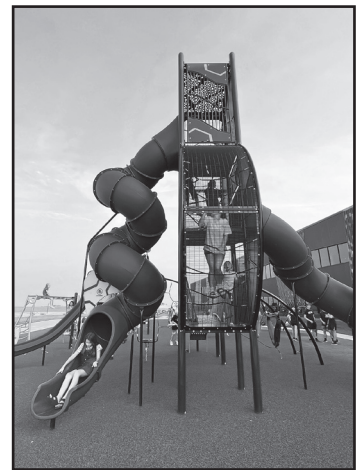


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year, and all the of our new construction will be available by the beginning of October," Adams confirmed. "The front parking lot has been poured and will be painted before the start of the school year. In an effort to enhance safety and flow, this area will be designated as one-way traffic. Drivers will enter the front drive via Highway 10 and exit onto Frankfort. Parking spaces will be set diagonally to create a wider drive-thru lane, and the bus loading zone will be located on the west end of the property near the fine arts entrance."

The Pride of the Dutchmen band was on hand to play the National Anthem, and a dedication ceremony took place at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Russ Adams, school board president Shane Jager, Lee Beukelman of CMBA, and Chad White of W.A. Klinger sent out thanks to all involved. In his speech, among the many thanks, Adams thanked the community for "its diversity with three private institutions; the community voted for this and is committed to education." Lee Beukelman commended the team. "This is a child-centered environment. Talking with everyone involved, that was the clear goal, to create a place where children had the freedom to create and have fun." Chad White closed with, "This isn't just a building made of materials, but a learning environment, a safe place geared toward child development."



ORANGE CITY AREA HEALTH SYSTEM SIGNS ANESTHESIOLOGIST

ORANGE CITY — Ryan Warnke, Director of Ancillary Services for Orange City Area Health System, announced the signing of Brett Guthmiller, DO, to the hospital's medical staff.

"We are humbled and honored to welcome Dr. Guthmiller to our team at Orange City Area Health System," Warnke commented. "He not only comes with excellent training and skillset, but as an Orange City native he understands and embraces our culture and commitment to our patients."

Dr. Guthmiller will join the current anesthesia team to provide anesthesia services for the health system's Surgical Center, Birth Center, and Pain Management Clinic in the Fall of 2025. Guthmiller is currently a resident in anesthesiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. He is a graduate of Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and received

his B.A. in biology/health professions from Northwestern College.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to join a well-respected organization and group of medical professionals in carrying out the tradition of outstanding local healthcare," stated Guthmiller. "It is exciting to be able to return to the Orange City area with my wife, Elizabeth (DeJong), to raise our two sons."



NORTHWEST IOWA DEMOCRATS GATHER TO HEAR FROM PARTY LEADERS

LE MARS— Democrats from eight northwest Iowa counties gathered in Le Mars on Wednesday evening, Aug. 2, to enjoy a meal together and hear from Iowa Democratic party leaders.

A crowd of nearly 100 filled the Willow Creek Banquet Hall, where they were served a variety of pizzas and salad made by Catalano's Wood-Fired Pizza in Le Mars.

Following the meal, attendees were introduced to two young candidates running for local offices this year. The program also included remarks by Ryan Melton, who is running for Iowa's 4th Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives; Megan Srinivas, a Democratic member of the Iowa House of Representatives; Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand; and Rita Hart, chair of the Iowa Democratic Party.

Melton initially ran for Congress in 2022, building a grassroots campaign with no paid staffers, a limited budget, and a core group of volunteers. In the process, he earned more votes than 70 percent of major party U.S. House of Representatives candidates whose fundraising totals were less than \$75,000.

"The biggest lesson I learned from last year is if you run for the right reasons, the people you'll need to help you will emerge," said Melton.

Srinivas just finished her first legislative session in the Iowa House. She talked about growing up in Fort Dodge, and the way her community shaped her. She also discussed the recent special session and how her role as a doctor informs her views on women's health care access.

Sand reminded his audience that Iowa is still a purple state. Among the facts he shared is that Inside Elections, a respected non-partisan publication, ranks Iowa as the 10th most evenly divided state in the nation. It also sets Iowa's partisan baseline after the 2022 elections in between Georgia and Ohio, both of which have Democrats in the U.S. Senate. And while the average U.S. Senate race margin in 2020 was 28.8%, Iowa's was 6.6 percent.

"Iowa had the second-most split-ticket voters of any competitive



state in 2022," Sand said. "In fact, the vast majority of Iowans who voted to reelect me also voted for Attorney General Tom Miller and Treasurer Mike Fitzgerald, both of whom lost narrowly. That means Iowa's huge bunch of ticket-splitters voted mostly for not one, but three statewide Democrats."

Iowa Democratic Party Chair Rita Hart closed out the evening, sharing with the crowd the things she is doing to strengthen the state's Democratic party and prepare it for the 2024 election year.

According to Anita Cirulis, chair of the Sioux County Democrats, she and the chairs of the Democratic county parties of Woodbury, Plymouth, Lyon and Osceola plan to make the NW Iowa Dinner with Democrats an annual event and have already begun planning for next year.

"Gatherings like this dinner are vital to build morale, gain momentum, and raise funds to support Democratic candidates," she says. "We need people in office who can have a positive impact on the lives of Iowans and on the future of our country."

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LIBRARY NEWS



Alton Library

A hand-work craft group is starting up at the Alton Library! Join us the 4th Thursday of every month from 12 to 4 p.m. Our first meeting will be Thursday, August 24. Bring any of your hand work projects to work on: appliqué, embroidery, hand quilting, hand stitching, etc. Bring your finished projects for an optional show and tell. You're welcome to bring a bagged lunch along. If you would like more information contact Kellie Willey at 916-621-0040.

New Adult Books:

Identity by Nora Roberts

Must Love Flowers by Debbie Macomber

The First Mountain Man: Preachers Purge by William Johnstone

Everyone Here is Lying by Shari Lapena

Obsessed: A Michael Bennett Psychological Thriller by James Patterson

Orange City Library

Dear Readers,

Join Sheryl and Melody Iatcu, from Kairos Agency in Romania. They currently live in Suceava, Romania and are visiting family in Orange City. Their home and the Kairos Agency is 30 miles from the Ukraine border. They will present a talk about their involvement in rescuing and assisting many people fleeing from Ukraine. Their real-life stories of both hardship and hope are so meaningful and current. Meet Sheryl and Melody, hear their stories, and have an opportunity to ask questions. From Ashes to Hope-Stories of Ukraine Refugees Coming Into Romania. Orange City Public Library: Aug. 15 at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Kind regards, Lisa Johnson, Director

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Looking to feel more comfortable around dogs? Need a little extra love? Or do you just love dogs? Join us at our next dog therapy session! Aug. 14 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Maurice Book Bank

Hours

9-11:30 a.m. Weekdays/Saturdays

3:30-6:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday

As we are approaching the start of school it is important to get your children back into the habit of reading again! At the Book Bank we have all the latest books that your children are after!!! We are also a place where fun is happening! You can walk into our facility at any time and see smiles all around! We have been so blessed by the generous love that has been shown to our facility! We can't thank all of you enough for coming and supporting us! What a blessing!

Be sure to have your child read out loud to you as often as possible! Studies show that reading out loud is the best way to build fluency rates in children! One of the reasons for this is because students are using both their auditory and visual senses when reading to someone! A bonus is that you are also building a time of bonding with your child too! A win-win!

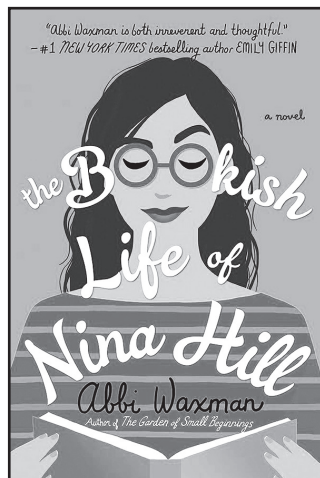
Story Hour: Lisa is the best of the best. Check our Facebook page for when she is coming!

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! This has been such a huge success! We have so many signed up for this program! Be sure to stop by and sign up your child for this amazing opportunity. Upon signing up, your child will receive a binder!

Book Review: The Bookish Life of Nina Hill

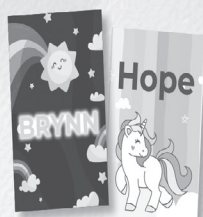
Review by GAIL MARINCOVICH
Orange City Public Library

This is my first book by Abbi Waxman, but it will definitely not be my last. It's easy to find literary novels that are well written, but in the world of mainstream, light fiction, not so much. Nina Hill is a character I recognize— likely because I resonate with so many of her quirky traits. I laughed out loud reading this book, more times than I can count. The author obviously understands (perhaps first hand) what it is like to navigate the world as an obsessively organized, book-loving introvert. Yet woven through this clever, humorous story are deeper elements: learning to deal with the ways in which our past shapes us, and finding those people who accept us and love us for who we are, broken parts included. I recommend this as a perfect summer read.



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