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TRACTOR TOWN

For the Shugars, collecting is all in the family

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EDITOR

While he didn't know it at the time, Larry Shugar's first toy – a 1955 Farmall 400 given to him by his father – Bill, began his enthusiasm for farm toys. Over the years, his collection of tractors has grown and changed.

A farmer and a trucker his entire life, Shugar's obsession began with a passion for restoring full-size tractors. In the 1980s his collection morphed to those of a size more manageable. Before long, his collection filled the top of the kitchen cupboards, and beyond.

His wife, Pam, took it all in stride. However, when the couple chose to renovate their kitchen, the ever-growing collection of 1/16 scale tractors and implements was relegated to the basement. Not hidden away – rather moved to the family's most used part of their home, the family room. And Larry's collection continued to grow.

"I wanted to build shelves there, but who



Larry Shugar and his sidekick, Ben, pause from their preparations in the trailer which houses Shugar's tractor collection. Larry plans to bring the collection to Ackley's Sauerkraut Days celebration and will set up on Sunday morning so others can enjoy it.

would see them?" Larry questioned. He wanted to

share his collection with others and be able to lis-



Larry Shugar's very first toy, a 1955 Farmall 400, is part of the display which he will bring to Sauerkraut Days this Sunday morning.



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The restoration of his father's tractor, a 1966 Farmall, is one of Larry's most treasured pieces in his collection. Though far larger than the toys in the display trailer, it too has a story that he's willing to share.

ten to the stories that they would inevitably share as they looked over the vintage toys and precision replicas that make up his collection.

Being the ingenious person that he is known to be, Larry went off to find a trailer. Not just any trailer. One measuring 24 feet long – though he admits he could have used another four feet! A project completed between planting and harvest, Larry and his son, Johnny, created shelving inside to hold the hundreds of tractors that would soon line them.

Tractors on a shelf in a moving display led to a

new problem – unless, of course, they could figure out a way to keep them in place during travel. Zip ties were the answer. And that led to some precise drilling to place the ties where they would hold the tractors in place, yet not be distracting.

Within a few months, the trailer was complete. Filled top to bottom with a good portion of Larry's collection.

"I took it to Jim Brandt's field day last year and was surprised at the stories heard as other farmers went through the trailer," Larry said. "It was really fun to hear them."

Shugar used to work

on and restore full-size tractors and admits that his toys are much easier on his wallet.

"No gas, no batteries, no new tires. What's not to like about that?" he asks.

While each tractor in his collection has a story of its own – trucking around the state and stopping at garage sales to see what might be included, to finding pedal tractors for another collector, and his own memories of many of the toys included, provide a tale that can only be experienced through a personal tour of the trailer.

"Some were collected when I drove truck and I'd pick them up from farmers and dealers along the way," Shugar explains.

His first toy, that Farmall 400, and another – a Farmall 806, sit side-by-side on one of the shelves.

"The 400 I only played with outside but I had to play nicely with it," Larry began. "And the 806 was never taken outside," he laughed. "It cost \$4,500 from Quist International. I took good care of it!"

And those memories lead to other stories.

"Dad went to the Ackley Implement to purchase a 1066 Farmall in 1974 – the one back there in the shed... I can get it out, if

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Who will be Miss Ackley 2023?

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EDITOR

Five young ladies – Avery Bierman, Giana Flores, Elizabeth Kielty, Mady Mausser and Nova McStockard – will vie for the title of Miss Ackley 2023. Crowning ceremonies will take place on Friday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the band shell at Victory Park. 2022 Miss Ackley, Trinity Rotgers, will crown the new queen.

The crowning will follow the Little Miss and Mr. Sauerkraut contest, which will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Judging for the Miss Ackley competition took place on May 3, with the contestants completing an interview process before having professional photographs taken by Maggie Allen Photography.

Miss Ackley 2023 will receive a \$500 prize and is required to attend various events during Sauerkraut Days, along with representing Ackley in parades across the area. She will also compete in the Miss Hardin County contest. The runner-up this year will receive \$100 and will fulfill the duties of Miss Ackley, should she be unable to do so.

The Miss Ackley contest is sponsored by GNB Bank, GNB Insurance Services, Frank's Kraut, and Maggie Allen Photography.

Avery Bierman

Avery is the daughter of Starr Miller and Eric Bierman. She is a volunteer at Bible school and



Avery Bierman



Giana Flores

at camp. During her high school career, Avery has taken part in volleyball, dance, track, FFA, FCCLA, speech, served as a student representative and took part in school plays, musicals and FFA contests.

Avery has worked at the Ackley Municipal Pool, Grand Jivante, babysat and at Pine Lake Camp. She is on the honor roll, and a recipient of the Star Greenhand award through FFA. She has lettered in varsity dance, chorus and speech, and track.

Outside of school, Avery enjoys spending time with her friends and family, helping others, being around children, being outside, listening to music, reading, hunting, fishing, walks and trying new things.

Giana Flores

Giana is the daughter of Amanda and Chuy Flores. She is active in her church, where she sings, does readings, and volunteers in many other ways. She assists with Bible school, helps with Flores

Construction Sauerkraut Days breakfast and is a mentor at AGWSR.

Giana is active in the school dance team, golf, basketball cheerleading, musicals and plays, vocal, speech and FCCLA. She has been recognized as a member of the All-Iowa Honor Dance Team and participated again in 2023. Giana is on the honor roll, and lettered in basketball cheer, dance team, golf and vocal.

Giana enjoys babysitting.

Outside of school, Giana enjoys dancing, singing, camping, organizing and cleaning, being with her family and friends, going for walks, golfing and painting.

She plans to attend a four-year college to major in business; her minor is yet to be determined. She hopes to continue dancing in college. Career-wise, she hopes to become a real estate agent, own her own business, or have a career that involves dance. Giana does want to eventually get married and have a



Elizabeth Kielty

family of her own.

Elizabeth Kielty

Elizabeth is the daughter of Lisa and David Kielty. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, is a Bible school teacher, church service lector, a volunteer at Timothy Christian School, has participated in mission trips, volunteer gardening at the Ackley Library, and assisting with the Summer Reading Program there.

Outside of her classes at AGWSR, Elizabeth takes part in cross country, basketball, track, musicals and plays, speech, band, FCCLA, FFA, student council and National Honor Society. She is a three-time A-honor roll recipient and has earned letters in cross country, basketball, track, band, choir, speech and has received the Star Greenhand Award. Additionally, she has served as FFA reporter and vice-president. She has also participated in State speech contests.

In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys spending time



Mady Mausser

running, reading, spending time with friends, and traveling with her family.

In the fall, Elizabeth will start her senior year at AGWSR. She is yet undecided about what college she will attend after high school, but knows she wants to attend where she can continue to run cross country.

Mady Mausser

Mady is the daughter of Michelle and Mike Mausser. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church's Wednesday group and is a volunteer there.

Outside of her classes, Mady is active in volleyball, is the girls wrestling manager, girls track manager, plays softball and is on the yearbook staff. She works at the Ackley Recreation Club.

During her high school career, Mady has earned letters in varsity softball, as well as varsity volleyball.

When she's not in school, Mady enjoys walking, running, hanging out with friends and listening



Nova McStockard

to music.

She hopes to attend DMACC and later transfer to Iowa State to major in Graphic Design.

Nova McStockard

Nova is the daughter of Makenzie Simons and Brandon Simons. She is active in her church, Steamboat Rock Baptist Church.

Her extracurricular activities include FFA, FCCLA, football cheer, wrestling, Battle of the Books and speech. She holds her CNA certificate, has been awarded the Star Greenhand Award, and has received awards for cheer and wrestling.

Nova is employed by Care Initiatives.

Outside of school, Nova can be found reading, cleaning, camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, enjoying time with family and friends and of course, working.

In the future, she hopes to attend DMACC where she will focus on receiving her RN and hopes to move to work in a hospital. ●



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you'd like to see it," Larry began. "You're gonna want to see it." The story goes that dad could get \$200 off the purchase if he picked up the tractor in Moline, and drive it back to Ackley, towing an H for another farmer. "And that's just what he did," Larry grins. "It took hours, just Dad and another guy – each towing another tractor for the implement. They got their \$200 off!"

The tractor has been in the family since then. More recently, the old M was restored by Larry's son-in-law Trent Winters. But there's more...

"We got to the seat, and I was going to order a new one. But Johnny wouldn't let me," Larry said. "He looked me right in the eye and told me, 'Grandpa wore that seat out.'" And Johnny was so adamant about it, Larry realized he was right. And so the beautiful new paint job is accented with a seat, worn out from the hours that his father, Johnny's grandfather, had sat upon it in the fields.

That same tractor, after restoration, was given back to Bill on Father's Day – a few years before he passed. While Bill could no longer get on the tractor, he did shed a tear or two of happiness to see 'Emma' as he called her, back to looking new... other than that old seat!

While Shugar says he farms with 'green', he collects 'red' and that does make sense – when you consider that old M.

Shugar will have his collection, tucked gently inside the trailer, in Ackley for Sunday's festivities of Sauerkraut Days. He invites everyone to stop by, take a look, and share a story or two while you look. Some of his duplicate toys will be brought along, you can dicker with him on what it might cost to take them off his hands.

While Larry collects the 1/16 scale, Johnny has his own collection in his Ackley home. The younger Shugar focuses on the 1/32 scale. He's been doing so



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Johnny Shugar's collection of tractors is both on a smaller scale, and larger scale: smaller in size, but larger in number than his father's. He's been collecting since the tender age of two.

for the past 38 years with his collection getting its start at his dad and grandfather's sides as they visited implements in Marshalltown and Wellsburg and far beyond.

"My first was a set from Grandpa," Johnny began. "I never opened it," he said. "They told me I should keep them in the package." He added that if he'd opened it, he wouldn't know the dates of the tractors in the package.

"It wasn't too hard to leave them in there," he laughed.

A few years ago, he was able to add the same tractors in a slightly different package when they were re-issued by the toy company, and he's pretty proud of both sets. The sets are two of his most treasured pieces in the group.

He estimates there are over 1,000 miniatures which line the shelves and display cases in his home. Johnny says that many were added during visits to farm stores, and he enjoys adding to the collection as often as he can.

Johnny credits Bob Spencer of Faulkner for some of his collection, including many of the cases he displays them in – old Timex® watch cases line his dining room, each full to the brim with his many tractors.

He and his dad also took a road trip to purchase an oak china cabinet, complete with lights, to show off those 'parked' inside.

Along with the many tractors in his collection, Johnny has included some tractor prints, farm play sets, skid loaders, trailers and additions like miniature grain bins and various pieces of machinery. And because of his father's trucking business, there are a few semis tossed in for good measure. If it has to do with farming, it's included.

Those who know Johnny understand that he has a memory that doesn't quit. He can identify each tractor in his collection and can tell you where he got it. His collection includes replicas of tractors back to those manufactured from 1892 to current models.

One would expect Johnny to collect tractors, expanding his collection to include a few of the larger scale models, like his father collects. But why did he choose the smaller scale?

"Well, he knows he'll end up with my collection, someday," Larry laughs. "Why have duplicates?"

As for Johnny, he hopes that will be a long, long time from now. ●



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Little candidates

Contestants for the Little Miss and Mr. Ackley 2023 are (front) Jaxen Saltzman and Jackson Valverde; (middle) Sophia Forgy, Nora Fistler, and Lennon Williams, (back) Taylor Neuberger, Hope Morena, Gracen Ainley, and Rose Saltzman. Little Miss and Mr. will be crowned during ceremonies scheduled for Friday evening, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. on the stage in Victory Park.

New ATV/UTV ordinance in Steamboat Rock

The City of Steamboat Rock has approved a new ordinance regarding ATV/UTV use in city limits with a vote of four council members in favor of the change and one against. Councilman Adam Blackburn was the single vote against the change.

In the most simple terms, as presented in the June issue of 'Friendly Valley Times' by

Mayor Tim Stearns, the rules for riders within city limits are "Follow all traffic rules, stop at stop signs, don't exceed the posted speed limit, don't go down alleys that are not access to your own property, stay off the multi-use trails, keep noise levels down, get your machine registered, and pay attention to the age and driver's license restrictions." ●

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Pool watchers

The Ackley Municipal Pool has eight guards returning for the season. Four new guards have also joined the ranks of those who will watch over pool patrons for the summer. Some will also be providing private swimming lessons. Times and guards available can be determined with a call to the pool - 641-847-2411. Guards, under the direction of pool manager Amber Gronewold are: Teagan Palmershiem, Tiana Hunter, Addyson Brekunitch, Tessa Sperfslage, Tori Metzgar, Karis Lippert, Bella Winters, Avery Bierman, Kylie Sillman, Brylea Metzgar, Cayden Richtsmeier and Alicia Barnes.

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100 years ago, June 7, 1923

Chautauqua
The complete program for the Chautauqua, which opens at Ackley in July, has been arranged and contains some, most interesting features. Two plays are to be presented; "Friendly Enemies" and "Cappy Ricks." These two, with "Lightnin'" are probably the three most truly American plays that have been written and produced during the past few years. Both celebrated Broadway successes will be produced with professional casts. The "Gypsy Rover" Opera company includes in the cast such names as Frank Hemingway, Helen Ladd Warren, Mrs. Georgie Riley and Madame Omerod, part of whom have starred in New York. In addition to these three elaborate numbers will be Fenwick Newell, the great New York tenor; Cartwright Brothers Male Quartette, the Staffard Family Orchestra, and the Romany Entertainers.

Ackley Band
As previously announced by the World Journal, the Ackley Concert band finds itself solicited to furnish the musical entertainment for some of the big events that are scheduled for some of the towns in this section of Iowa. In addition to the concerts at home, which are to be a weekly feature each Thursday evening for the entire summer season, they have contracted to appear at many other locations in the state.

Soldier Bonus
Several of our former

service men, soldiers in the late war have received their bonus vouchers issued by the state of Iowa. A fifty cent a day additional allowance for each day enlisted in the service. Following is a partial list, but many others are to fare similarly just as soon as they can be reached: The favored are E. Faber, Gus Neuman, John Hübner, Richard Heinz, and Harry Leopold. The boys are delighted and highly appreciative.

75 years ago, June 10, 1948

Class Reunion
Last Monday thirteen of the twenty-eight members of the Ackley-High School class of 1923 and members of their families met in reunion at the city park, partook in a delicious picnic dinner, and enjoyed afternoon hours socially. The thirteen who shared the pleasures of the occasion were Mrs. Will Meyer, Mrs. Fred Sprain, Miss Mildred Butts, Miss Anna Siemers, George Richtsmeier, Mrs. Roy Fassler, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ricksmeier, Mrs. Lewis Beurer, Peter Ryken, Mrs. Ruth Hutchinson, Ames, Art - Schultz, and Mrs. Harry Kannegeiter.

Boys Attend
Three local Ackley boys were invited to attend the Hawkeye Boys' state event, sponsored by the American Legion this coming week at Camp Dodge, Des Moines. The event is held primarily to give the boys a practical lesson in the political arrangement of city, county, and state government. The three boys in atten-

dance through the joint sponsorship of the Merle Elliott Post and Rotary include Dean Victor, Harold Victor, and Tommy Green.

New Well
Work has begun as of Monday and the new municipally owned well, to be between 186 and 200 feet deep, to be utilized not only in supplying water to the Canning plant but also to supply the general needs of the town of Ackley. The contract is in the hands of the Hogen-Ames well drilling company of Lincoln, Iowa. A small plot of ground on the Marshall Canning Plant premises has been released to the town for the site of the well should have a capacity of supplying 160 to 176 gallons of water to the community.

50 years ago, June 7, 1973

All-American Meet
The Raiderettes Mile Relay team of Debbie Taylor, Diane Taylor, Mavis Ackerman, and Pat Johns have been invited to run at the All-American high school track meet at Drake Stadium in June. Only the top eight individual runners are relay teams through-out the United States are invited to participate in this meet.

Initiation
Michael H. Carstens, son of Keith and Virginia Carstens, will be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary fraternity, in June at the graduation ceremonies at Stanford University. Mi-

chael is graduating with honors from Stanford and will move on to finish medical school after a year off.

Anniversary
The Osceola Orioles 4-H Club held their 25th anniversary observance last Friday in the Ackley State Bank meeting rooms with members, parents, leaders, former leaders, and members present. At present there are 25 girls in the club with three leaders.

25 years ago, June 10, 1998

Honorable Mention
Ackley's Limburg House has received honorable mention for residential public use in the 1998 Best Preservation Awards by the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance. The awards are designed to acknowledge the hard work of preserving Iowa's architectural heritage. Accepting the honorable mention award are Charleen Richtsmeier and Hollis and Bev Ryken.

Leaders
Only two weeks until Sauerkraut Days begins. Leading this year's Grand Parade will be former Mayor and his wife, Dale and Carlee Brass. The Brass's, long-time citizens in Ackley, have given much of their time serving their community and their church. Both have been long-time chamber members through Sailer Ford and Mid-Iowa Real Estate.

Miss Ackley
Three young women have stepped forward to vie for the title 1998 Miss Ackley. Kelli Bonewitz, Somer French, and Amy Eichmeier will be contending, not only for the title, but for the top prize of \$100. Two \$50 prizes will be awarded by the Ackley Rotary Club and the Ackley-Geneva Lions Club. Judging will commence on Friday evening at the bandshell park. ●

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Wellsburg Daze

Parents of children ages 3 to 8 years old who have a Wellsburg address should stop into Peoples Saving Bank by

today, June 7, to drop off a photo and register your child for Wellsburg Daze Little Miss and Mister contest.

Each participant will receive a prize with a \$25 prize going to the winners. ●

Community Calendar

- Thursday, June 8**
Seniors in Motion, Ackley Civic Center Building, 8:15 to 9 a.m., age 55 and over exercise group, Ackley
Grief Share, 4 to 6 p.m. Evangelical Free Church, Iowa Falls
- Friday, June 9**
Ackley garbage and recycling pick-up
- Monday, June 12**
Franklin County Board of Supervisors, 8:30 a.m., Franklin County courthouse, Hampton
Grundy County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Grundy County courthouse, Grundy Center
Seniors in Motion, Ackley Civic Center Building, 8:15 to 9 a.m. age 55 and over exercise group
Ackley American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m., American Legion building
AGWSR School Board meeting, 7 p.m., AGWSR High School, Ackley
Hardin County Conservation meeting, 6 p.m., Hardin County Conservation Head Quarter
Steamboat City Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Steamboat Rock City Hall, Steamboat Rock
- Tuesday, June 13**
Butler County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Butler County courthouse, Allison
- Wednesday, June 14**
Hardin County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Hardin County courthouse, Eldora
Aplington City Council meeting, 6 p.m., Aplington City Hall, Aplington
Wellsburg Public Library meeting, 4:30 p.m., Wellsburg
Ackley Heritage Center meeting, 4:30 p.m., Depot Museum, Ackley
Ackley City Council meeting, 7 p.m., Ackley City Hall, Ackley
- If you would like your groups' events included in the calendar, please contact the Ackley World Journal at 641-847-2592, or email ackleywj@iafalls.com.

Steamboat Rock Public Library news

MELISSA JOHANSON
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Hours are as follows:
Tuesday: 1 - 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 2 - 5 p.m.
Thursday and Friday: noon - 4 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The calendars for Summer Reading will be on the library Facebook page shortly. We will have story time on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. which will consist of reading, a craft and treats. Along with the regular programs we have scheduled we also have laser tag planned for the older kids and a mini art painting day for all ages. We probably aren't done yet with activities either. So please stop in starting June 13 to pick up your bag for summer reading and to sign up. We still have the pirate treasure box filled with prizes.

Club book will be on June 8 starting at 2 p.m. There are always great treats that everyone brings so don't feel that you have to bring something. We do not read the same book so the different book reviews are fun to listen to. If the weather is still nice, we will be out on the back patio under the pergola.

Please don't forget the library has free wi-fi with no password required and it is on 24/7. We also have seven adult patron computers and four small devices for the kids to use.

It has been wonderful how many people are asking for a SILO item from another library. This is a wonderful opportunity to borrow a book or a DVD that isn't in our library or if you need material in a different format so you can listen or get it in large print. Just give us a call and we will do a search for you. And it is free! ●

Southfork Watershed Alliance Field Day
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Jacob Handsaker will talk about saturated buffer and bioreactor installations plus about his role with the Batch and Builds in Polk and Story.

When: June 22, 2023 - 11 :00am - 2:00pm *Lunch Provided*

Where: Royle and Jo Duncan Field - From Hwy 20, go north on S27 two miles, then west on D25 to EE Ave. Turn south/left 1 mile on EE. Field entrance is on the right side of road before bridge.

RSVP appreciated by: June 19 to southforkwatershed.org or phone 515-290-9999

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Douglas & Rosemary Neymeyer
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120th Annual Sauerkraut Days

Get ready for family style fun during the 120th annual Ackley Sauerkraut Days celebration. The event is scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, June 8 to 11.

There's still time to purchase reduced-cost

ride tickets and wristbands. Reduced prices are available through 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7 at the following locations - Ibeling Insurance Services, the Ackley Public Library, GNB Bank and Green Belt Bank and Trust. Regular price tick-

ets and wristbands will be available at the Chamber's ticket stand, located near the food stand throughout the celebration. Parents ride free with small children wearing a wristband or with tickets.

Several activities will take place each day/evening of the entire celebration, including the Chamber of Commerce food stand which is open from 4 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. The Ackley Heritage Center's Depot Museum will be open on Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment.

A Story Walk will be in place outside the Ackley Public Library throughout

Sauerkraut Days. A full schedule of events planned follows:

Thursday, June 8

Chalk the Walk
Ackley's 9th annual Chalk the Walk will take place in front of Kings Hometown Furniture and Flooring. Artists can begin their work at 3 p.m. and the event will end at 5 p.m. Each participant is allowed a 4-foot by 4-foot space to draw whatever design they like as long as it is not offensive to anyone else. Some chalk will be provided, but artists may want to bring their own. There is no entry fee. Judging will take place on Thursday evening with prizes for first, second, and third places.



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2022 Sauerkraut Queen Trinity Rotgers, daughter of Shawn and Kelley Rotgers, rides through the 2022 Sauerkraut parade.

Chalk the Walk is sponsored by Kings Hometown Furniture and Flooring, the Ackley World Journal, and the Ackley Heritage Center. Midway The midway will open

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Scott's Amusements will again provide rides for the Sauerkraut Days celebration which begins tomorrow, Thursday, June 8.

at 5 p.m. with rides for all ages continuing through 9 p.m.

Kiddie Parade
A kiddie parade, sponsored by Green Belt Bank and Trust, will begin at 6 p.m. Line-up begins at 5:30 p.m. on 3rd Avenue (south of the former AGWSR old elementary lot). Judging will begin at 5:45 p.m. and the top three places in each category will receive a prize. The theme for the 2023 parade is "Kraut Days Carnival". Children in cos-

tumes, on bikes, with pets, or pulled in wagons, on ponies, or with doll buggies are asked to take part. Use your imagination and be on-hand for this fun event.

The route for the parade is 3rd Ave. to Butler Street to 1st Ave., and back to the starting point.

Rain date for the event will be Sunday, June 11 at 1 p.m. Look for information for the summer reading program at the Ackley Public Library following

the parade.

Sand Art
Sand art will take place in Victory Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Queen candidates will run the event. Cost is based upon the size of bottle chosen.

Darrell the Balloon Guy

Darrel the Balloon Guy will be creating colorful and fun balloon art in Victory Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. From purple puppy dogs to golden yellow crowns, he can create

whatever you can imagine. There is no cost to take part.

Doo Wops
The Doo Wops will take the stage in Victory Park from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to sit upon and listen to the all-men's a cappella group perform favorite hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s.

Friday, June 9

Take a Walk Down Memory Lane

The Ackley Chamber of Commerce is hosting a 'Walk Down Memory Lane' during this year's Sauerkraut Days celebration. Windows of several Main Street businesses will have displays of photographs from Sauerkraut Days past. The photos will remain in the windows through the duration of the celebration. Some photos are from the first celebrations, others more recent. Check them out and see if you can recognize any of the faces included and take part in the scavenger hunt, which is a part of this wonderful display of Ack-

ley's history. Entry forms for the hunt are available at the Chamber ticket booth.

Midway
The midway opens with rides and treats for all at 4 p.m., running through 11 p.m.

Free Kraut and Wieners

The Ackley Volunteer Ambulance Crew will be serving free sauerkraut and wieners beginning at 5 p.m. on the north side of Victory Park. While you're picking up your supper, be sure to thank the crew for their dedicated support to the community - they've served the residents for 48 years!

Kraut Pub

The newly-famous Kraut Pub opens for the evening at 4 p.m. Note that the entire downtown festival area is open as a beverage garden. Those passing through barricades with their beverages are subject to normal laws regarding public intoxication and open beverage container.

Ackley German Band
The Ackley German Band will perform from 5

to 6 p.m., entertaining the crowd at the band shell in Victory Park. The group will perform polkas and patriotic tunes along with all of your old favorites. Come early; pick up your plate of kraut and wieners and sit back to enjoy this Sauerkraut Days tradition!

Ax Throwing
For the second year in a row, participants will be available to brush up on your skills of chance. There is a fee for the activity which is open from 5 to 9 p.m.

Little Miss and Mr.

The 2023 Little Miss Ackley and Little Mr. Ackley will be crowned at 6:15 p.m. on stage in Victory Park. The contest is sponsored annually by Green Belt Bank and Trust. Contestants have participated in a tea where good fun was had by all.

Miss Ackley Coronation

You won't want to miss the coronation of the 2023 Miss Ackley! Coronation begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. on stage in Vic-

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Cabbage Patch Flashback

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The Chamber Stand
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The Kiddie Parade will be held this Thursday, June 8. This year's theme is "Kraut Days Carnival". The parade begins at 6 p.m.

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Victory Park. The queen will receive a \$500 scholarship, with the runner-up receiving \$100. The Miss Ackley contest is sponsored annually by GNB Bank of Ackley, GNB Insurance, and with great appreciation - Frank's Kraut.

Former Miss Ackley
This year, Miss Ackleys from the past have been invited back to participate in the evening's coronation; don't forget your sashes and crowns! Royalty will be invited to the stage beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Beard Contest
A beard contest will begin at 7 p.m. All men who registered (or their wives registered them!) will compete in categories like longest beard, longest mustache and goatee, and the best mullet. Participants should meet at the band shell in Victory Park for contest judging. Don't be surprised if you're

simply watching and get pulled up for a prize!

The Entertainers
Local talent will headline on stage during this event. Several talented individuals - dancers, singers, and more, have agreed to take part on stage from 7:15 to 8 p.m.

Darrell the Balloon Guy

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DJ MOJO

DJ MOJO will take the Victory Park stage from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. to entertain with a variety of genre of music and requests.

Saturday, June 10

Junk Journaling
The Friends of the Ackley Public Library will host a junk journaling and makerspace event beginning at 9 a.m.

at the library. Stop by on your way uptown and use your creativity to make a unique one-of-kind journal with different materials provided by the library. This event will continue through noon.

At 10 a.m., take part in story time at the library!

Spelling Bee

Sauerkraut Days annual spelling bee contest will start at 10 a.m. at the Victory Park band shell. There are several age levels for the competition: first and second grade, third and fourth grade, fifth and sixth grade, seventh and eighth grade, ninth through 12th grade, and Adult. There is a \$1 entry fee with cash prizes. In case of rain, the event will be held in the AGWSR elementary school gym. The event is sponsored by Xi Zeta Sigma Sorority of Ackley.

Chamber Food Stand

Opening at 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., a wide array of food - from all-time favorites to something new and different. Be sure to

check it out.

Kraut Pub

The pub opens at 11 a.m. and continues through the final act of the evening.

FFA Petting Zoo

Plan to attend the petting zoo brought to you again this year by the AGWSR FFA members. These students bring a variety of animals to Victory Park, all ready to be petted and held. The event takes place near the band shell at 11 a.m. The animals will provide plenty of opportunity for some great photographs.

Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull

The Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull will take place near Victory Park beginning at 11 a.m. It is sponsored by AGWSR FFA and the Ackley-Geneva Lions. Register prior to the start of the event. The top two place winners will qualify for the State pull later this year.

Boys will pull against other boys in their age bracket (age 4-11). Girls will pull against other girls in the same age groups. Ribbons and awards will be presented.

Carnival Games from the Past

What did the 'old timers' do for fun? This year's Skraut Days includes an opportunity to find out with carnival games from the past. Games will be played in Victory Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and everyone is invited to take part. Test your skills with games like fishbowl pong, basket toss, putt putt, bozo buckets, and knock down, to name a few.

Cribbage Tournament

Back for the second year in a row is a cribbage tournament planned to begin at 1 p.m. at the Ackley Civic Center. Walk-ins welcome.

Bingo

BINGO! Cash payouts are planned for the Sauerkraut Days Bingo Break planned at the Ackley American Legion beginning at 2 p.m. Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, this event is for all ages and will cost just \$1 per card. Beverages available.

Midway

The midway will be open from noon to 11 p.m. with rides for all ages. Don't forget to get reduced priced tickets and/or wristbands prior to the start of the celebration!

Golf Carts

Golf cart entries to the parade will have photos taken at 5:45 p.m. in the high school parking lot. Photos will be posted on the Chamber's social media page for votes from the public. Following photos, carts will roll through the parade route with other entries.

Grand Parade

Line-up for the Grand Parade will take place at the AGWSR High School parking lot. The parade itself starts at 6 p.m. Participants are asked to be there and ready to go before the 6 p.m. start time.

Be sure to be there as this year's grand marshals are the volunteers of The Ackley Heritage Center. This event is courtesy of the Ackley Fire Department.

The route for the parade begins at 5th Avenue and State Street, then turns east on 3rd Avenue to Butler, then north to 1st Avenue and west to Cerro Gordo before heading south and back to 5th Avenue. Bring your lawn chair and line the route to watch this Sauerkraut Days tradition!

Jordan Reuter

Jordan Reuter will perform in the bandshell

at Victory Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Standing Hampton

Standing Hampton will perform classic rock of the 70's and 80's from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday night in the Victory Park band shell. Bring your lawn chairs and your friends for a great night dancing, beverages, and rockin' to the classics.

Sunday, June 11

Breakfast

A Mexican Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. near Victory Park. Chuy Flores and his family, along with his dedicated employees of Flores Construction, will serve up a hearty breakfast for all to enjoy. When you're done, be sure to check out the Car and Flier - Show and Shine going on around the park!

Car and Flier Show and Shine

Ackley's annual Show and Shine, will be held near Victory Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a Mexican breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. To register for the show, which marks the final activities for the community's annual Sauerkraut Days celebration, message 641-640-1060. Entry fee is \$10 per vehicle/airplane.

Kraut Pub

The Kraut Pub will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kids Activities

A variety of activities created just for the kiddos will take place in Victory Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There's lots of fun planned and YOU don't want to miss it!

DJ Billiardz

DJ Billiardz will kick off the morning in Victory Park during the Mexican Breakfast and Car Show and Shine from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ●



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Fish kill in Hampton under investigation

DNR officials are asking for the public's help in determining the cause of a fish kill discovered June 1, along Squaw Creek in the Franklin County town of Hampton.

A local angler reported dead fish in Squaw Creek in East Park in Hampton. The DNR investigated and found that the fish kill extended approximately 1.5 miles up-

stream through the town of Hampton.

No definitive source of the kill has been identified, though the DNR is continuing to investigate. Any information or tips from the public with knowledge of a possible cause are requested to contact the DNR's environmental field office in Mason City at 641-424-4073. ●

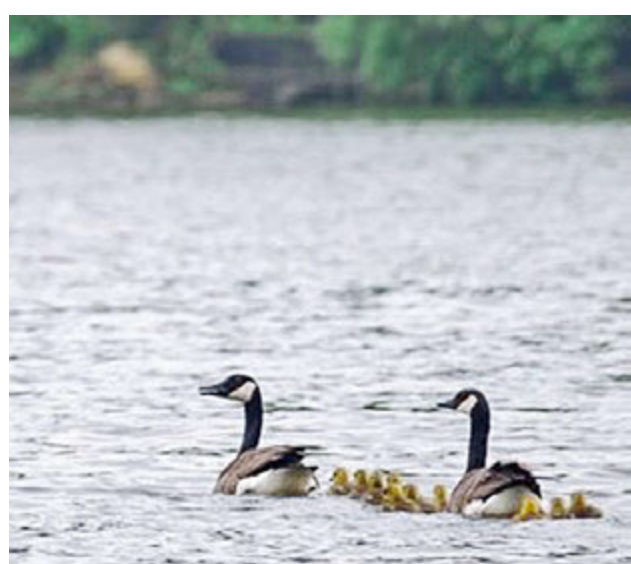


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Bacteria in Pine Lake State Park have continued to increase since the state posted a swim warning last week.

Swim warning already in effect

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Swimming is not recommended at the beaches of two state parks after weekly tests recently showed they have potentially unsafe concentrations of bacteria, according to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

One of them — at the lower lake of Pine Lake State Park in Hardin County — had about triple the bacteria concentration of last week, when it was also subject to the swim warning.

Those concentrations can change significantly over the course of days. The test at Pine Lake happened on May 30.

The other beach with a swim warning this week is at Prairie Rose State Park in Shelby County. A test there on May 31 revealed a bacteria concentration that was six times the state's

safety threshold, and it was slightly higher than Pine Lake's concentration.

Two beaches that had warnings last week had little or no detectable bacteria this week. Those were at Union Grove State Park in Tama County and Lake Keomah State Park in Mahaska County.

A beach at Lake Darling State Park has had detectable amounts of blue-green algae toxins the past two weeks, but they diminished this week and are less than half of the safety threshold that would trigger a swimming warning.

The DNR gathers data about city and county beaches but does not issue warnings for them. Tests this week revealed potentially unsafe bacteria concentrations at two of them: Bigelow County Park in Woodbury County and Old Water Plant Beach in Storm Lake. ●



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Donation made

The AGWSR eighth grade class recently paid a visit to the Ackley Community Food Pantry located in the basement of St. John's United Church of Christ. The students delivered a donation of food and personal hygiene products and were treated to a tour of the pantry to learn its role and importance in the community. Their donation is very much appreciated and will be used by those who take advantage of the pantry.

Howard announces resignation from Hansen Family Hospital Board

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The Hansen Family Hospital Board of Trustees met May 24, and board president Steve Howard announced he would be stepping down from his role, effective immediately.



Howard

"It's bitter-sweet, I'm going to announce my resignation, and retire from the board," he said. "It's been a great 16 years... this last four or five years, with the board that we've got, with the staff that we have, it has just made it more enjoyable. You just feel productive and like you're accomplishing something."

Before his official announcement, Howard had searched for a replacement and recommended the board consider Iowa Falls resident Adam Nenderhoff, who also attended the meeting. "The very first person who came to my mind is sitting in the room right here," Howard said. "And

he has graciously agreed to join the board, pending your vote at the next board meeting."

Howard noted an upcoming shoulder surgery and rehab following would take up a fair amount of his time. "And it's time we get some younger blood on here," he said, thanking the board and staff for their support.

Current board members include Marianne Jones, Dr. Quinn Hoversten, Prentice Lofstedt and Dr. Amanda Wood.

Top 20 Critical Access Hospital

Hospital CEO George Von Mock congratulated the hospital board and staff for being named a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital. The ranking was recently released by the National Rural Health Association and an awards ceremony will be held in September.

In February, HFH had been named a Top 100

Critical Access Hospital by the Chartis Center for Rural Health, which was the second year in a row the hospital had received that award.

"That's a fantastic recognition," Hospital CEO George Von Mock said of that top 100 honor. "Being in the top 20 is even better."

"Thank you to everybody on the staff and everybody involved," Howard added. "It's an unbelievable recognition and honor, and it can only happen with you."

Financial update

Hospital CFO Shane Coughenour presented the monthly financial report and reported that gross revenue was \$5.1 million, and holding from the previous month, favorable to budget by \$233,000, and the prior year's budget by \$481,000.

"We feel if we can stay in the \$5.1 control cost, we'll be in a decent position ... not real profitable, but in a holding

pattern," Coughenour said.

He also noted that outpatient revenue was growing. "We have no bad debt expense for this month," he added.

Total expenses were \$2.6 million and favorable to budget by \$179,000, and up from the prior year, mostly due to contract labor. April total labor cost, including benefits, was \$1.2 million, and right on budget. However, contract labor was \$140,000 and unfavorable to budget by \$95,000. Efforts continue in recruitment in the Emergency Room, Med/Surg and Radiology. Accounts receivables were up \$747,000 and self-pay accounts receivables increased \$146,000 from March, due to challenges in the collections process. The hospital's new financial tool, Access, will help with that.

The monthly net income was down \$43,399 for the month, and \$690,108 year to date. ●

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Welcome to Wellsburg Daze 2023

Wellsburg residents are again preparing to commemorate their strong heritage with the annual celebration of Wellsburg Daze. The four-day event will take place Saturday, June 10, through Tuesday, June 13 and is sponsored by the Wellsburg Community Club.

A schedule of events follows.

Saturday, June 10

The start of the 12th annual tractor ride begins with registration at 7 a.m. Riders should meet at Wellsburg's Old Barber shop (514 N. Adams). Breakfast will be served to riders. There is a \$25 en-

try fee for the ride which departs promptly at 8:30 a.m.

There's lots of fun planned in the beverage garden where Beer Olympics will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Contact Kamille Albers or Jocelyn Onnen via Facebook to register. Participants must register in advance to take part.

Also starting at 1 p.m. is the opening of the Wellsburg Historical Society (514 N. Adams). The site will be open through 4 p.m.

From 7 p.m. to midnight, a street dance, sponsored by the Community Club will be held at the beer garden. Ad-

mission is \$5. Joe Inman will perform beginning at 8:30 p.m. A variety of food trucks will also be on site.

Sunday, June 11

Start the day off with worship in the park at Wellsburg City Park at 9 a.m.

The 9th annual Wal-ly Haupt Memorial Coed Slow Pitch softball tournament will be held at the Wellsburg Diamonds beginning at noon.

From 1 to 5 p.m. there will be fun for the kids planned in the Wellsburg City Park. There will be balloon animals, face painting, new inflatable activities, and much more.

Monday, June 12

The fun continues with Bingo in the beverage garden, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

At 4 p.m. the food and beverage garden will open.

At 4:30 p.m. the Cole Rabbit Memorial golf tournament will host a meal at the Wellsburg Memorial Building. Everyone is invited.

The midway, with rides for all ages, will be open from 5 to 10 p.m.



A bags tournament will begin at 6 p.m. Registration for the tournament starts at 5:30 p.m. Entry is \$20 per team. Little Miss and Mister Wellsburg coronation will be held in the city park band shell at 6 p.m. Must be present to win.

Tuesday, June 13

Midway is open from 3 to 10 p.m. with the Beverage Garden opening at 4 p.m.

A live broadcast of the fun and special interviews with KQCR will begin at 4 p.m. and continue through 7 p.m.

The Wells Hotel will be open to the public from 4 to 8 p.m. Take note that it will be closed during the parade.

At 4:30 p.m. Cole Rabbit Memorial Golf

Tournament will host a meal at the Wellsburg Memorial Building.

The grand parade will begin at 6 p.m. Please have your entries ready for lineup which begins at the school parking lot an hour before the start of the parade. No advance entry is needed.

The Grundy County Cattlemen will serve a meal in the City Park shelter house starting at 7 p.m.

Starting at 8 p.m. and continuing through midnight, Neil Hewitt will perform in the beer garden.

The annual Community Club raffle drawing begins at 10 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

The annual fireworks show will begin at dusk. ●

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Briefs
Trio named to golf honor roll

The Iowa High School Golf Coaches Association recently released its All-State list. Junior Gabe Nederhoff and seniors Eli Brandt and Bo Gerbracht were listed among the second team. Brandt averaged 43.48 strokes per nine-holes, Gerbracht 43.54 and Nederhoff 44.04.

BB Camps available

The AGWSR Cougars will be offering two basketball camps this summer. The boys' camp will be held June 28-30, with the girls' camp July 10-13. Both camps are for players entering third through eighth grades next fall and will be held at AGWSR High School.

Boys entering third-fifth will be held 8-9:45 a.m. with 6-8 going 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Camp focus will be on the fundamentals of basketball, including passing, shooting form, defense and more. There will be competitions and scrimmages in a 2 vs. 2 and 3 vs. 3 format. Campers will receive a t-shirt and coaching by AGWSR staff and high school players. Cost is \$35. For more information, contact AGWSR head coach Ryley Schipper at rschipper.

The girls will meet from 9-11:15 a.m. It is a skill improvement camp for those who have a genuine interest in learning and improving and is not an activity camp. Players will learn drilling fundamentals through contests and guest speakers. Cost is \$35 and includes instruction and a shirt. For more information, contact AGWSR head coach Mike Finger at mfinger@agwsr.org. ●

Schedule

BASEBALL
MONDAY, JUNE 12
Eldora/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. South Hardin (V-DH)
THURSDAY, JUNE 15
Reinbeck/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. Gladbrook-Reinbeck
MONDAY, JUNE 19
Ackley/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. Grundy Center (V-DH)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
Ackley/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. Dike-New Hartford
THURSDAY, JUNE 22
Ackley/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. South Hardin

SOFTBALL
MONDAY, JUNE 12
Eldora/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. South Hardin (V-DH)
TUESDAY, JUNE 13
Mason City/TBA
Newman Tournament
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14
Denver/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. Denver
MONDAY, JUNE 19
Ackley/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. Grundy Center (V-DH)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
Ackley/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. Dike-New Hartford
THURSDAY/JUNE 22
Ackley/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. South Hardin
MONDAY, JUNE 26
Ackley/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. East Marshall (V-DH)
TUESDAY, JUNE 27
Ackley/5 p.m.
AGWSR vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg

Slip sliding away

Costly error hurts comeback bid

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AGWSR's 5-1 loss to Jesup in Ackley on Thursday came down to a matter of inches and a couple hits. One hit was a two-run J-Hawk homer that happened, the other a basehit by the Cougars with the bases loaded that didn't. The inches was a pulled foot at first base on a third out that ended up costing the hosts two runs.

The Cougars were one out away from going to the bottom of the fifth down just 3-1 when freshman first baseman Cali Buseman took a low throw from shortstop Trevyn Smith. While she made the scoop and the team started heading to the dugout for their turn at the plate, umpire Dean Werkman ruled Buseman had pulled her foot.

Jesup's Layni Pilcher proceeded to steal second and score on a Rylan Dellagardelle double. Dellagardelle, in turn, scored on a triple by Taylor Wymore before the hosts could get the second out.

While those two runs ultimately didn't factor into the decision, the Cougars put themselves in position to tie or win in the home



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Umpire Scott Giraud made the out call at the plate as AGWSR's Avery Lafrenz took a relay from shortstop Trevyn Smith for the second out in the second inning. Jesup took a 3-1 lead later in the inning, and won 5-1.

Jesup 5, AGWSR 1
June 1 at Ackley
Jesup: 1 2 0 0 2 0 0 - 5 9 3
AGWSR: 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 3 2
WP: Klaire Kite 7IP 4H 1R 0ER 1BB 4K
LP: Sidney Schafer 7IP 9H 5R 4ER 0BB 2K
Hitting: (AGWSR) Elise Olson 1-3; Schafer 1-3; Avery Lafrenz 1-3; Tori Metzgar 1-3 (Jesup) Taylor Wymore 2-3 3B 2RBI; Daily Donlea 1-3 HR 2RBI

seventh had those not scored.

AGWSR loaded the bases in the final frame after Quinn Holmgaard reached

on an error, Sidney Schafer walked, and Avery Lafrenz singled. But a line shot to the pitcher and a pop-up to first ended the threat.

The game there after Jesup scored in the top of the first on a pair of singles. AGWSR answered with Elise Olson leading off with a hard single at the Jesup shortstop, a sacrifice bunt by Trevyn Smith to advance her, and an error on the thirdbaseman to plate her.

Jesup regained the lead in the next verse with two runs after AGWSR nearly got out of it unscathed. The

lead off batter singled, but was thrown out at the plate two batters later trying to score from second on a single. That batter and the next scored when Dailey Donlea - number nine in the order - belted a home run over the leftfield fence.

In all, the Cougars were limited to just three hits, but not for a lack of putting the ball on the bat.

"It was just one of those nights," said AGWSR head coach Brock Holmgaard. "We hit the ball hard, just always at a glove. It was rough. The girls do a good job, we just had a few things happen that ended up costing us tonight. These girls don't want to quit, they're always going to fight to the end."

The Cougars are 4-5 after going 2-3 since last weekend. While not what he had hoped for, Holmgaard said he's happy with where his team is at this point of the season. He added that he feels his squad has been right there, though.

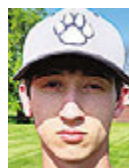
"I think we could have grabbed a couple wins we let get by us," Holmgaard said. "Tonight I think we missed out on one and last night against Columbus was just a weird one. It's alright. We're still learning and we're getting better every game. We're hitting the ball better every game and now we just have to start finding the gaps." ●

On the winning side

AGWSR picks up first W, downs EM 4-3

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The AGWSR Cougars have been struggling while going 0-4 to start the season. Not so much offensively, but with preventing runs. Thursday, in Gilman, things came together for the first time with a 4-3 win over East Marshall. It took 10 innings to do it.



Benning

The visitors struck first with a Bradly Roder run in the top of the first inning after reaching on

a single. EM got that and more back in the bottom of the verse with two runs on two walks and a single, but they stranded a runner at second.

The hosts added a run in the fifth with a walk and two single before AGWSR tied it with solo tallies in the sixth and seventh. The first came after Ryley Bohner led off the sixth with a single with an error and scored on a Collin Willems single. The tying score started with a Landon Benning single to start the seventh. He scored, after stealing second base, on a Kaden Abbas single.

Carter Roder led off the 10th with a single. He later scored on a passed ball for the winner. ●

AGWSR 4, East Marshall 3
May 25 at Gilman
AGWSR: 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 - 4 11 0
E. Marshall: 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 - 3 3 3
WP: Landon Benning 7IP 3H 1R 1ER 3BB 5K; Bradly Roder (S) 3IP 1H 2R 2ER 3BB 2K
Hitting: Benning 3-5 R; Kaden Abbas 2-4 RBI; Ryley Bohner 2-5 2B

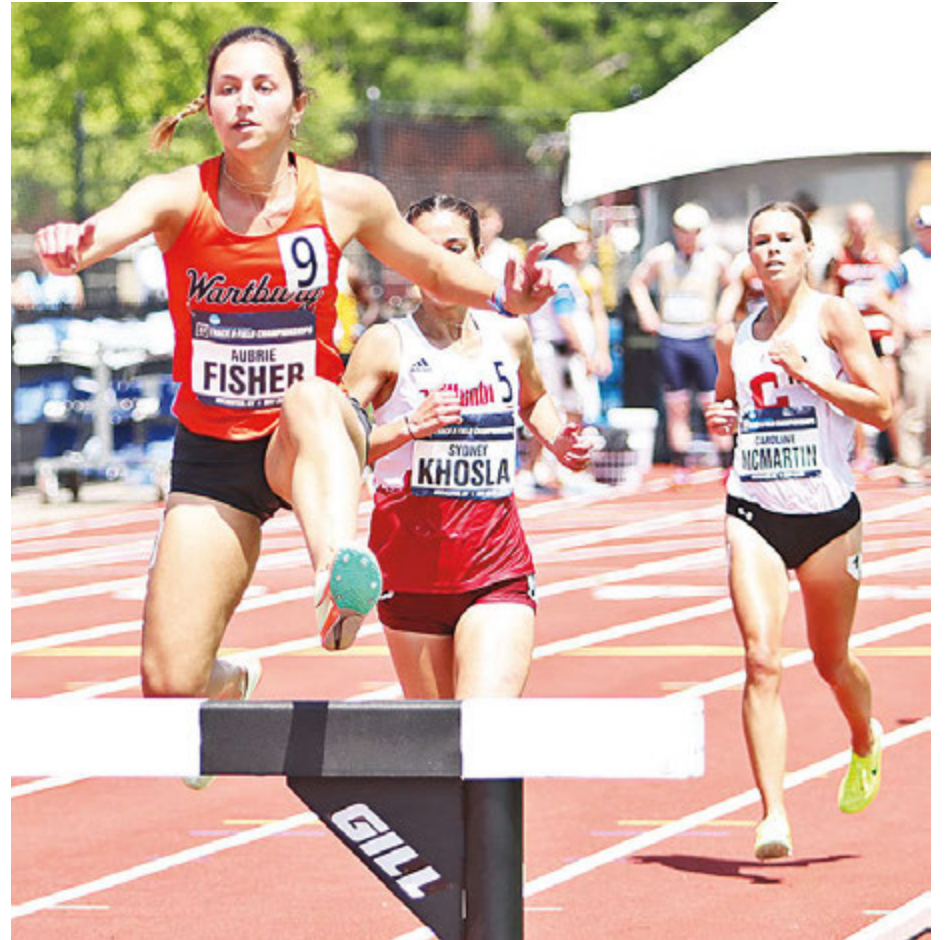


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Two-time champ

Aubrie Fisher, a 2019 AGWSR graduate and current Wartburg senior, added a second NCAA Div. III 3,000-meter steeplechase championship on May 27 to help the Knights finish sixth. She was the 2021 national champion and 2022 runner-up in the race. She was joined at the 2023 Championships in Rochester, NY by 2021 Iowa Falls-Alden graduate and former IF-A/AGWSR Cadet Cross Country teammate Ellie Meyer who finished fourth in the race.

Softballers split tourney games at Newman

AGWSR beats Saints, falls to Eagles

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The first weekend tournament of the season yielded a split for the AGWSR Cougar girls as they downed 15th-ranked in Class 1A Saint Ansgar 11-6 and falling to Eagle Grove 7-5 in a time-shortened second game.



Holmgaard

Sidney Schafer got the win against the Saints, going the full seven innings in allowing seven hits and two earned runs while fanning five and walking nine. Trevyn Smith booked a run and

two runs batted in while going 2-4 at the plate.

AGWSR opened with a pair of runs in the first, but the Saints responded with four in the bottom of the inning. The Cougars added a run in the third, with SA adding one in the bottom. Another Cougar run in the fourth made it a 5-4 Saint lead.

Neither team scored in the fifth, giving way to a six-run outburst by AGWSR in the sixth. It all started with singles by Ava Olson and Quinn Holmgaard,

followed by a one-run error off Schafer's bat and a bases loaded walk by Ella Diemer. Elise Olson plated another run with a single, which was followed by a two-run single by Smith. AGWSR added another

run in the seventh to make it 11-5, then surrendered a run in the bottom before stranding runners at second and third with two Schafer strikeouts.

With an hour-and-a-half time limit on games, the Cougars ran out of time in game two against the Eagles. Brylea took the loss in just five innings, giving up eight hits and seven earned runs with four walks and four strikeouts. E. Olson went 1-3 with a double, two runs and an RBI to lead AGWSR at the plate.

EG struck first with two runs in the top of the first then made it 4-0 with two more in the third. AGWSR tied it with four runs in the bottom of the third. Diemer drew a one-out walk and stole second ahead of an E. Ol-

Newman Tournament
May 27 at Mason City
GAME ONE
AGWSR: 2 0 1 1 0 6 1 - 11 9 6
St. Ansgar: 4 0 1 0 0 0 1 - 6 7 5
WP: Sidney Schafer 7IP 7H 6R 2ER 9BB 5K
LP: Mallory Juhl (S) 5.1IP 7H 8R 5ER 2BB 2K; Josie Juhl 1.2IP 2H 3R 3ER 0BB 3K
Hitting: Trevyn Smith 2-4 R 2RBI; Schafer 2-4; Elise Olson 1-4 2R RBI; Tessa Sperflage 1-4 R 2RBI
GAME TWO
Eagle Grove: 2 0 2 3 0 - 7 8 1
AGWSR: 0 0 4 0 1 - 5 5 0
WP: Brooklyn Osborn 5IP 5H 4ER 2BB 5K
LP: Brylea Metzgar 5IP 8H 7R 7ER 4BB 4K
Hitting: E. Olson 1-3 2B 2R RBI; Ava Olson 1-3 RBI; Quinn Holmgaard 2-3, Smith 1-3 R

son RBI double. A single by Smith and a walk to Tessa Sperflage followed. Olson and Sperflage both scored on passed balls before A. Olson lifted sacrifice fly to rightfield for

the final run.

EG responded with three in the fourth. AGWSR added their final tally in the bottom of the fifth but ran out of time after the third out. ●



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Sidney Schafer picked up the win against Hampton-Dumont-CAL last week thanks to a passed ball in the bottom of the eighth inning in Ackley. AGWSR never led until that point.

Making a game of it

AGWSR comeback falls short

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For the first time this season, Dave Showalter saw some life in his AGWSR Cougar baseball squad. Still, they fell to 0-4 with a 4-3 loss to Grundy Center on Wednesday.

"This was our best played game so far this season," Showalter said. "Not the outcome we wanted, but we played a much better game than we had previously. We still need to get over the hump of eliminating a bad inning, but we responded much better tonight."

The host Spartans shelled the Cougars for four runs in the home first, all on three sin-

gles, a double, two walks and two errors. Gerbracht and the defense settled in after that, not allowing a run over the next five innings – sending the hosts down in order in fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

The Cougars didn't score until the fifth inning when they put up three runs. Bradley Roder led it off with a walk, followed by a pair of flyouts. Another walk, to Kaden Abbas, kept the inning alive. That was followed by an RBI double by Carter Roder and a two-run double by Ryley Bohner. A groundout ended the rally.

The visitors also had chances in the sixth and seventh innings, leaving the bases loaded in the former, and a runner in scoring position in the latter. ●



Bohner

Grundy Center 4, AGWSR 3

May 24 at Grundy Center													
AGWSR:	0	0	0	3	0	0	-	3	6	3			
G. Center:	4	0	0	0	0	x	-	4	6	0			
WP:	Jaren Lauver 5.1IP 5H 3R 3ER 5BB 4K; Ryker Thoren 1.2IP 2H 0R 0ER 1BB 1K												
LP:	Bo Gerbracht 6IP 5H 4R 0ER 2BB 9K												
Hitting:	(AGWSR) Landon Benning 2-2; Ryley Bohner 2-4 2B 2RBI (GC) Thoren 2-3 R; Tate Jirovsky 2-3 2B 3B R RBI; Tanner Laube 2-3 2B 2RBI												

PB & YAY!

Passed ball completes comeback

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Tuesday's AGWSR Cougar win over the Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs in Ackley went eight innings. It wasn't exactly a walkoff that allowed the hosts to win, but a passed ball finished it.

The Cougars (3-3) needed three different comebacks to beat the Bulldogs (1-2). They missed their chance to win in regulation, but scored the unconventional run in the eighth to pull out a 7-6 non-conference win.

Both teams looked to strike early, but stranded runners on third in the first inning. The visiting Bulldogs ended the drought in the fourth inning, putting up a pair of runs on a walk, double and sacrifice fly.

The hosts returned the favor in the bottom of the fifth. Tori Metzgar got it started with a one-out single. She moved to third, after stealing second, on an Ella Diemer single. Diemer went second on the throw to third. Both scored on a two-base two-out error as a ball off the bat of Trevyn Smith missed the rightfielder's glove on a towering fly ball and hit her in the head. Madison Heilskov was escorted off the field and replaced by Addison Albers, who was immediately tested on a Tessa Sperfslage foul ball. She made the catch to end AGWSR's fifth.

The Bulldogs got the lead right back in the sixth, scoring a run on a walk and three-straight singles. Now down 3-2, the Cougars rallied again. A leadoff single by Ava Olson was followed by a stolen base and then a sacrifice bunt by Quinn Holmgaard. Sidney Schafer, AGWSR's pitcher, helped her cause with a single to plate the run.

With three runs in the top of

AGWSR 7, Hampton-Dumont-CAL 6

May 30 at Ackley													
H-D-C:	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	-	6	10	5	
AGWSR:	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	-	7	9	3		
WP:	Sidney Schafer 8IP 10H 6R 5ER 6BB 0K												
LP:	Malie Ott 7.1IP 9H 7R 4ER 2BB 8K												
Hitting:	(AGWSR) Schafer 2-4 RBI; Trevyn Smith 1-3 2B R 2RBI; Tessa Sperfslage 1-4 2B R RBI; Tori Metzgar 1-4 R; Ella Diemer 1-4 2B R; Quinn Holmgaard 1-3 RBI. (HDC) Teagen Bird 3-4 RBI; Ott 2-3 2RBI; Charlie Morton 2-3 2B 2R 2RBI												

the seventh, the visitors looked to have things in order for their second win of the season. They did it with a leadoff single with an error, a hit batter and two base hits following.

A hard shot to the Bulldog pitcher, Malie Ott, started AGWSR's seventh with an out. A single by Elise Olson and a Walk to Smith suddenly gave the hosts a chance. Tessa Sperfslage doubled to plate the lead runner, a flyout to right by A. Olson scored the second run. A single by Quinn Holmgaard sent Sperfslage home for the tie. With Holmgaard landing at second base on the throw home, a single by Schafer looked to be the winner. Instead, Holmgaard was thrown out at the plate – leaving it a 6-6 game.

The Bulldogs booked a pair of

singles, but the Cougars got the out at home back as leftfielder E. Olson hit cutoff Smith who relayed to Avery Lafrenz at the plate for the third out.

That set up an odd turn of events in the home half of the extra inning. Lafrenz led off with a strikeout. Metzgar then seemed to pop out to the pitcher, who dropped the ball. Diemer then bented, but the throw was mishandled by the first baseman. E. Olson got the winning RBI without swinging her bat as Metzgar raced home and beat the tag on a passed ball.

Rookie head coach Brock Holmgaard has talked all season about the fight his girls have shown up to this point of the season. The ending proved his point.

"You give up three runs in the top of the seventh to go down 6-3 and then you come out and score three to tie it? Then to win it that way? Yeah, the girls continue to battle," Holmgaard said. "Timely hits and just putting the ball in play really worked out for us tonight."

Holmgaard admitted he very nearly didn't send Metzgar after getting burned an inning earlier, but noted that his philosophy is to be aggressive on the base paths and force the other team to make plays. He let a noticeable sigh of relief when she just beat the tag.

"We've been aggressive on the base paths all year and we're going to live and die by it," Holmgaard said. "The worst thing that could've happened was we were sitting on second and third base with two outs and still have a chance. We have good team speed with a lot of girls who made state track, so we might as well build around that." ●

Grand gesture in LeGrand

Cougars beat East Marshall 2-1

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Any time the AGWSR Cougars and East Marshall Mustangs meet on the softball diamond, there's usually North Iowa Cedar League-West title ramifications on the line. That may again be the case after AGWSR's 2-1 extra-inning win Thursday in LeGrand, but the season is still in its infancy.

The Cougars struck first, scoring a run on an Elise Olson leadoff single. She stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch before Tessa Sperfslage sacrifice fly to rightfield plated her.

That lead held until the home seventh.

The Mustangs scored a run to tie it with an error and a pair of singles. They left the bases loaded as AGWSR starter Sidney Schafer forced a flyout to short left and a ground out on a come-backer to the circle.

The visitors scored the winner in the top of the eighth after Trevyn Smith reached on a two-out error and stole the next two bases. Sperfslage again delivered, plating Smith with a single. EM threatened in the bottom of the frame, putting runners on second and third with a double, a fielder's choice and a stolen base, but a pop up to first and a groundout ended the rally – moving AGWSR to 2-2 on the season. ●



Sperfslage

Big inning strikes again

Cougars fall 14-4 in five to Sailors

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The AGWSR Cougars sent five batters to the plate in the top of the first inning to take a quick 1-0 lead over the Waterloo Columbus Sailors in Waterloo Wednesday night. But it didn't last long with the visitors falling 14-4 in five innings.

Cougar skipper Dave Showalter said there are still a lot of positives, despite the loss dropping his squad to 1-5 on the season.

"I thought we played a fairly clean game and did a number of good things, unfortunately we're still trying to find our way out of an inning here and there," Showalter said. "I thought

Columbus 14, AGWSR 4

May 31 at Waterloo												
AGWSR:	1	0	0	3	-	4	6	2				
Columbus:	2	0	7	1	4	-	14	12	1			
WP:	Major Westhoff 4.1IP 6H 4R 3ER 1BB 5K; Thomas Steele .2IP 0H 0R 0ER 0BB 1K											
LP:	Tristen Dennis 5IP 12H 14R 12ER 5BB 0K											
Hitting:	(AGWSR) Bradley Roder 2-3 R; Collin Willems 1-2 R; Dennis 1-2 R (WC) Nick Hagarty 3-4 R 5RBI											

our pitchers did a nice job, had some standout plays in the field, and we hit the ball hard each inning. This wasn't the outcome we wanted, but we had a number of positives to take into another busy week next week."

The game started with a Bradley Roder single. He later scored on a one-out single by Bo Gerbracht after reaching second on a Landon Benning groundout. The hosts turned around to score two in the bottom of the frame against Tristen Dennis.

The Sailors touched

the freshman starter for seven in the third, all on two walks to go with three singles and an error. They tacked on another run, in the fourth, before AGWSR scored again with three in the top fifth.

Easton Kerns started the rally by getting plunked by a pitch. Collin Willems and Dennis followed with singles, the latter booking a run batted in. They both scored on a Benning one-out single. WC ended it with their fifth-inning at bat, scoring four runs behind an error, hit batter, a passed ball and two base hits. ●



Roder

Washed away in Waterloo

Columbus takes 10-2 win over Cougars

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The AGWSR Cougars were limited to just two hits Wednesday night in Waterloo, tying their lowest total of the season. They were also limited to just two runs in a 10-2 loss to the Columbus Sailors.

"We need to find a way to be more consistent at the plate," head coach Brock Holmgaard said. "We score in bunches one game, then we struggle the next. "Defensively, we played pretty solid and made the plays we should have."

The loss dropped AGWSR to 4-4 on the season.

WC scored a pair in the first inning before AGWSR halved that in the third with one. Avery Lafrenz scored after getting hit by a pitch, and moved to second on a passed ball, before an error put Elise Olson on and a Trevyn Smith single batted the run in.

The visitors didn't score again until the sixth when Olson led off with a single, moved to second on a wild pitch and advanced home on a pair of passed ball. But

by the end of the inning, AGWSR was still down 7-2. The Sailors added three more in their half of the verse to make what would be the final score.

The hosts struck early with a pair of first-inning runs on two hits and a walk off starter Brylea Metzgar. The Cougar defense also committed one error in the frame. The Sailors went on to score what would be the winner in the fourth inning, adding two runs on the strength of two hits and two walks.

The hosts added three insurance runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth, touching Metzgar with a run and reliever Sidney Schafer for the rest.

Holmgaard said a rain delay between the third and fourth innings didn't help his squad.

"For some reason, we're kind of slow starters," Holmgaard said. "When you have to do that twice because of a rain delay, it's hard to catch up." ●

Columbus 10, AGWSR 2

May 31 at Waterloo													
AGWSR:	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	-	2	2	2		
Columbus:	2	0	0	2	3	3	x	-	10	12	1		
LP:	Brylea Metzgar (S) 4IP 7H 6R 6ER 5BB 3K; Sidney Schafer 2IP 5H 4R 4ER 1BB 0K												
Hitting:	Elise Olson 1-3 R; Trevyn Smith 1-3												



Olson

CHURCH BRIEFS

Gospel Jam Friends of Prairie Bridges will sponsor Gospel Jam on Saturday, June 24, beginning at 2 p.m. on the stage in the Prairie Bridges back forty. The Jam is an open mic event, and all musicians and vocalists are welcome to participate. Contact sonbeams614@gmail.com to sign-up.

St. John's VBS St. John's United Church of Christ will host 'Pets Unleashed' Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 9 through Tuesday, July 11. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday evening. Students aged four years of age to grade six are welcome to attend the event.

Bible reading marathon planned

Residents of Grundy County and beyond are welcome to take part in a Bible reading marathon planned on the lawn of the Grundy County courthouse. The event will take place on Wednesday, June 14 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday, June 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants should bring their Bible and take part in the reading (half hour segments). In the event of rain, the reading will be held across the street at the Grundy Center library. For further information, or to take part, contact 319-269-2091. Those who are unable to participate may take part from home. A second marathon is planned from Wednesday, June 22 through Friday, June 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Participants should again bring their Bible for reading in half hour segments.

DEVOTIONAL

The waiting is the hardest part

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or hope that something good will come, more often than not, we'll wait it out. In Acts 1:4, Jesus tells the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and "wait for the gift my father promised." And they wait it out, not because they know what's going to happen, but because they have 100% hope and trust in Jesus. The wait is going to be worth it!



How many of you don't like to wait? Raise your hands. OK. That's a lot of hands. Wait just a minute while I count them all. Waiting in love, in life, in most anything is difficult, isn't it? Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers sang, "Every day you get one more yard, you take it on faith, you take it to the heart, the waiting is the hardest part."

A few days later, on Pentecost, the sound of a mighty wind, tongues of fire, and the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples! Later, in Acts chapter 2, we read that about 3,000 were added to the number of Jesus' followers that day. Well worth the wait.

Sure, I know what you're thinking. We've all heard the old saying, "Good things come to those who wait." It all depends, though, right? I've done a good share of waiting in my life and noticed that most people, including me, don't like to wait. Why is that? Maybe it's because we don't expect anything good. Of course, when we expect something good, we tend to have the patience to wait. If we know that there's something good coming

Here's the thing- in God's time, waiting is a good thing, especially when we wait upon Him. As the psalmist writes in Psalm 130:5 in the New International Version Bible, "I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope." So, hey, just wait a minute. Don't rush. Give yourself some time for holy waiting. Give yourself some time for the Holy Spirit to move in you. Trust me, it'll be worth the wait. May God bless you this week and always.



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Presentation

The Hardin County 100+ Women Who Care presented a \$6,500 check to Hardin County Conservation for the Steamboat Rock Boat Club renovation project. Those present for the presentation, which was made May 10, include: Toni Nederhoff, Kathy Enslin, Brenda Doering, Amy Stephenson, Christine Axiotis, Connie Wubbena, Peggy Liekweg, Kim Whiley, Sandy Trampe and Melissa Johanson, and Hardin County Conservation board member Wes Wiese.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Ackley Ackley United Methodist Church Pastor: David Wagner P: 641-847-3521 Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship, 11:15 a.m. Fellowship. Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (PCA) P: 641-847-3188 Sunday- 9:30 a.m. Worship; 10:45 a.m. Fellowship and coffee; 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. East Friesland Presbyterian Church Pastor: Lynn Arends P: 641-847-2896 Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) Pastor: Diane Martin P: 641-847-2027 Sunday- 9 a.m. service Live Streaming 10 a.m. Fellowship Harvest Baptist Church Pastor: David Buhman P: 641-847-1921 Wednesday- 7 p.m. Service Sunday- 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (NALC) Pastor David Craig P: 641-847-2276 Sunday - 9:30 a.m. worship with fellowship to follow. St. John's United Church of Christ Pastor D.J. Steen P: 641-847-2685 Sunday - 9 a.m. services - Choir to sing; 10 a.m. Fellowship. Livestreaming of services can be found at www.facebook.com/StJohnsAckley. St. Mary's Catholic Church Father Kevin Earleywine P: 641-847-2329 Sunday- 10:30 a.m.

Video recordings of Mass will be available at www.franklinhardincatholic.org. Weekend Mass Sunday 8 a.m. Washington Reformed Church Pastor Kevin Pulliam P: 641-847-2817 www.wrcackley.org Sunday- 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Sunday service. Service will be livestreamed on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonReformedChurch/. Aplington Aplington Baptist Church P: 319-347-2311 www.aplingtonbaptistchurch.org Sunday- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, and 6 p.m. Student Connection. Wednesday- 3:30 p.m. Early Herd, 6 p.m. Herd, and 6:20 p.m. AWANA Thursday- 6 p.m. Bible quizzing Saturday-Evening Worship Service 6 p.m. Aplington Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) Pastor: Doug Hull P: 319-347-5569 church@aeclife.org, www.aeclife.org Sunday- 9 a.m. Prayer, 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship, and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday- 6:30 a.m. Early morning bible study. First Reformed Church Pastor: Brent Vandenberg P: 319-347-2444 Sunday- 9:30 a.m. Worship. Bethel Reformed Church Pastor: Scott Summers P: 319-347-6219 Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship; 10:05 a.m. Fellowship; 10:05 a.m. Bethel Kids.

Austinville Austinville Christian Reformed Church P: 319-347-2986 Pastor: Stewart deJong Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Worship; 10:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship; 11 a.m. Sunday School all ages; 8 p.m. 180 meets at Stu-Co Center. Wednesday- 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Early Herd; 6 to 8 p.m. Grades 7 and 8 Herd; 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. AWANA. Video of Sunday services are available online www.austinvillecrc.com. Colfax/Holland Churches Colfax Center Church of Rural Holland Pastor: Luke Wolfe P: 319-824-5231 Sunday- 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. coffee fellowship, 11 a.m. Sunday school for all ages, 6 p.m. prayer meeting Wednesday- 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. youth group and children ministries. Geneva Geneva United Methodist Church Pastor: Brent Hamilton Alternate Pastor: Delores Mooty P: 641-430-6872 Sunday- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship St. Peter's United Church of Christ P: 641-456-8749 stpetersiaucc@gmail.com Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Worship/ Worship leader: Jill Pliner, 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Steamboat Rock Steamboat Rock Baptist

Church 107 2nd St., Steamboat Rock 641-868-2458. Harrison Lippert, pastor. Sunday Service times 8:30a.m. Traditional Service, 10:00a.m. Contemporary Service and Pathway (Sunday School) classes for all ages, 11:15a.m. Contemporary Service and Children's Church. Online Worship (live-stream) will be available for all services at www.steamboatrockbaptist.org. You can also check us out on Facebook at Steamboat Rock Baptist Church. Steamboat Rock First Presbyterian Church Pastor: Lynn Arends P: 641-868-2292 Sunday- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship Wellsburg First Christian Reformed Church Pastor: Steven J. Mulder P: 641-847-4305 Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship Service St. John's Lutheran Church Pastor: Bruce Zimmerman P: 641-869-3838 Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship, 9:45 a.m. Bible class St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pastor: Vicar Lisa Robison P: 641-869-3992 9:15 a.m. Worship, 8 a.m. Sunday School. United Reformed Church Pastor: Joel Worries P: 641-869-3633 Sunday- 9:30 a.m. Worship; 3:30 or 7 p.m. afternoon worship. Wellsburg Reformed Church P: 641-869-3316 Sunday- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

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OBITUARIES

Linda Kaye Johns Morgan

Nov. 2, 1953-May 19, 2023
LEMARS

Linda Morgan, 69, of LeMars, Iowa passed away on May 19, 2023 at St Lukes hospital in Souix City.

Private family graveside services will be June 16 at Oakwood Cemetery in Ackley, Iowa, with Pastor David Wagner officiating.



Morgan

Linda was born Nov. 2, 1953 to Frederick Roy and Margaret Faye Heitland Johns in Hampton, Iowa. She graduated from Ackley-Geneva schools in 1971, and worked a few jobs in the Ackley area while she lived here.

In May, 1988 Linda married Bill Morgan of Mapleton, Iowa. He preceded her in death.

Linda is survived by her daughter Michelle (Bob) Kurtz of Delmont, S.D., along with grandchildren: Devin Kurtz of Tindall, S.D. and Drew Kurtz of Walker, S.D. She is also survived by sisters Judy (Jerry) Lloyd of Hooper, Utah and Kathy (Bob) Minikus of Cedar Falls; five nieces and nephews; and special friend, Ron Gaffey.

Preceded in death by parents; brothers: Darell "Yogi" Johns, Wayne Johns, and Darwin Johns and Barry Johns in infancy. She is also preceded in death by nephew Brent Minikus.

DEATH NOTICES

Angel Lee (Oelmann) Earnist

Thursday, June 1, 2023

IOWA FALLS—Angel Lee (Oelmann) Earnist, 63, of Iowa Falls, Iowa, passed away Thursday, June 1, 2023, in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Funeral service for Angel Earnist took place 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, at Linn's Funeral Home, 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, 50126. A private burial will be at the Friends Cemetery, Iowa Falls. Memorials may be directed to the family c/o Angel Earnist Memorial, Linn's Funeral Home, 1521 Washington Ave, Iowa Falls, Iowa, 50126.

CORRECTIONS

The annual 'Welcome to the Greenbelt Guide' published as an insert in the May 17 editions of the

Ackley World Journal and Iowa Falls Times Citizen contained an incorrect address and phone number in an advertisement for the Ackley Heritage Center. The correct information is Ackley Heritage Center, 120 State Street, Ackley, and the proper phone number for the local non-profit is 641-847-8070.

The Ackley World Journal sincerely apologizes for the error.

Dates on two pages of the May 31, 2023 edition of the Ackley World Journal which included the Notice of Regular Tax Sale and Delinquent Tax List, were incorrect. While the date was incorrect, the information in the notice and list were correct. The Ackley World Journal sincerely apologizes for the error.

HCSO LOGS

- May 11**
Erratic driving, Hwy. 65, Iowa Falls
Traffic complaint, Hwy. D55/Hwy. S62, Gifford
- May 12**
Vehicle went off the roadway into the ditch, Hwy. S62, Union
Deputy served a No Contact Order, Eldora
Citizen assist, Union
- May 13**
Erratic driving, Hwy. 20, mile marker 183, Steamboat Rock
Warrant served on Justin Heiserman, Latimer, for Burglary in the third degree and second-degree theft, bond \$10,000
Stand-by request, Union
Tornado watch until 1900, Eldora
- May 14**
Disabled vehicle, Hwy. S56
Dog at large, Union
Luis Hernandez Flores, Nevada, arrested and transported to Hardin County Jail on Domestic Abuse Warrant
- May 15**
Disabled vehicle, civilians requesting a ride back to disable vehicle, Hwy. 20, Iowa Falls
Accident, caller rear-ended vehicle, Steamboat Rock
Warrant served on Brandon Hoffman, Eldora, in Hardin County Jail for a Washington warrant for Failure to Appear in Open Court for First-Degree Possession of a Firearm and an OWI
- May 16**
Leyva Moor Miguel, Wright County, was transported to Hardin County Jail on a Hardin County warrant for Failure to Appear in Open Court for Domestic Abuse Assault, First Offense, Bond \$300, cash only, Hwy. D20, Interstate 35
Erratic driving, vehicle reporting another vehicle passing others on the median, Hwy. 20, Alden
- May 17**
No Contact Order served in Hardin County Jail, Eldora
Erratic driving, Hwy. 20, mile marker 187
- May 18**
Citizen assist, District Judge requests PBX from Deputy, Eldora
Citizen assist, Sheriff received a call about an incident at the school, Radcliffe
Accident, caller reported hitting an electrical line, breaking the electrical pole, electrical lines across roadway, Ackley
Court Ordered Transport of a

- juvenile to Mason City, Eldora
- May 19**
Dog running at large, Union
Destruction of property, Union
Erratic driving, Hwy. 20, mile marker 168, Iowa Falls
Harassment, New Providence
- May 20**
Assist other agency, Hwy. 56, Eldora
Noise complaint, Ackley (two times)
- May 21**
Erratic driving, Alden
- May 22**
Car/deer accident, Hwy. S33, Hubbard
Injured dog in ditch, Iowa Falls
- May 23**
Open door found during business check, New Providence
- May 25**
Disabled vehicle, Hwy. 65 and 20, Iowa Falls
Disabled vehicle, D20 and D15, Alden
Ralph Olsen, Blairsburg, Charged with Theft 5th degree
Erratic driver, westbound Hwy. 20, Iowa Falls
- May 26**
Minor two vehicle accident, no injuries, Hwy. 65/D41
Contacted regarding lock being changed on a property, Iowa Falls
- May 27**
Disabled vehicle, Hwy 65/130th St., Hubbard
Family dispute, Iowa Falls
Citizen assist, report of intoxicated male walking to a residence, Iowa Falls
Vehicle tow, vehicle in trees on private property, Iowa Falls
- May 28**
Assist Grundy County
Disabled vehicle, S57/310th St., New Providence
- May 29**
Livestock complaint, Hubbard
Civil, assist in getting items from residence, Alden
- May 30**
Civil, Alden
Lost & found/recovered property, Eldora
Had fishing pole taken while at the dam in Alden, Alden
Stolen property offenses/Hubbard
- May 31**
Fire, Eldora Brush Pile, Eldora
Disabled Vehicle, US Hwy 20, 175mm WB off ramp

- ABSTRACT**
- May 17, 2023**
Warranty Deed
James F Kohls, Janet L Kohls to Meghan Freie, Joseph A Jorgensen, 33-91-21 Tract
- Quit Claim Deed**
Dean Schmitt, Shannon Knight to Beverly Schmitt, Robert Kunkle, Mart B Schmitt Life Estate, 3-92-20 NW Parcel 2023 09
Beverly Schmitt, Robert Kunkle to Beverly Schmitt, Robert Kunkle, Mary V Schmitt Life Estate, 3-92-20 NW Parcel 2023 09
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- May 19, 2023**
Quit Claim Deed
Blas Ballesteros Gonzales, Blas Gonzales Ballesteros to Zeila Mendoza Salinas, Zeila Salinas Mendoza, Hamp VFWAD Blk3 Lot 8 Part
- Warranty Deed**
Dorothy M Desloover, Robert L Desloover to Robert L Desloover, Dorothy M Desloover, 30-91-22 NW NW Parts 19-91-22 SW SW Part

- Change of Title**
Zachery Scott Penning, Franklin County Treasurer, Franklin County Iowa to City of Hampton, Hamp Mott1 Blk 6 Lot 5 Except E 37 Ft
- May 22, 2023**
Affidavit of Transfer
John E Coonley to Muriel Muesigmann Life Estate, Clarence Muesigmann Estate, Penney Wilson, Pamela Harkema, Patricia Dakin Estate, 12-90-20 NE Part Unidv 1/2 INT
- Warranty Deed**
Ronald Hartkopp, Laura Hartkopp to Ronald Hartkopp, Laura Hartkopp, 9-90-20 NE
James Franken, Judy Franken to Brianna Kerns, 28-92-20 SW SE Tract
- Court Officer Deed**
Joyce E Heitland Estate to Jaelynn Harper, Joseph Bond, Hamp KINGM Blk 21 Lot 8 W2
- May 24, 2023**
Quit Claim Deed
ABCM Corporation to Richard A Allbee, Hamp Rigns Lot 28
ABCM Corporation to Richard A Allbee, Hamp Orig Blk 7 Lot 5-6
Dora A Collins Trustee, Dora A Collins Family Trust, Bryce M Collins Family Trust to City of Pope-

joy, Pope Popejoy Original Town Blk 1 Lot 1-4

NOTICE
TO: TO ALL PERSONS REGARDING GLADYS M. DREW, DECEASED, WHO DIED ON OR ABOUT MAY 12, 2023.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Gladys M. Drew died on May 12, 2023. At this time, no probate administration is contemplated with regard to the above referenced decedent's estate. Any action to contest the validity of the estate must be brought in the District Court of Hardin County, Iowa, within four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within this period shall be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons or entities indebted to the decedent are requested to make immediate payment to Stockdale Law, PLC.
Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the estate must mail proof of the claim to Taylor Nederhoff, Stockdale Law, PLC, the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, within four (4) months from the date of the second publication of this notice, or the claim shall be forever barred, unless paid or otherwise satisfied. Dated this 23rd day of May, 2023.
Taylor Nederhoff
Stockdale Law, PLC
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Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126
Published in the Ackley World Journal of May 31 and June 7, 2023.

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The Seller will accept sealed bids which must be received by 4:30 p.m. on June 9, 2023.

The sealed bid must contain the name, address and telephone number of the bidder, and the amount of the bid per acre. All bids shall be delivered to Attorney Seth R. Schroeder at the address shown below.

The top bidders will be notified and invited to attend a private auction to be held June 13, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at the law office of Heronimus, Schmidt, Schroeder & Geer, 630 G Avenue, Grundy Center, Iowa 50638. The sale price will be the highest acceptable bid multiplied times 79 acres.

This is a cash sale with closing to take place on July 10, 2023. Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due on the date of sale, and the winning bidder will be expected to sign a short form real estate contract immediately after the private auction.

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