

# People & Events

## Middle school students succeed at Noetic Learning Math Contest

In November, 17 students from Sumner-Fredericksburg Middle School, led by Toni Kroenecke, competed in the Noetic Learning Math Contest (NLMC). The NLMC is a national mathematics contest for elementary and middle school students. The goal of the competition is to encourage

students' interest in math, to develop their problem-solving skills and to inspire them to excel in math.

More than 25,900 students representing 533 schools across the country took part in this fall's contest. Team winners for S-F were Connor Mitchell, fifth grade, and Wyatt Platt, eighth grade.

Nine students received National Honorable Mention. This title is awarded to the top 50 percent of participating mathletes. This included Paige Holtz, Graydon Leete, Natalie Sorensen, Owen Henderson, Carly Krueger, Mitchell, Platt, Natalie Prosser and Paxton Frost.

"Congratulations to all the winners. The contest results demonstrate our students' great problem-solving skills and their math talents, commented Kroenecke. "They also show that our students can rise to the occasion and can meet the challenge."

More detailed information about the Noetic Learning Math Contest can be found at <http://www.noetic-learning.com/mathcontest>.

## Holiday season open house, campfire set for Dec. 28

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board (CCCB) will be holding a holiday season open house and campfire Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Twin Ponds Nature Center, Ionia. Those who attend will be able to enjoy cocoa, and if there is enough snow, individuals may borrow a pair of snowshoes to hike the trails.

## Library announces programs for youth, adults in January

Upham Memorial Library has announced events for December and January for children, teens and adults. There will be an early out movie day Thursday, Dec. 22, at 1:30 p.m. and "The Polar Express" will be shown. There will be popcorn and hot chocolate to enjoy along with craft activities. It is open to all ages.

This month there have been various crafts including stocking cap garland, wooden ornaments and take it and make it bags.

Starting in 2023 after school each Tuesday and Thursday will be the MicroBits programs at the library. Thursday, Jan. 5, will be bingo at 10:00 a.m.,

and there will be an apps coupon class Saturday, Jan. 7, at 10:00 a.m.

A trivia night for all ages is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, and bingo will be held Thursday, Jan. 19, at 10:00 a.m. Book club discussion will take place Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 5:30 p.m. and there will be special guests Thursday, Jan. 26, to discuss healthy meals to make or create at home. This will start at 5:30 p.m. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

All month long there will be snowmen or penguin crafts for children and winter-scene globes.

## Chickasaw County Community Foundation's grant application deadline scheduled for Dec. 31

The deadline to submit grant applications to the Chickasaw County Community Foundation's 2023 grant cycle is 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31. Technical support will be available to applicants until 5:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30. The online grant application can be found on the Community Foundation's website at [www.chickasawccf.org](http://www.chickasawccf.org).

Grants are available to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and government entities. Tax-exempt organizations classified as other than 501(c)(3) are also eligible, if and only if, the project is deemed charitable; please contact Dotti Thompson at (319) 243-1358 or [dthompson@cfnea.org](mailto:dthompson@cfnea.org) to discuss the project's eligibility prior to submitting a proposal. Grants selections are made in an effort to create a better quality of life for people in Chickasaw County. A local governing committee reviews the applications from charitable organiza-

tions serving their community.

In 2022, a total of \$127,033.51 in discretionary grants were awarded to 26 area nonprofit and government agency projects serving Chickasaw County. Since 2005, the Chickasaw County Community Foundation has awarded more than \$1.4 million in grants from all charitable giving funds of the Foundation.

Four Fredericksburg organizations were awarded grants. The Plum Creek Art Council received a grant in the category of arts and culture for \$4,000 for gallery cabinets and lighting. In the category of community betterment, the Fredericksburg Firefighter Association was awarded \$2,842.29 for portable drills and the Women of Fredericksburg received \$5,195 for pool improvements.

Fun in the Sun Daycare and Preschool received \$8,750 for childcare center improvements in the education and youth development category.

More information about the Chickasaw County Community Foundation can be found at [www.chickasawccf.org](http://www.chickasawccf.org).

## College scholarships available from Butler County REC

Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) is offering college scholarships to help students in the cooperative service territory.

Dependents of members of Butler County REC are encouraged to apply for a \$1,000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative college scholarship for tuition at two-year or four-year colleges including vocational and technical schools.

The first-place entrant's application will be sent to Basin and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. The second-place entrant's application will be forwarded to Corn Belt Power Cooperative for the opportunity to be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. If not chosen, the second-place entrant will receive a \$500 scholarship from Butler County REC. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023.

High school seniors residing in the Butler County REC service territory are eligible for one of two \$500 scholarships awarded by Butler County REC to those pursuing a degree in a technical/trade industry which supports the cooperative business model and/or electric line apprenticeship program.

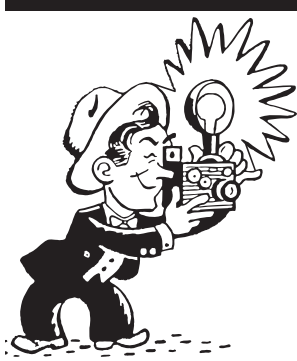
Deadline to apply is Monday, March 6, 2023.

More information and applications are available from Butler County REC online at [butlerrec.coop](http://butlerrec.coop) or by calling (319) 267-2726. Contact Anne at [anne@butlerrec.coop](mailto:anne@butlerrec.coop) with questions.

The Basin scholarship opportunities are part of a program administered by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, a wholesale power supplier to 131 electric cooperatives in nine states, including Corn Belt Power and Butler County REC.

Butler County REC, established in 1936, is a member-owned electric cooperative providing electricity and related energy programs and services to over 5,000 members throughout Bremer, Butler, Chickasaw and Floyd counties in northeast Iowa. The cooperative also provides wholesale power to the communities of Aplington, Fairbank, Fredericksburg and Readlyn. More information about Butler County REC is online at [butlerrec.coop](http://butlerrec.coop).

Basin, Corn Belt Power and Butler County REC consider their scholarship programs as investments in the economic future of rural areas.



## A View of the Past 2021 - 2012 1997 - 1972

Dec. 23, 2021

Communities around the globe rely on the generosity of individuals and organizations to thrive and make it a better place for all and the city of Fredericksburg is no exception. For the past 58 years, Verla Steege has been volunteering her time at Peace United Church of Christ (UCC), Fredericksburg.

The S-F Middle School students showed off their talents at the winter choir and band concerts Thursday, Dec. 16. It was a night filled with Christmas cheer as fifth- through eighth-grade students performed solos, duets and a variety of skits, along with choir and band performances as well.

Despite the wintry weather, the Fredericksburg Community Center was filled with activity and holiday cheer Friday, Dec. 10, as Upham Memorial Library held its highly anticipated Christmas Family Fun Night. Gracie Raum told her mom Abbie what to write on her Christmas list before giving it to Santa Claus.

The S-F Cougar girls basketball team wrapped up a busy week with games on the road and at home. The Cougars are 5-2 in conference play and 6-3 overall according to Varsity Bound.

Dec. 20, 2012

Taking a look at the Fredericksburg community, one can see the impact the residents have on the city and the people. One such person is Gail Holmes, who has made it to the top-10 of the Stormy Kromer Mercantile's Living Legend contest. Holmes' husband, Darrel, nominated her for this award after he heard about it through Facebook and the company website.

Early next year, the Chickasaw County Public Health will start its new mentoring program called Star Mentoring. Program coordinator Kim Boos said the program will serve the youth within Chickasaw County. This includes the communities of New Hampton, Nashua and Fredericksburg.

Many people have been talking about the spectacle of Santa Claus driving around Fredericksburg, on the weekends, on an un-styled A John Deere tractor. People have flagged Claus down to have their picture taken with him and his tractor, while others stand in their yards waving.

The S-F Cougar boys worked hard last week to improve their record to 5-3 and 4-1 in the Upper Iowa Conference. Kyster Allen takes a shot against the Kee Hawk defense during the varsity game Dec. 13.

## Private pesticide CIC slated to be offered in New Hampton

Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office will be offering three opportunities to attend the private pesticide applicator continuing instruction course (P-CIC), led by Extension field agronomist Terry Basol.

The first two sessions are scheduled for Jan. 26, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the New Hampton Community Center, 112 E. Spring St., New Hampton. The course will be offered again March 9, 2023, at the same location. Due to social distancing requirements, pre-registration is required. Walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows. Please preregister by calling Lynn Bruess at (641) 394-2174.

The course will run for approximately 2½ hours including check-in and breaks. There is a registration fee. To register or to obtain additional information about the P-CIC, contact the

### CHICKASAW COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Chickasaw County Republican Central Committee meets the second Monday of every month. The meeting is held at the Pub at the Pinicon, New Hampton, at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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Dec. 25, 1997

The winners of the Fredericksburg Christmas Lighting Contest were announced last week. Grand prize winner was the home of Kim and Alan Franzen at 102 East Mill Street. First-place winner in the country division was the Harvey Westendorf home, about 4.5 miles west of Fredericksburg on Highway 18. Second place went to Kevin Warnke, also west of Fredericksburg.

Bob and Syvilla Hewitt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Branson, Mo., earlier this month. The former Syvilla Hanan and Robert Hewitt exchanged wedding vows Dec. 24, 1947, at the Little Brown Church, Nashua.

Cassidy Ann Allison, born Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Waverly Memorial Hospital in Waverly. Weight was 7 lbs., 7 oz. Parents are Gail and Jim Allison. Grandparents are Fred and Shirley Drewis, Plainfield, and Melvin and Sharon Allison, Ionia.

The Fredericksburg Falcons added their sixth win of the season to continue the impressive start of the 1997-1998 season Friday night, Dec. 19. The Falcons hosted the Don Bosco Dons and jumped off to an early lead with the first bucket put in by Joe Bormann.

Dec. 21, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schmudlach, Mrs. Amanda Huebner and Mrs. Lyle Huebner, Joel and Frederick spent Saturday in Waterloo shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Whitnabe left Wednesday for Adel, where they were overnight guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Forsman, Scot and Joni. On Thursday the Forsmans took them to Des Moines, where they left by plane for Ohio, where they will spend the holidays with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Whitnabe.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Snider left Wednesday for Florida to begin their winter vacation in the southern states.

Saturday, Dec. 16, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott of Fredericksburg and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Winter of New Hampton, attended the Iowa State vs. Drake basketball game in the new Hilton Coliseum in Ames. While there they also visited with Jim Smith, team manager, of the Drake Bulldogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Zickhuhr of Waterloo were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lamka.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ott spent the weekend with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ott and Jamie at Red Oak.

## Extension Calendar

### CHICKASAW COUNTY EXTENSION

Fri., Dec. 23: Office closed, New Hampton.  
Mon., Dec. 26: Office closed, New Hampton.  
Tue., Dec. 27: Office closed, New Hampton.  
Mon., Jan. 2: Office closed, New Hampton.  
Sat., Jan. 14: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Clover Kids Club, New Hampton.

## Cindy Lantow (Concluded from page 1B)

There were some trainings she would attend but she didn't attend special schooling. She commented the League of Cities helped her and there were many resources she had access to help her figure out what to do. When it was time to do the first budget amendment by herself, she reviewed paperwork from previous years.

"The first time I did the budget, we had worked on stuff together so I was kind of familiar with it but I didn't know how they budgeted it. I just got it out and followed it through, so I learned on the job and reached out for resources I needed. Ray Niewoehner was mayor then so he was a great help," she added.

Over the years there have been several things Lantow has enjoyed most about working as the city's clerk, administrator and deputy clerk. She commented she liked meeting the people and getting to know them along with watching the city grow. She was very excited when she could help with activities to make the city a better place.

"The most rewarding thing was meeting the people and being happy people were moving to town along with promoting our town. Also feeling I exceeded and did really well at my career because I felt this was more than just a job, I felt it was my life," she explained. "I cared and I wanted to it be right and I wanted our town to have a good impression to people. If I went places I wanted to be able to give a good impression I was from Fredericksburg and people would want to come here."

Although there were many rewarding aspects to her career, Lantow also faced challenges. One challenge was she always wanted to please everyone and to not upset anyone. In her role there were times when she would have to tell people what they did not want to hear, which was hard, but it had to be done so it was the same for all.

The decision came to retire this year because Lantow decided it was time for a change. She expressed she loves her job but she needed to be able to live her life, do some things she wanted to do and have less stress.

"I will miss the people because there are people I've met along the way. Citizens I'll see most of them but there are some people I've met along my career path I won't see again because my connections are through the city. Some of those people I consider to be my friends," she added.

Her plans for retirement include vis-

iting family who lives on the East and West Coasts, being there for her parents more, working some at Quilter's Window, New Hampton, working on her quilts and continuing to volunteer her time. Some of the organizations Lantow volunteers with now include Plum Creek Art, Main Street Boosters, Fredericksburg Community Development Corporation and her church, St. Paul's. She also plans to continue helping with the Fredericksburg Food Bank.

What drew Lantow to join these organizations was she likes to help people, and if she can see a way to reach out to help someone she wants to try. These organizations also help promote the city and provide activities for its residents.

"I feel honored I can work with these groups and then hopefully by working with them we can make a difference," she commented. "The rewarding part is seeing what we accomplished and making the town a better place. That's truly all I ever wanted was for our town to be better and for people to want to move to Fredericksburg."

Growing up, Lantow did not do a lot of volunteering but in her adult years there have been different opportunities. This includes where people would talk about things she would find interesting to be a part of, and she stated when Bryan O'Day was mayor he got her involved in a lot of things.

"Main Street Boosters is a group of us who just got together and we can have events for people to come to. With my church I volunteered my time as secretary to help a guy come from Africa to become a pastor, and the development corporation is anything we can do to try and keep businesses in town and keep our town growing," she added. "I just felt it was important to help with things and I think it is important to get people involved. The more things we can do or get ideas going we can keep people in town and provide activities."

Lantow feels it is important for people to volunteer because it takes a village to make things work and it can't be one person to make the town a better place and make a project better. She stated she has heard the phrase, "There is no I in team" and the more people who can get involved then there will be better ideas and more opportunities.

"Some advice for people who are thinking about volunteering is to reach out and see what kind of groups you can volunteer in because it is very rewarding," Lantow added.

## Applicants sought for 2023 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Butler County REC will be one of more than 25 electric cooperatives in Iowa to sponsor a high school student in the Iowa Electric Cooperative's Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 17-23, 2023.

Students on the Iowa Youth Tour will join a delegation of over 1,800 students from across the nation to meet with congressional leaders, visit historic sites and explore the Smithsonian museums. Special activities for the students from Iowa include a boat cruise on the Potomac River and meeting their elected representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate.

Eligible students must be high school juniors whose parents or guardians are either Butler County REC members or residents living in Aplington, Fairbank, Fredericksburg or Readlyn. A panel of judges will review the applications submitted. The top three applicants will be interviewed and one winner for the Youth Tour will be selected.

Each of the three students interviewed will receive a \$500 scholarship after high school graduation and entry into an accredited college. Applications can be submitted online at [butlerrec.coop](http://butlerrec.coop) and are available from Butler County REC by calling (319) 267-2726. Deadline to apply is Monday, March 6, 2023.

Since 1964, the nation's electric cooperatives have sponsored high school students for visits to their U.S. congressional delegations; energy and grassroots government education sessions and rights seeing in Washington, D.C. The Youth Tour is a joint effort of local electric co-ops, such as Butler County REC, statewide co-op associations, including the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Va. More information about the tour is available at [facebook.com/IowaYouthTour](http://facebook.com/IowaYouthTour).

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