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ORANGE CITY — School was in session for the last time at Orange City Elementary on Friday, May 26. A celebration of 100 years of school was held, and kids enjoyed extra recess time on bounce houses, funded by a penny drive during the school year.

Orange City Elementary was built in 1923. The first addition to the school happened in the 30s, and another in 1993. Air conditioning units were added to the school less than ten years ago, along with minor updates like new playground equipment, a rock wall, and a new gym.

The school has a contract with Zomer Auction, and after the school is cleared out, Zomer will organize an online auction for all items in the building. It will be a two-week online auction,

with two weeks available for people to pick up items afterward. Everything left over will be left to the city.

Earl Woudstra, City Administrator, confirms plans. "The City will take possession of the school property on July 1. We are following the Community Development Plan prepared by ISG and approved by the City Council in 2021; the plan will be to demolish the school building in the fourth quarter of 2023. The City is communicating with potential developers to redevelop the property as R-2 medium to high-density housing. The concept proposed in the ISG plan is for row housing and green space. The City is also considering opening 2nd street and street improvements to Delaware Ave." City staff will continue to consider development plans and will be working with potential developers, with final approval coming from City Council.

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BETTER NOT BITTER BOOK WILL EDUCATE AND HEAL

By SHARON VERMEER
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REMSEN — Michelle Cowan was working in Omaha facilitating blood donations when she met her husband, Joe. "I was a Red Cross Nurse," she laughed. "I took his blood and gave it away, but I kept his heart!" As a matter of fact, after he left, she joked that he was the man she would marry. And they did, marrying on December 28, 1991, and living in Council Bluffs. A year later, daughter AJ was born, and life for Cowan couldn't get any better.

On March 30, 2009, Joe took the day off from his job as an account manager for the Eppley Cancer Institute of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He had fallen during the weekend, hurting his back. Cowan, now a worker's compensation field nurse case manager, was in Omaha for a meeting at the Nebraska Spine Center. Joe called, feeling better, and told her he was going to go to Fremont, Nebraska, to check out a Buick SUV Cowan had looked at. They both felt she needed safer transportation for the winters in Iowa and Nebraska. Later, Joe called her again. The vehicle was great, and the salesman was going to follow him home with it. They drove the SUV to the house, and then Joe returned the salesman to the dealership.

Joe called again around 6:30 p.m., he was going to stop for a bite to eat and then head home. AJ and Cowan ate supper, and

then Cowan started to transfer things into her new car. Suddenly, shortly after 7:00 p.m., she clearly heard Joe's voice: "Everything is going to be ok." Troubled, she tried to call him, getting no answer. "I didn't know what to do! She explained. "Joe always called me back. I called his mother in Maryland, and my sister Candi, but no one had heard from him. I started getting panicky, pacing the floors, watching out the window, and hoping his phone had just died. Then the Iowa State Patrol drove up. I watched them walk up the sidewalk and raced for the front door so I could get there before 15-year-old AJ did. I threw open the door and immediately blurted out, 'Is he dead?' And he was."

Joe Cowan had been killed at 7:03 p.m. by a drunk driver in a horrific crash. Both drivers died instantly.

Fourteen years later, Cowan, now re-married and living on a farm near Remsen, decided to write the story of his death and

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Retiring psychology professor receives NWC award for excellence in faith and learning

ORANGE CITY—Dr. Laird Edman, professor of psychology at Northwestern College, has been named the 2023 recipient of the college's Faculty Excellence in Faith and Learning Award. He was honored during commencement exercises on May 13.

The award honors and encourages the calling and responsibility of Christian faculty to devote time and energy to scholarship and creative expression in ways that faithfully express the wonder, truth and beauty of God's revelation in Scripture and creation. Northwestern's academic deans and vice president for academic affairs selected Edman as the recipient from among faculty nominated by their colleagues.

Edman joined Northwestern's faculty in 2003 and is retiring this year. He has pursued scholarship exploring the challenging questions around the relationship between psychology and Christian faith. He was a fellow in the Science and Religion: Scholarship & Christianity program at Oxford University, a collaborator in a Templeton Religion Trust grant designed to make research in the cognitive science of religion more accessible to Christian church leaders, and a co-leader for a Blankemeyer Foundation Grant titled "Conversations in Community: Faith and Science, Faith in Science, and Science of Faith."

Edman recently co-authored an article on the theological implications of the cognitive science of religion in the Oxford Handbook to Cognitive Science of Religion. He is working on a book about how the cognitive science of religion can be used by the church.

"Dr. Edman has been a leader in the integration of faith and learning at NWC for most of his career," wrote one nominator. "He has published regularly in journals that explore the relationship of psychology and Christianity. Laird has mentored new faculty in faith-learning integration and has presented on the topic in campus meetings. This focus of his scholarly work, and the consistent and high-profile ways in which he has pursued it, make him deserving of this award."

The recipient of the Northwestern Teaching Excellence Award in 2008 and 2017, Edman also won teaching awards when he was on the faculty at Waldorf College and the Honors Program of Iowa State University. He held the Northwestern Endowed Professorship from 2011 to 2016.

Edman is a member of the American Psychological Association's Council of Representatives. He earned a doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Minnesota, master's degrees in counseling psychology and English literature from the University of Notre Dame, and a bachelor's degree in English literature and classics from Luther College.

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