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2022 YEAR in Review

November



Library life change

Cheryl Hoekstra, (left) director of the Alton Public Library retired in early November. New librarian Jodie Evans (right), resident of Alton for 14 years, took over the reins after working in the facility in October and undergoing training. The Alton library house hosted an open house on November 12. (Photo submitted)



Crowned queen for the 82nd Tulip Festival

Amanda Hulstein was crowned the 2023 Tulip Festival Queen on Monday, Nov. 21, at the pageant in Prairie Winds Event Center in Orange City. Hulstein will reign over the 82nd annual Tulip Festival, set for May 18, 19, and 20, 2023. Joining Hulstein for a photo after the ceremony were court members (from left) Kinzie Van Kekerix, Neveah Sampson, Hulstein, Elizabeth King and Katelyn Huizenga. (Photo by Sarah Weber)



Whet your whistle stop

Jody Nibbelink and Andrea Bosworth will be managing a new restaurant, the Train Station in Alton with a goal of opening in February 2023. The restaurant will have a 75-seating capacity indoors and a 15 by-45-foot patio with extended outdoor seating and a grassy area beyond. The restaurant will serve custom-built pizza, wings, and a selection of appetizers. A full bar is also planned. (Photo submitted)

December

Trophy aloft

Northwestern College faced Keiser University for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic Football Championship on Saturday, Dec. 17, in Durham, North Carolina. In the tightest contest of the championship series, the Red Raiders won the trophy with a 35-25 decision. (Photo by Zac Lucy, courtesy of Northwestern College)



Libraries join in lending consortium

A new lending consortium joined Alton, Boyden, Hawarden, Hospers, Hull and Orange City public libraries, allowing card holders to check out books at any library. The program authorizes users to directly search other libraries for materials on their on-line portals from their home computers. Materials can be sent to patrons' home libraries or they may choose to drive to the lending library and pick up items. All six libraries serve as book drop locations. (Photo by Sarah Weber)

New owners

Dr. Laura Vander Stelt and her husband Mike are the new owners of Family Animal Care, effective as 2023 gets under way. Dr. Vander Stelt is a Sioux County native and graduate from Sioux Center high school in 2004. After earning a B.A. in biology health professions from Northwestern College in Orange City in 2008 and a doctorate of veterinary medicine from Iowa State University in 2012, Dr. Vander Stelt began working at the Orange City Veterinary Clinic in 2014 in the companion animal department. (Photo submitted)



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New store supports housing

Genesis House, a faith-based service that offers support for women and children impacted by homelessness and domestic violence, announced the opening of Restored 517 in December. The new store in downtown Orange City offers repurposed furniture and household decor. Its beginnings stem from a pop-up store that generated interest in a storefront. The store will sell refurbished furniture and crafts created by women housed by Genesis House. (Photo submitted)

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