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A delighted Janine Kinnander of Armstrong accepts the award for induction into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame last Thursday night. Katelyn Herzberg, left, presented the award to Kinnander, who said she was not expecting it at all.

Photo by Amy H. Peterson

## Kinnander named to 4-H Hall of Fame

Last Thursday night, Janine Kinnander of Armstrong was inducted to the 2023 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

To say it came as a surprise to Janine was an understatement. Janine told the *Estherville News* that she and husband Loren were packing for an upcoming vacation, and she didn't know why they particularly wanted to attend the Thursday night festivities, including the clothing events, Clover Kids graduation, and Queen Contest.

Loren insisted they stop by, and in an event not listed in the evening's program, Katelyn Herzberg of Emmet County Extension stepped up with a certificate and flowers to present Janine with the award. Nominees include volunteers, community leaders, and Extension staff members who have "exemplified outstanding service and dedication to the 4-H youth program in their county." Janine joins Emmet County inductees over the last two decades. The Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame was established in 2002 as 4-H celebrated 100 years of their program dedicated to teaching life skills to youth. One of the essential

### Past Emmet County Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame inductees

- 2002 Colleen Enerson
- 2003 Bruce Chrestiansen
- 2004 Lawrence Thomsen
- 2005 Earl (Bud) Neppel
- 2006 Rachel Holl
- 2007 Belva Henrikson
- 2008 Nancy and Keith Rosburg
- 2009 Ron & Sandy Kropf
- 2010 Diane Nelsen
- 2011 David & Robin Enerson
- 2012 Layne Anderson
- 2013 Holle Smith
- 2014 David & Carol Solberg
- 2015 Athlyn Black
- 2016 Bret and Sherry Mace
- 2017 Clara Valen
- 2018 Donna Jensen
- 2020 Todd Eisenbacher
- 2021 Gary Myers
- 2022 Steve & Dee Jensen

elements of the 4-H program was the caring adults who were committed to the program.

"I couldn't have been more surprised," Janine said.



## Your 2023 Emmet County Fair Queen is ...

Emily Paulson was named 2023 Emmet County Fair Queen while Ava Huntley is Fair Princess. 2022 Fair Queen Emily Regelstad crowned Emily Paulson. Miss Paulson is a rising senior at Estherville Lincoln Central High School and jumped through a number of clothing changes as she participated in the clothing selection, fashion revue and \$20 challenge events last Thursday night. Find more pictures from the fair on Page 11B of today's *Estherville News*.

Photo by Amy H. Peterson



Crowned 2022 Lil' Miss and Mr. Sweet Corn, Brooklyn Sorbo and Brantley Winter enjoy their ride through Estherville's Sweet Corn Days Parade last year.

Photo by David Swartz

## SWEET CORN DAYS 2023 STARTS TODAY

### Event celebrates "25 A-Maize-ing Years"

Parade is 10:30 a.m. Saturday

By AMY H. PETERSON  
STAFF WRITER

Estherville Sweet Corn Days begins this evening with a bags tournament beginning at 5 p.m. at the Estherville Golf Course. The presentation of the flames and opening ceremony hosted by Excel Arts & Culture in Library Square at 5:30 p.m., followed immediately by the burning of the cobs and free s'mores to roast over the bonfire. At 6:30 p.m. the kids fishing competition begins on the river side near the swinging bridge. Kids aged 15 and under, accompanied by an adult, are welcome with their own fishing equipment.

### Friday's events

Tomorrow, activities kick off at 1 p.m. with the Sweet Corn Days Golf Tournament

with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The contest is a four-person scramble hosted by Jacobson-Westergard.

Food vendors will cook up goodies starting at 5 p.m. Friday night. Friday also includes a Sweet Cars cruise hosted by the Black Knights Car Club and at 5:30 p.m. the Little Miss and Mr. Sweet Corn Pageant at Center Stage. Hometown Heroes-Touch a Truck continues from 6-8 p.m. along with a Kids Games area hosted by Employees Credit Union. Friday night is also the night of fireworks in Estherville followed by the family movie Super Mario Bros., also in Library Square.

### Saturday's events

Saturday, a merchant market starts in Library Square at 10 a.m., and the Sweet Corn Days parade begins at 10:30 a.m. with the giveaway of Jake's Sweet Corn

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## 2023-24 ELC School Registration now open

The 2023-24 school registration period is now open for the Estherville Lincoln Central School District. To register, parents should access the JMC Parent Portal, which can be found here: <https://jmc.estherville.k12.ia.us/Parent/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fParent>.



Registration must be completed by Monday, Aug. 7. For information regarding registration fees, please refer to the Parent Portal, where all fees will be clearly listed.

Please note that activity passes for the 2023-24 school year can be purchased exclusively through the Bound website. Passes cannot be obtained through JMC.

If you have any questions or require assistance during the registration process, please contact any of our building offices. You can reach the respective offices at the following numbers:  
Demoney Elementary Office: (712) 362-2181  
Middle School Office: (712) 362-2335  
High School Office: (712) 362-2659

## Footprints from afar

Norwegian tour group stops for evening at Brugjeld-Peterson Farm, says they want to come back for longer next time

By AMY H. PETERSON  
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The Nordic Fest in Decorah brought a group of about 30 Norwegian tourists to Iowa. The tour was a family affair, arranged by a travel agency called Fotefar Temareiser (loosely translated as footprints theme vacations) and led by Rasmus and Yngve Sunde and Tore Brudvik, along with two Rasmus' teenaged grandchildren. Fotefar is located near Balesetrand, where members of the Brugjeld and Peterson families originated. As Rasmus remarked, "It was a very pleasant evening with good food and drinks, music, and dancing."

But first on Saturday, the

guests pulled into the Emmet County Nature Center's education building parking lot, transported in a large tour bus, and were surprised with a horse-drawn wagon ride to the Peterson Point farm by Lisa and Tom Hansen.

Dave Rowley played music on his guitar, and Norwegian guests expressed their interest in a musician who was also state legislator. Rowley is state senator for district 5, which includes Emmet County. Glenn Henriksen played keys, and at one point Marcia Klingbeil joined on vocals. The Norwegian guests entertained the Americans with Norwegian folk songs and the Norwegian national anthem, "Ja, vi elsker

dette landet (Yes, we love this country)," and Americans sang patriotic songs, from "American the Beautiful," to "This Land is Your Land."

Emmet County Cattlemen provided the foundation of a Midwestern summer dinner with ribeye steak sandwiches while volunteers provided potato salad and cucumbers, pies and desserts. Scott Benjamin of Little Swan Lake Winery in Superior set up a wine stand, and water, lemonade and ale also flowed.

Yngve Sunde said, "We're really happy to be here."

Among the tourists enjoying the warm night and the wine were Marit Grov Natvig and

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Members of the tour group at Emmet County's Brugjeld-Peterson Point Historic Farmstead sing the Norwegian national anthem.

Photo by Amy H. Peterson

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# News



Dr. Nan Hackett, a second great-granddaughter of Peder and Gjertrude Brugjeld (daughter of Ruth Hackett), holds a history book with information about the family.



Dave Rowley and Marcia Klingbeil entertained with classic American songs.



Rasmus Sunde presented a book of farms near Balestrand to Stacie Berg Nelson in thanks for the historic site board's hospitality and to add to the history collection at the farm.



Norwegian tourists posed with some of their hosts during their visit to the Brugjeld-Peterson Point Historic Farmstead this past Saturday. The farm is located on High Lake in Emmet County.

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Ketil Natvig of Asker, a town about 15 minutes outside Norway's capital, Oslo. Marit is an information technology manager, and Ketil is, among other things, a photographer. Marit said she had connected with members of her family in the Madison, Wisconsin area. Inge Sanden, another member of the group, is a former skipper who lives in the fjord country of Norway and was curious about High Lake and the wildflowers across from the historic site.

Yngve said Fotefar agency is located just across from the Brugjeld farm, near Balestrand.

"Our company has been doing tours for 20 years to the Midwest, but never to this area. So thank you a lot, Stacie [Berg Nelson, president of the historic site board] and everybody for inviting us to this new area of the Midwest, for the welcome and the

surprising horse ride. It was great!" Yngve said.

Rasmus Sunde gave Stacie Berg Nelson a gift for the historic site - a history book detailing all of the farms in the Balestrand area and the people who lived there.

Berg Nelson said, "I know that our ancestors would be so pleased and so proud that we've stepped up and have taken ownership of this place, and I think that we surprised everybody that there was so much love for this place."

Berg Nelson thanked the board members and volunteers, and county supervisor Jeff Quastad, who has served as liaison between the board and the county as ownership and responsibility for the site were negotiated. Egil Robert Sommerro is a former ship electrician who said the trip had exceeded his expectations and who particularly enjoyed the farm's buildings.

Ingrid Helene Peterson Finskud enjoyed Rowley's and Henricksen's music and tore up the outdoor dance floor.

Berg Nelson said the next steps for the site include creating space to house more historical items, perhaps in a visitor center with a small museum. Additionally, indoor bathrooms would be helpful, Berg Nelson said.

Yngve said Monday that the 30 tourists were still talking about their enjoyment of the night and hoped to arrange a longer stay in or around Emmet County next time. The historic site board also gave the Norwegian visitors a gift to remember the farm: wooden ornaments with a picture of the farm house engraved on them, from Brey's on 7th.

Fremmede blir familie: friends become family.

Rural Emmet County: tourist destination.



Marit Grov Natvig, left, and Ketil Natvig, right, enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride from Tom and Lisa Hansen.



### Thursday August 3rd

- Downtown Market 4:30-6:30pm
- Bean Bag Tournament 5pm
- Author Event 5-6pm
- Burning of the Cobs 5:35pm
- Free S'mores 5:45-6:30pm
- Corny Kids Fishing Competition 6:30pm

### Friday August 4th

- Golf Tournament 1pm
- RWC Kids Triathlon
- Food Vendors 5 - 9:30pm
- Sweet Cars Cruise 5:30-8pm
- Little Miss and Mister Sweet Corn Pageant 5:30pm
- Touch a Truck 6-8pm

### Saturday August 5th

- Merchant Market 10am - 4pm
- Food Vendors 10am - 4pm
- Sweet Corn Days Parade 10:30am
- Free Sweet Corn - After the Parade
- Sweet Cars Show 12 - 4pm
- Inflatable Fun 12 - 4pm
- Rock Wall 12-4pm
- Mr. Twister 12:30-3pm

- Kids Peddle Tractor Pull 6pm
- Kids Games 6:30pm
- Minute to Win It 7:45pm
- Hula Hoop Contest 8:45pm
- Fireworks - After Dark
- Outdoor Family Movie in the Park 10pm
- Face Painting 12-4pm
- Rock'n the Square 12-3:30pm
- Emmet County IKES 5 Stand Sporting Clays 12 - 4pm
- Firefighter Water Competition 1pm
- Sidewalk Chalk Contest 2pm
- Golf Ball Race 3pm
- Mud Volleyball 4pm
- Street Dance with Live Band Poprocks 9pm - 1am

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# ESTHERVILLE 2023 SWEET CORN DAYS



Purchase Sweet Corn Days and Estherville t-shirts, sweatshirts, blankets and more at the Estherville Chamber Office (620 1st Avenue South) starting Wednesday, August 2nd at 9am!



Purchase your golf balls for the Golf Ball Race at the Chamber Office! You could win! 1st place \$1,000, 2nd place \$500, 3rd-7th place \$100! Claim your number before it's gone!



For more information and full schedule  
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