13 years ago in Blue Grass, to a woman from the Quad-Cities. His wife and nine-year-old daughter already moved to Bettendorf.

More Princeton news

3-2 vote launches trail engineering -- for now. PAGE 8A

Almanza plans to wrap up his Chicago career shy of the department's minimum retirement age of 50, to become Princeton chief.

He was among two of three applicants who were interviewed by the council.

"I talked to his partner in Chicago. They are bringing down a lot of narcotics and drugs in the west side of Chicago. I asked him why he wanted to work in Princeton. His answer was a good answer," Woomert told the council. "His partner said what Jose taught him on the street was impeccable. His organizational skills are top notch. Everything was good about him. I think he'd be a great fit in Princeton."

"We're lucky to have him," council member Jami Stutting said.

After the meeting, council member Christina McDonough said Almanza was looking for a new type of police work, and was familiar with the Quad-Cities through his wife's family.

Almanza said he's visited many

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Eldridge says yes to next vape shop

By Mark Ridolfi NSP Managing Editor

Eldridge will add another vape and tobacco store following council's 4-1 vote Monday granting a permit to Eldridge Tobacco and Vape owner, Mohammed Elzofri, of Davenport, for a new shop at 600 E. LeClaire Road, suite 5.

Council members weren't crazy about permitting the city's next vape shop, but

said city code does not limit the number of those businesses.

"I don't think we're in any position to say no," council member Bernie Peeters said. "We can look at changing the statutes in the future."

Council member Adrian Blackwell cast the only "no" vote.

The council called Monday's special

meeting after Blackwell raised concerns at the Nov. 6 regular council meeting.

Since then, assistant city administrator Jeff Martens researched the matter and the city's attorney advised council members the code does not limit vape shops.

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SALUTE TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS SPECIAL SECTION IN TODAY'S EDITION



Training blaze

Firefighters from Eldridge, LeClaire, Princeton, Maysville, Donahue and Long Grove pose with North Scott fire Explorers in front of an eastern Scott County farm home used for training exercises all day Saturday.

High school metals lab bids top \$1.9M

By Erin M. Gentz NSP Editor

The welding and metals lab renovation at the high school will total \$1.9 million.

General contractor Bill Bruce was present at Monday's school board meeting and presented the results of last Thursday's bid opening. Bruce recommended accepting the low bid packages from:

- KE Flatwork of Eldridge, a \$208,000 bid for site work and concrete
- Otto Baum Company of Morton, Ill., a \$225,540 bid for masonry

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Work on remodeling the welding and metals lab should begin in March.



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NORTH SCOTT SCHOOL BOARD

Eckhardt joins Keppy, Dittmer and Bergfeld

Maxwell comes up short

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Managing Editor

North Scott school district voters picked Stephanie Eckhardt, elected incumbents Molly Bergfeld and Joni Dittmer, and appointed incumbent Carrie Keppy for four-year board terms.

They defeated three-term incumbent John Maxwell.

"I'm feeling honored to have been elected by North Scott community. In two years of running, I learned to never give up. Sometimes, when it's the right time for you, things fall into place," Eckhardt said. It was her second attempt as a board candidate.

She is joining other board members at the Iowa Association of School Boards annual conference Wednesday and Thursday, in Des Moines.

Carrie Keppy was the top vote-getter. Board members appointed her earlier this year to finish the term of her father-in-law, Glen Keppy, after he resigned for health reasons.

"I was home with my family until it seemed appropriate to go out and collect yard signs from around the district. So, I put on a few miles driving around the district enjoying the calmness of the evening," Keppy said. "I appreciate everyone who was willing to host a sign for me and for the overall support of the North Scott community. As an elected school board member, I will work to ensure that the North Scott Community School District provides a high quality education for all students while ensuring the financial health of the district."

Voters reelected Bergfeld and Dittmer. Dittmer said she spent election night retrieving campaign signs.

"I just went out by myself and was listening to Taylor Swift's 'Getaway Car' song. I must have picked up 300 signs."

"People are happy with our school district - our focus on our kiddos and providing many and varied career pathways, trades and many opportunities, and our strong financial health in doing so."

School board service is, "the most rewarding endeavor I do. The kiddos come first, I love helping them feel important

and special in our rural/ urban community and helping our staff feel valued and that they are our most important asset in providing for our kids."

Bergfeld was elected to the board in 2015 and begins her third term.

"I'm happy to be able to serve another four years. Campaigns take a lot of time, energy and effort. When it's over, you've got to get to work together. Thanks to all who got out and voted," Bergfeld said.

She also thanked Maxwell. "John made a ton of contributions over the last 12 years. We'll miss his passion. I'm sure he's going to stay involved. I want to thank him for his service to the board, and welcome Stephanie, and thank her for putting her name in the hat as well."

Maxwell said the loss leaves him humbled, but still focused on serving the school district in new ways. He says he'll bank the lessons learned in his first election loss and apply them when he runs again for county supervisor.

"Now it's about student achievement and what we can do for the youth. That's what inspired me all the time on the board, and will still inspire me," he said.

The day after voters knocked him off the school board, Maxwell joined superintendent Joe Stutting and agriculture department head Jacob Hunter to seek a school district donation from ADM in Clinton.

"I was surprised how much ADM talked about home building and construction. They say in their plants, they struggle finding folks for that. We talked about diesel mechanics and other vocations we can support. They know that students who go through the innovation center may go on to become an engineer or other career. But it can be the innovation center that gets them involved," he said.

ADM was his fifth fundraising visit, that so far has found \$325,000 for the



Bergfeld



Dittmer



Eckhardt



Keppy

Scott County vote totals. **PAGE 6A**

ELDRIDGE COUNCIL

Campbell, Iossi and Blackwell win council seats

O'Boyle, Cheek campaigns come up short

Eldridge voters picked Scott Campbell, Ryan Iossi and Adrian Blackwell for council from a field of nine candidates.

Campbell led all candidates with 835 votes; Iossi with 639, and Blackwell with 481.

Former mayor Marty O'Boyle finished fourth with 399 votes, and incumbent council member Bruce Cheek finished last with 185 votes.

Scott Campbell waited at home for election returns and his phone started ringing when results came in.

"I really am humbled. Nearly 59 percent who went to polls filled in my name. But I'm cognizant that 500 or so people did not. So it means I have some trust to earn."

Campbell said he reached out to Blackwell and Iossi, and spoke with incumbent council member Brian Dockery and mayor Frank King.

"One thing Frank and I agreed on was we both love this town. Frank and I have agreed on 90-95 percent of things in the past," Campbell said.

Iossi said he's studying municipal governance.

"The first thing I did was sign up for the Iowa League of Cities Municipal Leadership Academy classes. These classes are designed to help new and current city officials understand their role and responsibilities to best serve their community," he said.

"I'm excited and honored with the out-

come of this election. With nine people running for three positions, so many with experience and things to bring to the council, it could have been anyone's win.

"I think what's most important for me to get started is my desire to bring a positive approach, fresh ideas, and an understanding that we won't always agree, but we should treat each other with respect and always keep an open mind. We need to focus on making sure that we are continuing to set up more checks and balances and focus on transparency.

"I will also strongly encourage the citizens to get more involved and engaged, and not just with the negative things. We need to celebrate the wins as well.

"My goal right now is to prepare, study, and shadow the current council and administration until swearing in so that I'm as prepared as possible."

Adrian Blackwell did not return NSP calls or messages.

Cheek said he's looking forward to more time with family and friends.

"I am very much okay with the outcome of the election. I made a promise to the mayor that I would run, and so I did," Cheek said. "My life is very fulfilling, and now I have more time to enjoy family, friends and volunteering. Being on the council was something I took very seriously, and always put the citizens first in my decision making, but I am absolutely not going to miss any of it. I certainly hope the citizens continue to stay involved and pay attention to what is happening in their city."

PRINCETON

Volrath is mayor; Forristall, Youngers and Kernan win council seats

Travis Volrath won the mayor's seat with no opposition.

Princeton voters elected three council members with concerns about the trail that incumbent Christina McDonough championed for years.

Former mayor Keith Youngers and Kevin Kernan won seats on the council, along with Brandon Forristall. They were among nine running for three seats.

McDonough finished fourth, 13 votes behind Kernan.

"I'm good. I'm proud of my time serving the city of Princeton. I hope the incoming officials research their votes and have integrity," she said.

Work and family commitments limited her campaigning, which she attributes to the narrow loss, along with community sentiment against the trail. And she'll relish the time she's getting back. "The emails, research, meetings; there was something every night taking me away from our family," she said.



Volrath



McDonough



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ELDRIDGE COUNCIL BRIEFS

Grant sought for North First Street

Eldridge and Scott County teamed up to seek federal grant funding for an estimated \$2.2 million resurfacing of North First Street, from Donahue street, north to the Long Grove city limits.

The new road would have paved shoulders and a sidewalk along the west side, city administrator Nevada Lemke told the council.

A proposal drawn up by Scott County Engineer Angela Kersten said the city and county would have to cover 20 percent of the cost, or about \$440,000.

Kersten said the road carries 2,450 vehicles per day.

“The road rehabilitation project will not require the purchase of permanent right-of-way. The project may require obtaining a temporary construction easement from adjacent landowners for construction of a new sidewalk on the west side of N. 1st Street between W. Price Street and W. Harvest Street,” Kersten wrote in her memo to council.

The council sought the federal funding through the Bi State Regional Commission, which prioritizes Quad-City area federal funding.

Kersten said the road was built in 1961, and resurfaced in 1970, 1981 and 1994.

“The road was designed with a 20-year design life and has depreciated to a net book value of \$0.00. The road has deteriorated in condition and requires resurfacing. The road surface has aged and oxidized. The road has extensive longitudinal and block cracking. The cracks have been sealed multiple times over the past 29 years. The road has reached the end of its life and requires resurfacing.”

The plan would replace the top three inches, and include a new sidewalk on the west side of North First from West Price to Harvest Street.

Kersten’s report tallies 12 crashes from 2019 to 2023, including:

- 4 crashes – Driving too fast for condi-

- tions
- 2 crashes – Failure to yield the right-of-way when making a left turn
- 1 crash – Exceeded the authorized speed limit
- 1 crash – Collision with an animal
- 1 crash – Following too close
- 1 crash – Ran off the road to the right
- 1 crash – Improper backing out of a driveway onto the road
- 1 crash – No improper action (not road related, a sideswipe crash occurred within a driveway access)

“The proposed improvements will improve public safety by improving the ride quality and paving the existing aggregate shoulders. Paving shoulders is a proven safety countermeasure for run off the road crashes. Additionally, the installation of a new sidewalk to extend from W. Price Street to W. Harvest Street will create connectivity for the neighborhood around W. Harvest Street where there currently is none,” Kersten wrote.

Sewer plant generator

The council agreed to buy a \$143,460 Caterpillar C13 diesel engine generator from Althofer Power Systems, of Bettendorf. The generator provides up to 400 kilowatts of standby power.

Wastewater superintendent Tony Rupe said the city paid \$125,841 in 2021 to repair a switchgear on one of two backup generators.

The new unit will replace both old ones.

Rupe estimated installation costs of \$40,000 for electrical work.

Normally, Caterpillar has a one- to two-year lead time for the equipment.

“Altorfer Equipment currently has a 400kW Caterpillar generator available at their Davenport location due to a canceled order by a local hospital. This 400kW generator will meet our current load capacity and could potentially carry the load of a future expansion if load



Park board donation

MidAmerican Energy representative Dave McCammant presents a \$500 check to Eldridge park board member Jill DeWulf at the Nov. 6 council meeting.

NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi

shedding is put in place,” Rupe wrote to council members. He said installation will be complete by year end.

He said the city and Altorfer will attempt to sell the old generators. “How-

ever, it will take a unique situation for them to work as they are currently indoor generators with outdoor radiators and fuel tanks. We do not have an estimate of resale value,” Rupe said.

VAPES: Blackwell says city already has six vape license holders

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“I appreciate the clarification Jeff provided,” Blackwell said. “It does not change my thoughts and sensibilities.”

The vape shop is in a retail center on 2.6 acres owned since 2009 by W. John Schultz, of rural Eldridge.

Blackwell said no constituents had reached out since the Nov. 6 meeting, but he believes most residents agree. He noted the area’s abundance of pizza choices. “Do we want to become that for vapes and liquor stores?”

Council member Brian Dockery warned of legal implications. “We can’t turn it down just because we don’t like it. It could open us up to another lawsuit.

“Lawsuits don’t scare me. But rules on the books now don’t say how many there can be,” Dockery said.

Council member Dan Collins noted that the Quality Vacuum shop gave up its permit. “If it makes you feel better Adrian, one is closing down.”

Blackwell listed other license holders: Eldridge Mart, Casey’s, Dollar General, both Big 10 Marts, and HyVee.

“It doesn’t change my vote. I’m just trying to respect our constituents,” Blackwell said.

Collins replied: “We have to respect the law, too.”

Bruce Cheek made the motion, seconded by Collins, that won four votes.

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-John Maxwell

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Outgoing Mississippi Valley Fair board president Jon Lafrenz hands a gavel to new president Roger Friederichs, of Walcott, at the MVF board meeting Oct. 16 at the Iowa Machine Shed. Contributed photo

Roger Friederichs leads Mississippi Valley Fair board

The Mississippi Valley Fair Board welcomed three new members and appointed Roger Friederichs as board president.

Friederichs, of Walcott, succeeds outgoing president Jon Lafrenz.

The board added three members at its Oct. 19 meeting at the Iowa Machine Shed.

Amber Gipple has been a volunteer for many years here at the fair participating in Special Needs Day and other events as needed. She lives in Davenport with her husband Tim and is employed in health care.

Julie Schocker has been involved in both 4-H and fair activities. She and her

husband live in New Liberty. She retired from the insurance industry.

Carter Hagen is the grandson of long time past fair board member Bob Petersen. Carter's family has been involved all of his life. He currently is employed at Petersen Plumbing and resides in Davenport with his wife Lisa.

The MVF board includes First Vice President John Paustian, Second Vice President Denise Hollonbeck, Treasurer Jeff Claussen, Dr. James Berger, Dan Bernick, Fred Classon, Richard Cousens, Trevor Fennelly, Mary Lange, Karla Larson, Kelley Moses and Roger Schemmel.



Sheriff's reserve honored

Scott County Sheriff Tim Lane commended the Scott County Sheriff's reserve as the longest-running volunteer auxiliary in the nation. Now with 50 volunteers, the organization was founded as the Scott County Sheriff's Posse in 1965.

From left: Reserve president Rich Aleksiejczyk, Reserve Dan Ryan and VIPS member Ron Plante.

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Scott County election results

Cities

Blue Grass

Mayor: Brad Schutte 147, write-ins 21

Council, pick three

- ✓ Schuyler Dean Bowman Jr. 152
- ✓ Timothy J. Brandenburg 139
- ✓ Robert W. Blok 136
- Write-ins 22

Buffalo

Mayor

- ✓ Sally A. Rodriguez 154
- Tony Follis 89
- Dave Stickrod 23
- Write-in 1

City Council at-large, pick two

- ✓ Sean Roman 137
- ✓ Trent Adams 117
- Ted Teel 86
- Art Bartleson 65
- Joe Buffington 43
- Brian Briggs 42
- Dusty Chaplin 30
- Write-ins 1

At large vacancy, pick one

- ✓ Rachel Teel-Vanderpool 160
- Jesse Leonard 84
- Write-ins 4

Dixon

Mayor: Cole Waters 15, write-ins 5

City Council at-large, pick two

- ✓ Nicholas Manrique 19
- ✓ Nicholas Phares 18
- Write-ins 0

Donahue

Mayor: Ken L. Schoenthaler 80

City Council at-large, pick two

- ✓ Adam Ganzer 76
- Write-ins 21

Durant, Scott County totals

Mayor: Scott Spenglerr 27

City council at-large, pick two

- Brad Utter 20
- ✓ Marcus L. Ostofi 19
- ✓ Kevin Mundt 17

Write-ins 0

Eldridge

Council at-large, pick three

- ✓ Scott Campbell 835
- ✓ Ryan Iossi 639
- ✓ Adrian Blackwell 481
- Martin P. O'Boyle 399
- Steve D. Mohr 380
- Tisha Bousset 296
- Jeff Hamilton 279
- Nathan Kelling 227
- Bruce Cheek 185
- Write-ins 21

LeClaire

Mayor: Dennis Gerard 247, write-ins 11

Council at-large, pick two

- ✓ Bill Bloom 202
- ✓ Sara M. Gravert 237
- Write-ins 17

Long Grove

Mayor: Mike Limberg 116, write-ins 11

Council at-large, pick three

- ✓ Chad Ulrich 113
- ✓ Michael Boddicker 108
- ✓ Nancy Herrin 106
- Write-ins 12

Maysville

Mayor: Rodney Ferris 38, write-ins 3

Council at-large, pick two

- ✓ Matthew Andrews 39
- ✓ Shannon Locke 24
- David B. Sindt 20
- Write-ins 0

McCausland

Mayor: Brian Holland 54, write-ins 1

Council, pick three

- ✓ Lloyd R. Claussen 54
- ✓ James Stewart 50
- ✓ William Gillespie 47
- Write-ins 2

New Liberty

Mayor: Ray Pratt, 26; write-ins 1

Council, pick two

- ✓ Donald R. Muse 25
- ✓ Mike Zogg 24
- Write-ins 2

Panorama Park

Mayor: Ronald Rice 33; write-ins 0

Council, pick five

- ✓ Steven Thayne Perry 35
- ✓ Shawn Rice 35
- ✓ David Smith 35
- ✓ Irvin Foltz 34
- ✓ Jacque M Krause 33
- Write-ins 0

Princeton

Mayor: Travis Volrath 223, write-ins 25

Council, pick three

- ✓ Keith Youngers 190
- ✓ Brandon Forristall 102
- ✓ Kevin Kernan 108
- Christina McDonough 95
- Diane Seitz 87
- Jason Balinski 74
- Rachelle Sullivan 65
- Zachary Hansarik 39
- Write ins 2

Riverdale

Mayor: Anthony Heddlesten 161; write-ins 21

Council, pick three

- ✓ Steven Russell Townsend 121
- ✓ Beth Anne Halsey 121
- ✓ Stephanie Harvey 93
- Brock Adam Duncan 75
- Justin Galbraith 65
- Kaitlyn Woods 27
- Seth Woods 25
- Write-ins 3

Walcott

Council, pick three

- ✓ Jacob Puck 112
- ✓ Lisa Mengler 107
- ✓ Everett Bieri 98
- Write-ins 15

School districts

North Scott

Board, pick four

- ✓ Carrie Keppy 1,975
- ✓ Joni Dittmer 1,858
- ✓ Molly Bergfeld 1,828
- ✓ Stephanie Eckhardt 1,621
- John Maxwell 1,466
- Write-ins 68

Bettendorf

Board, pick four

- ✓ Patrick Larkin 2,373
- ✓ Ryan McGivern 2,605
- ✓ Paul Castro 2,534
- ✓ Kevin Freking 2,410
- Erin Bannerman 1,508
- Joanna Doerder 1,488
- Rebecca Eastman 1,441
- Mindy Smith-Pace 1,076
- Write-ins 46

Davenport

Board, pick four

- ✓ Kent Paustian 5,799
- ✓ Linda Hayes 5,623
- ✓ Karen Kline-Jerome 5,364
- ✓ Daniel Gosa 5,301
- Connie King 4,877
- Andrew Kaufman 4,531
- Write-ins 265

Pleasant Valley

Board district 3, pick one

- ✓ Peter E. Olsen 393
- Nikhil Wagle 660
- Write-ins 1

District 4 pick one

- ✓ Molly Brockmann 578
- F. Danny Amaya 428
- Write-ins 9

District 5, pick one

- ✓ Adrienne Wheeler 453
- Amy E McCabe 236
- Write-ins 4

District 6, pick one

- ✓ Jameson Smith 256
- Write-ins 260

Bennett Scott County totals

Board, pick two

- ✓ Danielle Pratt 37
- ✓ Nicole Wolf 33
- Write-ins 2

Calamus-Wheatland

Scott County totals

Board, pick one

- John Looney 15
- Brittany Reynolds-Bennett 6
- Larry Banowetz 2
- Write-ins 0

Durant Scott County totals

Board, pick three

- ✓ Marie Richman 107
- ✓ Carla Whitlock 105
- ✓ Tara Lindsay 100
- Write-ins 4

School referendum

- ✓ Yes 516
- No 274

Eastern Iowa Community College

Director District 3

- ✓ Allison Ambrose 2,424
- Write-ins 47

District 4

- ✓ Robert H. Gallagher 3,617
- Write-ins 83

District 6, to fill vacancy

Write-ins 664. (Counted Tuesday, after deadline.)

District 7

- ✓ Dianne Prichard 538
- Write-ins 9

District 9

- ✓ Michelle L. Garvin 1,488
- Write-ins 15

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3-2 vote launches \$234K trail engineering - for now

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Managing Editor

A split Princeton council vote authorized up to \$234,593 in engineering and design work on a mile-long trail along U.S. 67, at least until the next council is seated Jan. 1.

For more than an hour Nov. 7, council members debated conflicting resolutions to proceed with, or kill the trail project that was a major factor in the election.

Ultimately, three council members who no longer will serve voted to allow the engineering work to proceed, drawing from city funds, 80 percent of which will be reimbursed through a federal engineering grant.

Council members Christina McDonough, Gina Wolfe and Jami Stutting voted to proceed. Council members Zach Phares and Karen Woomert backed resolutions that would have killed the project.

"This has not been easy," Stutting said after the vote. "As passionate as people are for and as passionate against, a lot of heated things are going on."

"This trail didn't come up in the last few months. I lost so much sleep. I did not re-run for council because of the stress involved. I was torn. I see both sides. If you never step on the gas, the needle will never move. This is a start. I know I was the deciding vote today and I'm telling you I struggled."

McDonough was one of the founders of the trails nonprofit that has raised more than \$80,000 to cover the city's portion of engineering. She and Wolfe participated in countless community meetings over the past three years to get public feedback on the trail and other recreational improvements.

Wolfe declined to seek reelection. McDonough lost council election by 13 votes.

Princeton voters elected former mayors Keith Youngers, and Kevin Kernan, along with Brandon Forristall to the council, and Travis Volrath as mayor. All have shared concerns about the trail.

At the Nov. 9 meeting, Youngers said he is among Princeton's few local business owners who will lose access if the trail goes through.

"I took a tape measure. We'd have to lose our sign," he said. Youngers runs Keith & Co. printing firm at 205 Lost Grove Road, on U.S. 67. "You'll start taking business away from our own businesses. It's a terrible path," Youngers said.

Tom Portz' vehicle and storage business at 302 U.S. 67, is two blocks south of Youngers. He also condemned the trail at this and previous meetings for restricting access and vehicle storage space that he rents to customers.

"It's not just my parking lot, it's access to get cars in to work on them. Who maintains this trail? Am I responsible for winter maintenance?" He acknowledged easement payments may come with construction. "But what about the next 25 years of fair market value?"

Council members Woomert and

Phares questioned the city's ability to cash flow the engineering work. Even with an engineering study, the pair seemed skeptical the town could find tax or grant money to ever build the trail.

The council voted 3-2 to award the design contract to Hutchison Engineering. Company operations director, J. D. Schulte, who was Moline's public works director for many years, said the firm will work with residents along the path.

"Lots of public input and lot of public involvement," will be needed, he said. "Stakeholder input is pretty important. We'll give you ideas, but ultimately, it's up to you," he told the council.

Scott County Engineer Angie Kersten has been assisting Princeton with the trail project, including the grant application that won \$186,674 through the Iowa Department of Transportation to cover 80 percent of design costs.

"I know it can be challenging for a small city to apply for federal aid, especially for engineering."

We have a lot of experience expending federal dollars. I'm committed to stay on with the committee providing guidance throughout the entirety of the project," Kersten said.

Mayor Kevin Kernan said some residents have suggested running a portion of the trail through residential areas on Third or Fifth Streets, or along River Drive.

Kersten said the design grant is specific to U.S. 67.

"The location of project set by federal award. It can be changed, but it's really a difficult process."

It would be very difficult, challenging process and cost more money," she said. "If it was my project and I was going to change the route, I'd be submitting a new application."

Kersten and McDonough said Iowa DOT no longer funds design work with federal funds.

Kernan allowed 20 minutes of public comment on the trail and residents filled every second.

"Ten years from now and there's damage to it, who has to pay to repair when no more funds or grant is left. Who will pay?" asked Amy Simmons, a former council member.

Another former council member, Ann Geiger warned the trail on U.S. 67 would require culvert and ditch work, and affect some businesses.

"The flower beds by Lutheran church have to be backed off," she said. "I finally read the grant application yesterday. I should have read it earlier." She said the plans show the trail within five feet of the highway. "It's dangerous."

Others said the trail would be far safer than the shoulders used by cyclists and pedestrians now.

"I'm an avid bicyclist," said Barb Arland-Fye, of LeClaire. "When I ride through Princeton, I'm concerned about safety issues now. I worry about safety every time I come through town."

This is a great opportunity for Princeton for more people to come to this area. It's such a great enhancement."



More than 40 residents filled Princeton city hall for the Nov. 9 meeting to discuss the city's trail plan.
NSP photo by Mark Ridolfi

Princeton resident Jennifer Hildebrand agreed. "I echo Barb's safety concern." Hildebrand said she rides U.S. 67 from Bluff Road to Casey's. "I hang on to my bike handles. It's very unsafe. The bigger safety issues is letting people ride that highway without a trail."

Her husband, and trail committee member Kim Hildebrand said if the council killed the trail, Princeton would be known as, "the town that gave up a much sought-after grant after delaying things a year."

He said options to divert the trail through neighborhoods could be considered after engineering is done. "Then everybody wins."

If not, "the \$187,000 grant goes away forever. It will never return."

Trail committee member Tyler Nack noted deep community support and fundraising for the trail. "It's been many years in the making and the grant is a

great opportunity," he said. The city can paint trail lanes along River Drive or elsewhere to branch off the main trail. "We won't need the DOT to do River Drive," he said.

Trails supporter Tara Flesch organized the Princeton 5K trail fundraising race. "We already have \$80,000. From the 5K to the dog scamper, it has been part of the biggest community development in Princeton. We got feedback how people love our small town."

Trail committee member and losing council candidate Jason Balinski said residents have contributed to trail fundraisers for years.

"This fundraising effort raised more for Princeton than anything we've had," he said.

That includes an annual 5K run since 2012, and the annual dog scamper. This

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Freddy Almanza introduces himself at Princeton's Nov. 9 council meeting.

CHIEF: 'Call me Freddy'

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times and is looking forward to the change of pace.

"Welcome to Princeton," Woomert said, drawing applause from 40 residents crowded into city hall.

Almanza said he read about the opening online.

"Call me Freddy," he told the community. "I've been working homicide, from Garfield Park to Austin. So when something does happen here, I'll be ready."

He told the council he had worked on a homicide that day.

The council voted to pay him \$30 an hour to start, then \$32 when he is certified by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

Woomert said LeClaire police Sgt. Roger Phelps is conducting background checks, and will guide Almanza through Iowa's certification. She said Almanza, "will be working closely with LeClaire, processing arrests there instead of Dav-
enport."

Almanza succeeds Wyatt Heyvaert, a former Albany and Fulton, Ill. police officer who could not get certified by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Council members visited the Academy board twice, but the board had concerns about his guilty plea for leaving the scene of a property damage accident in Fulton.

Then the council voted to make Heyvaert city administrator, which lasted a week, until complaints from staff and citizens led to his dismissal and a \$4,161 pay out in August.

The council had decided to contract with Scott County for periodic patrols, and let the council elected Nov. 7 consider a longer-term plan.

Council member Zach Phares said the council listened to residents eager to get a police chief.

"I think we have a good opportunity. We heard you guys say we don't listen. We got you something, an opportunity we probably won't get again."

PRINCETON: City attorney says next council may reconsider

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year's dog scamper in April raised \$4,070.

Trail group members won a \$8,630 grant from ADM to help fund design work.

Many of the same residents shared many of the same arguments at a March 9 meeting that drew more than 50 to the Boll's Community Center. That's when the council voted 3-2 to accept the trail grant, which led to a council vote to fund the city's share through a loan.

Much of the Nov. 9 council debate was over a series of resolutions with wording that addressed the loan.

City attorney Candy Pastrnak advised the council that its resolution in March allowed only loan funding of the city's share. Pastrnak had warned the city would be on the hook for the full grant amount if the DOT failed to honor its contract.

At the Nov. 9 meeting, she said any new resolution must resolve the March vote for the loan.

Pastrnak had drafted a new resolution that still referenced the loan requirement.

Council member McDonough modified that resolution to allow the council to pay for engineering from the city account, funded by donations from the trails committee.

Pastrnak advised that the council vote separately on both versions.

Woomert and Phares voted for Pastrnak's draft, which would have killed the project.

They voted against McDonough's version, which passed 3-2.

After approving the financing resolution, the council voted 3-2 to award the design contract to Hutchison. Woomert and Phares voted, "no."

The contract allows fees up to \$234,593. Princeton qualified for a \$186,674 federal grant awarded through the Iowa Department of Transportation. That leaves \$47,919 for Princeton to cover, which is within the city's trail budget, comprised of donations and the council's annual \$10,000 appropriation.

Hutchison's contract includes \$42,733 for sub-consultant Quigg Engineering Inc., to design pedestrian bridge options over Whiskey Run Creek.

Resident Zach Hamilton noted the election results and asked, "What stops new members from turning down construction? Did you just waste a lot of engineering money? The people who wanted the trail got voted off. People

don't want the trail."

Pastrnak said, "The new council can retract previous resolutions."

Annual street report

Princeton spent \$415,285 on street work, including \$96,633 in salaries for the fiscal year ending June 30.

The city and all Iowa towns are required to submit end of year spending reports to the Iowa Department of Transportation that document use of state and local tax dollars.

Snow removal costs totaled \$10,420

The city used \$132,000 in property taxes for roads, and \$65,320 for the last payment on a general obligation bond for street work.

State road-use taxes on gas contributed \$127,015 to the city.

The report showed all city road equipment and its purchase price.

- 2012 Case backhoe, \$59,500
- 2014 Ford F550, \$72,005
- 2013 Kubota mower, \$11,977
- 2012 Deere Gator, \$5,975
- 2007 Kubota mower, \$12,000
- 2006 Gehl skid loader, \$20,000
- 2020 public works truck, \$30,000

Records

The council agreed to destroy old city records in accordance with retention practices in the Iowa Municipal Records Manual.

The manual sets different ranges for different types of records.

This resolution approved destruction of bank deposit slips, attorney invoices and other records for different periods between 2013-2019.

It includes meter reading records from 2015-2020, and community center rental applications from 2021-2022.

Urban renewal report

The annual report required by the Iowa Department of Revenue shows a cash balance of \$213,125 in the tax increment financing account. Last year, the city completed all of its incentive payments to the developers of Lost Grove acres.

Nuisance property

The council declared property at 227 Fillmore Street to be a nuisance, requiring the owner to begin improvements within 48 hours.

The home, purchased by Ian Ahlgren in November 2022 for \$50,000 has been the subject of nuisance complaints, including a cracked sidewalk where a pedestrian was injured.



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Brockmann's turkeys are back for Tasty Café's Thanksgiving

Locally raised turkey is back on the menu for Tasty Café's annual Thanksgiving dinner, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 23.

Long Grove turkey farmer Charles Brockman donates the meal cooked at the café, and offered for free. Donations have been accepted.

Brockman teamed up with Tasty Café in 2019 to begin the tradition that draws local residents who may not have a big family gathering that day.

This year, he is bringing six turkeys for the annual event.

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			PO Box 116		
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			POPULATION: 202		
NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.					
ALL FUNDS					
	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)	
Revenues and Other Financing Sources					
Taxes Levied on Property	47,172		47,172	45,219	
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0	
Net Current Property Taxes	47,172		47,172	45,219	
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0	0	
TIF Revenues	0		0	0	
Other City Taxes	13,730	0	13,730	34,748	
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	390	
Use of Money and Property	263	0	263	350	
Intergovernmental	16,742	0	16,742	25,553	
Charges for Fees and Service	15,573	41,784	57,357	42,273	
Special Assessments	0	0	0	0	
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in	0	0	0	0	
Total Revenues and Other Sources	93,480	41,784	135,264	148,533	
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses					
Public Safety	9,170		9,170	9,900	
Public Works	43,120		43,120	39,053	
Health and Social Services	0		0	0	
Culture and Recreation	7,994		7,994	22,907	
Community and Economic Development	0		0	0	
General Government	90,035		90,035	56,100	
Debt Service	0		0	0	
Capital Projects	0		0	0	
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	150,319	0	150,319	127,960	
Business type activities		63,669	63,669	42,273	
Total All Expenditures	150,319	63,669	213,988	170,233	
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	150,319	63,669	213,988	170,233	
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	-56,839	-21,885	-78,724	-21,700	
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2022	295,661	98,971	394,632	267,712	
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023	238,822	77,086	315,908	246,012	
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Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds			Pension Trust Funds		
Private Purpose Trust Funds			Agency Funds		
Indebtedness at June 30, 2023		Amount	Indebtedness at June 30, 2023		Amount
General Obligation Debt		0	Other Long-Term Debt		0
Revenue Debt		0	Short-Term Debt		0
TIF Revenue Debt		0			
			General Obligation Debt Limit		539,199

STATE OF IOWA					
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ALL FUNDS					
	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)	
Revenues and Other Financing Sources					
Taxes Levied on Property	469,985		469,985	466,681	
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0	
Net Current Property Taxes	469,985		469,985	466,681	
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0	0	
TIF Revenues	0		0	0	
Other City Taxes	189,303	0	189,303	166,221	
Licenses and Permits	6,031	0	6,031	16,690	
Use of Money and Property	30,273	10,607	40,880	5,500	
Intergovernmental	348,027	62,102	410,129	154,914	
Charges for Fees and Service	76,468	383,094	459,562	526,418	
Special Assessments	762	0	762	1,500	
Miscellaneous	23,082	1,478	24,560	21,926	
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in	568,883	186,401	755,284	459,591	
Total Revenues and Other Sources	1,712,814	643,682	2,356,496	1,819,441	
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses					
Public Safety	280,354		280,354	267,614	
Public Works	282,806		282,806	395,868	
Health and Social Services	0		0	0	
Culture and Recreation	118,607		118,607	119,547	
Community and Economic Development	0		0	0	
General Government	120,546		120,546	111,727	
Debt Service	81,680		81,680	121,579	
Capital Projects	7,477		7,477	160,558	
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	891,470	0	891,470	1,176,893	
Business type activities		463,663	463,663	327,031	
Total All Expenditures	891,470	463,663	1,355,133	1,503,924	
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out	752,617	2,667	755,284	459,591	
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	1,644,087	466,330	2,110,417	1,963,515	
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	68,727	177,352	246,079	-144,074	
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2022	1,046,835	73,603	1,120,438	1,312,814	
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023	1,115,562	250,955	1,366,517	1,168,740	
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General Obligation Debt		0	Other Long-Term Debt		0
Revenue Debt		0	Short-Term Debt		0
TIF Revenue Debt		0			
			General Obligation Debt Limit		4,182,397

Blast from the past

Alan Shepard students stepped into the past last month during Heritage Day at Pioneer Village. The students learned about how their ancestors might have kept house, made crafts, played games and even learned a little about the history of North Scott. NSP photos by Erin M. Gentz. More photos online at northscottpress.com



Lyla Kuhl, Olivia Lewis, Emily Havener, Evelyn Nagle-Kuch and Tatianna Rhodes shake containers of cream to make butter.



Nancy Youngbauer gives a presentation on the early days of the North Scott School District in the one-room schoolhouse.



Jackson Rupe catches a hoop on a stick.



Tammy Smolenski helps Tate Claussen make a whirlygig toy.



Leigha DeBerry concentrates on making a cornhusk doll.

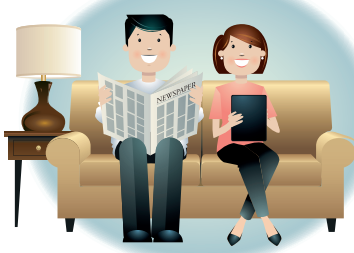
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Schools: Stutting offers clarification on Needs Assessment Survey questions

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- Crawford Company of Rock Island, a \$136,670 bid for metal wall panels
- Bill Bruce Builders of Eldridge, a \$298,000 bid for general trades
- Sterling Commercial Roofing of Bettendorf, a \$149,850 bid for roofing
- River Valley Construction of Bettendorf, a \$21,150 bid for painting
- Ragan Mechanical of Davenport, a \$449,000 bid for mechanical
- Rock River Electric of Colona, Ill., a \$257,171 bid for electrical

The accepted bid packages total \$1,745,381, with \$78,542 for contingency, and \$165,467 in total construction management fees, for a project total of \$1,989,390.

The project will double the size of the current welding lab, located immediately south of the high school near the Lancer Athletic Building, and will also allow the district to bring in metal fabrication equipment, including plasma and CNC machines. The classroom space will be completely remodeled, including new flooring and ceilings.

Superintendent Joe Stutting said he hoped the district would be able to break ground on the project by March, with completion in time for the start of the next school year.

Board president Mark Pratt brought up equipment donations from Arconic and John Deere.

"We'll start working with Arconic and Deere both," confirmed Stutting. "Arconic has been very upfront with helping us outfit that and working on some other grants and things."

EICC agreement

Stutting and high school principal Shane Knoche hailed the level of cooperation between the district and new Eastern Iowa Community Colleges' interim chancellor Liang Chee Wee, and Suteesh Tandon, vice chancellor of administrative services, in forming a new agreement for instructional services at the Regional Innovation Center.

"It was a good two weeks, creating a partnership with EICC," said Knoche. "It was refreshing to meet with Suteesh and Dr. Wee. We're excited to have this agreement completed."

"I would say Dr. Wee's been a great hire," said Stutting. He explained Wee will serve as interim chancellor for the next 15 months as EICC goes through an accreditation process.

Wee previously served as president of Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar.

Personnel

The board accepted the retirements of Jodie Brotherton, special education at the junior high, and Pat McGonegle, at-risk teacher, athletic director, and seventh grade boys track coach at the junior high, both effective at the end of the school year.

Resignations were accepted from Emma Wright, food service helper and office/general education aide at Virgil Grissom, effective Dec. 20; Rebecca Seals, head ninth grade volleyball coach, effective the end of the 2023 season; Molly Van Horn, Level III special education aide at Ed White, effective Nov. 14; and Chris Baguss, drama director at the junior high, effective the 2023-24 school year.

Reece Sommers was hired as an assistant varsity boys' basketball coach at \$4,210, effective the 2023-24 season, due to the resignation of Chad Specht. Sommers is a 2019 North Scott graduate who played basketball under coach Shamus Budde.

Kelly Drish was hired as a night custodian at the junior high at \$19.02 per hour, effective Nov. 1, due to the transfer of Zach Berry.

Angela Lofgren was hired as a food service helper at the high school at \$14.80 per hour, effective Nov. 13, due to the resignation of Karen Soenksen.

Sarah Schwarz was hired as a Level III special education aide at Alan Shepard at \$15.19 per hour, effective Nov. 13, due to the transfer of Rachel Moeller.

Mykah Peterson was hired as drama director at the junior high at \$674, effective the 2023-24 school year, due to the resignation of Chris Baguss.

Tony Saladino was hired as sophomore girls' basketball coach at \$4,210, effective the 2023-24 season, due to the resignation of Kylie Moxley.

Rachel Moeller, Level III special education aide at Alan Shepard was reassigned to PreK-4 special education aide at Shepard at \$16.18 per hour, effective Nov. 14.

Connie Hart, bus driver for the district, added the central activity route to her schedule effective Oct. 16, due to the resignation of Deb Lowe.

Food service helpers Stephanie Brunning and Alicia Gay will also serve as

Stutting clarifies survey on grade school configuration

Community members were invited to participate in a Needs Assessment Survey, conducted by the Iowa Association of School Boards (see QR code), designed to help the district assess strengths and areas of needed improvement.

Superintendent Joe Stutting said the district added three sections to the survey that asked specific questions about ways the district could improve: early outs, grade configurations, and childcare.

As to the grade configuration section, Stutting explained that the district sometimes has difficulty distributing resources and class sizes among the elementary schools. "There is a solution

to that - having our four outlying elementaries become grade levels, like K-3 and 4-6.

"There's no plan to do that. We've talked about it informally in strategic planning conversations. This was an opportunity just to feel ... if there was community support to even have the conversation."

He said the questions on childcare were also to feel out community support.

"The intent wasn't to give the impression that absolute decisions have been made. Or even a major discussion about it. Just to get input from the community."

He said that he would be putting out a video on the school website this week regarding the survey.



backup van drivers, effective Nov. 1.

Nathaniel Curlott and Leiren Jackson will be volunteers at the high school. They are directing Lancer Productions' upcoming "Charlotte's Web," which will be staged in January.

Other volunteers for the district include Whitney Moss, Christopher Spensley and Ryan Moss, all at Alan Shepard, and Cory Denison at the junior high.

Recognition

The board extended congratulations to students selected for the All-State and Opus honor choirs, the state champion volleyball team, the football team, which advanced to the state quarterfinals, and dance team state solo qualifiers **Cadence Strom, Paityn Leigh, and Marin Robertson,**


who will compete Dec. 1 in Des Moines.

Nate Noel, custodial manager, and **Emily Jordan**, custodian and bus driver, were present to accept Lancer Pride Awards from board member Joni Dittmer.


Bills

Business director Jill Van Roekel presented bills in the amount of \$3,492,023.46. Highlights included \$5,467.50 to Genesis Firstmed Pharmacy for staff flu shot supplies; \$10,911.08 to the City of Eldridge for first quarter school resource officer services; and \$20,910 to West Music for six Eastman tubas for the junior high.

Thirty-one students from Eric Lenze and Sean Marmion's government classes were present at the meeting.



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North Scott students joining the All-State Choir in Ames this week include: (front row) Riley McCoy, Caleb Strom, Nathan Anderson; (second row) Charlotte Madden, Ryenne Lacher, Anna Sophia Council, Hannah Noonan, Marlayna Cockshoot, Rachel Eriksen; (third row) Grace Gephart; (back row) Charity Bendickson, Thomas McCarthy, Isaiah Jensen, Matthew Simmons, Collin Meinert, Luke Simmons, Jesse Eller, Maddux Lamb, Sophia Steiner. NSP photos by Erin M. Gentz

18 Lancer voices join All-State choir

Festival Nov. 16-18 in Ames; 7:30 p.m. Saturday concert will be televised on Iowa PBS

By Erin M. Gentz
NSP Editor

It would have been hard to top last year's nearly perfect performance, but don't think for one minute that North Scott's choir is feeling down and out.

While it's true that there are fewer singers chosen for the All-State Choir, 18 is still reason for celebration. It's even more special when you realize that one of those singers will be joining the 600-voice ensemble in Ames for the fourth time, and four others for the third time.

Senior Anna Sophia Council became the first female student to take her place in North Scott's four-time All-State Club, joining Nate Meyer and Kellan Moss. Grace Gephart, Luke Simmons, Riley McCoy and Hannah Noonan join 21 others who made the choir three times.

"Students who are repeatedly accepted into All-State are all-around solid musicians," said choir director Lori Potts. "Each year, they have become more confident and better able to deal with nerves under pressure. Each of them have helped coach members of their audition groups through the process. This elite group of vocalists are great leaders and serve in leadership roles within their sections in North Scott Singers."

Taking their second trips to Ames will be Charity Bendickson, Isaiah Jensen, Caleb Strom, Matthew Simmons, Jesse

Eller, and Thomas McCarthy. Students making their All-State debuts include Ryenne Lacher, Marlayna Cockshoot, Rachel Eriksen, Sophia Steiner, Charlotte Madden, Nathan Anderson and Collin Meinert.

Waiting in the wings is senior Maddux Lamb, who was named an alternate to the choir.

Other auditioning students included Carter Harms, Elizabeth Samara, Gabrielle Andersen, Tabitha Skyles, and Luis Tapia.

Auditioning for All-State is an arduous procedure, with lots of extra practicing, including early morning and after-school rehearsals.

"Our students have an unbelievable work ethic," said Potts. "The program reflects the student buy-in and the drive to be successful. The All-State program is our state championship, and the students want to be recognized across the state."

"I'm honored to be their teacher and will continue to find ways for our program to excel."

Anna Sophia Council – Alto

After going four-for-four in All-State auditions, one might expect senior Anna Sophia Council to be more relaxed about the process. But that's not necessarily the case.

"Knowing what to expect can defi-

nately ease some of the nerves, but I don't think I could ever not be nervous for something like this. I think being nervous just shows how much you care about the process.

"I feel like every year that I have auditioned has brought new challenges and pressures. I just allowed it to motivate me to work harder."

The hard work paid off in a big way, allowing Anna Sophia, the daughter of Darin and Melissa Council, to become just the third North Scott student in



school history to make it to the All-State Music Festival four times. This year, she auditioned with Marlayna Cockshoot, Jesse Eller and Nathan Anderson.

"To me, All-State has been a passion project throughout high school. It has taught me a lot about who I am, as well as who I want to become, and has helped me create friendships I value more than anything. Being able to leave my mark on North Scott and show how impactful a program like this can be is all that I could have hoped to get out of it."

Anna Sophia made it straight through

this year, which she said made the experience just a little more stressful.

"I was not recalled, so the wait for the list to drop was agonizing. When it finally did, I really didn't know how to feel. It was a weight off my shoulders to know that I wouldn't have to question it any longer. It's an emotional moment for everyone and it always feels bittersweet. Knowing that I won't get to experience it again is definitely hard. I'm not sure what I'm going to do with myself next year without it."

She said her favorite part of the experience "has always been the concert. After long days of rehearsal perfecting the music, we are finally able to share it with our directors and our families, and there's nothing like it."

And family has always been important to Anna Sophia. She has an older brother, Ben, who was also a multi-year All-Stater, and she described him as "one of the most supportive people during the audition process. He and my parents have always been there to encourage me through these challenges, and I feel so lucky to have such an amazing family."

"I would really like to thank my directors who have helped me get where I am. My private lessons teacher, Dr. Nathan Windt, has been teaching me since junior high and is one of the most support-

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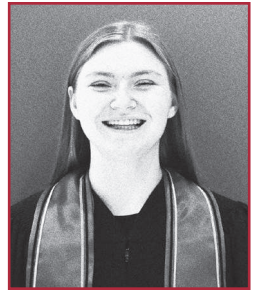
ive people I know. He is always there to help me learn and encourage me to be a better musician.

“Mr. Skyles, who first introduced me to choir in fourth grade, has been so impactful on my life. He helped spark my love of music and turn it into a real passion, and I can’t thank him enough for everything he’s done.

Finally, more than anyone, I would like to thank my choral director, Mrs. Potts. Over the past four years, I have gotten to know her not just as a teacher, but as a personal mentor. She has helped to shape my life in ways I can’t even begin to explain. She pushes me more than anyone to work hard for my goals and never lets me give up. I am so extremely fortunate to have these people in my life, and I wouldn’t be where I am today without their guidance and support.”

Grace Gephart – Alto

Senior Grace Gephart may have made the All-State Choir twice already, but she wasn’t taking anything for granted this year.



“There is always the underlying thought that just because you made it last year doesn’t mean you’ll make it this year. So yes, there is always a slight pressure, but I used that pressure to fuel my

practices, leading to a better performance.

“You spend months building up to a mere five minutes, so the pressure of that usually gets to me. However, I’ve become better at handling my nerves, through the years, and I think the previous experience has definitely aided in that. Knowing what to expect makes it easier to control the ‘what if’ thoughts, and put your nervous energy into something useful.”

The daughter of Anne-Marie and Jason Gephart, Grace auditioned with Carter Harms, Caleb Strom and Elizabeth Samara. The experience of this year’s list drop was a little different than past years.

“This year, I was not recalled, but made it straight through. When the list dropped, I spent the first couple seconds searching for my name. Once I found it, I was super excited. It’s a wave of pure, elated joy and incredible relief crashing together.

“After that settled, all I could think about was how incredibly grateful I am for Mrs. Potts, Mr. Skyles, and my lesson teacher, Dr. Windt. I could not have made it to this point without their help, and they have helped shape me into the singer I am today.

“I can’t wait to hang out with my friends and bond with some of the younger members of the choir. Also, I can’t wait for the first warmups, as that’s the first time we hear the entire choir sing together, and it is a magical moment.”

Hannah Noonan – Alto

Senior Hannah Noonan made the All-State Choir her freshman and sophomore years, but after not making the choir last year, she experienced a crisis of faith.

“This caused me to go through a lot of self-doubt since then, and really evaluate why I was even auditioning for All-State. After a lot of reflection and help from my loved ones, I came to the ultimate conclusion that I just love to sing, and it didn’t matter what the outcome was. What mattered was doing some-

thing I love with a lot of people I love.”

She described her quartet, which included Rachel Eriksen, Matthew Simmons and Thomas McCarthy, as family.

“In the end, I found myself wanting my friends and others to make it more than myself, which caused me the most stress.”

After all that, Hannah, the daughter of Alisa Noonan and Brandon Noonan, did not get a recall this year. She said she felt tremendous nerves, but quartet member

Matthew Simmons was the first to greet her with the good news and a big hug.

“I honestly still can’t believe it; it was such a great moment with everyone. A couple hours later, we found out my whole quartet made it straight through and we were just so happy and proud of one another.”

Hannah said she’s just looking forward to the whole experience of being in Ames again. “It is something you can never take for granted when you love music so much. I’m ready to just soak it in and do what I love one last time with people who have become like family to me over the last couple years.”

And she offered up a shout out to one of those special people.

“Anna Sophia and I have always been in this together. We have known each other since kindergarten and without her support, I don’t know where I would be. I am so proud of her and everything she has accomplished, especially being a four-year All-State member!”

Riley McCoy – Tenor

Looking to go three-for-three on All-State auditions, senior Riley McCoy said he felt a little additional pressure this year because it was his last chance.

“I was thrilled to make it as a sophomore, and the nerves definitely decreased for my junior year audition, but knowing this was my last opportunity to get to sing in the group significantly ramped up the pressure.”

The son of Heather and Jason McCoy, he auditioned with Luis Tapia, Tabitha Skyles and Charlotte Madden. He said the process has definitely in-

creased his confidence in his musical ability.

“Usually, my nerves would be off the charts, uncertain of what the judge’s decision would be, but over time, you gain experience and understand what an All-State quality audition is. It became less of a dreaded audition and more of an opportunity to show the judge your talents.”

Riley said he considers himself lucky that he’s never had to go through the additional stress of a recall. “It takes another level of composure and confidence to persevere through a recall.”

Once the list dropped, he described “an overwhelming sense of relief. I did it: I had secured the position to sing in the best ensemble I have ever been in one last time.”

In Ames, he said, “I will just be trying to take it all in for the final time and celebrating with others whose blood, sweat and tears finally paid off. You are finally able to enjoy the music that you have been fixated on perfecting for months.”

And Riley said he learned more about himself through the process.

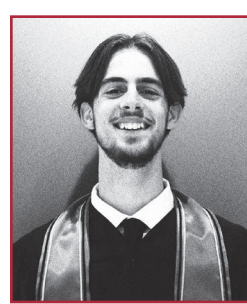
“After you make All-State and have a great deal of experience, it becomes more about helping others through the journey. When the list drops, your eyes go to where your friends’ names would be before you even think about yourself, and sometimes, they are not there, and that can hurt.

“Everyone who goes through the process has put in so much effort and should feel proud of how far they have come, because the process takes *grit*. Though it can be difficult after putting in all that work for seemingly nothing, I encourage anyone who did not make it this year to not give up and try again next year – it will be worth it.”

Luke Simmons – Bass

Being in the All-State Choir three times has given senior Luke Simmons an interesting perspective on the audition process.

“Already being an All-Stater honestly relieves more pressure than it gives. Each time I have auditioned, it has gotten



just a little bit easier. Instead of being more nervous, it’s increased my confidence, because I really understand what I’m getting into.”

The son of James and Brandy Simmons, Luke auditioned this year with Charity Bendickson, Sophie Steiner and Maddux Lamb.

“This being my third year, I knew exactly what I was getting into. I was extremely nervous my first time auditioning, and I spent the majority of the day trying to stay calm. This year, because I was far less nervous, I was able to focus more on helping others stay calm and encouraging others.”

That confidence gave him an extra boost when the recall list dropped, and his name wasn’t on it. But he also said the list drop can be a bittersweet experience.

“Seeing this list drop is such a complicated situation. It’s so hard to celebrate when the people you love are mourning, but it’s hard to be sad when so much has gone well. There’s no one way to explain it, because there’s so many emotions at once.”

With the auditions out of the way, Luke said he’s looking forward to enjoying the experience one last time.

“The thing I’m most excited for is the moment when we all start singing together for the first time, and I’m just overwhelmed with awe. There’s something so beautiful about 600 singers that cannot be put into words. This is my last year, and I’ll be savoring every minute of it.

“Every good thing I have is from God. He has given me my voice not so I can be in the spotlight, but so I can use it to bring glory to His name,” said Luke, quoting James 1:17 - “Whatever is good and perfect is a gift come down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens.”

Charity Bendickson – Soprano

After making the All-State Choir last year, senior Charity Bendickson said the nerves were somewhat lessened this year.

“This year, I felt a lot calmer and was able to relax in the hours leading up to our audition. I knew what to expect, and I knew what I had to do, so I was able to go in and do it!”

This year, she auditioned with Luke Simmons, Sophia Steiner and Maddux Lamb.



While she knew what to expect, that didn’t make getting recalled on the day any easier.

“Last year, I made it straight through, so then getting a recall this year kind of freaked me out. I was worried that I wouldn’t get to experience All-State with all of my friends, because knowing how fun it was last year, I’d be really sad not to make it my senior year.”

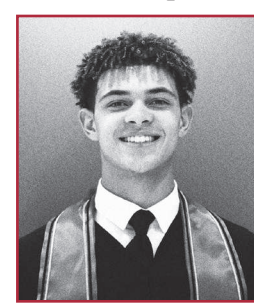
Luckily for the daughter of Troy and Tammy Bendickson, those fears turned out to be for naught, and she’s ready to head to Ames for a few days of fun.

“I’m looking forward to all of the time we get to spend together just having fun: the bus rides, shopping at the outlet mall, time spent at the hotel, all of it! It’s also very rewarding to see and hear all of our hard work pay off!”

Jesse Eller – Tenor

Junior Jesse Eller said there are advantages and disadvantages to repeating the All-State audition process.

“I did feel a little pressured knowing that I had made it last year and that I could do it again with a little less experience to help me this time. But I knew



I still had a solid and determined group, and I was more than confident in our ability.

“I had a great group last year, so it was hard adjusting, but knowing that I played a bigger role this year. Thankfully, now that I know what I’m doing, I was able to have more confidence and just trust in my quartet.”

This year, he auditioned with Marlayna Cockshoot, Anna Sophia Council and Nathan Anderson. He gives credit to his team for their success.

“I am very proud of my soprano and bass, being brand new to this, and being so smart and determined to commit to this process with me.”

The son of Halle Eller, Jesse said, “I am looking forward to what the sound of hundreds of talented kids singing with me sounds like again.”

Isaiah Jensen – Tenor

Each year of auditioning is different, and having auditioned four times, senior Isaiah Jensen said he didn’t necessarily feel any pressure this year, but he did get thrown for a loop on audition day.

“I received a recall. I was very nervous, because I’ve never had to do one, and it was really scary because my entire group was recalled. We were all confident in our performance, and to see that we all got recalled kinda took a shot at our confidence.”

Isaiah, the son of Violeta and Isaac Jensen, auditioned with Rylene Lacher, Gabby Andersen and Collin Meinert. He said he had a great experience with his group this year. “I was more connected to my quartet this year, so I was more

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focused on having fun with them and performing our hearts out.”

While he's pleased for himself, he's also happy to share his success with his friends in Ames, “especially Luke Simmons. Ever since we made Opus Honor Choir in eighth grade, we decided that everything choir-related, we'd do together. We'd sit together on the bus wherever we went. We'd eat lunch together wherever we were. Choir has been a big part of our lives, and I'm really glad that we've been able to experience these things together, so I can't wait to experience All-State one last time with him.”

He added that he's grateful for the adults who have supported him every step of the way. “I'd like to give the biggest thank you in the world to Mrs. Potts, Mr. Skyles, and my two loving parents. These four people have been pushing me and encouraging me to be the best singer, performer and person. I have Mr. Skyles to thank the most. He showed me how lost I was in who I was. He helped me figure out who I was and who I want to be, and I am very grateful for that. So, thank you to everyone!”

Thomas McCarthy – Bass

Senior Thomas McCarthy felt some pressure on himself this year, his fourth auditioning for All-State, as a singer and as a group member.

“I had to focus a lot on being a leader this year, which was a little different from the previous years. In years past, there were people in my quartet that were older than me and were able to show me the ropes. This year, though, as a senior, it was time for me to fill that role and become the person that set a good example for my group-mates. It wasn't always easy, but it was definitely a fun challenge.”

The son of Regan McCarthy and the late Tom McCarthy, Thomas said he felt “a good amount of pressure to get selected into the choir again this year. Since I made it last year, I knew I was an All-State caliber singer. For me though, the only way to prove that to myself was to make it again.”

This year, his group included Rachel Eriksen, Hannah Noonan and Matthew Simmons.

“There is nothing I love more than making music with my friends, and what better way to do it than at the All-State Music Festival? To get selected for an event like this, you have to have a passion for it, and at All-State, everyone does. The festival is a time where everyone gets to take a step back from the stresses of everyday life and just enjoy some great music. Everyone has worked so hard for this moment, and I can't wait to create something amazing with people that care about music just as much as I do.”

And he's looking forward to sharing the experience with someone else who cares about the experience, too: his mom.

“Ever since I started taking an interest in music when I was in junior high, my mom has been there to support me every step of the way. She has been there for my highs, and she has been there for my lows. I am very thankful that I get to share this amazing experience with her before I graduate. Love you, mom!”

Matthew Simmons – Tenor

Junior Matthew Simmons rejoins the All-State Choir, along with his brother

Luke, this year. He said the pressure to return didn't affect him much.

“I felt more pressure, yes, but it didn't affect me as much as one might think. I know that making All-State does not define me. God does. And He does not need me to be a two-time or ever one-time All-State singer to love me.”

That said, the son of James and Brandy Simmons, said “knowing exactly what to expect made me feel more comfortable knowing what it was I was walking into on audition day. I had very little anxiousness.”

He auditioned this year with Rachel Eriksen, Hannah Noonan and Thomas McCarthy.

As for his success this year, he said, “I just love singing, and especially with so many people. It is just an unforgettable experience.”

Caleb Strom – Tenor

Senior Caleb Strom convinced a panel of judges he was worthy to take his place in the All-State choir last year. This year, he was concerned about convincing one more person he belonged: himself.

“It was so exciting to make it last year, especially since it was my first time auditioning,” he said. “With that said, this year was kind of a ‘prove it’ year for me. I made it last year, now I felt like I have to prove that I was meant to be there.”

The son of Steve and Shauna Strom, Caleb proved his mettle once again. This year, his audition group included Carter Harms, Grace Gephart and Elizabeth Samara. He said that aside from having a different group and a slightly modified ambition, this year challenged him in other ways.

“Last year, the music was much more complicated, which meant that much more time was spent on simply learning notes and rhythms. This year, we had to focus more on style to try to stand out from the other groups to the judge.”

“I will say that it was helpful to have gone through the process before, but I don't think anything can really compare to going in front of a judge to prove why you should be an All-Stater.”

With the stress of auditioning behind him, Caleb says he's looking forward to a last hurrah with his choir friends.

“I'm looking forward to one of the last trips I will get to take with some of my best friends before we graduate next year. As great as it is to get to know some new people, and as fun as the concert and everything will be, I'm really looking forward to enjoying this trip with the people I've been around for the last six years, since a lot of us won't be around each other this time next year.”

Nathan Anderson – Bass

Last year, sophomore Nathan Anderson tried out for the All-State Band. This year, he decided to give the choir a try.

The son of Beth Ann and Darin Anderson, Nathan auditioned with Anna Sophia Council, Jesse Eller and Marlayna Cockshoot. He described the audition process as arduous.

“There was a lot of preparation that I had to put into my audition. We started in August at the Meistersinger camp,

where we did almost nothing but sing for three days straight. When school started, almost every day for weeks, we had to wake up early, and often I'd stay up late running through the parts.

“It was a mentally and emotionally exhausting period, but I knew that I wanted to put in the work. For one thing, music is what drives my life and any opportunity to improve at it, I take. For another, my brother Matthew tried out multiple times and finally made it his senior year. I wanted to continue his legacy, as well as that of his friends who were active in choir and all those that came before him.”

With all that in mind, Nathan said he felt pretty good, initially, on the day of the audition.

“I thought we did pretty good, but when the recall list dropped, I started to get nervous, because some people that I thought would for sure make it straight through got recalled. However, the two returning All-Staters (Anna and Jesse) didn't get recalled either, so I was kind of debating the entire day.

“When the lists finally dropped, it felt like a huge weight lifted off of my shoulders. For those that make it, those first few moments when all your work pays off are pure joy.”

There's one moment Nathan said he's particularly looking forward to at the concert.

“In Ames, I'm looking forward to the combined ‘Battle Hymn of the Republic’ performance at the concert. I've been to the concert twice as a spectator and that song is always special.”

But generally, he also said he's looking to the future with a renewed sense of possibility.

“I know that I'll have to continue to put work and effort into music, but I know that it's now possible and that I'm capable of great musicianship.”

“I'd like to thank Mr. Skyles and Mrs. Potts, as well as Dr. Nathan Windt of St. Ambrose for all the choral work they've helped me with. They've always pushed me to be a great musician.”

Marlayna Cockshoot – Soprano

Although sophomore Marlayna Cockshoot made the Opus Honor Choir, this was her first year auditioning for All-State. Her quartet included Nathan Anderson, Anna Sophia Council and Jesse Eller.

“The experience was rigorous, but rewarding. I prepared by bonding with my team and meeting whenever we could to practice. We worked hard, were honest to each other throughout the process, and asked for help from others and our teachers. I enjoyed the process because I made new and rekindled old friendships along the way.”

The daughter of Tonya Cockshoot and Jarrad Cockshoot, Marlayna was concerned about nerves, but on the day, muscle memory took over.

“It was only a seven-minute interaction, and since we had sung those songs so many times, my mind blanked out and my body did the rest, so it didn't feel scary. Even if I didn't blank out, it was so fast and simple that it's not as terrifying as it seems.”

She said the only scary part of the day was when the list dropped.

“You sat there waiting in a huge mob of people and, when the list dropped, some groups were crying and some were screaming with excitement, so there were many mixed emotions.”

Now, she said she's looking forward to making new friends in Ames. “I am also excited to see old friends from Opus and from the All-State Audition again!”

And, she said she'd recommend the All-State experience.

“If you are in choir and enjoy choir competitively, audition for All-State! It is very hard, but so fun at the same time. I have learned so much from the process and I recommend any singer to audition!”

Rachel Eriksen – Soprano

Auditioning with a group of veteran All-Staters (Hannah Noonan, Matthew Simmons and Thomas McCarthy) left sophomore Rachel Eriksen with some idea of what to expect. But before getting to the audition at Washington High School, there was still a lot of work to do, including 7 a.m. rehearsals.

“If I'm being honest, I did not like having to wake up earlier than I needed to, but I reminded myself every morning that, whether I made it into All-State or not, I would still become a better singer through this process.”

In addition to early morning practice, Rachel's quartet practiced during sixth period, and she practiced on her own until the big day.

“My quartet waited a couple of hours after we arrived at Washington High School to audition, and during that time, I mainly felt calm, but as our audition time came closer, I started to get more nervous, but I was never overly anxious.”

“During the audition, I tried to have fun with my quartet and sing the music. While we sang through the cuts in the audition room, I remembered all the times we had practiced this together, and how much fun we had together. That's the thought that got me to smile while I was singing.”

The daughter of Corrina Eriksen and Tom Eriksen, Rachel made it straight through on her first attempt.

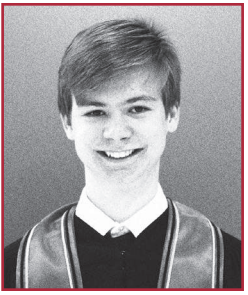
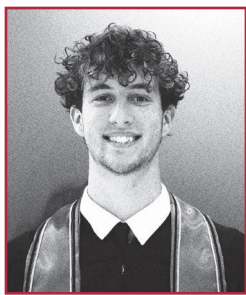
“I remember a couple people telling me that I had gotten in. I believed them, but I needed to see it with my own eyes, so I ran up as close as I could get to the list, and I saw my name on it. It felt dreamlike, like I was going to have to wake up at any moment and have to repeat the day all over again. But at the same time, I knew it was real, and I was thrilled.”

After hugs, and maybe some tears, the high started to come down, and Rachel was able to be more reflective about the day.

“People said that the audition day was going to be mentally draining, something I didn't understand until I actually experienced it myself. By the time we got back on the bus to go home, I felt overjoyed by the fact that I was an All-Stater, but I also felt genuinely sad for the people that didn't make it. I felt really connected to everyone throughout the day, like we were a family.”

Now, she's looking forward to singing with the rest of the choir members. “I know that the choir is going to sound

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amazing, and I can't wait to experience it. I'll be singing with people I know and people I don't know, but we will all be united in the fact that we are singing music and we love to sing. I'm also excited to meet the conductor and see what he will have us do with the music."

Ryenne Lacher – Soprano

Senior Ryenne Lacher has been thinking about auditioning for All-State since she was in seventh grade, but this year, she decided to go for it.

"Actually getting to be a part of the whole process for the first time was a super cool experience. The process of learning all the music down to each dynamic and marking was tedious sometimes, but then being put with a quartet and going through the whole process side-by-side was a really exciting feeling."

That quartet included Gabby Andersen, Isaiah Jensen and Collin Meinert.



The daughter of Niki and Drew Lacher, Ryenne described the day of the audition as "nerve-wracking at first, but I knew that everybody else was probably in the same boat, and that helped ease off the nerves a little bit and to make the most of the day."

After getting recalled, Ryenne said she felt "so nervous" for the list to drop.

"I had gotten recalled and had gone through that whole process about an hour before the list dropped, and that was one of the longest hours of my life.

"Eventually, I saw a bunch of people running toward the list, and I knew that was it. Before I even got to the list, someone came up to me, gave me a big hug, and told me that I made it. All the nerves became excitement very quickly!

"I am so excited to put all the music together one more time. When you practice before the audition, you only sing bits and pieces based on the most likely audition cuts. I'm excited to be able to sing the songs to the end and to make music with people who all have a passion for it.

"I have had so much fun being a part of this journey, and being surrounded by so many talented people that all love music is an experience that I will cherish forever!"

Charlotte Madden – Alto

Sophomore Charlotte Madden described the All-State process as "challenging, to say the least. I was very nervous going into the process, because I was on the younger side and did not want to let myself down or my group members. I remember going into every rehearsal with an open mind and remembering that any mistake I made was not the end of the world. This process really helped me with not being hard on myself and learning what when you grow, mistakes are bound to happen."



The daughter of Scott and Mary Beth Madden, Charlotte was in a group with Riley McCoy, Tabitha Skyles and Luis Tapia. She said, "I just knew that no matter what, I just needed to go into the room

and sing. I could not let my nerves get to me and I had to keep that thought in my mind all day. I reminded myself that, no matter the outcome, I was proud of myself."

When the list dropped, she said she felt a wave of emotion. "I couldn't quite find my name, and my heart dropped, then at the bottom of the list, there it was. A rush of relief came over me, and I couldn't explain the feeling, but I felt a big smile on my face. Waiting for the list to drop was nerve-wracking, since I did not get recalled, which made me more unsettled. I remember going and comforting other friends when their nerves got high, because it was a good way for me to distract myself.

"I am looking forward to singing in the massive All-State Choir and hearing just amazing musicians overall. I am also excited to go up with my choir members and just make memories that will last a lifetime.

"I would like to thank everyone who has helped me in this process, like my parents, family and friends. The amount of people who have impacted my career in choir is crazy to think about. I am so grateful for all the upperclassmen who have made me a better singer and person overall. I'm also extremely grateful for my choir teachers and mentors, Mrs. Potts and Mr. Skyles. They have been a big part of my choir career and I would not be where I am today without them."

Collin Meinert – Bass

Like his fellow bass Nathan Anderson, junior Collin Meinert formerly auditioned for the All-State Band. This year, he decided to go for the choir, joining a group with Ryenne Lacher, Gabby Andersen and Isaiah Jensen. And as with any audition, practice makes perfect.

"In the weeks leading up to my audition, I practiced as much as possible. I was also able to get to know my audition group better. I really enjoyed the All-State auditioning process, and it has helped me to improve a lot."

The son of Keri Meinert, Collin said the audition experience was a little different than his expectations.



"After hearing about the process from other people, I expected to be a lot more nervous. But it wasn't nearly as bad as I thought it might be. When we got in front of the judges, I ended up feeling really excited to audition, because I felt prepared and ready to do my best. I had so much fun throughout the entire audition day."

Well, fun until the recall list dropped, perhaps.

"I got recalled, which I felt nervous about at first. When the results list dropped, I felt really proud of myself for what I managed to do."

Now that he's officially off to Ames, Collin says he's looking forward to meeting a few new friends.

"Whenever I go to large high school events, I always try to make some new friends from other schools in the area. I hope I'll be able to do that in Ames, too."

But he's grateful for old friends and helpers as well.

"I'd like to thank my friends and family for their support, my audition group for their contagious energy and spirit, and both Mrs. Potts and Mr. Skyles for their continued guidance through this process."

Sophia Steiner – Alto

This year was junior Sophia Steiner's second time auditioning for All-State, and her group included Charity Bendickson, Maddux Lamb and Luke Simmons.

"The process was definitely a bit stressful and frustrating at times, but I'm glad that I had my directors and group members to help me through it and push me to my full potential."

The daughter of Erica and Gary Steiner, Sophia said her previous experience



gave her some idea of what to expect, but "I was honestly shocked by how fast the day flew by. I had expected the day to drag on while waiting for results, but luckily, it didn't feel like that at all. I also stayed fairly calm throughout the day as well, which I was not expecting."

The nerves kicked back in when the list dropped. "I was extremely nervous, especially because I hadn't gotten a recall. I had no idea what to expect, but I was so happy once I read my name. I just started crying and hugging everyone."

Now she says she's "looking forward to spending my time in Ames with my friends, and I'm also super pumped to sing these songs with such a talented group of singers."

Maddux Lamb – Tenor

It's never easy to be on the outside looking in, especially when you're a senior, but alternate Maddux Lamb is taking things in stride.

The son of Daisy and Michael Lamb, he auditioned with Charity Bendickson, Sophie Steiner

and Luke Simmons. He described the process as "lots of early morning practices and working closely with my choir teachers."

He also drew on his experience with the North Scott Speech Team during the audition process.

"I thought it would be similar to speech. Honestly, the only real difference was the fact that you couldn't watch anyone audition, and the recall process was different, too. Speech was just a one-and-done."

OPUS HONOR CHOIRS



High School students chosen include: Front row left to right - Easley Weinert, Riley DeBourcy, Saeler VenHorst; Back row - Griffin Frank, Grady Kirst, Natalie Sierk, Nora Davis, Addalie Reese. NSP photos by Erin M. Gentz



Junior High students chosen include: Front Row: Eastan Dean, Korbin Braack, Ezekiel Skyles, Anna Philip; Back Row: Drake Huffman, Yedidiya Schwarz, Conlan Panther, Luke Leverenz, Chelsea Nwatchock, Landon Leppert. Not Pictured: Landon Gronewold.

Junior high and elementary

The next generation of All-State singers is already champing at the bit, with eight high school, 11 junior high and two elementary students chosen for the Opus Honor Choirs. And although no instrumentalists were named to the All-State Band or Orchestra this year, two freshmen are waiting in the wings to take their shots next year.



Elementary Opus Honor Choir members are: Zoe Street and Elena Skadal. They are the first North Scott elementary students chosen for the Opus Choir since 2018.

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Freshmen Charli Conner and Grady Kirst were chosen for the Iowa Junior Honor Orchestra, which will be held Friday, Nov. 17, at Iowa State University. The orchestra, sponsored by the Iowa String Teachers' Association, is designed to give younger students an All-State level experience.

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Washburn

Kenneth Lloyd Washburn, Jr., age 79, of Walcott, passed away unexpectedly from a heart related issue on Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at his home. A visitation was held from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10, at Bentley Funeral Home, Durant. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at First Baptist Church, Davenport. Following the service, Ken will be cremated and interred this summer in Fayette, Ind., where his mother and father wait. Memorials may be directed to the Durant Ambulance, Walcott Fire Department or the First Baptist Church in his memory. Online condolences may be left at www.bentleyfuneralhome.com.



Ken was born on Nov. 2, 1944, the son of Kenny and Hazel (Everett) Washburn Sr., on the family farm in Fayette, Ind. He had many adventures on the farm from the one-room schoolhouse on the property, to hanging out with classmates at Perry Central, to 4-H, but most of all, working on the homestead alongside his sisters whom he loved very much.

A lifelong Purdue fan, he received his bachelors in 1967, and masters of agronomy in 1969. At Purdue, he made long lasting relationships that would change his life forever. He was paired with his roommate, Ron Hathaway, but more importantly, he spied a cute, little red-haired librarian, Susan. He would work in the fields, study, read the paper and talk to her. He proposed, and they married on Dec. 27, 1969. They were together for over 53 years.

A couple of babies later, Ken left the Air Force and moved his young family to Walcott in 1978. He was the chief agronomist at Twin States (Liqui-Grow) for his entire career, retiring after 40 years. He was a staple in farm fields in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and

Minnesota. He ran test plots around the area for many, many, many years, where people would stop by to see "what Ken was seeing in the fields." He loved those visits and even after retiring he frequented Walcott Liqui-Grow and people still asked him about his observations. He and Susan raised their family at First Baptist Church. They had the same Bible Study group for over 35 years and were privileged to call them friends.

Ken loved NASCAR, but was passionate about Indy Car racing and often attended the 500 with his son, James. Ken was involved with Troop 670 Boy Scouts for many years. He was a member of numerous professional organizations and won awards in his field. His crowning achievements, besides his lawn, was his love for his family, especially his grandkids. He had connections and interests with each of them and he would often be heard regaling people with their latest achievements and antics.

Most of all, Ken will be missed by his wife, Susan. In recent years they were helpmates to each other in sickness and in health. Ken fought heart and prostate issues. He was a man who wanted to stay with his family but was unable to. We will miss him truly.

Ken will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Susan; two children, Elizabeth (Robert) Galbraith of Rock Island, and James (Molly) Washburn of Portland, Ore.; four much beloved grandchildren, Andrew, Colin, Kate and Meredith; and two sisters, Jill Jones and Kay Seymour; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his eldest sister, Sue Cox; and by his lifelong friend and cousin, Aaron Everett.

Custom obituary

LuVerna Schreck

LuVerna Adelia Schreck, age 94, of Durant, passed away Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at Ridgecrest Retirement Village, Davenport. A visitation was held from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, at Bentley Funeral Home, Durant. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 10, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Durant. Private family burial took place in Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be given to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Online condolences may be left at www.bentleyfuneralhome.com.



Lu was born on Jan. 18, 1929, the daughter of Otto and Adelia (Hering) Schlapkohl in Davenport. She graduated from Durant High School and earned her teaching certificate from Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls. Lu married Marlan "Mike" Schreck on June 18, 1950, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Davenport. Mike passed away on Dec. 6, 2006.

Lu embarked on her teaching career at Prospect Hill Country School, a quaint one-room schoolhouse situated on the family Century Farm in rural Durant. She was a longtime member

of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Durant, where she was a mentor in faith and taught Sunday school. Lu was an active member of the Durant American Legion Auxiliary and was a Durant Lioness. In addition to her community involvement, she participated in several mission trips to Africa and always looked forward to the annual Durant Polka Fest. She enjoyed dancing, playing cards, crossword puzzles, reading and gardening. Most of all, Lu loved being a caregiver to her family and visiting with her friends.

Lu will be dearly missed by her four children, Lonnie Schreck of Edmond, Okla., Dr. Micheal (Susan) Schreck of Long Grove, Jane Schreck of Jacksonville, Fla., and Carrie (Greg) Paustian of Dixon; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lu was preceded in death by her husband, Marlan "Mike"; one son, Kurt; two brothers, Lester Schlapkohl and Willis Schlapkohl; and two sisters, Mildred Schlapkohl and Dorothy Paulsen.

Custom obituary

Lana Thoma

Lana J. Thoma, age 81, of Orlando, Fla., formerly of the Quad Cities, passed away after a brief illness on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, at Advent Hospital, Orlando. A celebration of life will be held from 12 noon - 4 p.m., Saturday, June 8, 2024, at the Durant Community Center. Private family interment will take place in God's Acres Cemetery, Clermont. Memorial contributions may be made to University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. Online condolences may be left at www.bentleyfuneralhome.com.



Lana was born on Dec. 22, 1941, the daughter of Russell and Ardelle (Peters) Schlotfeldt in Davenport. She graduated from Clinton High School with the Class of 1959. After graduation, Lana married Warren Jungjohann in June of 1960. She later married Michael Thoma on Dec. 31, 1970, in Bettendorf. Lana earned her degree in hotel and restaurant management from Des Moines Area Community College with her husband, Mike, graduating in 1973. Mike passed away on Nov. 3, 2020.

Lana and her husband, Mike, owned and operated the Woodshed Restaurant in Eldridge from 1974-1977. She then became an executive secretary for ASI Incorporated in Eldridge. Lana later

worked as a conference coordinator for St. Ambrose University before retiring. Lana was happiest when spending time with her family and friends. She hosted many family gatherings and holidays at her river home in Le Claire, where she was affectionately known by her grandchildren as "Gramma Lana Ding Dong." She also enjoyed spending time at the family cabin at Clear Lake. In her spare time, Lana enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and was a mean Scrabble player.

Lana will be dearly missed by her two sons, Keith (Keri) Thoma of St. Cloud, Fla., and David (Sharon) Jungjohann of Bettendorf; one daughter, Kathy (Ron) Cravatta of Orlando; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter, due in February; one sister, Gail (Jerry) Kruse of Sarasota, Fla.; two brothers, Willy (Shirley) Schlotfeldt of East Moline, and Dean (Norma) Schlotfeldt of Manitou Springs, Colo.; one sister-in-law, Vicki Schlotfeldt of Hillsdale, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lana was preceded in death by her husband, Mike; one daughter, Brandi Thoma; and one brother, Ronald Schlotfeldt.

Custom obituary

Beverly Datisman

A celebration of life for Bev Datisman will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from noon - 3 p.m. at Tycoga Vineyard and Winery, 2585 195th St., DeWitt. Stop by to share a favorite memory with friends and family. Dress is casual, and snacks and beverages will be provided.

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FAMILY NEWS



Jay and Jean Semsch mark 50 years of marriage

Jay and Jean (Hammes) Semsch are celebrating 50 years together on Nov. 17. They were married in Jean's hometown of Richland, Iowa, at Mother Cabrini Catholic Church.

Jay was a garage door installer for several years and maintenance supervisor at Durant School, Durant. Jean was a registered nurse for 47 years at St. Luke's Hospital in Davenport and Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

They are the parents of Jessica



(Austin) Williams of Stockton, and Jill (Derek) Trobaugh of Johnston.

Their grandchildren are Nolan Williams, Nevin Williams, Mara Trobaugh and Grant Trobaugh.

A trip to San Diego was taken to celebrate the milestone. Jay took basic training in the San Diego area and from there to Guam, (flew in and out of Viet Nam.) He returned to San Diego to complete his service time. He served in the Navy from 1968-1972.

LEGAL NOTICES

Probate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
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CASE NO: ESPR082358
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT DALE SANDERS, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Robert Dale Sanders, Deceased, who died on or about October 19, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on November 6, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Robert Dale Sanders, deceased, bearing date of October 30, 2001, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Troy D. Sanders was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated November 6, 2023.

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Scott County Planning and Zoning Commission

NOTICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING FOR FUTURE LAND USE MAP
AMENDMENT

In accordance with Section 6-33 of the Revised Zoning Ordinance for unincorporated Scott County, the Planning and Zoning Commission will review a proposed Future Land Use Map amendment on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. This notice is being sent to property owners of record within 500 feet of the approximate area in question and appropriate County officials. The meeting will be held in the 1st Floor Board Room of the Scott County Administrative Center, 600 West 4th Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hear the request of Riverstone Group, Inc. to amend the Future Land Use Map for an area in Part of the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 35 of Sheridan Township (Scott County Tax Parcels 933505001, 933521001). The area is currently designated "To Be Annexed (Prior to Development)." The applicant is requesting to have that designation removed. The Future Land Use Map amendment in and of itself will not allow development on the site.

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



Members of the cast of CCT's "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

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CCT presents 'Peanuts' gang

'Charlie Brown Christmas' to run Thanksgiving weekend

Get ready to witness a holiday classic like never before! Countryside Community Theatre is absolutely buzzing with excitement as the timeless tale, "A Charlie Brown Christmas," based on the 1965 TV special, starring none other than the lovable gang from the iconic "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles Schulz. Prepare to join Charlie Brown as he hilariously takes on the role of director for the school Christmas pageant, all because he can't handle the materialistic madness that engulfs the holiday season.

More than half of the cast is filled with fresh-faced rookies, including a nine-month-old prodigy in Charlie's gang! This show is like a shining beacon, illuminating the promising future of local theater. With young talents from both sides of the river, it's a true masterpiece of community collaboration. The cherry on top? It's the perfect recipe to keep that holiday spirit alive while letting the turkey settle.

This production is in the hands of the CCT veteran Sara Tomasson and the musical maestro Cindy Ramos. With fashion flair from Erin Emerle and a dazzling light show by Tristan Tapscott, these young stars are set for a masterpiece.

Countryside Community Theatre is partnering with The Lincoln Center in Davenport to present these performances. The address is 318 E. 7th Street in Davenport, in the former Lincoln Elementary School.

There will be four performances Thanksgiving Weekend, Nov. 24-26: Friday at 3 p.m., Saturday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at ccteldridge.booktix.net.

The cast includes: Oakly Mack (Charlie Brown); Sam Miller (Snoopy); Evelyn Beltran (Lucy); Teddy Wilkinson-Grau (Linus); Osmin Mack (Pig Pen); Mackenzie Quick (Frieda); Ozias Mack (Schroeder); Reina Ramos-Paulson (Violet); Amelia Quick (Sally); Onale Mack (Patty); Jesselee Cox (Shermy); Ian Fah (Rerun); Johanna "Jo" Forgie (Emily); Aiden Bibens (Cormac); Hannah Nelson (Peppermint Patty); Ezriyella "Ezzy" Saldivar (Naomi); Heather Simmons (Marcie); Levi Hintze (Roy); Rooney Dennis (3); Leah Montgomery (4); Tyson Fah (5); Lois Purcell (Royanne); Walt Tomasson (Woodstock); Sloan Varner (Peggy Jean); Makayla Miller (Tapioca Pudding); Lola Johnson (Lydia); Gracie Nuci (Truffles); Kyanna Green (Clara); Sarina Zaehring (Shirley); Elivette Holst (Sophie); Finella Holst (Lila); Katie DeVore (Wah-Wah); Jess Fah (Blah-Blah).



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SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18

11:40 a.m. — Brandon Scott Ridge, 38, Davenport, was charged with violation of probation, possession of a controlled substance, a controlled substance violation, and possession of a controlled substance; and Shannon Maree Lehman, 36, Davenport, was arrested on an outstanding interstate warrant, intent to deliver meth, a controlled substance violation, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, and a drug tax stamp violation, following an incident in the 7200 block of Northwest Boulevard, Davenport.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22

8:19 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of North Neisse Street.
8:30 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 500 block of 2nd Street.

MONDAY, OCT. 23

1:43 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 1100 block of Fenno Drive.
3:27 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 1500 block of Christie Street.
7:06 a.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check near Buffalo Avenue and Interstate 80.
10:12 a.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 1600 block of West Kimberly Road.
12:15 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 1700 block of Iowa Drive.
1:19 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.
1:22 p.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint on Park View Drive.
1:42 p.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 1600 block of Washington Street.
4:30 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint in the 3500 block of New Liberty Road, Stockton.
7:03 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 134 on Highway 61 South, where a vehicle driven by Tyler Michael Murphy, 32, DeWitt, struck a coyote that entered the roadway.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24

1:57 a.m. — Justin William Carlisle, 42, Davenport, was arrested on an outstanding interstate warrant, and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, following a traffic stop near West Locust and North Howell streets, Davenport.
3:13 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report

of a domestic disturbance on Park View Drive, Eldridge.

3:29 a.m. — Justin Lee Miller, 41, Moline, was charged with possession of contraband in a correctional facility (controlled substance) and possession of a controlled substance, following an incident in the 400 block of West 4th Street, Davenport.

6:45 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near mile marker 132.5 on Highway 61 South. A vehicle driven by Phillip E. Small, 47, Fulton, Ill., struck a deer that entered the roadway. Debris from the accident struck a vehicle driven by Ashley Anne Truelsen, 37, DeWitt.

7:40 a.m. — Deputies began a death investigation in the 300 block of Walnut Street.

2:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 700 block of Waverly Road.

5:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 18400 block of 249th Avenue.

6:41 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Park Avenue.

7:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 6300 block of Friendship Path.

8:03 p.m. — Logan Marque Minnick-Heard, 34, Panorama Park, was charged with domestic abuse — simple assault, following a report of a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Park Avenue, Panorama Park.

8:59 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 300 block of 3rd Street.

9:54 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near Westmar and Spruce Hills drives.

10:22 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 2900 block of Scott Park Road.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25

2:22 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance on Manor Drive.

9:41 a.m. — Michael Elliott Price, 31, Park View, was charged with domestic abuse assault — 3rd or subsequent offense and obstruction of emergency communications, following a report of a domestic disturbance on Park View Drive, Park View.

11:28 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem.

1:22 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

2:39 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 18800 block of 270th Street.

3:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

4:12 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a juvenile problem in the 500 block of Park View Drive.

6:05 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury in the 6900 block of West River Drive.

6:55 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near State Street and Valley Drive.

7:56 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a missing person in the 11300 block of 140th Street.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

4:54 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage.

9:36 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

1:36 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 400 block of South Pioneer Drive.

3:49 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near North 12th Avenue and East Price Street.

4:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint on Park Crest Court.

8:23 p.m. — William Michael Elliott, 25, Davenport, was charged with driving while barred (habitual offender), following a traffic stop in the 7500 block of Northwest Boulevard.

10:09 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 25600 block of Valley Drive.

10:33 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Blackstone Court.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

1:32 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of East Price Street.

1:09 p.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 7600 block of New Liberty Road.

5:21 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 25400 block of Bluff Road.

6:28 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

6:59 p.m. — Kyle Matthew Eliff, 33, Davenport, was charged with OWI — 2nd offense, and cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop in the 20900 block of Brady Street, Davenport.

7:01 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 22600 block of Great River Road.

8:15 p.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 11400 block of Devils Creek Road.

9:19 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 600 block of North Cody Road.

9:30 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near 240th Street and 240th Avenue. A vehicle driven by Denise Paige Valtr, 18, DeWitt, was attempting to make a left turn from 240th Street to 240th Avenue. She failed to yield

for traffic and was struck by a vehicle driven by Ryan Christopher Bales, 52, LeClaire. Valtr was transported by Medic to Genesis East Medical Center.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

2:16 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 6800 block of State Street.

3:27 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 3200 block of East Kimberly Road.

6:43 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 301 on Interstate 80 West, where a vehicle driven by Eber Uriel Santiago Enriquez, 19, LeClaire, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

7:31 a.m. — Deputies responded to a shots fired call in the 28000 block of 286th Street.

8:51 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 3500 block of North Plainview Road.

1:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem near North Mississippi Street and Park Avenue.

3:27 p.m. — Cameron Kekoa Wilkinson, 27, Riverdale, was charged with two counts of assault causing injury on a peace officer, two counts of assault causing injury on a peace officer, public intoxication — 1st offense, and interference with official acts, following a report of a disturbance in the 100 block of South Bellingham Road, Riverdale.

5:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of Clark Street.

6:54 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 3600 block of East 53rd Street.

7:35 p.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 300 block of Walnut Street.

9:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a missing person in the 11300 block of 140th Street.

11:18 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 18100 block of 270th Street.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

12:25 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance near Harrison and West 3rd streets.

2:28 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Park Crest Court.

4:10 a.m. — Felipe Clarence Mason, 33, Davenport, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) — 3rd or subsequent offense, OWI — 1st offense, and interference with official acts, following an incident on Park View Drive, Park View.

6:09 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident on 240th Avenue, where a vehicle driven by Carol Lynn Hultquist, 63, Princeton, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

7:30 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 15900 block of 107th Avenue.

LEGAL NOTICES

Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board

November 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board was called to order at 5:00 P.M. on November 7, 2023, at Eldridge City Hall.

Board members present were Brock Kroeger, Mike Anderson, Barb O'Brien, Paula Steward, and Jim Skadal. Also, present Jacob Rowe and Jody Coffman. Visitors Nevada Lemke.

Public Comment- None
 Motion by Steward, second by Skadal to approve the agenda All ayes.

Motion by O'Brien, second by Steward to approve the minutes from October 17, 2023. All ayes.

FINANCIAL — Motion by Kroeger to approve bills payable in the amount of \$199,757.50, second by Anderson. All ayes.

ELECTRIC — There was an outage on 10/22/23 at 309 W. Maple St., from 1:50pm to 2:45 pm. The cause was wildlife contact. Five customers were affected. A second outage was reported. 10/24/23 at 750 E. LeClaire Rd, from 7:09am to 7:30 am. The cause was over loaded transformer. One customer was affected.

Rowe extended a job offer to D. Eagle, for the lineman position. He has accepted and will start on November 20, 2023. He also informed the Board that he also offered a lineman position to J. Powell to begin after T. Olson finishes his apprenticeship. J. Powell will still work on getting his Water Treatment License.

Department update: The crew has been setting up transformers and streetlights. The crew will also have to relocate service in Grunwald Grove due to site plan changes.

WATER- Water test results were taken on October 9 & 10, at 8 locations. All passed.

Rowe presented the Year End Water Financial statement.

Department update: The crew has been repairing hydrants. The inlet valve on bed one was replaced. A sample station was placed in Townsend 13th addition.

ADMINISTRATION-

Department update: ISG and Shive Hattery will be making proposals for the Water Tower reconditioning. S. Nadel has sent a letter to CMPAS for clarification of the requirements for the cash reserve.

Motion by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 P.M., second by Steward. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted, Jody Coffman, Billing Clerk

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ELDRIDGE POLICE REPORT

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

11:35 p.m. — Complaint of a road rage incident near South 5th and West Oak streets. Handled by officer.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

9:27 a.m. — Assisted another agency with a report of a juvenile problem in the 100 block of Hillside Drive.

1:13 p.m. — Assisted another agency with a report of a domestic disturbance in the 16700 block of 210th Street.

3:55 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

8:07 p.m. — Report taken for a dog bite in the 500 block of South 3rd Street.

8:51 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of South 8th Street. Handled by officer.

9:02 p.m. — Edward Troendle, 30, of Davenport, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop near South Buttermilk and Slopertown roads.

9:29 p.m. — Complaint of a strong odor in the 100 block of South 27th Avenue. A farmer was working in a field. Handled by officer.

10:23 p.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Country Club Court. Handled by officer.

10:28 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 100 block of North 9th Street.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

12:39 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 300 block of West LeClaire Road.

1:47 a.m. — Assisted another agency with a burglary alarm call in the 26700 block of Scott Park Road.

2:17 a.m. — Report of a noise complaint in the 100 block of East Price Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

7:30 a.m. — Report taken for a single vehicle accident near North Buttermilk Road and West Maple Street.

12:34 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 700 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

12:42 p.m. — Barking dog complaint in the 600 block of South 4th Street. Handled by officer.

2:14 p.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle in the 400 block of West Oak Street. A tow sticker was applied to the vehicle. Handled by officer.

9:02 p.m. — Complaint of suspicious juveniles near South 5th Street and West LeClaire Road. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

MONDAY, NOV. 6

12:24 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 800 block of Stonebridge Circle. Handled by officer.

1:07 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North 8th Street. Handled by officer.

7:44 a.m. — Aaron Lecander, 34, of Eldridge, was cited for a registration violation, following a traffic stop near South 14th Avenue and East LeClaire Road.

11:04 a.m. — Jacob Coudron, 30, of Eldridge, was cited for speeding and a registration violation, following a traffic stop near East Blackhawk Trail and South 1st Street.

4:24 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 1200 block of Rustic View Court. Handled by officer.

8:21 p.m. — Assisted another agency with a report of a subject walking on Highway 61.

8:46 p.m. — Complaint of a disturbance in the 700 block of North 1st Street. Handled by officer.

11:27 p.m. — Assisted another agency with a report of a burglar alarm call in the 26700 block of Scott Park Road.

11:55 p.m. — Assisted another agency with a traffic stop on Highway 61.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

12:26 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South 9th Avenue. Handled by officer.

1:05 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 800 block of West Spring Street. Handled by officer.

10:45 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. The vehicle was towed. Handled by officer.

3:03 p.m. — Stand by for property in the 200 block of South 27th Avenue. Handled by officer.

9:53 p.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle in the 800 block of North 1st Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

12:51 p.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle near South 6th Avenue and East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

3:30 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 1000 block of West Davies Court.

3:49 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver in the 9400 block of Granite Way. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

7:07 p.m. — Ravay Whitley, 34, of East Moline, was charged with public intoxication and interference with official acts, following an incident in the 400 block of South 14th Avenue.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

1:09 p.m. — Removed pallets left in the roadway in the 400 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

6:41 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 600 block of West Prairie Vista Drive. Handled by officer.

9:02 a.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

12:03 p.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 600 block of North 5th Place. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

5:49 p.m. — Report taken for theft of property in the 400 block of East LeClaire Road.

6:19 p.m. — Complaint of a subject in the 100 block of Fairway Circle being harassed. Handled by officer.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

11:16 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 900 block of East Lincoln Road.

8:25 p.m. — Report taken for fraudulent activity in the 200 block of East Price Street.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

9:32 a.m. — Removed a bumper from the roadway on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

9:58 a.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 300 block of North 6th Street.

11:39 a.m. — Report of a parking complaint near South 8th Street and West Pinehurst Drive. Handled by officer.

6:33 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of North 1st Street. Handled by officer.

6:43 p.m. — Complaint of juveniles in the roadway near South 1st Street and East Fisher Court. Handled by officer.

8:00 p.m. — Assisted Medic with an EMS call in the 1100 block of East Iowa Street.

9:11 p.m. — Grayson Bennett, 25, of Bettendorf, was cited for operation without registration and no insurance, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

11:18 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of North 1st Street. Handled by officer.

11:28 p.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

Andrew Kashmarek misses one; wins Football Contest

Andrew Kashmarek of Rocky River, Ohio, won this week's NSP Football Contest. He was the only contestant to miss one, and receives the \$50 first prize.

Mary Murray of Bettendorf and Doyle Fox of DeWitt tied for second. They both missed two and had a tiebreaker of 58 (closest to the total number of points in Missouri's 36-7 win over Tennessee). They will split the second and third place prize money and each receive \$17.50.

Contestants missing three make up this week's honor roll: Judy Bergert, Grant Porter, Bryan Janoski, Nancy Roseman, Lorna Lillis, Bill Lillis, Kathy Straley, Al Pawloski, Jen Kress, and Vicki Kearney.

Twenty-one missed four and 33 missed five. There were 114 entries.

Games missed the most frequently included Northwestern over Wisconsin, Missouri State over UNI, Syracuse over Pittsburgh, California over Washington State, and Purdue over Minnesota.

Other winners were Georgia over Ole Miss, Washington over Utah, Or-

gon over USC, Missouri over Tennessee, Kansas State over Baylor, Iowa over Rutgers, Michigan over Penn State, Arizona over Colorado, Alabama over Kentucky, Texas A&M over Mississippi State, Iowa State over BYU, and Ohio State over Michigan State.

One week remains in the contest, with a new slate of games in this week's NSP.

Entries may be dropped off at our office by 5 p.m. on Friday, or postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday.

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NSP OPINIONS

A ROSE



Edwin Stoltz with Eldridge HyVee manager Kenny Schroeder. Contributed photos

HyVee comes through for Navy vet

Navy veteran Edwin Stoltz wasn't able to get out for this year's Veterans' Day observances, so HyVee found another way to celebrate his service. The grocery store hosts veterans for free Veterans' Day meals.



Edwin Stoltz in the Navy

Kathy Stoltz is a former HyVee employee and called Eldridge store manager Kenny Schroeder.

"He didn't hesitate a second," Kathy said.

HyVee agreed to deliver the free meal to a veteran who doesn't get out much anymore.

Kathy said her husband is a former marathoner retired from Deere Dubuque plant following treatment for a brain tumor.

He returned to running for a while, but is mostly homebound now after breaking his hip two

years ago.

The couple moved to Eldridge 13 years ago to be closer to their kids and grandchildren. Edwin Stoltz treasures his Navy days, and Kathy tries to make the day special.

Her Faith Lutheran Church friends encouraged her to reach out to HyVee. He used to meet friends for breakfast at the Bettendorf HyVee.

"I just asked if they could deliver a meal. I'd be happy to pay for it," she said. "They went above and beyond."

The couple will celebrate their 60th anniversary in February. *By Mark Ridolfi*



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OUR PAST

1973: 3 students die in collision with school bus

Nov. 14, 1973

Dirt movers were out creating two ponds that would make up part of the new nine-hole golf course in Eldridge. The course was being built on 75 acres immediately south of Rustic Arbor

Landscape Center on LeClaire Road. Developer **Gene Schneckloth** said the course, which was scheduled to open by September of 1974, would be of "medium difficulty," with 10 sand traps in addition to the ponds. Construction on the clubhouse was set to begin when basic green and fairway work was completed.

The North Scott community grieved as three teenagers were killed in a car accident a mile and a half east of Eldridge Corners. **Jo Ann Lagoni**, 16, **Pamela Hinkle**, 16, and **Randal Kirby**, 14, died when the car they were riding in struck a school bus. The bus was empty except for the driver. Witnesses said the car attempted to pass another vehicle just prior to the crash. Authorities said they did not know for certain who was driving the car. School was cancelled the day of the funerals, and many activities were also postponed.

A combine on the **Milton Seghers** farm in rural Long Grove was destroyed by fire. Seghers said the first indication he had there was a fire was when flames began shooting out of the machine. He surmised the cause was due to a ruptured fuel line.

Fifth and sixth grade students at the North Scott elementary schools heard about the dangers of smoking from **Donald Ritchie** of Spencer. Ritchie had developed cancer of the larynx due to cigarette smoking. His larynx was removed, and his esophagus was shortened. Ritchie had to re-learn to speak, but since his cancer in 1966, he had given lectures to thousands of people about the effects of smoking.

Eight North Scott players were named to the All-Illowa Conference teams. **Lance Heuer**, **Tony Edwards** and **Curt Hamann** were named first team on offense, and Heuer was also first team on defense. **Jeff Miller**, **Al Schneckloth**, **Kevin Jansen** and **Jeff Suiter** were named second team on offense. Schneckloth was also a second team pick on defense, as well as **Bill Goodin**.

Nov. 16, 1983

Robert Brown won a seat on the Long Grove City Council after launching a late write-in bid. Brown campaigned by telephone the day before the election and garnered 90 votes, the second most by any candidate. Turnout was high, with 50.4 percent of registered voters in town showing up to the polls. Jack Hill won the other open seat.

Kathy Charles of Eldridge took first prize in a contest sponsored by WLLR. She wrote a "love letter" to **Eddie Rabbitt**, and won a necklace, front row concert tickets, and a chance to meet the singer before the concert.

The **Scott County Conservation Board** cancelled a scheduled deer hunt in Scott County Park after learning the park was not overpopulated. Chairman **Fred Lorenzen** said the board did some more research and found that 400 deer in a space the size of Scott County Park was not too many. He added the board felt somewhat misled by state officials on the subject.

Eldridge was projected to have 5,528 residents by 1990, according to research conducted by Bi-State Regional Commission. Bi-State representative **Matt Flynn** said the city could expect 80 new housing units per year until 1990, and 180 new units per year from 1990-2000. He said the population by 2000 could be 9,618.

Mike Busch was named second team all-Mississippi Eight Conference for football. Honorable mention selections were **Steve Michalek**, **Greg Wilson**, **Mike Main**, **Clint Long**, **Lee Perry**, **Bob Grieves** and **Wade Hamann**.

Nov. 18, 1998

A group of friends and neighbors gathered to harvest the soybean and corn crops on the **Merle Nieman** farm west of Davenport. Nieman died in September at the age of 62 following a bout with cancer. Nearly 40 volunteers turned out for the harvest.

A windstorm swept through Scott County, uprooting trees, downing power lines, and causing damage to buildings, including the roof of the North Scott Fine Arts Auditorium.

Revitalizing the downtown area topped the list of priorities determined by a group of community leaders and residents in **Walcott**. The group also proposed hiring more public works employees, and improving telephone service.

Amhof Trucking of Eldridge was awarded the top safety award in the



OPINIONS

PAST: Dan Collins named Iowa medical volunteer of 2008

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1998 Iowa Trailmobile Safety Contest, sponsored by the Iowa Motor Truck Association, the Iowa Council of Safety Management, and Trailmobile, Inc.

• **Shea Newmeister** was named second team all-MAC for volleyball. She was the lone Lancer honored.

Nov. 19, 2008

• **Dan Collins** of Eldridge received the 2008 Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association's Individual Volunteer of the Year award during a ceremony in Des Moines. Collins was a volunteer firefighter in Eldridge and worked with Medic EMS. Before joining Medic, he had volunteered as a firefighter and EMT in Long Grove.

• A panel assembled to choose a replacement for Scott County supervisor **Roxanna Moritz** was divided amid claims of partisanship. The vacancy had been created after Moritz was elected county auditor. The panel consisted of Moritz, a Democrat, county treasurer **Bill Fennelly**, a Republican, and county recorder **Rita Vargas**, a Democrat. Fennelly charged that Vargas and Moritz had already decided to appoint **Jeff Liske** of Long Grove, a Democrat, who had placed third in a two-seat race for supervisor. Moritz said she did not consider her choice set in stone but was leaning toward Liske. Vargas said she did not know Liske.

• Fourth-grade students at **Ed White Elementary School** raked leaves for residents near the school. The community service project was a lesson in good citizenship.

• **Aaron Fruechtenicht** of Eldridge received the Iowa Lions Foundation's Warren Coleman Award in recognition of his commitment to serving Lionism.

Nov. 14, 2018

• Voters turned out in record numbers, as Scott County saw its best ever midterm election turnout, at 54.63 percent. Democrats **Brinson Kinzer** and **Ken Croken**, and Republican **John Maxwell** were elected to the Scott County Board of Supervisors. Republicans **Chris Cournoyer**, **Ross Paustian** and **Norlin Mommsen** were elected to the Iowa House.

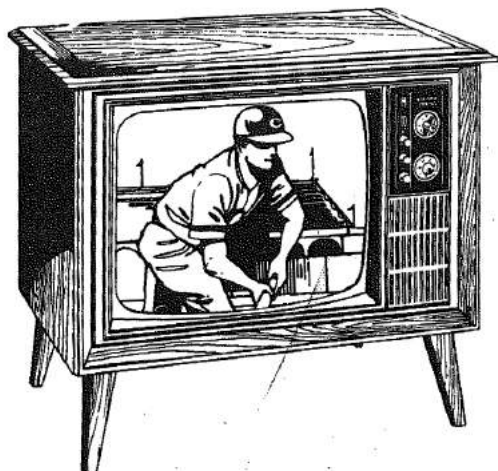
• The North Scott School Board approved the formation of a special education advisory committee. Superintendent **Joe Stutting** said the group could have as many as 15 members and would advise the district on enacting and managing special education programs.

• A record 23 North Scott musicians were chosen to participate in the All-State Music Festival: **Haley Howes**, **Lauryn Youngers**, **Jenna Willet**, **Rita Ordaz**, **Kaitlyn Bendickson**, **Bethany Schwarz**, **Natalie Romanick**, **Grace Sampson**, **Joie Stofen**, **Drew Dowda**, **Kyle Skinner**, **Owen Popelka**, **Alex Johnson**, **Gordy Field**, **Mitch Larson**, **Riley Sindt**, **Cooper Harrison**, **Garrett Bowe**, **Ben Council**, **Jackson Schrock**, **Kyle Jecks**, **Nathan Tague**, **Savannah Connor**, **Nolan Blodig**, and alternate **Kraig Leahy**.

• North Scott Junior High students paid tribute to area veterans with a special assembly. The guest speaker was Army chaplain **Charles Scott** of the Rock Island Arsenal.

• The North Scott athletic department was taking concussion protocols seriously. Baseline testing was now mandatory for every student-athlete, and coaches were looking at new technology to help train athletes, including Guardian caps for football players in practice. "Concussions will always be a concern, and you have to be proactive," said football coach **Kevin Tippett**.

ADS FROM THE PAST: 1973



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From Kleinsmith TV, DeWitt.

Candidates can learn from 4-H

Win without bragging; lose without squealing.
— 4-H Motto

Politicians all the way up to Donald Trump and all the way down to certain candidates for local offices could learn from 4-H. The vast majority are gracious, which is what makes democracy work: the peaceful transition of power.

Once in a while, though, there's a real stinker, like the wife of a candidate who came up short in last week's election in one of our cities. To prevent further embarrassment, I will not name her, but if she's reading, she knows who she is. She is not a person I follow or like on Facebook, but the post was pointed out to me because it is so disturbing.

Facebook, it seems, gives persons permission to say things they would not say to your face, or in the newspaper. She wrote, "Now I can say and do whatever the f--- I want. Some of you better look out." (The f-bomb was not sanitized, but was spelled out in full.)

Is this to be interpreted as a threat in the same way **Trump** promises retribution to his perceived enemies if we ever let him be president again? (Iowans can do something about that at January's caucuses by uniting behind one other candidate; a good one would be **Nikki Haley!**)

Readers who have followed my writing over the years, I hope, would recognize the call to civility and decency as a core value which I have promoted. You may ask then, why call attention to this? My answer is straightforward: We cannot pretend resentments like this don't exist.

On Jan. 6, 2001, our nation's capitol was overrun at grave cost to life and liberty because of resentments stirred up by a leader, Trump, who, contrary to all evidence, would not accept that he lost an election. Six defenders of democracy, police who defended the Capitol, died. Five hundred sixty-one who stormed the Capitol have been convicted of crimes and are in prison.

Don't tell me that words don't have consequences. Unchecked, they absolutely do. That was the message of **Bernd Wollschlaeger**, the son of one of Hitler's tank commanders who grew up in Nazi Germany, in a talk at a Rotary Peace Conference Linda and I attended in California in 2015. "Words matter!" he shouted from the rooftop!

I have been on the losing side of elections, as have, I suspect, all of you. When nerves are exposed, when the core of who we are or what we believe is rejected by the majority, it hurts, but we move on, dedicated to the higher principle of democracy, civic duty and the peaceful transfer of power; determined to try harder, but never to destroy or threaten harm to others.

I doubt that the woman who made the dreadful Facebook post had any of these things in mind – but how can we be sure? My wish for her and all the candidates and family members of candidates who did not win this time around is peace and acceptance. Thank you to all for running!

John Maxwell, a former 4-H club member and leader, who was voted off the school board on Nov. 7 after 12 years of service, gives us a fine example. "I have been blessed to serve and thank you for your friendship and support," he said to fellow Rotarians last Friday. "I'm moving forward and will serve in other ways."

Democracy lives when people like **John** and all the others take the high road. In John, the 4-H motto lives: "Win without bragging; lose without squealing." Others would do well to follow.

The market will decide how many

Regarding the story in last week's *NSP*: "Eldridge council balks at sixth vape shop," the reaction of certain city council members to a request for a permit to operate a legal business in the city seems misdirected. At issue was whether a permit should be granted to Eldridge Tobacco and Vape owner, Mohammed Elzofri, for a business at 600 E. LeClaire

Road.

The council members' concern seemed to have nothing to do with the merits or qualifications of this applicant, but rather that the city already has five other vape shops and six would be too many. We agree that vaping is a bad choice, especially for teens. That story has been told loud and clear in the pages of *The NSP*. Yes, it's a problem.

Respectfully, though, it's not the council's job to decide how many of any kind of business operate in our city – so long as they are legal and meet all other requirements. How many supermarkets, or gas stations, or pizza places, or auto repair shops, or chiropractors or newspapers? Competition and the free market will decide if one, two, or five or eight or 20 of any of these are enough.

If we want to protect kids from vaping, make it illegal across the board, but don't discriminate.

Reader feedback

Last week's "Impressions" about little annoyances generated more reader feedback than any eight in recent memory, regarding poor customer service from the daily newspapers, and no radio "Voice of the Cyclones" in the Quad Cities.

"I had the same frustrations. Makes me feel that I'm not the only one," wrote **Bill**, from Eldridge. "I could never rely recently on getting the (paper) delivered," he said. "One day it would come, the next it wouldn't; a few times I had to dig it out of the snow, etc. One time years ago it was on my roof. I tried several times to address this and did leave the carrier a sizeable Christmas gift with hopes of rectifying this problem. It got worse. Finally, I quit."

It's a shame that the circulation departments do not share the same passion for doing a good job as the young writers on the shrinking news staffs. They deserve better.

More from **Bill** from Eldridge: "It's also frustrating when the Hawks are on five stations and you can't hear Iowa State. So fortunately, I did what you did. Thank God for streaming. The delay beats not getting it at all. I can't blame the local station if their fees were raised so dramatically."

About the teams, **Bill** wrote, "(ISU Coach) **Matt Campbell** and his staff have done perhaps their best coaching job with their slow start, young team, and suspensions. I also think that **Kirk Ferentz** might be doing his best coaching job. Being 7-2 (now 8-2) with the worst Division I college offense is incredible!"

Former *NSP* writer **Brian Rathjen**, now of Atlantic, sent a comment and a solution, "We're fortunate out here in western Iowa ... there are multiple stations that do broadcast both Iowa and Iowa State football and basketball ... I thought I'd share with you the link to KWMT's online stream, which is excellent."

That would be **KWMT 540 AM** out of Fort Dodge, which I mentioned last week, whose signal fades in eastern Iowa after sundown. Brian's solution works, and it is free. I enjoyed clear and uninterrupted play-by-play of Saturday night's big victory over BYU. Thank you, Brian! Here is a shortened version of the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yc8bx774>.

Brian also shared about high school sports: "I really enjoyed **Ross Shinberg's** coverage of the state volleyball tournament and football playoffs. If you can pass this on: 'Thank you, Ross! Keep up the excellent work. From an old Lancer fan!'"

Nancy, from Eldridge, voiced the same concerns with newspaper delivery and concluded: "I decided I'd had enough and called to change my subscription to online ... I now read my daily paper on my iPad and occasionally print out a week's worth of crossword puzzles to solve."

Nancy added this feedback, on another topic: "Earlier this year you printed an article about the torn-up boulevard strip along Fifth Street by the schools. I've decided that this is the school's way of demonstrating the quote about the definition of insanity – repeating the same thing over and over (landscaping and reseeding the boulevard strip every spring after school is out for the year) and expecting different results."

Touche! Thank you, readers!

Publisher emeritus Bill Tubbs welcomes feedback at btubbs@northscottpress.com.



Signed letters to the editor on any topic are welcomed.

Send to: North Scott Press, P.O. Box 200, Eldridge, IA 52748, or e-mail: mridolfi@northscottpress.com. Include your name, address (not just a Post Office box) and phone number for verification.

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY
EQUITY NO. EQCE136868
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

GITSIT Solutions, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.

All Known and Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Claimants with an interest in the Property of Imogene C. Ashby; State of Iowa, Department of Revenue; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Imogene C. Ashby; 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 26, 2023, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiff's Reverse Mortgage on the property described below and judgment for all amounts secured by the Reverse Mortgage, including (a) the repayment of the debt evidenced by the Note, with interest, and all renewals, extensions and modifications of the Note; and (b) the payment of all other sums, with interest, advanced to protect the lien of the Reverse Mortgage. These other advanced sums may include, but are not limited to, private mortgage insurance, real estate taxes, servicing fees, property preservation charges and the costs of the action, including title costs and reasonable attorney's fees. Plaintiff requests that these amounts be declared a lien upon the following described premises, located in Scott County, Iowa:

Lot Two, Block Five Replat of a portion of Ridgeview Park, a subdivision in Scott County, Iowa, in the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 78 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M., now in the City of Davenport, Iowa, commonly known as 7107 Volquardsen Ave, Davenport, IA 52806-1169 (the "Property")

The petition further prays that the Reverse 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 Plaintiff's attorney is Andrea Dyar, of SouthLaw, P.C.; whose address is 4601 Westown Pkwy, Suite 250, 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 12th day of December, 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.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in a court action because of a disability, immediately call your District ADA Coordinator at 563-326-8783. If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.

This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You may find more information and general rules governing electronic filing in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16. You may find information concerning protection of personal information in court filings in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, Division VI.

By:
CLERK OF THE ABOVE COURT
Scott County Courthouse
400 West 4th Street,
Davenport, IA 52801

IMPORTANT:

YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE OF REAL ESTATE CONTRACT

TO: JAREN GARCIA

You and each of you are hereby notified:
 1. The written contract dated as of September 18, 2023, and executed by Steve Cotton and Lori Lambert-Cotton as Vendors, and Jaren Garcia as Vendee, and a Memorandum and Notice of Purchase Contract as recorded on October 12, 2023; in the office of the Scott County Recorder, recorded as Document No. 2023-18375, for the sale of the following real estate:
 Lot 35 of Deer Run, an Addition to the City of Bettendorf, Scott County, Iowa, Having a common address of 4554 Moencks Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 Parcel No. 841407134

has not been complied with the following particu-

lars:

Payment due at closing on October 20, 2023
\$522,500.00
 Total\$522,500.00
 2. This contract shall stand forfeited unless the parties in default, within 30 days after the completed service of this notice, shall perform the terms and conditions in default, and in addition pay the reasonable costs of serving this notice.
 Dated October 25, 2023.

STEVE COTTON
LORI LAMBERT-COTTON
By: /s/ Richard A. Davidson
LANE & WATERMAN LLP
220 N. Main Street, Suite 600
Davenport, IA 52801
Attorney for Vendors

Public Notice

NOTICE OF NON-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 655A

TO: Unknown heirs of Walter J. Miller, 722 Vine Street, Davenport, IA 52804

1. On or about September 19, 2005 Walter J. Miller executed and delivered to NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF DAVENPORT, INC. a Mortgage securing payment of a promissory note dated September 19, 2005 in the amount of \$70,103.57 covering property situated in Scott County, Iowa and described as:

All of Lot 8 and the North Half of Lot 7, all in Block 14 of G.C.R. Mitchell's Third Addition to the City of Davenport, Iowa

Common address: 722 Vine Street, Davenport, Iowa Parcel No: G0047-10A

Said Mortgage being recorded on September 21, 2005 as Document No. 2005-31643 in the office of the Recorder of Scott County, Iowa and assigned to Ales & Company LLC by Assignment dated May 30, 2023 and recorded September 13, 2023 as Document No: 2023-16345. Ales & Company LLC is now the owner and holder of the Mortgage and the promissory note referenced therein.

2. The real estate is a single family dwelling but is presently vacant and is not occupied. Walter J. Miller is deceased having died on July 13, 2018. The whereabouts of his heirs are unknown.

3. There has been a default under the terms of the Mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby for failure to make payments when due (cure amount is shown below). There is due to the following sums as of November 3, 2023:

Principal Balance: \$68,475.13
 Accrued Interest: \$15,607.33
 Late Charges: \$1,941.00
 TOTAL Due: \$86,028.96
 Per Diem Interest after 11/03/2023: \$12.19
 Amount needed to cure: \$86,028.96

4. Unless, within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the Mortgagor either (i) cures the above-referenced default or (ii) files with the Recorder of Scott County, Iowa a rejection of this notice pursuant to Iowa Code § 655A.6 and serve a copy of the rejection on Ales & Company LLC the above-referenced mortgage will be foreclosed. (A junior lien holder may cure, but is not entitled to file a notice of rejection.)

5. You may serve notice of rejection at the following address: ALES & COMPANY LLC c/o Richard A. Davidson, Lane & Waterman LLP, 220 N. Main Street, Suite 600, Davenport, IA 52801

WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, YOU MUST EITHER CURE THE DEFAULTS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE OR FILE WITH THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS LOCATED A REJECTION OF THIS NOTICE AND SERVE A COPY OF YOUR REJECTION ON THE MORTGAGEE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN IOWA CODE SECTION 655A.4. IF YOU WISH TO REJECT THIS NOTICE, YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY AS TO THE PROPER MANNER TO MAKE THE REJECTION.

IF YOU DO NOT TAKE EITHER OF THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE WITHIN THE THIRTY-DAY PERIOD, THE FORECLOSURE WILL BE COMPLETE AND YOU WILL LOSE TITLE TO THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. AFTER THE FORECLOSURE IS COMPLETE THE DEBT SECURED BY THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL BE EXTINGUISHED.

Dated November 3, 2023

ALES & COMPANY, LLC
By: /s/ Richard A. Davidson
ATTORNEY FOR ALES & COMPANY LLC

Probate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY

CASE NO. ESPR082274
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD J. WENTE, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Harold J. Wente, who died on or about June 19, 2023.

You are hereby notified that on September 15, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Harold J. Wente, deceased, bearing date of January 26, 2010, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Susan M. Kalainoff is appointed as 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 September 27, 2023.

Susan M. Kalainoff

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

Date of second publication
 15th day of November, 2023

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

1st Ad - 11-8-2023
2nd Ad - 11-15-2023

Iowa District Court
COURT CASE #EQCE136251
Special Execution

STATE OF IOWA
ss.

SCOTT COUNTY

Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB As Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F, PLAINTIFF

VS

Cole William Heister 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 15, replat of Ridgeview Park Second Addition, a subdivision in Scott County, Iowa, of part of the north-east quarter of Section 4, Township 78 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M.; 6919 N. Hancock Ave., Davenport, Iowa.

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:
 Date and Time of Sale: 12/05/2023 11:30
 Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse
 This sale not subject to redemption.
 Judgment Amount: \$7,145.77
 Accruing Cost: \$4,502.80
 Interest: \$528.59 from: 11/01/2022

Attorney: Southlaw PC
Date Filed: 09/29/2023

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 - 11-8-2023
2nd Ad - 11-15-2023

Iowa District Court
COURT CASE #EQCE136570
Special Execution

STATE OF IOWA
ss.

SCOTT COUNTY

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, As Trustee for the Benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2020-3, PLAINTIFF

VS

Susan Marie Hull 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 East 63 feet of the South 215 feet of Lot 17 on the Plat of Green Acres, being Part of the West 1/2 of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 10 in Township 78 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M., as per Plat thereof recorded in Book 141 of Town Lot Deeds at page 502 in the office of the Recorder of Scott County, Iowa, except that part condemned by the City of Davenport, Iowa, by condemnation proceedings recorded in Book 305 Deeds at page 178 in the office of the Recorder of Scott County, Iowa.

And The South 215 feet of Lot 17, except the East 63 feet of the South 25 feet thereof, in Green Acres Addition to the City of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa.

More Correctly Known As: The East 63 feet of the South 215 feet of Lot 17 on the Plat of Green Acres, being a part of the West 1/2 of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 10 in Township 78 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M., located in Davenport Township, Scott County, Iowa, as said Plat is recorded in Book 141 of Town Lot Deeds on page 502 in the Records of the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Iowa.

And The South 215 feet of Lot 17, except the East 63 feet and the South 25 feet thereof, on the plat of Green Acres, being a part of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 78 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M., located in the City of Davenport, Iowa, said plat having been recorded on April 9, 1938, in Book 141 of Town Lot Deeds at page 502 in the office of the Recorder of Scott County, Iowa; 2138 W. 51st St., Davenport, Iowa.

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:
 Date and Time of Sale: 12/05/2023 11:30
 Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse
 This sale not subject to redemption.
 Judgment Amount: \$132,688.74
 Accruing Cost: \$8,149.47
 Interest: \$5,380.26 from: 12/01/2022

Attorney: Southlaw PC
Date Filed: 09/29/2023

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

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Dixon City Council

Regular Meeting
November 1, 2023

The City Council of the City of Dixon, Iowa met for a regular meeting on Wednesday November 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Dixon City Hall Mayor Tweed presided. Roll Call: Present: Manrique, Motz, Phares. A motion was made by Motz to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Manrique. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

PUBLIC COMMENT:
 Resident Butch Richlen shared concerns with junk still all over at 709 Davenport St. Richlen and other residents shared concerns with council over abandoned

vehicles and junk at the following properties: 301 Walnut St, 703 Davenport St, and 705 Davenport St. The City Council directed the city clerk to send abatement letters to the residents regarding the complaints.

OLD BUSINESS:

The City Council discussed dissolving Dixon Zoning Commission and turning the zoning over to Scott County fully. The council decided to investigate having a paid building inspector position instead of dissolving the commission.

The City Council discussed feedback from the alley way survey and what the next steps were. The council only had 2 responses to the survey, it was decided to extend the survey 30 more days and go from there.

The City Council read neighboring communities Hen Ordinances and Council Phares decided to take charge of the project. Phares will come to the November meeting with adjustments to the other ordinances to build Dixon their own.

NEW BUSINESS:

The council discussed a new form of communication for council members, employees, and residents. Council Manrique requested a delinquent list be sent to council members every month before new bills are printed.

The council discussed the plat survey results and asked Clerk Tweed to share the survey results with the lawyer and move forward with the sale to Tony Dahms.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:
 The council discussed the progress on the damaged garage door, Mayor Tweed shared the new door will be delivered mid-November.

The council discussed snow removal season and the plan to move forward. Council Manrique was going to have a meeting with Public Works Foreman Harvey to discuss expectations for the snow removal period.

Mayor Tweed addressed an ongoing issue at 206 Ogden St. Homeowner assured the council that the issue will be rectified as of November 2, 2023.

With nothing further to discuss Mayor Tweed adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Approved:
James Tweed, Mayor

Attest:
Kisa Tweed, City Clerk/Treasurer

Abbitt Survey & Development	\$500.00
Alliant Energy	1,035.97
Alliant Energy	1,750.89
Bush, Motto, Creen, Koury	2,413.00
EFTPS, fed/fica tax	340.44
IPERS, ipers	350.00
Kerry Meyer	454.87
LL Pelling	37,163.70
LMI	2,431.24
Mike Harvey	281.56
Scott County Engineer's Office	768.83
Scott County Library System	4,097.00
Scott County Sheriff	260.00
Technology Solutions	45.00
Tom's Tree Service	4,500.00
Accounts Payable Total	56,392.50
Payroll Checks	1,914.82
Report Total	\$58,307.32
General	Claims Fund Summary
.....	\$18,477.71
Road Use Tax	39,062.99
Sewer	766.62
Total Funds	\$58,307.32

Eldridge City Council

November 6, 2023

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open session at Eldridge Community Center at 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2023.

Council Members Present: Dan Collins, Adrian Blackwell, Bruce Cheek, Brian Dockery, and Bernie Peeters.

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Motion by Dockery to approve the agenda with the amendment of striking the closed session and potential action as a result of the closed session. Second by Peeters. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

David McCammant with MidAmerican Energy presented Jill DeWulf with the Park Board with a check for a \$500 grant for a drinking fountain at Centennial Park. Mayor's Agenda Motion by Cheek to approve City Council Minutes from October 16, 2023. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Collins to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$610,313.83 Second by Dockery. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Collins to table the approval of a Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor permit for Eldridge Tobacco and Vape. Second by Peeters Motion was approved with a 4-1 voice vote.

New Business Motion by Blackwell to approve Resolution 2023-42 Approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Street Finance. Second by Dockery Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Peeters to approve Resolution 2023-43 Approving Street Lights in Grunwald Grove 2nd Addition, Ivy Acres Phase 1, and Hickory Creek Park. Second by Cheek Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Peeters to approve Resolution 2023-44 Approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Urban Renewal Report. Second by Dockery Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Blackwell to approve establishing a new 2024 hiring list for the Eldridge Police Department. Second by Cheek Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve Resolution 2023-46 Supporting a joint application between Scott County and the City of Eldridge for the rehabilitation of N. 1st Street from W. Donahue Street North to the City of Long Grove south corporate limits to be completed with Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds. Second by Peeters Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Dockery to approve Resolution 2023-47 approving a salary increase for the City Administrator. Second by Peeters Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Blackwell to approve Resolution 2023-45 Authorizing the Advancement of costs for the City Urban Renewal Project in the Lincoln-LeClaire Urban Renewal Plan and certification of expenses incurred by the City of Eldridge for payment under Iowa Code Section 403.19. Second by Collins Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Peeters to approve Resolution 2023-48 Approving an Increase in the Pay Rate for the City Boards & Commissions Members. Second by Dockery Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Dockery to approve Resolution 2023-49 Approving an Adjustment to the Pay Rate for the part-time City Building/Electrical Inspector with the amendment of adding part-time in front of City Building/Electrical Inspector and changing the year from 2024 to 2023 for the rate of pay to be retroactive to

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LEGAL NOTICES

October 25, 2023. Second by Collins Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Blackwell to approve the purchase of a generator for the Sewer Plant at a cost of \$143,460 from the budgeted Sewer Other Capital expenditures fund. Second by Peeters Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Second by Peeters Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Frank King Mayor	Martha Nieto City Clerk
A&A Air Cond & Refrigeration, ice machine.....	\$62.50
Access Systems Leasing, copier lease	576.62
Ahlers & Cooney P.C., services	2,318.05
Always Clean LLC, office cleaning	708.75
Amazon Capital Services, supplies	327.05
Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP, accounting services-audit	6,968.75
Brooks Law Firm P.C., general representation	2,679.00
Bush Brian, sqr reimbursement	930.00
Cavanaugh Tony, fbi leeda training-des moines	458.00
Certified Laboratories, aerosol	284.22
Cintas First Aid & Safety D89, first aid	31.53
Clark Equipment Co., bobcat compact track loader	65,081.81
Cobra Help, active insured employees	24.05
Commercial Printers, pd envelopes	78.60
Daily Kathy & Brandon, sqr reimbursement	1,000.00
Drew Wayne, sqr reimbursement	470.00
Eldridge N.S. Chamber of Commerce, city update breakfast-8 attendees	80.00
Eldridge Vol. Fire Dept., 2nd qtr gas franchise	4,654.07
Electric Pump, pump dry run protector	455.27
Fastenal Company, nuts/bolts	1.20
Fletcher-Reinhardt Co., wire tie alum	570.00
Frick Merlyn, sqr reimbursement	680.00
GT Sports Unlimited, kruse clothing	103.00
Gee Asphalt Systems Inc, retainage-gsb friction seal	6,993.70
Gruenther John, sqr reimbursement	1,000.00
IDALS-Pesticide Bureau, wessel pesticide applicator license	15.00
Ihrig Rentals LLC, skid steer-laser grading	2,000.00
Iowa Workforce Development, j moore-employment benefits	5,090.00
Jim Hill/Hill Painting, city hall painting	3,100.00
Johnson Dianne, sqr reimbursement	410.00
Kemper Lawrence, sqr reimbursement	700.00
Kings Material Inc, mulch	115.47
LL Pelling Co, sealcoat project	135,822.15
Lawson Products Inc., parts	289.82
Menard Consulting Inc, 2023 gasb 75 valuation	900.00
Menards, supplies	422.68
Merschman Hardware, supplies	47.57
MidAmerican Energy Company, utilities	6,793.74
Morton Salt Inc., ice salt	4,708.51
Mr & Mrs Richard Cole, srq reimbursement	735.00
North Central Laboratories, lab equipment	764.70
Patriot Lincoln of Davenport, grille assembly parts	428.79
Quad Cities TAS, answering services	64.82
Reif Roy, sqr reimbursement	450.00
Rhino Industries Inc, sludge polymer	4,899.00
River Cities Management, warehouse space	1,849.75
River Valley Cooperative, diesel	2,490.09
Riverstone Group Inc, supplies	4,778.59
Russell Construction, ymca final payment	33,676.64
Sarafin Judi, sqr reimbursement	325.00
Scott Baetke, clothing allowance	154.96
Scott County Library System, semiannual taxes	136,415.00
Scott County Sheriffs Dept., booking fees	250.00
Shive-Hattery Engineers, engineering	46,140.20
Stanley Kevin, sqr reimbursement	1,000.00
Staples, supplies	1,072.92
Tri-City Electric Company of IA tan internet cable new bodycam	223.98
Tyler Technologies, tutoring	1,120.00
Uniform Den Inc., uniforms	700.97

US Postal Service, postage	500.00
Valley Construction Co., paving lot n & e 104 e leclair	5,506.00
Verizon Wireless, cell phones	1,134.95
Wallace Michael, sqr reimbursement	1,000.00
Wex Bank, gas service	5,914.53
Auxiant, claim funding & benefits	2,252.28
Delta Dental, dental ins premiums	1,586.56
Payroll 10/28/2023, payroll 10/28/2023	97,173.28
Unum Life Insurance, life insurance premiums	754.71
Total	\$610,313.83

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Walcott City Council

Monday, November 6, 2023

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, November 6, 2023, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Everett Bieri, Harry Knutsen, Lisa Mengler, and Jacob Puck. Staff present: Jeff Blake, Lisa Rickertsen, and Paul Stagg. Council member Kirk Koberg arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. Knutsen moved and Bieri seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, October 2023 financial reports, Resolution 2023-45 - Acknowledging New Investments, and Resolution 2023-46 -Reconfirming Purchase of a 2024 Rescue Vehicle and Approving Payment for the Chassis. Roll call ayes: Knutsen, Bieri, Mengler, and Puck. Motion carried.

Minutes from October 16, 2023. Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to approve the minutes from October 16, 2023. Motion carried.

Liqui-Grow - Request to Resize or Cut Curb at 737 E. Lincoln Street. Hovey Tinsman, Liqui-Grow, had submitted a letter to the City Council regarding his concerns with the size of the curb that was installed in front of Liqui-Grow's property at 737 E. Lincoln Street. He requested the City cut out the current curb for a smoother transition, from the east end of their property to just west of the earthen dike. Koberg arrived. Stagg stated the 4" sloped curb in front of their property was specified in the original construction plans and is per the SUDAS (Statewide Urban Design and Specifications). Stagg expressed concerns about gravel from the parking lot currently rolling onto the street and believes it could become worse if the curb was cut down to 2" in height. Koberg stated he disagreed and feels the gravel is coming from trucks spinning out. Tinsman stated if it was more of a gradual sloped curb it would be easier to drive over. Discussion was held on cutting down the curb, a length of approximately 400'. Additional concerns were expressed about the rock and water drainage. Koberg moved and Knutsen seconded to saw cut the current curb down, at the City's cost, similar to a driveway drop curb per SUDAS to create a smoother approach from the east end of their property to the telephone pole by their storage tank. Motion carried with Mengler abstaining due to employment conflict of interest. Koberg stated that Liqui-Grow is responsible for pulling the gravel back to try and eliminate gravel coming onto the street and Tinsman agreed.

Sale of 1949 Fire Truck. Stagg reported the high bid for the 1949 fire truck was \$2,225. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the sale of the 1949 fire truck to the high bidder on GovDeals for \$2,225. Motion carried. Stagg reported the high bidder is local. Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hahn was present and provided updates on the 2024 rescue vehicle which is currently being built.

Request for Holiday Lights on Utility Poles along Memorial Road. Koberg reported that Walcott Day Committee is requesting approval to install holiday lights on approximately 16 light poles on Memorial Road. Following discussion, Puck moved and Bieri seconded to approve the request from the Walcott Day Committee

to install holiday lights on utility poles along Memorial Road, once approved by Alliant Energy. Motion carried. Residential Development. Discussion was held about areas located both in and out of current city limits for possible future residential development.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Kostichuk reported on a recent meeting he and Puck had with Davenport Community School Superintendent Schneckloth and Board President Gosa. Puck reported they were informed that 6th grade students from Blue Grass and Buffalo would be attending Walcott next year.

Council Member Comments. Koberg stated he feels the City's regulations on ATV's & UTV's should match the State of Iowa's. He requested this topic be placed on the next agenda.

Mengler moved and Koberg seconded to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.

Mayor John Kostichuk, Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk
424 Warning Systems LLC, lightbars and labor

.....	\$2,459.95
Aero Concrete, Ltd, services	12,343.75
Aero-Mod Inc, equip repair	198.50
Alliant Energy, services	10,322.38
Amazon Capital Services, calendars	281.76
American Industrial Door Co, door	1,152.99
Boland Recreation, playground surface	8,000.00
Brooks Law Firm, P.C., services	391.50
BT Grocery, fire dept food	56.67
Casey's Business Mastercar, fuel	1,286.92
Comdata, cc charges	1,042.20
Grainger Inc., lab supplies	116.70
Hawkins Inc, chemicals	1,916.66
Hill, Adam, medical reimb	90.00
Iowa 80 Group, diesel	470.74
Iowa IAI, conference fee	75.00
Iowa One Call, notifications	37.10
Iowa Rural Water Assoc., annual membership dues	355.00
Lighting Maintenance Inc., siren repairs	424.00
Mediacom, services	156.90
Miscellaneous Vendor, anderson, joseph: us refund	54.09
Napa Auto Parts, fuel filter	5.49
Orkin, services	90.99
Platinum Information Servi, email and ms office	134.50
Republic Services, services	200.00
Rhino Industries, Inc, chemicals	1,944.00
Rickertsen, Lisa, reimb travel	296.72
River Valley Co-op, diesel	1,074.77
Ron Alpen Ford, repairs	122.57
Scott Co. Engineer, winter maintenance	1,346.99
Treasurer State of Iowa, taxes	3,015.87
Trugreen Limited Partnershi, services	489.77
U.S. Cellular, services	416.68
UPS, shipping fees	22.03
USA Blue Book, lab supplies	261.58
Subtotal	50,654.77
Payroll 10/27/23	29,574.46
Grand Total Expenditures	\$80,229.23
Fund Totals	
General	\$32,419.80
City Equip & Vehicle Res	2,459.95
Park Enhancement Res	20,343.75
Police Reserve-Donation	102.26
Road Use Tax	1,346.99
600 Water Utility	8,493.85
Utility Deposit Fund	54.09
Sewer Utility	14,808.54
Solid Waste	200.00
Total	\$80,229.23
October Revenue	
General	\$369,601.34
Police Vehicle Reserve	1,907.89
Fire Celebration Reserve	126.00
Fire Vehicle Reserve	1,240.60
Fire Donations	1,076.37
Fire Bldg Reserve	216.77
City Equip/Vehicle Reserve	9,636.72
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	90.38

Rec Trail Reserve	11.60
Park Enhancement Reserve	29.68
Splash Pad Reserve	15.47
Police Donations	464.61
Community Beautification	28.16
Municipal Bldg Fund	539.16
Road Use Tax	17,413.19
Employee Benefits	90,218.21
Local Option Sales Tax	25,850.98
TIF	148,928.39
ARPA	186.45
Water Utility	33,597.02
Water Tower Reserve	239.44
Water Main Repair	130.10
Utility Deposits	210.00
Sewer Utility	44,875.92
Sewer Lift Station	68.97
Sewer Improvement Reserve	145.88
Solid Waste	8,273.61
Total	\$755,122.91

Scott County Planning and Zoning Commission

NOTICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING FOR A FINAL PLAT OF A MINOR SUBDIVISION

Public Notice is hereby given as required by Section 9-16 of the County Code (Subdivisions), that the Scott County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing for a sketch plan/final plat of a minor subdivision known as RSBR Addition at a public meeting on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the 1st Floor Board Room of the Scott County Administrative Center, 600 West 4th Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hear the request of Overland Engineering (deedholder, John Groves) for approval of a minor subdivision to create an approximately 2.01-acre parcel from a 25.75-acre parcel, in Part of the NE ¼ of Section 2 of Buffalo Township (Parcel ID 720207008).

If you have any questions or comments regarding this meeting or proposal, please call or write the Planning and Development Department, Scott County Administrative Center, 600 West Fourth Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801, (563) 326-8643, or attend the meeting.

North Scott Community School District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING District's CIPA policy

Notice is hereby given that the North Scott Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the School District's CIPA policy as part of the regular board meeting on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Alan Shepard Elementary, Long Grove, IA.

All persons desiring to present their views either in writing or verbally will be given the opportunity to be heard and their comments considered at this hearing.

Terina Bruns, Board Secretary

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NSP SPORTS

ALL-STATE VOLLEYBALL

Hayes, Johnson and Skarich make all-state teams

By Ross Shinberg
NSP Sports Editor

As state champions, it is only appropriate that the Class 4A all-state list is painted scarlet and silver.

Junior Abbey Hayes made the Elite Team All-State and is the Class 4A Player of the Year. Senior Kaci Johnson earned a spot on the 4A second team while senior Sydney Skarich made the Class 4A third team.

Additionally, coach Taryn VanEarwage was named the Class 4A Coach of the Year for leading the Lancers to a 29-4 record and a state championship.

For Hayes, this is her second time making an all-state team. Last season, she made the Class 4A first-team. Skarich was an honorable mention in 2022, and Johnson made her debut on the all-state list.

Already the Mississippi Athletic Conference Player of the Year and the Class 4A all-tournament team captain, this puts a bow on Hayes' epic 2023 season. In total, she recorded 309 kills, a .281 hitting efficiency mark, 217 digs, 36 aces and 27 blocks.

That was the theme of the 2023 North Scott volleyball team — everyone on the court can play multiple roles at an elite level.

Hayes is a prime example, and Johnson and Skarich are no different.

Johnson led the Lancers with 49 aces

and a .324 hitting percentage, was second in assists with 432 and blocks with 43, and third in both digs (246) and kills (171).

Skarich has the best serving efficiency on the team (.980), was second best in kills (183) and digs (286) and had the fourth-best kill efficiency (.265).

Senior Payton Petersen of the undefeated Class 2A champions from Dike-New Hartford was named the Player of the Year.

Joining her and Hayes on the elite team all-state were Bailey Boeve (Hinton), Carlie Willis (Grundy Center), Chloe Meester (Mount Vernon), Jaydn Petersen (Dike-New Hartford), Katie Quick (Ankeny Christian) and Molly Shafer (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont).

Completing the class 4A first team is Anna Strohmeier and Brooke Larson (Lewis Central), Bliss Beck (Clear Creek-Amana), Libby Fandel (Xavier), Maliyah Hacker (Sioux City Heelan), Michaela Goad (Marion) and Tori Runyan (Indianola).

Other MAC athletes to make an all-tournament team included Pleasant Valley's Isabelle Kremer (5A second team), Molly Albrecht and Stella Smith (5A third team) and Davenport Assumption's Ellie Schubert (3A first-team), Ellah Derrer and Maggie Johnson (3A second team).



Lancer junior Abbey Hayes.

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Lancer senior Sydney Skarich.



Lancer senior Kaci Johnson.

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ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL

Lancers fill up all-district team

Gerardy, Cunningham and Smith are Players of the Year; 13 make first- or second-team

By Ross Shinberg

NSP Sports Editor

North Scott is well represented on this year's Class 4A District 3 all-district football teams with three Lancers taking home Player of the Year awards.

Senior quarterback Kyler Gerardy was named Offensive District Player of the Year. He threw for 1380 yards and 14 touchdowns this season and added 843 yards and 13 touchdowns on the ground. He also led the entire state, regardless of class, in passing quarterback rating (165.0).

Protecting him all season was senior Matt Cunningham, who won Offensive Lineman District Player of the Year. He played a big role in the Lancers' ability to win in the trenches. North Scott only allowed 13.5 sacks in 11 games this year.

When the offense got into the end zone, it was junior kicker Chase Smith

putting the cherry on top. He won the Placekicker District Player of the Year award for converting 50 of 55 PATs and two of three field goals.

Gerardy and Cunningham were placed on the all-district first-team along with junior Cash Bowe (WR), senior Luke Belken (TE/LB), senior Nolan Engelbrecht (LB), junior Jerrod Lee (RB) and senior Owen Jordahl (DB).

Bowe became this team's No. 1 wide receiver with 47 receptions, 680 yards and five touchdowns.

Belken tied for the team lead with 60.0 tackles, he led all Lancers with six tackles for loss and he hauled in one interception.

Engelbrecht had 59.5 tackles this season, one tackle for loss, one sack and one interception.

Lee broke out as a rushing threat this season with 144 carries, 935 yards and 13 touchdowns on the ground. As a receiver, he had nine catches for 56 yards and another score.

Jordahl scored two rushing touchdowns on offense and tied with Engelbrecht for the team lead in tackles. He picked off two passes and scooped up one fumble.

North Scott had six members make the all-district second team: Senior Colton Voss (DB), junior Jace Tippet (OL/LB), junior Jay Lightle (DL), senior Zach McMillian (OL/DL), senior Dawson Rheingans (OL/DL) and senior Colin Albrecht (DB).

Voss recorded 18.5 tackles this season and scored a touchdown against Clinton on a scoop and score fumble recovery.

Tippet, North Scott's center, also shined on defense with 37.0 tackles and one interception.

Lightle led the Lancers with 3.0 sacks, 5.0 tackles for loss and, overall, had 28.5 tackles.

McMillian and Rheingans were part of that impressive offensive line with Cunningham and Tippet which created many running lanes and clean pockets. They helped the offense rush for 7.4 yards per game and 14.5 yards per passing completion.

Lastly, Albrecht was one of four Lancers with over 50 tackles (50.5). He had one interception and a 67-yard receiving touchdown against Waverly-Shell Rock.

District champions Cedar Rapids Xavier also stood out on the awards sheet. The Saints had this season's Defensive Player of the Year (Adam Cook), Defensive Lineman Player of the Year (Eddie Becu) and Specialist Player of the Year (Coleton Beasler-Weber).

Additionally, Clear Creek-Amana's Cale Berry won Punter of the Year honors.

In total, Xavier had eight athletes on the first team. North Scott had seven.

Third-place Clear Creek-Amana had

six, Burlington had five. Oskaloosa had four and Clinton had three.

North Scott individual statistics overview

Passing

Kyler Gerardy 92-126, 1380 yards, 14 touchdowns, 3 interceptions; Chase Smith 29-48, 306 yards, 5 touchdowns, 1 interception; Cash Bowe 2-2, 100 yards, 1 touchdown.

Rushing

Jerrod Lee 144 carries, 935 yards, 13 touchdowns; Kyler Gerardy 96-843-13; Robert Palmer 33-309-4; Chase Smith 14-109-2; Cash Bowe 5-39; Owen Jordahl 3-33-2; Hunter Fox 2-6; Colton Voss 2-6; Nolan Engelbrecht 1-3; Reagan Maher 1-2; Cole Green 3-0.

Receiving

Cash Bowe 47 receptions, 680 yards, 5 touchdowns; Carson Lage 24-349-4; Hunter Fox 20-335-5; Colin Albrecht 3-94-1; Kye Smith 3-67-2; Drew Eller 3-63; Jerrod Lee 9-56-1; Will Schneckloth 2-43; Owen Jordahl 3-35; Reagan Maher 3-33; Robert Palmer 3-23; Carter Hoyt 1-5; Luke Belken 2-3-1.

Total Tackles

Luke Belken 60.0; Owen Jordahl 60.0; Nolan Engelbrecht 59.5; Colin Albrecht 50.5; Jace Tippet 37.0; Anthony Brimmer 32.5; Jay Lightle 28.5; Drew Eller 26.0; Tristan Moore 22.5; Kye Smith 22.5; Peyton Brenner 20.5; Colton Voss 18.5; Kyler Gerardy 15.5; Zachary Powell 15.5; Beau Morgan 10.5; Will Schneckloth 10.0; Jerrod Lee 10.0; Dawson Rheingans 9.5; Gehrig Kirst 8.5; Brent Morgan 8.0; Hunter Fox 7.5; Zach McMillian 7.0; Cash Bowe 6.5; Jesse Eller 6.0; Chase Smith 5.0; Cole Johnson 4.0; Robert Palmer 4.0; Reagan Maher 3.5; Charlie Ohl 3.5; Carson Lage 3.0; Caden Noel 3.0; Evan Ralfs 2.5; Blake Hahn 2.5; Jeremiah Ford 2.5; Kelan Gamet 2.0; Isaac Veach 0.5; Jordan Boley 0.5; Collin Bachtel 0.5; Paul Jones 0.5; Matt Cunningham 0.5.

Tackles For Loss

Luke Belken 6.0; Anthony Brimmer 5.0; Jay Lightle 5.0; Jerrod Lee 4.0; Peyton Brenner 3.0; Zachary Powell 3.0; Colin Albrecht 2.0; Tristan Moore 2.0; Colton Voss 2.0; Nolan Engelbrecht 1.0; Jace Tippet 1.0; Drew Eller 1.0; Beau Morgan 1.0; Zach McMillian 1.0; Jesse Eller 1.0; Reagan Maher 1.0; Jeremiah Ford 1.0.

Sacks

Jay Lightle 3.0; Anthony Brimmer 2.0; Jerrod Lee 2.0; Peyton Brenner 2.0; Nolan Engelbrecht 1.0; Jace Tippet 1.0.



Quarterback Kyler Gerardy (1) attempts a pass with Matt Cunningham (65) blocking a Decorah pass rusher.

NSP Photos by Erin M. Gentz



Chase Smith converts one of his season-high eight extra points against Waverly-Shell Rock.

Fumble Recoveries

Anthony Brimmer 2; Owen Jordahl 1; Robert Palmer 1; Colton Voss 1; Jay Lightle 1.

Interceptions

Owen Jordahl 2; Colin Albrecht 1; Kyler Gerardy 1; Nolan Engelbrecht 1; Luke Belken 1; Jace Tippet 1.

Kicking

Chase Smith 50/55 on PATs, 2/3 on FG's; Gehrig Kirst 37 kickoffs, 2,000 yards, 9 touchbacks.

Punting

Chase Smith 21 punts, 696 yards; Kyler Gerardy 2-77; Owen Jordahl 1-35.

Kick Returns

Chase Smith 7 returns, 165 yards; Robert Palmer 5-81; Reagan Maher 3-66; Cole Johnson 4-63; Colton Voss 2-37; Jerrod Lee 1-16; Beau Morgan 1-7; Tristan Moore 2-0.

Punt Returns

Colton Voss 7 returns, 66 yards; Kye Smith 4-34; Owen Jordahl 6-21; Reagan Maher 1-16; Cash Bowe 1-8.

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Teens step up for service

North Scott Explorers spend Saturday morning amidst flames





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North Scott High School fire Explorers Blane Bewely, Nicolette Keppy and Mya Bryce get ready for another run into a burning farm house as part of their Nov. 11 training.

NSP photos by Mark Ridolfi

The next generation suits up



Explorers rest between fire drills.

Fifefighters guide a dozen Explorers through burning home

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Managing Editor

Twelve North Scott teenagers awoke before dawn Saturday to get their first crack at entering a burning building.

A farm house fire was staged as a training exercise. But the heat, smoke, exhilaration and exhaustion were genuine.

Madison Andrews, Mya Bryce and Blane Bewely collapsed on the lawn alongside their trainers, gasping for fresh air, checking their oxygen tank volume, then awaiting another call to go back in.

Most Scott County teens were still sleeping when these Explorer Scouts made a second

run into the home.

Bryce said she signed up, “to get out of my comfort zone.”

“I’m super uncomfortable now. Right now, just pulling a hose through a fire, that’s uncomfortable,” she said. Normally, Bryce said she would be sleeping in, or working at the Rhythm City Casino on a Saturday morning.

Some Explorers pursue the training for career opportunities.

Many come from families with fire service traditions.

Some just dig it.

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North Scott fire Explorers

- Those training Saturday:
- Maysville:** Landon Arp, Madison Andrews, Blane Bewely
 - Donahue:** Carley Schoenthaler, Ciley Schoenthaler, Mya Bryce
 - Eldridge:** Cody Harkey, Nicolette Keppy and Logan Fluegel
 - Princeton:** Emma Christner
 - Long Grove:** Priscilla Schwener, Ryko Lee

Departments involved

- Eldridge
- LeClaire
- Princeton
- Maysville
- Donahue
- Long Grove

Firefighters and Explorers pose Nov. 11, after completing training exercises and letting the home at 21895 220th St., collapse in flames.

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“My idea of fun is carrying a fire hose upstairs,” Logan Fluegel said.

All are part of North Scott High School’s Explorer Scouting program that provides training, and high school credits to learn work that is vital to all North Scott towns.

Eldridge, LeClaire, Princeton, Maysville, Donahue and Long Grove firefighters joined in the controlled burn from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Eldridge fire chief Keith Schneckloth set this fire, while owners Bob and Amy Brady stood by. The home was in Amy’s family. Her mom, Bea, lives with them in home built two years ago right next door.

The Bradys brought pizzas to the

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Explorer Logan Fluegel

From left: Madison Andrews, Mya Bryce, Blane Bewely, Ciley Schoenthaler (kneeling), Nicolette Keppy, and Carley Schoenthaler.

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crew, and stayed as firefighters set one last blaze at 3 p.m. to consume the old home.

Bob Brady said he hoped the home might provide good training, and the firefighters say he was right.

"We used to get two or three of these a year," Donahue fire chief David Coon said. "Now it may be a year or two before one comes up."

That's why Schneckloth alerted departments throughout the region, and invited the Explorers.

Schneckloth and firefighters spent a week preparing the house for this day.

Fire resistant drywall panels went over windows so the controlled fire would not spread too quickly.

Crews notched the fireplace smoke stack, so it would fall predictably when the house came down.

Safety rails made out of two-by-fours went up the steep stairs to the second floor.

"You'll be climbing up on your hands and knees," Schneckloth advised Explorers making their first tour of the house.

Stacks of wood pallets in each room served two purposes. Firefighters would ax through the pallets instead of walls, so they could experience the exertion without opening up new airways that would fuel the blaze.

The crews could light and extinguish multiple fires before the whole house was gone.

Then the pallets, and some hay bales served as fuel to finish the demolition.

Outside, each side of the house had a four-foot-tall, spray-painted letter. "A is always the side with the address on it. Then we letter it clockwise, A, B, C, D," Schneckloth said.

Firefighters refer to the "A side, or A-B corner to describe their positions.

Groups of 4-8 entered the house at a time with specific assignments:

- Contain an upstairs fire
- Use hoses and axes to vent and

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Eldridge fire chief Keith Schneckloth gathers firefighters and Explorers to begin training.



LeClaire firefighter Justine Goulder descends from a burning, second-floor bedroom.



Explorer Carley Schoenthaler prepares to enter the home.

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direct the burn

- Chop and exit route through lathe and plaster
- Squeeze yourself and air tank through 16-inch framing to get out.

"This time, bring in an ax," Schneckloth instructed the firefighters making a third run into the house.

The firefighters and Explorers do some of the same exercises at their firehouses. But all agree that does not compare to controlled burn training.

Carley and Ciley Schoenthaler come from a Donahue firefighting family. Saturday was their first time in a burning home.

Carley's grandfather, Ken Schoenthaler, led the line that fed hose to the Explorer crew. He counted them in and out, one of a dozen rote practices that bring order to mayhem.

"Get both hands on the hose," Long Grove firefighter Chase Taggart, coached Carley at the doorway. He advised ignoring the handle next to the nozzle. "You need both hands on that hose."

Fire service seems to run in families. Explorer Madison Andrews' dad, Matt, and Blane Bewely's dad Bryce, are Maysville volunteers.

LeClaire firefighter Alex Rossmiller said his Explorer experience with Bettendorf fire department led him to launch his firefighting career 17 years ago.

"I grew up with a fire service family. My dad was full-time. But we never got training in an actual house. We trained in the fire truck bays."

He found Saturday's experience to be indispensable. "You've got to train like it's the real thing, no matter what. You can feel the heat, here," he said.

And choke on the smoke, stumble in the dark and wipe watery eyes.

"Start searching from the left," said Taggart. "Pick a direction and stay with it or you'll get lost."

One Explorer emerged: "I couldn't see anything in there but the glow of the

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LeClaire fire chief Shane Bleeker.



Eldridge fire chief Keith Schneckloth leads Bob Brady through his family's old home before training begins.



Long Grove firefighters descend a steep stair case.



Explorer Carley Schoenthaler checks her gear.



New LeClaire firefighter Justine Goulder joined the training with Explorers. Goulder, 33, moved to LeClaire this year and joined to serve and get to know her community.

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fire.”

LeClaire firefighter Justine Goulder had no family firefighter connections, but felt compelled to serve when she moved to LeClaire this year. “I lost my grandmother in a house fire,” she said.

“I joined in March. We just moved, and I didn’t know anyone in town at all. I thought it would be nice to give back to my community.”

Goulder is from Marion, Wisc., and considered a law enforcement career, before becoming a painter and dry-waller. She envies the high schoolers’ training.

“I feel like I’m late to the game for sure,” said Goulder, 33. “I’ve been doing this for six or seven months and I can’t remember my life without it.”

Explorer Logan Fluegel is heading to Kirkwood Community College for a firefighting degree and said the skills he learned so far will help in any career.

“My advice? Go for it. Don’t be scared. You’ll meet new people. The communication skills alone are incredible.”

Schneckloth encouraged the Explorers but cautioned them to know their limits.

“If you ever thought about it, try it out. No one will judge you or call you out. We’re not trying to scare you or be tough guys. This is meticulous, organized work with skills that can apply in many areas,” he said.

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- Have the fireplace inspected and swept professionally. Prior to lighting the first fire of the season, ensure that a professional inspects the fireplace, chimney and venting to ensure everything is in good condition. The chimney also should be swept to remove excess debris and buildup that could pose a fire hazard.

- Keep items away from the fireplace. Wrapping paper, rugs, clothing, magazines, and the like should be kept at least three feet away from the flames, suggests the American Red Cross. Also, make sure decorations are hung securely and a safe distance away from the fire.

- Check your smoke alarms. Be sure the home has working smoke alarms on every level of the house. And keep a fire extinguisher close to the fireplace.

- Never burn wrapping paper. Wrapping paper contains additives, like dyes, that make it burn extremely hot. Do not

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