

“Once we started heating our lambing shed that cut down on losing lambs to cold weather being as we lamb during December and January,” she added. “Being in the show world, it’s a challenge to make sure you can secure top of the line genetics but still being reasonable on price for our local exhibitors. Lambs that succeed in the showing is what helps build our brand and our program so we can continue to provide the quality show stock people are seeing.”

Being involved in agriculture is something Megan has been a part of her whole life growing up on the family farm and then being heavily involved

in 4-H and FFA. She expressed there was no question in her mind if she was going to go to Iowa State and major in agriculture business to stay involved in the industry.

For Megan, it is fulfilling to be able to work with farmers at her job every day with POET as a grain merchandising manager and then coming home and still being involved in the farm with the club lamb operation as a hobby after work. She also enjoys mentoring children and teaching them about showing sheep specifically and seeing them succeed is what makes it worth it for her.

“We hope to keep expanding every

year and continuing to grow numbers and brand recognition, and we would like to keep improving the herd each year and stay in front of the trends in the industry so we can offer that to our customers to see them succeed,” she expressed. “When my son Ashton is old enough to start showing we will also be able to keep some lambs back for him to as well.”

“Showing sheep is something anyone can get involved in and doesn’t take a lot of space or equipment to be successful. If anyone is ever wanting to help or more knowledge about sheep in general, we are always willing to help educate.”

Sumner facade grant (Concluded from page 2)

improvement(s).

3. Applicants must submit a façade improvement grant application, along with cost estimates from a contractor, detailing the work to be done. Applications will be accepted until July 31, at which time all submitted applications would be reviewed, approved and money distributed accordingly. Applicant would have six months to complete work. Any work completed in 2023 would also be eligible.

4. Work is expected to be completed and bills submitted within six months of the grant award date. A complete copy of bills from expenses relating to the project must be presented to the Sumner’s Future, Inc. board before the

grant money will be distributed. The amount of the grant may be adjusted if the actual cost is lower than the estimated cost. A final inspection of the project by the Sumner’s Future, Inc. executive board will be conducted before the grant payment is made. Any deviations from the approved application may disqualify the applicant.

5. Receipt of any grant monies will be a current business investor who actively supports and/or participates in the programs and activities of Sumner’s Future, Inc.

Examples of eligible projects include addition or removal or additional signage and awnings, tuck pointing, façade cleaning, painting, replacement

of transom glass, removal of aluminum “slipcovers,” window repair and replacement, replacement of architectural detail, rear entrance improvements or signage and new doors/entryway.

Roof repairs, interior improvements, electrical work (except related to signage), sandblasting, window displays or merchandising would not be eligible for the grant.

For more information contact executive board members Randy Smith, Ashley Eckenrod, Stacie Schroeder or Justin Trainor. Applications can be returned to Sumner’s Future, Inc., c/o Justin Trainor, 3334 110th St., Sumner, IA 50674 by July 31.

Bremer County Fair 2023 schedule (Concluded from page 2)

grounds. The 4-H card club at the 4-H building will start at 10:00 a.m., and the Little Squealers swine show will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the show arena. The 4-H and FFA poultry show will be in the poultry tent at noon.

The open mic joke show will start at 2:30 p.m., followed by the Bacon Buddies hog show at 4:00 p.m. The 1,000 pork burger giveaway by the Bremer County Pork Producers will be at 5:00 p.m. at the pork producer’s shelter. The 4-H clothing event fashion show is set to begin at the fair board shelter, followed by the Clover Kid graduation at 5:15 p.m.

The 4-H carnival will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the parking lot east of the 4-H Building, and there will be 4-H working exhibits on the grounds from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The kiddie tractor pull will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Seventh Street north of the 4-H Building and the open beef show will be held in the grassy show arena at 6:00 p.m.

men’s stand Thursday, July 27. The 4-H and FFA beef show will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the show arena, and 4-H card club will be at the 4-H Building at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a mini donut eating contest at noon and starting at 1:00 p.m. in the rabbit tent will be the 4-H and FFA rabbit show. The Conservation Station trailer will be on the fairgrounds from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The WSR robotic team will have Lego Corner beginning at 4:00 p.m., and at 4:30 p.m. there will be 1,000 grilled hamburger giveaway by the Bremer County Cattlemen in the cattlemen’s stand.

The free watermelon feed will be on the grounds and the sweet corn feed will be at the pork producer’s shelter at 4:30 p.m. Both events are sponsored by Bremer County Farm Bureau. To conclude the day will be the power wheel derby, scramble night and pie auction at 7:00 p.m.

arena. The cute baby contest will be held at the fair board shelter at 10:00 a.m., while the 4-H communication exhibits and presentations will begin at noon in the 4-H Building.

The 4-H ribbon auction and meet-n-greet will be in the show arena at 3:00 p.m., and there will be live music from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the entertainment pavilion. The Doo Wop acapella group will perform at the fair board shelter at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Wright Rodeo at the track at 7:00 p.m. The fair will conclude with the street dance from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. featuring Nitpickers at the entertainment pavilion.

The 4-H building will open at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, through Saturday, July 29, while the open fine arts and commercial exhibits open at noon July 24-29. The dairy promoters will provide delicious treats at various times during the 2023 fair.

Throughout the fair there will be shows, demonstrations and fun activities for attendees at various times. They include the kid’s zone activity play area, Lantz Exotics and Animal Rentals petting zoo and pony rides, Max Power and Nitro, Jurassic Kingdom, firefighter training show, Darrel the Balloon Man, carnival by Next Generation Show, Inc.,

Wednesday, July 26
Kicking off a full day of activities July 26 will be the Bremer County Corn and Soybean Association exhibitor breakfast at the cattlemen’s stand starting at 7:30 a.m. The 4-H and FFA dog show and the 4-H and FFA swine show will both start at 8:00 a.m. The dog show will be held in the grassy show arena while the swine show will be in the show arena.

Friday, July 28
Friday, July 28, there will be a free breakfast by Farm Credit Services of America at 8:00 a.m. at the cattlemen’s stand. The 4-H and FFA sheep and goat show will be in the show arena at 9:00 a.m., followed by 4-H card club at 10:00 a.m. The 4-H daily challenge of the grilled cheese challenge will be at noon.

Saturday, July 29
The 4-H bucket/bottle calf show is slated to begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 29, followed by the 4-H and FFA dairy show at 10:00 a.m. in the show

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Roger Burgart (Concluded from page 1)

was in the service during the Vietnam War and saw many veterans return.

“I was in the Army during that time and saw many guys come back looking really rough. You walk by someone, and they’d jump at you, they were so skittish and jumpy. It was sad to see,” Burgart expressed. “I saw the Vietnam Memorial when it was in Sumner, but seeing the real thing in Washington, D.C. was something else. I was partial to the Vietnam Memorial because of those experiences in the Army.”

It was a lot of walking for the father and son pair as they visited the National Mall, but they enjoyed the nice weather which made the trip perfect. Their tour guide then took them past the White House and the Pentagon while on their way to their next stop, which was Arlington National Cemetery, which was Burgart’s favorite part of the entire trip.

“Our tour guide was really nice and told us a lot of stuff about the places we saw. It made the experience better having them on the buses and explaining things to us from place to place,” he added. “My favorite part of the trip was the changing of the guard. It was really interesting to see the process. It was completely silent and the guy in charge made sure of it. It was amazing to see.”

“The cemetery was huge with over 40,000 people buried there. When you look one direction, the graves were lined up and you looked a different direction and they were still all lined up. Perfectly straight lines for 680 acres. We were able to see President Taft’s grave but we didn’t get a chance to see JFK’s.”

The tour ended at the Air Force Memorial where they had supper and took group pictures from each bus. They were back at the airport around 7:30 p.m. and made it home before



Blank Park Zoo (Concluded from page 1)

Nico (above) from the Blank Park Zoo shows off Shellby the box turtle to the many attendees of the library program last week. (At right) Nico from the Blank Park Zoo explains the difference between a turtle leg and flipper and how turtles use their appendages to move around while Shellby the box turtle makes his way around the demonstration table.

SFT baseball earns first-round bye in postseason

The Sumner-Fredericksburg-Tripoli Cougar baseball team was assigned to Class 2A District 5 in Substate 4 for postseason action and received a first-round bye.

In the second round, the Cougars will face the Starmont Stars or the Denver Cyclones in Cascade at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 5. The winner will advance to district championship Saturday, July 8, and take on either Cascade, Oelwein or Clayton Ridge.

The winner will advance to the Class 2A Substate 4 final game Tuesday, July 11, at a site to be determined for the chance to qualify for state. Teams in District 6 include New Hampton, Osage, Crestwood, Waukon, MFL-MarMac and North Fayette Valley.

The 2023 Class 2A state tournament is scheduled for July 17-21, at Merchants Park, Carroll.



NEIA Fishing Report

Top Iowa Fishing Spots for the Week of June 22 NORTHEAST

Cedar River (above Nashua)
Water levels are stable, but low. Use caution accessing some boat ramps. Water temperatures are in the 70s. Channel Catfish - Good: Try a dead chub or stink baits fished in slack water areas. Smallmouth Bass - Good: Try fishing eddies and current breaks. Walleye - Good: Use a jig tipped with a minnow or worm below dams. Try using a 3-way with enough weight to keep it on the bottom.

Decorah District Streams
Area streams are in good condition, but are low. Yellow wild parsnip is blooming. Wash your skin immediately if you come in contact with this plant. It is photo reactive and will cause painful blisters. When on private property open to fishing, fishing is the only activity allowed. Brook Trout - Fair: Good hatches of a variety of gnats, mayflies, caddis flies, and midges. Brown Trout - Good: Try fishing near or around logs or undercut banks. Spinnerbaits work well. Try using streamers on larger waterbodies. Rainbow Trout - Excellent: Use spinnerbaits, hair jigs, or hooks tipped with a small piece of worm, bread, or cheese floating through deeper holes. Freshly stocked fish are waiting to take your bait.

up some action. Walleye - Good: Angling for walleye is picking up below the dams. Use a jig tipped with a plastic tail or crankbait.

Lake Hendricks
Water clarity is great. Water temperature is in the 70s. Black Crappie - Good: Find crappie suspended in deeper water. Try trolling across the lake. Bluegill - Good: Anglers fishing near shore are finding gills. Use a small chunk of worm fished under a bobber. Largemouth Bass - Good: Try a spinnerbait fished along vegetation edges.

Lake Meyer
Water clarity is about 3 feet. Water temperature is in the 70s. Black Crappie - Good: Crappie are suspended in deeper water. Try fishing deeper with a small jig. Bluegill - Fair: Use a small piece of worm under a bobber. Largemouth Bass - Excellent: Try a spinnerbait fished in 3-4 feet of water.

Turkey River (below Clermont)
Water clarity is good to excellent. Water levels are stabilizing, but are low. Water temperature is in the 70s. Smallmouth Bass - Good: Use a jig with a twister tail fished in the eddies and off channel areas. Walleye - Good: Early morning or late evening bite is best. Try fishing the deeper holes with a crank or spinnerbait. White Sucker - Good: Try fishing the deeper holes with a worm fished near bottom.

Volga Lake
Water temperature is in the 70s. Fish activity is improving, especially near shore rocky areas. Black Crappie - Good: Troll the deeper open areas of the lake. Crappies are out deep. Bluegill - Fair. Channel Catfish - Good: Trophy catfish are plentiful in this lake. Use a large crawler fished under a bobber in the evening. Largemouth Bass - Good: Find bass in the shallow bays; use a crank or spinnerbait.

Area interior rivers and streams are low. Clarity is good to excellent on most area rivers and streams. Temperatures in the 80s during the day to 60s overnight. Possibility of showers through the weekend. For current fishing information, please call the Chuck Gipp Decorah Fish Hatchery at 563-382-8324.

Casey Lake (aka Hickory Hills Lake)
Anglers are catching bluegill, largemouth bass, crappie, and channel catfish. Black Crappie - Good: Find structure; best bite is early morning at daybreak. Bluegill - Excellent: Cast lighter jigs or a small piece of crawler under a slip bobber. Channel Catfish - Good: Use livers or stink baits fished on the bottom off the jetties or in front of the lodge. Largemouth Bass - Good: Use topwater artificial lures or spinnerbaits.

Cedar River (Nashua to La Porte City)
The Cedar River level has fallen and is providing catches of smallmouth bass, walleye, and channel catfish; bite is hit-and-miss on walleye. Channel Catfish - Good: Use dead chubs or cutbaits fished on the bottom. Smallmouth Bass - Good: Try fishing plastics with a jig or cast and retrieve spinnerbaits. Walleye - Fair: Try fishing plastics with a jig.

Brinker Lake
Anglers are catching crappie around brush piles and structure. Black Crappie - Good: Try jigging colored tube jigs in brush piles in 8-10 feet of water. White Crappie - Good: Try jigging colored tube jigs in brush piles in 8-10 feet of water.

Maquoketa River (above Monticello)
Anglers are catching walleye and smallmouth bass. Smallmouth Bass - Fair: Try fishing plastics with a jig or cast and retrieve spinnerbaits. Walleye - Fair: Use plastics with a jig.

Shell Rock River (Greene to Shell River)
The Shell Rock River level has fallen and is providing catches of walleye, smallmouth bass, and channel catfish. Channel Catfish - Good: Use dead chubs or cutbaits fished on the bottom. Smallmouth Bass - Fair: Try fishing plastics with a jig or cast and retrieve spinnerbaits. Walleye - Fair: Use plastics with a jig.

Cedar River (above Decorah)
A construction project at Lidtke Park to repair the boat ramp and improve shoreline angler access will begin after July 4. Water temperatures are in the 70s. Water clarity is good to excellent. Water levels are stabilizing, but are low. Smallmouth Bass - Good: Try fishing near undercut banks and current breaks. A flashy jig works well. Fly anglers using streamers are picking

Hillary Trainor (Concluded from page 7)

133’8”, and Jana Ter Wee, West Lyon-Inwood 131’2”.

Relay teams named to the 2023 IATC girls All-State Class 2A team are listed below.

4x100-meter relay, Denver, Jillian Clayton, Natalie Demai, Elaina Hildebrandt and Anna Curtis, 49.80, and Mid-Prairie-Wellman, Madeline Schrader, Amara Jones, Jovi Evans and Tabitha Evans, 49.90; 4x200-meter relay, Mid-Prairie-Wellman, 1:44.29; Madeline Schrader, Amara Jones, Jovi Evans and Tabitha Evans, 1:44.29; and Okoboji-Milford, Ellsa Jorgensen, Zoey Holmes, Milely Wells and Krishauna Allen, 1:45.82; 4x400-meter relay, Eddyville-Blakesburg/Fremont, Abby Jager, Lizzy Van Utrecht, Kate Shafer and Molly Shafer, 3:56.70, and Denver, Aubrey Decker, Anna Curtis, Hailey Homan and Natalie Demai, 3:58.29; 4x800-meter relay, Van Meter,

Emma McCoy, Olivia Halfpap, Brooklyn Fryar and Mary Kelly, 9:34.46, and Monticello, Leah Koehler, Ava Capron, Halle Recker and Marisa Kehoe, 9:43.62; 800-meter sprint medley relay, Van Meter, Makenzie Dubbin, Ava Baumhover, Eden Moore and Clare Kelly, 1:48.33, and Pella Christensen, Amelia Boender, Anna DeBoef, Meredith Van Wyk and Bailey Vos, 1:49.16; 1600-meter distance medley relay, Van Meter, Teya Speltz, Finley Netten, Mary Kelly and Clare Kelly, 4:06.40, and Mid-Prairie, Madeline Schrader, Amara Jones, Jovi Evans and Danielle Hostetler, 4:12.16; and the 4x100-meter shuttle hurdle relay, Sioux Central SR, Ryleigh Waldstein, Brynn Webber, Berkley Johannsen and Preslie Peterson, 1:04.67; and Ridge View, Tatum Shepherd, Faith Freese, Gabi Mason and Rowan Jensen, 1:04.75.

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City claims (Concluded from page 6)

Sanitation	\$24,586.53	\$19,117.38	Lib. Gift & Mem.	\$90.95	\$554.56
Water Funds	\$22,528.60	\$16,848.14	Library Copier	\$201.89	
Water Customer Charge		\$12,299.57	SFR Water / Sewer P&D		
Utility Trust	\$900.00	\$425.00	Detention Basin Project	\$26.52	\$200.00
Sewer	\$26,358.22	\$19,049.03	American Rescue Plan		
Stormwater	\$7,406.80	\$50,000.00	NET PAY Account	\$18,647.41	\$18,649.56
TIF Funds	\$2,381.20	\$65,000.00	Local Option CD (3)		
Debt Service	\$183,354.43	\$261,032.50	Sewer Rental CD		
UMMC			Utility Trust - CD		
Capital Outlay	\$1,559.98		Library GM CD		
Local Option 2016	\$28,475.35	\$95,990.89	UMMC - CD	\$396,343.99	\$641,490.93
Sewer Flat 24	\$15,486.45				
Sewer Flat 36	\$4,203.25				

Sumner Gazette office will be closed Tuesday, July 4 for the holiday. Early deadline for the July 6 issue will be noon Friday, June 30.