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A delighted Janine Kinnander of Armstrong accepts the award for induction into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame last Thursday night. Katelyn Herzberg, left, presented the award to Kinnander, who said she was not expecting it at all.

Photo by Amy H. Peterson

Kinnander named to 4-H Hall of Fame

Last Thursday night, Janine Kinnander of Armstrong was inducted to the 2023 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

To say it came as a surprise to Janine was an understatement. Janine told the *Estherville News* that she and husband Loren were packing for an upcoming vacation, and she didn't know why they particularly wanted to attend the Thursday night festivities, including the clothing events, Clover Kids graduation, and Queen Contest.

Loren insisted they stop by, and in an event not listed in the evening's program, Katelyn Herzberg of Emmet County Extension stepped up with a certificate and flowers to present Janine with the award. Nominees include volunteers, community leaders, and Extension staff members who have "exemplified outstanding service and dedication to the 4-H youth program in their county." Janine joins Emmet County inductees over the last two decades. The Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame was established in 2002 as 4-H celebrated 100 years of their program dedicated to teaching life skills to youth. One of the essential

Past Emmet County Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame inductees

- 2002 Colleen Enerson
- 2003 Bruce Chrestiansen
- 2004 Lawrence Thomsen
- 2005 Earl (Bud) Neppel
- 2006 Rachel Holl
- 2007 Belva Henrikson
- 2008 Nancy and Keith Rosburg
- 2009 Ron & Sandy Kropf
- 2010 Diane Nelsen
- 2011 David & Robin Enerson
- 2012 Layne Anderson
- 2013 Holle Smith
- 2014 David & Carol Solberg
- 2015 Athlyn Black
- 2016 Bret and Sherry Mace
- 2017 Clara Valen
- 2018 Donna Jensen
- 2020 Todd Eisenbacher
- 2021 Gary Myers
- 2022 Steve & Dee Jensen

elements of the 4-H program was the caring adults who were committed to the program.

"I couldn't have been more surprised," Janine said.



Your 2023 Emmet County Fair Queen is ...

Emily Paulson was named 2023 Emmet County Fair Queen while Ava Huntley is Fair Princess. 2022 Fair Queen Emily Regelstad crowned Emily Paulson. Miss Paulson is a rising senior at Estherville Lincoln Central High School and jumped through a number of clothing changes as she participated in the clothing selection, fashion revue and \$20 challenge events last Thursday night. Find more pictures from the fair on Page 11B of today's *Estherville News*.

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Crowned 2022 Lil' Miss and Mr. Sweet Corn, Brooklyn Sorbo and Brantley Winter enjoy their ride through Estherville's Sweet Corn Days Parade last year.

Photo by David Swartz

SWEET CORN DAYS 2023 STARTS TODAY

Event celebrates "25 A-Maize-ing Years"

Parade is 10:30 a.m. Saturday

By AMY H. PETERSON
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Estherville Sweet Corn Days begins this evening with a bags tournament beginning at 5 p.m. at the Estherville Golf Course. The presentation of the flames and opening ceremony hosted by Excel Arts & Culture in Library Square at 5:30 p.m., followed immediately by the burning of the cobs and free s'mores to roast over the bonfire. At 6:30 p.m. the kids fishing competition begins on the river side near the swinging bridge. Kids aged 15 and under, accompanied by an adult, are welcome with their own fishing equipment.

Friday's events

Tomorrow, activities kick off at 1 p.m. with the Sweet Corn Days Golf Tournament

with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The contest is a four-person scramble hosted by Jacobson-Westergard.

Food vendors will cook up goodies starting at 5 p.m. Friday night. Friday also includes a Sweet Cars cruise hosted by the Black Knights Car Club and at 5:30 p.m. the Little Miss and Mr. Sweet Corn Pageant at Center Stage. Hometown Heroes-Touch a Truck continues from 6-8 p.m. along with a Kids Games area hosted by Employees Credit Union. Friday night is also the night of fireworks in Estherville followed by the family movie Super Mario Bros., also in Library Square.

Saturday's events

Saturday, a merchant market starts in Library Square at 10 a.m., and the Sweet Corn Days parade begins at 10:30 a.m. with the giveaway of Jake's Sweet Corn

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2023-24 ELC School Registration now open

The 2023-24 school registration period is now open for the Estherville Lincoln Central School District. To register, parents should access the JMC Parent Portal, which can be found here: <https://jmc.estherville.k12.ia.us/Parent/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fParent>.



Registration must be completed by Monday, Aug. 7. For information regarding registration fees, please refer to the Parent Portal, where all fees will be clearly listed.

Please note that activity passes for the 2023-24 school year can be purchased exclusively through the Bound website. Passes cannot be obtained through JMC.

If you have any questions or require assistance during the registration process, please contact any of our building offices. You can reach the respective offices at the following numbers:
Demoney Elementary Office: (712) 362-2181
Middle School Office: (712) 362-2335
High School Office: (712) 362-2659

Footprints from afar

Norwegian tour group stops for evening at Brugjeld-Peterson Farm, says they want to come back for longer next time

By AMY H. PETERSON
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The Nordic Fest in Decorah brought a group of about 30 Norwegian tourists to Iowa. The tour was a family affair, arranged by a travel agency called Fotefar Temareiser (loosely translated as footprints theme vacations) and led by Rasmus and Yngve Sunde and Tore Brudvik, along with two Rasmus' teenaged grandchildren. Fotefar is located near Balesetrand, where members of the Brugjeld and Peterson families originated. As Rasmus remarked, "It was a very pleasant evening with good food and drinks, music, and dancing."

But first on Saturday, the

guests pulled into the Emmet County Nature Center's education building parking lot, transported in a large tour bus, and were surprised with a horse-drawn wagon ride to the Peterson Point farm by Lisa and Tom Hansen.

Dave Rowley played music on his guitar, and Norwegian guests expressed their interest in a musician who was also state legislator. Rowley is state senator for district 5, which includes Emmet County. Glenn Henriksen played keys, and at one point Marcia Klingbeil joined on vocals. The Norwegian guests entertained the Americans with Norwegian folk songs and the Norwegian national anthem, "Ja, vi elsker

dette landet (Yes, we love this country)," and Americans sang patriotic songs, from "American the Beautiful," to "This Land is Your Land."

Emmet County Cattlemen provided the foundation of a Midwestern summer dinner with ribeye steak sandwiches while volunteers provided potato salad and cucumbers, pies and desserts. Scott Benjamin of Little Swan Lake Winery in Superior set up a wine stand, and water, lemonade and ale also flowed.

Yngve Sunde said, "We're really happy to be here."

Among the tourists enjoying the warm night and the wine were Marit Grov Natvig and



Members of the tour group at Emmet County's Brugjeld-Peterson Point Historic Farmstead singing the Norwegian national anthem.

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