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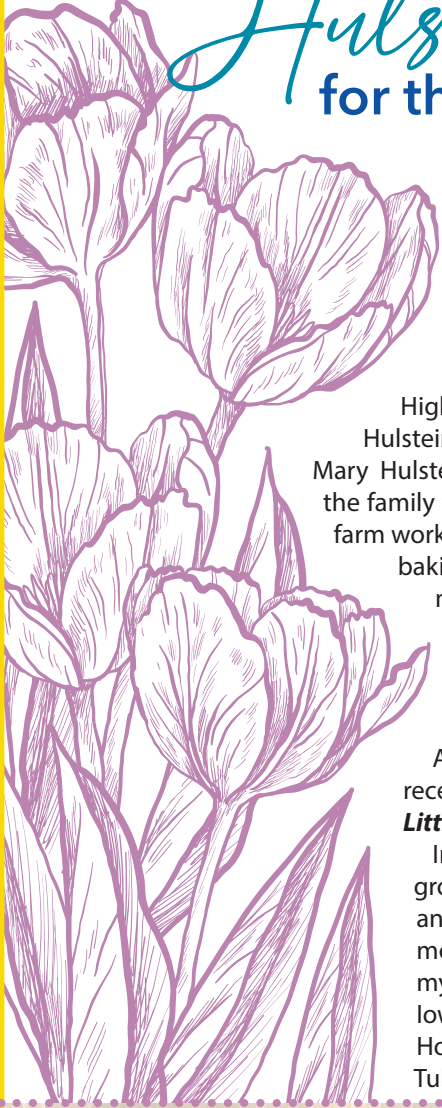
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## Hulstein crowned Queen for the 82nd Tulip Festival



ORANGE CITY — Amanda Hulstein was crowned the 2023 Tulip Festival Queen on Monday, Nov. 21. Amanda will reign over the 82nd annual Tulip Festival, set for May 18, 19, and 20, 2023.

A senior at MOC Floyd Valley High School in Orange City, Amanda Hulstein is the daughter of Brent and Mary Hulstein. She enjoys working around the family farm, helping other families with farm work, participating in sports, cooking, baking, traveling, and listening to music. She is a member of National Honor Society, student council, basketball, soccer, marching band, concert band, jazz band, choir, chamber singers, vocal All-State, orchestra, musical, and recently starred as Ursula in the *The Little Mermaid* school musical.

In her spare time she enjoys youth group, praise team, kids klub leader and helper, bible study, watching movies, and hanging out with my friends. She plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Hospitality Management. Her past Tulip Festival experience includes:

Dutch Dozen, Pride of the Dutchmen Marching Band, Dutch dancing, Dutch games, and riding floats, including her first memory of participating in Tulip Festival was holding the banner for the POD Marching Band when she was in preschool.

Amanda is joined on the 2023 Tulip Court by court members Katelyn Huizenga, daughter of Aaron and Kim Huizenga, Elizabeth King, daughter of Don and Miranda King, Nevaeh Sampson, daughter of Brent and Teresa Sampson, and Kinzie Van Kekerix, daughter of Leroy and Jasey Van Kekerix.

A Queen's Tea with the court members and three pageant judges was also held on Monday, Nov. 21.

Clair Bradshaw, Rebekah Kuiken, and Bert Aarsen served as judges. Bradshaw is the morning co-anchor for KTIV news. Kuiken is a former resident and Tulip Festival queen, and Aarsen is a former long time resident with Dutch roots, born in the Netherlands.

A special crowning ceremony took place on that evening where the Tulip Court participated in introductions, question segments, and presentations, in order to select the 2023 Tulip Festival Queen. A livestream was made available on the Tulip Festival website for the crowning event.

Amanda and her court will serve as ambassadors for the Orange City Tulip Festival as they travel in the spring, making several media and public appearances.



## Sports: RAIDER FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL ADVANCE

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## MOC-Floyd Valley continues school updates; changes TK structure

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ORANGE CITY — Progress continues at Orange City Elementary. The building is on schedule and according to superintendent Russ Adams, "It is looking more and more finished every day." The building is completely drywalled, and painting and cabinetry are starting to appear in classrooms. Flooring hasn't gone in yet, but some sections of the school are beginning to look complete. "We have been fortunate, the weather has been ideal, and we have stayed on track with no major supply chain issues," Adams said. Even the exterior is starting to see finishing touches. "Concrete is poured, the concession stands are in, the playground area is set and installed, and the gaga pit is almost ready for play," Adams added. The building is scheduled to complete by the end of April, and starting in May, the move-in process will begin, allowing several months for teachers and staff to acclimate to the new space.

MOC-Floyd Valley High School will undergo construction beginning in December. The music department is shifting out of its offices, and the main high school entrance and offices will temporarily move so that construction can begin on a renovation. The plan will update and secure the front entrance of the school, update school offices, and increase the size of the special education wing of the school. The funds for the renovation were planned with the bond issue that was approved in 2020. "On December 23, asbestos abatement will begin, and a temporary wall will be built blocking the current entrance to the school." Visitors will be directed to the far west door at the front of the building, which will temporarily act as

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From left to right: Kinzie Van Kekerix, Nevaeh Sampson, Amanda Hulstein, Elizabeth King, and Katelyn Huizenga



## STANLEY IS MAKING HIS WAY AROUND SIOUX COUNTY

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ORANGE CITY — A few months ago, Stuart and Stanley explored Literary Dairy in downtown Orange City. They caused some trouble, but owners Scott and Caprice Buchholtz generously let them and their friends read in the reading nook, leading them to think that "life is better with friends, stories, and ice cream!" You should probably know; Stuart is a brown bear puppet, and Stanley is a therapy dog owned by Lisa Laird, who has written nineteen children's books about him since 2018.

"We got Stanley when he was four months old, and right away, I knew I wanted to use him as a therapy dog," Laird smiled. I started to train him in as many settings as soon as possible. I joined Paws For Friendship Inc., a therapy pet organization, and worked with Stanley to learn everything he needed to do. He's very smart, he knows lots of tricks, and the moment he puts on his therapy vest, he knows it is time to work!"

Paws For Friendship is a national Therapy Pet Organization whose pet owners focus their visits to nursing homes, hospitals, schools, libraries, etc. It is a non-profit made up of volunteers who donate their time freely. Laird is the Chapter Coordinator in this area.

"There is a big difference between a therapy dog, a service dog, and an emotional support dog," Laird explained. "A service dog does a specific task for the owner. For example, a dog that can sniff out seizures or diabetic problems, a seeing-eye dog, or a dog that helps with PTSD. Service dogs are allowed everywhere.

An emotional support animal provides comfort for the owner and can be denied entry if not well trained. A therapy dog goes with its owner to provide comfort for someone else. Our focus is on reading."

Laird and Stanley travel to schools, pre-schools, and libraries every month to let children listen to stories or read with Stanley. "Reading out loud can be stressful for some children," Laird said. "But reading out loud to a dog is very non-threatening. Children can read in small groups or one on one. Even if I am reading the book, it's still a good literary experience for them to sit by Stanley and pet him. I'm always surprised how many children don't get read to at home!" Laird introduces Stanley and the book in the classroom using a puppet, Stuart. Laird, a ventriloquist, ran Pockets Full of Fun from 2004-2021. With Pockets Full of Fun, she would travel with five puppets and do shows all over. Covid allowed her to retire most puppets and find a slower pace. "My busiest summer, I did 87 shows!" Laird



Lisa Laird and Stanley

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## Thank You and Best Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving!

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