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Shouts grow louder ahead of Iowa's pipeline hearing

Summit finally set to face IUB on Tuesday

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REGIONAL—Scores of people for and against the proposed Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline are making their final preparations before the CO2 project's hearing with the Iowa Utilities Board set for Tuesday, Aug. 22. Proceedings are set to start at 10

a.m., although protesters expect to show up at least an hour early at the Cardiff Event Center in Fort Dodge. The IUB will meet for at least a month, with every week-day adding to testimony.

The Iowa Farmers Union, one of several statewide groups organizing against Summit and similar pipelines, held a virtual meeting Thursday afternoon to discuss the hearing.

"It's super important for people to take action," said IFU presi-

dent Aaron Lehman.

The hearing will start with Exhibit H landowners. These are people who are on Summit's proposed route who have not signed a voluntary easement with the Ames-based company.

There are about 1,000 parcels still unsigned in Iowa, about a third of the route. The landowner total is likely smaller since one person can own multiple parcels.

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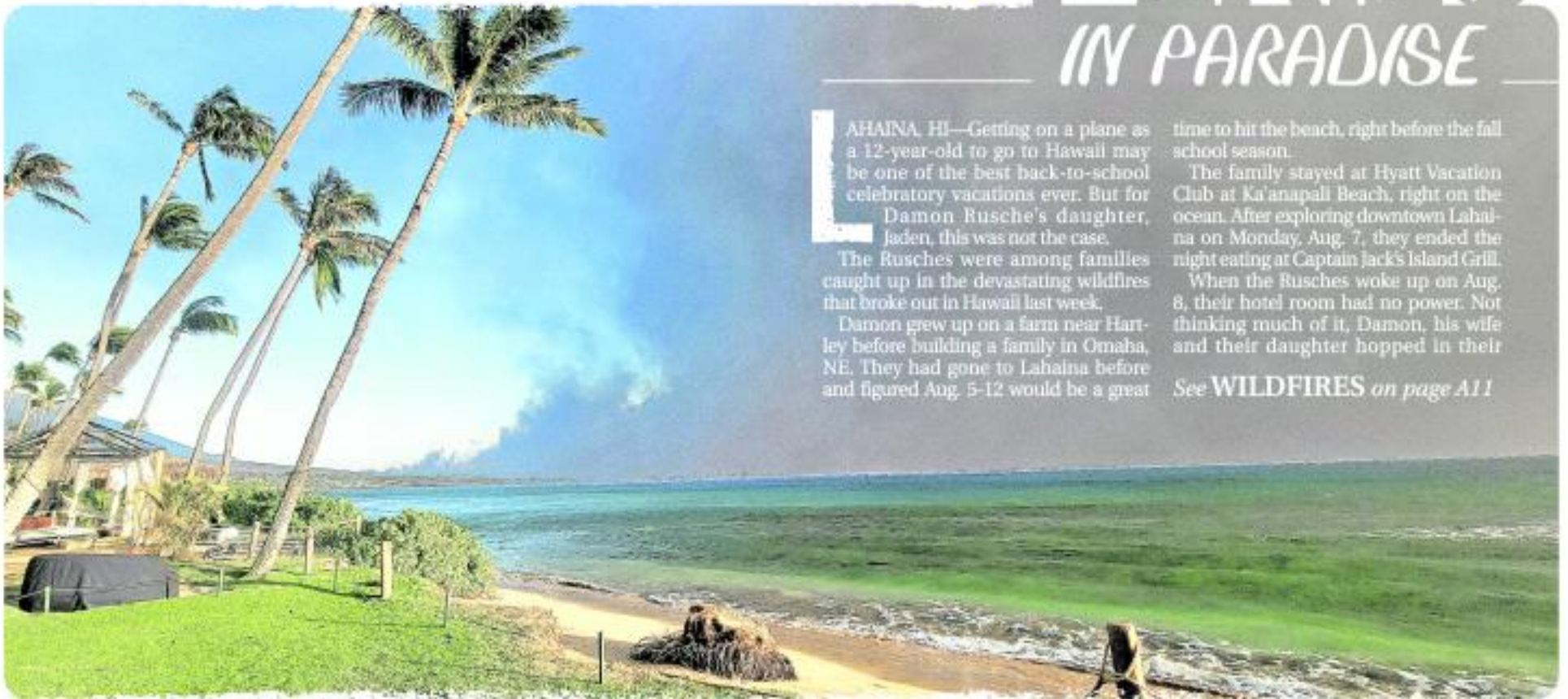


Jess Mazour of the Sierra Club's Iowa chapter speaks at an anti-pipeline rally last year in Des Moines. On Tuesday, Aug. 22, the Iowa Utilities Board will hold its first CO2 pipeline hearing, which could grant a permit to Summit Carbon Solutions. Photo submitted

"It's a really beautiful town, there's so many things there, and it's just all gone. And it's just a sad, sad situation." —LINDA RUSCHE

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PERILS IN PARADISE



LAHAINA, HI—Getting on a plane as a 12-year-old to go to Hawaii may be one of the best back-to-school celebratory vacations ever. But for Damon Rusche's daughter, Jaden, this was not the case. The Rusches were among families caught up in the devastating wildfires that broke out in Hawaii last week. Damon grew up on a farm near Hartley before building a family in Omaha, NE. They had gone to Lahaina before and figured Aug. 5-12 would be a great

time to hit the beach, right before the fall school season. The family stayed at Hyatt Vacation Club at Ka'anapali Beach, right on the ocean. After exploring downtown Lahaina on Monday, Aug. 7, they ended the night eating at Captain Jack's Island Grill. When the Rusches woke up on Aug. 8, their hotel room had no power. Not thinking much of it, Damon, his wife and their daughter hopped in their

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WILDFIRES HALT HARTLEY NATIVE'S FAMILY VACATION

Doon train derailment result of negligence?

Lawsuit filed against BNSF for 2018 crash

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DOON—Members of a Rock Valley family have sued BNSF Railway over the damage caused to their land by a 2018 train derailment and oil spill near Doon.

According to the lawsuit, Philip, Kristi, John and Helen Koolima have accused the Fort Worth, TX-

based railroad company of negligence and regulatory violations as well as causing their property to decrease in value due to oil and contaminants that still are in the ground.

Efforts to reach BNSF, which operates one of the largest railroad networks in North America, for comments on the civil case went unanswered.

The Koolima family originally filed the eight-page lawsuit in

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Crude oils flows into the swollen Rock River south of Doon after a BNSF train derailed during the early Friday morning of June 22, 2018. No one was hurt. Photo by Jacob Faber

Private schools' ESAs ready for first day of class

Area is a hot spot for state program

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REGIONAL—A wave of speculation and uncertainty has accumulated ahead of the 2023-24 academic year since Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed the Students First Act into law on Jan. 24.

The process works this way: Parents who choose to enroll their eligible children in an accredited K-12 nonpublic school will receive an amount equal to the per-pupil funding

allocated to public school districts for the same budget school year.

Funds will be deposited into an education savings account, referred to as an ESA or a voucher, to be used for tuition, fees and other qualified education expenses as specified in the legislation.

Students with accepted applications will have \$7,635 eligible to spend on tuition and education-related costs.

N'West Iowa is among the areas of the state in which the ESAs are being

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NEWS

Fair's lowan for the Day hails from Sioux Center

Van Beek recognized for work with Midwest Honor Flight 15

DES MOINES—A 15-year-old from Sioux Center will be honored as the lowan for the Day at 2023 Iowa State Fair today (Saturday, Aug. 19).

The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation and Cookies Food Products will present Elsie Van Beek with the honor at the fair in Des Moines.

Elsie has a strong passion for recognizing and thanking veterans. After watching her brother Aaron, president and CEO of Midwest Honor Flight, she felt inspired.

An Honor Flight is conducted by nonprofit organizations that are dedicated to transporting U.S. military veterans to see memorials of the war they fought at zero cost to them.

Elsie wanted to go on one of the flights, but at 13 years old was too young to be considered a guardian for the seniors on the trip.

Aaron challenged Elsie by allowing her to attend the flight if she raised enough money to sponsor it.

Elsie took the challenge and successfully raised \$85,000 through selling cupcakes and soliciting donations, not only enough to earn naming rights, but enough to sponsor all 83 veterans who went on the Honor Flight.

ONLINE:

To learn more about Midwest Honor Flight, visit www.midwesthonorflight.org.

On May 31, Elsie Honors Mission 15 took off from Sioux Falls, SD.

Not only was Elsie able to see where the money she raised went, she also was able to spend that day meeting and thanking all of the veterans she sponsored on her flight.

The veterans had the opportunity to see the Arlington National Cemetery along with time at each of the memorials: World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lincoln, Navy, Air Force and Iwo Jima (Marine Corps). A day they will never forget.

Elsie also is highly involved in many other organizations. She stays busy as a Wreaths Across America volunteer, junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit, Midwest Honor Flight volunteer, Key Club community service member and Maurice Youth Group Member.

She recently was selected as the keynote speaker of the South Dakota State Fair Veterans Day Program and has earned many awards on behalf of her obvious efforts to make Iowa, and the United States, a better place for not only the older generation, but the younger generation,



Elsie Van Beek of Sioux Center converses with veterans on Midwest Honor Flight Mission 15 on May 31, the group's most recent trip to Washington, D.C. for which she raised \$85,000. For her effort, Van Beek was named an lowan for the Day at the 2023 Iowa State Fair. Photo submitted

too.

During her day of recognition at the Iowa State Fair, Elsie will be recognized with a presentation on the Anne & Bill Riley Stage at noon.

Along with accommodations at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown, she will receive a gift bag, Grandstand Concert tickets, use of the lowan of the Day golf cart, a cash prize, Iowa

State Fair admission tickets, and VIP parking.

Founded in 1997, the lowan of the Day program allows the Blue Ribbon Foundation to recognize Iowa's most outstanding individuals. The program continues to honor lowans across the state who have made a difference in the lives of others, while upholding the characteristics associated with Iowa — dependability, integrity, hard work and sense of community.



Jay Solsma and his family shake hands Monday with fair board president Darwin Gaudian, a rural Primghar resident, after the Solsmas receiving the Way We Live Award at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. The family farms east of Sanborn and their operation includes a pumpkin patch, a corn maze and a fireworks shop. Photo submitted

Punkin Patch and Fireworks wins family farm prize at Iowa State Fair

Solsmas one of six to get Way We Live Award

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DES MOINES—There's plenty to pick from at the Solsmas' farm, but the rural Sanborn family harvested something new Monday at the Iowa State Fair.

One of the six to receive the Way We Live Award, Amy Solsma won an expenses-paid trip to Des Moines for the ceremony and spent the week at the fair with her husband, Jay, and their adult children, Blake and Claire.

"It makes you feel like what you've been doing is worth something and people have noticed," Amy said.

The first Way We Live Awards were handed out at the 2009 fair. Pioneer Hi-Bred International sponsors the honor given to families who exemplify the ideals of living, working and loving on their family farm.

Amy was told it's "stiff competition" with the application process, interviews and other factors to narrow down the winners.

"There's a lot of very worthwhile and wonderful farm families in the state," she said.

Amy married Jay in 1990 and she moved to his family farm east of San-

OTHER WINNERS:

The Solsma family of Sanborn was one of six recipients this year of the Way We Live Award at the Iowa State Fair.

Fellow awardees were:

- **Brinegar family of Udell;** Soap-Creek Family Farm grows corn and soybeans and has a cow/calf herd.
- **Forsyth Family Farm of Charles City;** family-owned dairy, sheep, beef cattle and pigs.
- **Griffleon Family Farm of Ankeny;** Heritage Farm involved in conservation advocacy.
- **Rector family of Denver;** Rector Llamas, the country's longest continually operating llama farm.
- **Slinger family of Ellsworth;** Circle Hill Farms specializing in turkeys.

born the following year.

The Solsmas' spot is hard to miss for motorists on Highway 18. While they do corn and soybeans like their neighbors, Amy knows why they stand out, especially to the fair folks judging the award.

"People ask me that every year — 'How many pumpkins do you grow?' — and I say, 'It's a lot,'" she said.

Solsma's Punkin Patch got its start in 1999. Pumpkins were Amy's favorite hobby crop when she was growing up on her own family farm north of Newkirk.

"We always would put pumpkins out by the road, and we just had a big

garden," she said. "I had been doing it my whole childhood, and then when we had kids, I thought that would be fun to do."

Even the patch's unorthodox spelling comes from Amy's childhood. "Punkin" was her grandpa's nickname for her, and she chose to use it again as an homage to him.

The Solsmas didn't intend for the orange gourds to become the farm's main attraction, but like many of their endeavors, they dug deep roots and quickly sprouted.

Connected to her work in education, Amy hosts about 10 school groups a year from around the area,



Amy Solsma teaches preschoolers about seeds and the planting process Oct. 4, one of many field trips she hosts at her family farm east of Sanborn. The farm, founded by her husband's grandparents in 1942, received the Way We Live Award this year at the Iowa State Fair. Photo by Elijah Helton

showing them the patch and explaining the basics of growing food.

"I have a spiel, just talking to them about how to plant, when to plant, how to harvest and just the whole growing procedure," she said. "A lot of kids don't live on a farm anymore, and they have no idea how to grow something or where even food comes from."

The family added a seasonal corn maze to their property in 2003 to bring more people into their agricultural world.

After leaving for school, Blake moved back to the farm and helps maintain the crops and their dozen head of Hereford cattle.

Claire is entering her final year at Drake University Law School in Des Moines. Amy said her daughter hasn't settled on a specialty but is interested in pursuing farm-related law.

"Ag can be in many different aspects, not just what you would

consider regular farming," Amy said.

The latest major addition to the rural operation lit the fuse for a different kind of clientele, rewriting the full business name in 2017 to Solsma's Punkin Patch and Fireworks. That was the same year Iowa law changed to allow retail fireworks sales.

"We were anticipating that and built a new building. We needed a better facility just for everything, so we decided to pull the trigger," Amy said.

Their multifaceted farming life was enough to get the Solsmas on stage midday Monday at the Anne & Bill Riley Stage in Des Moines.

The family was so elated that they stuck around the fairgrounds until Thursday.

"We always get a lot of thanks for different things, and this was just a different way," Amy said. "I definitely didn't expect it at all, but it was very, very humbling and such a nice honor."

LAW & ORDER

SIoux CENTER MAN TO JAIL FOR OWI IN ALTON

ALTON—A 20-year-old Sioux Center man was arrested about 4 p.m. Saturday, July 29, in Alton on charges of first-offense operating while under the influence and child endangerment.

The arrest of **Julio Cesar Segoviano** stemmed from the stop of a 2014 Chevrolet Cruze on Highway 10 in Alton, according to the Sioux County Sheriff's Office.

Segoviano had bloodshot/watery eyes and impaired balance and failed field sobriety tests.

He admitted to recently ingesting cannabidiol, according to the incident report.

A drug recognition expert determined Segoviano was not safe to be operating a motor vehicle.

A 1-year-old child was in his vehicle.

Twenty-one-year-old **Stephanie Michelle Mansker** of Orange City, a passenger in the vehicle, was found in possession of a THC vaping device and marijuana pipe

and cited for first-offense possession of a controlled substance — cannabidiol and possession of drug paraphernalia.

MOTORIST JAILED FOR OWI NEAR OCHEYEDAN

OCHEYEDAN—A 33-year-old Spirit Lake man was arrested about 12:55 a.m. Sunday, July 30, near Ocheyedon on charges of second-offense operating while under the influence, driving while his license was denied or revoked, and operating a motor vehicle without a required ignition interlock device.

The arrest of **Eric Michael Shinn** stemmed from the stop of a 2022 Kia Forte clocked at 70 mph on Highway 9 near Silver Avenue five miles northwest of Ocheyedon, according to the Osceola County Sheriff's Office.

Shinn had the odor of an alcoholic beverage, and a can of beer was observed in the center console, another can was observed on the passenger seat floor as well as an open liquor bottle.

WOMAN CHARGED AFTER SWINGING KNIFE AT MAN

SHELDON—A 45-year-old Sheldon woman was arrested about 7:35 p.m. Sunday, July 30, on charges of assault while displaying a dangerous weapon and interference with official acts resulting in bodily injury.

The arrest of **Harmony Jene Cooley** stemmed from an incident near Pine Street and Second Avenue, according to the Sheldon Police Department.

A Sheldon man reported he was helping Cooley get her dog, and when he attempted to grab the pet animal, Cooley started yelling at him and pulled out a large knife and then began swinging it at the man.

When an officer later attempted to talk to Cooley about the incident, she refused to come out of her apartment, Unit 2 of Deluxe Apartments, according to the incident report.

The officer went into the apartment to bring her outside, and Cooley pulled away and refused

to comply.

The officer placed Cooley on the ground, and she continued to resist as he was trying to place handcuffs on her.

The officer injured an arm in the effort.

Cooley did not have the knife on her during her arrest, but a search warrant was obtained, and a black knife in a black sheath was found in her apartment.

ASHTON WOMAN JAILED FOR OWI IN SHELDON

SHELDON—A 47-year-old Ashton woman was arrested about 11:35 p.m. Sunday, July 30, in Sheldon on a charge of first-offense operating while under the influence.

The arrest of **Leigh Marie Brown** stemmed from the stop of a 2020 GMC Terrain for speeding on Northwest Boulevard at the North Fifth Avenue intersection, according to the Sheldon Police Department.

Brown had bloodshot/watery eyes, impaired balance, slurred

speech and the odor of an alcoholic beverage and failed field sobriety tests.

She admitted to drinking two Coors Lights, according to the incident report.

WOMAN LYING IN LOT ARRESTED FOR INTOX

ROCK RAPIDS—A 53-year-old Rock Rapids woman was arrested about 7:45 p.m. Saturday, July 29, on a Lyon County warrant for public intoxication.

The arrest of **Rowena Brown Coe** stemmed from her being found lying in an open lot north of the Liquor Locker in Rock Rapids about 4:25 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, according to the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

She was observed flailing and drinking out of a liquor bottle, according to the incident report.

Coe was transported to Avera Merrill Pioneer Hospital in Rock Rapids due to the extreme heat and her not feeling well.

She registered .269 during a preliminary breath test.

DRIVER HITS TRAILER, ARRESTED FOR OWI

ORANGE CITY—A 29-year-old Sioux Center man was arrested about 12:30 a.m. Saturday, July 29, in Orange City on charges of first-offense operating while under the influence; striking an unattended vehicle; no valid driver's license; and driving while his license was denied, suspended, canceled or revoked.

The arrest of **Benito Lopez Morales** stemmed from a report of his eastbound 2013 Chevrolet Equinox striking a legally parked west-facing trailer on the 200 block of Fifth Street Northwest, according to the incident report from the Orange City Police Department.

Officers determined Lopez Morales was intoxicated, according to the report.

The vehicle he was driving received an estimated \$4,000 damage.

The trailer, which is owned by Rent-All in Sioux Center, received an estimated \$500 damage.

NEWS

CORN & CORNHOLE



Mike Schouten serves sweet corn to first-year radiology students Kennedy Haack of Le Mars and Shala Voehl of Lakefield, MN, on Thursday at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon. Schouten grew the ears himself and brought about 10 dozen to the start-of-semester shindig.



Callum Tackes, a second-year powerline student from Keokuk, gets in the butter zone at Corn & Cornhole, a start-of-semester event Thursday at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon. Photos by Elijah Helton



Chowing down on the all-you-can eat sweet corn Thursday evening are Eban Hicks, a second-year engineering design student from Marcus, and Josh Dieterich, a second-year industrial and commercial wiring student from Ames, at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon.



Powerline students Carson Wenthold of Ossian and Drew Kelly of Nora Springs face off Thursday evening during Corn & Cornhole at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon.

LAW & ORDER

TWO INJURED IN CRASH SOUTHWEST OF ARCHER

ARCHER—Two people were injured in a two-vehicle crash about 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 7, about five miles southwest of Archer.

Eighteen-year-old **Noah Joseph Feilmeir** of Glidden was driving west on 390th Street when he pulled out onto Nettle Avenue to travel north, and his 1999 Chevrolet K-1500 pickup was struck in the rear by a northbound 2004 GMC Envoy driven by 51-year-old **Matthew Melvin Simons** of Marcus, according to the report from the Iowa State Patrol.

Feilmeir's pickup continued traveling north until going into the east ditch.

Simons' vehicle traveled into the east ditch and rolled, coming to a rest facing south.

Feilmeir was transported by the Sheldon Community Ambulance Team to Sanford Sheldon Medical Center.

Simons was transported by the Hospers Ambulance to Sanford Sheldon Medical Center.

Feilmeir was cited for failure to obey a stop sign and yield the right of way. The two vehicles were totaled.

FACING CHARGES FOR SHELDON DISTURBANCE

SHELDON—Two Sheldon residents were arrested about 1:55 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, after causing a disturbance at the intersection of Seventh Street and Seventh Avenue in Sheldon.

The arrest of 39-year-old **Scott Lee Smith** and 29-year-old **Samantha Dorothy Edwards** stemmed from a report of them yelling at each other, according to the Sheldon Police Department.

An officer observed Edwards dumping out a Four Loko as he approached her, according to the incident report.

Smith and Edwards had bloodshot/watery eyes, slurred speech and the odor of an alcoholic beverage and admitted to drinking.

Smith also admitted to hollering at Edwards as they were walking.

Smith was charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct — loud raucous noise. Edwards was charged with pub-

lic intoxication and first-offense alcohol consumption in public.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF ZZZQUIL, CAT FOOD

SHELDON—An 81-year-old Sheldon woman was arrested about 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, on a charge of fifth-degree theft.

The arrest of **Gloria Jean Snyder** stemmed from her taking two bottles of ZzzQuil and cat food from Fareway in Sheldon about 9:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, according to the Sheldon Police Department.

The value of the items was about \$19.15. The theft was caught on the store video.

When asked about the thefts, Snyder admitted to taking the items and said she has "a problem with stealing," according to the incident report.

OC MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING HIS WIFE

ORANGE CITY—A 30-year-old Orange City man was arrested about 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, on a charge of second-offense domestic abuse assault.

The arrest of **Isidro Topete Topete** stemmed from his wife reporting she had been assaulted by him about 2:50 p.m. that day in Orange City, according to the Orange City Police Department.

She showed visible signs of injury to her arms and left upper back and the right side of her face, according to the incident report.

A no contact order was issued against Topete Topete with his wife.

JAILED FOR THROWING HIS SHOE AT WOMAN

HAWARDEN—A 34-year-old Hawarden man was arrested Monday, Aug. 7, on a charge of first-offense domestic abuse assault.

The arrest of **Kyle Francis Pies** stemmed from an argument with a woman inside his apartment at 808 Avenue H about 11 a.m. that day, according to the Hawarden Police Department.

They started pushing each other, and Pies threw a shoe at the woman. The shoe hit her, "causing her nose to bleed significantly," according to the incident report. Pies pleaded guilty the next day

in Sioux County District Court in Orange City and was ordered to pay a \$105 fine, a \$15.75 surcharge and \$60 in court-related costs.

HARTLEY MAN ARRESTED FOR CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

HARTLEY—A 39-year-old Hartley man was arrested about 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, on an O'Brien County warrant for fourth-degree criminal mischief.

The arrest of **Julio Cesar Ortiz Vargas** stemmed from him attempting to gain entry to a woman's residence in Hartley at about 1:30 a.m. Dec. 11, according to the Hartley Police Department.

Ortiz Vargas threw an unknown object at the front-door window, shattering the window, and he broke a glass patio table located near the front door, according to the incident report.

He also slammed the driver's side door of his 2007 Ford Explorer into the side of the woman's vehicle.

Total damage was estimated at \$700. A warrant for his arrest was issued Dec. 13.

SUV STRIKES BUILDING, DRIVER JAILED FOR OWI

ROCK VALLEY—A 28-year-old Rock Valley man was arrested Sunday morning, Aug. 6, on a charge of first-offense operating while under the influence.

The arrest of **Daniel Lazo-Gonzalez** stemmed from a report of a 2001 Dodge sport utility vehicle striking the Pump 'n' Pak building in Rock Valley and then leaving the scene about 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, according to the Rock Valley Police Department.

A witness reported seeing the vehicle pull into a trailer court on the 900 block of Main Street in Rock Valley, and an officer located the vehicle.

After reviewing camera footage, Lazo-Gonzalez was determined to be the driver, according to the report.

He had bloodshot/watery eyes, impaired balance and the odor of an alcoholic beverage and failed field sobriety tests.

His vehicle received minor damage while there was no damage reported to the Pump 'n' Pak building.

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NEWS

Dordt propels housing, office, parking projects

Hard-hats prepare for largest enrollment in school history

SIOUX CENTER—To secure additional classroom space, housing and parking options, Dordt University in Sioux Center took on some renovation and construction projects this summer.

First, Dordt is expanding housing options by building a new set of upperclassmen apartment buildings, which are scheduled to be in use this fall. The apartments, known as "The Squares" or "Every Square Inch Apartments," are located south of Southview Apartments, consist of four new buildings and will house a total of 96 students. There are four three-bedroom two-story suites in each building, with a kitchen and two bathrooms in each unit. They will accommodate six students each.

Second, Dordt is putting up office spaces and walls to open up more classroom space in the Science and Technology Center as well as in the Hulst Library. There will be three additional classrooms, with about 80 seats, to accommodate Dordt's projected growth in enrollment. Eight offices are being added in the Hulst Library on the main floor near where the DVD and game collections previously stood. These offices will house the Graduate and Online Education Office, which previously was located in a former classroom space in the Science and

Technology Center, as well as the Global Education Office and the Kielstra Center for Research and Grants. The DVDs and game collections will be relocated within the library.

"Students will still have access to the open lounge space for studying and meeting purposes," said Josh Dorhout, director of facilities and services. "We'll still have the high-top tables, shorter tables and other seating arrangements available for them to use in that space."

In the Kuyper Honors Program space, which also is located in the Hulst Library, bookcases to house special collections and a seating bench are being added.

"The honors program space is used differently than a traditional classroom," Dorhout said. "The room opposite of the honors program is being remodeled into a classroom space, so to cut down on noise and distraction for those in the classroom, we're adding a wall."

Third, Dordt has added about 100 more parking spots on campus. There are additional student parking spaces east of Covenant Hall, a women's dorm on the east side of campus, as well as event parking south of Kuyper Apartments, an upperclassmen apartment complex on the south side of campus.

Fourth, there are several smaller projects that are taking place, including splitting larger shared Advancement Office workspaces into smaller individual offices and replacing the flooring. Last summer, Dordt added more



Dordt University in Sioux Center underwent several renovation and construction projects this summer to secure additional classroom space, housing and parking options. Photo submitted

dorm space into the lower level of Covenant Hall to provide space for 16 additional students. They constructed a massive window well as part of this remodel; this summer, the facilities team is wrapping up the project by adding an artificial turf area, patio and landscaping to the window wells to provide a nice outdoor seating area for students to utilize.

In the fall of 2022, Dordt's overall enrollment was 1,858 students — the largest enrollment in Dordt's history, which included a record total

degree-seeking undergraduate enrollment of 1,460. Renovations and construction projects such as the ones taking place this summer are important as Dordt continues to grow. It also is important to be stewardly of Dordt's resources throughout the process, Dorhout said.

"With the updates, we're trying to be careful and consider what makes sense for Dordt's future," he said. "It's exciting to be part of these projects. Slow, steady growth is the best kind of growth."

O'Brien County Conservation talks improving Tjossem Park

Primghar nature area adding to its campsites

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PRIMGHAR—Tjossem Park is seeing new improvements.

The 19-acre secluded campsite and pond 1.5 miles south of Primghar added four campsites and full hookup with septic, electrical and water.

O'Brien County Conservation staff also removed dying ash trees to clear space for the campsites and created two hiking trails. They plan to add a playground and bathhouse later this year.

The County Conservation Board discussed the park's improvements and approved the additional \$15,000 expense to Dan's Electric in Hartley for the upgrades at its Aug. 9 meeting held at the park.

The board received funding through Iowa's Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund for the Tjossem Park project, administered by the Department of Natural Resources.

"With the improvements, I could see the city people coming out and using the park for walking and recreation," said board chair Kathy Luedke.

Luedke said future additions to the park depend on what the public utilizes the most. She hopes people see the park as a great location year-round, especially with the new trails that provide cross-country skiing opportunities.

The Tjossem area, first donated by the Glenn Tjossem family and then developed as a conservation project, is one of six parks overseen by the conservation board.

At the conservation board meeting, park technicians Joe Feekes and Luke Davidson mentioned other park projects, including expanding gravel camping pads and assembling playground equipment at Dog Creek Park near Sutherland.

The board approved hiring a fall seasonal technician to help with maintenance needs around the parks.

As summer seasonal employees leave for college and the board con-



Tjossem Park, located southeast of Primghar, will soon become a fully-fledged camping site with full hookup, a bathhouse and playground. The O'Brien County Conservation Board received funding from the state-level Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund to make the many improvements possible.



O'Brien County Conservation Board members Greg Burmakow and Tom Konz review and discuss updated policies and bylaws during their meeting at Tjossem Park southeast of Primghar. Photos by Georgia Lodewyk



Park technician Joe Feekes points at Tjossem Park's newest trails that also connect to the city of Primghar. The staff also added additional hookup sites, creating 10 camping spots at the park located southeast of Primghar.

tinues to search to fill the conservation director position, the seasonal technician role fills an additional need. The staff member would make \$15 an hour.

"We do need that extra person to help in that field," said office manager Sarah Fiddelke.

Additional meeting items included a discussion of the board's policies and bylaws, which will be approved

during a special meeting.

Luedke suggested speaking with O'Brien County attorney Katie Morgan to discuss a switch to a fiscal year schedule instead of a calendar year for elected board members. This change would allow terms to start in June instead of January, although making that modification may not be possible because of parameters in Iowa Code 350.

The board members, excluding Jack Wallinga, who was absent, reviewed the updated personnel, procurement and public record policies along with the conservation code.

"As we have gone through the last year, there have been things that have led themselves to establishing the policy book," Luedke said.

The need for an updated policy

book arose earlier this summer when the conservation board received a complaint for holding a board meeting after the adjournment of an official board meeting. Luedke said the board has since received training from the Iowa Public Information Board.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Sept. 13 at Mill Creek Park in Paulina.

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NEWS

Summit rep meets with supervisors

Sioux County board discusses concerns about CO2 pipeline

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ORANGE CITY—Summit Carbon Solutions and its proposed carbon sequestration pipeline, the Midwest Carbon Express, were the major topics at the Aug. 8 Sioux County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ben Fuller, a relationship manager at Turnkey Logistics, which represents Summit Carbon Solutions, gave a brief update and took questions from the supervisors.

The conversation took place ahead of an Aug. 22 Iowa Utilities Board hearing that could grant the pipeline the power to utilize eminent domain against uncooperative landowners along its route.

Fuller said Summit has continued to acquire more easements along its proposed pipeline path, including through Sioux County.

"Here in the county, we've acquired 81 percent of the 51 easement miles. In the state, we're at 72 percent or 491 easement miles acquired," he said. "Easement payments in the county, they have paid the landowners, your constituents, \$14.8 million in the county to date. For the state, it's \$151 million."

In response to a question about the size of the easements gained by Summit, from supervisor Craig Hoftzyer, Fuller explained there are two kinds of easements Summit will utilize from landowners: permanent easements and temporary easements, each amounting to 50 feet. During the pipeline construction process, the additional 50 feet from the temporary easement will be used, and it will go away once construction is done.

Hoftzyer said he has heard from others fears the easement agreements give Summit the right to go anywhere on the landowner's property, which Fuller said was not true.

"That is incorrect. We are limited. Before we start construction, they're going to come through and flag that easement. Technically, if we're outside that easement, it is trespassing," Fuller said. "We are limited to easement access."

Carl Vande Weerd asked how Summit plans to handle working around rural waterline routes and if it would open cut or bore around the pipes. He noted open cutting around the pipes and then digging under it can create stress on the waterlines and cause breaks.



Sioux County supervisors John Degen and Craig Hoftzyer review a fact sheet on the proposed Midwest Carbon Express pipeline planned by Summit Carbon Solutions at their Aug. 8 meeting.



Ben Fuller, a relationship manager at Turnkey Logistics, which represents Summit Carbon Solutions, takes questions from the Sioux County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 8. Photos by Eric Sandbulte

"We as a county are going to need that in wording to protect the waterlines. They should bore them because you can't leave that pipe hanging open for excessive days," Vande Weerd said. "We just need to make sure we protect the landowners and what's in the roads. I know two or three of the rural water companies have talked to me and are very concerned because with Dakota Access, they had 10 or 12 repairs they had to make."

Fuller said he thought Summit would bore under waterlines but could potentially work with the county on the matter if required.

The other major concern was how close the

pipeline could be installed near structures such as houses, given the high pressures within the pipeline and the potential hazards of a carbon dioxide leak.

"If you do receive eminent domain, Iowa Code says that you only have to be 50 feet from a structure. I'm not at all in favor of this going past someplace at a 50-foot clearance," Vande Weerd said. "It's just not safe."

Hoftzyer said other Iowa counties have tried to put in place ordinances requiring greater setbacks, which were challenged in court and determined to be unreasonable.

"From Summit's standpoint, what would be a sufficient distance that you could work with, but we could put in place to protect citizens, towns, homes and residential areas?" Hoftzyer said.

Fuller could not provide a specific answer but did cite his experience working with Summit in Nebraska.

"I've had a lot of experience in Nebraska, and the closest we are to any structure there is 200 feet. However, I don't know what it is here in this county or in Iowa, so I can't answer that," he said.

For Hoftzyer, finding some sort of workable distance would be a positive step to protecting landowners in the county while avoiding an unproductive legal challenge from Summit.

"As a supervisor, I want to protect my constituents from distances and that sort of thing, but I don't want it to be so ridiculous either that it goes to court and gets thrown out and we end up spending a bunch of useless money to try and protect something we put in place," he said. "It'd be nice to know where a happy medium could be."

Pleas guilty for minor exploitation

Coach had inappropriate contact with WS student

BY JEFF GRANT
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ORANGE CITY—A former coach at West Sioux High School in Hawarden has pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor and been sentenced.

Twenty-nine-year-old Chet Arlo Utesch of Hawarden originally was arrested Jan. 16 on a Sioux County warrant for sexual exploitation by a counselor, therapist, school employee or adult providing training or instruction.



Chet Utesch

His arrest stemmed from an incident about 12:10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, in Ireton in which he had contact with an individual who was student at West Sioux High School in Hawarden, according to the Hawarden Police Department.

Utesch was an assistant wrestling coach at West Sioux.

A warrant for his arrest was issued Jan. 10.

He was released Jan. 16, the same day he was arrested, after posting a \$2,000 surety bond.

Utesch initially pleaded not guilty but changed his plea to guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor — causing/encouraging immoral conduct as part of a plea agreement filed July 19 in Sioux County District Court in Orange City.

Associate Judge Jessica Noll on Aug. 4 sentenced Utesch to 30 days in the county jail and placed him on probation to the 3rd Judicial District Department of Correctional Services for a period of two years for which he must pay a \$300 statutory probation supervision fee.

Noll also ordered Utesch to complete a psychosexual evaluation and a substance abuse evaluation and follow any recommended treatment required and to write an apology letter to the student.

Utesch also was ordered to pay a \$105 fine, a \$15.75 surcharge and \$100 in court-related costs.

A no contact order against Utesch with the student also was extended by five years.

LAW & ORDER

CAR HITS TRAIN OUTSIDE SANBORN, NO INJURIES

SANBORN—A 32-year-old Lake Park woman escaped injury when her vehicle struck a Canadian Pacific train about 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, west of Sanborn.

Lindsey Jo Reese was driving a 2009 Buick Enclave north on Redwing Avenue when she approached the railroad crossing about a half-mile south of Highway 18, according to the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office.

Reese told authorities she thought the train was stopped until she heard the locomotive's horn, according to the incident report.

She then tried to stop and locked up the brakes of her vehicle, striking the side of the eastbound locomotive.

Reese was cited with failure to properly stop at a railroad crossing.

Her vehicle received an estimated \$4,000 damage.

The locomotive only appeared

to have received some scuff marks from the impact.

HULL MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI, MARIJUANA

SHELDON—A 50-year-old Hull man was arrested about 1:50 p.m. Sunday, July 30, in Sheldon on charges of first-offense operating while under the influence, possession of a controlled substance — marijuana — third or subsequent offense, possession of drug paraphernalia and no valid driver's license.

The arrest of Rick Lee Keough stemmed from the stop of a 2000 Chevrolet Blazer on Second Avenue near the Eighth Street intersection, according to the Sheldon Police Department.

Keough admitted to smoking marijuana before getting in his vehicle, according to the incident report.

Multiple marijuana joints, a THC vaping pen and rolling papers were found during a search of the vehicle.

A drug recognition expert was able to determine that Keough was under the influence of cannabis.

SHELDON WOMAN JAILED FOR MARIJUANA, MORE

SHELDON—A 39-year-old Sheldon woman was arrested about 6:40 p.m. Sunday, July 30, on charges of first-offense possession of a controlled substance — marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The arrest of Stephany Louise Smith stemmed from the stop of a 2004 Ford Expedition after she was observed not wearing a seat belt at the intersection of North Seventh Avenue and Highway 18/Park Street in Sheldon, according to the incident report from the Sheldon Police Department.

The odor of marijuana was detected coming from the vehicle, and Smith handed the officer a THC vaping pen.

Marijuana, a grinder, a pipe and wax were found in the vehicle,

according to the incident report.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR TRESPASSING, THEFT

ROCK RAPIDS—A 54-year-old Little Rock woman was arrested about 5:35 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, in Rock Rapids on charges of first-offense trespassing and fifth-degree theft.

The arrest of Molly Ann Kooiman stemmed from a report of her being at Sunshine Foods in Rock Rapids in violation of a no trespassing order due to continued thefts by Kooiman, according to the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

Kooiman was apparently trying to hide in the store when she was found by the caller. Kooiman was asked to leave and walked out to the parking lot, where she was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

She was transported to the county jail in Rock Rapids, where her handbag was searched. Authorities found three packages

of Mamba Fruit Chews, three Best Maid Peanut Butter Crispy Bars and one Best Maid Fruity Crispy Bar that were confirmed to have been stolen from Sunshine Foods. The items were valued at a total of \$9.23.

FOUR HURT IN CAR-SEMI ACCIDENT BY HOSPERS

HOSPERS—Four people were injured in a car-semi collision about 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, near Hospers.

Twenty-eight-year-old Dinora Sabillon Diaz of South Sioux City, NE, was driving a 1999 Chevrolet Malibu in the northbound outside lane of the Highway 60 expressway when she attempted to move into the inside lane as a 2014 Peterbilt semi and trailer driven by 75-year-old Jerald William Ollerich of Sioux Falls, SD, was coming up beside her at a faster speed, according to the Iowa State Patrol.

The car struck the front right corner of the semi then traveled sideways before coming to rest

in the median just north of the Hospers Drive South intersection.

Dinora Sabillon Diaz and 49-year-old Edith Dinora Sabillon Diaz, a passenger in the front seat of the car, were transported by the Hospers Ambulance to Orange City Area Health System for treatment of serious injuries.

Eight-year-old Ethel Sabillon and 3-year-old Sheylen Arieh Gomez, passengers in the back seat of the car, were transported by the Hospers Ambulance to Orange City Area Health System for treatment of minor injuries.

None of the car's occupants were wearing safety belt devices.

No injuries were reported to Ollerich.

The car was considered totaled. No damage was reported to the semi.

Dinora Sabillon Diaz was cited for improper lane change, no valid driver's license, failure to maintain or use safety belts, and two counts of failure to use a child restraint device.

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REGIONAL NEWS

SIoux CITY

AEA set to celebrate new office building

Northwest Area Education Agency will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new headquarters at 5800 Discovery Blvd. in Sioux City at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, in conjunction with the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce.

There will be an open house with tours of the new facility for the public 3-6 p.m. that day. Refreshments will be served.

The fully renovated, state-of-the-art facility was previously an MCI call center and is located near the Sioux Gateway Airport.

With offices in Cherokee, Denison, Le Mars, Onawa, Sioux Center and Sioux City, Northwest AEA works in partnership with public and accredited private schools in a 10-county area to help all children reach their full potential.

The AEA provides special education support services, media and technology services, a variety of instructional services, professional development and leadership to promote school improvement.

SIoux CENTER

Rods 'N' Rides to Luverne on Aug. 20

Motorcyclists, classic car owners and fellow worshippers are invited to participate in Rods 'N' Rides outdoor worship service Sunday, Aug. 20. The group will leave Centre Mall in Sioux Center at 8 a.m. for the 9:30 a.m. service at American Reformed Church in Luverne, MN. The group will travel to Rock Rapids for food and fellowship.

REGIONAL

Area towns to host bloodmobile visit

LifeServe Blood Center of Sioux City will hold a blood drive 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, at the Hawarden Public Library; 12:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, at the Hartley Community Center; and 9:05 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at American Reformed Church in Orange City. Donation appointments are required by visiting lifeservebloodcenter.org or calling 1-800-287-4903.

ROCK RAPIDS

Caregiver seminar on stress Monday

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will host a free workshop "Managing Caregiver Stress" for caregivers of children with special health and behavioral needs 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21,



Toddle throttle

Three-year-old Clayton Schiphoff of Ocheyedan enthusiastically helps his dad, Dalton, steer their classic tractor last Saturday during the Ocheyedan Days of Olde parade. It was the main day of the Osceola County community's summer celebration, which also featured pedal pulls, history presentations, a car show, a beer garden and a street dance. Photo by Sandra Jenson

in the Frontier Bank base-ment in Rock Rapids. Participants can expect to explore self-care strategies and techniques to increase relaxation and reduce stress. Register at go.iastate.edu/U116UR or call the Lyon County Extension office at 712-472-2576.

SIoux CENTER

Genealogy Society meeting Monday

The Greater Sioux County Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, at Sioux Center Public Library for an evening of sharing, learning, bragging and researching. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Marje Brunsting at 712-722-3851.

SIBLEY

Opioids topic for Lunch & Learn

A free Lunch & Learn titled "Dangers of Opioids and How They Affect Our Community" will be offered noon Tuesday, Aug. 22, in the multipurpose room of Osceola Regional Health Center in Sibley. Dr. Rachel Wilcinot of Avera Medical Group Sibley and Osceola Regional Health Center will discuss opioids followed by a short question-and-answer session. Lunch will be provided. RSVP at www.osceolarhc.org/lunchlearn. For more information, call 712-754-5318.

PRIMGHAR

Treasurer's office to close Tuesdays

The O'Brien County Treasurer's Office in Primghar will no longer provide driver's license services on Tuesdays, effective Aug. 22, due to the high volume of customer needs. The office is experiencing an excessive backlog of motor vehicle processing and will be using Tuesdays to get vehicle registrations

and titles processed. Driver's license services remain available 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday as well as Wednesday-Friday.

HAWARDEN

Wild Child Nature Series on Aug. 23

Sioux County Conservation will host the Wild Child Nature Series at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, at the Prairie Woods Nature Center at Oak Grove Park near Hawarden. Topic: The Letter "S." The series is a nature-based experience that will get 2- to 5-year-old children exploring, moving, playing and using their senses. An adult is required to join each child or children. Preregister at www.mycountyparks.com or by calling 712-552-3057.

ORANGE CITY

See mobile Iowa history museum

The Dutch American Heritage Museum in Orange City will host the Iowa Mobile Museum 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. The free exhibition is housed in a custom Iowa-built bright blue Winnebago featuring all new exhibits since its last Iowa tour. For more information on the exhibit, visit history.iowa.gov/history/museum/history-move/mobile-museum.

Late death notices:

■ **Lorraine Becker**, 91, Granville, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City. Service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Granville. Burial will be at the cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, with a rosary and vigil prayer service at 5 p.m., at the church. Visitation will resume 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Fisch Funeral Home & Monument

in Remsen.

■ **Wilma Kulken**, 91, Sioux Center, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Crown Pointe Estates Care Center in Sioux Center. Service will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, at New Life Church in Sioux Center. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Sioux Center. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at Memorial Funeral Home in Sioux Center.

■ **Reed Scott**, 72, Hartley, died Wednesday, Aug. 16. Service will be at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Warner Funeral Home in Spencer.

■ **Steven Smith**, 70, Sheldon, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, at Sanford Sheldon Medical Center. Service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at Vander Ploeg Funeral Home in Sheldon. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Primghar. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, at the funeral home.

■ **Mary Ann Sweeney**, 77, Sutherland, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Happy Sesta Nursing Home in Remsen. Service will be 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Primghar. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Cedar Cemetery near Larrabee. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at Warner Funeral Home in Sutherland.

■ **David Harn Sr.**, 77, Sheldon, died Thursday, Aug. 17, at Community Memorial Health Center in Hartley. Service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at Andringa Funeral Home in Sheldon. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Sheldon. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at the funeral home.

Corrections:

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LAW & ORDER

SLEEPY PRIMGHAR TEEN INJURED IN ROLLOVER

PAULLINA—A 16-year-old Primghar resident was injured in a one-vehicle accident about 7:50 a.m. Sunday, July 23, near Paulina.

Jaxon Otto Weier was driving north on Nettle Avenue about nine miles northwest of Paulina when he fell asleep, according to the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office.

His 2000 Ford Focus went into the east ditch where it struck a field driveway and went airborne, rolled and landed on its roof in a bean field.

Weier was transported by the Paulina Ambulance to Sanford Sheldon Medical Center.

He was cited for failure to maintain control of his vehicle, which was totaled.

TEEN LOSES CONTROL OF HER VEHICLE IN WIND

PRIMGHAR—A 17-year-old Paulina resident was injured in a one-vehicle accident about 5:20 p.m. Thursday, July 27, near Primghar.

Danielle Bailey Waggoner was driving west on 390th Street when she told authorities the wind blew her 2004 Cadillac DeVille off the backstop, according to the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office.

Waggoner overcorrected and lost control of her car, which skidded into the south ditch and rolled onto its roof.

She was transported by Primghar Ambulance to MercyOne Primghar Medical Center.

Waggoner was cited for failure to maintain control of her vehicle, which was totaled.

TEXAN ARRESTED FOR OWI, MARIJUANA JOINT

SHELDON—A 29-year-old Kerrville, TX, man was arrested about 10:40 p.m. Friday, July 28, on charges of second-offense operating while under the influence, first-offense possession of a controlled substance — marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and no valid driver's license.

The arrest of Ryan Christian Jepsen stemmed from the stop of a 2013 Chevrolet Impala for an equipment violation on Highway 18 at the Western Avenue intersection, according to the Sheldon Police Department.

Jepsen has bloodshot/watery eyes, impaired balance, slurred speech and the odor of an alcoholic beverage and failed field sobriety tests.

A Crown Royal shooter, a marijuana joint and rolling papers were found during a consent search of his vehicle, according to the incident report.

HOSPERS TEEN TAKES VEHICLE FOR JOY RIDE

HOSPERS—An 18-year-old Hospers resident was arrested about 11:20 p.m. Friday, July 28, on charges of third-degree burglary — motor vehicle, operating a vehicle without the owner's consent and no valid driver's license.

The arrest of Aydan Michael Joslin stemmed from an investigation that began about 12:25 a.m. Thursday, July 27, after Sioux County Communications received a report of an individual trying to break into a vehicle at OK One Stop in Hospers, according to the Sioux County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies discovered that a 2007 GMC Yukon XL, which was unlocked with the keys in the ignition, was taken without the owner's consent, according to the incident report.

The vehicle later was found disabled, smoking and abandoned, with the driver and passengers having fled the area on foot.

The Hospers Fire Department and Hospers Ambulance were paged to make sure the vehicle did not start on fire.

The vehicle received an estimated \$4,500 damage.

Through the investigation, Joslin was identified as the person who took the vehicle from OK One Stop and drove it to Sheldon where he picked up some friends before returning to Hospers.

The incident remains under investigation, according to the sheriff's office.

TWO FACING CHARGES AFTER SHELDON STOP

SHELDON—Two people face several charges following a traffic stop about 12:30 a.m. Saturday, July 29, in Sheldon.

The arrest of 20-year-old Levi Kendrick Strong of Sheldon and 19-year-old Zoe Ann Curiel of Hull stemmed from the stop of a 2016 Toyota Camry at the west Casey's General Store in Sheldon, according to the Sheldon Police Department.

Strong, the driver, had bloodshot/watery eyes, impaired balance, slurred speech and the odor of an alcoholic beverage and failed field sobriety tests. Several alcoholic beverages also were found in his vehicle.

He refused to comply with orders from law enforcement and shoved an officer attempting to arrest him, according to the incident report.

Curiel stood in the way of officers attempting to arrest Strong.

She also refused several commands from law enforcement and kicked an officer in the leg and struck another officer in the leg while they were attempting to arrest her.

Strong was charged with first-offense operating while under the influence, driving while his license was denied or revoked, assault on persons in certain occupations, interference with official acts and first-offense possession/purchase of alcohol under legal age.

Curiel was charged with two counts of assault on persons in certain occupations and interference with official acts.

GEORGE MAN JAILED ON PUBLIC INTOX CHARGE

GEORGE—A 48-year-old George man was arrested about 2:20 a.m. Saturday, July 29, on a charge of public intoxication.

The arrest of Allwis Lewi stemmed from a report of two intoxicated individuals outside the Last Call Saloon in George, according to the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

Lewi was found walking on Michigan Avenue a block south and a block west of the bar.

He had impaired balance, slurred speech and the odor of an alcoholic beverage.

Lewi pleaded guilty the same day in Lyon County District Court in Rock Rapids and was ordered to pay a \$105 fine, a \$15.75 surcharge and \$60 in court-related costs.

GEORGE MAN CHARGED FOR HITTING GIRLFRIEND

GEORGE—A 22-year-old George man was arrested Saturday morning, July 29, on charges of second-offense domestic abuse assault and child endangerment.

The arrest of Four Lewi stemmed from him assaulting his girlfriend about 8:40 a.m. that day at his residence at 307 W. Ohio Ave, according to the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

He allegedly hit and kicked the woman in the face in the presence of their 1-year-old child, according to the incident report.

A no contact order was issued against Lewi with the woman.

Come Celebrate With Us!

Please join us for a **90th birthday** celebration for **Esther Warnpjes!** An open house in her honor will be held on **Saturday, September 2, from 2-5pm** at the **Hospers Community Center**. The event will be hosted by her children, Steve & Susan Warnpjes and Rachel & Francis Miller, along with their families. We kindly request no gifts.

If you are unable to attend but wish to send her your congratulations, please mail to 3462 Lily Ave • Sheldon, IA 51201

Celebrating 50 years!

Cliff and Cyndee (Van Hoecke) Gelderman will be celebrating 50 years of marriage with an open house, serving cookies and cake at their home in Sheldon, IA. The family would love for you to join them in honoring this amazing couple! The open house will be from 1:00-5:00 pm on Saturday, September 2, 2023 at 1531 Sunset Ct, Sheldon, IA 51201

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The family of **Dan & Darla Noteboom** are requesting a card shower for their **50th wedding anniversary**.

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NEWS

Rock Valley family suing BNSF for derailment, oil spill in 2018

LAWSUIT

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Lyon County District Court in Rock Rapids on June 22, the five-year anniversary of the derailment. The litigation was moved to the U.S. District Court in Sioux City on Aug. 4.

According to the lawsuit, the plaintiffs have accused BNSF of ordering its employees to operate a freight train early on the morning of June 22, 2018, through an area near Doon that had been flooded due to heavy rains the previous two days. "At the foregoing time and place, defendant BNSF was aware that the tracks over which defendant and its conductor were to operate the train were flooded out, improperly maintained, not properly inspected and were unsafe," the lawsuit reads. "Despite such awareness, defendant ordered its employees to operate its train over this section of the track."

As a result, more than 30 tank cars derailed and an estimated 160,000 gallons of heavy crude oil spilled into the floodwaters, "causing catastrophic property and environmental damage," the lawsuit reads.

A National Transportation Safety Board report determined the train's speed was not a factor in the derailment.

The train was found to have been traveling at 48 mph, 1 mph under the maximum speed allowed on that stretch of track, when the emergency brakes were applied and the derailment occurred, according to federal officials.

According to the lawsuit, the Kooima family has alleged the derailment and oil spill have caused harm to them and the environment.

"As a result, in whole or in part, of the foregoing negligence of defendant BNSF, plaintiffs sustained severe, permanent and disabling damages to their property," the lawsuit reads. "Plaintiffs have suffered in the past and will continue in the future to suffer from damages to their property."

In addition, according to the lawsuit, the Kooima family has "incurred losses and will continue to suffer such issues in the future, and will sustain a permanent loss of value of their property in amounts to be determined by the evidence at the trial of this matter."

Collectively, the plaintiffs are the owners of nearly 465 acres of farm ground and green space in Lyon County in and around the area of where the derailment occurred near Doon.

"Plaintiffs' financial interest in the



Members of a Rock Valley family have sued BNSF Railway over the damage caused to their land by a 2018 train derailment and oil spill near Doon. More than 30 tank cars derailed and an estimated 160,000 gallons oil spilled. Photo by Philip Kooima

property has been substantially reduced as result of the derailment and environmental disaster caused by the waste and negligence of defendant and the continued presence of oil and contaminants in the soil," the lawsuit reads.

According to the lawsuit, the Kooima family has requested a jury trial and is asking for actual damages and punitive damages.

"An award of punitive damages is necessary to punish BNSF for its willful and wanton disregard for others' property rights and to deter it and other similarly situated companies from operating recklessly in the future," the lawsuit reads.

In December 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced BNSF agreed to pay more than \$1.5 million to resolve alleged violations of the federal Clean Water Act related to the derailment.

The BNSF train was hauling nearly

2.5 million gallons of oil from Canada to Texas when it derailed near Doon.

According to the EPA, the oil spill caused by the derailment resulted in discharges to the Rock River, Little Rock River and Burr Oak Creek.

"Illegal discharges of oil into streams, rivers and wetlands present a significant threat to human health and the environment," said EPA Region 7 Administrator Meg McCollister. "EPA is committed to protecting our nation's waterways and will ensure that Clean Water Act protections are upheld."

Impacts from the oil spill included an evacuation order for nearby residents from their homes, elevated levels of hazardous substances within the affected site, closure of nearby drinking water wells, destruction of crops and deaths of at least three animals.

Discharges of pollutants, including oil, into federally protected waterways are violations of the Clean Water Act.

Young agribusiness owners could win

Contest by Farm Bureau to award creative ideas

REGIONAL—Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, the state's largest grass-roots farm organization, encourages young farmer entrepreneurs 18-35 years old with an ag-related business to enter the Grow Your Future Award for a chance to win \$7,500.

The competition is focused on Farm Bureau members with enterprises that tap into niche production, agritourism and specialty services.

"The Grow Your Future Award was created by the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer committee who understand the need to diversify and can appreciate the challenges that come with efforts to bring additional income

to the farm," said Amanda Van Steenwyk, Iowa Farm Bureau's farm business development manager.

Interested entrepreneurs should apply at www.iowafarmbureau.com/grow-yourfuture by Sept. 1.

The bureau will select up to 10 applicants to be further narrowed down by a public vote.

The top finalists will compete in a live pitch-off during the 2024 Iowa Farm Bureau Young Farmer Conference on Feb. 2.

Winners will be announced Feb. 3.

First-, second- and third-place finalists will receive \$7,500, \$5,000 and \$2,500, respectively.

Last year's Grow Your Future Award winner was a mushroom grower who used his winnings to purchase a delivery van and walk-in cooler.

"In addition to the Grow Your Future Award, Iowa Farm Bureau has a rich history of supporting rural entrepreneurs. One example is through the Renew Rural Iowa program, mentoring nearly 4,000 rural entrepreneurs and business owners while creating more than \$150 million in economic impact for rural Iowa communities," said Iowa Farm Bureau president Brent Johnson.

"The Grow Your Future Award is just one more way to highlight innovation and support rural entrepreneurs. The crop of applicants we get are equally diverse and impressive, ranging from cricket farmers to cover crop seed dealers, but the common thread is a vision and willingness to explore unconventional avenues in farming that make Iowa agriculture and our rural communities even stronger."

LAW & ORDER

SIoux CITY MAN JAILED FOR METH AND MORE

SHELDON—A 64-year-old Sioux City man was arrested about 10:25 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, in Sheldon on charges of first-offense possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine; possession of drug paraphernalia; driving while barred; driving while his license was denied, suspended, canceled or revoked; and driving without required high-risk insurance.

The arrest of **Danny Joe Bursell Jr.** stemmed from the stop of a 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup for a nonfunctioning license plate light and brake light on the 300 block of Highway 18/Park Street in Sheldon, according to the Sheldon Police Department.

Two pill bottles with Bursell's name on them containing a substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine were found in a bag in the vehicle during a consent search, according to the incident report.

ARKANSAS MAN JAILED FOR MARIJUANA, MORE

SIoux CENTER—A 27-year-old Earle, AR, man was arrested about 3:55 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, in Sioux Center on charges of first-offense possession of a controlled substance — marijuana, failure to display a registration plate and an hours-of-service violation.

The arrest of **Arthur Melrose Guess III** stemmed from the stop of a 2018 Ram 2500 pickup for a commercial vehicle inspection on Highway 75 at the 12th Street Northeast intersection in Sioux Center, according to the Iowa State Patrol.

His trailer did not have a license plate.

The odor of marijuana was detected, and a bag with a cigar and a marijuana blunt were found in Guess' right shorts' pocket. A THC vaping device also was located under the driver's door handle in the vehicle, according to the incident report.

ASHTON MAN ARRESTED FOR METH IN SHELDON

ASHTON—A 52-year-old Ashton man was arrested about 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, in Sheldon on charges of possession of a controlled substance — third or subsequent offense — methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The arrest of **David Lee Buss** stemmed from the stop of a 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche for an equipment violation on Second Avenue at the North Third Avenue intersection in Sheldon, according to the incident report from the Sheldon Police Department.

The police department's K-9 Balin conducted a drug sniff around the vehicle and indicated to the odor of narcotics coming from inside the car.

Methamphetamine and a used meth pipe were found.

INWOOD MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI AFTER CRASH

ALVORD—A 36-year-old Inwood man was arrested about 3:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, near Alvord on charges of first-offense operating while under the influence, possession of an open container of alcohol and failure to maintain control.

The arrest of **Clinton Jon Berentschot** stemmed from a report of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado pickup in the ditch along the 2000 mile of Elmwood Avenue, just north of Alvord, according to the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

The caller also said the driver was unconscious.

Berentschot was transported by the Lyon County Ambulance to Avera Merrill Pioneer Hospital in Rock Rapids for treatment of

minor injuries.

He had bloodshot/watery eyes, impaired balance, slurred speech and the odor of an alcoholic beverage and was found in possession of an open container of alcohol.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR EXPOSING SON TO METH

HAWARDEN—A 19-year-old Hawarden woman was arrested Thursday, Aug. 3, on Sioux County warrants for child endangerment — methamphetamine exposure and violation of probation.

The arrest of **Madison Renee Hardin** stemmed from a July 11 hair follicle drug test for her infant son that registered positive for methamphetamine, according to the Hawarden Police Department.

Hardin also tested positive for methamphetamine. The information was provided to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, which requested a charge be filed.

A warrant for her arrest was issued July 26.

The child endangerment charge also was considered a violation of Oct. 14 sentencing for a charge of keeping premises or a vehicle for the purposes of using, possessing, selling or keeping controlled substances.

INMATE CHARGED FOR NO CONTACT VIOLATIONS

ROCK RAPIDS—An inmate in the Lyon County Jail in Rock Rapids was charged Friday, Aug. 4, with two counts of violation of a no contact/protective order.

The charges against 25-year-old **Frederick Kurt Alexander Buckalew Jr.** of George stem from him using his jail texter, according to the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

He texted a woman he is not to have contact with 81 times since July 20, according to the first complaint.

Buckalew on Aug. 1 sent two messages to an individual, asking him to send them to a man Buckalew is not to have contact with. "The messages were threatening in nature," according to the second complaint. The individual forwarded the messages to the man.

SOUTH DAKOTAN JAILED FOR OWI NEAR MAY CITY

MAY CITY—A 47-year-old North Sioux City, SD, was arrested about 9:50 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, near May City on a charge of second-offense operating while under the influence.

The arrest of **Martin Bernard Struthers** stemmed from the stop of an eastbound 2006 GMC Sierra pickup on 220th Street after it ran a stop sign at the Tyler Avenue intersection northwest of May City, according to the Osceola County Sheriff's Office.

Struthers had bloodshot/watery eyes, impaired balance, slurred speech and the odor of an alcoholic beverage and failed field sobriety tests.

He admitted to having two alcoholic drinks earlier in the evening, according to the incident report.

ALTON MAN JAILED FOR MARIJUANA IN SHELDON

SHELDON—A 20-year-old Alton man was arrested about 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, in Sheldon on charges of first-offense possession of a controlled substance — marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The arrest of **Michael James Sullivan** stemmed from him being a passenger in a vehicle in a traffic stop at the intersection of South 10th Avenue and 16th Street in Sheldon, according to the incident report from the Sheldon Police Department.

Sullivan admitted to possessing and using a THC vaping pen, according to the report.

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OPINION

REVIEW EDITORIALS

Pause pipeline process

IUB should delay Summit hearings

The Iowa Utilities Board is scheduled to begin hearings on the proposed Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline on Tuesday, Aug. 22, in Fort Dodge.

But should it?

The pipeline project seeks to wind through 2,000 miles of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and South and North Dakota, delivering captured carbon from at least 32 plants in the five states to a site in central North Dakota, where it would be stored. This promises increased profits for corn growers, plant operators and reduced impact on the environment, according to Summit Carbon Solutions.

It's important to note the company and its investors are not planning this solely to benefit farmers, plant owners and the earth. They stand to make billions off this pipeline.

This project has had an interesting side impact, uniting people who share few political beliefs.

There are conservatives and liberals who object to the use of eminent domain to allow the pipeline to pass through land where the owners are not willing to sign over access. The vast majority of Iowans are opposed to the use of this legal process, especially by a private company.

Environmentalists who are concerned about the potential impact of this pipeline passing through populated areas and across farmland have joined them. Some farmers who rarely side with these activists are concerned about possible harm to their valuable land.

It hasn't been an easy process. But Summit Carbon Solutions has been patient and persistent, and has obtained permission from about two-thirds of Iowa landowners. It promises large payments, guaranteeing them even if

the pipeline is never built.

That possibility increased on Aug. 4 when the North Dakota Public Service Commission voted 3-0 to deny the pipeline request. Commission chairman Randy Christmann said the risk to people and wildlife, especially since the pipeline would pass by Bismarck, the second-most populated city in the state with about 75,000 people, are worthy of a pause.

"And the parties and commission were not afforded an opportunity to question the documents or witness as required by North Dakota Administrative Code," Christmann said. "This limits the weight that the commission is willing to provide to that document."

Summit Carbon Solutions will refile its permit request. It has no plans to quit now. But the reality is, the pipeline has no end point, no place to deposit the CO2 it would carry.

Sierra Club Iowa Chapter conservation program coordinator Jess Mazour called on the IUB to halt its planned hearings. We agree.

"Now, we expect the Iowa Utilities Board to do the same as North Dakota," Mazour said. "We shouldn't be wasting time or resources on a pipeline to nowhere."

This pipeline may yet be constructed. It's worth noting that many people have signed on, willing to accept the risk and inconvenience because they want to help the ethanol industry succeed as well as being paid for the use of their land.

We are still waiting and watching. The pipeline may prove to be a boon to the Upper Midwest. But until the destination is set, there seems little reason to continue. The Iowa Utilities Board should postpone its hearings.



Help for next generation of farmers in America

Crop insurance remains the most vital tool in the farm safety net tool kit. From droughts and derechos to economic hardship and unstable commodity prices, crop insurance is a lifeline for our producers and their families.

Serving on the House Agriculture Committee, I believe the upcoming Farm Bill must protect, promote and enhance the Federal Crop Insurance Program to support the needs of our young, beginning and veteran farmers who are the future of agriculture in Iowa and across the country.

In my district alone, there are over 50,000 active crop insurance policies that protect our farmers, ranchers and producers from the unanticipated dangers of extreme weather events and poor economic conditions.

The policies offered by the Risk Management Agency within the Federal Crop Insurance Program cover most sectors of agriculture as well — including hogs, cattle, sugar, cotton, specialty crops and countless other farm products.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2017 Census of Agriculture, 34 percent of all farmers in the United States are over the age of 65, while only 8 percent are younger than 35. That means that almost 50 percent of American farmland — or nearly 450 million acres — is expected to change hands over the next two decades.

Six years later, record inflation, economic instability and skyrocketing interest rates have made it more difficult for our younger generation to overcome the hurdles of succeeding in the agriculture



RANDY FEENSTRA
U.S. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE

sector.

That said, I fear that today's statistics would prove even more alarming for the next generation of farmers and producers.

That's why I introduced — alongside Rep. Angie Craig (D-Minnesota), Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota) and Sen. John Thune (R-South Dakota) — the Crop Insurance for Future Farmers Act.

While China redoubles its efforts to buy up American farmland, we cannot sit on the sidelines. We must help the next generation of farmers and producers navigate the financial challenges inherent in food production and ensure that they can make a living and continue our time-honored agricultural traditions in the Midwest.

With the anticipated exchange of hundreds of millions of acres of American farmland over the next several decades, our young and beginning producers deserve a seat at the table and stake in the game. Fortunately, this bill takes steps today to strengthen the farmers of tomorrow.

Specifically, this legislation would align the definition of a "beginning farmer" to match that within other U.S. Department of Agriculture programs — 10 crop years or less — instead of the current definition of 5 crop years or less. It would also increase the premium assistance for new, beginning and veteran farm-

ers during their first five years in operation, the most vulnerable of any new venture.

As of 2022, these essential Federal Crop Insurance Program policies insure over 22 million acres of Iowa farmland, but also help protect billions of dollars' worth of cattle, swine and dairy production throughout the state.

The hardworking farmers in my district have faced droughts, floods and multiple derechos over the last few years, but that did not stop Iowa farmers from producing the most corn, hogs and eggs of any other state in the country last year.

Born and raised in rural Iowa, I believe that the Crop Insurance for Future Farmers Act provides a critical solution to secure and support the next generation of American farmers and ranchers.

Our farmers are the lifeblood of our rural communities and are intertwined with all aspects of everyday life from church to school boards to coaching the T-ball team.

Unless we prioritize our young farmers — those who aspire to be the vital linchpins of our communities — our rural towns will continue to face population loss and uncertainty.

By providing the next generation of producers with the tools that they need to succeed, we will maintain America's gold standard of food production and retain our status as the breadbasket of the world for generations to come.

Randy Feenstra of Hull represents Iowa's 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He may be reached through feenstra.house.gov.

Schools ready to start

Kids, parents must work tougher

Summer blew past like a stormy night. Wasn't it July just a couple days ago?

But fall is almost upon us, and schools open this week. We hope kids and their parents enjoyed the warm, relaxing days and are refreshed and ready for the 2023-24 school year.

Here are a few suggestions to make this a school year to remember.

For students, don't worry about being nervous. The teachers probably are, too. Get to know new classmates and renew friendships with kids you have known for years.

Have a good breakfast, either at home or school. Take a few minutes to eat something healthy and filling. Your mind and body will function much better for it. Do the same at lunch and with any snacks.

Get to know your route to school, either by bus, car, bike or foot. Practice it before school opens so you and your family know where you will be on your way to and from school. If you take the bus, be safe and be courteous to the driver and your fellow students. Make the ride easy

for all.

Don't allow students to bully you or others. Report it to an adult and make sure it is halted. If you are tempted to bully another kid, don't. It's wrong, and you know that.

Choose a backpack that fits and is comfortable. These shoulder bags have become as much a part of school as pens, pencils and notepads, so ensure the one you wear is not a problem.

For parents, make the school part of your life. Meet the teachers, administrators and school staff. Attend plays, concerts, sporting events and other activities. Stop by a school board meeting — the board members and administration team will welcome you — and listen in, or offer a comment.

Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep. Make sure electronic items are put away and kids get a good rest.

Most importantly, talk to and listen to your child. Are they having any trouble? Are some classes tougher than others? Do they need parental guidance, and most importantly, love? Provide both with no end to either.

FAMILY LIFE

Initiate literacy with your child

How do children learn to read? The first steps are understanding the sounds in spoken words and how the letters in print relate to these different sounds.

To support children's first steps toward reading, help them learn to recognize sounds of letters and what those letters look like.

How can parents and caregivers teach children to recognize sounds and letters? It can be simpler than you think. We can do this by talking to and reading with our children — starting right from birth!

Start with one or two of the following ideas, then add more as you feel comfortable.

When communicating with your child:

- Copy the sounds your child makes.
- Sing to your child.
- Play rhyming games.
- Share stories — tell stories about your own childhood.
- Talk about everyday things you are seeing and doing together; for example, "Look at the blue bird! It's called a blue jay!"
- Emphasize different letters when saying a word; for example, "Here's your t-t-truck."
- Talk about emotions; for example, "Petting our dog Spot makes you happy?"
- Listen to your child and follow their lead. If your child asks, "What's on the next page?" say, "What do you think will be on the next page?"

When reading with your child:

- Point to the letter or the word while saying it.
- Encourage your child to hold the book and turn the pages.



MACKENZIE DEJONG
ISU FAMILY WELL-BEING SPECIALIST

- Ask questions about the book such as, "Why did the bear eat so much honey?"
- Read your child's favorite book over and over again.
- Ask your child to follow along with their finger while you read each word.
- Point to the pictures and talk about them.
- Make the sounds of the animals or objects in the book.

■ Explain words they might not know. Most importantly make reading enjoyable. Make it something to look forward to. Reading together can become a special time for both of you!

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach literacy programs include "Raising School Ready Readers" and "Our Bookshelf." For more information about these and other programs go to www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences.

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OPINION

Do you know someone who might be my relative?

Somewhere in N'West Iowa I may still have a few distant relatives. My father suggested we did a long time ago, and my nephew Chris Wagner has sent me numerous e-mail telling of such relationships the last few years.

I also clearly remember spending occasional days in Larchwood with my Grandmother Castle when she went there to visit her sister.

But you can't always trust what your family tells you. My father, Hans Herman Wagner, was of a generation that often stretched the truth a bit to create a good family story.

More than once my dad claimed our family was related to Honus Wagner, who some experts say was only second to Babe Ruth when it comes to the sport of baseball.

Wagner played in various baseball leagues for 21 seasons, mostly for his hometown Pittsburgh Pirates, and was considered a powerhouse at every position on the diamond.

But I doubt that story about our relationship is true. I also question my father's claim that we were related to Jo Ann Castle, the popular ragtime piano player on "The Lawrence Welk Show." My father really loved that ABC television show, and he especially enjoyed Castle's twinkling sounds when she was featured



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PUBLISHER

playing a piano.

What is interesting, however, is my dad claimed the family connection came through the town of Little Rock. That was long before Connie and I moved to Iowa or heard of Little Rock. I can't begin to understand how my father, who hardly ever left Sioux Falls, SD, even knew the town existed.

Still, according to my nephew Chris, I do — or at least once had, — some distant relatives in N'West Iowa. But what I find amazing is, having written over 1,500 columns in *The REVIEW*, a paper with numerous subscribers in Larchwood, Little Rock and Rock Valley, I've never heard from any of them.

My grandmother on my mother's side, Minnie Castle, was her married name, traveled from a German community in Ukraine to Canada with her parents when she was just 4 years old. Chris found her travel and

entrance to Canada records on file at Halifax when he visited there last year.

Eventually, Grandma Castle and her large German family settled somewhere near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

About the time my grandmother reached maturity she met the love of her life, an Englishman named Ernest Castle. I've often been told there's a large lake in Saskatchewan named after Grandpa Castle. But that isn't because he did anything exceptional. Grandpa was just standing nearby when the surveyors came to draw a map of the area, and asking his name, used it to identify the lake.

Grandma Castle married and had two children, both daughters. The first was named Margaret and the second, my mother, was Helen.

Then came World War I and the Canadian government, as well as the general Canadian population, became concerned with the growing German population. So, Grandma's entire German family, even my grandmother who was married to an English man, decided to move to the United States. Most of them settled, Chris tells me from his many searches into our ancestral records, in Larchwood and Rock Valley.

Family lore has it my grandmother ran a boardinghouse and small cafe while she and her family were in Larchwood.

Later, my grandparents, along with my mother and aunt, moved to Sioux Falls where my grandmother managed and owned several restaurants. My Aunt Marge and mother often shared stories of working with their mother as her waitresses when they were young.

As a boy I remember traveling to Larchwood by train with Grandmother Castle to visit her sister. I've often driven around the town searching for the exact house without luck. I seem to remember it was one of the houses on the north side of the park located west of the downtown area. I do remember my grandmother sometimes giving me a dime so I could walk over to the Larchwood drugstore to buy a comic book.

My Larchwood aunt's name, since she was married, was something other than Castle. But try as hard as I might, I can't remember what it was.

According to my nephew Chris, several of the Castles also settled in or around Rock Valley. But again, if the sisters were married, their last names would not be Castle.

Perhaps someone reading this

column will remember hearing a bit of this story growing up in Lyon or Sioux County.

I also have a distant relationship with the Potter family that once farmed just northwest of Primghar. My father's sister, Anne Wagner, married Claud Potter whom she met while working at a cafe in Primghar. The two of them eventually moved back to the Wagner family farm north of Bridgewater, SD, and worked it for many years. They had four children whom they named Marge, Joe, Bob and Janet.

Bob and Janet and a few others of us visited the Primghar farmstead a few years ago and found the spot where Claud had carved his name in the side of one of the beams in the old barn.

My cousin Janet and I are the only ones of our generation still alive and both of us are interested in our roots.

If you can add anything to what I've shared, I would love to hear from you. You may e-mail me at pw@iowainformation.com or call me at 712-348-3550.

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It appears that not every life in Iowa truly is sacred

Deanna Mahoney was like countless Iowa women through the years. She nurtured three children. She worked outside the home to supplement the family income. She loved bowling and mushroom hunting.

That is how she lived.

How she died tells us so much about the way some business owners, and too many government leaders in Iowa, have pushed aside their legal, moral and humanitarian obligations, especially to vulnerable Iowans.

The death of the 83-year-old Newton woman was tragic. Two photographs made that so horribly clear.

In spite of the statements and pledges about the sanctity of every human life, Mahoney's death illustrates that too many members of the Iowa Legislature, and our governor, too, show too little concern for the sanctity of the lives of people in Iowa's nursing homes.

In the days since the circumstances of her death became public, we have heard not a peep from the state officials who were obsessed earlier this year with school



RANDY EVANS
STRAY THOUGHTS

books, drag show performers, and a belief that teachers and school librarians are out there coaxing kids to become transgender, gay or lesbian.

These state officials could not move fast enough to enact new laws to combat the perceived dangers to young Iowans from some school books or medical providers whose patients are children identifying as a different gender.

But these state officials have little to say about the treatment, and mistreatment, of people like Deanna Mahoney who live in certain nursing homes.

Too many elderly Iowans are not receiving the care their families were promised and that they and Iowa's Medicaid program pay for.

But there is no flurry of proposed laws to address such

neglect.

There is a reason for that: In her travels around Iowa, the governor often meets with CEOs of nursing homes.

You do not see her meeting with loved ones of people like Deanna Mahoney.

Families of nursing home residents are not a lucrative source of campaign donations the way the owners are.

The circumstances of Mahoney's death were laid out in words — and documented with two photographs — in a lawsuit filed Aug. 4 in court in Newton.

Iowa Capital Dispatch, an online news report, shined the first spotlight on this unnecessary tragedy.

The photos were made by the emergency room staff at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines soon after Mahoney arrived by ambulance early on April 19, 2022.

The photos show two massive open wounds on her back and buttocks and on one heel.

Two weeks later, Mahoney was dead.

According to the lawsuit, hospital medical records stated Mahoney's largest wound that day was 6 inches in diam-

eter and 2 inches deep.

That wound was contaminated with feces.

The photo shows her muscle and bone exposed in a gruesome mass of reddish flesh.

The wound on her heel was smaller, but it was black, a sign the skin was dying.

The photo showed the wound had created a crater into the bottom of her foot.

This was not a case in which Mahoney had been trying to care for herself at home.

For seven months she had been a resident of Newton Health Care Center, a supposedly skilled nursing and long-term care facility. But the care she received there, according to the lawsuit, was negligent and constituted a wanton disregard for her well-being.

Mahoney's death should not be explained away by assertions she was old and eventually would have died anyway.

She moved into Newton Health Care Center in June 2021. In the seven months that followed, she was seen twice at MercyOne Newton Medical Center, first for vomiting, fever and bloody stools, and then a month later for

COVID-19. During neither hospital visit did nurses find any signs her skin was breaking down.

On the morning of Feb. 2, 2022, a registered nurse at Newton Health Care Center wrote in Mahoney's records that there were no open areas or skin issues observed. But six hours later, another nurse saw a wound at the base of Mahoney's tailbone. And 21 days after it was first noticed, the wound had grown significantly larger — it was three-quarters of an inch deep and had a foul odor.

She was placed on antibiotics to treat the infection. But Mahoney's condition worsened. That led to the ambulance trip to Des Moines on April 18, 2022, when the photos were made.

Death came on May 6, 2022, when her body was unable to fight the infection any longer.

Mahoney's family is not the first to complain about the care provided by the Newton nursing home, Iowa Capital Dispatch reported. In June 2022, the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing investigated a backlog of complaints against the

facility and concluded all were substantiated. The violations related to the treatment of pressure sores, insufficient nursing staff, insufficient support staff, medication errors, unsanitary conditions and poor infection prevention.

John and Terri Hale, advocates for elderly Iowans, wrote recently in *The Des Moines Register*, "We've been in the long-term care policy arena for over 15 years. We've seen the perpetual paralysis of elected officials and the power of trade associations and lobbyists who fight tooth and nail to preserve the status quo."

"... The crisis is becoming a catastrophe. Lawmakers serving Iowans need to step up and do what we elect them to do — lead. If they won't, they are complicit in the unfolding tragedy. And the message will be clear: The lives of vulnerable older Iowans and Iowans with disabilities just don't matter."

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Tearing down virtual walls will provide you an amazing view

Building mental and emotional walls is a common occurrence.

We are used to living with physical walls, so this progression is an easy transition. Furthermore, it's a conditioned response that we learn from others as well as a result of our own experiences.

There are a variety of reasons people build these virtual walls. They want to keep undesirable things out. They have a desire to prevent loss. They don't want someone to leave. Walls may create a feeling of security. They offer a sense of protection. Walls are constructed as a result of fear, uncertainty or vulnerability.

There are those who put up walls as a show of power. Only select people are allowed to cross their boundaries. This process allows them to feel as if they wield power over others by deciding who to exclude.

Some build walls to mark their



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territory. This approach mimics a child's strategy of drawing an imaginary line around them to keep their siblings "off their side."

Walls may be in response to a sensitivity that one wants to avoid. The goal is to keep out any real or imagined emotional threats. It is an attempt to avoid repeating unpleasant experiences.

Regardless of the reason for building virtual walls, their ultimate impact is to hold you back. Virtual walls are constraining, offering only

an illusion of security. They are a defensive strategy which inhibits your personal growth.

Limiting beliefs such as, "I can't," "I won't," or "It's impossible," build walls. Conversely, believing, "I can," "I will," or "I'll find a way," tears down virtual walls. These walls are built based on your attitude. Dismantling them requires a change in outlook. You have the power to adjust your thoughts, and therefore can decide to remove your walls.

Virtual walls grow over time. Ironically, most people aren't aware of the walls they have put in place. They are so conditioned to their existence that the walls become integrated into their self-identity. Since these walls are so limiting, dismantling them opens up new potential for you.

Since your virtual walls take time to build, they also require time to

tear down. Rather than becoming overwhelmed by the task, start by removing just one brick. Continue brick by brick until the wall is gone. Each brick represents one aspect of your wall.

Don't empower fear. It doesn't matter what other people say, think or do. Get over your fears by doing what you are afraid to do and going where you are afraid to go. Walls cannot keep out fear.

You are in control of your emotions. You have no control over the actions of others, but you do have control over your response. You stay safe through the proactive management of your feelings. Walls will never ensure happiness.

Utilize your strengths. Appreciate everything you have. Concentrate on abundance rather than worrying about what you think is lacking. You have more to be thankful for than

you realize. Walls do prevent you from attracting positive elements into your life.

Walls do not define who you are. Your character is based on your beliefs, attitudes, morals and ethics. Your character can never be stolen or lost.

Tearing down walls is scary because change is required. Learn from your past. Repeat actions that brought desired results while avoiding unsuccessful behavior. Correct bad decisions by making better ones. As your walls vanish, you will enjoy an amazing view that used to be obscured by your self-imposed banishment within your virtual walled prison.

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NEWS

Public schools fret widening rift with private K-12

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utilized the most due to its high percentage of students attending nonpublic schools.

Beyond financial relief to parents who choose to send their children to nonpublic school, the bill is meant to lessen "taxation without representation" in the state, according to state Rep. Zach Dieken (R-Granville), who was among the legislators voting in favor of the bill.

"We're going to home-school our children, and I don't think South O'Brien would ever let me go to one of their school board meetings and critique the things they have going on at their school because my children won't go there, but they get my tax dollars," Dieken said.

The Iowa Department of Education reported it had approved 18,627 Students First Act ESAs as of Aug. 4. It reported less than 1,000 applications remained in review while parents or guardians provide additional information or documentation to confirm eligibility.

Sioux County had the fourth-most approved ESAs with 1,183, but the most per capita as the three counties in front of it — Polk County with 3,144 approved ESAs, Linn County with 1,318 and Scott County with 1,306 — are the largest counties by population in the state. Sioux County ranks 19th in population.

O'Brien County had 250 approved

ESAs as Aug. 4. Lyon County had 196 approved ESAs and Osceola County had 18 ESAs.

The Department of Education did not respond to requests for the total number of applications in time for publication.

Even without a specific number, the pool for ESA eligibility will increase during its three-year rollout. It is open for the 2023-24 school year to all students whose family is at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level, which is currently \$83,250 for a family of four.

The eligibility figure will rise to 400 percent of the federal poverty level for the 2024-25 school year and then will be open to all K-12 students in Iowa regardless of family income in 2025-26.

One of the biggest fears the Students First Act has brought about is that it will impact funding for public schools — specifically teacher pay — in future years to fund further ESAs for nonpublic school students.

MMCRU School District superintendent Dan Barkel was an educator at Western Christian High School for 27 years — including serving as the principal for the last seven years — before making the move to the public school system in 2018. He predicts the weight of ESAs will come to fall on the latter.

"Already, the amount of vouchers that have been requested has far outstripped the amount that the state budgeted for," Barkel said.

"The money's got to come from somewhere. And if that happens, obviously that's going to depress wages for public school teachers, there's no question. But maybe we're being a bit premature; we'll see what happens."

Beyond public school fund cutting, Barkel predicts a raw barrier to wedge further segregation between public and nonpublic schools.

"My fear is that long term the private school will become the domain of the higher socioeconomic groups and the public schools will become the domain of the lower socioeconomic groups," Barkel said. "Now, I don't know for sure that will happen, but I'm just concerned about that long term because the private schools can charge whatever they want."

He said another fear among public schools is the Students First Act gives nonpublic schools tax dollars accompanied by no accountability, allowing nonpublic schools the ability to inflate tuition prices.

Wayne Dykstra, the head of school for Unity Christian High School in Orange City, and Marlin Schoonhoven, the head administrator at Sheldon Christian School, said tuition costs for the 2023-24 academic year at their schools increased 3 percent to 5 percent, which was about the same as last year, not showing significant inflation following Iowa's Students First Act.

"The year you don't raise your

tuition you know you're only going to come back a year later and raise it even more," Dykstra said. "We are usually in the 3, 4, 5 percent range for tuition increase and that was the case this year. There's a perception out there that, 'Hey, with the ESAs we can really rack our tuition up,' and we didn't."

The final fear is that public schools will see a drop in enrollment.

There have been no large fluxes of former public school students into nonpublic schools, according to superintendents from MOC-Floyd Valley, Sheldon, Sioux Center High School, South O'Brien and MMCRU public schools. Official conclusions can be drawn in October, when the Iowa Department of Education finalizes enrollment counts.

One of the reasons for this consistency comes down to the teachers.

Jaime Miranda works full time at MOC-Floyd Valley High School in Orange City as an intervention specialist and part time at Northwestern College in Orange City as a data analyst.

Miranda attributes MOC-Floyd Valley's current static enrollment to the school's intentionality in finding new ways to provide services to students and families.

"I work a lot with Hispanic families, and so they all talk about the kind of resources that we can provide, and they all want to be here. They know about the quality of education and teachers that our school and school

district," Miranda said. "And I've even talked to people who have graduated from other schools in Sheldon and stuff like that and talked about how when they were kids, they wanted to come here and moved closer to here to put their kids in the MOC high school district."

Other communities, specifically Sioux Center, Miranda names as "doing well at making strong connections and deep relationships." With that, he isn't afraid of seeing many of his students leave MOC-Floyd Valley, or other public schools for that matter.

As an employee at a private college, Miranda said he thinks he "falls in the middle" when it comes to the Students First Act and doesn't think anything can answer his questions the way time will.

"I just feel like it's going to hurt public education a lot," Miranda said.

"But I do think as a Christian and working at a Christian institution now, there is value in Christian education. It's just sad that it's going to have to hurt public education, and I don't think it was probably the best way to go about it."

In talking with N'West Iowa public school administrators, there seems to be a lingering fear that will continue to fall as schools try to navigate the impact of ESAs.

"I believe that people will fix it, and it'll improve," Miranda said. "Hopefully."

IUB does not delay process on Summit's CO2 pipeline

HEARING

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While the critics are vocal, having a majority signed onto the project shows ample approval in the view of Summit spokesperson Jesse Harris.

"There is overwhelming support among Iowa landowners for this project and importantly more easement agreements are being signed every day and that will continue throughout the upcoming hearing," Harris said.

Exhibit Hs could eventually be subject to eminent domain. After the hearing concludes, the three-member board will decide the scope of land seizures, if any, if it decides to grant Summit construction permission in the first place.

"Ultimately, the IUB decides whether the applicant will be allowed to exercise eminent domain and, if so, exactly what rights can be condemned," said IUB communications director Don Tormey.

After Exhibit Hs testify, it will be Summit's turn to make its case in the hearing's second phase.

The main argument is financial. The proposed five-state pipeline system would sequester carbon dioxide from 32 ethanol plants, including 13 in Iowa such as Sioudand Energy Cooperative near Sioux Center, and pump it underground to be stored indefinitely in North Dakota.

Keeping CO2 out of the atmosphere earns those plants a more climate-friendly rating, making the biofuels more profitable in green-conscious markets such as California.

Without CO2 pipelines, the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association said the state could lose up to 75 percent of its ethanol production within a decade, more than \$10 billion.

Summit missed out on a permit Aug. 4 in North Dakota with a similar process to the IUB's. That led some Iowa anti-pipelers to argue the Hawkeye State should postpone its Aug. 22 hearing. They call Summit's project "a



After more than two years of prelude, the Iowa Utilities Board will start its hearing on the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline Tuesday, Aug. 22. The CO2 project has met vocal resistance, though about three-fourths of the route has been secured via voluntary easement. Photo by Elijah Helton

WATCH IT LIVE:

The Iowa Utilities Board hearing on the proposed Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline will be streamed on the IUB website starting 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, and continuing every weekday for what is expected to be several weeks. The live video will be available at iowautilitiesboard.eduvision.tv/LiveSched.aspx.

pipeline to nowhere."

"Rushing this only benefits Summit. It does not benefit any of the landowners who never asked to be a part of this process in the first place," Jess Mazour said.

Mazour spoke to the IFU and its virtual audience Thursday. She is one of the leading public faces of the anti-pipeline movement in Iowa, working for the Sierra Club.

But postponement isn't happening. Tormey

said the IUB's process is separate and unaffected by North Dakota.

"Any action taken by the IUB regarding this matter would be filed in the Summit Carbon docket that is pending before the IUB," Tormey said.

Harris said everyone has had plenty of time. "Our project was announced two and a half years ago. We completed county informational meetings nearly two years ago. We submitted our permit application more than a year and a half ago," Harris said.

"Having met those important regulatory milestones, scheduling a start date for the hearing in August is well within the typical timeline for projects such as this and clearly provides substantial time for participation by all stakeholders."

The third phase of the IUB hearing features interveners. These are Exhibit Hs as well as outside actors, such as the IFU and Sierra Club, to argue for or against the project.

"Some of these Exhibit H landowners have intervened to participate at a higher level in the

process and some haven't. That's fine. They're all going to get their 'day in court' to testify in front of the IUB," Mazour said.

IUB approval would not green light the entire project, although it would be the biggest state-level step forward for Summit. The company plans 720 miles of its 2,000-mile route to be in the Hawkeye State.

Summit has reapplied in North Dakota. Harris said the company is still on schedule to break ground in the first or second quarter of 2024.

"We look forward to starting the hearing next week and continuing to move the project through the regulatory process," Harris said.

Besides North Dakota, the company faces a variety of processes in Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota, all with different CO2 pipeline approval rules.

But for right now, Lehman said, the fight is converging on Fort Dodge.

"We know that we are strongest when we have the best voice, when we all work together," he said.

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NEWS

Massive Hawaii fire nearly misses N'West Iowans

WILDFIRES

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rental vehicle and drove to Lahaina for some breakfast.

The Rusches quickly noticed power was out not only in their hotel but across Lahaina as well. Captain Jack's Island Grill was closed. The only building with power was the Safeway, so the Rusches settled for a quick grocery-store breakfast, approximately at 9 a.m.

"They just had enough power to sell dried goods and things like that, they had all the freezers, and everything shut down," Rusche said. "By the end of that day, that whole area was gone."

When the Rusches returned to the hotel with their groceries they still had not heard anything about a fire starting. The first warning was when the family could see smoke from the town they just came from.

"We were only about a mile away from Lahaina, so we started to see smoke," Rusche said. "Just a little bit of smoke, and then within 1 I don't know maybe an hour, the whole sky was black."

As fire spread through Lahaina, the Rusches did not see the situation as any sort of emergency as they were not told anything out of the ordinary was going on.

In fact, when the Rusches evacuated, it was not by the call of any official or hotel member.

"My brother-in-law actually woke us up about 5 in the morning and said, 'Hey, I think we need to leave,'" Rusche said.

"We went to the other side of the hotel; we could see the fire within probably less than a mile from where we were."

The Rusches moved to a shelter set up at a school in Northern Maui about 20 minutes away from their hotel. They sat in their car for several hours, waiting for occasional updates



The Rusche family, staying at a resort 1.5 miles away from Lahaina, HI, could watch as the historic district burned Aug. 8 and days after. Photos submitted

from surrounding police officers. Still, even when they were told the fire was maintained, the Rusches had no idea the extent of the damage they were about to see.

Around noon, the Rusches were allowed to return to their hotel. From that point on, the Rusches had no cell service, power or Wi-Fi.

All surrounding roads were shut down. For the Rusches to leave their hotel, they had two options: Either take a shuttle to the airport and fly to another island or take the 30-mile drive on a one-way road with no railings that went through the mountains around Lahaina.

The Rusches chose the unfavorable option three: Stay put.

"For us it was almost like Survivor Hawaii because there wasn't a lot of food, there wasn't shipments getting

in, anything like that," Rusche said. "We weren't able to communicate with anybody, we had all kinds of text messages from family seeing if we were OK, and we weren't able to get out to anybody."

On Thursday, Aug. 10, Rusche was able to gain one bar on his cell by standing on the beach. For the first time, he was able to reach a family member off the island, who in turn posted an update on Facebook that the Rusches were alive.

Friday morning, the Rusches were able to make it down the main road through Lahaina to the airport immediately before the road was closed again. As originally scheduled, the Rusches were able to fly out of Hawaii on Saturday morning unharmed.

"It's a really beautiful town, there's so many things there, and it's just all gone," Rusche said. "And it's just a sad, sad situation."

The Rusches were not the only N'West Iowa residents with ties to Lahaina before the fire.

For their 25th wedding anniversary, Gina Zylstra of Orange City, her husband, and their four kids decided to visit the couple's original honeymoon spot in Ka'anapali, Maui. Little did they expect that only four days after returning from vacation, they would hear a fire broke out and destroyed the same boardwalk they explored less than a week earlier.

The Zylstras stayed at a beach resort in Ka'anapali, the same resort they stayed in 25 years earlier, and throughout their trip visited the Lahaina Historic District less than four miles away.



Lucy, Molly, Mark, Gina, Henry and Ruby Zylstra of Orange City visited the Old Lahaina Luau, called "Maui's Most Authentic Hawaiian Luau," for the couple's 25th wedding anniversary a week before the Lahaina fire started on Aug. 8.

The Old Lahaina Luau, referred to as "Maui's Most Authentic Hawaiian Luau," marked one of the highlights of the Zylstras' trip.

"We went to the Luau on our 25th wedding anniversary, and it was just a beautiful night," Gina said. "Right there in Lahaina, it was just fun to hear about the history of the Hawaiian culture. Our server was so friendly, and it was just a fun family experience."

Lahaina's 37-year-old luau is "closed for the foreseeable future," according to its website due to the fires that devastated Lahaina on Aug. 8. While the Old Lahaina Luau is unable to assess full damage at this time, it released a public statement: "We are hoping that what was spared will allow us to have a significant role

and restoration of the community we have been a part of for nearly four decades."

The Old Lahaina Luau is one of many Lahaina businesses where a future recovery is unknown. Wooden structures downtown have been destroyed, and the best-preserved structures after the fire encompass only pieces of stone and concrete walls, according to an article by The Washington Post.

An estimated 80 percent of Lahaina's historic district was demolished, CBS News reported Thursday.

The fire's death toll reached 111 and there still are about 1,300 people unaccounted for, U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesperson Adam Weintraub told CBS on Wednesday.



Damon Rusche, his wife, Melanie, and his mother-in-law, Cristy Richter, eat at Captain Jack's Island Grill in Lahaina, HI, the day before the fire that devastated the community and much of Maui, the state's third-most populated island.

LAW & ORDER

SIXTEEN CITED AFTER UNDERAGE PARTY TIP

ROCK VALLEY—Sixteen young people were cited following an investigation of an anonymous Nixle tip of an underage drinking party at 1995 350th St., about eight miles southwest of Rock Valley about at 9:55 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4.

Deputies found 27 people at the residence and discovered numerous beer cans and other alcoholic beverages scattered across the property, according to the Sioux County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies conducted field sobriety checks on all individuals.

Cited for first-offense possession/purchase of alcohol under legal age were **Joseph**

Lee Andringa, 19, Hull; **Tristan John Davelaar**, 19, Rock Valley; **Meghan Lynn Bullock**, 18, Sioux Center; **Chayce Nicholas Cleverings**, 18, Doon; **Madison Nichole Emerick**, 18, Hull; **Jennifer Kelly Luevano**, 18, Hull; **Reagan Jon Maassen**, 18, Rock Valley; **Gabino Vargas**, 18, Rock Valley; and **Brycen Lee Zomer**, 18, Rock Valley.

Seven juveniles also were cited into juvenile court for possession of alcohol under legal age.

HAWARDEN MAN JAILED FOR ASSAULT AND POT

HAWARDEN—A 52-year-old Hawarden man was arrested about 11:40 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, on charges of assault and first-

offense possession of a controlled substance — marijuana.

The arrest of **Frederick Stacy Brown** stemmed from an incident at a woman's residence in Hawarden, according to the Hawarden Police Department.

Brown arrived at the woman's residence and began yelling at her "in a very loud tone of voice," according to the incident report.

When the woman tried to tell Brown to stop yelling, he grabbed her head and covered her mouth.

A package of THC gummies was found in Brown's pocket during a search while he was being detained.

The odor of marijuana was detected coming from the bag, and marijuana was found inside it.

HAWARDEN MOTORIST JAILED ON OWI CHARGE

SIOUX CENTER—A 24-year-old Hawarden man was arrested about 1:25 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, in Sioux Center on a charge of first-offense operating while under the influence.

The arrest of **Juan Angel Topete** stemmed from the stop of a 2013 Ford F-150 pickup for failure to obey a traffic control device on Ninth Street Southeast in Sioux Center, according to the Sioux Center Police Department.

Topete had bloodshot/watery eyes and impaired balance and failed field sobriety tests.

He admitted to having seven drinks earlier in the day, according to the incident report.

Two opened beer cans were found in the vehicle.

A drug recognition expert determined Topete was under the influence of a controlled substance.

A urine sample tested positive for amphetamines.

PRIDE RESIDENT JAILED FOR BEING ON BLACKTOP

PRIMGHAR—A resident of the Pride Group facility east of Primghar was arrested about 3:10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, on charges of disorderly conduct — obstructing highway/street/road with speed restrictions and interference with official acts.

The arrest of 34-year-old **Ellis Jerome Lard Jr.** of Fredericksburg stemmed from a report of

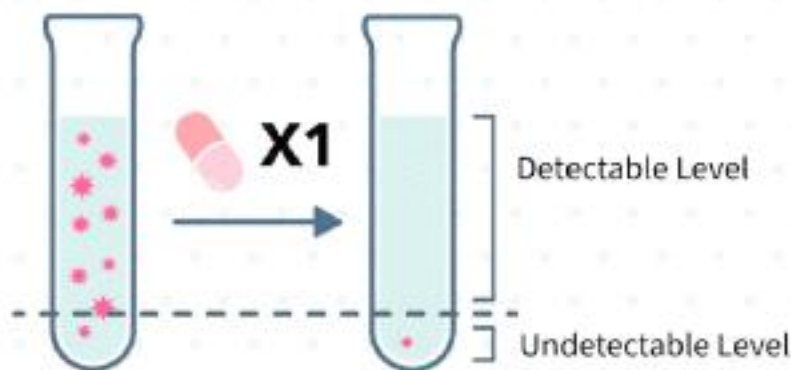
him attempting to leave the Pride Group grounds by walking on 390th Street about a mile east of Primghar, according to the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office.

When a patrol vehicle arrived, Lard quickly walked down into the ditch and into a bean field away from the deputy, according to the incident report.

Several attempts were made to take Lard into custody, but he resisted, returned to 390th Street and continued to cross the blacktop from side to side, disrupting passing vehicles.

Each time the deputy approached him, Lard would cross in front of traffic, causing several vehicles to stop on the roadway to avoid hitting him.

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SIBLEY OUTDOOR AQUATIC CENTER

The \$2.8 million pool remodel made a splash at its debut in 2019 and continues to attract swimmers to Sibley. The pool features a climbing wall, diving board, water slide, zero-depth entry and separate splash pad. In addition to daily open swims, the aquatic center also holds lap swims, water aerobics lessons and swimming lessons, offering something for swimmers of all ages.



SIBLEY CENTRAL PARK

A diverse set of recreation activities await at Sibley's Central Park. Tennis, pickleball and basketball courts are all available to families, along with a playground and baseball diamond, home to Little League and softball tournaments.



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THE PORCH ON MAIN

Owner Julie Ackerman has operated this downtown Sibley shop for 23 years. It is more than a boutique; Ackerman also sells ice cream, coffee and treats. During the summer, kids stop for a scoop following an afternoon of swimming at the Sibley Outdoor Aquatic Center. The most popular ice cream flavors at The Porch on Main are cookie jar, s'mores and play dough.



MAX THEATRES

This independently, family-owned downtown movie theater has been part of the Sibley community since 1917, after the site was purchased from an old opera house. Max Theatres continues the hometown movie-going experience with its two venues, showing the newest movies on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons. The concession stand offers popcorn, sweet drinks and coffee to moviegoers.



SIBLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

The nine-hole course on the east side of town is a popular destination on fair-weather days. With league nights, fun nights, cart rentals and beverages for purchase at Mulligan's Clubhouse, the course and country club provide an opportunity that can engage golfers of all levels — whether playing for sport or fellowship.



SAM ROBINSON MEMORIAL PARK & POND

Just steps away from the aquatic center and golf course, this campground is equipped with electrical and water hookups for campers and trailers. The nearby pond is one of the best locations in Sibley to fish. The playground, bathroom facilities and shelter houses make it an ideal location for families of campers looking to travel someplace relaxing and quiet.



HAWKEYE POINT

Iowa's highest point at 1,670 feet is in Osceola County, just five miles north of Sibley along the Highway 60 expressway. The site, obtained by the county in 2008, includes several unique photo ops, a grain bin shelter, an observation deck and an agricultural museum all made possible by the work of donors and volunteers. Families wanting to visit the unique site can stop for a quick trip or stay longer at Hawkeye Point Campground, which opened in 2011.



CHURCH

Churches are encouraged to submit updated information, which is listed as space allows. E-mail editor@lowainformation.com.

ALTON

PRESBYTERIAN, 311 12th St. E. Pastor Harlan De Jong. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

REFORMED, 305 Eighth St. Rev. Scott Bonestroo. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, 609 10th St. Father Daniel Greving. Saturday: 5 p.m. Mass.

ARCHER

REFORMED, 210 Locust St. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

UNITED METHODIST, 309 Harriman Ave. Pastor Jacob Sandholm. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

ASHTON

ASHTON BIBLE, 140 First St. Pastor Dan Kunnari. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, 643 Sixth St. Father Sily Punnoose. Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Mass.

BOYDEN

FIRST REFORMED, 901 Pleasant St. Pastor Heath De Jong. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN (NALC), 3941 280th St. Pastor Jeremy Winter. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN, 817 Lincoln St. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

CALUMET

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 110 W. Third St. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

CARMEL

REFORMED, 2801 360th St. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Worship.

DOON

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH OF HOPE, 201 Barton Ave. Pastor Jim Sweers. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

FIRST REFORMED, 406 Barton Ave. Rev. Peter Kolb. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

PROTESTANT REFORMED, 408 Sixth Ave. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Worship.

UNITED REFORMED, 602 Rice Ave. Rev. John Vermeer. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Worship.

GEORGE

CENTRAL BAPTIST, 206 E. Minnesota Ave. Rev. Sean Mustian. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN, 300 E. Iowa Ave. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

FIRST BAPTIST, 4102 190th St. Pastor Jesse Sternke. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

HOPE REFORMED, 2251 Jay Ave. Rev. Steve De Haan. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN (ELCA), 400 E. Iowa Ave. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

LYON COUNTY FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, 4140 230th St. Pastor Brian Schafer. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST, 206 E. Indiana Ave. Pastor Bryan Anderson. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

ZOAR PRESBYTERIAN, 2002 Log Ave. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

GERMANTOWN

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN (LCMS), 5092 480th St. Pastor Keith Christiansen. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

GRANVILLE

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC, 528 Elm St. Father Daniel Greving. Sunday: 8 a.m. Mass.

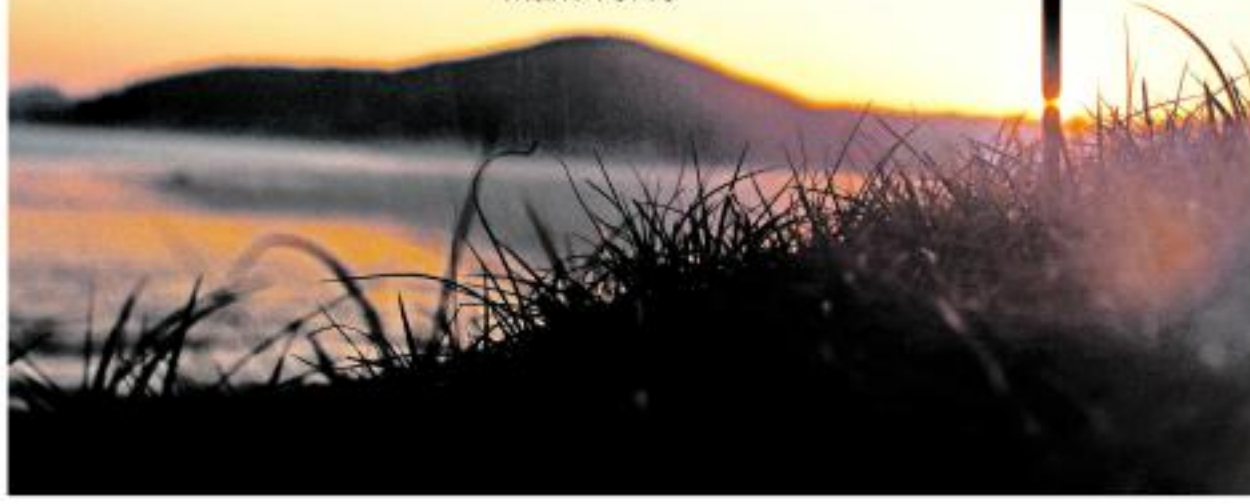
HARTLEY

GRACE FELLOWSHIP, 361 N. Eighth Ave. W. Pastor Lynn Dau. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC, 260 N. Fourth Ave. W. Father Tim Hogan. Sunday: 9 a.m. Mass.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

— Mark 10:45



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN (LCMS), 60 N. Central Ave. Rev. Chris Nitzel. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 140 N. Fifth Ave. E. Pastor Lynn Dau. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

HOSPERS

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 110 Fourth Ave. N. Rev. Aaron Gonzalez. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Worship.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN (PCA), 200 Elm St. Dr. Brian Janssen. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 6 p.m. The Bible Hour.

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC, 500 Elm St. Father Daniel Greving. Sunday: 10 a.m. Mass.

TRINITY, 501 Main St. Pastor Kurt Bush. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

HULL

AMERICAN REFORMED, 911 First St. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

CALVARY PROTESTANT REFORMED, 2011 Second St. Rev. Allen Brummel. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 1121 Fifth St. Rev. Loren Kotman. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

FIRST REFORMED, 911 Second St. Rev. Adam Van Der Stoep. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

HERITAGE REFORMED, 1204 Third St. Rev. Bartel Elshout. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

HOPE CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 1407 Sixth St. Rev. Keith Hoekstra. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

PROTESTANT REFORMED, 1006 Hayes Ave. Rev. Stephan Regnerus. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN (LCMC), 3483 290th St. Pastor Owen Hoegh. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

INWOOD

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (ELCA), 302 N. Oak St. Pastor Sue Sinclair. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 302 E. Madison St. Rev. Adam Elsenga. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

FIRST REFORMED, 414 North Oak St. Rev. Rob Horstman. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 709 S. Douglas St. Pastor Larry Wanamaker. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN (LCMC), 2065 Birch Ave. Pastor James Koller. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

LESTER

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN, 510 Dove Ave. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Worship. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Worship.

BETHEL REFORMED, 2314

150th St. Rev. Steve Meester. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

SEEDS OF FAITH COMMUNITY, 408 Main St. Pastor Brent Ellason. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

LITTLE ROCK

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, 503 Fisher St. Rev. Chris Lemmon. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

SALEM REFORMED, 123 First Ave. Rev. Barry Wynveen. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

MAURICE

REFORMED, 410 Main St. Rev. Jeremy Van Genderen. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

MAY CITY

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN (Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod), 6665 Frederick Ave. Rev. Richard Milbrandt. Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Worship.

MELVIN

AMERICAN LUTHERAN (ELCA), 352 Center St. Pastor Judith Johnson. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship. (Rotates with United Methodist every other week.)

UNITED METHODIST, 9534 Melvin Road. Pastor Judith Johnson. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship. (Rotates with American Lutheran every other week.)

FIRST REFORMED, 138 North St. Rev. Al Honken. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

MIDDLEBURG

FREE GRACE REFORMED, 3630 370th St. Pastor Mark Schwarz. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

NEWKIRK

REFORMED, 4103 400 St. Rev. John Benson. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

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CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 833 Fifth St. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN (LCMS), 1075 Pine St. Rev. Richard Milbrandt. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship.

UNITED METHODIST, 687 Third St. Pastor Steven Swenson. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

ZION LUTHERAN (LCMS), 1307 Tanager Ave. Rev. Richard Milbrandt. Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Worship.

ORANGE CITY

ACTIVATION, Triple Box Event Center, 4758 Ironwood Ave. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

AMERICAN REFORMED, 407 Albany Ave. SE. Elizabeth and Mike Hardeman, co-pastors. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 709 Fifth St. SE. Rev. John Klompien. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Worship.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR, 7530 Arizona Ave. SW. Rev. Dr. Karen Wacombe. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST, 211 Third St. SW. Rev. Dr. Si Cochran. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

DOVER, 417 Third St. NE. Rev. Tim Pofert. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

FAITH LUTHERAN (LCMS), 710 Eighth St. SE. Rev. Thomas Batchelder. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 408 Arizona Ave. SW. Rev. Mark Van de Zande. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

FIRST REFORMED, 420 Central Ave. NW. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Worship.

GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN, 209 First St. NE. Rev. Ryan Northfield. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 1405 Albany Ave. NE. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Worship.

LIVING WATER COMMUNITY, 1005 Eighth St. SE. (Highway 10). Pastor Garry Nyenhuis. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

NEW HOPE, 718 Florida Ave. SW. Rev. Jeff Whitt. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship; 11 a.m. Spanish Worship.

REDEEMER UNITED REFORMED, 302 St. Paul Ave. SE. Rev. Todd De Rooy. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

TRINITY, 201 St. Paul Ave. SE. Pastor Brian Keepers. Sunday: 8:10 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship.

PAULLINA

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, 103 W. Groesbeck St. Rev. Sheryl Puderbaugh. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

ZION LUTHERAN (Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod), 101 E. Bertha St. Rev. Don Meyer. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

PRIMGHAR

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 280 First St. NW. Pastor Mike Cooper. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

CHRIST COMMUNITY, 280 First St. NE. Rev. Cory Grimm. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

GRACE LUTHERAN (ELCA), 380 N. Rerick Ave. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quaker), 5.5 miles south of Primghar on Highway 59. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC, 375 S. Green Ave. Father Tim Hogan. Saturday: 6 p.m. Mass.

UNITED CHURCH OF PRIMGHAR, 465 N. Heritage. Pastor Mike Cooper. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

ROCK RAPIDS

UNITED CHRISTIAN, 110 S. Greene St. Pastor Corilee Boer. Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Worship.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 303 S. Bradley St. Rev. Doug De Groot. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

FAITH BAPTIST, 704 S. 12th

Ave. Rev. Jeff Poppinga. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

FIRST REFORMED, 512 S. Union St. The Rev. Steve Van Wyhe. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC, 1108 S. Carroll St. Rev. Sunny Dominic. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN (ELCA), 409 S. Third Ave. Rev. Matthew Polsdofer. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

PEACE LUTHERAN (LCMS), 902 S. Carroll St. Rev. Alex Slotter. Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Worship.

THE RANSOM, 610 S. Third Ave. Sunday: 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship.

UNITED METHODIST, 302 S. Carroll St. Rev. Travis Remme. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

ROCK VALLEY

CALVIN CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 1804 17th Ave. Rev. Gideon Wamala. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

COMMON PLACE (EFCA), 1129 Main St. Pastor Nicholas Andersen. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

FAITH, 1305 Seventh St. Rev. Keith Stietra. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship.

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 1401 16th St. Rev. Matthew Haan. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5:55 p.m. Worship.

FIRST REFORMED, 1501 16th St. Rev. Cliff Hoekstra. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

GRACE COMMUNITY, 1616 18th St. Rev. Joseph Terrell. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

LIGHTHOUSE, 1503 14th St. Sunday: 11 a.m. Worship.

NETHERLANDS REFORMED, 1610 Main St. Rev. J.J. Witvoet. Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Worship.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN (ELCA), 1921 12th St. Pastor Edward Pease. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

PIONEER UNITED METHODIST, 1030 18th Ave. Pastor Jim Sweers. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, 1821 14th St. Father Mauro Sanchez. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Bilingual Mass.

TRINITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 2020 Eighth St. SE. Rev. Henry Lengkeek, senior pastor; Rev. Stanley Groothof, associate pastor. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

UNITED REFORMED, 2485 300th St. Rev. Caleb Castro. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

SANBORN

CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 208 N. Western St. Rev. Phil Westra. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Worship.

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED, 805 Sunrise Ave. Rev. Dan Donovan. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Worship.

FIRST REFORMED, 512 Summit St. Pastor Mark Ellens. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE, 210 N. Main St. Rev. Kenneth Carlson. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST, 604 Sunrise Ave. Interim Pastor Kris Lien. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN (LCMS), 305 Angie St. Pastor Joseph Bangert. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

SHELDON

BETHEL REFORMED, 604 Park St. Rev. Dave Van Kley. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship in Sheldon High School auditorium; 3 p.m. Comunidad Cristiana Worship.

CALVARY BAPTIST, 823 10th St. Pastor Zachary Patke. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Worship (first, third and fifth Sundays).

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, 3011 Marsh Ave. Rev. David Loveall. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY (EFCA), 730 Western Ave. Pastor Kevin Lardy. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

FAITH COMMUNITY, 506 Eighth St. Rev. Kevin Gingerich. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship; 11 a.m. Modern Worship.

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 901 Ninth St. Rev. Brian Dunn. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Worship.

FIRST REFORMED, 1101 Seventh St. Rev. Paul Van Maaren. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 601 Union Ave. Rev. Kevin Muyskens. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship.

LIVING WATER COMMUNITY, 610 Second Ave. Pastor Jesse Walhof. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN (LCMS), 1225 S. Second Ave. Rev. George Clausen. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

PARKVIEW ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 516 Fourth Ave. Pastor Mark Chandler. Sunday: 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Worship.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC, 310 10th St. Father Sily Punnoose. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass; 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN (NALC), 1425 Pleasant Court. Rev. Daniel Baker. Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday Worship. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship.

SIBLEY

CHRISTIAN REFORMED, 115 Maple Drive. Rev. Ben Wiersma. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Worship.

FIRST BAPTIST, 402 Sixth St. Pastor Ryan Austin. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, 601 Sixth Ave. Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship.

FIRST REFORMED, 1010 Sixth St. Sunday: 9 a.m. Praise and Worship.

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC, 708 Eighth St. Father Sily Punnoose. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN (LCMC), 704 Poplar Drive. Rev. Tim Nappe. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL, 704 Fourth Ave. Sunday: Pastor Maggie Gisch. 10 a.m. Worship.

UNITED METHODIST, 700 11th Ave. NE. Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship.

SUTHERLAND

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 203 S. Oak St. Pastor John Erickson. Sunday: 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship.

BETHEL LUTHERAN (LCMS), 502 Ash St. Rev. Brett Wittmer. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF GOD, 1075 440th St. Pastor Michael Hyde. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

UNITED METHODIST, 214 W. Second St. Rev. David Morris. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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OBITUARIES

LaVonne DeZeeuw

Sept. 17, 1933—Aug. 6, 2023

GILBERT, AZ—In loving memory of LaVonne Joy DeZeeuw.

LaVonne passed away peacefully on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023, in Gilbert, Arizona. She was born on Sept. 17, 1933.



DeZeeuw

LaVonne lived a long and fulfilling life, married to Robert DeZeeuw in December of 1954, until his passing on July 1, 2013.

She loved spending time with family and friends, painting, scrapbooking,

cooking and baking.

Survivors include her three sons and their wives, Brent and Taimel, Curt and Pat, Dave and Amy; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Keila and Pierce, Alex and Elizabeth, Sam and Rebecca, Danielle, Alaina and Lucas, Sydney, Sarah, Nick; one great-grandchild, Jac, with another great-grandchild due Sept. 17, 2023; as well as nieces and nephews, Sandy, Lisa, Ron, Pat, Mike and Johnny.

LaVonne was a wonderful and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, and will be greatly missed and always remembered.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Donna Reekers

March 7, 1937—Aug. 11, 2023

SHELDON—Donna Jean Reekers, age 86, of Sheldon, Iowa, passed away on Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Fieldcrest Assisted Living in Sheldon, Iowa.

Her memorial service was held Friday, Aug. 18, at the First Reformed Church in Sheldon, Iowa, with the Rev. Dave Van Kley officiating.

Burial was in the East Lawn Cemetery in Sheldon. Arrangements were under the care of the Vander Ploeg Funeral Home in Sheldon.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.vanderploegfunerals.com.

Donna Jean Reekers, the daughter of Jake and S. Viola (Shriver) De Zeeuw, was born on March 7, 1937, in Archer, Iowa.

She attended school in Sheldon and graduated from the Sheldon High School in 1955. Donna was united in marriage to Norman Lee Reekers on Jan. 20, 1956, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Sheldon. After their marriage, the couple made their home in Sheldon.

Donna had worked for Northwest Bell Telephone

Company as an Operator and later for Hy-Vee as a Checker/Clerk until her retirement. Norman preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 2018. Donna remained in her home until moving into the Fieldcrest in November of 2022. Donna passed away on Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Fieldcrest Assisted Living in Sheldon, Iowa, reaching the age of 86 years, 5 months and 4 days.

Donna was a Charter Member of Bethel Reformed Church in Sheldon. She enjoyed cross-stitching, quilting, refinishing furniture/wood and camping, she also enjoyed her family and grandchildren.

Left to cherish Donna's memory are her two daughters and their spouses, Sheila and Randy Harms of Sheldon, Iowa, and Shelley and Alan Fuerstenberg of Wilmont, Minnesota; three grandchildren, Alex, Emma and Megan; a sister, Glenda Kragt of Sheldon, Iowa; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Norman; an infant daughter; her parents, Jake and Viola De Zeeuw; her father and mother-in-law, John and Anna Reekers; a son-in-law, Paul Pepe; a brother, LeRoy De Zeeuw; and a brother-in-law, Egbert Kragt.

Vander Ploeg
Funeral Homes

Harold Benson

Oct. 27, 1940—Aug. 7, 2023

HARTLEY—Harold James Benson, 82, Hartley, died Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at Community Memorial Health Center in Hartley.

There will be a graveside service at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Jurens Funeral Home in Sibley.

Pauline Schaller

March 20, 1932—Aug. 9, 2023

SIOUX FALLS, SD—Pauline Joan Schaller, 91, Sioux Falls, SD, formerly of Ireton, and Phoenix, died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023, at Dougherty

Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

Service will be at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Porter Funeral Home in Hawarden.

Mary Ann Kuehl

Feb. 9, 1929—Aug. 10, 2023

SUTHERLAND—Mary Ann Kuehl, 94, Sutherland, died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, at Cherokee Regional Medical Center.

Service was Monday, Aug.

14, at Zion United Church of Christ in Calumet. Burial was at Liberty Township Cemetery near Calumet, under the direction of Eldridge Family Funeral Home in Paullina.

Nicholas Gerritson

Aug. 24, 1985—Aug. 11, 2023

ORANGE CITY—Nicholas "Nick" Arthur Gerritson, 37, Orange City, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Orange City Area Health System as a result of an accident near Orange City.

Service was Wednesday, Aug. 16, at New Hope Evangelical Free Church in Orange City. Arrangements are under the direction of Oolman Funeral Home in Orange City.

Nancy Nagel

Aug. 27, 1942—Aug. 11, 2023

ROCK RAPIDS—Nancy Lea Nagel, 80, Rock Rapids, formerly of Little Rock, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Lyon Specialty Care in Rock Rapids.

A private family service was held. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery in Rock Rapids, under the direction of Jurens Funeral Home in Rock Rapids.

Robert "Bob" Roede

Sept. 1, 1942—Aug. 11, 2023

SIBLEY—Robert "Bob" Roede, 80, Sibley, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Country View Manor in Sibley.

Service was Thursday, Aug. 17, at First Presbyterian Church in Sibley, with military

honors by George E. Mudge American Legion Post 324 and William E. Allard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7373.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jurens Funeral Home in Sibley.

Mary Kramer

April 23, 1930—Aug. 12, 2023

GEORGE—Mary Kramer, 93, George, died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society in George.

There will be a memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at First Baptist Church near

George. Private family viewing and then burial will take place before the service in the church cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Jurens Funeral Home in George.

Dora Winkowitsch

Jan. 04, 1925—Aug. 12, 2023

GEORGE—Dora Jean Winkowitsch, 98, George, died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley.

Service was Thursday, Aug.

17, at Tabernacle Baptist Church in George.

Burial was at Evergreen Lawn Cemetery near George, under the direction of Jurens Funeral Home in George.

Naomi Bosch

Nov. 18, 1923—Aug. 12, 2023

SANBORN—Naomi Ruth Bosch, 99, Sanborn, died on Monday, Aug. 14, 2023, at her home.

Service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at First Reformed Church in Sanborn. Burial

will be at Roseland Cemetery near Sanborn. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, with family present 5-7 p.m., at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Sanborn Funeral Home.

Thomas Herbert Jr.

Sept. 14, 1940—Aug. 14, 2023

ROCK RAPIDS—Thomas "Tom" Lawrence Herbert Jr., 82, Rock Rapids, died Monday, Aug. 14, 2023, at Avera Merrill Pioneer Hospital in Rock Rapids.

Service was Friday, Aug. 18, at Holy Name Catholic Church in Rock Rapids. Burial was at the church cemetery, under the direction of Jurens Funeral Home in Rock Rapids.

BIRTHS

■ **Dmitri Benjamin Opheim**, son of Shawn Opheim and Emily Kantor of Sheldon, was born Monday, July 31, 2023, at Sanford Sheldon Medical Center, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and measuring 19 inches. He has a brother, Ivan Opheim, 5. Grandparents are Timothy and Beth Draayer of Sioux Center, Daniel Rogulski of Greenville, NC, and Julie Jakobi of Cape Coral, FL.

■ **Peyton Arrow Brown**, daughter of Jacob and Hallee Brown of Sheldon, was born Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, at Sanford Sheldon Medical Center, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 20.5 inches. She has a brother, Augustus. Grandparents are Bruce and Deb Mosier of Sanborn.

■ **Hattie Jay Fox**, daughter of Jacob and Samantha Fox of Sheldon, was born Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, at Sanford Sheldon Medical Center, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and measuring 20 inches. She has a brother, Holden, and two sisters, Norah and Ingrid. Grandparents are Rob and Gail Travaille of Sibley and Michelle and Dave Saul of Sioux Falls, SD. Great-grandparents are Harold and Shelia Van Der Sloop of Sibley and Clarence Hellinga of Ocheyedan.

■ **Edwin Damiah Lopez Gamez**, son of Barisen Lopez and Karla Gamez of Sheldon, was born Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023, at Sanford Sheldon Medical Center, weighing 6 pounds and measuring 18.5 inches. He has a brother, Alecy Hernandez Gamez.

■ **Reece Michael Jager**, son of Josh and Haley Jager of Sheldon, was born Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, at Sanford Sheldon Medical Center, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and measuring 22.5 inches. Grandparents are Mark and Missy Gurtler of Sheldon and Shane and Christie Jager of Sheldon. Great-grandparents are Hendrene Mars of Hull, Linda Heiliger of Sheldon, Pete Gurtler of Iowa Falls, Bob and Cheryl Van Meeteren of Sheldon, and Edger and Shirley Jager of Sheldon.

■ **Emerson Kaster**, daughter of Cole and Elizabeth Kaster of Sheldon, was born Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at Sanford Sheldon Medical Center, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and measuring 19 inches. She has a brother, Jaxson, and two sisters, Addison and Kierson. Grandparents are Chon and Susan O'Clair of Matlock and Eric and Susan Kaster of George. Great-grandparents are Karen O'Clair of Matlock, Lois Jurens of George, and Harris and Bev Kaster of George.

■ **Itzel Sonia Aguilar Gonzalez**, daughter of Erwin Roman Aguilar Juarez and Olivia Luna Gonzalez of Hartley, was born Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at Sanford Sheldon Medical Center, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and measuring 18 inches long. She has a sister, Sophia Daniella Aguilar Gonzalez. Her grandparents are Sonia Nunez of Hartley and Vicente Nunez of Hartley. Great-grandparents are Olivia Gonzalez of Hartley and Jesus Gonzalez of Hartley.

Edward "Eddie" Sindt

July 9, 1926—Aug. 7, 2023

ROCK RAPIDS—Edward "Eddie" Sindt, age 97, of Rock Rapids, Iowa, died Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at Lyon Specialty Care in Rock Rapids, Iowa.



Edward Sindt

His funeral service was Saturday, Aug. 12, at the United Methodist Church in Rock Rapids, with Pastor Travis Remme officiating.

Burial was at Riverview Cemetery in Rock Rapids. Arrangements were at Jurens Funeral Home of Rock Rapids.

Edward Henry Sindt was born July 9, 1926, in Ellsworth, Minnesota, the son of Herb and Edna (Meyer) Sindt. He was raised near Rock Rapids, Iowa, and graduated from Wilson High School.

Eddie was united in marriage to Pauline Pettengill on Aug. 27, 1948, at the United Methodist Church in Rock Rapids. Following their marriage, they made their home in Rock Rapids until 1953, at which time they moved to the Sindt family farm. Together, they farmed northeast of Rock Rapids and raised their

three children, Marsha, Paul, and David. Eddie was a lifelong farmer and worked for Kern's Electric.

Eddie was a member of the United Methodist Church, serving as usher, Sunday School teacher, and board member, for many years.

His hobbies included restoring old farm equipment, going to tractor shows and parades. He was known for his Halloween Maze that people from the community could come and walk through. He also decorated during Christmas with lights and a Nativity Scene. Eddie will be greatly missed.

He is survived by two sons, David (Karol) Sindt of Sioux City, IA, and Paul (Denese) Sindt of Rock Rapids, IA; five grandchildren, Christopher Lofflin; Paul (Trish) Lofflin; Jami (Dan) Vander Zee; Eric Sindt and Tyler Sindt; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Pauline Sindt; daughter, Marsha Ballou; his parents, Herb, and Edna Sindt; and two sisters, Helen Smith, and Louise Culpepper.



Anthony "Tony" Rozeboom

June 29, 1956—Aug. 12, 2023

DOON—Anthony "Tony" Rozeboom, 67, of Doon, Iowa, passed away Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at Avera McKean Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota following a brief illness.



Rozeboom

His funeral service was held Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Doon United Reformed Church, with Pastor Ricky Rozeboom and Pastor Peter Kolb officiating.

Burial was held at Hillside Cemetery of Doon. Arrangements are under the direction of Porter Funeral Home of Rock Valley.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Truckers Final Mile (<https://www.truckersfinalmile.org/>) which is designed to reunite truck drivers and their family in the event of loss of life, injury, or illness or donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.porterfuneralhomes.com.

Anthony "Tony" Kelvin Rozeboom was born June 29, 1956, in Sioux Center, Iowa, to Dick G. and Kryna (Van Hofwegen) Rozeboom. Growing up, he attended several area schools including Central Lyon and West Lyon, eventually graduating with his GED.

Tony married Arlys (Gorter) on Nov. 18, 1977. Shortly after their wedding, Tony was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Upon diagnosis, he was told that he had 6 months to live. But for those who knew Tony, know he was just ornery enough to prove them wrong, living 45 more wonderful years.

Tony spent his life doing what he loved most, sitting behind the steering wheel of a Peterbilt.

He and Arlys even spent some years as a team, driving all over the country. He worked for several area companies, but when his kids became involved in school activities, he knew

William "Bill" Staples

Aug. 15, 1938—Aug. 9, 2023

SHELDON—William "Bill" Earle Staples, 84, Sheldon, died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023, at VA Medical Center in Sioux Falls,

Elsie Leuthold

July 2, 1921—Aug. 13, 2023

LESTER—Elsie Pauline Leuthold, 102, Rock Rapids, formerly of Lester, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023, at Lyon Specialty Care in Rock Rapids.

John Koerselman

March 12, 1948—Aug. 11, 2023

SIOUX CENTER—John Koerselman, age 75, of Sioux Center, IA, died on Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Sioux Center Health in Sioux Center, IA.



Koerselman

His service was held Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Centrepoint Church, with the Rev. Mark Johnson officiating.

Interment was in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Sioux Center.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home of Sioux Center.

Please direct memorials to the Sioux Center Sack Pack program.

John Henry Koerselman was born March 12, 1948, in Middleburg, IA, the son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Landhuis) Koerselman. John grew up on the family farm and attended country school near Middleburg and graduated from Sioux Center High School in 1966.

John served two years in the United States Navy, stationed in the Philippines during the Vietnam War. Upon his honorable discharge, he attended and graduated from Iowa State University in Ames in 1972. He was united in marriage to Kathleen Vermeer on Aug. 21, 1971, at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center, IA. The couple lived in several places throughout their married life, such as Boone, Lake Park, and Orange City, Iowa, before calling Sioux Center their home.

John's career began as an Ag and Industrial Arts teacher and farmer until he transitioned to banking, spending most of his career at First National Bank in Sioux Center.

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NORTHWESTERN ATHLETICS

Red Raider job slam dunk for Hoops

Leaves his alma mater to be VP of athletics in Orange City

BY CHARLIE HILDEBRAND
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ORANGE CITY—Tony Hoops needed a good reason to leave his alma mater of Bethel College in North Newton, KS, and he found it.

Hoops was hired as the new vice president for athletics at Northwestern College on July 20, filling a hole after Micah Parker left for California Baptist University in May. Hoops, who comes to Orange City with his wife, Kelli; daughter, Kendri; and son, Tysen, said leaving

Bethel was hard. "Working at my alma mater was a dream," Hoops said. "It was an incredible opportunity. We leave with no regrets or frustrations."

He played basketball at Bethel 2001-05. After coaching high school basketball, Hoops returned to Bethel to coach in 2014. In the 2017-18 season, he was the basketball coach and served as the athletic director. The next year, Hoops shifted his focus to solely being the athletic director.

"Mostly, I wanted the ability to have impact on the entire athletic department and just lead a broader audience. I think that really helped me out," he said. "I did both for a year and fell

in love with the AD side of it. I stuck with it and found a passion for it."

During the 2020-21 school year, Hoops was named the Athletic Director of the Year in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

"My overall philosophy is to create a department that strives to be excellent in everything, not just wins and losses," he said.

Hoops said that starts with hiring great people.

"That's a really important component," he said. "I'm big on hiring people that are eager to grow and develop in their career path and let

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TONY HOOPS

FOOTBALL RECRUITS

Focus remains forward



CARSON BRUHN



GRAHAM EBEN



PARKER THOMAS



REECE VANDER ZEE

Early college commitments ready for 2023

BY CHARLIE HILDEBRAND
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REGIONAL—While plenty of high school athletes dream of playing college football at the top levels of the NCAA, seniors Carson Bruhn, Graham Eben, Parker Thomas and Reece Vander Zee are going to get the chance to live it next year.

Bruhn is a 6-foot-6-inch, 250-pound tight end and defensive end from Sioux Center who has verbally committed to the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Thomas

is a 6-4, 285-pound offensive and defensive lineman from Sheldon committed to the University of Northern Iowa. Eben, a 6-3, 198-pound running back and defensive back, and Vander Zee, a 6-5, 200-pound quarterback and defensive back, are from Central Lyon/George-Little Rock and are both committed to the University of Iowa.

Commitments are nonbinding until recruits sign a national letter of intent. The early signing period is Dec. 20-22. After that, recruits are not allowed to sign their

national letter of intent again until Feb. 7.

Eben, who said he is slated to play the cash position at Iowa — a hybrid between a linebacker and a defensive back — was recruited as a preferred walk-on. The other three are going on scholarships. Eben said he had scholarship offers from North Dakota State University, the University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University but wanted to be a Hawkeye.

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Checking out changes in N'West Iowa grid slate

For those of you who take part in our annual football contest, consider this column a little primer on the upcoming year.

Not to say I'm going to be right about everything. I participate in the contest each year, too, although I'm not eligible for prizes, and I don't ever remember winning the whole thing. Last year may have been the closest I've come to that, placing third. I was extremely happy to come out of it getting 85 percent of my selections correct.

Of course, there is a little difference between this column and the weekly

contest. For one, there have been no games played yet, so there isn't a ton of information out there on some of these teams. I know the ones we cover regularly for The N'West Iowa REVIEW, but the ones outside of our area can be harder to get a gauge on. And there are more of those to deal with this year. The



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SPORTS EDITOR

Iowa High School Athletic Association reset the districts and schedules this year, which it does every other season. This year, there was a new wrinkle with a socioeconomic factor included. The end result is two of the N'West Iowa teams play in districts where they are the only team we cover.

That means a whole bunch of teams I knew nothing about before I started writing this are part of the story.

So, I'll tell you what I found and give it my best guess on the final order of finish in each district.

Class 3A District 1

The balance in Class 3A District 1 last season made for a wild finish. There were no unbeaten teams in district play. A Sioux Center squad that started the season 1-4 overall ended up on top of the heap.

That kind of chaos can't be expected again, right? Someone has to emerge from the pack this year, don't you think?

Well, maybe not, but the most likely candidate to do so is the one that was the hottest to end last season. Sioux Center gained a lot of valuable experience during its title run.

Senior Connor Kamerman looks like the workhorse running back for the Warriors after gaining 597 yards and scoring eight times after taking over the job around the start of district play. Senior Carson Bruhn, who will be a tight end at the University of Kansas, is used in many ways offensively. Kamerman is the top returning tackler with 73 stops. Seniors Kade Bauer and Kole Hooyer lead a ball hawk secondary.

Carroll was kind of the opposite of Sioux Center last year, having

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Balance in districts mean close races

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great success in the nondistrict portion of the schedule but then needing a huge win in the final week of the season to sneak into the post-season. The Tigers return their top two rushers in junior **Reece Ziegmann** and senior **Cooper Ludwig**. Ziegmann ran for 846 yards and eight touchdowns. Ludwig had 552 yards and seven scores. The defense returns all six of the players that had 32 or more tackles last season, led by junior **Taldyn Peterson**.

I like teams that are strong up front, so I'll give MOC-Floyd Valley the nod for third even though the Dutch have a ton of rebuilding to do at the skill positions. The Dutch have three returning starters on the offensive front and do return the trigger man for the offense in junior quarterback **Blake Aalbers**. Watch for a big year from sophomore **Dylan Maasdam**, who worked his way into the backfield by the end of the year and scored six TDs as a freshman.

Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley went 3-6 in its first year under **Jayme Rozeboom**. It needs to limit the turnovers this year after throwing four more interceptions than TD passes last year. The winner of the battle for the quarterback job between senior **Nate Van Otterloo** and sophomore **Carter Kleinwolterink** will be trying to get senior **Blake Moser** involved after he had 20 catches for 239 yards and three TDs last year. Senior **Eric Nilles** didn't have a ton of catches but was an effective deep threat at 18.2 yards per catch. Moser and senior **Alic Salazar** are the tackle leaders on defense. Moser had two fumble recoveries and two interceptions.

There is a little bit of hope for a once proud Sioux City Heelan program after winning a combined five games over the last four seasons. Just about everyone of note from the skill positions returns, including senior quarterback **Quinn Olson** and senior running back **Isalah Favors**.

Sergeant Bluff-Luton is a team that, based on tradition, could be a contender. But based on what you see on paper going into the year, the Warriors are headed the other direction. The bright spots are junior running back **Zayvion Ellington** and senior receiver **Aiden Buckholtz**. The cupboard was left almost bare defensively due to graduation.

Class 2A District 1

It's hard to imagine a district that has had a team in the Class 2A state championship game in four of the past five years getting stronger, but Class 2A District 1 did when Western Christian moved up a class and joined the group.

Central Lyon/George-Little Rock might not repeat as undefeated state champions, yet that is among the possibilities for the Lions. How do they replace Class 2A player of the year **Zach Lutmer** at quarterback? They just move all-state receiver **Reece Vander Zee** there. Vander Zee certainly has the arm for the job. He showed that during a dominant baseball season, far and away leading the region in strikeouts as a pitcher. Coach **Curtis Eben** said Vander Zee can toss a football over 70 yards. Running back **Graham Eben** returns too. Eben and Vander Zee are both University of Iowa commits. Both are likely to see action on defense as well, with Eben being a true standout on that side of the ball. Plus the Lions return more than half of their line from last year.

Western Christian was a Class 1A school last year, but went 8-3 with two of those losses to Class 1A state finalist West Sioux. One of the Wolfpack's victories last year was in the season opener against West Lyon, the team they will likely battle for second in the district race. Western Christian has plenty of firepower on offense with junior quarterback **Kaden Van Regenmorter** and senior

2023 PREDICTIONS

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 1

Team	District	All
Sioux Center	5-0	6-3
Carroll	4-1	6-3
MOC-Floyd Valley	3-2	6-3
BHRV	2-3	3-6
Sioux City Heelan	1-4	3-6
Sgt. Bluff-Luton	0-5	2-7

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 1

Team	District	All
CLGLR	5-0	8-0
Western Christian	4-1	6-2
West Lyon	3-2	6-2
Sheldon	2-3	4-4
Unity Christian	1-4	2-6
Cherokee	0-5	2-6

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 2

Team	District	All
Spirit Lake	5-0	6-2
Forest City	4-1	5-3
ELC	3-2	4-4
Okoboji	2-3	3-5
C-G-D	1-4	3-5
G-H/V	0-5	0-8

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 1

Team	District	All
West Sioux	5-0	7-1
OABCIG	4-1	6-2
Lawton-Bronson	3-2	4-4
Hinton	2-3	3-5
Ridge View	1-4	2-6
MVAOCO	0-5	0-8

CLASS A DISTRICT 1

Team	District	All
Alta-Aurelia	6-0	7-1
South O'Brien	5-1	6-2
H-M-S	4-2	4-4
Gehlen Catholic	3-3	4-4
MMCRU	2-4	4-4
Sibley-Ocheyedan	1-5	2-6
Akron-Westfield	0-6	1-7

running back **Tyler Mantel** combining for 37 TDs between them last season. The questions for the Wolfpack will be up front, where they will have to replace a pair of standouts in **Gavin De Hoogh** and **Derek Heynen**.

Of course, if West Lyon ends up winning it should surprise no one. Coach **Jay Rozeboom** should earn his 300th career victory early on this season. He has an explosive weapon to work with offensively in junior **Tate Hawf**. However, the Wildcats do have openings to fill. They bring back just three starters on offense and five on defense.

There seems to be a definite line between the top three and the rest of the league, but the battle for the last playoff spot should be compelling as well.

I've already mentioned my affinity for teams with strong offensive lines, and Sheldon definitely has that. The Orabs return pretty much everyone up front, including University of Northern Iowa commit **Parker Thomas**. Senior **Jarrett Roos** brings power to the backfield, junior **Isaac Wenthe** is the speed guy at the skill positions and senior **Ryan Vollink** does a little of everything.

Unity Christian has an all-around athletic standout in **Braeden Bosma** returning at quarterback, but the Knights have made some noise about using Bosma as more of a Swiss Army knife this year and having him run the ball and catch passes as well. The Knights have a defensive standout to build around too in senior **Cole Rens**.

Even Cherokee is interesting. The best player for the Braves last season, **Jaxon Paulsrud**, was just a freshman. The team won four games last season and graduated just six seniors. Only one of those departed seniors really made an impact statistically.

Class 2A District 2

After struggling for years against the teams in District 1, Okoboji will



Sioux Center running back Seth Anderson, now a senior, attempts to escape the grasp of a Nevada defender during a Class 3A first round playoff game last fall. The Warriors won a district title in 2022. Photo by Dan Wolfswinkel



Omar Rivera, now a senior at West Sioux, kicks in a game against Sibley-Ocheyedan last season. The Falcons have won eight straight district titles. Photo by Katie Anderson

try its hand against a new set of foes in District 2. The Pioneers have a new coaching staff and they are trying to figure out how to best use the skills of the Pioneers, who went 1-8 last year.

Okoboji tried to be a power run team in 2022, but for the most part, the Pioneer teams of the past have looked a lot like this year's version. A ton of track guys bringing lots of speed, but not much size to speak of.

The Pioneers should at least have a solid opportunity to finish in the middle of the pack as only two teams in the district had winning records last season.

Spirit Lake was unbeaten in the regular season last year, but fell short of a trip to the UNI-Dome with a home loss to an OABCIG team it had beaten earlier in the season in the quarterfinals. Junior quarterback **Caden Lundt** threw for 1,192 yards and 12 TDs. Junior running back **Bode Higgins** ran for 966 yards and 16 TDs and caught 17 passes. The Indians lost a few standouts defensively, but return senior **Owen Lalumendre**, who led the team with 90.5 tackles, 20 of them for losses.

Forest City had just three wins, but returns quarterback **Ty Dillavou**, a junior who threw for 1,008 yards and eight scores. Defensively, senior **Sam Klaassen** had 62 tackles last season. Seniors **Jaxon Archer** and **Vinton Feldman** each picked off two passes last year. Senior **Grant Woodge** and junior **Brock Good** each recovered two fumbles.

Estherville Lincoln Central had a lot expected of it last season, but ended the year with four straight losses including a defeat at the hands of West Lyon in the first round of the postseason. Senior quarterback **Owen Larson** is certainly talented, having passed for 1,282 yards and ran for 472 more last season. Most of the receiving corps is gone with senior **Aiden Swanson** the top pass catcher back. He had 15 grabs for 201 yards and a TD. Larson is the defensive standout as well.

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows had a nice year but got blasted by Osage in the first round of the playoffs. The Cowboys return no one who had double digit carries or catches last year. They do have a pair of solid defensive players back in senior **Uli Frias** and **Diego Gonzalez**.

Only a week nine win over Olewein kept Garner-Hayfield-Ventura from being winless last season. The Cowboys lost their top rusher and top receiver as well. Junior **Lane Gayken** took most of the snaps at quarterback but threw for only 425 yards and one TD with eight interceptions. He ran for 209 yards and two scores. Juniors **Gage Konz** and **Parker Moritz** are the top defensive players returning.

Class 1A District 1

This district has belonged to West Sioux for the past eight years, but the landscape looks a little steeper this year with longtime Class 2A power

OABCIG landing in the neighborhood.

OABCIG was 10-2 last season and finished second in Class 2A District 2. It made it to the state semifinals, but lost there to eventual champion Central Lyon/George-Little Rock. This will be the first time in a while though the team has neither **Cooper DeJean** or **Beckett DeJean** to lean on. Junior **Brysen Kolar** would seem to be the next in line at quarterback. He might hand it off to a lot as the team's top rusher, senior **Kelton Ladwig**, is back. The defense, however, is hurting as none of the returners managed double digit tackles last season.

For that reason, West Sioux still has to be the favorite in the battle of Falcons. West Sioux went 11-2 on the year last season. Both of its losses were to state champions. One was in the regular season against Class 2A champion Central Lyon/George-Little Rock. One was in the Class 1A title clash against Van Meter.

West Sioux suffered heavy graduation losses too. I'll give you one guess why I still like them. Of course, it's strength up front. Senior **Keegan McMillan** is a monster, and he's surrounded by guys like seniors **Seth Persinger** and **Bode Wilkins** and sophomore **Eli McMillan**. Sophomore **Blake Wiggins** follows his brother **Dylan's** footsteps at quarterback. Junior **Kolton Koopmans** is a solid all-around contributor.

Another interesting add to the district is Hinton, which moves up from Class A. The Blackhawks have had some serious ups and downs recently, winning at least six games in three of the last five years but winning just one game apiece in the other two seasons.

Last year was a pretty good one for Hinton. It went 6-4, with two of those losses to Class A District 1 champion Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn and another to Class A semifinalist Woodbury Central. The trouble is, a lot of the offensive production walked out the door at graduation. Senior **Garrett Lindley** figures to fill a big role while junior **Gabe Anderson** will likely jump from third team to first team at quarterback. Lindley is the top returning tackler. He had 62.5 stops last year.

Lawton-Bronson, like Hinton, jumped up from Class A. The Eagles were 4-5 last season but did not make the postseason. However, there is reason to think they will be better than the Blackhawks this year.

Senior **Braden Heiss** is a proven quarterback, having thrown for 2,223 yards and 23 TDs last season. Senior **Caleb Garmand** caught 62 passes for 714 yards and seven TDs. Junior **Louden Grimsley** had 32 catches for 601 yards and eight TDs and senior **Jesse Oehlerking** had 28 grabs for 484 yards and five TDs. Juniors **Marcus Silva** and **Cowan Jamnet** led the defense. The Eagles gave up a lot of points but were opportunistic, creating 23 turnovers as a group.

Ridge View made the Class 1A postseason last season, but none of its four wins came against teams that finished with more than two wins on the year. The only weapon returning on offense that did much damage at all was senior **Isaac Goettsch**, who had 11 catches for 127 yards and a TD. The Raptors do return their defensive leader in senior **Asher Endrulat**. He had 45.5 tackles, two sacks and an interception.

MVAOCO has been a struggling program for a long time. The Rams last .500 season was in 2015. Since then, they have won a combined nine games over seven seasons. They won twice last year, with each win coming over a squad that was winless on the season. Statistically, junior running back **Luther Cameron** is the standout after running for 733 yards and five TDs.

Class A District 1

Some people who know a lot more about the situation than me seem to think that Alta-Aurelia is the favorite in this group for 2023, so who am I to

argue?

The Warriors hovered around .500 for several seasons before taking a slight step back to a 3-6 mark last year.

However, this year's seniors and juniors at Alta-Aurelia have been contributors since their arrival and may be due for a big move up. Senior **Cale Brechwald** threw for 1,716 yards and 15 TDs, but threw 13 interceptions last season. He also ran for 240 yards and four scores. Senior **DJ Rodriguez** and junior **Gavin Sleezer** will be his top targets. Sleezer averaged 19.4 yards per catch and scored five TDs last year. As impressive as that might be, it is dwarfed by what Sleezer did on defense where he had 95.5 tackles, 13 of them for losses. He recovered two fumbles and intercepted a pass. Rodriguez had 53.5 tackles, 8.5 for loss.

South O'Brien quietly keeps producing consistent performances.

The Wolverines have won at least four games every year since 2018. South O'Brien went 4-5 last year but this season seem to have the talent to match coach **Mark Fuhrman's** preferred mode of attack. The Wolverines are big up front and has a pair of dynamic players in the backfield in seniors **Justin Paulsen** and **Cole Tjossem**. That and a physical defense should again mean South O'Brien can grind out some victories.

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn won the district last year and finished 8-3 overall, with two of its losses coming to teams that played in state championship contests.

The Hawks lost a lot of firepower, including a pair of top level college recruits in **Kooper Ebel** and **Lance Berends**.

The reason for optimism here has to do with size, specifically mammoth senior linemen **Adam Schlerholtz** and **Ethan Huberg**. Senior linebacker **Ethan Wiersma** is coming off a strong year defensively.

Gehlen Catholic should not be discounted despite losing 10 seniors from a team that went 8-2 and finished second in the district. Junior **Kale Pearson** is a two-way star, running for 1,106 yards and 12 TDs and making 28.5 tackles on defense last season.

The big issue for the Jays is depth with just 28 players involved in the program.

There are a couple of wild cards in the group.

MMCRU had been one of the worst teams since winning a state title in 2105, never winning more than one game a season until last year. The Royals were a 3-6 team last year but kept a lot of games close.

Senior quarterback **Jonah Petersen** threw for 1,425 yards and 13 TDs. He ran for four scores. Sophomore **Brayson Mulder** made an immediate impact with 635 yards rushing and nine TDs. Junior **Jace Colling**, senior **Kyler Bork** and junior **Michael Peterson** each had 24 catches or more. Colling scored eight TDs. Bork averaged just short of 20 yards per catch and had five scores. Colling and sophomore **John Schmillen** were the leading tacklers on defense.

Sibley-Ocheyedan won just one game, but played as a Class 1A school last year and faced much larger schools in its nondistrict slate. The Generals are building under second-year coach **Mike McCarty**.

They have a couple of defensive standouts back in seniors **Cassidy Henrichs** and **Michael Block**. Offensively, senior **Riley Getzel** has the speed to take the top off a defense.

Akron-Westfield struggled to a 2-7 mark last year and has some work to do to move up. Senior **Ian Blowe** gave the Westerners a steady run game with 598 yards and three TDs, but the team couldn't settle on a quarterback.

Blowe was also the focal point of the defense with 64 tackles. Junior **Kyle Hebert** had 40 tackles, 13.5 for loss and 5.5 sacks. Junior **Tatum Wilken** had 36.5 stops.



Central Lyon/George-Little Rock's Weston Freking, who is now a junior, and Carson Van Den Top, who is a senior, tackle owa Falls-Alden's Kacen Boyer in a Class 2A postseason first-round game last year. Photo by Josh Harrell

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New Red Raiders AD couldn't pass on Orange City

HOOPS

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them do their job and empower them."

While it was tough for Hoops to leave Bethel, he said Northwestern is a unique opportunity.

"From the moment I first spoke with president (Greg) Christy to taking the job, everything checked the boxes," he said. "We felt like moving to Orange City was too good of an opportunity to pass up. Northwestern is a premiere small college job in the country."

Before Northwestern even had a job opening, Hoops said he knew a little more about Northwestern than people may have expected.

"As a student-athlete, I played here once or twice in men's basketball," he said. "They were always excellent in what they did. When you work on national committees and are in the collegiate AD world, you always know what Northwestern is about."

During the 2020-21 season, Bethel defeated Northwestern 76-69 in men's basketball during the opening round of the NIAA National Championship tournament.

"I'm just ready to watch some high-quality competition and enhance those environments the best I can. I'm excited to meet people in the community and our student athletes and support however I can."

Tony Hoops NEW NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ATHLETICS

"I didn't know in the weeds detail stuff, but I always knew what they did and that their standard for success

was really high," he said.

Hoops added that he's looking forward to fall sports starting for the Red

Raiders.

"I'm just ready to watch some high-quality competition and enhance those environments the best I can," he said. "I'm excited to meet people in the community and our student athletes and support however I can."

"Everything that we thought Orange City and Northwestern would be about in our short time here, in a quick transition, has exceeded our expectations," the Northwestern athletic director continued. "It's been a great opportunity and we're looking forward to building on that."



Sheldon senior Parker Thomas works his way to the next level in a practice in Sheldon. Thomas, who held a scholarship offer from Army West Point, will play on the offensive line at the University of Northern Iowa next year. Thomas cited the coaches as a reason that he picked the Panthers.

Athletes say recruiting can be fun but stressful as well

RECRUITS

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"It was something I thought about. Then I got the idea that I was going to bet on myself and go make it happen and be the best football player I can be," he said. "I could have went other places for free, but that's not what mattered to me. What matters to me is football, and I want to go be the best football player I can be, so I thought that was my best opportunity."

Vander Zee, a receiver last year who will be the quarterback this season for Central Lyon/George-Little Rock, said he'll be a receiver at Iowa. He chose the Hawkeyes over Iowa State University, saying academics and family atmosphere were reasons he chose Iowa.

"All the players say, 'Hi,' to each other. No one is above anybody else," Vander Zee said. "They're all there as brothers and working every single day to get better, and I really liked that. I also just like playing for something bigger than yourself. That was really important to me."

Thomas, who will be an offensive lineman for UNI, said he had a scholarship offer from Army and also was recruited by SDSU, NDSU, USD and the University of North Dakota. He said he chose the Panthers because of the relationships he built with offensive line coach Rick Nelson and defensive line coach Bryce Paup.

"Coach Paup is the one that started the recruiting with me, and then Nelson kind of took it over because he's the O-line coach there," Thomas said. "Then every time I've gone up there, coach (Mark) Farley has been great to talk to. They always make it really family-oriented, and it's not just about football. They make it about everything else too."

Similarly, Bruhn, who will be a tight end for the Jayhawks, said the bond he established with offensive coordinator and tight ends coach Andy Kotelnicki was one of the reasons that led to him choosing Kansas.

"They love to use those tight ends in their offense just because their offensive coordinator is their tight ends coach," he said. "I just like the coaches' relationships that they've built with me and built with each other and with other players and how they use tight ends in their offense."

LeVar Woods, a West Lyon graduate who played at Iowa and in the NFL, was the lead recruiter for the Hawkeyes with Eben and Vander Zee.

"He knows where you come from, and he knows your attitude toward the game and toward life," Eben said. "That definitely helps."

Vander Zee said it was nice being recruited by someone else who had played high school football in Lyon County.

"That was a major help," he said. "Coach Woods has been good to our school. He's been really helpful along the way. It's definitely good to have someone around you just to know how it goes and help you out."

Zach Lutmer, a 2023 graduate from Central Lyon, signed with Iowa last year. Vander Zee and Eben were the next pair to continue with the Hawkeyes.

"It was a help in the process, but ultimately it was my decision," Eben said. "It ended up being the place I wanted to go was where he was at. That will be cool."

The general consensus among the four players was that the recruiting process was enjoyable but could also be stressful.

"It was fun for the most part," Vander Zee said. "You can get a little overwhelmed at times, but I was just trying to soak it all in. It was a good journey."

Eben said he tried to stay focused the entire



Central Lyon/George-Little Rock senior Reece Vander Zee makes a throw during practice in Rock Rapids. Vander Zee will play wide receiver at the University of Iowa next season.

time he was getting recruited.

"Toward the end, you kind of get caught up thinking about the future, and that's not how I like to think," he said. "I like to focus on where my feet are. Toward the end, you want to get through it so you can focus on these guys and put your energy into your teammates now. I was thankful to be done with it, but it was also a really cool opportunity."

Thomas said the process was mostly fun.

"It's different talking to all these different coaches," he said. "They all kind of tell you what you want to hear, so it's a little harder to decipher who was telling me what they actually meant and who just wanted to tell me what they thought I wanted to hear. But it was really fun to go through that process."

Bruhn said it was fun until he realized he had to make a decision.

"Then it gets real hard. You kind of draw pros and cons. I talked to my parents a lot," he said. "It's always rough when you have to tell a coach no. That's probably the hardest part, calling or talking to a coach from a different school you're not going to that you've created a connection and created a relationship with and say, 'I have to go somewhere else.' It was fun to create those relationships. It's not very fun when you have to end them."

Thomas said his advice for people being recruited would be to enjoy it and not take it too fast.

"A lot of people I talked to me told me it would settle itself out," he said. "I talked to Ryan Van Marel, who's playing at SDSU. We had a phone call, and he gave me a lot of good advice I was really thankful for. He said it's a lot of work, but he enjoys it. That's what I'm looking forward



Graham Eben, a senior at Central Lyon/George-Little Rock, sets his feet before a throw during a practice in Rock Rapids. Eben, a running back and defensive back for the Lions, will walk on at the University of Iowa next season. Eben said he'll play the cash position, a linebacker hybrid.



Carson Bruhn, now a senior at Sioux Center, catches a pass last season. Bruhn will play tight end for the University of Kansas in Lawrence next year. He said he liked the relationship he established with the Jayhawk coaches and how they utilize tight ends. Photos by Charlie Hildebrand

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Bruhn said nothing is for sure in recruiting.

"There could be a school contacting you and you think you're getting the offer and then all of a sudden they're gone," he said. "It was definitely one of those things that I wanted to commit earlier because you never know if they got another guy that commits and then you can't. Nothing is ever for sure. Definitely one of the best pieces of advice I got from my coach, VR (Tim Van Regenmorter)."

Vander Zee said the biggest thing he was told was to remember he'd end up spending most of the time with his teammates in college.

"You're going to be with the coaches probably 20 percent of the time, so you want to like them too, but most of it is the players. I thought that was a big piece of advice for me," he said.

Eben said the best piece of advice for him was to aim high.

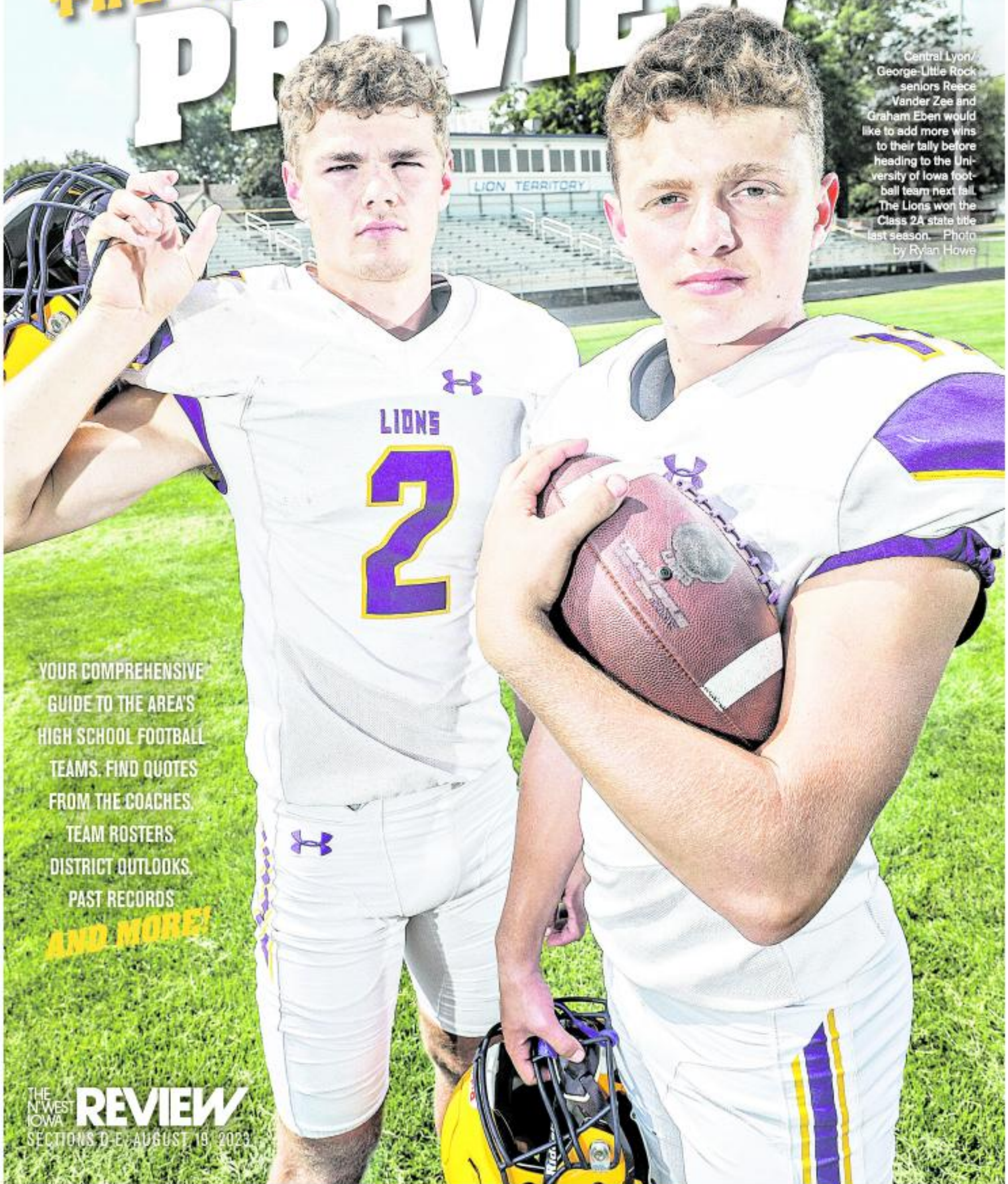
"Go chase your dreams," he said. "Go make it happen, and don't let anyone tell you no."



FOOTBALL

THE N'WEST IOWA 2023

PREVIEW



Central Lyon/George-Little Rock seniors Reece Vander Zee and Graham Eben would like to add more wins to their tally before heading to the University of Iowa football team next fall. The Lions won the Class 2A state title last season. Photo by Ryan Howe

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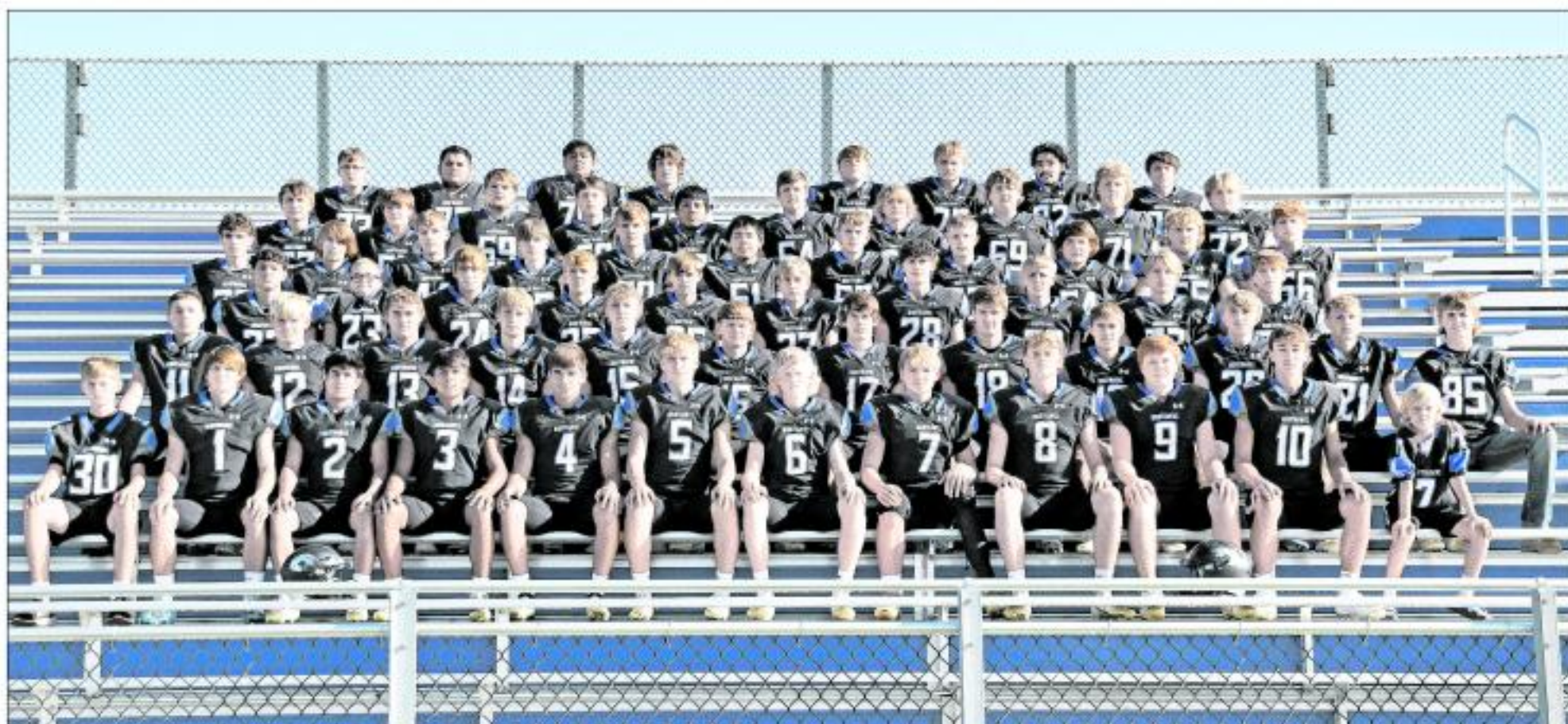


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BOYDEN-HULL/ROCK VALLEY



NIGHTHAWKS



The 2023 Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley football team: (front, from left) manager Parker Van Schepen, Taiten Den Besten, Gabino Vargas, Angel Rodriguez, Alec Salazar, Blake Moser, Brent Zylstra, Kinnick Van Ginkel, William Klein, Carter Kleinwolverink, Nathan Van Otterloo, manager Jett Rozeboom; (second row) Jace Van Meeteren, Braylen Crawford, Colby Harmsen, Trevor Ver Hoef, Merrik Van Grootenhuis, Brendan Wallenburg, Kahle Weber, Eric Nilles, Tyce Van Beek, Jackson Keizer, Jaivyn Van Grootheest, manager Carson Zoet, (third row) Will Crowder, Talen De Jager, Brock Mulder, Kaden Van Schapen, Jackson Harmon, Garret Van Es, Dawson Leusink, Chasen Groeneweg, Kolter Van Egdorn, Colby Den Hartog; (fourth row) Ike Van Der Brink, Kanaan Huyser, Drew Rozeboom, Hayden Halbur, Miles Netten, Gaspar Andres, Noah Leusink, Corey Kamies, Lane Van Kekerix, Ethan Van Egdorn, Levi Schafer; (fifth row) Braxton Hilbrands, Jaxson Blom, Lathan Van Voorst, Andrew Neuman, Miguel Andres, Blake Joffer, Covey Wynia, Ethan Kooima, Jacob Van Den Top, Josiah Reuvers, Eric Johnson; (back) Kason Mulder, Lucio Vasquez, Jesue Garcia, Austin Van Kekerix, Tylandon DeRuyter, Eli Dickmann, Oscar Villalobos, Breckin Willemsen. The Nighthawks, who split their home contests between Rock Valley and Hull, are in Class 3A District 1. Photo by Scott Byers

Players strengthen bonds with weight room work

Seniors make sure each athlete feels valuable

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ROCK VALLEY—Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley football coach Jayme Rozeboom said the players weren't the only ones that had work to do in the offseason.

The proud Nighthawk program struggled in its first season under Rozeboom going 3-5 overall and finishing at the bottom of the Class 3A District 1 standings with just one win in five tries.

It was a quick fall for a team that played in the state championship game the year before.

"You learn through life that you learn from your life experiences. It's one of those tough honest truths, and I hate that for the group we had last year, but it's all part of the process for everybody," Rozeboom said. "I've been vulnerable with the kids this year. We've been honest with each other."

ROSTER DEPTH:

The Nighthawks have 18 returning letter winners, but Rozeboom said it's not as if the team is stacked with returning starters.

"We have a handful of guys who were a big part of our team last year and will be counted on again this year," the coach said.

"The senior class as a whole decided we were going to put work in at the weight room and this is the standard and there will be no deviation from that," he said. "They got not only their grade there but the grades below them. They really showed that every person on this team matters no matter what the talent level is."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

A lot of eyes have been on a developing battle for the quarterback spot. Senior Nathan Van Otterloo is the incumbent. He threw for 806 yards and six touchdowns last year. He is being challenged by sophomore Carter Kleinwolverink.

"We're giving them 50-50 reps. They are both handling the competition really well and they've both made each other better," Rozeboom said. "I've been so proud of Nate specifically. He's taken Carter under his wing completely and understood the team philosophy and that no matter who is playing there we'll be better as a team at that position."

Senior Alec Salazar is the top returning rusher while fellow senior Blake Moser is the top returning receiver.

"Offensively, my goal is to be multiple," the coach said. "We have our base. We have our things we always do. We try to be multiple based on what we see defensively every week."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Moser and Salazar are the team's top returning tacklers. Moser is a playmaker who intercepted two passes and recovered two fumbles last season.

"He's a tremendous worker. He just gets the job done," Rozeboom said

of Moser. "He's earned a tremendous amount of respect from his teammates for the work he has done and my hope for him is he just understands that he is an alpha and he can be the best player on the field if he fully believes that."

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

Class 3A District 1 was so balanced last year that the four playoff spots were up for grab right to the end. No one was unbeaten district play. Sioux Center was the district champ but finished 5-5 overall.

"That's the thing with 3A. Everybody is good," Rozeboom said. "There is no team that is a slouch where you can walk in and win a game. We could win every single one with our talent, but we could also lose every single one because of how talented they are. It's a unique situation."

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

The coach wants a determined

effort from every athlete who sees the field.

"The biggest thing we've narrowed it down to is the word fight," the coach said. "Last year, I didn't coach that well enough. I didn't pull that out of the kids. That was one thing that doesn't have anything to do with skill. It doesn't have anything to do with talent. It has to do with the choice you made and more importantly why you do it. For your teammates."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

"It's such a unique situation having two schools having to combine as one," he said. "They are not with each other every day all the time so the intentionally to go seek time to spend together outside of football and forming those relationships is our greatest asset. One of the words in our creed is love. It's kind of a weird word for football, but it's the core of who we are and what we do and why we do everything we do. I hope that everybody can see truly how much our team loves each other."

BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Blake Moser
Coach believes he is an alpha on defensive side.



Alec Salazar
Garners respect from teammates with work ethic.



Jesue Garcia
Time in weight room will show up on field.

2023 SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	@Western Christian
Sept. 1	@West Sioux
Sept. 8	Le Mars (H)
Sept. 15	Algona (RV)
Sept. 22	@Sergeant Bluff-Luton
Sept. 29	Sioux Center (H)
Oct. 6	@Sioux City Heelan
Oct. 13	MOC-Floyd Valley (RV)
Oct. 20	@Carroll

Home games site: (RV) Rock Valley, (H) Hull
Homecoming: Sept. 29 (B-H); Sept. 15 (RV)

ENROLLMENT
RV 223; B-H 148

2022 SEASON

L @CLGLR	7-52
L Western Christian	20-27
W Unity Christian	20-0
W @Algona	19-7
L @Carroll	0-35
L Sioux Center	14-21
L Sergeant Bluff-Luton	12-34
L @MOC-Floyd Valley	0-28
W Sioux City Heelan	25-24

LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record: 3-6
2022 District record: 1-4
2022 District placing: Sixth
Playoff berths: 0-9 (2021 Class 3A state runner-up, 2016 Class 2A runner-up, 2017, 2019 Class 2A state champion 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 Class 3A runner-up, 2008, 2007, 2003, 2002, 2000, Rock Valley: 1979, 1983, 1987, 1988)

CLASSIFICATION
Class 3A District 1

COLORS
Black, Silver & Blue

COACH



Jayme Rozeboom
Years coaching: 2
Career record: 3-6

ROSTER

No.	Player	Class	WT.	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	Ht.					
1.	Taiten Den Besten	12	150	5'8"	14.	Trevor Ver Hoef	11	180	5'11"	27.	Garret Van Es	10	188	6'2"	53.	Corey Kamies	10	160	5'10"	71.	Josiah Reuvers	12	272	6'3"
2.	Gabino Vargas	12	135	5'6"	15.	Merrick Van Grootheest	12	160	6'3"	28.	Dawson Leusink	12	185	6'2"	54.	Lane Van Kekerix	11	155	5'10"	72.	Eric Johnson	11	220	5'10"
3.	Angel Rodriguez	12	162	5'9"	16.	Brendan Wallenburg	12	160	5'11"	29.	Chasen Groeneweg	11	121	5'8"	55.	Ethan Van Egdorn	12	242	6'1"	73.	Kason Mulder	10	170	5'11"
4.	Alec Salazar	12	175	5'10"	17.	Kahle Weber	10	171	6'0"	32.	Tripp Postmus	11	185	6'1"	56.	Levi Schafer	11	185	6'1"	75.	Lucio Vasquez	12	302	6'2"
5.	Blake Moser	12	180	6'2"	18.	Eric Nilles	12	180	6'1"	33.	Kolter Van Egdorn	10	158	6'0"	57.	Braxton Hilbrands	11	185	6'1"	76.	Jesue Garcia	12	268	5'10"
6.	Brent Zylstra	11	150	6'0"	19.	Tyce Van Beek	10	135	5'10"	34.	Colby Den Hartog	10	152	5'10"	58.	Jaxson Blom	11	160	5'7"	77.	Austin Van Kekerix	12	233	6'2"
7.	Kinnick Van Ginkel	11	151	5'8"	20.	Jackson Keizer	10	161	6'2"	36.	Ike Van Der Brink	11	150	5'11"	59.	Lathan Van Voorst	12	278	6'1"	78.	Tylandon DeRuyter	10	260	6'0"
8.	William Klein	12	180	6'3"	21.	Jaivyn Van Grootheest	10	162	6'3"	40.	Kanaan Huyser	10	140	6'0"	60.	Andrew Neuman	11	175	5'10"	79.	Eli Dickmann	10	175	6'1"
9.	Carter Kleinwolverink	10	192	6'1"	22.	Will Crowder	12	180	6'2"	44.	Drew Rozeboom	11	170	5'11"	62.	Miguel Andres	10	185	5'7"	82.	Oscar Villalobos	11	150	5'11"
10.	Nathan Van Otterloo	12	170	6'3"	23.	Talen De Jager	11	120	5'5"	45.	Hayden Halbur	11	130	5'8"	64.	Blake Joffer	10	245	6'2"	88.	Breckin Willemsen	12	175	5'11"
11.	Jace Van Meeteren	12	180	6'0"	24.	Brock Mulder	10	180	6'1"	50.	Miles Netten	11	200	6'4"	65.	Covey Wynia	11	155	5'8"					
12.	Braylen Crawford	11	185	6'1"	25.	Kaden Van Schepen	10	160	6'0"	51.	Gaspar Andres	10	185	5'7"	66.	Aayden Kramer	10	200	6'1"					
13.	Colby Harmsen	11	160	6'1"	26.	Jackson Harmon	12	160	5'10"	52.	Noah Leusink	12	195	6'1"	69.	Jacob Van Den Top	10	274	6'4"					

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CENTRAL LYON / GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK

LIONS



The 2023 Central Lyon/George-Little Rock football team: (front, from left) Reece Vander Zee, Brayden Hofer, Liam Vander Zee, Cam Jurens, Kaiden Zech, Gavin Bruns, Matt Elbert, Andrew Eben, Reide Folkens, Graham Eben; (second row) Jayson Huygens, Matthew Dieren, Koury Serck, Thomas Herbert, Rylan Maxwell, Levi Kramer, Ethan Pedersen, Nate Robinson, Monte Delfs; (third row) Isaiah Johnson, Quintin Sprock, Lane Kruger, Adrian Bontje, Charlie Hamilton, Leo Groen, Josh Jager, Drew Kupferschmid, Dominick Putnam, Drew Denekas; (fourth row) Xaccai Ditsworth, Vassili Campos, Trevor Dieren, Ethan Knobloch, Nolan Baker, Jack Krull, Maverick Horstman, Sam Christensen, Jayson Huyser; (fifth row) Thane Jansma, Jacob Nagel, Eliot Funk, Michael Denekas, Ryan Chase, Ragen Hasche, Kegan Kruger, Jacob Downard, Jaylynn Stubbe, Carson Van Den Top; (back) manager Eva Kock, manager Morgan Meyer, Tate Vande Weerd, Jayme Van Wyhe, Matthew Everhart, Gabe Schulte, Dylan Mulder, Collin De Leeuw and manager Aubree Benz. Aston Van Beek, Zach Drenth, Isaac Kooiker and manager Cole Den Hoed are also members of the team. Central Lyon/George-Little Rock, a Class 2A District 1 squad, finished last season with a 13-0 record and won the state championship with a 10-6 triumph against Williamsburg. Photo by Rylan Howe

Defending state champions aim to stay in groove

Coach says senior class shows good leadership

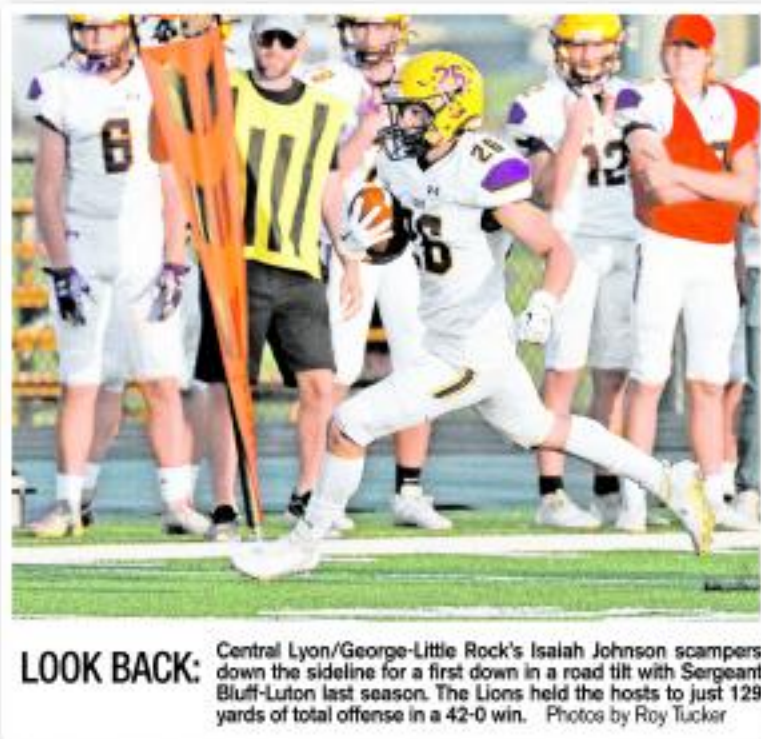
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ROCK RAPIDS—You can't do any better than Central Lyon/George-Little Rock did in the 2022 football season when it finished as an undefeated state champion, but that won't stop coach Curtis Eben and crew from trying to build on what has been accomplished.

"Every team has its own identity," said Central Lyon/George-Little Rock coach Curtis Eben. "We don't talk about last year. It's a part of our history. A fun part, but still it is history. Each year, the seniors on your team, that's their team. For this year's seniors, this is their team. It's been a cool transition. A lot of the leadership and the work they put in is carrying through to this year. We're going to be heavily senior dominated."

ROSTER DEPTH:

The Lions have six returning starters on offense and five returning starters on defense from a team that went 13-0 overall and 5-0 in Class 2A District 1.



LOOK BACK: Central Lyon/George-Little Rock's Isaiah Johnson scampers down the sideline for a first down in a road tilt with Sergeant Bluff-Luton last season. The Lions held the hosts to just 129 yards of total offense in a 42-0 win. Photos by Roy Tucker

"Having about half the guys back is good," Eben said. "Obviously, we lost Zach (Lutmer) and a few other guys who will play in college, but you hope that you've built the depth up

to account for that. We had a lot of lopsided games last year, so a lot of the newer guys coming in have been on the field and got that time."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Lutmer, last year's Class 2A state player of the year, accounted for 38 touchdowns last season. He has went on to the University of Iowa, but the Lions will replace him with a couple of other Hawkeye commits. Senior Reece Vander Zee, who was an all-state receiver last year, will take over at quarterback. Senior Graham Eben is back after rushing for 1,330 yards and 19 scores and catching 10 passes for 159 yards.

"Reece is a quarterback by nature. He can throw the ball 70 yards in the air. He does things in practice that make your jaw drop," coach Eben said. "Of course by moving Reece you create an opening at receiver, but we have good options there. We have three of our five back on the line and of course Graham at running back."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Central Lyon/George-Little Rock will hope the middle of the defense develops in a hurry.

"Our defense was hurt more by graduation," coach Eben said. "We lost a couple of three-year starters at linebacker. But we have a lot of quality football players at defensive back

and up front we have three of our four guys back, so we feel solid there."

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

The coach said Class 2A District 1 only got tougher this year with Western Christian coming in and Okoboji moving out.

"Western will probably be a top 10 team in the state in 2A right away," he said. "We've probably got the toughest schedule in 2A. It's going to be a battle."

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

Even with all the transitions, something more basic will likely determine the Lions' fortunes.

"We need to stay healthy. We're talented enough," coach Eben said. "Last year, we had tremendous depth. This year, we don't have as much of that."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

"We absolutely can make a run again. We have enough athletes," the coach said. "But we have to stay healthy. You also know you have that target on your back, but we've had that for a few years now."

BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Isaiah Johnson

One of fastest players in state looks to explode.



Trevor Dieren

One of leaders on beefy offensive line.



Drew Denekas

Provides steady pass rush at defensive end.

2023 SCHEDULE

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Oct. 13	West Lyon

Home games site: Rock Rapids
Homecoming: Sept. 29

ENROLLMENT
CL 177; G-LR 87

2022 SEASON

W BHRV	52-7
W @Sergeant Bluff-Luton	42-0
W West Sioux	44-6
W West Lyon	38-17
W @Cherokee	43-8
W @Unity Christian	39-7
W Sheldon	42-0
W @Okoboji	62-6

POSTSEASON

W Iowa Falls-Alden	57-0
W Clarinda	42-16
W West Lyon	42-7
W OABCIG	37-14
W Williamsburg	10-6

LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record: 13-0
2022 District record: 5-0
2022 District placing: First
Playoff berths: 2022 (Class 2A state champion), 2021, 2020 (Class 2A state runner-up), 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009 (Class 2A runner-up), 2007 (Class 2A runner-up), 2006 (Class 2A champion), 2004, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999 (Class 3A runner-up), 1998, 1997, 1996 (Class 3A runner-up), 1991 (Class 2A runner-up)

CLASSIFICATION
Class 2A District 1

COLORS
Purple & Gold

COACH



Curtis Eben

Years coaching: 7
Career record: 44-20

ROSTER

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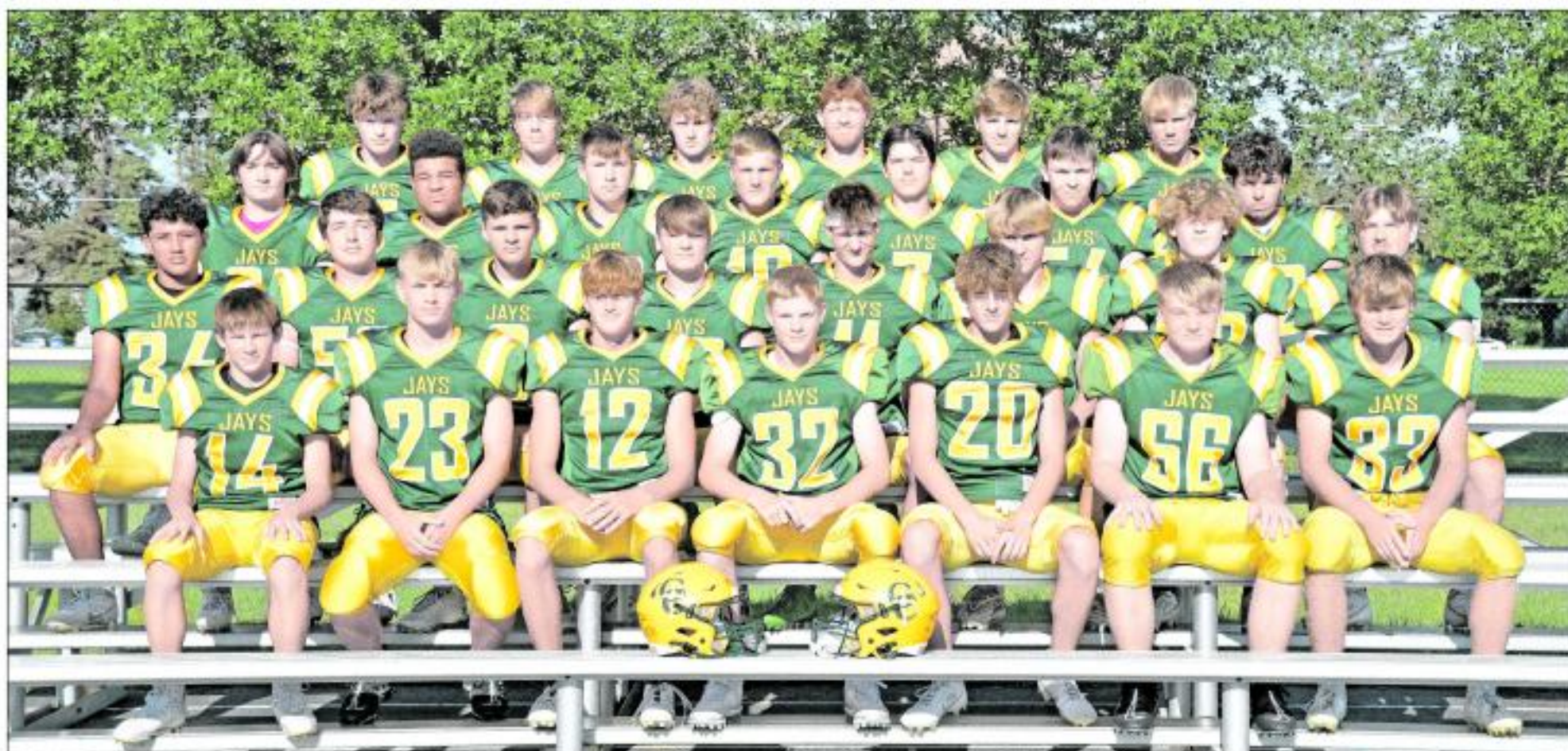
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JAYS



The 2023 Gehlen Catholic football team: (front, from left) Wyatt Konz, Nathan Kolbeck, Landen Kneip, Chase Christoffel, Riley Kroll, Henry Harmerlinck, Kale Pearson; (second row) Eduardo Vanegas, Alexander Munoz, Jack Roberts, Kane Kerns, Landen Reuter, Aiden Ruhland, Brandt Klein, Jake Bogen; (third) Quentin Johnson, Dane Lehmann, Drake Hodgson, Cole McCarty, Alex Peters, Will Harpensau, Jacob Galvan; (back) Dylan Poeckes, Mason Small, Brady Droegmiller, Gabe Wiltgen, Nolan Nilles and Chance Kallsen. The Jays play their home games in Le Mars. Photo by Allen Hamil

Team aims to control tilts by winning in trenches

Top rusher returns but QB and receivers gone

BY ALLEN HAMIL
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LE MARS—The Gehlen Catholic football team made the playoffs last year as they finished second in Class A District 1 with a 5-1 record. The Jays bowed out in the second round of the playoffs after losing to eventual state semifinalist Woodbury Central.

Replicating an 8-2 season may be a bit of a challenge for coach Jeremy Schindler's squad as it graduated several key players from last year's roster.

ROSTER DEPTH:

The Jays had 10 seniors on last year's roster and they played several key roles on the team.

"We obviously had a great senior class and it showed in all sports, football, basketball, track and baseball. They had really successful careers. But this next group is ready to make a name for themselves. We've got a nice group of eight seniors and they're really put in some time and they're ready to go," the Gehlen Catholic coach said.

Offensively, the team will have to replace their quarterback and top three receivers. Defensively, the team will need to find replacements for its top three tacklers. The team must also find a new punter and kicker out

of its roster of 28 players.

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

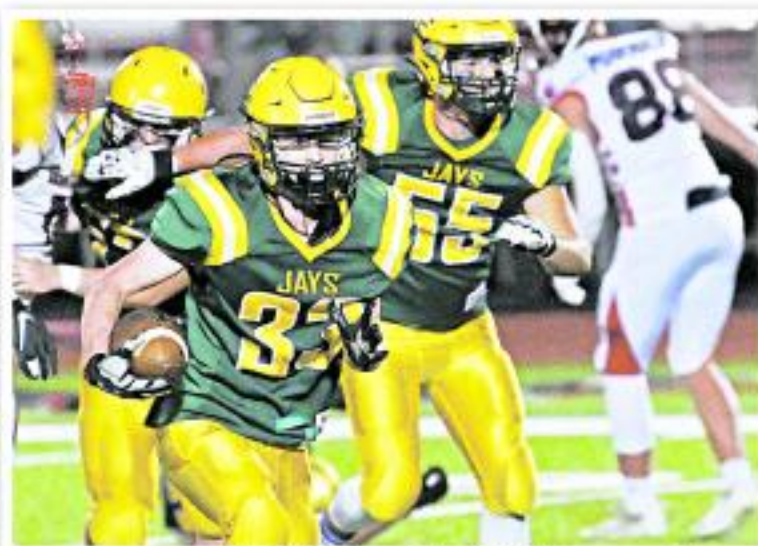
"We'll look a little different. We might try and be a little more ball control, try to hold onto the ball, but I think we have the guys who can do that. It starts up front and our up front guys might be the strength of our team," Schindler said with Will Harpensau, Gabe Wiltgen, Dane Lehmann and Nolan Nilles being among those linemen the team will turn to.

The good news is Gehlen returns Kale Pearson as the leading rusher. He had a breakout season with 157 carries for 1,106 yards and 12 touchdowns last fall as a sophomore. Schindler said Jake Bogen will likely mix in for some carries as more of a power back in comparison to Pearson's speed.

"One's a power kid and one's kind of a speed kid. Those two should hopefully complement each other," Schindler said.

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

The defense has an experienced nucleus of players returning to the field. Pearson is the top returning tackler. Pearson had 28.5 tackles last year and led the team with three fumble recoveries. He is joined by seven others who had at least 13 tackles. Landen Reuter had a pair of



LOOK BACK:

Gehlen Catholic running back Kale Pearson runs in the open field against Akron-Westfield last season in Le Mars. Pearson rushed for 238 yards and three touchdowns in the game, a 48-26 triumph against the Westerners. Photo by Allen Hamil

interceptions, Cole McCarty had an interception, Bogen had a fumble recovery and Harpensau had a pick and fumble recovery last season.

"Defensively, again the strength is going to be up front in our front seven. We return quite a few guys," Schindler said. "We want to be able to be a little bit versatile. We're still seeing what works best for this team. Obviously we have some strength in the front, so we want to get those front line guys there. Defensively, you

want to get your best 11 dudes on the field and whatever formation that takes shape at, we're going to use. We're still experimenting with that."

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

The Jays finished second in Class A District 1 last season with their only loss to district champion Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn. After facing the Hawks in week two last season, the top two teams in the district last

year won't meet until the end of the regular season this fall as the Jays will make a road trip to finish off the district schedule. The reconfigured district remains about the same, with Sibley-Ocheyedan taking the place of Hinton. The rival Blackhawks remain on Gehlen's schedule with the two teams meeting in Le Mars in week one.

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

Schindler said controlling the line of scrimmage will be one of the key factors in determining the success of this year's team.

"We want to be able to control the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. If our guys who we think are our best players are up front, we have to win the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball," Schindler said. "If we can do that, then that's going to equal success for us."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

Gehlen wants this year to be more of a reloading season rather than a rebuilding season. Schindler hopes this group is up to the challenge.

"We do have guys who can help fill those voids," Schindler said. "We do bring back an 1,100 yard rusher as a sophomore, Kale Pearson. We've got some other guys who we think can take a big step offensively and help us."

► BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Gabe Wiltgen
SR

One of three senior starters on offensive line.



William Harpensau
SR

Defender shows knack for getting turnovers.



Kale Pearson
JR

Top returning offensive threat at running back.

2023 SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	Hinton
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Sept. 8	Alta-Aurelia
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Sept. 29	@Sibley-Ocheyedan
Oct. 6	South O'Brien
Oct. 13	@H-M-S

Home games site: Le Mars
Homecoming: Oct. 6

► ENROLLMENT

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2022 SEASON

W	@Unity Christian	21-13
L	H-M-S	35-50
W	Lawton-Bronson	35-0
W	@Hinton	28-26
W	Akron-Westfield	48-26
W	@South O'Brien	28-20
W	MMCRU	60-20
W	@Alta-Aurelia	44-14

POSTSEASON

W	Tri-Center	40-22
L	@Woodbury Central	7-48

LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record: 8-2
2022 District record: 5-1
2022 District placing: Second
Playoff berths: 2022, 2021, 2017, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2003, 2005, 2004, 2001, 1997, 1996 (Class A career up), 1995 (Class A champion), 1994, 1993, 1992, 1991.

COACH



Jeremy Schindler

Years coaching: 9
Career record: 35-39

► CLASSIFICATION

Class A District 1

► COLORS

Green & Gold

► ROSTER

No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.					
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HARTLEY-MELVIN-SANBORN

HAWKS



HMS HAWKS



The 2023 Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn football team: (front, from left) Jayden Leth, James Gellerman, Isaac Schierholz, Jack Mastbergen, Jafet Ortiz, Josh Cruz, Slayton McCarter, Taylor Dykstra, Nathan Stofferan, Talan Zearing; (second row) Aiden Espeland, Zach Pearson, J.R. Araiza, Ethan Wiersma, Evan Eilers, Ethan Huberg, Bradley Van Beek, Adam Schierholz, Bryce Ortega, Austin Smith; (third row) Ben Waddell, Blake Meendering, T.J. Jans, Graham Lux, Braden Nichel, David Weltrich, Bryson Nelson, Jackson Brower, Mykle Meyers, Brody Meendering; (fourth row) J.W. Van Der Merwe, Owen Tift, John Buhmann, Damion Hansen, Luke Dagel, Riley Wiersma, Joe Buhmann, Alex Billings, Jacob Roelfs, Eli Mastbergen, Dominic Tripp; (back) assistant coach Kyle Vogt, assistant coach Corey Ebel, coach Jay Eilers, assistant coach Jaden Kleinhesselink and assistant coach Mark Petersen. The Hawks, who play in Hartley, are in Class A District 1 again this season. Photo by Ryan Howe

Coach says strength of line could help team excel

Expects squad to hang its hat on toughness

BY CHARLIE HILDEBRAND
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HARTLEY—Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn loses a lot of production on the offensive and defensive side of the ball from last year, but football coach Jay Eilers likes the size and toughness his team possesses.

"We're going to hang our hats on that physicality," Eilers said. "Our kids are practicing at a speed that shows their passion for the game. We're definitely excited."

The Hawks won Class A District 1 last season with a 6-0 record and finished 8-3 overall. They reached the quarterfinals in the playoffs before losing to Woodbury Central 27-24.

ROSTER DEPTH:

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn has 42 athletes out for football this year.

"We're blessed in that area. We have a great freshman class that is learning and growing every day," Eilers said. "I look at our varsity program and these guys have played in a lot of big football games. Depth, we have to knock

QUOTABLE:

“We want to be physical but be ready to roll on Friday night. We'll have to win the turnover battle. We're a big believer in first downs lead to touchdowns. We don't want too many penalties. As physical as we are, we should be able to move the ball on the ground pretty well.
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— JAY EILERS
HARTLEY-MELVIN-SANBORN COACH

on the table and ask for some help."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn returns just four percent of its 4,048 rushing yards from last season and nine percent of its 821 receiving yards. The Hawks will lean on their offensive line, which averages 6-foot-3 and 243 pounds, early in the year.

"We're going to hang our hat on running the football and being physical," Eilers said. "If you have the ball, you're going to run hard. If not, you're going to block."

Seniors Adam Schierholz, listed at 6-foot-3 and 245 pounds, and Ethan

Huberg, 6-foot-7 and 285 pounds, look to be the anchors on the offensive line.

Schierholz will be starting for the third consecutive season.

"His strength and speed are something that has the ability to take over games and dominate at a high level," Eilers said. "He's playing his best football right now. We're definitely blessed with what he brings to the table."

Huberg, according to Eilers, is someone that doesn't go unnoticed on the field with his size.

"He started for us last year and played in big football games," he said. "He's playing like an elite offen-

sive lineman with the potential to play anywhere in America."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Eilers said he expects that toughness to carry over on defense.

"We're going to trust our defensive line to make plays and be physical," he said.

The Hawks' coach said senior linebacker Ethan Wiersma could have a big season this fall. Last year, Wiersma notched 51.5 tackles, three tackles for loss and one interception.

"His ability to be that leader of the defense right now and stepping up," Eilers said. "He's the verbal guy on defense, and I'm super proud of him for it. He played a lot of games for us and stepped up in a lot of big ways."

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

According to Eilers, the district will be wide-open this year.

"I know our kids are expecting nothing less than to go out and win the district title," he said. "We're going to focus on our process week in and week out and try to win the thing at the end. With Sibley-Ocheyedan coming in and Hinton out, it will be

interesting. It will be great football week in and week out. It's a great opportunity to be ready for playoff football coming from a district like this."

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

Staying healthy will be key, Eilers said.

"We want to be physical but be ready to roll on Friday night," he said. "We'll have to win the turnover battle. We're a big believer in first downs lead to touchdowns. We don't want too many penalties. As physical as we are, we should be able to move the ball on the ground pretty well."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

Even with the graduation losses from last year, The Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn coach said the goals and expectations don't change for the Hawks.

"We're going to be consistent," Eilers said. "The bar has been set and we're not going to lower it. It's our responsibility to attack that bar. We want home playoff games. Our district is going to be tough, but the bar has been set."

BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Adam Schierholz
SR

Veteran lineman has ability to take over tilts.



Ethan Wiersma
SR

Linebacker has become verbal leader on unit.



Ethan Huberg
SR

Massive lineman upping his skill set.

2023 SCHEDULE

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Sept. 8	MMCRU
Sept. 15	@Akron-Westfield
Sept. 22	Kingsley-Pierson
Sept. 29	@South O'Brien
Oct. 6	Sibley-Ocheyedan
Oct. 13	Gehlen Catholic

Home games site: Hartley
Homecoming: Sept. 22

ENROLLMENT

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2022 SEASON

L	@West Sioux	18-38
W	@Gehlen Catholic	50-35
W	South O'Brien	22-6
W	MMCRU	66-34
W	@Alta-Aurelia	51-16
L	West Hancock	18-31
W	@Hinton	55-20
W	Akron-Westfield	41-8

POSTSEASON

W	North Union	46-31
W	Hinton	46-27
L	@Woodbury Central	24-27

LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record: 8-3
2022 District record: 6-0
2022 District placing: First
Playoff berths: #1-5 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016, 1997, 1996, 1995, Sanborn, 1987, 1985 (Class 2A turnover up)

CLASSIFICATION

Class A District 1

COLORS

Maroon & Gold

COACH



Jay Eilers

Years coaching: 7
Career record: 24-33

ROSTER

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The 2023 MOC-Floyd Valley football team: (front, from right) Dominic Schmitz, Ahman Langton, Cole Pottebaum, Braylon Van Gelder, Carter Brightwell, Tyeson Vaas, Caleb Koerselman, Carson Carmichael, Blake Aalbers; (second row) Dylan Maasdam, Ezra Bundt, Carter Christoffel, Jackson Schmitz, Tayon Groendyke, Jake Tapper, Sawyer Bolton, Beau Weber, Carson Klein, Kipp Huss; (third row) Draeden Punt, Karson Leusink, Devin Mohning, Owen Vander Pol, Jaxson Mulder, Brandon Van Klopenburg, Junior Garcia, Heydan Heimstra, Kaiden Recker; (back) Cesar Martinez, Cohen Bloemers, Talon Moss, Brian Arias, German Topete and Trayvon Dominguez. MOC-Floyd Valley is coached by Grant Hegstad and plays its home contests in Orange City. Photo by Scott Byers

Group hopes it can build off last season's success

Fell one game short of winning district title

BY SCOTT BYERS
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ORANGE CITY—MOC-Floyd Valley surprised some people by jumping out to a hot start and contending in Class 3A District 1 until the final day in 2023.

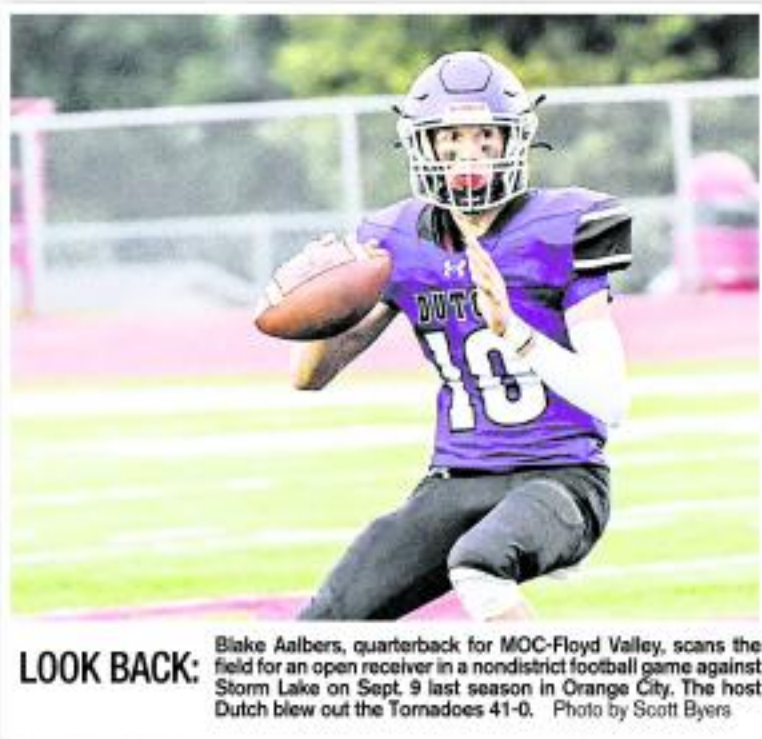
The team spent some time in the state rankings before a loss in its regular season finale dropped the team into a spot where it had to face Harlan on the road in the first round of the postseason. The Dutch wound up 6-4 overall and 3-2 in the district.

"One of the greatest things we gained from that experience is just understanding the work that it takes to get to that level," said MOC-Floyd Valley coach Grant Hegstad. "Then with that, through the hard work and successes we had, we were able to develop a greater confidence and belief."

A young group will try to continue down that path as the Dutch lost 17 seniors from last season's squad.

ROSTER DEPTH:

The total numbers in the program



LOOK BACK:

Blake Aalbers, quarterback for MOC-Floyd Valley, scans the field for an open receiver in a nondistrict football game against Storm Lake on Sept. 9 last season in Orange City. The host Dutch blew out the Tornados 41-0. Photo by Scott Byers

are good, with 62 on the roster, but the Dutch have just five seniors this year.

"Last year's seniors were an awesome class with the leadership and

skills they provided, but I'm encouraged by the people we are bringing back," Hegstad said. "The younger guys have done a good job of stepping in and filling those gaps to the

point where, in some ways, it doesn't feel like we've skipped a beat."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

A veteran offensive line featuring seniors Kipp Huss, Karson Leusink and Jaxson Mulder should provide room for the young skill position players to develop. Tyeson Vaas adds to that as a tight end. He showed a nose for the end zone as half of his eight catches last year went for scores. Junior Blake Aalbers returns at quarterback after completing 62.6 percent of his passes last season. Aalbers threw for 1,305 yards and 13 touchdowns and ran for four scores.

"We'll be similar to the way we have been," Hegstad said. "We feel like the foundation of what we do on offense would be good for a lot of kinds of teams. We just adapt it to what we have."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

A lot of the same names will be factors on the defensive side.

"Our first line should be good with Leusink and Huss up there and we have Voss and Mulder at linebacker alongside some younger guys," Hegstad said. "We will have four new

defensive backs. In terms of being athletes and football IQ, I like what I've seen from them. They just don't have a lot of football experience."

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

No one went unbeaten in Class 3A District 1 play last season and Hegstad wouldn't be surprised if that happens again.

"As a whole, the district is very balanced," he said. "When you look at the district, even the teams that lost some great players are programs that are strong enough that they have prepared those next step kids to get in there."

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

"Fundamentals win," Hegstad said. "As stereotypical as it sounds, it does generally come down to blocking and tackling."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

Hegstad said there is an opportunity to carry over the positive energy from last season.

"We want to continue to create that energy and move the program in the direction we want it to go," he said.

BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Karson Leusink

Anchors veteran group on offensive line.



Jaxson Mulder

Leading tackler brings good size as linebacker.



Blake Aalbers

Quarterback one of few returners at skill positions.

2023 SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	@Unity Christian
Sept. 1	CLGLR
Sept. 8	Okoboji
Sept. 15	@Le Mars
Sept. 22	@Carroll
Sept. 29	Sergeant Bluff-Luton
Oct. 6	Sioux Center
Oct. 13	@Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
Oct. 20	Sioux City Heelan

Home games site: Orange City
Homecoming: Sept. 29

ENROLLMENT

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2022 SEASON

W	@Sibley-Ocheyedan	42-0
W	Unity Christian	34-7
W	Storm Lake	41-0
L	@Le Mars	22-24
L	Sioux City Heelan	6-7
W	@Sergeant Bluff-Luton	27-26
W	@Carroll	14-0
W	BHRV	28-0
L	Sioux Center	20-21

POSTSEASON

L	@Harlan	7-42
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LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record:	6-4
2022 District record:	3-2
2022 District placing:	Second
Playoff berths:	MOC: Royd Valley, 2022, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 1996, 1993; MOC: 1985; Royd Valley, 1985

CLASSIFICATION

Class 3A District 1

COLORS

Purple & White

COACH



Grant Hegstad

Years coaching: 8
Career record: 17-46

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3	Ahman Langton	11	150	6'0"	12	Ezra Bundt	11	180	5'10"	45	Beau Weber	11	200	5'10"	60	Jaxson Mulder	12	220	6'0"	72	Colby Hofmeyer	9	140	5'9"
4	Cole Pottebaum	10	150	5'9"	14	Carter Christoffel	10	170	6'1"	51	Carson Klein	10	235	6'1"	62	Brandon Van Klopenburg	10	200	6'4"	75	Brian Arias	11	185	5'10"
4	Trycen Groendyke	9	135	5'9"	18	Abel Carrion	9	140	5'6"	51	Collin Colman	9	180	5'11"	64	Junior Garcia	10	190	5'9"	75	Jonathan Arias	9	160	5'4"
5	Braylon Van Gelder	11	155	5'10"	20	Kotten Hofmeyer	9	130	5'10"	52	Kipp Huss	12	200	6'0"	65	Heydan Heimstra	11	235	5'11"	76	Austin Taylor	9	246	6'4"
6	Carter Brightwell	10	150	6'0"	23	Jackson Schmitz	11	145	5'5"	53	Drayden Punt	10	210	6'7"	66	Kaiden Recker	10	185	6'1"	78	Trayvon Dominguez	10	235	6'0"
7	Tyeson Vaas	12	200	6'0"	23	Philip Monroe	9	140	5'9"	53	Levi Roos	9	160	5'9"	68	Luke Lancaster	9	165	6'0"	78	Parker Plathe	9	195	6'0"
8	Kaleb Koerselman	10	165	5'10"	25	Tayon Groendyke	11	172	5'10"	54	Karson Leusink	12	225	6'2"	67	German Topete	10	215	6'1"	79	Vincent Ward	10	175	5'8"
8	Darwin Zazueta	9	140	5'11"	28	William Evans	9	145	5'11"	54	Jacob Mulder	9	245	6'5"	68	Jamie Landon	9	215	5'10"	84	Elijah De Jong	9	105	5'5"
9	Carson Carmichael	10	160	6'0"	34	Jake Tapper	12	160	5'10"	55	Aiden Gebhard	9	165	6'0"	70	Cesar Martinez	10	180	5'9"	85	Ashton Koob	9	135	5'8"
10	Blake Aalbers	11	150	5'11"	24	Burke Uhl	9	155	5'10"	56	Devin Mohning	10	155	5'11"	71	Cohen Bloemers	11	240	6'1"					

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PIONEERS



The 2023 Okoboji football team: (front, from left) August Lufkin, Miles Wasson, Riley Worrell, Kade Dodge, Mitchel Mulhern, Caden Chapman, Carson Storey, Tyler Pyle, Cade Worrell, Joe Salmon, Will Obenour; (second row) Zack Stecker, Asher Knudtson, Jack Laake, Aidan Gehrke, Dillon Lindgren, Zane Caviness, Uriel Barroso, Terry Adams, Nathaniel Franklin, Camden Vonk; (third row) Owen McCoy, Tallin Wright, Sawyer Leman, Tyler Netsch, Dom Jutting, Everett Jorgensen, James Allen, Brady Muzney, Aden Hintz, Dalton Vinke; (fourth row) Blaise Elwood, Asa Jacobsen, Jase Jostand, Landon Duvall, R.J. Kalsow, Ethan Jones, Trey Vander Pol, Caleb Simington; (back) Avery Simington, Sam Bockman, Keyshawn Smith, Brendan Wintz, Mason Dahms, Calan Peters, Jerron Heller, Ashton Beal and Andrevae Oliver. Eric Clouse and Nick Mulder will be the co-coaches of the program this season for the Pioneers who play home games in Milford. Photo by Ryan Howe

Coaches team up to help program undergo reset

Change in schedule adds to new feel to year

BY SCOTT BYERS
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MILFORD—Change is the operative word around the Okoboji football program this season as the Pioneers attack a new schedule with a new leadership team at the top.

Eric Clouse and Nick Mulder will be the co-coaches of the program this season. Clouse comes to the Pioneers after stints at Harris-Lake Park and Winterset.

He has been a head coach before in other sports, but was previously an assistant in football.

Mulder has been around the Okoboji program for the past three years and serves as the school's athletic director. Clouse said they both will be helped by Noah Mayer, who will be the offensive coordinator after spending the last two seasons as an assistant coach at William Penn University.

"It's been good. We had quite a few opportunities to talk before I moved here and we are in line with each other in a lot of the things we were thinking," Clouse said. "It was nice to have Nick here already to get the ball rolling on some of these things."

ROSTER DEPTH:

Okoboji, which was 1-8 overall and



LOOK BACK: Okoboji's Caden Chapman puts up a pass as Sheldon's Kaden Kamstra puts on the pressure on Sept. 16, 2022. The teams stuck mostly to the ground, attempting 12 passes between them in the Orabs' 18-0 victory. Photo by Charlie Hildebrand

0-5 in district play last year, has a small senior class, but still has good numbers overall with 50 athletes in

the program. The players are adjusting to the style of the new coaching staff.

"There is a lot of new verbiage, but it's not just the scheme," Clouse said. "It's how we do things. It's how we practice. The guys have had a good attitude about it and they seem to be having fun."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

The Pioneers are looking to use the athleticism they showed during a strong track season in the spring on the gridiron.

Senior Joe Salmon ran for 411 yards and four touchdowns last year. Senior Caden Chapman ran for 284 yards and four TDs.

"When you look at our kids we have pretty decent speed but maybe not the size you would ideally like," Clouse said. "We're going to try to get the ball to the edge and get the ball out quick. They really tried to pound the rock last year, but this year we are looking to be more versatile. We want to share the ball and make it tough to key on one guy."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Clouse, who was the defensive coordinator at Winterset, said the system he ran there works well with what Okoboji has on the roster.

"We are undersized, so we want to be multiple," he said. "We want to make it look like the same thing, but bring different guys and use different coverages on every play. We want to

bring heat from different directions."

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

Okoboji leaves Class 2A District 1 this year and goes to Class 2A District 2. There are a couple of familiar foes, but much of the slate will be teams new to the Pioneers.

"You get away from Central Lyon and West Lyon, but you go east and there are tough teams there too," Clouse said. "I do like the idea of giving the kids a fresh start. It feels like a chance to reset."

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

"We need to be good fundamentally," Clouse said. "We need to make sure we line up right, assess the situation, read it and make the play. We need to avoid negative plays and be effort based, flying around the ball all the time."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

"Our big vision for the long term is to make sure this is a good experience for the kids," Clouse said. "We want to make sure this has staying power. You hear a lot about young kids needing to help the seniors. We want to flip that pyramid. We want that to shift to where the seniors are always looking to help the young guys so they can leave a legacy and help build something sustainable."

BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Caden Chapman
Veteran will be counted on to play many roles.



Joe Salmon
Top returning rusher flashes blazing speed.



Blaise Elwood
Active linebacker was team's top tackler last year.

2023 SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	@North Union
Sept. 1	Pocahontas Area
Sept. 8	@MOC-Floyd Valley
Sept. 15	Estherville LC
Sept. 22	@Spirit Lake
Sept. 29	@G-H-V
Oct. 6	Clarion-Goldfield-Dows
Oct. 13	Forest City

Home games site: Milford
Homecoming: Oct. 6

ENROLLMENT
286

2022 SEASON

L	@North Union	0-39
L	Sibley-Ocheyedan	6-15
W	@Manson NW Webster	32-0
L	@Sheldon	0-18
L	Unity Christian	6-42
L	@West Lyon	7-49
L	@Cherokee	28-34
L	CLGLR	6-62
L	@Forest City	6-42

CLASSIFICATION
Class 2A District 2

LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record:	1-8
2022 District record:	0-5
2022 District placing:	Sixth
Playoff berths:	Okoboji: 2008; Milford: 1980

COLORS
Maroon & White

COACH



Eric Clouse
Years coaching: 1
Career record: 0-0

ROSTER

No.	Player	Class	WT.	HT.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	HT.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	HT.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	HT.
1.	Tallin Wright	11	150	5'10"	11.	Caden Chapman	12	175	5'10"	25.	Owen McCoy	12	170	5'10"	53.	Adrian Gehrke	10	190	6'1"
2.	Tyler Netsch	11	165	5'11"	12.	Everett Jorgensen	10	145	6'0"	26.	Jerron Heller	9	160	6'3"	54.	Riley Worrell	9	185	5'9"
3.	James Allen	11	170	5'10"	13.	Sam Bockman	10	170	6'3"	30.	Cam Vonk	9	130	5'6"	55.	Brendan Wintz	12	230	6'3"
4.	Avery Simington	10	165	6'1"	14.	Mitchel Mulhern	10	140	5'10"	32.	Jack Laake	9	140	5'11"	56.	Brady Muzney	12	175	5'11"
5.	Caleb Simington	11	185	5'10"	15.	Blaise Elwood	11	180	5'11"	33.	Zach Stecker	9	120	5'5"	57.	Marcus Guthrie	9	125	5'8"
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7.	Sawyer Leman	11	145	5'11"	21.	Miles Wasson	9	140	5'8"	40.	Tyler Pyle	9	190	5'9"	59.	Mason Dahms	11	235	6'5"
8.	Dom Jutting	10	150	5'10"	22.	Joe Salmon	12	150	5'8"	45.	Terry Adams	9	140	5'10"	61.	Dillon Lindgren	9	178	5'9"
9.	Jase Jostand	12	160	6'1"	23.	Asa Jacobsen	10	165	6'0"	50.	Dalton Vinke	9	115	5'5"	62.	Uriel Barroso	9	220	5'10"
10.	Landon Duvall	11	200	6'2"	24.	Nathaniel Franklin	11	175	5'11"	51.	R.J. Kalsow	11	185	6'2"	63.	Ethan Jones	10	250	6'0"

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ORABS



The 2023 Sheldon football team: (front, from left) Elliot Shirk, Cooper Meyer, Ryan Vollink, Jarrett Roos, Isaac Wenthe, Kolt Roos, Wesley Kruse; (middle) Zachary Bork, Rex Ross, Zach Brinkman, Landon Sietstra, Cooper Jansma, Braeden Mouw, Spencer Burch, Mitchel Fischer, Tyson Getting; (back) Matthew Meyer, Daniel Avila, Anthony Courtney, Parker Thomas, Dreu Kolbeck, Koby Peelen, Jack Leng, Tavien Siekin, Adam McDonald and Chase Oldenkamp. The Orabs, who will play football in Class 2A District 1, have a new coach this season in Levi Letsche. Photo by Scott Byers

Team success starts up front with veteran lines

First-year coach has familiarity with squad

BY SCOTT BYERS
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SHELDON—It is fitting that the strength of Sheldon coach Levi Letsche's first Orab squad should be the front line since that is his area of expertise.

Letsche was the starting center on a Marcus High School team that won a state championship, then went to Northwestern College and started for four years, earning all-conference honors in three of them. He spent six years as an assistant coach at Sheldon working with the linemen and in a couple of those years he was also an offensive line coach at Northwestern as well.

He is comfortable taking the lead role on the coaching staff.

"I know who these kids are. I've had almost all of them as a classroom teacher," Letsche said. "There is not a lot of change with this. You are just teaching football instead of math."

Sheldon went 4-5 overall last season. It made the Class 2A postseason and was ahead of a then-unbeaten Spirit Lake team 7-0 at halftime of that contest before the Indians rallied to win 35-7 to end the year for the Orabs.

ROSTER DEPTH:

Sheldon returns seven starters and six other letter winners from last

year's squad. The overall numbers have remained relatively steady and sit at around 40 athletes on the squad.

"You would always like more numbers, but we have a fairly veteran group," Letsche said. "We've got a really strong core of seniors who have played a lot of football together. I'm excited to see where those guys can take us."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

The heart of the offense is an offensive line that returns five players with starting experience, including senior Parker Thomas, who recently committed to the University of Northern Iowa's football program.

"We've got four senior guys who have been there competing for time with a couple of other guys trying to work their way in," Letsche said. "We've got a strong backfield and a couple of young receivers that are starting to grow and develop."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

The new coach said there will be fewer changes on the defensive side of the ball.

"Things are pretty similar," Letsche said. "We have a good core of seven or eight offensive and defensive linemen that can play, and we'll rotate them through to keep them fresh. That will be a strength, but we have a good linebacking crew, too, and some guys in the secondary we find



LOOK BACK: Sheldon's Ryan Vollink gets a step on Okoboji's Josh Leman for an eventual touchdown reception in a Class 2A District 1 game on Sept. 16 of last season. That was the first game for the Orabs on their new artificial turf field. Photo by Charis Hildebrand

exciting." Jarrett Roos is the top returning tackler from last year. He made 38.5 stops, nine of them for losses. Ryan Vollink had 33.5 tackles, six of them for loss and one sack.

Roos and Isaac Wenthe each recovered a fumble.

Wenthe made two interceptions, including one he returned for a touchdown. Roos also snagged an interception.

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

There were some changes in the way the Iowa High School Athletic Association sets football districts this year with a socioeconomic factor thrown in, but it resulted in just one change in Class 2A District 1. Okoboji leaves, moving over to Class 2A District 2. Western Christian joins Class 2A District 1. Western Christian previously was in Class 1A.

"The teams on our schedule are all teams that we've played, if not last year in the recent past," Letsche said.

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

The coach said the key for Sheldon is to keep the target narrow.

"Our focus needs to be on us," Letsche said. "We need to get better and make sure we are being the best we can be in the meeting room or in the weight room or at practice or in games."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

"If we just compete each day, if we do that, it's a good season," Letsche said. "In the future, I'd like to improve the numbers involved in football. If we can win some games, awesome. That's what you hire a football coach to do. But we are building young men past football. We want to help them learn to pursue excellence in everything they do and instill in them the desire to create championship habits in all parts of life."

BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Parker Thomas

Northern Iowa commit anchors offensive line.



Jarrett Roos

Athletic skill lets coaches move him on defense.



Ryan Vollink

Depended on for production in offensive attack.

2023 SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	Sibley-Ocheyedan
Sept. 1	@South O'Brien
Sept. 8	@Emmetsburg
Sept. 15	CLGLR
Sept. 22	@Unity Christian
Sept. 29	Western Christian
Oct. 6	@West Lyon
Oct. 13	Cherokee

Home games site: Sheldon
Homecoming: Sept. 29

2022 SEASON

L	@Sioux Center	6-14
W	@South O'Brien	17-0
W	@Sibley-Ocheyedan	34-9
W	Okoboji	18-0
L	@West Lyon	3-29
W	Cherokee	35-0
L	@CLGLR	0-42
L	Unity Christian	8-30

POSTSEASON

L	@Spirit Lake	7-35
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LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record:	4-5
2022 District record:	2-3
2022 District placing:	Fourth
Playoff berths:	2022, 2021, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2005 Class 2A runner-up, 1985, 1984, 1983

COACH



Levi Letsche

Years coaching: 1
Career record: 0-0

ENROLLMENT
250

CLASSIFICATION
Class 2A District 1

COLORS
Orange & Black

ROSTER

No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.					
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SIBLEY-OCHEYEDAN

GENERALS



The 2023 Sibley-Ocheyedan football team: (front, from left) Anthony Santana, Noah Doeden, Dalton Wingate, Cassidy Henrichs, Michael Block, Sam Schnepf, Riley Getzel; (second row) Juan Martinez, Alex Bosma, Cayden Wingate, Kayne Julius, Douglia Macias, Bryce Favors, Tanner Gries, Josue Nicholas; (third row) Phillip Van Westen, Dominic Marco, Dawson Beyer, Gavin Stanton, Kayden Kooima, Aidan Beyer, Tate Marco, Gavin Hensch, Kyler Elser; (fourth row) Jaxon Pedley, Griffin Taylor, Dawson Kreykes, Jonathan Olvera-Don, Gage Greenfield, Evan Beltman, Hunter Kauffman, Alex Kruger; (fifth row) Damien Cruz, Anderson Mendez, Luke Heilman, Easton Beyer; (back) assistant coach Brett Doeden, assistant coach Daryl Tutje, coach Mike McCarty, assistant coach A.J. Whalen and assistant coach Trevor Doeden. Emilio Celis, Wilson Garcia, Gabe Bevers and Tommy Wietzema also are members of the team. Mike McCarty coaches the Generals. Photo by Scott Byers

Looking to take next step in creating new history

Coach hoping to alter script from recent past

BY SCOTT BYERS
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SIBLEY—Sibley-Ocheyedan football coach Mike McCarty was a part of the proudest portion of Generals' football history, playing on the program's lone state championship team. The 1983 Sibley High School graduate is aware the history of the team since then hasn't been as pleasant.

McCarty is in year two of a rebuilding project. His team went 1-8 overall and 0-5 in Class 1A District 1 last year.

"I've been very vocal about wanting to change history," he said. "We have T-shirts that say — never quit, change history, no excuses," he said. "I'm not sure how far we can take that, but I'm looking for a winning season. Last year there were three games, maybe four, that we could have won if we just eliminate mistakes. Not just mistakes by players. I made some too. But we learned from that. It's a new year and we want to start it off right. We want to compete and win some football games."

ROSTER DEPTH:

Sibley-Ocheyedan's total numbers in the program are steady, but the Generals are looking to fill a lot of holes.

"I think last year we ended up with

around 45 and this year we're around 40. We might end up in the high 30s," McCarty said. "We lost a big class with 11 seniors. One of them was hurt and didn't play much, but the rest of those guys saw a lot of action on both sides of the football so we're going to have a lot of positions to fill."

"The good news is last year our sophomores really stepped up," he said. "We've got a half dozen or so guys who were juniors last year that are back. Even our freshmen got some action, so we're young but we are seasoned."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

McCarty said last year's offense will be reconstructed.

Senior Dalton Wingate was the quarterback for much of last season. He threw for 656 yards with six touchdowns. Senior Riley Getzel was the leading receiver with 20 catches for 369 yards and five touchdowns.

"We're smaller all around the field than we were last year, but what we do have is some quickness and ball handling ability," he said. "We have some guys who can move. We're going to try to get them into open space and turn them loose."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Defensively, the Generals return a pair of all-district players in senior linebacker Cassidy Henrichs and senior lineman Michael Block.

Henrichs led the Generals with 56.5



LOOK BACK: Sibley-Ocheyedan's Riley Getzel cuts back on a run against Sioux Central in a Class 1A District 1 game in Sioux Rapids on Sept. 16 of last season. The visiting Generals lost that contest against the Rebels by a score of 20-7. Photo by Ryan Howe

tackles last year and Block was next with 54.

Block had 10.5 tackles for loss and five sacks. Henrichs had five tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks.

Block recovered three fumbles and Henrichs picked up two.

"The key is pursuit," McCarty said. "Everything was new to them last year. This year, we return guys who can provide some leadership. Installing things has gone much quicker. Kind of like the offense though, we're a team that is built for speed."

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

In the first year where socioeconomic factors played into the IHSAA's districts, the Generals went down to Class A District 1.

"We're with a group of programs that are closer to the same numerically as us. We should be more competitive night after night," McCarty said. "It's better for the kids and better for the program, but at the same time, again, we are going to be in a very tough district."

QUOTABLE:

"We're smaller all around the field than we were last year, but what we do have is some quickness and ball handling ability. We have some guys who can move. We're going to try to get them into open space and turn them loose."

— MIKE MCCARTY
SIBLEY-OCHEYEDAN COACH

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

"I've been telling the guys not to be overconfident just because we moved down a class," the coach said. "Gehlen Catholic and Hartley-Melvin-Southbom were very good last year. South O'Brien is traditionally very good. Akron-Westfield has come a long way. You can't take a night off."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

"We're looking to win games," McCarty said. "We're looking to start changing some of that history."

BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Cassidy Henrichs

Last year's leading tackler back to guide defense.



Michael Block

Uses wrestling skills to leverage opposing lines.



Dalton Wingate

Quarterback should benefit from changes.

2023 SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	@Sheldon
Sept. 1	@Akron-Westfield
Sept. 8	South O'Brien
Sept. 15	@Alta-Aurelia
Sept. 22	MMCRU
Sept. 29	Gehlen Catholic
Oct. 6	@H-M-S
Oct. 13	North Union

Home games site: Sibley

Homecoming: Sept. 8

2022 SEASON

L	MOC-Floyd Valley	0-42
W	@Okoboji	15-6
L	Sheldon	9-34
L	@Sioux Central	7-20
L	Emmetsburg	0-42
L	Western Christian	0-45
L	@West Sioux	14-65
L	@Ridge View	7-28
L	@Cherokee	28-35

LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record: 1-8
2022 District record: 0-5
2022 District placing: Sixth
Playoff berths: Sibley-Ocheyedan 2014, 2010; Sibley 1992 (Class 2A runner-up), 1976 (Class 2A champion), 1977

COACH



Mike McCarty

Years coaching: 2
Career record: 1-8

ENROLLMENT
168

CLASSIFICATION
Class A District 1

COLORS
Orange & Black

ROSTER

No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.	No.	Player	Class	WL	Ht.					
2	Dawson Beyer	10	165	5'7"	11	Tate Marco	10	135	5'8"	30	Anthony Santana	12	160	6'1"	59	Alex Bosma	11	190	6'0"	76	Aidan Beyer	10	175	5'10"
3	Dominic Marco	10	175	6'0"	12	Noah Doeden	12	180	5'8"	33	Damien Cruz	9	190	5'7"	67	Phillip Van Westen	10	215	5'10"	77	Josue Nicolas	11	230	6'1"
4	Hunter Kauffman	9	190	6'0"	14	Douglia Macias	10	150	5'7"	42	Easton Beyer	9	175	5'11"	69	Sam Schnepf	12	235	6'8"	78	Michael Block	12	265	6'3"
5	Riley Getzel	12	165	5'9"	19	Gabe Bevers	9	150	5'8"	44	Cassidy Henrichs	12	210	6'2"	71	Kayden Kooima	10	220	6'2"	81	Luke Heilman	9	165	5'11"
6	Kayne Julius	11	145	5'11"	21	Bryce Favors	11	155	5'9"	50	Gavin Stanton	10	190	6'1"	72	Tommy Wietzema	9	220	6'2"	82	Evan Beltman	10	170	6'4"
7	Dalton Wingate	12	190	6'2"	22	Gavin Hensch	10	175	5'9"	51	Kyler Elser	10	200	5'9"	73	Anderson Mendez	9	190	5'7"	84	Dawson Kreykes	10	180	6'2"
8	Griffin Taylor	9	125	5'4"	25	Alex Kruger	9	165	6'4"	53	Cayden Wingate	11	180	6'0"	74	Gage Greenfield	9	295	6'4"					
10	Eric Kleinwoltberik	10	125	5'10"	28	Jaxon Pedley	10	150	5'10"	55	Juan Martinez	11	200	5'10"	75	Tanner Gries	10	180	6'4"					

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SOUTH O'BRIEN



WOLVERINES



The 2023 South O'Brien football team: (front, from left) Billy Lange, Dominic Rounds, Will Stout, Corbin Warnke, Westyn Harper, Teagen Bahrenfuss, Damian Villarreal, Jaden Kreber, Marshall Warnke, Wyatt Ackermann, Nicholas Sage, John Puhmann, Angel Salazar; (middle) Carter Halverson, Collin Odenbrett, Luis Salazar, Derek Paulsen, Brody Van Beek, Brady Struve, Aaron Funkhouser, Caden Wittrock, Cole Tjossem, Brady Riedemann, Austin Negus, Gabe Moermond; (back) Reese Lundquist, Jayven Miller, Mitchell Enger, Jordan Jenness, Willie Conley, Justice Frerk, Jaxon Weier, Josh Gnade, Justin Paulsen, David Bottjen and Brennan Billick. Cole Cox, Kaden Tjossem, William Brown, Donald Wallinga, Tyler Hintz and Ashton Hunt are also members of the team. The Wolverines, who are coached by Mark Fuhrman, play their home contests in Paullina. South O'Brien, who finished 4-5 last season, will again play in Class A District 1 this fall. Photo by Charlie Hildebrand

Ground game is stable foundation for program

Two experienced backs will help young roster

BY CHARLIE HILDEBRAND
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PAULLINA—South O'Brien has just a handful of returning starters but hopes a returner at quarterback and two-headed rushing attack can lead to another trip to the playoffs.

The Wolverines were 3-2 last season after a 28-7 win over MMCRU on Sept. 23.

South O'Brien went 1-2 over the final three regular season games, then fell to Woodbury Central 42-0 in the opening round of postseason play.

ROSTER DEPTH:

South O'Brien has 43 players on its roster and four total starters back.

"Depth, we don't have a lot. We have 11 or 12 seniors. That's pretty typical for us," said Wolverines' coach Mark Fuhrman. "We generally don't have a lot of depth. I like what we have first. If guys go down, we'll have to find some guys."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

South O'Brien returns its top two rushers from last season in seniors Justin Paulsen and Cole Tjossem.

Paulsen ran for 640 yards and one score on 151 carries.

"Justin came in middle of the season last year and filled in after some injuries," Fuhrman said. "He did a nice job of running the ball."

Tjossem notched 48 carries for 242 yards and two scores.

"He's a little smaller, but gives us more speed in the backfield," Fuhrman said. "He's been banged up at times. We hope he can stay healthy."

Mitchell Enger, a 6-foot-2, 240-pound senior, is back to anchor the offensive line.

"He's a big kid. He's a big strong kid and he has good feet. He's a leader and the kids look up to him. I think he's going to make our offensive line go this year."

Fuhrman hopes Enger and company can pave the way up front.

"We should be able to move some people," he said. "We're big and strong. We should be able to move the ball a bit."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Fuhrman said his squad should be solid on defense.

"We have some big guys on the front four," he said. "We have some good athletes at linebacker. I think we'll be OK. Some of those guys have played and have experience. If we



LOOK BACK: South O'Brien's Billy Lange breaks through the line of scrimmage and looks for room to run against MMCRU in a Class A District 1 game Sept. 23, 2022, in Marcus. The Wolverines trailed 7-0 early but turned around and won 28-7. Photo by Roy Tucker

can get to the basics and block and tackle, we'll be just fine."

Paulsen will play linebacker for South O'Brien on defense. He notched 7.5 tackles last year and had one tackle for loss.

"He works hard. He doesn't say a

lot, but leads by example," Fuhrman said.

Tjossem, a defensive back, has the burst and coverage skills to lock down receivers.

"He brings nice speed to the outside at corner back," Fuhrman said.

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

According to Fuhrman, Alta-Aurelia is the favorite in Class A District 1 heading into the season, but it will be a tough district overall.

"They've got some kids up front that have played since they were freshmen and sophomores. Their quarterback is back for the third year," he said. "MMCRU will be better too. It should be pretty even. Those two teams seem like they'll have a shot to be toward the top."

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

Fuhrman said his team needs to do the basic things correctly and get a little positive luck in terms of health and injuries.

"We have to be able to control the line of scrimmage and hang onto the ball," he said. "We can't afford many injuries."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

The South O'Brien coach said he wants his team to improve throughout the season and play its best at the end of the year.

"Like everybody else, you want to get to the end of the season and be in the hunt for the district," Fuhrman said. "I'd like to be in the top half. Then we'll see where it goes."

BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Mitchell Enger

Strong lineman shows leadership abilities.



Justin Paulsen

Leading rusher last year aims to take next step.



Cole Tjossem

Speedy corner helps defensive backfield.

2023 SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	@Sioux Central
Sept. 1	Sheldon
Sept. 8	@Sibley-Ocheyedan
Sept. 15	@MMCRU
Sept. 22	Alta-Aurelia
Sept. 29	Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
Oct. 6	@Gehlen Catholic
Oct. 13	Akron-Westfield

Home games site: Paullina
Homecoming: Sept. 22

2022 SEASON

W	@Sioux Central	32-0
L	Sheldon	0-17
L	@H-M-S	6-22
W	Alta-Aurelia	14-7
W	@MMCRU	28-7
L	Gehlen Catholic	20-28
W	@Akron-Westfield	13-12
L	Hinton	6-26

POSTSEASON

L	@Woodbury Central	0-42
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LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record:	4-5
2022 District record:	3-3
2022 District placing:	Fourth
Playoff berths:	2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 1992, Paullina-Pinglar 1989, Sutherland 1982, 1983 (Class A champion), Pinglar 1982, Paullina 1991 (Class A champion)

COACH



Mark Fuhrman

Years coaching: 16
Career record: 78-71

ENROLLMENT
129

CLASSIFICATION
Class A District 1

COLORS
Black & Silver

ROSTER

No.	Player	Class	WT.	HT.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	HT.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	HT.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	HT.					
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14	Gabe Moermond	10	170	5'9"	25	Jaden Kreber	10	175	6'0"	43	Billy Lange	11	170	5'6"	60	Austin Negus	10	180	5'10"	84	Reese Lundquist	11	185	6'2"
16	Justice Frerk	12	175	6'2"	26	Justin Paulsen	12	190	5'10"	45	William Brown	9	170	5'9"	61	Brennan Billick	10	190	6'2"	86	Willie Conley	12	190	6'2"
17	David Bottjen	12	185	5'9"	30	Caden Wittrock	11	185	5'9"	46	Damian Villarreal	10	150	5'7"	63	Jaxon Weier	11	255	6'1"	88	Carter Halverson	11	175	5'10"
18	Brady Riedemann	10	165	5'8"	31	Luis Salazar	12	183	5'9"	52	Brady Struve	11	210	6'0"	64	Angel Salazar	9	190	5'10"					
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21	Jordan Jenness	11	195	6'1"	33	Teagen Bahrenfuss	11	200	6'0"	54	Ashton Hunt	11	205	5'9"	70	Wyatt Ackermann	10	225	6'0"					

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UNITY CHRISTIAN

KNIGHTS



The 2023 Unity Christian football team: (front, from left) Cole Rens, Titan Hulstein, Simon Mellema, Ethan Van Ginkele, Judah Baart, Kyan Emmelkamp, Landon Meerdink, Elliot Vanden Berg, Bryce Riebeling, Jaxson Poppema, Ashtyn Kroeze, Stanley Altemeier; (middle) Noah Franken, Kolton Smit, Jackson Vogel, Brady Boogerd, Asa Byl, Wyatt Hulshof, Parker Van Roekel, Chris Freese, Brayden Harskamp, Paul Pullman, Brayden Schoellerman; (back) Braeden Bosma, Landon Van Meeteren, Weston Huisman, Austin Wieringa, Tyler Poppema, James Foreman, Dylan Bosma, Jonah De Jong and Caleb Altema. The Knights, who finished last season with a 3-6 record, have a new coach in Seth Swedorski. Unity Christian plays its home games in Orange City. Photo by Charlie Hildebrand

New coach has experienced talent to work with

Depth at skill positions creates more options

BY CHARLIE HILDEBRAND
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ORANGE CITY—Unity Christian returns a decent number of starters from a playoff team last season but will look different on the sidelines with a new coach in charge.

Seth Swedorski, an assistant last season, takes over the top job after Josh Van Kempen left.

The Knights beat Sheldon 30-8 in the regular season finale last season to improve to 3-5 and earn a spot in the Class 2A playoffs. They lost to OABCIG, a team that reached the state semifinals, in the first round 29-23.

ROSTER DEPTH:

Unity Christian has 60 players on its roster and returns nine players with starting experience.

"So far, we've been pretty healthy," Swedorski said. "Our skill positions are very deep. As far as total roster, we have bigger numbers."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Swedorski said he feels good about the potential of his offense going into the season.

"It's going to be a little bit different. I think just in terms of offensive play calling with me calling the plays



LOOK BACK: Unity Christian quarterback Braeden Bosma sets his feet before a pass during a contest against town rival MOC-Floyd Valley last season in Orange City. Bosma threw a touchdown pass early on during the contest, but the Knights lost the game to crosstown rival MOC-Floyd Valley 34-7. Photo by Scott Byers

this year instead of Josh," Swedorski said. "There's a lot of learning left in the first couple weeks, but guys are catching on."

Junior quarterback Braeden Bosma passed for 937 yards and nine touchdowns last season.

He ran for another 479 yards and three scores.

"Braeden is a dynamic athlete on offense," Swedorski said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to use him throwing the ball, catching the ball and running the ball. We can use him in a lot of

different positions."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

The Unity Christian coach said his team should have a solid defense.

"Our defensive coordinator Kyle Brummel does a great job teaching technique," Swedorski said. "We have several coverages we can go to. Hopefully, we can have good coverage and create tackles for our linebackers and defensive line."

Cole Rens, a senior defensive line-

man, recorded 52 tackles, nine tackles for loss, one sack and one fumble recovery last season.

"Defensively, he's very fundamentally sound," Swedorski said. "He is a really good open field tackler and able to affect the passer too."

Elliot Vanden Berg, a senior linebacker, notched 22 tackles, three tackles for loss and one interception last year.

"Elliot is a very good open field tackler," Swedorski said. "He's very good in pass coverage as a linebacker."

He's kind of hybrid between a defensive back and a linebacker. He's able to help us out in pass coverage."

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

Swedorski said Class 2A District 1 will be nasty again this season with no easy games.

"Our district is very tough. In my opinion, it's the deepest in the state," he said. "Central Lyon I think has earned the right to be the favorite after an undefeated season and state championship last year. They have our respect. West Lyon is well coached and a very good football program."

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

The Unity Christian coach said his team needs to take pride in being the more physical squad.

"If we hang our hat on being the more physical team, a lot of questions we've had in the past — like winning the playoff game we've been close to the last couple years — I think that can be the difference for us," Swedorski said.

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

Swedorski said things will look a little different this fall with him coaching the Knights.

"Our goal is we want to win a playoff game," he said. "We want to host a playoff game and win it."

BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Cole Rens
SR
Defensive line-man shows good fundamentals.



Braeden Bosma
JR
Quarterback is dynamic athlete for team.



Elliot Vanden Berg
SR
Linebacker hybrid player looks to excel.

2023 SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	MOC-Floyd Valley
Sept. 1	@Ridge View
Sept. 8	@Sioux Center
Sept. 15	West Lyon
Sept. 22	Sheldon
Sept. 29	@CLGLR
Oct. 6	@Cherokee
Oct. 13	Western Christian

Home games site: Orange City
Homecoming: Jan. 19

ENROLLMENT
228

2022 SEASON

L	Gehlen Catholic	13-21
L	@MOC-Floyd Valley	7-34
L	@BHRV	0-20
W	Cherokee	35-0
W	Okoboji	42-6
L	CLGLR	7-39
L	West Lyon	6-24
W	@Sheldon	30-8

POSTSEASON	
L	@OABCIG 23-29

CLASSIFICATION
Class 2A District 1

LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record:	3-6
2022 District record:	3-2
2022 District placing:	Third
Playoff berths:	2020, 2021, 2026

COLORS
Navy & White

COACH



Seth Swedorski
Years coaching: 1
Career record: 0-0

ROSTER

No.	Player	Class	WT.	HL.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	HL.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	HL.	No.	Player	Class	WT.	HL.
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5.	Brady Boogerd	11	140	5'9"	19.	James Foreman	10	150	6'1"	33.	Kash Huisman	9	150	6'0"	57.	Ashtyn Kroeze	12	190	6'5"
6.	Keegan Wimmerfeld	9	125	5'9"	20.	Chase Nieuwma	10	140	5'5"	36.	Owen Mellema	9	140	6'1"	58.	Tyler Poppema	10	190	6'2"
7.	Kyan Emmelkamp	12	175	6'4"	21.	Simon Mellema	12	180	6'4"	40.	Joshua Mow	9	125	5'9"	59.	Gage Roorda	9	190	6'0"
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12.	Judah Baart	12	160	6'2"	26.	Jacob Breen	9	135	5'8"	51.	Joey Wieringa	9	165	6'0"	63.	Titan Hulstein	12	185	6'2"
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The 2023 West Lyon football team: (front, from left) Javier Padilla, Koen Metzger, Alex Klarenbeek, Anderson Trejo, Carter Ver Meer, Ryker Metzger, Trevor Ciesielski, Keegan Rotert, James Bullerman, Jack Conlan, Carson Meyer, Phil Pottebaum, Ben Bahnsen; (second row) Xander Rentschler, Korey Moser, Gage Blauwet, Lane Stokley, Justus Leuthold, Elliott Snyders, Tate Hawf, Bryson Childress, Carson Hoogeveen, Ridge Kramer, Jackson Ver Meer, Jaxan Huyser, Ben Meyer; (third row) Cody Snyders; Jack Conlan, Jordan Meyer, Trace Dreke, Tanner Lynott, Tristan Bliak, Brayden Faber, Evan Hildring, Brendon Van Wyhe, Bryce Kock, Carter Metzger, Jared Ciesielski, Lane Stokely; (fourth row) Evan Erpenbach, Will Warner, Dawson Klarenbeek, Cole Kock, Jacob Schommel, Micah Van Beek, Mason McCarty, Jayden Daale, Jacob Roemen, Daxton Metzger, Darren Van Beek, Ryan Bahnsen, Sam Underberg; (back) Jonny Leuthold, Lincoln Bruggeman, Owen Jennings, Dane Teunissen, Abel Ghorjan, Jack Haubert, Grady Stuerman, Tyree Kammred, Easton De Jong, Jerrence Knoblock, Jacob Snyders and Braxton Van Houten. Jay Rozeboom is the coach. Photo by Scott Byers

Coach nearing milestone as he prepares team for another run

Heavy roster turnover has created a few questions

BY SCOTT BYERS
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INWOOD—Winning football games year after year is not as easy as West Lyon coach Jay Rozeboom has made it look.

The coach is in his 31st year at the helm of the Wildcats.

His teams were postseason regulars going back well before the Iowa High School Athletic Association watered things down by doubling the number of qualifiers. In fact, only once in Rozeboom's tenure has the team missed the postseason party.

West Lyon didn't quite reach the heights it hit in 2021 when it reached the Class 2A state title game, but put together a solid 8-3 campaign last year. Two of its losses were to rival Central Lyon/George-Little Rock, which won the Class 2A state title.

"It was a really good year. We started off kind of rough against Western and the guys were willing to work to improve and get better and work on some of the things that didn't go well against them," said Rozeboom, who is just two wins short of 300 for his career. "That's the advantage of playing a quality opponent right away. After that, we just continued to grind and get better. We had great practices. We got better in every game we played."

COACH



Jay Rozeboom

Years coaching: 31
Career record: 298-60

ROSTER DEPTH:

The coach said while the overall numbers remain steady, this year's Wildcats are a little thinner at the top than usual.

"We have a small senior class and that hurts the depth quite a bit, but we're really happy with the eight seniors that are out right now," he said. "The expectations are the same. They are going to have to pull together and do a little bit more and I think they are going to rise to the occasion."



LOOK BACK: West Lyon's Trevor Ciesielski hauls in the interception intended for Sioux Center junior Kole Hooyer on Sept. 9, 2022, near Inwood. The Wildcats beat the Warriors 17-0 in the contest. Photo by Josh Harell

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

The Wildcats have plenty of holes to fill, but have an interesting centerpiece in junior running back Tate Hawf. Hawf led the team in rushing with 813 yards and 11 scores last year. He was dangerous as a receiver as well, catching 18 passes for 146 yards.

"We're going to tweak to what our skills are but go to the same mindset with the things we like to do. We'll try to get our guys in the right spots and try to play really physical football," Rozeboom said. "We were fortunate to have the guys who are playing now down at the freshman and JV level last year. They've been in the program. They know the process. They know what needs to be done."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Junior Jaxan Huyser is the top returning tackler, having made 48 stops last year. Senior Trevor Ciesielski had two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

"Playing defense has changed a little bit. It's so much of a space game now. You have to be able to tackle all the time," Rozeboom said. "Tackling in space and fighting off a block in space is becoming a bigger and bigger deal. In the games we've lost, we didn't tackle very well, so that's the emphasis. To become a sound tackling team. It doesn't matter what kind

of defense you put out there. If you can't tackle it's really not going to work. The fundamentals are a big deal."

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

Rozeboom said Western Christian moving into a spot previously occupied by Okoboji only makes Class 2A District 1 tougher.

"Western Christian is really good, so it's going to be a good district top to bottom," he said. "I don't see any weaknesses in any of the teams we're going to play. It should be very competitive."

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

"The big thing is just being one of 11 out there," the coach said. "On offense, defense and special teams, everyone has a job to do. Being about to execute it, being able to block and tackle, is probably the key to it."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

"Our seniors just wrote up the goals. They tweak it a bit every year but the overall goal is the same. Year in and year out, you want to be as good as you can be," Rozeboom said. "You get a starting point and you try to get better with every rep and every practice and every game and see where you end up at the end."

IMPACT PLAYERS

 Trevor Ciesielski SR	 Anderson Trejo SR	 Tate Hawf JR
Has proved to be ball hawk in secondary.	Kicker has range to turn stalled drive into points.	Shows his skills as runner and receiver.

2023 SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	@Sioux Center
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Sept. 8	OABCIG
Sept. 15	@Unity Christian
Sept. 22	@Western Christian
Sept. 29	Cherokee
Oct. 6	Sheldon
Oct. 13	@CLGLR

Home games site: Inwood | Homecoming: Sept. 29

LOOKING BACK

2022 SEASON		2022 Overall record: 8-3	
L @Western Christian	7-21	2022 District record: 4-1	
W Estherville LC	43-14	2022 District placing: Second	
W Sioux Center	17-0	Playoff berths: 2022, 2021 (Class 2A runner-up, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 (Class 1A runner-up, 2013 (Class A champion), 2012, 2011, 2010 (Class 1A champion), 2009, 2008 (Class 1A runner-up), 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999 (Class 2A champion), 1998 (Class 2A champion), 1995, 1994 (Class 2A runner-up), 1994, 1993, 1992, 1991, 1990, 1989, 1988	
L @CLGLR	17-38		
W Sheldon	29-3		
W @Okoboji	49-7		
W @Unity Christian	24-6		
W Cherokee	42-12		
POSTSEASON			
W Estherville LC	37-26		
W @Greene County	43-7		
L @CLGLR	42-7		

QUOTABLE

“We're going to tweak to what are skills are, but go to the same mindset with the things we like to do. We'll try to get our guys in the right spots and try to play really physical football.**”**

— JAY ROZEBOOM
WEST LYON FOOTBALL COACH

ROSTER

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9	Gage Blauwet	11	155	5'10"	19	Justus Leuthold	11	150	5'9"	47	Anderson Trejo	12	145	5'7"	59	Cooper Schoening	10	185	5'10"

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FALCONS




The 2023 West Sioux football team: (front, from left) Josh Kennedy, Alan Flores, Aaron Schurman, Anthony Soto, Diego Topete, Preston Province, Ishmael Hernandez, Eli Koopmans, Ethan Schurman, Ronnie Barnes, Carter Liston; (second row) manager Javin Bruner, manager Kasadee Anderson, Oden Nohava, Oscar Robles, Mark Topete, Tranquillino Flores, Oliver Houlton, Dilan Cervantes, Imminuel Hernandez, Eli Mora, Leandro Lopez, Kole Popken, Hunter Doyle, assistant coach Jesse Strong, assistant coach Kezden Blankenship; (third row) assistant coach Corey Utech, coach Ryan Schwiesow, Adrian Flores-Topete, Braylen Lopez, Kelan Utech, Rigo Lopez, Kody Eisma, Zach Finzen, Jayden Kots, Jayden Burt, Seth Persinger, Cooper Anderson, Conner Bergsma, manager Greg Cook, assistant coach Dustin Houlton; (back) assistant coach Francisco Garcia, Brian Robles, Gibson Rens, Blake Wiggins, Drake Lynott, Bode Wilkens, Keegan McMillan, Austin Van Engelenhoven, Eli McMillan, Kolton Koopmans, Gavin Gerritson, assistant coach Richard Abbe and assistant coach Ryan Noble. The Falcons play their home games in Hawarden. Photo by Katie Anderson

No change in expectations for powerhouse team

Young squad hopes to extend district streak

BY CHARLIE HILDEBRAND
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HAWARDEN—Despite heavy graduation losses, West Sioux isn't shifting its expectations after reaching the Class 1A state championship game each of the past two seasons.

"We aren't going to change our goals because we lost 13 seniors," said Falcons' coach Ryan Schwiesow. "Our kids are buying into that. We're going to try and get better every day, and hopefully, we can achieve those by the end of the year."

West Sioux won Class 1A District 1 last season with a 5-0 mark and finished 11-2 after falling to Van Meter 35-7 in the state title game.



LOOK BACK: West Sioux's Omar Rivera gets ready to boot the ball for the Falcons kickoff team. Rivera's leg got quite the workout during Class 1A District 1 game on Oct. 14, 2022, in Hawarden as the host Falcons scored 10 touchdowns and Rivera hit seven extra point attempts. West Sioux easily defeated Sioux Central 68-0 to wrap-up another district championship. Photo by Katie Anderson

QUOTABLE:

"We're young and have talented freshman, but they're still freshman. We have talented sophomores too, but they are still sophomores. We're going to play some young kids. As far as their maturity process, we're going to see how that plays out."

— RYAN SCHWIESOW
WEST SIOUX COACH

ROSTER DEPTH:

The Falcons return two starters on each side of the ball and have 45 players on their roster.

"We're young and have talented freshman, but they're still freshman. We have talented sophomores too, but they are still sophomores," Schwiesow said. "We're going to play some young kids. As far as their maturity process, we're going to see how that plays out."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Blake Wiggins, a sophomore, will take over at quarterback this season.

"It's crazy how much he's improved since our camp at Simpson," Schwiesow said. "If he continues to mature

the way that he has come along so far, I think our offense will be able to put up some pretty good numbers like in the past."

Kolton Koopmans, a junior, is the top receiver. He caught 19 passes for 206 yards and three touchdowns.

"He's your prototypical football player," Schwiesow said. "As a sophomore, he started both ways. He's one of those kids that is aggressive by nature. He has good size at 6-1 and 195. That gives matchup issues and he can run well for his size."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Schwiesow said he likes his defen-

sive line and linebackers.

"I really like our front six. I think our front six is as good as we've had since I've been here," he said. "With Keegan McMillan and Eli McMillan and Seth Persinger, those guys on the defensive line are going to be good. We have really good size at linebacker. Zach Finzen is maybe not the biggest guy, but he's really aggressive. Our front six should be tough."

Keegan McMillan, a senior, recorded 45 tackles, 10 tackles for loss and one sack last season.

"He has size and athleticism. He's 6-foot-2-inches and 285 pounds and he moves way better than a guy that size should move," Schwiesow said.

"He's explosive off of the ball and has a good motor. He also has a nasty disposition that makes him a good football player."

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

Schwiesow said he doesn't like to make predictions but expects the district to be good with new teams Lawton-Bronson, MVAOCO and OABCIG.

"It's wide open in our district," he said. "It should be fun every week."

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

According to Schwiesow, limit-

ing turnovers and mistakes will be important, especially due to having an inexperienced group on the field offensively.

"I don't know if the explosive plays will be quite as frequent as last year," he said. "So we'll need to limit mistakes and penalties. Last year, third-and-15 wasn't a big deal. This year, third-and-15 will be tougher to get. We can't make rookie mistakes."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

Schwiesow reiterated that the goals for his team won't change this season.

"Obviously, our goal every year is to make it to the dome," he said. "First of all, we want to win our district, which would be the ninth in a row."

BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Keegan McMillan

Big and athletic lineman looks to dominate.



Bode Wilkens

Athletic big man shows strong technique.



Kolton Koopmans

Hard-nosed linebacker could have big year.

2023 SCHEDULE

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Oct. 13	@Hinton

Home games site: Hawarden
Homecoming: Sept. 15

ENROLLMENT
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2022 SEASON

W	Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn	38-18
W	@Sioux Center	58-14
L	@CLGLR	6-44
W	Emmetsburg	52-28
W	@Western Christian	49-22
W	@Ridge View	35-0
W	Sibley-Ocheyedan	65-14
W	Sioux Central	68-0

POSTSEASON

W	East Sac County	58-0
W	Carroll Kuemper	45-7
W	Western Christian	49-20
W	Underwood	47-7
L	Van Meter	7-35

LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record:	11-2
2022 District record:	5-0
2022 District placing:	First
Playoff berths:	2022 (Class 1A state runner-up), 2021 (Class 1A state runner-up), 2022, 2019, 2018 (Class 1A state champion), 2017 (Class 1A state champion), 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2006, 1996, 1994

CLASSIFICATION
Class 1A District 1

COLORS
Red, White & Blue

COACH



Ryan Schwiesow

Years coaching: 11
Career record: 96-22

ROSTER

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7...	Brian Robles	10	160	5'11"	18...	Kody Eisma	12	170	5'10"	36...	Preston Province	12	140	5'6"	52...	Eli Koopmans	9	180	5'10"	68...	Mark Topete	9	235	5'10"
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9...	Ethan Schurman	10	180	5'6"	24...	Dilan Cervantes	10	150	5'7"	40...	Tranquillino Flores	11	180	5'10"	54...	Oliver Houlton	9	190	5'10"	78...	Eli McMillan	10	255	6'3"

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WOLFPACK



The 2023 Western Christian football team: (front, from left) Kellen Beukelman, Brody Van Kley, Miles Baccam, Kaden Van Regenmorter, Teague Ver Velde, Landon De Stigter, Karsten Moret, Kaden De Jager, Ty Groeneweg, Jackson Gulker; (second row) Ryder Van Bommel, J.D. Pettit, Aidan Carlson, Aaron Kamstra, Aiden Ouwinga, Uchan Harberts, Gavin Brands, Asa Alons, Kyran De Weerd, Lane Maassen; (third row) Kolby Heemskerck, Noah Hilbrands, Tyler Mantel, Myles Blom, Easton Van Dyken, Jacob Gulker, Drew Tiedeman, Rylan De Groot, Benjamin Haan, Mason Dykstra; (fourth row) Braxton Van Kley, Ross Saeger, Barret Bleeker, Braden Baccam, Lucas Kooima, Kaase Van Niejenhuis, Josh Pettitt, Jesse Ney, Logan Westra; (back) Taeten Kollis, Logan Stetson, Matthew Van Otterloo, Tristan Rozeboom, Teagen Visser and Tayjen De Jong. Austin Vis also is a member of the team. Western Christian plays its home football games in Hull. Photo by Charlie Hildebrand

Talented group challenged by moving up in class

Returning starters give reasons for optimism

BY CHARLIE HILDEBRAND
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HULL—Western Christian fell one step short of reaching the UNI-Dome last season and hopes to make the next step, despite jumping up a class into a nasty district.

The Wolfpack moved up to Class 2A District 1 this football season. Last year, Western Christian finished second in Class 1A District 1 with a 4-1 record and finished 8-3 overall after falling to West Sioux in the quarterfinals 49-20.

ROSTER DEPTH:

Western Christian returns 15 total starters and has 46 players on its roster.

"These first few weeks of practice, we like what kind of team we are," said Wolfpack coach Travis Kooima. "We're not deep on the offensive line. We're still looking for some extra guys to step up and eventually we'll have some good players there. We have some team speed."

"Hopefully, we can figure out how to put that together and use it in a positive way."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

The Wolfpack brings back eight starters on offense.

"We're excited about our offense," Kooima said. "When you don't have to reset at the quarterback spot and train someone new, you're way ahead of the game. It's nice to have Kaden Van Regenmorter back."

Van Regenmorter passed for 1,942 yards and 19 touchdowns last season and ran for 460 yards and four scores.

"We're expecting a lot from him on the offensive side of ball," Kooima said.

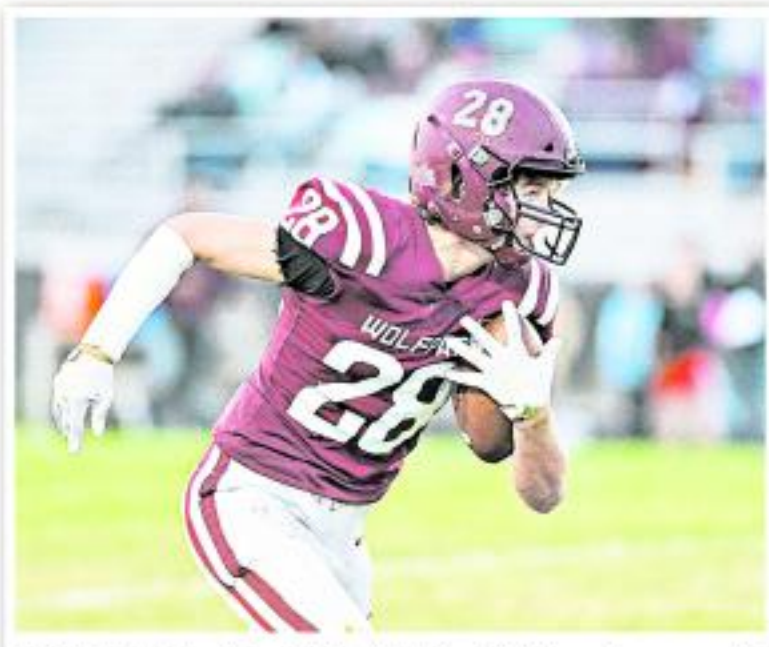
Senior running back Tyler Mantel returns too after ruffling for 1,122 yards and 14 touchdowns on 176 attempts.

"He's one of the premiere players on the offensive side of the ball," Kooima said. "He's done a good job of getting his body ready for a really good season this fall."

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK:

Western Christian returns seven starters on defense.

"We've moved some guys to defensive back that have played some other spots. We're excited and think it will work out well for them," Kooima said. "I like the pieces we have at



LOOK BACK: Western Christian's Tyler Mantel looks for running room against West Sioux in a Class 1A District 1 game on Sept. 23, 2022. Mantel rushed for 133 yards in the game, but the Wolfpack fell to the eventual Class 1A state runner-up. Photo by Jeff Wagner

defensive line and linebacker. We have some guys working their tails off. The defensive side of the ball can be so different from week to week. It's always exciting to put the puzzle together week to week."

One of those pieces is senior defensive lineman Kaase van Niejenhuis, who could have a big season after tallying six tackles last season.

"He'll be the anchor on both sides of line," Kooima said.

DISTRICT OUTLOOK:

Class 2A District 1 will be tough with five returning playoff teams, including Western Christian.

Central Lyon/George-Little Rock won the state title and West Lyon made the quarterfinals before falling to the Lions.

"Central Lyon and West Lyon have great squads and our district is solid from top to bottom," Kooima said.

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

The Western Christian coach said his team needs to be consistent throughout the season.

"At times last year we looked great, but other times we wouldn't play to our potential," Kooima said. "Our goals this year are pushing us to strive for our best all of the time."

OVERALL OUTLOOK:

Kooima said he likes his team speed and is excited for the season.

"We have a great mix of guys that played a lot last season and new players that are ready for their turn," he said. "Making a deep playoff run last year helps in seeing what it takes to be successful for a long season."

BREAKDOWN

IMPACT PLAYERS



Kaden Van Regenmorter

Dual-threat QB looks to build on last season.

Kaase Van Niejenhuis

Veteran ready to anchor line on each side of ball.

Tyler Mantel

Running back aims to carry load for squad.

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Homecoming: Sept. 22

ENROLLMENT
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2022 SEASON

W West Lyon	21-7
W @BHRV	27-20
L @Spirit Lake	20-35
W Ridge View	42-7
L West Sioux	22-49
W @Sibley-Ocheyedan	45-0
W @Sioux Central	42-0
W Emmetsburg	43-10

POSTSEASON

W South Central Calhoun	36-18
W @Aplington-Parkersburg	49-27
L @West Sioux	20-49

LOOKING BACK

2022 Overall record: 8-3
2022 District record: 4-1
2022 District placing: Second
Playoff berths: 2022, 2021, 2019, 2017, 2016 (Class 1A champion), 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009

CLASSIFICATION

Class 2A District 1

COLORS

Maroon & White

COACH



Travis Kooima

Years coaching: 17
Career record: 103-77

ROSTER

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7.	Kaden De Jager	11	170	6'2"	19.	Gavin Brands	10	150	5'10"	35.	Jacob Gulker	12	175	6'2"	55.	Lucas Kooima	12	210	6'0"	81.	Teagen Visser	11	165	6'0"
8.	Ty Groeneweg	11	170	6'1"	20.	Asa Alons	10	150	6'0"	37.	Drew Tiedeman	11	130	5'8"	56.	Kaase Van Niejenhuis	12	240	5'11"	85.	Tayjen De Jong	10	150	5'11"

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Faye Vande Stouwe, a frequent Abarrotes Gasca customer, checks out with Daisy Gasca. Vande Stouwe, who has searched to find food similar to the Mexican food she enjoyed residing in California. Photo by Georgia Lodewyk

Abarrotes Gasca offers variety at its Mexican store

Rock Valley business known for its selection of fresh meats

BY GEORGIA LODEWYK
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ROCK VALLEY—Customers of Abarrotes Gasca, Mexican store & Carnicería in Rock Valley can find a surprisingly wide variety of items in the strip mall storefront.

Bags of Takis and chicharrónes sit across the aisle from kitchen utensils, cleaning supplies and toothpaste. Above them are piñatas in the shapes of popular characters, like Peppa Pig and Cocomelon. The store also offers a selection of medicines, Mexican spices, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

But the bestseller that brings people from all over the N'West Iowa — including Doon,

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BY ELIJAH HELTON EHELTON@NWESTIOWA.COM

'WHATEVER' YOU WANT IT TO BE

LARCHWOOD—One of the newest restaurants in N'West Iowa sure has a funny name.

For those curious about the meaning behind CHUDS Pub and Grub in Larchwood, owners Dan and Kellie Stark don't have the most satisfying answers.

"It's just a stupid word that we

came up with. It's something easy for people to remember," Kellie said. "We thought about people being like, 'Oh, that sounds like an interesting place' or 'I remember driving by and I saw CHUDS. What is that?' That's just how it came up."

Kellie runs the kitchen, including the ever-changing specials, given her years

working as a cook. Dan is the bartender and takes care of the front of house.

"Sometimes people will come in and ask me, 'Are you Chud?' and I'll go along and say 'Sure!' but it's not really supposed to have a meaning," Dan said.

Or, as Kellie added, "It's whatever you

See **CHUDS** on page F6

STARKS SATISFYING HUNGRY CUSTOMERS AT CHUDS PUB AND GRUB



BUSINESS



Brady's Pub owners Brady and Traci Den Hartog and head cook Justin Berning reopened the renovated restaurant in Sheldon on Tuesday, Aug. 15, after it had to close for about six months due to a frozen pipe breaking in February.

Brady's Pub back in business again

Building and menu undergo renovations

BY JUSTIN RUST
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SHELDON—Brady's Pub's owners finally have an answer for the question they've heard constantly for the last six months.

Brady and Traci Den Hartog were forced to temporarily close their Sheldon restaurant in early February after a pipe broke in the ceiling, which eventually flooded the building. The work to remodel the building was not a quick fix.

As Brady's Pub was getting remodeled, the Den Hartogs along with head cook Justin Berning kept hearing the question, "When are you

going to be open?"

The answer became official when Brady's Pub reopened Tuesday, Aug. 15, with an updated building and an upgraded menu.

"People from towns away would brag this place up, and I've got family all over the place, and they hear about it from other people," Brady said. "It's awesome that people are going to continue to support us. I wasn't worried about that at all, because I know we have a huge following, and we're here to impress, not disappoint."

The Den Hartogs bought the Schottsy's Bar & Grill — long remembered as the Fin 'n' Feather before that — from Tim Jones and renamed it Brady's Pub, which opened for business in 2019.



Not having the bar in the middle of the building allows the renovated Brady's Pub in Sheldon to add more tables, which can seat about 100 customers.



The new bar at Brady's Pub sits by the entrance. Owners Brady and Traci Den Hartog moved it during the renovation to allow for more space in the popular restaurant located at 1319 Second Ave. in Sheldon. Photos by Justin Rust

The couple hired Berning as the head cook to start 2020, but the pub was reduced to takeout orders only a few months later because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Brady's Pub fully reopened in 2021, and things were back to normal until an unfortunate incident in February.

Temperatures were 20 degrees below zero and a truck hit a transformer near Brady's Pub, causing the electricity to go out.

The building was without power for a few hours. That caused a pipe to freeze and split about two inches which led to the leak, according to Brady.

The waterline ran above the ceiling, so the leak was undetectable at first, but when the Den Hartogs came in to get the pub ready for Saturday service on Feb. 4, they found a few inches of standing water and it was still coming out of electrical sockets and light fixtures.

"We were open Friday, and everything seemed fine on that Friday," Traci said. "The plumber said because it got so cold in here the pipe probably broke sometime Friday. Because of the ceiling and insulation, we just didn't know it was leaking. It just got to a point that the water had no place to go and that's when it started leaking out everywhere."

The interior of Brady's Pub had to be completely redone, and since it needed extensive work, it gave Brady

the chance to make a change to how the inside of the building was set up.

The bar previously was in the middle of the building and a wall separated a good chunk of the restaurant from one end.

Brady decided to have the wall removed and moved the bar close to the entrance, allowing for more open space in the restaurant.

Brady's Pub can fit close to 100 patrons compared to seating for about 80 people previously. The goal was to make the building more efficient for the wait staff and bartenders.

New flooring was put in, the walls were fixed and painted, and the ceiling was redone. Brady said many friends used their construction experience to help fix up the pub.

"It's completely different," Brady said. "Brady's Pub was different than the Fin 'n' Feather, but now we've rebranded, and it's 100 percent our own."

Brady knew one of the people he had to keep around is Berning since the restaurant took off after he added the cook from Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Minnesota.

"He came in and just killed it," Brady said. "He does an awesome job, and when he entered the best burger competition in Iowa a few years ago, it skyrocketed things for us."

Berning has made changes to the

AT A GLANCE:

Business: Brady's Pub

Owners: Brady and Traci Den Hartog

Address: 1319 Second Ave., Sheldon

Hours: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4 p.m.-midnight Friday; 4 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday

Phone: 712-324-3569

Online: Facebook

menu during the closure by adding 26 items along with a few new wing sauces.

His biggest addition to the menu includes six gourmet hot dogs and eight burritos. The idea to do hot dogs came from a tip from a regional food blogger.

"When I did my last menu, I started burritos and had four on the last menu, and I upgraded to eight," Berning said. "The guy from Fat Boy's Blog said he can't get a good dog anywhere, so I was like, hey, 'Let's try it.' We will see how it goes. Once the chaos starts, we will see."

"I've got a lot more room in the kitchen now so there's more room to play now. I should call it 'My playground.'"

BUSINESS

Revival Animal Health further expands into equine market

Orange City business acquires distributor Breeder's Choice

ORANGE CITY—Revival Animal Health, an Orange City-based provider of vaccines, supplements, and supplies to companion animal owners and professionals across the United States, has announced the purchase of Breeder's Choice, a leading distributor of equine reproductive supplies.

"We're incredibly excited to add Breeder's Choice to the Revival family of brands," said Lynn Snodgrass, president and CEO of Revival Animal Health. "Coupled with our recent acquisition of Exodus Breeders, it's a tremendous step in us extending our passion for reproductive and neonatal health into the equine market.

"Revival has a long history of helping dog and cat breeders, shelters and owners keep their animals healthy, and we look forward to serving equine professionals in the same way through our partnership with Breeder's Choice."

With a legacy rooted in equine reproductive supplies, Breeder's Choice, based in Rochester Hills, MI, was founded in 2003 by Whit and Kathy Byers, who passed it on to their daughter, Mandy Paul in 2011.

"I am very excited for the future of Revival Animal Health and Breeder's Choice," said Paul, an expert in equine semen collection, processing, and shipping, both cooled and frozen. "Breeder's Choice brings invaluable equine knowledge and insights, which, combined with Revival's proven track record in supporting companion animal well-being, will undoubtedly usher in a brighter future for all those involved."

As Revival Animal Health and Breeder's Choice unite, the partnership marks a pivotal moment for both organizations, combining years of experience and a shared commitment to advancing animal health.

AT A GLANCE:

Business: Revival Animal Health
Address: 1700 Albany Place, Orange City
Hours: 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday
Phone: 1-800-786-4751
Online: RevivalAnimal.com



Office space located at 327 Ninth St. in downtown Sibley, the county seat community, houses the recently combined insurance offices of Sibley Insurance Agency, Ellerbroek & Associates and Heritage Financial Services that work through the FNIC organization. Photo by Sandra Jensen

Three Sibley insurance offices merge

Agencies fall under umbrella of FNIC

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Three longtime Sibley insurance offices completed a merger aimed to forge a strong insurance presence while offering improved service to their customers.

Sibley Insurance Agency, Ellerbroek & Associates and Heritage Financial Services now fall under FNIC, the insurance branch of First National Bank in Omaha.

The organization purchased Wade Ellerbroek's insurance agency on July 1, 2022. Exactly a year later, FNIC purchased Tom Wietzema's business from Heritage Financial Services. The combined offices are located at 327 Ninth St., the site of the former Heritage Financial Services.

Dawn Butler, who serves as FNIC's senior vice president and state director for Iowa and South Dakota, made the move with fellow agent Julie Behrens and staff from their previous location at Sibley State Bank.

The quartet of agents brings a

combined 132 years of insurance experience to the business.

"FNIC is expanding as an agency and increasing our footprint in northwest Iowa," Butler said. "We also want to make sure we can invest in our communities for a long-term succession for agents. Our hope is to continue to provide excellent products and services for our clients and our communities."

Butler appreciates that they can offer expanded hours because their independent status allows them to set their own schedule.

"For our clients' sake, other than the location, their agents and their service will remain the same," she said. "They will continue to have the same agent they've always had with Wade or with Tom or with us, and the service that they've always had will continue. We've tried to do this with as little impact on the client as possible."

Clients will see a name change on their policy to FNIC, but they will not experience a difference in who helps them or policy coverage. In 2021, the owners of FNIC merged all 17 of their individual

AT A GLANCE:

Business: FNIC
Agents: Julie Behrens, Dawn Butler, Wade Ellerbroek and Tom Wietzema
Address: 327 Ninth St, Sibley
Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or by appointment
Phone: 712-754-3650
Online: fnicgroup.com

agencies throughout the Midwest into one name and one tax identification number. Butler said it is easier to leverage relationships with insurance companies with one larger agency.

Ellerbroek & Associates still exists as a separate entity for real estate, appraisals and auctions at its office at 249 Ninth St.

A year into the partnership with Ellerbroek, Butler reported a positive transition and looks forward to the same with Wietzema.

"I love that when you've been in

business as long as Wade, your clients are dedicated. The trust and the connection there is so solid. We want to make sure that his clients know that we are all here to support them in the future," Butler said.

Products offered include all lines of insurance coverage and surety bonds, but investment securities, such as stocks and bonds, are not part of the FNIC portfolio.

"What was really exciting when we merged with Wade and with Tom was the majority of the insurance carriers were the same," Butler said. "The addition of other carriers only enhances our ability to support our clients and give them more options."

A second full-service agency located at 869 Main St. in Ocheyedan is open Monday-Friday and is staffed daily by Jocelyn Hoekstra as the key account manager. Behrens is the location leader, splitting time with Butler throughout the week.

"We believe that we are in a good position to be able to help the clients in our area with their insurance needs," Butler said.

BUSINESS

They made dream of a grocery into reality

GROCERY

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Larchwood, Inwood, Hull and Sioux Center — is its selection of meats.

"What's unique to us is that we don't cut out so much in a day. We make sure that it's fresh," said Daisy Gasca, who owns Abarrotes Gasca with her husband, Angel. "If it's something that I wouldn't eat or I wouldn't buy, we wouldn't sell it, even if there's a loss in that."

Less than a year ago, Angel and Daisy Gasca endured a long road with little guidance and many questions to open their family-run grocery store, Abarrotes Gasca. But this summer, they are celebrating a community-supported, thriving business and look toward adding an additional 4,800 feet to their storefront.

Vision

The idea for the grocery store began with recognizing community need in 2022.

Rock Valley's population grew by 700 people from 2010 to 2020, with many of the new residents immigrating from Latin American countries. The Hispanic and Latino population make up 28 percent of Rock Valley's nearly 4,100 residents.

A new grocery store, one with Hispanic foods and products, would serve as a great addition to the community.

It was always Angel Gasca's dream to own a business. Perhaps this could be his.

Angel and his wife, Daisy, noticed a storefront on the Westview Plaza off Highway 18 was up for lease. They got more information on the property, and soon they had the perfect location for their store.

Unfortunately, securing the building was the easiest step. The Gascas had not owned a grocery store before; they did not know how to find providers for their food, or even what items they should sell. The research was more complicated than a simple Google search. They reached out to the city and other stores for advice but found that many businesses were unwilling to share their providers or business strategies.

"There's no way to know what you need. Or how to get provider contact information. You're kind of on your own, and that made it really difficult," Daisy said.

Things started to pick up when Daisy was



Daisy and Angel Gasca restock fruits near the front entrance of their store, Abarrotes Gasca, Mexican store & Carnicería, located at 954 Westview Drive in Rock Valley. For the expansion, the left wall near the register will be removed to add 4,800 square feet. Photos by Georgia Lodewyk



Since Angel and Daisy Gasca opened Abarrotes Gasca a year ago, they have become known for their high-quality meat and service.

able to get in contact with large providers. Finally, six months after the opening of Abarrotes Gasca, providers began reaching out to them. For Daisy, it was an encouraging milestone.

"I didn't have to do any more research, and it felt like people actually wanted to collaborate with us," she said.

Growth

Initially, the Gascas asked their providers what products they should sell. Unsatisfied with the answers, they began asking customers for suggestions on what items they wanted to see.

This expanded into an entire suggestion notebook, one the Gascas still use to decide on store inventory.

The provider base for Abarrotes Gasca also has expanded to include trucks from places like Sioux City and Chicago.

Daisy pointed toward some of the most

AT A GLANCE:

Business: Abarrotes Gasca, Mexican store & Carnicería

Owners: Angel and Daisy Gasca

Address: 954 Westview Drive, Rock Valley

Hours: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday

Phone: 712-476-3400

Online: Facebook

popular items while walking around the grocery. Mexican candy, she said, sells like crazy. Pulparindo, candy flavored with tamarind and mango, is a favorite among kids, along with chucharitas de tamarindo, spoons with tamarind.

"During the summer, kids buy these in bulk," she said.

Abarrotes Gasca also receives weekly Mexican bread from Sioux City and carries additional products like plates, soap, and paper towels. Although the store is Mexican at heart, Daisy said they have taken steps to offer foods traditional to other countries.

For example, in addition to Mexican cheeses and sour cream, they also have Guatemalan cream and Honduran cream.

"People love them, and they asked for them, so we try to incorporate them into our inventory," she said.

Abarrotes Gasca has regular customers. But for a store that specializes in Hispanic food, Gasca said they have seen a rarity: Over 25 percent of their clientele is not Hispanic.

They have the growing popularity of their meat to thank for that. The Gascas avoid freezing the meat by cutting it fresh daily. They also marinate it upon request, using their own recipe, and are happy to offer additional cook-

ing advice. The marinated pork and fajita meat continue to be their bestsellers.

Expansion

Daisy Gasca grew up cooking with her aunt in Fresno, CA.

Daisy said cooking traditional Mexican food can be a long and frustrating process, especially when cooking in large portions as she does often for her family of six. They have four children: the oldest is 17, and the youngest is one and a half.

Daisy and Angel Gasca lived in Fresno when they first started their family.

"California is a beautiful place, but it's a hard place to be," she said.

Daisy and Angel were not confident they wanted their children to attend large California community schools. After a 2012 visit to Angel's brother in Rock Valley, they loved the quality of N'West Iowa schools and decided to relocate their family.

Abarrotes Gasca is run completely by the family. Angel works there full-time. Daisy is a supervisor for the Family Crisis Center in Sioux Center, but also helps part-time with book-keeping and inventory. During the summer, their oldest son works at the store, and their second oldest babysits his younger siblings.

The Gascas are excited to look ahead. With their new addition, their inventory can include more candy, Mexican bread, and home supplies. Abarrotes Gasca also has obtained a liquor license, so the store plans to sell tequila and other liquor in time for Christmas.

They plan to remove the left wall of the store and expand into the next storefront, which they also are leasing. It will take them time to renovate and properly clean the space, but they hope to open the expanded store sometime between late August and early October.

"We weren't anticipating so much community engagement and support, but it's been great," Daisy said.

BUSINESS

Starks start new eatery providing food, fun

CHUDS

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want it to be."

That what-you-make-of-it approach filters through the entire eating experience at 403 Holder St. on the west edge of Larchwood.

Even the menu's flagship item, the CHUD Burger, is "whatever you want it to be." The build-your-own sandwich can include just about any ingredient in Kellie's kitchen.

The owners have their own go-to ensembles for the CHUD Burger. Kellie favors a cowboy-style recipe with barbecue sauce, bacon and smoky Gouda cheese. Dan gets more out there: mac-and-cheese bites, jalapeños, queso and onions.

And like those personalized palates, the Starks are learning as they go.

"We're getting the hang of everything. It's been going super well," Kellie said.

CHUDS opened April 1 to throngs of Larchwood residents champing at the bit for a bite of a new eatery. The crowds have kept things busy for the Starks and their staff of about a dozen.

"A lot of it's been trial by fire," Dan



Kellie and Dan Stark are the owners of CHUDS Pub and Grub in Larchwood. The restaurant opened its kitchen in April, serving a range of classic American dishes, drinks and bar snacks on a rotating menu. CHUDS also hosts live entertainment most weekends on the town's west side. Photos by Elijah Helton

said. "Our opening day was insane. The whole month was crazy. We were busy. That's when we learned how to handle everything and how to schedule everything and what to order."

The Starks were told months ahead of time that Iowa's most northwest-

ern city needed another place to enjoy a meal.

"We really felt like there was a need within this community," she said.

A Sioux Falls resident and native, Kellie makes the daily drive over the South Dakota border to her Iowa restaurant in about 15 minutes, with her "CHUDS" license plate in tow.

Like many first-time business owners in the food-service industry, it was a longtime dream and goal to open her own place. The problem for the Starks was finding a place as they originally planned to keep their work in Sioux Falls.

"Everything was around like a million dollars. It was super, crazy expensive," Kellie said.

The culinary couple traveled to Larchwood to scout a different property for sale. On the way out of town, they saw the vacant Holder Street lot.

The building used to be a retail store, not a restaurant, which was appealing to Kellie. Her place is not just filling the shoes of a previous pub, it's forging its own genealogy of grub.

"We have our own reputation

that we're standing up to and living against. We're not going into a building that was already a restaurant and already had a reputation. We're something new and different to the area, and that's drawing people in to check us out," she said.

Menu mainstays are still settling in. Kellie has tried everything from chicken wings to breakfast burritos to flatbreads topped with an array of motley toppings.

Dan concocted the signature drink, which he dubbed a Suzie Q, a rum-based secret recipe.

CHUDS also is starting to host live shows in its short history, attracting several artists from around the area.

Starting at 9 p.m. today (Saturday, Aug. 19), there will be Costume Karaoke. Singers are encouraged to dress up "like Halloween, but only in August" for the event hosted with Rock River Entertainment of Rock Rapids.

Besides Dan's handiwork behind the bar, another nonfood item on tap includes a game area on one end of the restaurant. There was leftover space in the seating area, and it was

AT A GLANCE:

Business: CHUDS Pub and Grub

Owners: Kellie and Dan Stark

Address: 403 Holder St., Larchwood

Hours: 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday

Phone: 712-477-2469

Online: Facebook



CHUDS Pub and Grub is a newly opened restaurant in Larchwood, perched on Holder Street, the westbound route out of town. The eatery hosts an ever-changing menu, live entertainment and more run by Kellie and Dan Stark.

Dan's idea to put up dartboards, a claw machine and other funnies.

"The results have been fantastic," he said.

Their restaurant might still be coming together, but CHUDS is exactly what the Starks want it to be.

"This has been something that we have wanted to do for a real long time. We're showing our kids what it's like to follow your dreams, to live that out and hopefully be successful at it," Kellie said. "We know what we're doing, but we're winging it for sure."

BUSINESS

Diamond Dig raises funds for Alzheimer's research

Windmill Park Jewelers slates fifth annual event for Aug. 23

ORANGE CITY—Windmill Park Jewelers will hold its fifth annual Diamond Dig fundraiser for Alzheimer's research 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, at its downtown Orange City location.

For a donation of \$25, guests will get one scoop out of a tub of sand that has been seeded with real gemstones and two diamonds, one black and one white.

For a \$40 donation, participants will get two

scoops from the tub.

Participants who uncover any gemstones or diamonds will get to keep their discoveries and all proceeds will be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

The Diamond Dig was started in 2019 by Sharon Foughty, the owner of Windmill Park Jewelers, in support of her husband and former owner, Tom, who was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's in 2016.

As Sharon watched her husband slowly succumbing to the effects of the disease, she felt helpless.

This fundraiser became a way for her to take

action in fighting this terrible disease.

"I was helpless watching Tom fade away because of this disease. After everything Alzheimer's had taken from us, I felt like this fundraiser was a positive thing for me to do to help fight against this disease," Sharon said. "This is why we need to find a cure for Alzheimer's, so people are able to work until they choose to retire, so people can stay in their own homes and couples don't have to live separately because one needs supervised care, so that grandparents can travel together to meet a new grandchild."

After a long battle, Tom died in 2021 at the age

of 64.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 6 million people live with Alzheimer's, with a new patient being diagnosed in America every 67 seconds.

Sharon and everyone else at Windmill Park Jewelers is working to keep Tom's legacy alive through the fundraiser, community involvement and a scholarship memorial fund in Tom's name.

The store also will have a team at the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's in Sioux City this fall.

For more information, contact Windmill Park Jewelers at 712-737-4208.

Orange City Area Health System names chief medical officer

Continues to add to health-care staff

ORANGE CITY—Dr. Harrison Hanson has assumed the role of chief medical officer at Orange City Area Health System.

Hanson joined the health system in March of 2009 as a resident in the emergency room and then started full-time in August 2010, serving patients in the medical clinic, birth center, hospital and emergency room.

He left his practice in 2016 to take a position in his hometown of Long Prairie, MN, and then rejoined Orange City Area Health System in 2018.

Hanson fills the role of chief medical officer vacated in December 2022 with the retirement of Dr. Alan Laird.

"Dr. Laird truly elevated the vital role of chief medical officer in our organization," said Orange City Area Health System CEO Marty Guthmiller. "We are fortunate that Dr. Hanson will not only assume the reins, but also bring his own unique skill set to the depth of our medical practice."

As chief medical officer, Hanson will provide leadership in all areas of medicine throughout the health system, offer guidance on hospital quality initiatives, ensure that medical staff adheres to and



Dr. Harrison Hanson

follows all health-care regulations, seek ways to improve the organization's clinical services, and provide oversight and chart review of advanced-level providers.

"I will diligently seek to steward the great tradition and blessing of excellent health care we have in this community," Hanson said. "I look forward to contributing in a new way while still practicing the full scope of medicine."

In addition to serving as chief medical officer, he will continue to be part of Orange City Area Health System's team of family medicine providers, emergency medicine physicians, and offer prenatal, birth care, and Natural Procreative (NaPro) Technology Creighton Model FertilityCare services.

"I'm excited to continue to use the training I have been blessed with for the betterment of our community," Hanson said.



Dr. Jonathan Engbers

Hanson received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School and did his residency at the Mercy Family Medicine Residency Program in Mason City.

Hanson and his family live in Orange City.

New physician

Dr. Jonathan Engbers recently joined Orange City Area Health System's medical team.

He serves in the hospital's emergency room as an emergency medicine physician exclusively.

Engbers previously was an emergency physician at Spencer Hospital in Spencer, and prior to that, he served as a family medicine physician at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley.

"We are excited to have Dr. Engbers serve our patients through our emergency medicine department," said



Kim Goslinga

Orange City Area Health System CEO Marty Guthmiller. "His skill set and 'culture fit' will greatly aid our entire physician-provided emergency room care at Orange City Area Health System."

Engbers is a native of Rock Valley.

He is a graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD, and the University of Iowa College of Medicine in Iowa City.

Engbers completed his family medicine residency at the Center for Family Medicine in Sioux Falls, SD, in 2013.

New practitioner

Advanced registered nurse practitioner Kim Goslinga has joined the Behavioral Health Clinic practice at Orange City Area Health System, expanding the health system's mental health and psychiatric services.

She joins Dr. Deejay Donlin, serving patients of all ages as



Dr. Brett Guthmiller

part of its integrated family medicine team.

Goslinga has experience managing psychiatric medications for a variety of programs and populations including outpatient services for children, adolescents, and adults; assertive community treatment team caring for adults with severe persistent mental illness; psychiatry services to rural Iowa jails; telepsychiatry; and intensive outpatient programs.

She is well-versed in treating mental illnesses including attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, autism spectrum disorder, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, post-traumatic stress disorder and substance abuse disorders.

Goslinga completed an associate degree in nursing at St. Luke's College in Sioux City in 2010 and obtained her bachelor of science in nursing from Dordt College in Sioux

Center in 2011.

She served as a hospital nurse at Orange City Area Health System 2010-15 while working toward her master's degree as a family nurse practitioner at Clarkson College in Omaha, NE, graduating in 2014.

She then pursued specialized training in psychiatry and mental health and graduated from Saint Louis University in 2017 as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.

New anesthesiologist

Orange City Area Health System recently announcing the signing of Brett Guthmiller, doctor of osteopathic medicine.

The Orange City native will join the anesthesia team to provide anesthesia services for the health system's Surgical Center, Birth Center, and Pain Management Clinic in the fall of 2025.

Guthmiller is a resident in anesthesiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

He is a graduate of Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine and received his bachelor of arts in biology/health professions from Northwestern College in Orange City.

Guthmiller is the son of longtime Orange City Area Health Center CEO Marty Guthmiller.

BUSINESS

Beck selected again for Circle of Excellence

Engineering firm to be feted at Salt Lake City conference

REGIONAL—Beck Engineering Inc., with offices in Cherokee, Clive, Orange City, Sheldon and Spirit Lake, has been named to the 2023 PSMJ Circle of Excellence as one of the top-performing architecture and engineering firms in the nation for the sixth straight year.

PSMJ designed the Circle of Excellence to highlight successfully managed firms that demonstrate outstanding achievements in areas such as profitability, overhead management, cash flow, productivity, business development, staff growth, and turnover.

The Circle of Excellence represents the top 20 percent of participants in PSMJ's annual Architectural/Engineering Financial Performance Benchmark Survey, based on 13 key performance metrics.

"The A/E/C Circle of Excellence award-winning firms represent the best of the best in terms of financial management," said Frank Stasiowski, founder and chief executive officer of PSMJ Resources. "These organizations apply the best business practices to every phase of their operations, as proven by their superior profit margins. The top-performing firms just think and act differently from the rest of the pack to achieve extraordinary performance."

"The firms recognized in the Circle of Excellence set the standard for outstanding and sustainable business results," he said. "Some firms have been in this prestigious group year after year."

PSMJ will honor the high-performing firms at A/E/C THRIVE: The Growth, Profit, and Success Summit for A/E/C Firm Leaders Sept. 20-22 at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City.

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The conference is an opportunity to hear directly from the leaders of top-performing architecture and engineering firms and other industry visionaries to learn what they are doing to vault to the next level of profit and performance as new business challenges and opportunities arise.

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LAND TRANSACTIONS

LYON COUNTY

Nagel Hog Farm: 203 Second Ave., Little Rock. Purchased for \$47,500.

Tyler Tuenge: 608 S. Eighth Ave., Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$268,000.

Dax De Groot: 601 E. Michigan Ave., George. Purchased for \$62,000.

Marlis Lane: 211 S. East St., Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$215,000.

Michael Lundy: 202 Mill Pond Road, Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$390,000.

Danika Cannegieter: 309 E. Minnesota Ave., George. Purchased for \$108,000.

Wyatt Berentschot: 403 N. Main St., Inwood. Purchased for \$192,000.

Kaleb De Jager: 605 S. Douglas St., Inwood. Purchased for \$284,000.

Randal Koll Revocable Trust: 104 15th Ave. Unit 1, Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$282,500.

Trevor Tyree: 213 N. Oak St., Inwood. Purchased for \$195,000.

Fabers Farm Equipment Property: 1809 240th St., Inwood. Purchased for \$900,000 (commercial).

Austin Keller: 603 S. Douglas St., Inwood. Purchased for \$272,500.

Jennifer Lyn Graham: 1109 Fall St., Larchwood. Purchased for \$70,000.

Alan and Linda Snyders Revocable Trust: 812 Blaine St., Larchwood. Purchased for \$167,500.

Daniel James Miller: 701 Greene St., Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$130,000.

First Reformed Church of Rock Rapids: 708 S. Fifth Ave., Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$130,000.

Evan Cordell King: 700 E. Iowa Ave., George. Purchased for \$125,000.

GMC Farms: 1962 160th St., Larchwood. Purchased for \$150,000.

Cody Harms: 308 N. Washington St., George. Purchased for \$200,000.

Rock Rapids Development Corporation: 1103 First Ave., Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$95,000.

Erika Van Beek: 501 S. Maple St., Inwood. Purchased for \$150,000.

Logan Bruggeman: 511 S. Park St., Inwood. Purchased for \$225,000.

Jacob Van Engen: 3627 200th St., George. Purchased for \$187,500.

Marilyn McCoy: 701 S. Bradley St. Unit 104, Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$221,000.

Howard Koedam: 938 Broadway St., Larchwood. Purchased for \$20,000 (commercial).

Rodrigo Banda: 1748 200th St., Inwood. Purchased for \$635,000.

Tamara Kremer Revocable Trust: 1640 S. Gelear St., Larchwood. Purchased for \$45,000.

Damon Pedersen: 3157 180th St., Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$232,500.

Tyren Ulmer: 1021 Blaine Ave., Larchwood. Purchased for \$210,000.

Jared Kannegieter: 109 N. Harris St., George. Purchased for \$115,000.

Dammer Bros: 512 S. Park St., Inwood. Purchased for \$90,000.

Shari Kastein: 109 First Ave., Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$170,000 (commercial).

Madison Wylie: 1430 Hank Boulevard, Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$200,000.

Beau Kellenberger: 309 Second St., Lester. Purchased for \$95,000.

Austin Roemeling: 205 Clinton St., Lester. Purchased for \$245,000.

Dale and Becky Wolf Revocable Trust: 507 Meadowview Drive, Lester. Purchased for \$30,000.

Scott Ekem: 323 Douglas Drive, Inwood. Purchased for \$410,000.

Michelle Merritt: 1238 Edgerley St., Larchwood. Purchased for \$622,500.

Shelby Van Veldhuizen: 703 S. Marshall St., Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$98,000.

Jerrod Lynott: 1884 Meadow Lane, Larchwood. Purchased for \$622,500.

Deborah Mowry: 702 S. Eighth Ave., Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$155,000.

Steven Schurter: 1305 S. Carroll St., Rock Rapids. Purchased for \$375,000.

Griselda Palaniswamy: 503 E. Michigan Ave., George. Purchased for \$45,000.

O'BRIEN COUNTY

Anthony Christopherson: 450 First St. NE, Pringhar. Purchased for \$65,000.

Graden and Ashley Nordahl: 1531 13th Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$255,000.

Jackrabbit Properties: 320 Ninth St., Sheldon. Purchased for \$45,000 (commercial).

Emma Lowder: 670 First St. SE, Hartley. Purchased for \$160,000.

Jasmine and Thomas McComas: 920 Seventh St., Sheldon. Purchased for \$100,000.

Ma de la Luz Rivera Valades: 318 S. Cannon St., Paulina. Purchased for \$75,000.

Ely Goettsch and Alexis Niichel: 424 10th St., Sheldon. Purchased for \$149,500.

Canedo Torres: 205 Ninth St., Sheldon. Purchased for \$90,000 (commercial).

UMB Bank National Association: 211 N. First Ave. W, Hartley. Purchased for \$32,645.

Karl and Carol Dryfhout: 600 Lakeside Way, Sheldon. Purchased for \$415,000.

Mark and Melinda Wester: 205 S. Rutledge St., Paulina. Purchased for \$121,000.

Jeffrey Karlson: 303 Normal College Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$61,000.

Clinton and Maleri Schilling: 1129 11th St., Sheldon. Purchased for \$100,000.

Caden Khenkitisak: 513 S. Cannon St., Paulina. Purchased for \$115,000.

Luke and Windy Dageh: 211 E. Second St., Sanborn. Purchased for \$56,000.

Jenna and Jo Stegemann: 409 Seventh Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$188,000.

Duong Duy and Hoa Nguyen: 1621 Oak St., Sheldon. Purchased for \$205,000.

Blake Wendt: 661 First St. SE, Hartley. Purchased for \$225,000.

Lindsey Kay Meyers: 200 N. Second Ave., Sanborn. Purchased for \$56,000.

Adam Richter: 495 Sixth St. SE, Pringhar. Purchased for \$285,000.

Carlos Gallardo: 330 First St. SE, Hartley. Purchased for \$89,000.

Castlerock 2023: 906 Lowery Ave., Sanborn. Purchased for \$11,000.

Richard and Carma Nordahl: 245 Rainbow Drive, Sheldon. Purchased for \$392,000.

Benjamin and Paratee Johnson: 2421 Park St., Sheldon. Purchased for \$189,000.

Thadeus and Danielle Dykstra: 401 Sanborn St., Sanborn. Purchased for \$189,500.

Powder Coating Center: 61 E. Third St. NE, Hartley. Purchased for \$100,000 (commercial).

Caleb Farrell: 420 N. Second Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$25,000 (commercial).

Martin and Karen Rosenboom: 140 N. Eighth Ave. E, Hartley. Purchased for \$145,000.

Dallon Vande weerd: 230 S. Micklely St., Paulina. Purchased for \$89,500.

Adam and Lindsey Ruschmann: 680 S. Berick Ave., Pringhar. Purchased for \$185,000.

Luke and Jacie Davison: 1600 Bin Court, Sheldon. Purchased for \$217,000.

Adventure Leasing: 106 W. Second St., Calumet. Purchased for \$17,500 (commercial).

Don's Auto Service: 7090 350th St., Hartley. Purchased for \$98,000.

Felix Hernandez-Pacheco and Nora Carrera-Fernandez: 804 and 808 O'Brien St., Sanborn. Purchased for \$140,000.

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Jocelin Fariar Hinojosa and Carlos Villegas-Carrasco: 212 E. Third St., Sanborn. Purchased for \$130,000.

Aaandd Purchasing: 1312 S. Third Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$70,000.

Elizabeth and Stanley Wilkins Revocable Trust: 830 22nd Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$390,000.

Anna Back: 708 O'Brien St., Sanborn. Purchased for \$90,000.

Adrian Rodriguez: 1109 Washington Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$167,500.

Stephen and Kelly Embrey: 251 N. Second Ave. W., Hartley. Purchased for \$55,000.

Van Ess Dairy: 1970 300th St., Sanborn. Purchased for \$500,000.

Taylor and Ailsyn Sheeks: 615 N. Heritage Park Road, Primghar. Purchased for \$139,900.

Robert and Linda Robinson: 1190 Kahler Court, Sheldon. Purchased for \$299,000.

Amanda Sheeler: 40 S. Third Ave. E., Hartley. Purchased for \$87,500.

Keith Ammerman: 112 E. Fourth St., Sanborn. Purchased for \$101,000.

Rosa Carias: 521 Seventh St., Sheldon. Purchased for \$116,000.

John Morro: 608 Seventh Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$35,000.

Chad and Jill Houtsma: 613 Sixth St., Sheldon. Purchased for \$95,000.

Natalia's Mexican Store and Restaurant: 1305 Iselin Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$65,000.

Open Signs: 617 Park Row, Sheldon. Purchased for \$40,000 (commercial).

James and Eloise Den Hartog: 220 N. First Ave. E., Hartley. Purchased for \$67,000.

Levi Letsche: 1319 S. Eighth Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$199,500.

Cody Hatting and Rachel Willis: 1200 E. Sixth St., Sheldon. Purchased for \$250,000.

Mark and Nicole Thompson: 410 S. Hives Drive, Sutherland. Purchased for \$82,750 (commercial).

Alex Reyes: 907 10th St., Sheldon. Purchased for \$93,000.

Felix and Patricia Cortez-Infante: 118 S. Harter St., Paulina. Purchased for \$38,000.

Old 60 South LLC: 1009 Second Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$122,500 (commercial).

Matthew and Joanne Tewes: 410 E. Fourth St., Sutherland. Purchased for \$195,000.

Austin Bullman: 215 N. Sixth Ave., Sheldon. Purchased for \$111,500.

Matthew and Joanne Tewes: 410 E. Fourth St., Sutherland. Purchased for \$195,000 (commercial).

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Pamela Slagter Revocable Trust: 943 Fifth St. NE, Sibley. Purchased for \$189,750.

Austin and Trinity Dombrowski: 1004 Second St. NE, Sibley. Purchased for \$195,000.

Phillip and Rita Smith Revocable Trust: 312 10th St., Sibley. Purchased for \$137,500 (commercial).

Austin Eggers: 1027 Seventh St. NE, Sibley. Purchased for \$317,000.

Steven and Joselle Krogman: 533 Fifth St., Ashton. Purchased for \$15,000.

Romulo and Elvira Rivas: 320 Sixth St., Sibley. Purchased for \$10,000.

Cavell and Emily Van Westen: 11 Seventh Ave., Sibley. Purchased for \$65,500.

Davis and Kristen Beyer: 208 Second Ave., Sibley. Purchased for \$35,000.

Kristi Neuenschwander: 908 Eighth St., Sibley. Purchased for \$169,000.

Arnold and Glenda Hoogers: 453 Fourth Ave., Ashton. Purchased for \$107,500.

Kelby and Sarah Jensen: 688 Poplar St., Ocheyedan. Purchased for \$12,500.

Country Nest Corporation: 6810 Highway 9, Harris. Purchased for \$230,000.

Michael and Karyssa Pettitt: 2459 Monroe Ave., Ashton. Purchased for \$310,000.

Nicholas Bosler: 441 Fourth St., Ashton. Purchased for \$137,500.

David and Jammie Johnson: 45 Third Ave., Melvin. Purchased for \$95,000.

Daniel and Lois Klein: 330 E. Third St., Ashton. Purchased for \$160,000.

Brian Lulintra: 860 Main St., Ocheyedan. Purchased for \$7,500 (commercial).

Ryan Ten Napel: 630 Sixth St., Ashton. Purchased for \$20,000.

Troy Winkel: 254 Second Ave., Ashton. Purchased for \$5,000.

Elizabeth Schoen: 577 Second St., Ocheyedan. Purchased for \$39,100.

SIOUX COUNTY

Deon and Melissa Wynia Revocable Trust: 351 Fifth Ave. NW, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$268,000.

Edgar Gomez and Jasmin Solis: 440 Sawgrass Trail, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$475,000.

Cody Weyon: 613 E. 10th St., Alton. Purchased for \$122,000.

Jonathan and Kaylann Hale: 379 11th Ave., NE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$282,000.

Barry and Teresa Vande Pol: 1351 13th Ave. SE, Unit 60, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$334,000.

Vonk Bros: 185 Westview Drive, Rock Valley. Purchased for \$59,895 (commercial).

Wade and Alethea Haarsma: 1135 Prairie St., Boyden. Purchased for \$290,000.

Grant and Megan Willits: 3958 Highway 75, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$500,000.

Thomas Brummel: 1319 Elm St., Hull. Purchased for \$230,000.

Tyrell Hulshof: 1104 Third St. Circle SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$359,000.

City of Alton: 802 Park St., Alton. Purchased for \$15,000.

Prairie View Investments: 423 Fourth Ave. NE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$400,000 (commercial).

Prairie View Investments: 827 Seventh Ave. NE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$400,000 (commercial).

Prairie View Investments: 557 Sixth St. NW, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$100,000 (commercial).

Kyle and Andrea Dieleman: 465 Fifth Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$362,600.

Daniel Boer: 1524 Third St., Hull. Purchased for \$182,500.

Kyle Strom: 1102 Main St., Rock Valley. Purchased for \$185,000.

Benjamin and Emily Kulper: 126 Frankfort Ave. SE, Orange City. Purchased for \$225,000.

Dennis and Joy Tooker: 1008 Abby Road, Alton. Purchased for \$302,950.

Tyler and Ashley Micheel: 1912 430th St., Hawarden. Purchased for \$410,000.

Jonathan and Paxton Holwerda: 1244 Eighth Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$504,000.

Brice and Alesha Byker: 213 Kansas Ave. SW, Orange City. Purchased for \$467,000.

Kley and Kelsey De Jong: 315 Seventh St. NE, Orange City. Purchased for \$489,000.

Tate and Hannah Arends: 601 Concord Ave. NE, Orange City. Purchased for \$260,000.

Colon and Melissa Busby: 2000 Portside Lane, Rock Valley. Purchased for \$155,000.

Brandon and Kathryn Folkerts: 331 Sixth Ave., Sioux Center. Purchased for \$326,000.

Frederick and Amy Verwoerd: 2090 Oakmont Circle, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$615,000.

Jose Lozano Munoz and Jose de Jesus Lozano Vasquez: 707 Main St., Ionia. Purchased for \$90,000.

Howard and Lynette Aitena: 2105 14th St., Rock Valley. Purchased for \$498,000.

Jared and Morgan Poppema: 407 First St. NE, Orange City. Purchased for \$265,000.

Jorge Lopez and Alejandra Garcia Torres: 2638 Warren Circle, Rock Valley. Purchased for \$255,000.

Sydney Smith and Brandon Torres: 2411 D Ave., Hawarden. Purchased for \$145,000.

Zachary and Emma Bussard: 154 Ninth St. SW, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$217,000.

William and Ingrid Lopez: 932 Second Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$302,500.

Gary and Brenda Gesink: 1879 13th Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$320,000.

Rutger and Lydia Van Wingarden: 4018 Kingbird Ave., Hospers. Purchased for \$395,000.

J & T Builders: 1206 Ninth Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$63,000.

James and Judy Abbott: 1820 L Ave., Hawarden. Purchased for \$88,000.

Norma Chavez Ramos: 271 Second Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$285,000.

Jordan Vanden Brink: 205 Elm St., Ionia. Purchased for \$101,500.

Janice Daggett: 1511 I Ave., Hawarden. Purchased for \$120,000.

Andrea Kamp: 1102 10th Ave., Rock Valley. Purchased for \$160,000.

Jaxon Rus: 1623 17th St., Rock Valley. Purchased for \$170,000.

Drost Land Company: 807 Third Ave. NE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$300,000.

Bobby and Bonita Van Otterloo: 953 16th St. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$425,000.

Erio and Beth Faber: 1785 S. Prairie View Circle, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$900,000.

Rock Solid Rentals: 217 Fourth St. SW, Orange City. Purchased for \$265,000.

G & J Sioux Properties: 1515 F Ave., Hawarden. Purchased for \$79,000.

Blanca Vargas and Darrel Nyhof: 525 Fifth Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$290,000.

Christopher and Greichaly Ellens: 1847 13th Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$265,000.

Par Development: 1651 13th Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$295,000.

Kenneth and Keith Chacon: 119 Florida Ave. SW, Orange City. Purchased for \$215,000.

Visser Family Farm: 412 Third St. NW, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$93,000 (commercial).

Joey and Leah Van Ginkel: 1858 300th St., Rock Valley. Purchased for \$315,000.

Marta Alicia Chilel Chilel: 951 Eighth Ave. NW, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$218,000.

Maynor Ramirez Chilel: 925 S. Main Ave., Sioux Center. Purchased for \$190,000.

Mason Ericson: 721 A Ave., Hawarden. Purchased for \$187,000.

Paul Leonard: 502 12th St., Hawarden. Purchased for \$220,000.

Martin Palma Hernandez and Juan Diego Palma Garrido: 246 Sixth St. NE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$216,500.

Glenn and Stephanie Zevenbergen: 1921 17th St., Rock Valley. Purchased for \$1,000 (commercial).

Juan Cordova and Maricela Marcial: 618 Broad St., Granville. Purchased for \$9,000.

Verlyn Boone: 1330 First Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$230,000.

David and Kay Wolf: 1697 Fourth Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$395,000.

Hayden Lee: 306 Central Ave. SW, Orange City. Purchased for \$175,000.

Kade Bak: 111 Highland Ave., Hospers. Purchased for \$138,000.

Melissa Topete Camacho: 1446 500th St., Hawarden. Purchased for \$240,000.

Talon Albers: 507 Eighth St., Alton. Purchased for \$180,000.

Schoolhouse Brewery: 618 14th St. NE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$100,000 (commercial).

Justin and Allison Kroese: 703 Ohio Ave. SW, Orange City. Purchased for \$190,000 (commercial).

Duane Bonnema and Lea Ann Bonnema: 1411 O Ave., Hawarden. Purchased for \$225,000.

Maria Santos Chilel Lopez: 118 Second St. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$78,000.

Sioux Center Land Development: 2688 Ridge Road, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$75,000.

Kenzie Morris: 412 Fourth St. NE, Orange City. Purchased for \$215,000.

Eustoquia Barranco: s111 Sunrise Drive, Hospers. Purchased for \$188,000.

Travis and Alexandria Osterkamp: 407 Main St., Hospers. Purchased for \$183,000.

Preston and Heidi Van Peursem: 3684 480th, Orange City. Purchased for \$162,117.

Jeffrey and Amanda De Kam: 1013 Walnut St., Hull. Purchased for \$170,000.

Paul Borman: 1421 L Ave., Hawarden. Purchased for \$151,000.

Hawarden Regional Healthcare: 1015 12th St., Hawarden. Purchased for \$65,000.

Pauline Grossman: 708 Second St. Suite 119, Orange City. Purchased for \$200,000.

Mark and Lynette Reekers: 408 Fr St., Hospers. Purchased for \$210,000.

Jason and Stephanie Pottebaum: 810 Fourth Ave., Alton. Purchased for \$230,000.

Thijs Doelman: 534 Seventh St. NE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$285,000.

Juan Garcia Anda and Mayra Huerta Torres: 812 H Ave., Hawarden. Purchased for \$40,000.

Ten-Kredit Properties: 2033 Fourth Ave. NE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$8,000 (commercial).

Kaitlyn Van Maanen: 1922 13th St., Rock Valley. Purchased for \$142,500.

Cody and Doreen Van Tilburg: 1104 Hayes Ave., Hull. Purchased for \$362,500.

Kaden Regnerus: 1321 Eighth Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$39,000.

Grant and Michaela Stelling: 1215 Ninth Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$40,000.

Andrew and Sarah Aukes: 2713 Oak Hill Court, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$95,000.

Gregory and Jesamine Helenburg: 421 Frankfort Ave. NE, Orange City. Purchased for \$299,000.

Rachel Wittern and Benjamin Danner: 700 E. Division St., Alton. Purchased for \$365,000.

John and Laura Sahagian Family Trust: 1351 13th Ave., Sioux Center. Purchased for \$349,000.

Luke and Jennifer Livingston: 215 First St. NW, Orange City. Purchased for \$220,000.

Kyle and Tracy Wiuff: 105 St. Paul Ave. NE, Orange City. Purchased for \$350,000.

Jeff and Rosalynn Andringa: 1610 Birch St., Hull. Purchased for \$40,000.

Noah and Meredith Hop: 307 Albany Ave. SE, Orange City. Purchased for \$180,000.

Jacob Passer: 321 Albany Ave. SE, Orange City. Purchased for \$225,000.

Schoolhouse Brewery: 16 Third St. NE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$275,000 (commercial).

David and Ashley Egdorf: 1485 Sixth Ave. Circle SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$435,000.

Francis Leong and Manuela Ayee-Leong: 610 Dover Ave. NE, Orange City. Purchased for \$245,000.

Tyler and Taylor Decker: 501 Junco Ave. SE, Orange City. Purchased for \$467,500.

Lyle and Pamela De Wit: 1114 First Ave. SE, Sioux Center. Purchased for \$158,000.

Jose Clavel and Norma Topete: 303 Ninth St., Alton. Purchased for \$147,000.

Eva Trejo: 710 Central Ave. NW, Orange City. Purchased for \$304,000.

Austin and Allison Jeltrema: 224 Georgia Ave. SW, Orange City. Purchased for \$263,000.

Kelly and Lisbeth Rutt: 710 Second St. SE, Unit 112, Orange City. Purchased for \$246,000.

Jean De Jong: 504 Lincoln Ave. SE, Orange City. Purchased for \$383,500.

Mark and Brenda Van Roekel: 605 Kansas Ave. SW, Orange City. Purchased for \$310,000.

Scott and Debra Huisman: 643 14th St. SE, Orange City. Purchased for \$212,500.

Munneke Properties: 1610 16th St., Rock Valley. Purchased for \$97,500.

Hegg Health Center: 1305 22nd Ave. Unit 110, Rock Valley. Purchased for \$147,813.

Kyle Burkard: 1329 L Ave., Hawarden. Purchased for \$68,000.

Benjamin Aberson: 204 Fr St., Hospers. Purchased for \$135,000.

Joseph and Rachel Harrison: 1312 Main St., Hull. Purchased for \$135,000.

Tanner Jay and Emma Lee Hansen: 106 Birch St., Hospers. Purchased for \$195,000.

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Robert and Michele Klocke: 1211 19th St., Hawarden. Purchased for \$2,548.

Steven and Stephanie Regnerus: 1309 Eighth Ave., Sioux Center. Purchased for \$39,000.

Jonathan and Jill Swisher: 302 Michigan Ave. NW, Orange City. Purchased for \$475,000.

Trent Muecke: 429 Arizona Ave. SW, Orange City. Purchased for \$155,000.

Alan and Heidi Vasher: 1118 Denver Place SE, Orange City. Purchased for \$350,000.

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FIRE DRILL

Sutherland firefighters practice using new ladder truck with training at Willoway Complex.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

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BISON BASH

BY GEORGIA LODEWYK

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SUTHERLAND—A herd of 400 people gathered at the Prairie Heritage Center near Sutherland for an annual tradition, one that celebrates the natural landscape and conservation efforts in O'Brien County.

The Bison Burger Picnic and Lawn Concert, hosted by the O'Brien County Conservation Board and the Little Sioux Valley Conservation Association, featured a donation-dinner, live music by Larry Heschke of Fonda and children's activities hosted by naturalist Lindsey Kleinhesselink.

"We just do it as a time to bring the community together," said association secretary Mary Hicks. "We want them to see what O'Brien County has to offer."

Organization members and volunteers grilled 900 bison burger patties, serving it along with chips, baked beans and watermelon for the donation meal. Money raised goes toward several conservation projects. In years past, funds have been used for new

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Hundreds gather at Bison Burger Picnic and Lawn Concert on Tuesday at the Prairie Heritage Center near Sutherland. The O'Brien County Conservation Board and the Little Sioux Valley Conservation Association partner to host the event. Photos by Georgia Lodewyk



Nine bison call the Prairie Heritage Center home, including three new calves born this year, named Daisy, Betty and Juniper by popular vote during the Bison Burger Picnic and Lawn Concert on Tuesday evening.

BURGER PICNIC AND LAWN CONCERT DRAWS 400 TO ANNUAL EVENT

Sutherland to host Labor Day Celebration

Activities planned for more than just Monday

BY ELIJAH HELTON
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SUTHERLAND—August might not have any big holidays, but Sutherland already is gearing up for its next long weekend.

"Labor Day for Sutherland is huge. Families come home for the celebration," said mayor Kay Gifford.

The town's Labor Day Celebration, which serves as its main summer festival, kicks off 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2.

Early risers will gather at Sutherland Church of Christ for its annual 5K. Like previous fun runs, proceeds will

go toward Noah's Ark Daycare Center, which the church supports.

Several other activities are fundraisers, too. Later that Saturday morning will see the start of a slow-pitch tournament to benefit the Sutherland Little League.

Registration opens at noon for a cornhole competition at Sweeney's Clubhouse. The bar will remain the place to be with a DJ starting at 9 p.m.

Gifford's parents are from Sutherland but she didn't move to town until 2016.

"I've known that Labor Day was a thing here, but it's impressive. I'm always impressed with how everybody

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Gerald Lange tosses candy and drives the Sutherland Commercial Club truck last year in the town's Labor Day Celebration parade. This year's festival is Sept. 2-4. Photo by Elijah Helton

SUN SPOTS

South O'Brien classes set to start Wednesday

REGIONAL—The first day of classes is approaching quickly for students in the South O'Brien School District. The elementary in Primghar will hold an open house 4-6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, while the junior high and high school in Paulina will hold an open house 5-7 p.m. that day. The first day of classes is Wednesday, Aug. 23.

End of Summer Bash on Aug 27 in Primghar

PRIMGHAR—An End of Summer Bash will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at the O'Brien County Fairgrounds in Primghar. Entertainment will include bounce houses, games, touch a truck, live talent and Bible trivia. United Church of Primghar and Church of Christ of Primghar are hosting event for a freewill offering. Lunch and dessert will be available for purchase 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and feature JW's Little Red Wagon, Pizza Ranch, ice cream and Mockingbird Hill Kettle Corn.

Paulina City Council to hold meeting Aug. 21

PAULLINA—The Paulina City Council's next regular meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, at the city hall. For more information, call the Paulina city office at 712-949-3428.

Sutherland City Council to hold Sept. 5 meeting

SUTHERLAND—The Sutherland City Council's next regular monthly meeting is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the R.L. Johannsen Center downtown. For more information, call the Sutherland city office at 712-446-2243.

Blood drives planned for Sept. 11, 13; Oct. 11

SUTHERLAND—LifeServe Blood Center of Sioux City will hold a blood drive 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at the R.L. Johannsen Center in Sutherland; 1:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the Primghar Community Building; and 12:30-4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the American Legion Community Center in Paulina. Appointments are required by visiting lifeservebloodcenter.org or calling 1-800-287-4903.

Primghar City Council will meet on Sept. 13

PRIMGHAR—The Primghar City Council's next regular monthly meeting is set for 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the city hall. For more information, call the Primghar city office at 712-957-2435.

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Sutherland firefighters drill with their new ladder truck

Practices vehicle use at Willoway Complex

BY ELIJAH HELTON
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SUTHERLAND—There wasn't a real emergency, but it wasn't just another fire drill either as the Sutherland Fire & Ambulance Department got a chance to show off what its new ladder truck could do.

The crew spent the bulk of the evening of Thursday, July 27, practicing various scenarios for would-be calls to the Willoway Complex.

"It's just we're not fumbling around when it is an actual emergency," said chief Mark Shriver. "Time is everything, so it just comes natural to you to do what you need to do."

The truck's ladder can reach just over 100 feet, making window-side rescues simple and allowing for flames to be sprayed from a high angle.

It was the flashiest fire drill in memory for Mark Cody, who has been director of the Willoway since 2012.

"I had never seen anything like that before," Cody said.

The three-story building is the tallest in Sutherland. Sitting right in the middle of town, it used to be the Sutherland School and now serves as a senior living center with 22 residents.

Willoway's size and inhabitants were reasons why Shriver and his team opted for a more expensive truck — with a 42-foot frame and weighing 69,500 pounds — which might seem oversized for a town of just 600. There are nine apartments on the second floor and eight on the third, and scrambling down the stairs could be tricky for the folks housed there.

"That was our main push for that. We'd be able to attack it from the top or rescue people out the windows because of the older people that are in there. I'm not meaning that in a bad way, but their mobility is going to be quite a bit less if there is a fire," Shriver said.

The \$90,000 purchase arrived in Sutherland over the winter. Since then, Shriver said the team has worked to get accustomed to all the bells and whistles. The engine has not seen live action yet, but the chief said the Willoway exercise marked major progress.

"Setting up the ladder truck, we need more and more training just to do that," he said.

Willoway resident Ken Northman volunteered his apartment to be used for the drill. Another willing participant was Ryan Fuller — a junior firefighter and soon-to-be junior at South O'Brien High School in Paullina — who played the mock victim.

The scene attracted several passersby. Cody counted the crowd as affirmation for his facility's work.

"It was pretty exciting. It was a cool event. It's so nice to see that the community cares," Cody said.

The director said the Willoway has its share of fire alarms, usually a burnt supper, but there are no substantial fires in its 102-year history.

Staff and residents walk through emergency procedures every spring.

"It makes me feel a lot more comfortable," Cody said. "We try to go through that training and education every year so that people know, if it ever happens."

He said the July exercise made him even more secure in the safety of those who live and work in the building.

"When the fire department does something like this, it just makes everything better. It's a small community working together to make it a better place to live for everybody," Cody said.

While Sutherland Fire & Ambulance Department is not ready for prime time with the ladder truck, Shriver predicted his crew soon will be ready to take it out for real.

In addition to the Willoway, a secondary reason to spring for a larger engine was to be more helpful on mutual aid calls. At full blast, the new truck can pump 1,500 gallons a minute.



The new ladder truck of the Sutherland Fire & Ambulance Department lifts a stretcher onto the Willoway Complex roof July 27 in Sutherland. The drill helped the team practice using its high-powered engine. Photo submitted

The chief said he is looking forward to the ability to assist with nearby disasters as well as ones close to home.

"For us, it's going to work perfect."

Shriver said. "We felt that was a good use of the money: Protection of the people in the community. It just was a no-brainer at the time, and so far, it's worked out."



Ryan and Hale Wilson of Albert City sell an order of cinnamon rolls to Melinda Brown of Cherokee during the craft fair among the offerings at last year's Sutherland Labor Day Celebration. Photo by Elijah Helton

Sutherland Museum to honor 1983 state championship team

CELEBRATION

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has the planning done," Gifford said.

She recalled her first holiday while living in the town.

"I remember walking over to my neighbors to sit and watch the parade and just thinking, 'Holy crap, these guys really mean it,'" she said.

Sweeney's Clubhouse will host live music again at 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, hosting a show by Tyler Richton and the High Bank Boys Band. The country group hails from Deep River, which inspired its name, on the east side of the state.

Sunday's schedule features two new items to the annual celebration's itinerary. Bethel Lutheran

Church will serve a pork tenderloin sandwich lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Around the same time is the downtown tractor ride-in. Instead of a traditional vehicle show, organizers opted for a cruise-night-style activity for those looking to show off their implements.

That midday time slot stays revved on the corner of Main Street and Second Avenue with the car show and shine. A burnout contest will commence at 1 p.m. outside Zub's Shop.

The Sutherland Museum also will get in on the fun. Before it was part of the South O'Brien School District and competed as the Wolverines, independent Sutherland and its high school athletes were the Tigers. The football team won the 1983 Class A state cham-

ampionship, and the museum will celebrate the 40th anniversary 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3.

Those Tigers went to school in the building that became the Willoway Complex. The facility will be busy Monday, Sept. 4, with an all-day craft fair starting at 9 a.m. There are more than 20 vendors signed up so far.

Sutherland's Labor Day Celebration parade will start at 10:30 a.m. Afterward, the Monday schedule includes various food, games and other activities around town, with City Park centered as the nucleus of the holiday fun.

"Everybody has a corner of the town where something fun is going on," Gifford said. "It just shows me that the Sutherland people, they really like their community Labor Day."

High Altitude Wrestling Club to present clinic Aug. 26-27 in Paullina

Area youth grapplers invited to participate

PAULLINA—High Altitude Wrestling Club of Grimes will host a two-day clinic for all area wrestlers in grades K-12 at the American Legion Community Center in Paullina.

The clinic will run 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27.

It is designed to teach coaches and wrestlers a system that will work at all levels.

The clinic is set up having six drill sessions followed by a live session focusing on the moves that were taught.

A parent from the Wolverine Youth Wrestling Club contacted High Altitude Wrestling Club owner/operator Chad Tunink about having a clinic brought to the area so Wolverine wrestlers and other area wrestlers could benefit.

The location was decided as that is where the Wolverine Youth Wrestling Club members have their wrestling mats as the South O'Brien School District does not have wrestling mats.

There is a cost of \$90 per wrestler. It is expected 20-30 wrestlers or more could attend the clinic.

High Altitude Wrestling Club likes to keep numbers low to have more attention to each wrestler.

Lunch will be provided both days. Bob & Scott's grocery in Primghar is providing meat and cheese for Saturday and Prairie Market grocery in Paullina is providing lunch for Sunday along with other donors for lunches.

Anyone wishing to help with the clinic is asked to contact Vanessa Rohwer at ladyshiro42@gmail.com or text or call 712-261-1480.

High Altitude Wrestling Club was established in 2005 by Tunink with 10 wrestlers and has since grown into one of Iowa's top training clubs.

High Altitude Wrestling Club trains hundreds of wrestlers each year at

training locations across Iowa and offers numerous camps throughout the year.

The club has wrestlers driving more than two hours each way just for practices.

Its summer camps at Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center near Indianola started off with only one camp and now has up to six sessions a year with many carrying a waiting list to attend.

The wrestlers who have attended not only proven themselves locally with numerous individual and team state titles but nationally with many earning All-America and national championship honors. High Altitude Wrestling Club won the prestigious 2010 Tulsa Nationals Team Trophy in 2010.

Tunink has more than 27 years of wrestling background.

He wrestled for Perry High School where he qualified for the state tournament in 1991 and place fifth in 1992. He also was a cadet freestyle state place winner, cadet regional and national qualifier on Team Iowa, and junior freestyle state place winner while in high school.

Tunink then wrestled for Buena Vista University in Storm Lake where he was a 1995 Division III All-American.

His coaching experience includes assistant coach at Central College in Pella, 1997-98; head wrestling coach at Pella High School, 1998-99; and head wrestling coach at Panora High School, 1999-2002.

He has conducted numerous wrestling camps featuring athletes like Dan Gable, the legendary wrestler then University of Iowa coach; John Smith, the longtime Oklahoma State University coach who is a six-time world champion and two-time Olympic champ, and many others.

Any wrestlers wanting to attend may register at <https://shorturl.at/np126> or print out a registration from the website highaltitudewrestling.com.

McDowell, Archer Cooperative Grain Co. recognized

Receive Value-Added Ag awards for county

PRIMGHAR—Dudley McDowell of rural Archer was honored as the 2023 citizen recipient of the Value-Added Ag Hall of Fame Award and the Archer Cooperative Grain Co. of Archer was recognized as the business recipient of the Value-Added Ag Hall of Fame Award during a presentation by the O'Brien County Value-Added Agriculture Steering Committee on July 24 at the O'Brien County Fair in Primghar.

According to the committee, the successful candidate for the citizen award must have demonstrated leadership, stewardship, community service and service to the agricultural industry. They must also be an O'Brien County resident or someone who engages in agricultural activity in the county.

McDowell recently retired after 50 years as a livestock and crop farmer in O'Brien County and continues to assist his daughter and son-in-law in operating the Century Farm.

Over the years, McDowell's farming operation included corn and soybeans, a farrow-to-finish hog operation and a sheep flock, and he has shown hogs at the O'Brien County Fair, the Clay County Fair in Spencer and the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines.

McDowell has been an active member of his community.

He has served on the Archer Ambulance Service as an emergency medical technician and a scheduler and is a longtime member of the Archer Fire Department.

McDowell was an adult leader of the Eagle Musketeers 4-H Club for many years and has been on the O'Brien County Fair Board and



Dudley McDowell, citizen recipient; O'Brien County Economic Development director Kiana Johnson; and Jason Noteboom, board president for Archer Cooperative Grain Co., the business recipient, stand during the presentation of the O'Brien County Value-Added Ag Hall of Fame Awards. Photo by Scott Chrisman/The Sanborn Pioneer

served as sheep superintendent for many years.

He has been an O'Brien County Farm Bureau member since he began farming, serving on the board of directors, serving as board president and as a voting delegate.

McDowell served terms on the Archer Cooperative Grain Co. board and Cooperative Oil board in Sheldon. He currently serves on the Prairie View Campus Board of Directors

in Sanborn.

Family and church are a central part of his life. McDowell has served as lay leader and treasurer, on the Lord's Acre Committee and most other committees over the years at Archer United Methodist Church. He also has been a delegate to the Iowa United Methodist Annual Conference.

He and his wife, Carol, have three sons, a daughter, a son-in-law, a

daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

Archer Cooperative Grain Co. is one of only 11 remaining single-location cooperatives in the state of Iowa.

It was established in 1907 when a group of Archer farmers saw the need for a cooperative elevator to market their grain. About 30 of these farmers raised \$4,000 to purchase the Great Western Grain Co. that was

located in Archer and the Archer Cooperative Grain Co. was formed.

A concrete elevator was built in 1914. It was only the second concrete elevator in the state of Iowa and the first to utilize slip forms in its construction.

In the beginning, the Archer Cooperative Grain Co. only dealt in buying and selling grain. Today, it serves its customers with expanded services such as processing and delivering feed, selling and applying fertilizer and chicken soil conditioner, seed sales and selling and applying chemicals in addition to owning and managing two chicken layer houses.

The Archer Cooperative Grain Co. is a strong supporter of the Archer community and the O'Brien County Fair and its exhibitors. Its focus is on the needs of its customers and community, which is apparent in its motto and mission statement.

The Archer Cooperative Grain Co.'s motto is, "Our branches and roots are in Archer, Iowa" and their mission statement is, "Inspiring Independent Success, the Way Forward."

The O'Brien County Value-Added Agriculture Steering Committee has recognized an outstanding citizen with its annual Value-Added Ag Hall of Fame Award since 2001.

A business category was added in 2016 and from that time on, both an individual and a business have been recognized each year with this award.

Nominations are accepted year-round, and those received are saved and considered the next year if that nominee does not win.

For more information, contact Kiana Johnson at O'Brien County Economic Development at 712-957-1313 or e-mail ocedc@tcaexpress.net.

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Hustedt Landscaping seeks to fulfill yard dreams

Owner works closely with area homeowners

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SUTHERLAND—Brent Hustedt has seen a thing or two in his 25 years in the landscaping industry. That's why his business, Hustedt Landscaping in Sutherland, stays booked and busy throughout the summer, with plenty of new projects each week.

Since opening his business in 2010, he has chosen to keep his company specialized — zooming in on projects like retaining walls, patios and foundation plantings.

"We do the landscaping portion of it really well. So, that's what we concentrate on," he said. "We're busy enough with being specific, saying, 'This is what we do; this is what we do well.'"

Hustedt said these projects often are most difficult for homeowners to do themselves, creating a need for this specific type of work.

While patios serve more aesthetic purposes, retaining walls often have practical reasons for homeowners.

In the Iowa climate, where over two-thirds of the annual rainfall arrives abruptly in the summer, retaining walls prevent flooding, drainage issues and erosion by creating a flat surface on sloped lawns.

But Hustedt said patios are not safe from the effects of weather, either.

When Hustedt first started his business 14 years ago, snowfall and rainfall created problems with paver patio bases, as the moisture trapped in the compacted base could not drain properly. In addition, compacting patio bases was a tedious process. Newer technologies now allow the company to use an open-grade

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base for paver patios, saving installation time and preventing moisture buildup.

Hustedt said applying new technology to his business requires stepping out of the usual routine, not always easy, but with plenty of payoff in the long run.

"It's taking the jump from, 'This is the way we've always done things,' to 'We're going to try this,' he said.

The 46-year-old got into the landscaping business after graduating from Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville in 1997.

He knew early on that it was something he loved.

"I liked the effect of creating something," he said. "Whether it's a patio, steps or retaining walls. I enjoy that sort of thing. It gives you a sense of accomplishment."

He started at Del's Garden Center in Spencer after graduation and then moved to eastern Iowa. When he returned to Sutherland with his wife, Becky, it felt like the right time to open his own business. Hustedt Landscaping was born in the summer of 2010.

Today, the business is a team of two: Hustedt and landscaper Cole Craig, whom he has worked with for



Hustedt Landscaping of Sutherland installs an outdoor firepit in Cherokee. Before installing, Business owner Brent Hustedt meets with clients to finalize landscaping designs and then prepares a digital, computer-aided preview.

eight years. It is a smaller team than in the past, as COVID-19 has made it harder to find extra help. But Hustedt said the size of the team hardly affects the amount of work his business can accomplish. It is temperamental weather that proves to be the biggest adversary.

When living in a land of extremes, with highs of 100 in the summertime to 20 below in the wintertime, landscapers like Hustedt Landscaping have a unique challenge. They not only need to create structures that can endure the elements, but they also need to adjust when severe weather prevents work, pushing projected timelines back.

"It doesn't seem like there's a lot that affects you, except for the fact

that the rain made your yard muddy, and the one day here and one day there, it all of a sudden turns into a week," he said.

The weather is unpredictable, so Hustedt instead focuses on what he can predict. He knows what homeowners are looking for and works to make that vision come to life.

Hustedt Landscaping's slogan is "Making your dream a reality... one brick at a time."

"For me, for doing it as long as I have, it's easy. You tell me what you're thinking, I can definitely envision that," he said.

The first phase of any landscaping project involves meetings with homeowners to go over designs, something Hustedt recommends

scheduling many months in advance.

He uses computer-aided design, 3D designs and virtual walk-throughs to help visualize the additions. Installation for projects begins when the weather allows. Usually, Hustedt and Craig work from early April until mid-November.

Hustedt said he enjoys all the phases of his work, but his favorite moments are when the customer is happy with the final product.

"The biggest reward at the end is creating that project," he said. "That homeowner has a vision of what they would like to see in the yard. When it's all said and done, they are happy with what we've done, and it's exactly what they want."

Sutherland 2023 LABOR DAY Celebration

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

7:00 AM Registration - 8:00 AM 5K Run/Walk
Starts at Church of Christ (203 S. Oak St.)

9:00 AM: Slow Pitch Tournament - Fundraiser for Sutherland Little League

12:00 PM REGISTRATION - 1:00 PM BAG TOURNAMENT at Sweeney's Club House

9:00 PM: DJ @ Sweeney's Clubhouse

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

10:00 AM: Church Worship Service in City Park

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Bethel Pork Loin Sandwich or Nachos with Pie & Desserts Downtown Luncheon

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Cruise-in Car Show & Shine corner of 2nd and Main St.

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Tractor Ride-In Downtown Sutherland

1:00 PM: Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Burnout - 1st Street by Zub's Shop (Registration at 12:00 PM)

3:00 - 8:00 PM: Car & Side-by-Side Cruise/Fun Run (Registration at Sweeney's Club House) - Prizes

3:00 - 5:00 PM: 40th Anniversary of Sutherland Tigers 1983 State Football @ Sutherland Museum

9:00 PM: Tyler Richton and the High Bank Boys Band @ Sweeney's Clubhouse

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

8:00 - 10:00 AM: Sausage & Pancake Breakfast - Fundraiser for Noah's Ark Day Care at Church of Christ

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Craft Fair at Willoway

10:30 AM: Parade

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Willoway Serving Burritos at Rice Bowls

11:15 AM - 1:00 PM: Creamed Turkey & Biscuits at Methodist Church

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Masonic Lodge Serving Hot Dogs & Burgers in City Park

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Watermelon Feed at General E. Baker Library - Free Will Donation

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Registration for Volleyball and Bean Bag Tournament Park

1:00 PM: Saddle Club Fun Day & Hourse Show at Anderson Arena

2:00 PM: Kids Races - all ages - by Sutherland Ruritan Club

SUTHERLAND CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES
Friday, Sept. 1st: 1:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 2nd: 9 AM - 1:00 PM
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Crowd enjoys bison burgers and much more

BISON

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cement pads in Mill Creek Park in Paullina and several campsite playgrounds throughout the county.

This year's fundraiser on Tuesday drew people from as far away as Okoboji and Council Bluffs. With old familiar favorites from Johnny Cash, The Monkees and Neil Diamond were performed live by Heschke, the event attracted an older crowd of nature lovers, but interactive games like bison chip toss and gunny sack races made it versatile, with something for the youngest of age groups.

The Prairie Heritage Center also boasts a wide-range of

activities. Parents Stephen and Ricquel Shank said they often bring their 16-month-old, JC, to the location because the activities are engaging for him — from petting the different fur on the walls to watching the bison roam. At the event, JC bounced along to the music and walked along the grounds with his family. The mix of activities is intentional; a reminder that one can never be too young or too old to enjoy the outdoors.

The icons for the event were none other than the herd of nine bison that graze in a fenced-off field not far from the building.

This year, the Prairie Heritage Center welcomed three baby calves to the herd — all



Sutherland resident James De Boom takes a slice of watermelon from volunteers Molly Hicks and Jenny Johnson at the Bison Burger Picnic and Lawn Concert on Tuesday at the Prairie Heritage Center in Sutherland. Many of those serving also volunteer at the Prairie Heritage Center during its open hours from 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Photos by Georgia Lodewyk

girls. At the fundraiser, visitors could participate in naming the calves by voting on their favorites. Guests put money

in six different jars, marked Penelope, Lavender, Juniper, Honey, Betty and Daisy. At the end of the night, totals were

counted and names decided: the winners were Daisy, Betty and Juniper. Hicks said their bison herd

is "unique." The center has been the home for bison for more than 16 years, after they moved in months after the building first opened its doors in 2007. While there are several herds in Iowa, Hicks said the closest bison herd to theirs is at Blue Mounds State Park in Luverne, MN.

Since opening in 2006, the Prairie Heritage Center has added improvements every few years, from the bison statues and covered wagon displays to the observation platform in 2010. The site has seen visitors from all 50 states and almost 30 countries.

One of the fundraiser attendees, Pat Sichelka, has witnessed the Prairie Heritage Center's growth firsthand. She and her husband, Mark, sold 134 acres in 2014 to create the adjacent Waterman Wildlife Addition, connecting the site to the Little Sioux River. This year, she brought two of her grandchildren from Chicago.

"It's been fun to see what they've done and how they've changed it," she said.



Six-year-old Rosie Miller of Council Bluffs and her 8-year-old brother, Simeon, participates in the bison chip toss at the Bison Burger Picnic and Lawn Concert on Tuesday evening.



Alexis Lenz of Peterson holds 10-month-old Iyla Lewis to see the bison that roam at the Prairie Heritage Center near Sutherland during the Bison Burger Picnic and Lawn Concert on Tuesday.

BRIEFLY

2023 O'Brien County Fair results available online

PRIMGHAR—Results from the 2023 O'Brien County Fair may be found at <https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/18399>.

Nomination sought for Physician of the Year

REGIONAL—The Iowa Academy of Family Physicians is seeking nominations for the 2023 Family Physician of the Year based on outstanding service to patients and the community and

devotion to family medicine. Nomination letters should be sent by Sept. 1 to the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians, 1515 Linden St., Ste. 220, Des Moines, IA 50309 or e-mailed to kccc@iaafp.org. Previous Northwest Iowa winners have been Scott Helmers, Sibley, 1988; Ronald Zoutendam, Sheldon, 1998; Richard Jongewaard, Sioux Center, 2000; and Dale Nystrom, Sioux Center, 2007.

Ap Challenge offered to students in 4th District

REGIONAL—U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa) invites middle and high

school students across the 4th Congressional District to participate in the 2023 Congressional App Challenge. The annual competition allows students to compete with peers by creating and exhibiting their software application for the platform of their choice. Students may compete as individuals or in teams of up to four. Register online by Nov. 1 at www.congressionalappchallenge.us/students/student-registration/. The winning app will be announced in December. For more information, contact Feenstra's district director Emily Schwickerath at emilyschwickerath@mailhouse.gov or call 202-225-4426.

Dinner Date provided weekdays at Willoway

SUTHERLAND—Sutherland Dinner Date is offered at 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday at the Willoway Complex.

Attendees may eat in the dining room. People ages 60 and older may purchase a meal at a reduced price. To learn what each meal will be and to reserve one, call Peg Christensen at 712-577-7696 the day before.

Also call to reserve a meal and have it delivered to homes within Sutherland city limits. New attendees will receive their first meal free.

For more information, call Mark Cody, the executive director of the Willoway Complex, at 712-446-2599 or stop by his office at 409 Ash St., Suite 15.

New Iowa Bicycle Map available through DOT

REGIONAL—The 2023-24 Iowa Bicycle Map is available in paper and digital formats. A free paper version of the map is available at all Iowa Department of Transportation rest areas and Iowa welcome centers. A paper copy online or digital versions of the map are available at <https://iowadot.gov/iowabikes>.

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COOK'S CORNER

Best time of the year for veggies!

Hello Cook's Corner readers! I hope you're enjoying your summer and that you've experienced some great recipes lately.

I've been enjoying some fresh veggies from our neighbors, the Grants: Fresh tomatoes, sweet corn, cucumbers and honestly the best melon I've had in quite some time. It is fabulous. I never thought our area was great for planting melons, but man, what a treat.

I've had some friends gift me some zucchini recently as well and have enjoyed that, too.

To me, this is simply the best time of year when you can enjoy all the fresh goodness coming from Iowa gardens.

I had to take a veggie tray to a gathering last Saturday night and was so giddy about going to the Farmers Market in Spencer to pick up some bright, wonderful vegetables. I felt good purchasing them

from local growers as well. I like to make a dill dip to pair with the vegetables and that seems to be something almost everyone likes. It's easy, delicious and healthy to boot!

Someone had posted a cucumber salsa dip on Facebook, but I never received the recipe. I looked up a couple online and came up with the one I tried that I found online. It's a keeper!

Remember to live, laugh and get in the kitchen!



BY JONNA ROHRBAUGH

Cucumber Salsa

Jonna Rohrbaugh, Sutherland

2 cups finely chopped cucumber, peeled and seeded
 ½ cup finely chopped seeded tomato
 ¼ cup chopped red onion
 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and

chopped

4½ teaspoons minced fresh cilantro
 1 garlic clove, minced
 ¼ cup reduced-fat sour cream
 1½ teaspoons lemon juice
 1½ teaspoons lime juice
 ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
 ¼ teaspoon seasoned salt

In a small bowl, combine the first seven ingredients.

In another bowl, combine the sour cream, lemon juice, lime juice, cumin and seasoned salt.

Pour over cucumber mixture and toss gently to coat.

Serve immediately with chips or use other fresh veggies to dip. Enjoy!

Dill Dip

Jonna Rohrbaugh, Sutherland

¾ cup plain Greek yogurt
 ¼ cup light mayonnaise
 ¼ cup light sour cream

1 tablespoon dry dill weed
 ½ teaspoon garlic powder
 ½ teaspoon onion powder
 2 tablespoons dill pickle juice from the pickle jar
 ¼ teaspoon Accent

Add all the ingredients to a medium size bowl then whisk to combine everything. Cover and refrigerate.



FOR THE RECORD

The following transactions recently have been filed at the O'Brien County Courthouse in Primghar:

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank Scott Rogers and Sandra Lee White.

Logan Christian Wolthuisen and Kelli Marie Krogman.

Anthony Kevin Massmann and McKenna Noel Jacobson.

MARRIAGE DISSOLUTIONS

Nathan Ray Schuknecht and Debra Lynn Schuknecht.

Carlos Gallardo and Melissa Gallardo.

PROBATES

Grover T. Powers, deceased.
 Verlene A. Flick, deceased; Darwin Peter Flick and Julie O'Brien, executors.

DISTRICT COURT

Trey Orville Kroeze, Orange City, seat-belt violation.

Miguel Angel Placencia, Luverne, MN, failure to maintain control.

Effie Lavinia Jackson, Archer, no valid driver's license.

Emy Roxana Niz Lopez, Sioux City, no valid driver's license; speeding.

Austin Edward Zenkovich, Spencer, seat-belt violation.

Joseph Paul Copen, Hartley, no valid driver's license.

Tiara Alisha Craven Edge, Sioux Falls, SD, speeding.

Aaron Curtis Espey, Hartley, speeding.

Blake Martin Meneely, Sheldon, speeding.

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Vanessa Ibarra Sanchez, Storm Lake, speeding.

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Elizabeth Ann Meyer, Quimby, speeding.

Garnis Wayne Breems, Sheldon, no valid driver's license; fraudulent use of registration.

Eugene Wayne Fenska, Hartley, seat-belt violation.

Massinissa Djaroun, Sioux City, speeding.

Keri Rae Centner, Archer, dark window or windshield.

Daniel Tai Yan Molenaar, Sanborn, no valid driver's license;

operation without registration card or plate; failure to provide proof of vehicle liability insurance.

April Leigh Hengeveld, Hartley, speeding.

Colby Huffman, Primghar, speeding.

Pedro Ralios Pablo, Sheldon, failure to give notice of address or name change; no valid driver's license.

Nesley A. Brown Jr., Christiansted, Virgin Islands, speeding.

Fernando Jose Orellana Enamorado, Sioux City, speeding.

Elvira Hinojosa Solis, Sheldon, no valid driver's license.

Kirsty Dawn McClaren, Cherokee, speeding.

Selakie M. Kamara, New Hope, MN, speeding.

Dennis Dean Varrelman, Hampton, speeding.

Ethan Thomas Selby, Alton, two counts of driving while suspended; two counts of driving while license denied, suspended, canceled or revoked.

Robert Daniel Thurman, Sheldon, no valid driver's license.

Kadan Lee Vos, Des Moines, driving while license denied, suspended, canceled or revoked.

Palomar Jhanette Martinez Gonzalez, Sheldon, failure to stop in assured distance.

Anthony Wayne Erickson, Paulina, animals at large.

Aletia Keobounhmea, Sanborn, first-offense operating while under the influence; possession of drug paraphernalia.

Reegan Ann Fischer, Sheldon, first-offense operating while under the influence.

Brian John Robyn, Alton, reckless driving.

Juden Therrell Elijah Porter, Primghar, first-offense operating while under the influence.

Kyran Lee Schuknecht, Sanborn, third-degree criminal mischief.

Walker Lee Hollenbeck, Archer, controlled substance violation.

Gilberta Briones Munoz, Sioux Center, second-degree theft.

Thomas James Stephens, Sheldon, gathering where controlled substances are used.

Troy Dean Petersen, Graettinger, first-offense operating while under the influence; eluding — methamphetamine; second-offense possession of controlled substance.

David Richard Hofman, Harris, contempt of court.

Mary Lois Smith, Sheldon, contempt of court.

Alexandr David Vietstra, Paulina, speeding.

Brittani Ann Snodgrass Kueny, Sioux City, registration violation.

Shelby Marie Case, Primghar, dark window or windshield.

Austin John Rollman, Lipan, TX, speeding.

David Carl Morley, Archer, seat-belt violation.

Jeffrey Allen Prins, Sheldon, operating nonregistered vehicle; failure to provide proof of vehicle

BIRTH

■ Rhett Duane Glese, son of Aaron and Megan Glese of Primghar, was born Friday, July 21, 2023, at Sanford Sheldon Medical Center, weighing 8 pounds and measuring 19.5 inches. He has a brother, Collins, 2. Grandparents are Bob and Lori Glese of Arnolds Park and Michael and Lori Feller of Le Mars.

DEATH NOTICES

Wanda Blair, Nov. 1, 1945—July 19, 2023

SUTHERLAND—Wanda Joan Blair, 77, Sutherland, died Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at her home. Service was at Eldridge Family Funeral Home in Paullina. Burial was at Liberty Township Cemetery near Calumet.

Jane Austin, July 25, 1952—July 23, 2023

SUTHERLAND—Jane Austin, 70, Sutherland, died Sunday, July 23, 2023. Service was Saturday, July 29, at Church of Christ in Sutherland. Burial was at Waterman Cemetery in Sutherland, under the direction of Warner Funeral Home in Sutherland.

Janice Bare, Dec. 7, 1945—July 29, 2023

PRIMGHAR—Janice Jean Bare, 77, Primghar, died Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Accura Healthcare in Milford. Service was Friday, Aug. 4, at Eldridge Family Funeral Home in Primghar. Burial was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Primghar.

William "Bill" Simm, June 24, 1922—Aug. 1, 2023

SANBORN—William "Bill" Simm, 101, Sanborn, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, at Prairie View Home, Sanborn. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Prairie View Cemetery near Paullina. Arrangements are under the direction of Meyer Brothers Funeral Home in Sioux City.

Elleonore Witt, Jan. 28, 1949—Aug. 1, 2023

MARCUS—Elleonore Ann Witt, 74, Marcus, formerly of Paullina, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, at Heartland Care Center in Marcus. Service was Monday, Aug. 7, at Prairie View Cemetery in Paullina. Arrangements were under the direction of Eldridge Family Funeral Home in Paullina.

Naomi Schoof, Nov. 2, 1935—Aug. 3, 2023

SANBORN—Naoma Yavonne Schoof, 87, Sanborn, died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, at Prairie View Home in Sanborn. Service was Monday, Aug. 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sanborn. Burial was at Prairie View Cemetery near Paullina, under the direction of Sanborn Funeral Home.

Jack Black, Feb. 28, 1941—Aug. 4, 2023

ROCK RAPIDS—Jack Dean Black, 82, Rock Rapids, formerly of Primghar, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at Lyon Specialty Care in Rock Rapids. Service was Friday, Aug. 11, at United Church of Primghar. Burial was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Primghar, under the direction of the Eldridge Family Funeral Home in Primghar.

Marc Johannsen, July 24, 1985—Aug. 5, 2023

PAULLINA—Marc Robert Johannsen, 38, Paullina, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023, at his home. Service was Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Zion Lutheran Church in Paullina. Burial was at Prairie View Cemetery in Paullina, under the direction of Eldridge Family Funeral Home in Paullina.

Mary Ann Kuehl, Feb. 9, 1929—Aug. 10, 2023

SUTHERLAND—Mary Ann Kuehl, 94, Sutherland, died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, at Cherokee Regional Medical Center. Service was Monday, Aug. 14, at Zion United Church of Christ in Calumet. Burial was at Liberty Township Cemetery near Calumet, under the direction of Eldridge Family Funeral Home in Paullina.

liability insurance.

Peter Dak Mayan, Storm Lake, speeding.

Andrea Nicole Harstad, Spencer, seat-belt violation.

Michael Duane Menard Jr., Spencer, seat-belt violation.

Andres Israel Gomez Silva, Colombia Heights, MN, speeding; no valid driver's license.

Ashley Elizabeth Holland, Live Oak, TX, speeding.

Jordan Alan Holtrop, Sheldon, seat-belt violation.

Jaleel Flores Johnson, Lake Elsinoe, CA, speeding.

David Alberto Gutierrez, Sterling, CO, speeding.

Noah John Holder, Le Mars, speeding.

Kathryn Ann Vaandrager, Sheldon, failure to obey traffic control device.

Anthony Spencer Daleska, Redding, first-offense possession/purchase of alcohol under legal age.

Francisca I. Alvarez, Fremont, NE, speeding.

Eric Reyes Martinez, Sanborn, fishing/hunting license violation.

Gonzalo Saucedo Rangel, Sanborn, fishing/hunting license violation.

Juan Jose Suarez Tiscareno, Sanborn, fishing/hunting license violation.

Todd Lloyd Joseph Short, Bismarck, ND, speeding.

Richard Ardos, Sioux City, speeding.

David Jay Denker, Dakota Dunes, SD, speeding.

Dustin Allen Hawthorne, Focahontas, seat-belt violation.

Marques David Buford Jr., DeSoto, TX, speeding.

Caleb Ryan Wielenga, Orange City, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way.

Martin Edward Dalsaso, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, speeding.

James Steven Drok, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, speeding.

Jacob Esquivel, Sheldon, violation graduated driver's license condition; failure to provide proof of vehicle liability insurance.

Emily Granillo, Sheldon, violation of instruction permit limitation.

Jermaine Anthony May, Sheldon, driving while driver's license denied, suspended, canceled or revoked.

CORRECTIONS

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