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The Leader Listing

- Thursday, Dec. 15:**
4:00 p.m., Varsity bowling match vs. Isaac Newton Christian Academy at Panther Lanes.
4:15/5:15 p.m., JH girls and boys basketball at West Central.
- Friday, Dec. 16:**
4:00/6:30 p.m., JV/varsity girls basketball vs. Waterloo Christian, here.
4:00 p.m., Varsity bowling vs. S-F at Thunder Lanes, Sumner.
4:15/5:15 p.m., JH girls and boys basketball vs. Riceville, here.
5:00/7:45 p.m., JV/varsity boys basketball vs. Waterloo Christian, here.
6:00 p.m., Varsity wrestling tournament at Iowa-Falls-Alden.
- Saturday, Dec. 17:**
10:00 a.m., Varsity boys wrestling tournament at Northwood-Kensett.
- Monday, Dec. 19:**
4:00/6:30 p.m., JV/varsity girls basketball at S-F High School, Sumner.
4:15 p.m., JH girls basketball vs. Wapsie Valley, here.
5:00/7:45 p.m., JV/varsity boys basketball at S-F High School, Sumner.
7:00 p.m., City council meeting at town hall.
- Tuesday, Dec. 20:**
2:30-5:30 p.m., Tripoli Community Blood Drive at Faith United Church of Christ.
4:15 p.m., JH wrestling meet at Wapsie Valley.
5:00 p.m., Varsity wrestling at BGM High School.
6:30/7:45 p.m., JV/varsity boys basketball vs. Nashua-Plainfield, here.
- Wednesday, Dec. 21:**
12:45 p.m., Early dismissal winter break.
5:30 p.m., Tripoli School Board meeting.
- Thursday, Dec. 22:**
No school winter break.
- Friday, Dec. 23:**
No school winter break.
Tripoli Leader office in Sumner closed.
- Saturday, Dec. 24:**
Christmas Eve.
- Sunday, Dec. 25:**
Christmas Day.
- Monday, Dec. 26:**
Tripoli Community Club meets.
No school winter break.
Tripoli Leader office in Sumner closed.
- Tuesday, Dec. 27:**
No school winter break.
5:30 p.m., Sportsmen's Club monthly meeting at Tot's Lake.
- Wednesday, Dec. 28:**
No school winter break.
- Thursday, Dec. 29:**
No school winter break.
- Friday, Dec. 30:**
No school winter break.
- Monday, Jan. 2:**
No school winter break.

Schedules subject to change.

GOT NEWS?

An engagement, wedding, anniversary, birth announcement, birthday, local news or a photo can be sent by e-mail to: sftnewspapers@gmail.com or mailed to P.O. Box 208, Sumner, IA 50674.

Deadline for news items and ads is noon on Monday.



The kindergarten students at Tripoli Elementary perform the catchy tune "Under the Tree" last Thursday night, Dec. 8.

Tripoli Elementary students ring in the holidays with annual concert

The sounds of the holidays filled the middle school gym Thursday evening, Dec. 8, as the Tripoli Elementary students delighted family and friends with their annual concert. The kindergarten through fifth-grade students sang beautifully and the fifth-grade band showed off their skills.

The evening began with the fifth-grade band performing "Roll Along," "Hot Cross Buns" and "Jingle Bells." The kindergarten students then took the stage and sang "Under the Tree" and "Snow is Falling Today." First-grade students showed off their musical abilities with "Snowman Choir" and "If I Could Fly Like A Snowflake," followed by the second-grade students with "Christmas Lights" and "Santa's Getting Fit for Christmas."

The third-grade students then delighted the crowd with "Here We Come A Caroling" and "Winter Again," and the fourth graders performed "What is Figgy Pudding" and "I Want a Hippopotamus For Christmas." The evening concluded with the fifth-grade students singing "Holiday of Music" and "Jingle Bell Rock."

The students were under the direction of Chris McIntyre and Abigail Ingwersen.

Check out next week's Christmas edition for more concert photos.



Elementary first-graders delight the crowd with the tune "If I Could Fly Like a Snowflake" for the winter concert.

Council discusses speed cameras, approves health insurance plan

The Tripoli City Council met Monday, Dec. 5, for its regular meeting. Council members Ray Carlson, Rollie Ott and Marv Christensen were present and Katie Boldt attended via phone. Mayor Brendt Bernard presided over the meeting and council member Jordan Ladage was absent.

Deputy clerk Terra Helmers presented information about speed cameras from Altumint, Inc., to the council. The council advised they would like to move forward with setting up a traffic study with the company to see if Tripoli would be a

good candidate for speed cameras. The city clerk will reach out to Altumint, Inc., to move forward.

Discussion was held about the 2023 health insurance plan and the council approved the HPUPH - HSA plan with a \$3,000 HSA contribution. The council and city staff discussed their preference for the health insurance policy, and the policy selected was most popular amongst city staff.

Dave Mayo addressed the council about interest in purchasing the lot south of the pool to build a Faith and Family Care home. He explained the

home would provide a place to live for four individuals as well as provide employment for eight to 10 people. The council expressed interest in obtaining a purchase agreement and specifics from Mayo to get things moving forward.

Members of the Tripoli Public Library board were present to discuss and answer questions regarding the library's 2022 annual report. The council reviewed and approved the report.

Under public comments, those who helped coordinate the Santa Claus visit were thanked for their efforts. Commendations were made to police chief Colton Gaede for his efforts in focusing on texting and driving.

The council approved the agenda and the consent agenda including the Nov. 12 council meeting minutes and pending payments.

Resolution 2022-46 for updating the employee handbook was tabled until the Dec. 19 meeting. Council members expressed they would like clarification on language from the city attorney on verbiage used and/or the addition of minimum hours requirement. The council also tabled street light discussion and the November 2022 police report until the next meeting.

The next regular council meeting is set for Monday, Dec. 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Allan Kuethe honored for years of dedication, research of Spanish history with knighthood

Editor's note: The Christmas season is one of hope, happiness and love, and the true joy of the season is the love shared with family and friends. This Christmas season, the Tripoli Leader is focusing on highlighting the impact of community members and those around Tripoli who make a difference in lives in a variety of ways. This week, Allan Kuethe shares his story of growing up in rural Bremer County and following his passion for history, which led him on a journey filled with traveling, research and publication and eventually being knighted in Spain last month. Kuethe and his wife spend their summers in Frederika. Check out next week's issue for the final installment in the series.

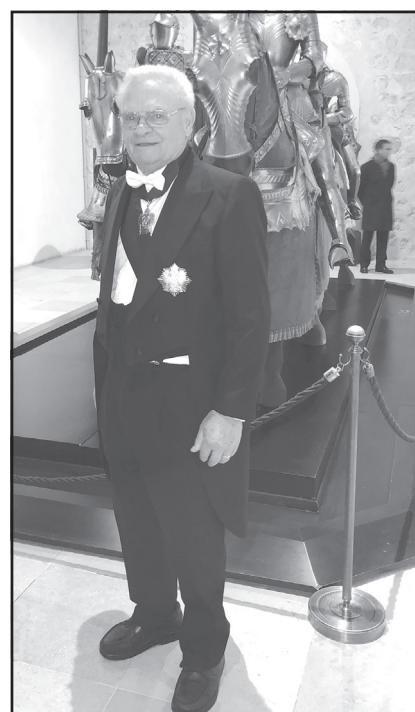
Finding something you are passionate about and making it your life's work is something most people try to achieve but have a hard time making it a reality. For Allan Kuethe, he discovered his passion for history early in life and it led him on an amazing journey that spanned years and was filled with travel, research, publications and awards. It also led to his knighthood in Spain this past month.

Kuethe is a 1958 graduate of Sumner High School and grew up in rural Bremer County. His parents, Raymond and Margaret Kuethe, rented a farm near Buck Creek and eventually moved to Pinhook Road where his father bought a farm. His father entered the turkey farming business when Kuethe was a teenager, and it would become a successful business as Kuethe Turkey Farms for many years.

"When I grew up and, eventually, attended Sumner High School, we did the typical thing of that era, mixed farming, and I owned several dairy cows as part of my 4-H and later FFA projects. My father undertook the turkey business just as I was leaving for college in 1958. The advantage of growing up on an Iowa farm was that I learned to do hard, repetitive work over long periods of time, a lesson that served me well during the grueling challenges of meeting publication deadlines," Kuethe recalled of his childhood.

Even at a young age, Kuethe was always fascinated by history and learning about different cultures and countries. Following his graduation from Sumner High School, he attended the University of Iowa, Iowa City, where he was placed in the honors program and he flourished, especially in history, which became his major.

"Much of my work was guided



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by professor Alan Spitzer, in whose honor, my wife, Lourdes, and I have established a scholarship at Iowa. During those same years, the Cuban revolution occurred, led by Fidel Castro, which attracted considerable attention, especially in Washington," he explained. "The United States government quickly encouraged advanced studies into Latin American culture and history, which seemed promising to me, especially since I had become engaged to a Cuban refugee, Lourdes Ramos. We married in June 1962, and that fall I enrolled in graduate program at the University of Florida, Gainesville, which to this day operates a huge center for Latin American studies. Most of the time that I studied at Florida, I enjoyed financial support under the National Defense Education Act and the Fulbright-Hayes Program for Advanced Studies. To prepare my doctoral dissertation, I research one year in the National Archive in Bogotá, Colombia, completing my degree in 1967."

Kuethe obtained his PhD from the University of Florida in 1967 and went on to join the history department at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, and would teach there until he retired in 2013. Owing to his achievements in research and publication, Kuethe was eventually elevated to Paul Whitfield Horn Professor in 1991, which is the highest honor bestowed on a professor at Texas Tech.

Kuethe was the 16th American to be inducted into the Royal Academy of History in Madrid and of the Royal

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Panther girls and boys wrestlers see success at Riverside Tournaments

The Tripoli Panther wrestling team was on the road last week as wrestlers represented the school at tournaments at Riverside High School, Oakland. The girls competed Friday, Dec. 9, while the boys took to the mat Saturday, Dec. 10.

Tripoli traveled to Central City Tuesday, Dec. 13, to compete in a meet against Central City and Central Elkader. Results were not available at press time and will be included in next week's issue.

Riverside Wrestling Invitational
Saturday, Dec. 10, the Panther boys competed in the Riverside Wrestling Invitational. As a team, Tripoli finished in 17th place with a score of 27.5, while Creston won the meet with 227. Woodbury Central was second and Logan-Magnolia finished third with 144 and 142 points, respectively. Giles Cowell, ranked fifth, had the

highest finish for Tripoli with first place at 182 pounds. He won by technical fall 15-0 over Kolby Weihs, AHSTW, in the first round, before pinning Aurora's Collin Stolpe in 1:50 in the quarterfinal match. Cowell pinned Blake Juhl, Pekin, in 4:23 before winning by a 10-5 decision over Shenandoah's Jayden Dickerson in the first-place match.

Wesley Brandt and Christian Boldt faced tough competition at 152 and 160 pounds, respectively. Brandt went 1-2 while Boldt finished 0-2.

Team results

- Creston 227
 - Woodbury Central 144
 - Logan-Magnolia 142
 - Harlan 123
 - West Sioux 104.5
 - Shenandoah 97
 - AC/GC 94
 - Aurora 93.5
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