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Keep them dogies rollin'

Local Student Awarded American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship

The American Legion Auxiliary recently awarded Cheyenne McDaniel of Earlham the American Legion Auxiliary Junior Member Loyalty Scholarships McDaniel will receive \$2,500.00 toward her tuition at Central College next fall.

Students from throughout the Country submitted entries for the scholarship, and criteria included American Legion Auxiliary Junior members are the future of our organization. To reward those who retain their membership into adulthood, the American Legion Auxiliary offers the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship to current college students. Ten scholarships, in the amount of \$2,500 each, will be awarded to a current college student. Two scholarships will be awarded in each division of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Additionally, McDaniel volunteers at the local American Legion helping with Breakfasts, Fourth of July Celebration and Special Needs Children, just to name a few.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 419 congratulates McDaniel on her achievement. Judy Neal

President of the local Auxiliary said, "McDaniel has worked hard to represent the American Legion Auxiliary and all it stands for."

The American Legion Auxiliary awards more than \$13.5 million each year in various scholarships across the country to young men and women in an effort to help them meet their education goals.

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is a community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families. Our members also support the mission of The American Legion in improving the quality of life for our nation's veterans. Proud sponsor of ALA Girls Nation, National Poppy Day® and recognized for advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill, the more than 600,000 ALA members across the country volunteer millions of hours annually and raise millions of dollars in service to veterans, military, and their families. Founded in 1919, the ALA is one of the oldest patriotic membership organizations in the U.S.A. To learn more and to volunteer, join, and donate, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.



(Clockwise from above) Cale Yetter, Taylor Waltz, and Avrie Fagan were among several Earlham FFA and Penn Prize Winners that took part in the beef show at the Madison County Fair last Friday morning. (Photos by Todd Weber.)



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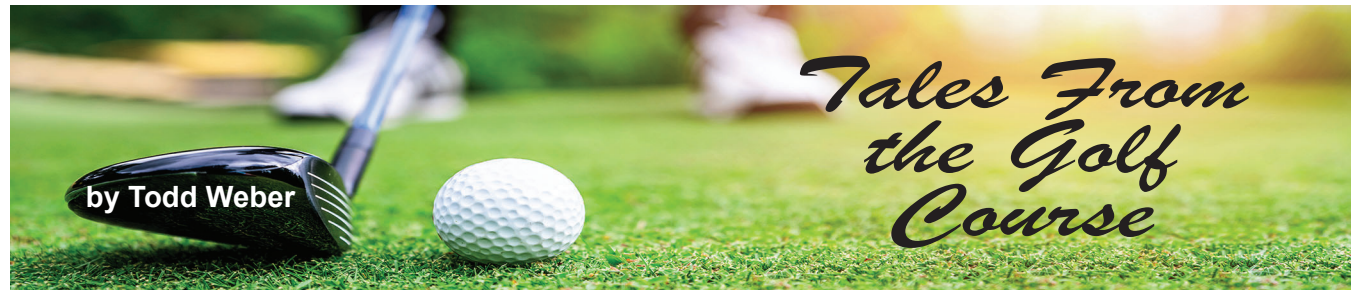
Much-needed rain fell across most of Iowa, resulting in farmers having 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending July 16, 2023, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Field activities included cutting hay and harvesting oats. Some reports were received of farmers starting to apply fungicides.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 8 percent very short, 35 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 15 percent very short, 40 percent short, 43 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Corn silking hit 49 percent this week, 5 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of normal. Eight percent of the corn crop has reached the dough stage, 8 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn condition improved to 64 percent good to excellent. Sixty-eight percent of soybeans were blooming, 1

week ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average. Soybeans setting pods reached 17 percent, 3 days ahead of last year but equal to the 5-year average. Soybean condition rose to 58 percent good to excellent. Eighty-six percent of oats were turning color, 11 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of normal. Oats harvested for grain reached 13 percent, 1 day behind the five-year average. Oat condition rated 51 percent good to excellent.

The State's second cutting of alfalfa hay reached 74 percent complete, 1 week ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average. Reports were received of farmers working on their third cutting of hay. Hay condition improved to 41 percent good to excellent. Pasture condition rose to 30 percent good to excellent. Recent precipitation helped to improve hay and pasture condition, although growth remains slow and below average.



As Kyle, Quinn, and I were loosening up on the first tee a couple Sundays ago, Kyle suggested we 'make it interesting' and play for money. I wasn't sure about the idea since there is nothing interesting about losing money. Winning wasn't out of the question for me, but with the current state of my golf game, I could have just handed them

some cash beforehand and saved us all some time. I have no issue with gambling in general. I'm an enthusiastic low-wager gambler. When placing an occasional sports bet, \$5 is my typical unit. When Jennifer and I go to Vegas every once in a while, I enjoy playing blackjack—but for no more than \$5 per hand. Five-dollar tables in Vegas are almost impossible to find, so I end up at machines that will allow that low of a bet. Cheap? Yeah, probably. But while many folks chalk up money lost betting as an 'entertainment expense,' to me, gambling is only entertaining if you are winning.

But gambling within the family is kind of dicey. As unlikely as it was, did I really want to win money from my sons? They are young, hardworking guys still relatively new to the real world—paying bills and trying to save some money. Our golf games tend to get a little overly competitive anyway—did we really need to add the element of money

involved bets of nickels and dimes—at first. But as the pot grew, the bets got bigger, and soon people were reaching into their wallets for tens and twenties to pay for their losses. My dad was as fun loving a guy as I knew, but he hated this game. We would laugh as someone shelled out after a big loss, and he would inevitably tell the story of an In Between

for a dollar a hole. I didn't really understand the rules, but I just told them to keep track and tell me how much I owed at the end.

The bet must have helped us focus because we were all playing pretty well. When three of us are playing, there's usually at least one guy who is having an off day and sending errant shots all over the place. Looking for those takes time and drags down the round. But that wasn't happening, so we were clipping right along.

Until the 4th hole on the back 9. We were putting on the 3rd green and had caught up to a group that was playing slowly. As they were teeing off on #4, a group of three young boys pulled up behind them, cutting in on us. That's a severe breach of golf etiquette.

I'm the kind of golfer that doesn't always hold firm to the actual rules of golf. For example, nudging a ball from behind a tree or out of a hazard without a penalty is generally frowned



changing hands?

My dad gambled on golf with his friends a little—nothing major—but he was opposed to the whole family gambling thing. At our Thanksgiving or Christmas gatherings, most of us would usually end up playing a card game called In Between. It was a seemingly harmless game that

game gone awry when he was in the Navy.

"This is how it started," he said as he shook his head. "Small, at first. Then Jones was up \$1,000. We were paying him off the whole cruise!"

I considered the risks of the golf bet with Kyle and Quinn and decided it was harmless. A skin game

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Words from the supe

by Steve Kaster

Although summer break has been in full swing since the last bell rang on May 23, the work around the school has been steady all summer long. The summer custodial and maintenance team has been hard at work getting rooms rearranged, cleaned and ready for the teachers return to the building on August 16 for professional development. Shawn Boyle has led a team of 7 individuals all summer long. His team includes Lori Klisar, Alex Teig, Zach Irving, Butch Gorham, Quintin Van Ness, Angie Jorgensen, and Sharon Dobson. Sharon and Angie spent the summer giving a number of classrooms a facelift with fresh paint. Lori, Alex, Zach, Butch and Quintin handled the cleaning, furniture moving, shampooing, and waxing of all the classrooms and hallways. By the end of the summer, this team will have the building looking fresh and ready for the return of students on Aug. 23.

In addition to the cleaning and upkeep of the building the district has tackled a number of additional projects for the upcoming academic year. From concrete work, fence upgrades, phone system upgrade and new clock and bell system the school is buzzing with activity this summer.

The first notable undertaking is a concrete work project. With the aim of improving safety and accessibility, the school board approved the repair, addition, and upgrade to the sidewalks and pathways around the campus. The project will ensure that students, faculty, and visitors can navigate the premises comfortably before, during and after school

is in session.

In line with their commitment to student safety and aesthetics, the school is also adjusting the location of two fences. The first is in front of the main entrance to the building. By moving the fence, it will allow for additional handicapped parking spaces near the front door. The other part of this project is on the east end of the stadium. This upgrade not only enhances the school's appearance but also provides an additional layer of security for the stadium.

Time management is a crucial aspect of any educational institution, and Earlham is embracing a state-of-the-art solution. The school's outdated clock system is being replaced with a modern, synchronized system by EverAlert. This system can be split into zones/buildings, to ensure rooms have the necessary bells and means of communication to operate properly. This upgrade will help streamline schedules, improve punctuality, and create a more efficient learning environment for students and staff alike. The system also ties into our emergency alarms and will communicate directly with the classrooms in the event of an emergency.

Lastly, we continue to work through the remodel of the district library. We are working to ensure the drawings meet necessary fire code requirements and once the district receives the green light we will move forward with that project. This is an exciting project so we will be sharing the details of this project in the coming months.

With Earlham's commitment to continual improvement, these summer

projects are evidence of their dedication to creating a positive and productive environment for the students and staff of Earlham. August 23 will be here very soon and as the new academic year approaches, the entire school community eagerly awaits the completion of these projects and is eager to embrace the positive changes they will bring. We look forward to seeing the halls filled with students again in a few short weeks. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!

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BOYLE, SHAWN	54,847.00	JORGENSEN, ASHLEY	992.50
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HILGERS, MICHELLE	3,111.25	STRANDBERG, BENJAMIN	57,035.52
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		WHIPP, AJIA	53,293.45
		WILLIAMSON, KEVIN	60,617.78
		WISECUP, RODNEY	403.78
		WOOLCOTT, MIKALA	5,472.28
		WRIGHT, DONNA	17,253.33
		YORI, DENA	783.97
		TOTAL	4,420,053.19

Tales From the Golf Course

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upon in most golfing circles. Me? I just call that 'April rules'—mainly because it most often happens in April when I'm still getting my game together after several months of little or no golf. When the nudge happens in July? It's still called April rules and is acceptable most of the time—unless I have a good round going and don't want to sully my score with a sham number that I would feel guilty about later, or if I'm embroiled in the occasional serious game with the boys.

As fast and loose as I am with rules, my golf manners are impeccable—thanks to my dad. He taught me that if you respect other golfers, that respect will be reciprocated. It didn't happen here, so we were a little agitated. We chalked it up to kids being kids and not really knowing any better—so we waited. The boys checked on some sports bets they had going. I'm not a big fan of phones on the golf course,

but they came in handy. I joined in with a tennis bet, of all things. It was fun to follow for a while, but Novak Djokovic eventually let me down by losing the Wimbledon final. Another 5 bucks down the drain.

We thought that the ill-mannered threesome might let us play through on the next hole, but they did not. Killing more time at the 5th tee, I decided to wash my ball. I dropped it, it rolled a short distance, and it disappeared. It wasn't just lost under the cart or obscured by some long grass—it was gone into the abyss.

There is an animal at 5x80 that pretty much has the run of the place. Their little heads are always popping up and you can see them running through the grass, dodging carts and speeding golf balls. A friend recently told me a story about hitting one with a shot earlier this spring—and it kind of, well, died.

The critter goes by a few different names, but the offi-

cial name is thirteen-lined ground squirrel (*Spermophilus tridecemlineatus*). That's a lot of syllables, so most people call them squinnies—at least here in Iowa. I have seen them scurry into their burrows many times, but never had a good look at one of their entrances—until this one consumed my ball. There was a wide opening that funneled down into a narrow tunnel. I reached in, thinking the ball would be right there, stuck near the top—but it wasn't. The tunnel, in fact, was a little wider than a ball. How far down the ball went, I'll never know.

We were still waiting to tee off, so my mind drifted further from my golf game, to Wimbledon, and then to the squinnies. This was their revenge, I thought. To annoy the invading hordes of golfers that trample their home turf every spring and summer, they steal and collect their golf balls, moving them around with this ingenious tunnel system. I imag-

ined them sitting around in their giant underground cavern, laughing, with hundreds of Titelists, TaylorMades, Srixons, and Bridgestones stacked to the top—monuments to their rodent gods.

My golf game tends to fade on the later holes—especially when a round gets drawn out like this one and my mind drifts to the doings of fantastical forest creatures. That's what happened versus the boys, and it cost me some money. I owed Kyle \$4 and Quinn \$1.

My great Uncle Russell used to play our holiday In Between games with us. He was fairly wealthy and tended to bet big and lose big. We joked that he was losing on purpose to 're-distribute the wealth' to his family members. The winnings were our inheritance, of sorts. So that's the way I'm going to treat any future golf money games with the family. I'm going to try to win, but for every \$5 I lose to them now, that's \$5 they don't get later.

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