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City manager offers new fire chief

If approved by the Dubuque City Council, Amy Scheller would be the 1st woman to lead the department.

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Dubuque's city manager is recommending the hiring of

the city's first female fire chief. On Monday, May 2, the Dubuque City Council will vote on approving City Manager Mike Van Milligen's recommendation to hire Amy Scheller, deputy fire chief for the city of Naperville, Ill., as the new chief of the Dubuque Fire Department, succeeding Rick Steines.

Scheller would be the first woman in the fire department's

history to take on its top position. Speaking with the Telegraph Herald on Thursday, she said she looks forward to moving to Dubuque with her husband, Scott. They have one son about to graduate from college.



Amy Scheller

"The more I turned the page on Dubuque, the more

and more great information I learned about it," Scheller said. "It seemed like a good fit, and I want the opportunity to work with a really good fit."

With 30 years of firefighting experience, Scheller has worked at Naperville, a city with a population of about 150,000, since 1998, holding the roles of division chief of operations, bureau chief of support services, bureau chief

for emergency medical services, lieutenant, acting fire lieutenant and firefighter and paramedic. Prior to Naperville, she worked as a firefighter for the city of Montgomery, Ill., from 1992 to 2001.

Van Milligen said Scheller emerged as a highly qualified candidate who would use her experience to properly lead the department.

"Amy showed in that selec-

tion process the quality of fire chief that she would be for the City of Dubuque," Van Milligen said. "You can look at her extensive fire experience, including many leadership positions in a department that provides services similar to the city of Dubuque."

Along with her experience, Scheller is a graduate of the

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Telegraph Herald named Newspaper of Year in Iowa

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The Telegraph Herald was named Newspaper of the Year in the Iowa Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest for 2021 in an awards ceremony Thursday night in Des Moines.

The Telegraph Herald also was recognized as the top newspaper in the state in terms of general excellence in the contest for newspapers with a circulation greater than 5,000. The awards honor media outlets across the state for accomplishments over the previous year.

The TH will have a full report on the dozens of individual awards in news, sports, photography and advertising in Sunday's newspaper.

Clarke hosts belated Chesney inauguration

President since 2019, his official ceremony was delayed by COVID-19.

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Since coming to Clarke University, Thom Chesney has been proud to be part of a community that came together to solve problems amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The momentum that we built somewhat during the pandemic can be a catalyst for what else we can do when we come together," he said.

Chesney, Clarke's 16th president, took on his role in July 2019. Prior to coming to Clarke, he headed a Texas community college.

But Chesney's inauguration, which would have been held in March 2020, was postponed due to the pandemic.

The ceremony took place Thursday evening in front of about 100 people at the Robert and Ruth Kehl

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Alexis Stratton, a sophomore at Dubuque Senior High School, looks through a builder's level during the Construction

Industry Career Expo at Portzen Construction in Dubuque on Thursday. The event continues today.

Students focus on construction

More than 300 tri-state-area high schoolers participate in the career expo.

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Alexis Stratton squinted as she looked through a builder's level mounted on a tripod on Thursday morning. She carefully adjusted the level's focus, then recorded the measurement indicated by the crosshairs in the instrument.

"Now, you would add the benchmark elevation to that to get your height of instrument," said Matthew Konrardy, an instructor with Five Rivers Carpenters JATC training center, who was watching her closely.

Alexis, a sophomore at Dubuque Senior High School, performed a quick calculation, then showed her work to Konrardy.

"That's exactly what I got," he told her, and the two exchanged a high-five.

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Toby Eagles, a student at Alternative Learning Center, bends pipe with other students.

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