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Tama County Treasurer Amanda Kriegel and Recorder Amelia Kemper were sworn in early to the office on November 21st by Vice-Chair Bill Faircloth before the Tama County Board of Supervisors, present citizens, the US flag and the county map.

## Early to County Office: Treasurer Amanda Kriegel, Recorder Amelia Kemper assume their duties

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On the morning of Nov. 21, the Tama County Board of Supervisors swore in County Treasurer Amanda Kriegel and Recorder Amelia Kemper.

Kriegel and Kemper pledged their oath to the office early due to the vacant Treasurer and Recorder positions.

Kemper was temporarily appointed County Recorder by the Board on Aug. 8 after Deborah Kupka's retirement on July 29 until the Fall election. She won the Tama County Recorder seat, unopposed, with 5,500 votes.

District 1 County Supervisor Elect Curt Hilmer and County Attorney Elect Brent Heeren will follow Kriegel and Kemper to swear their oath in January 2023.

## Ethics complaint against Wulf tossed

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An ethics complaint filed against Representative-elect Derek Wulf (R-Hudson) has been dismissed by the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board.

During the Nov. 16 meeting of the six-member board which, as part of its work, oversees enforcement of Iowa's Campaign Disclosure Act and Government Ethics and Lobbying Act as it applies to political campaigns, a complaint was addressed by the board lodged by Kimberly Karol, a resident of La Porte City, against Wulf concerning his residency.



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High: 37 / Low: 21



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Contractors with Rachel Construction work to dredge the lakebed at Otter Creek Lake in late October.

# Otter Creek Lake restoration takes off

## T. F. Clark Park to remain open through winter

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The November meeting of the Tama County Board of Conservation featured more good news in regard to the ongoing Otter Creek Lake Restoration project – a project that began over a year ago and is finally full steam ahead.

“As you can see, a lot happened since the last time you all were out here,” Conservation director Stephen Mayne told the board.

After arriving back on site in mid-October, Mayne said Rachel Construction went to work shortly thereafter on the project.

Prior to the board's Nov. 17 meeting, dredging of the lakebed – removing sediment from the lake's bottom – had started.

Mayne said restoration



The southeast portion of Otter Creek Lake pictured in late October following the mobilization of Rachel Construction.

work was at least a month and a half ahead of schedule, but was slowing down due to how “soupy” the area was becoming. Contractors would need to wait for a freeze before they could begin working on shoreline restoration.

Otter Creek Lake and Park remains closed to the public.

## T. F. Clark Park to remain open

In light of Otter Creek Park being closed during the winter months this year – as it was last winter as well – Mayne proposed keeping T. F. Clark Park open through the winter for tent camping, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking.

T. F. Clark Park is a 79 acre county park located northeast of Traer in Buckingham Township. Prior to 1960, the park's original 24 acres were managed by the State of Iowa as a small state park.

In order to keep the park open through the winter, Mayne asked the board to

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# No action taken by North Tama school board on 8-Player football

## March 2023 bond referendum, petition discussed

It's beginning to look a lot like the Redhawks will not be moving to 8-Player varsity football for the immediate future.

During both the annual meeting of the North Tama Board of Education and the regular monthly meeting – held back to back on Monday, Nov. 21 – the topic of possibly moving Redhawk football from 11-Player (Class A) to 8-Player was addressed by members of the public, past Redhawk football head coach Tom McDermott, and the school board members themselves.

The annual meeting began with McDermott – who helmed the Redhawk football team for a combined 17 years between 1973 and 2019 before retiring – presenting information about 8-Player football to the board during the “Spotlight on Education” segment. McDermott's presentation covered much of the same content he presented during a Nov. 9 community meeting held in the North Tama cafeteria which the Telegraph previously



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID HILL

North Tama school board member Rod Zobel (right) takes the oath of office for 2022-2023 board president from board secretary/treasurer Terrill Karr (left) during the board's annual organizational meeting held in the Jr. High Commons on Nov. 21. Also sworn in during the meeting was board vice president Cheryl Popelka.

reported on.

During his presentation, McDermott explained to the board he had broached the topic of moving to 8-Player with Wurth following the 2022-23 season for several reasons including decreasing BEDS enrollment, shrinking squad size, the changing landscape of 11-Player/Class A football, and the health and safety of the players.

McDermott said he believes the board needs to make one of three decisions – stay at 11-Player, move varsity

to 8-Player this year for next season, or commit to a two to four-year transition.

“We are now officially the smallest [11-Player] school in the state of Iowa,” McDermott said at one point, a designation that was made official following the Nov. 9 meeting of the Belle Plaine school board.

Previously, Belle Plaine was the smallest school in Class A but during

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