

2022 YEAR in Review

May

Second and fifth at state meet

Emily Haverdink (closest to camera) ran to top finishes in the high-school track-and-field meet in Drake Stadium in Des Moines, held from Thursday, May 19, through Saturday, May 21. Haverdink was second in the 3A 3,000 meters and fifth in the 1,500 meters. (Photo by Warrior Sports Photography)



New entry

The MOC-Floyd Valley High School ag mechanics class helped with the 2022 Orange City Tulip Festival by constructing a new entrance to the Straatmarkt. With the guidance of teacher Molly Cleveringa, students Brady Van Gorp, Kyle Hansen, Brayden Meyer, Logan Feenstra and Conner Oolman, all also Holland FFA members, and Katie Plendl, Emily Haack and Dana Purvis designed and built the new structure. Orange City utility workers erected the new entrance just in time for the opening of the festival. (Photos by Doug Calsbeek)

Literary Dairy planned

In May, Scott and Caprice Buchholz were busy preparing the opening of Literary Dairy, a new eatery planned to open in June. The restaurant took the place of the former Town Square coffee shop. Scott taught for 22 years before making the change. Caprice teaches at MOC-Floyd Valley Middle School in Alton. (Photo by Sarah Weber)



Early morning blaze

At 3:42 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, the Alton Fire Department responded to a call of a fire at The Yard on 10th street in Alton. Kevin Langel, second assistant fire chief, confirms, "We arrived on scene and the back lean-to was completely engulfed. It took us a couple hours to get it out." Alton fire and ambulance, Granville fire, Hoppers fire and ambulance, and Orange City fire and ambulance personnel responded to the call. "The back lean-to is completely destroyed but the inside of the building just has water and smoke damage," Langel said.



June



Nearly 43 years

Wanda Vande Vegte (shown here with husband Doug) retired from Plum Print and Publishing at the end of June after nearly 43 years of employment. Vande Vegte began while she was in high school in 1973, and then started full time after she

graduated. After working part time for a few years and after living in Oklahoma from 1978-1980, Vande Vegte returned to Plum in 1983 and worked full time until this year. It was estimated that Vande Vegte worked on 2,261 editions of the newspaper, and has adjusted to technology changes along the way, including helping bring commercial digital printing to the office. (Photo submitted)



Public health director begins duties

Teri Bos of Orange City began duties as the new director of Sioux County Community Health Partners in May. A family move by previous Community Health Services Director Kim Westerholm opened the position. Bos secured a degree in education in 1995 from Dordt College in Sioux Center, then taught for 14 years, advancing into health care after earning (while teaching) a bachelor of science registered nurse degree from Northwestern College in Orange City. Bos began as a floor nurse at Orange City Area Health System in 2013, began working part time as a public-health nurse with Sioux County's provider of public health service, Community Health Partners, in 2014, gradually taking on more duties in that role. (Photo submitted)



Two lead Northwestern at track nationals

James Gilbert, Jr. (below) earned All-American honors with a third-place finish in the long jump to lead the Northwestern College men at the 2022 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Outdoor Championships in late May in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Gilbert reached 7.52 meters, which set a Northwestern College outdoor field record. The bronze finish was the first outdoor All-American honor for Gilbert, Jr., after a second-place finish in the 2022 NAIA Indoor Championships. Red Raider Katlyn Wiese (left) earned All-American honors and led the Northwestern women with a fourth-place finish in the half marathon at the national championships. Wiese bested a seventh-seed position to finish fourth in the field of 33 competitors, finishing with a time of 1:27:22. (Photos courtesy of Northwestern College)



Mulder Auto adds electric bikes, scooters

A June 9 ribbon cutting marked the expansion by Mulder Auto into marketing electric bikes and gas-powered scooters. (Photo submitted)

July



Ukrainian family settled in Sioux County

Thanks to an initiative by Sioux County Martha Hulshof and Hulshof's sister Maranda Heytsi and Lori Milburn, each part of a mission team in Ukraine, the Vinichenko family has settled in Sioux Center. Pictured are (back row, from left) Hulshof, Misha Vinichenko, Sr., and family members Yuliia, Ivan 17, (front row, from left) Misha, Jr., and Bohdan. (Photo submitted)

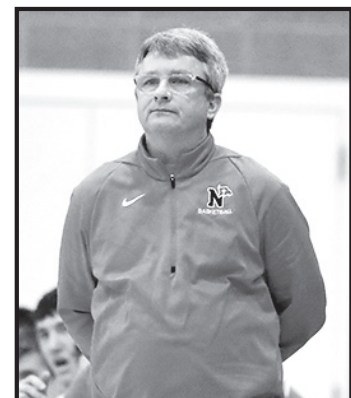
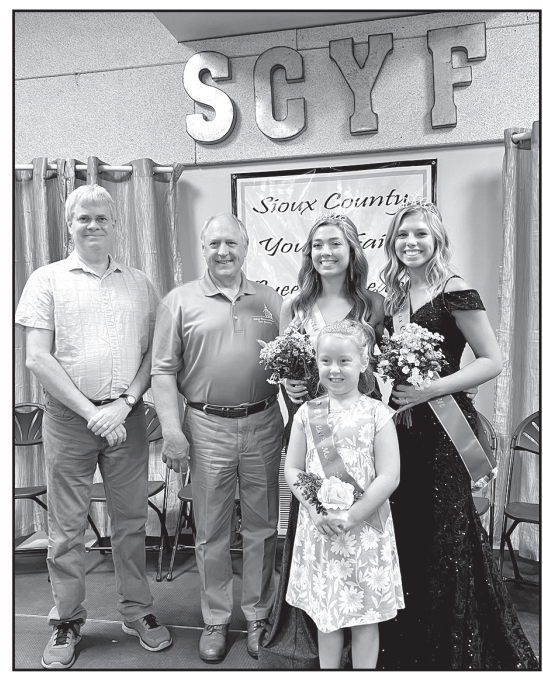


Hospers Habitat for Humanity home

Siouxland Habitat for Humanity broke ground on Thursday, July 21, for the first home in Hospers. The community joined members of Habitat for Humanity for the ceremony at 111 Sunrise Drive. The Barranco Family was selected for the home. Construction began in early August. (Photo submitted)

County fair royalty

On Sunday, July 10, the Sioux County Youth Fair queen, princess, and Little Miss were crowned. Directly following the event, the trio took their first official photo. From left are State Senator Jeff Taylor and State Representative Tom Jeneary, who were present for the ceremony, Princess Katelyn Plendl of Maurice, Little Miss Brea Leusink of Sioux Center and Queen Olivia Fedders of Ireton. (Photo by Sarah Weber)



Honored as coach of character nominee

The Great Plains Athletic Conference announced in July its nominees for the annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Coach of Character award. Northwestern College Men's Basketball Head Coach Kris Korver earned the nomination. Korver is entering his 23rd season at the helm of the Raider men's basketball program, picked up his 500th career win in the prior season and coached the Raiders to an NAIA tournament appearance for the 18th time. (File photo)