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Construction on the extension for the Sheldon Recreational Trail around the pond by the Crossroads Pavilion has started.

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Shawn Wassenaar of Country View Construction near Sheldon talks about his plan to build condominium storage units on the east edge of Sheldon at the Sheldon City Council meeting Wednesday, April 19. (Photo by Justin Rust)

## Plan for condo-style storage site

Wassenaar reveals details for facility to Sheldon City Council

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Shawn Wassenaar wants to build some condominium-style storage units on the edge of Sheldon. What can be done with those units are up to the owner's imagination.

Wassenaar, who owns Country View Construction in rural Sheldon, approached the Sheldon City Council with the introduction of the project during its April 19 meeting.

No action was needed during the meeting, but Wassenaar is asking for a five-year sliding scale in tax increment financing rebate with a 10-year minimum assessment of \$1.2 million. The public hearing and contract

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## Patient NCC takes time to honor health

Open house celebrates finished Building H two years after start

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Two years after it broke ground on Building H, Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon celebrated the future decades of its health sciences facility Thursday.

More than 100 visitors, students, faculty and staff members piled into the Alethea Stubbe Memorial Atrium, named for the college president who scooped the first shovelful of dirt in April 2021.

Her successor, John Hartog, commenced the celebration.

"This building has such high purposes, such bright potential. We are intending to meet all of those insistent needs and northwest Iowa needs more skilled health care workers," Hartog said.

Building H houses NCC's nursing programs, one of its top areas of study, as well as related fields such as radiologic and medical laboratory technology.

Regional health professionals had input in the \$9 million design of the expansion project, which tripled the square footage the health sciences had on campus.

The new simulation areas are major features of the building, including a mock emergency room and X-ray lab, which attendees got to tour

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## RAISING THE BAR



Sheldon High School senior Maddie Olson attempts to clear the bar during the high jump competition Friday at the Drake Relays in Des Moines. Olson went on to win the competition for the second time. (Photo by Roy Tucker)

*"It was a phenomenal day. With being able to watch them at the same time, it is a different environment than state, but that was a lot of fun."*

Maggie Lloyd Sheldon coach

The entire spectacle that is the Drake Relays was condensed down to a short span Friday morning for the Sheldon girls track and field team.

The Orabs had two seniors qualify for the prestigious meet, and they represented Sheldon spectacularly with Maddie Olson defending her title in the high jump and Katelyn Grady placing fifth in the shot.

While Grady had been to state before, which also is held at Drake Stadium in Des Moines, she said the Drake Relays provided a bit of a different feel.

For one, the competition features high schools in all enrollment classes.

Also unlike at state, the throwers compete inside the Blue Oval for the Drake Relays. The shot area and the high jump pit are roughly 10 feet away from each other.

"It was fun," Grady said. "In between throws and jumps, we could kind of look over at each other and kind of give a wave to say, 'Good job,' or wish each other luck."

Olson said competing at that level requires focusing on the

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## TWO ORABS PUT UP PEAK PERFORMANCES AT DRAKE

## Cochren & Co. making return to RiseFest

Released its newest album

'Running Home' in February

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Cochren & Co. is the seventh artist announced for RiseFest 2023, which will take place Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, in Sheldon.

"Michael Cochren's music is powerful, and it's great to have him coming back to RiseFest," said Rob Roozeboom, the founder of Rise Ministries in Sheldon,

the organization behind RiseFest. "He's a great storyteller, and we know you'll be blessed by worshipping with him."

The announcement adds Cochren & Co. to a lineup that already includes Crowder, We The Kingdom, CAIN, Anne Wilson and Ben Fuller for the two-day Christian music festival on the RiseFest grounds. Crowder will be Saturday's head-



Cochren

liner and We The Kingdom will headline Friday.

Cochren & Co. will return to RiseFest for the second time, and like his first time two years ago, the artist will have a new album out.

Michael Cochren is a singer, songwriter and worship leader. After graduating high school, Cochren began playing with a band of friends under the name Cochren & Co. The group's music is a blend of American pop, soft rock, and soul and blues to create

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