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TODAY
 Mostly sunny
 high 85, low 65
SATURDAY
 Thunderstorms/wind
 high 81, low 69
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 Sunny
 high 90, low 71



What's going on in there?

Ballroom set to open this fall



Metal siding around the main entrance to the Cobblestone Ballroom will be replaced by glass. The doors will also be replaced.



Top: Co-owners Jenn Hustedt, left, and Natalie Schumann, in the Cobblestone Ballroom last Friday as the floor is being sanded. The color scheme has been altered to more neutral tones. The plywood floor next to the maple dance floor on which the two are standing will be carpeted. **Above:** The ballroom in its glory days. **Right:** A cobblestone wall.



Men's urinal trough will survive.



A mysterious liquor bottle, left, is embedded in the masonry of a wall in the ballroom. Can you see it below in the upper center part of the photo?



RESORT POSTS \$219,000 PROFIT

'In great financial health'

BY TOM CULLEN

After a record-setting year in 2023, King's Pointe Resort's profits and revenues declined slightly due to slight deterioration in the tourism industry and increasing maintenance problems at the resort.

King's Pointe Resort netted a \$219,000 net profit last year, the lowest in the last three years. Brian Oakleaf, finance manager for the City of Storm Lake, described the resort's year as one beset with maintenance problems and inflation. The resort's waterparks were closed for weeks on end. On RAGBRAI, when the town's population increased threefold in size, the resort's outdoor waterpark closed due to a water shortage.

Oakleaf believes the resort could've beat its previous annual revenue record of \$4.4 million with open waterparks. The revenue record was posted last year.

"During the period of waterpark closure, the previous year we saw (\$264,000) in waterpark revenue," he reported earlier this month. (The waterparks have recently been renovated to the tune of over **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3A**)

Restoring glory of the dance hall

BY DOLORES CULLEN

What was once coated with layers of dust will be pristine and formal for a wedding this fall when the Cobblestone Ballroom reopens for the first time in nearly 40 years.

Customers are already enjoying the completion of phase one of the mammoth undertaking of refurbishing the beloved Lakeside landmark. The Cobb Tavern opened last fall on the south and west sides of the building as a bar and pizza parlor.

Now phase two, even more ambitious, includes the ballroom, an adjacent overflow room, the main entrance and the main restrooms.

A tour by co-owners Natalie Schumann and Jenn Hustedt reveals the amount of hard work and the brilliant vision behind the effort.

'Where Old Meets New'

"Our slogan is 'Where Old Meets New,'" said Natalie. "That means the older generation got to enjoy this space and now a new generation will get to."

She and her husband Nathan, Jenn and Chad Hustedt and Nathan Jensen purchased the Cobblestone in 2022. Since then they've worked alongside contractors, pitching in on jobs and even wielding sledge hammers to knock down walls.

Completion of phase two opens the door to hosting weddings, concerts, banquets and more.

Six weddings have been confirmed so far, but the actual date **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2A**

Fireworks brigade feted for Big Parade

Grand marshals will be busy preparing for Spectacular show

Storm Lake's Star Spangled Spectacular 2024 commodores, Holly Schipper and Liz Smith, have named the fireworks crew its 2024 Big Parade Grand Marshals in honor of this year's theme: "Light up the Sky on the Fourth of July."

The crew has been illuminating the skies above a reflecting Storm Lake each Independence Day for more than 40 years, but you won't

catch them waving to a crowd at the 10:30 a.m. Big Parade; they'll be busy setting up for the evening show off the Chautauqua Park Jetty, which takes months of planning and more than 15 hours of setup.

"It's quite a process," says Orren Knoffloch, storied member and face of the fireworks crew. "The whole show leading up to the finale **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3A**



Orren Knoffloch credits his crew for the success of the fireworks every year. TIMES PILOT photo by DOLORES CULLEN

Geological survey to monitor lake depth, temp

Results online every 15 minutes

BY ALLISON MOORE

The Lake Preservation Association and Iowa Department of Natural Resources are partnering to fund a United States Geological Survey gauging station in Storm Lake. The gauge will monitor lake levels and water temperature every 15 minutes. These results will be tracked and available online.

The installation will cost the LPA and Lake Improvement Commission \$25,000. The Iowa DNR will cover the \$6,800 a year maintenance cost for the gauge.

"We think this can be a good partnership," said Ben **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3A**

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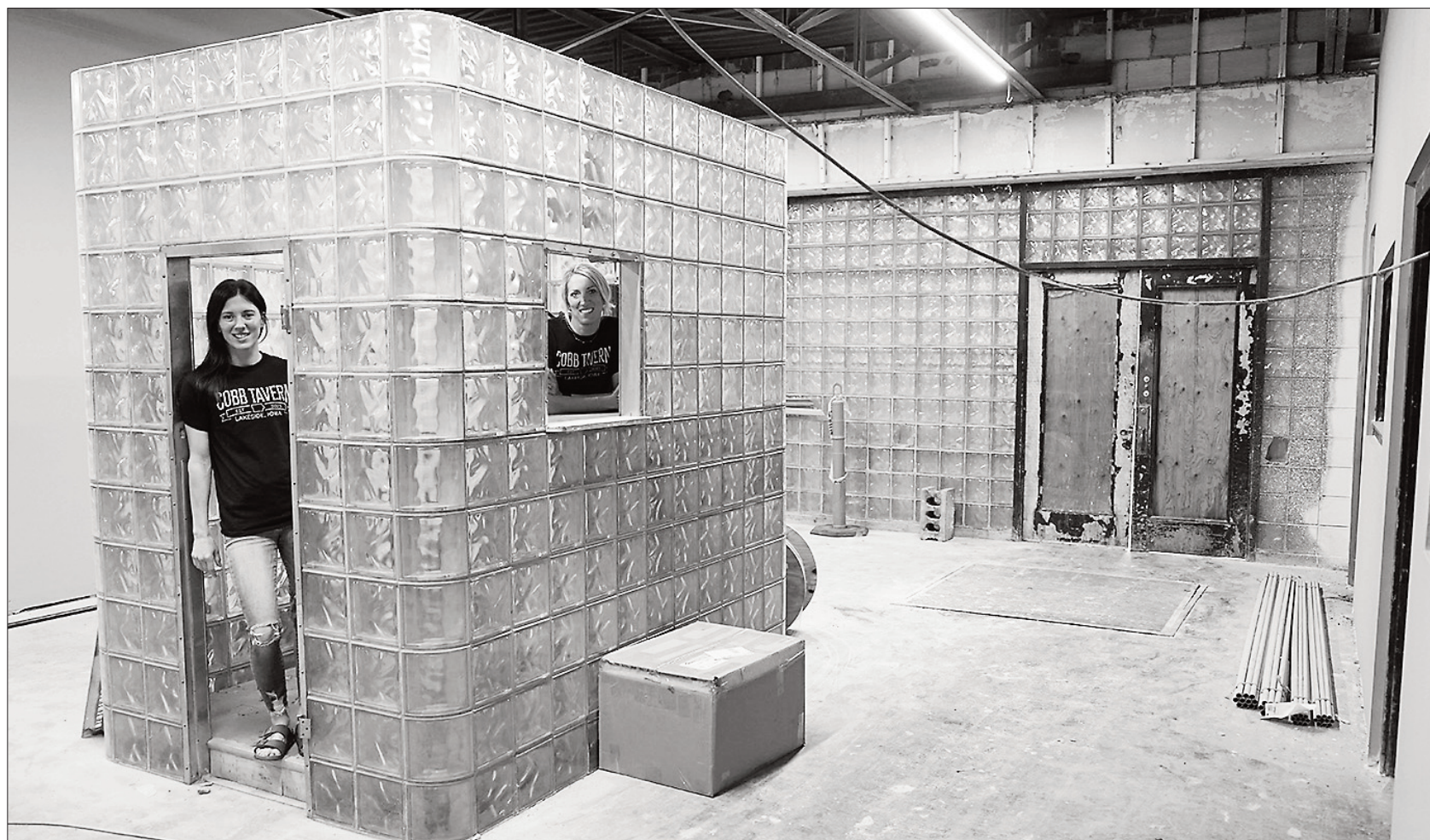
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Top: The glass block ticket booth in the entrance will be preserved, but the glass block surrounding the front doors will be replaced with glass. **Above left:** The iconic cobblestone walls date back to its construction in 1929. **Above right:** The overflow room is perfect for parties and gatherings, or extra guests at a wedding. The room opens to the ballroom through large doorways, one visible on the left side of the photo.

COBB: Stay tuned for big wedding, Phase 3

Continued from page one
of the first wedding this fall – the target date for reopening – is not being revealed. Nor is the identity of the wedding party.

If things move faster than expected, a grand opening may occur before the wedding, says Jenn. "We'll have a ribbon cutting," she said, "but we want to be fully prepared for that." Most likely the grand opening will come after the big wedding.

Getting rid of the red

Last Friday the vast maple floor of the ballroom was being sanded. Graffiti from a long ago prank vanished. Natalie and Jenn conspired to determine a stain color. They don't want the floor shiny, nor do they want the yellowish tint of a gym floor. More preferable, they say, is a light tan color to blend with the shade of tan/beige the walls have been painted.

Recently the red color surrounding the stage and around the doorways has been painted black. "We want it neutral for the brides," said Jenn, "so they can bring in any other color scheme. We want them to be able to bring it to life like they see it."

Weddings will be able to accommodate up to 500 people. A natural space for the head table is in front of the stage, with plenty of space for tables and, of course, dancing.

New lighting has made this space bright and welcoming and the lights can be dimmed.

The lowered ceiling of the ballroom has been removed to expose metal rafters and the beams of the wooden ceiling, a la industrial style, popular today. Lines of electric heat

are barely noticeable high above the dance floor.

The overflow room, to the east of the ballroom, is nearly finished. In fact a couple of events have already been held there. Folding chairs original to the building are situated around tables sporting black tablecloths.

The installation of carpeting at the end of the month will wrap up this room. Speaking of carpet, 9,000 square feet have been ordered in a dark color. The carpet will also cover the floor of the entrance, which brings us to the space where the most work needs to be done.

The trough urinal stays

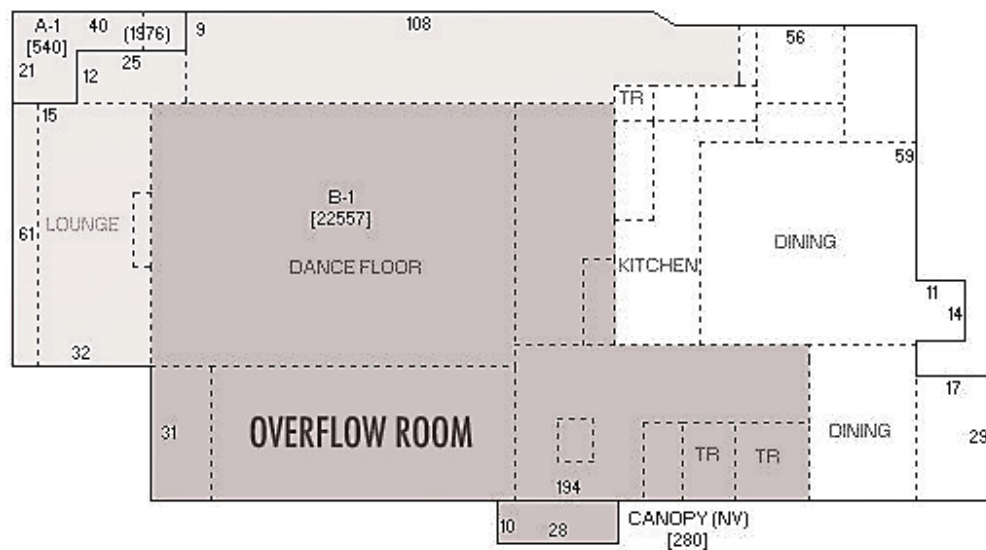
The new owners have taken seriously their decision to keep as many original elements intact as possible.

No cobblestone, in or out, has been covered or removed, even though, "It has been awfully hard to cut through," said Natalie of the job of getting conduit or gas lines through the rocky, character-filled walls. She and Jenn credit their contractors for going along with the theme of honoring the past, even though it's not always easy.

In the entrance, the unique glass block ticket booth will be preserved, and in a new twist, lit from within. Glass block will be removed from the front of the building where new double doors will be installed. These doors will be surrounded with glass so visitors can glimpse the interior.

Lastly, in a surprising nod to yesteryear, the long trough-style urinal in the floor of the men's restroom is staying. "So many guys remembered it and talked about it," laughed Natalie.

With the original floors and walls in the restrooms saved for today's generation — plus



A floor plan shows phase one in light grey and phase two in dark grey. Part of the unfinished portion (white) has a second floor.

the unusual urinal — the statement "if these walls could talk" will no doubt be uttered.

What's next?

The completion of phase two means over half of the giant rambling cobblestone structure has been renovated.

So what's in store for Phase Three? The owners aren't ready to divulge. The Circus Lounge overlooking the ballroom, the kitchen and the mermaid-lined dining room remain untouched.

"The four of us have done a lot together," say Jenn and Natalie of themselves and their husbands. "We've all had so many ideas and it's all coming together."

Although tedious, it's actually been fun, they agree. "With a building this big you never know what you'll run into," says Jenn.

Charred wood from "the fire" has been uncovered. Interesting discoveries include guitar picks left on the stage — could they have been left by the Beach Boys? — and a liquor bottle snuggled into the masonry of a wall.

People are endlessly interested in the project of making the old new again. They want to see how it's coming," said Natalie. "I wish we had time."

Sioux Central selected for Credentials to Child Care Careers pilot program

One of five school districts chosen

Sioux Central Community School District and the other honored districts are part of the first cohort of the Credentials to Child Care Careers grant program. This program aligns existing family and consumer science programs with attaining the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.

The Iowa Department of Education has announced that the Sioux Central Community School District is among five Iowa school districts selected to pilot a new program aimed at expanding access to child care while supporting high school students in earning a national child development credential. This initiative leverages school-community partnerships and has been funded with over \$140,000 in competitive grants awarded through the Credentials to Child Care Careers grant program.

"These Credentials to Child Care Careers programs will expand access to high-quality child care while supporting an early childhood workforce of and for local communities," said Iowa Department of Education Director McKenzie Snow. "We commend the awardees for their leadership in realizing our shared priority to strengthen pathways to in-demand child development careers and to support working families."

The CDA credential, awarded by the Council for

Professional Recognition, is nationally recognized in early childhood education. It requires coursework, experiential in the field, and a demonstration assessment during which the student is observed working with children.

"We are excited to continue joint efforts with our Iowa Health and Human Services partners in child care and to support school districts and local child care providers building relationships in service to their communities," said Kimberly Villotti, Early Childhood Bureau Chief at the Iowa Department of Education.

District awardees will receive course curriculum that meets both the professional development requirements outlined by Iowa Health and Human Services for employees of Iowa licensed child care centers and the classroom requirements for a CDA credential. Additionally, districts can use their grant awards to cover allowable costs, such as student exam fees, textbooks, CDA course materials, student stipends, licensed child care partner stipends, and other approved expenses to help remove barriers to participation.

Grants to the first cohort will be distributed in July for district implementation during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

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Larsen shares a moving moment with his youngest daughter, Greta, after a final trip with the Mustangs to the high school girls' state basketball championships.

Larsen began his career with Woodruff Construction. He was clear from the start that basketball season may be a little crazy.

"I have to give props to the company for being understanding when I took on coaching responsibilities," Kevin says. "They were supportive each season, knowing I'd have to cut out early sometimes."

And even after exhausting days at work, Kevin loved stepping into his assistant-coaching role as he entered the Newell-Fonda gym.

"It was always the best part of my day," he says softly. Not only has he been on the coach side for his daughters, he has been proud to follow the high school basketball careers of so many of their friends - and the kids of his classmates and friends.

"I've known most of the team since they were babies," Kevin says. "My daughters grew up with so many of them."

Larsen adds that he is grateful to Dick Jungers for his support over the years.

"He always understood if I had to be late to practice," Larsen says of Jungers.

A coaching dream team, Jungers and Larsen not only taught the girls hoops team Xs and Os but they instilled the values of teamwork and sportsmanship in the Mustangs girls' hoops team.

The emotional photo of Greta and her father embracing certainly captures the heartbreak that evening at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, but it tells so much more. The snapshot reflects the hard work and effort Greta and her fellow Mustangs left on the basketball court that day and throughout the entire season. The dedication the Mustangs had for a W is palpable. The fact that it was the final game for both Greta and Kevin simply amplifies the significance of all.

Although his time as the Mustangs' assistant coach may be over, basketball will always remain a major part of life for the Larsen family. All four of his daughters went on to play ball in college, and now there's a new generation feeling the love for the game as Kevin is the proud grandfather to two-year-old grandson Beckett and has a granddaughter on the way.

"They'll love basketball," Kevin says of his grandkids. "It's in their genes!"

Bridal showers

Gift card and cash bridal shower for **Laura Anderson**, bride-elect of **Evan Prunty**, will be Saturday, June 15, from 9:30-11 a.m. at Riverside E-Free Church, Linn Grove.

Laura and Evan are combining two households, so we are showering them with gift cards and cash to "fill in the gaps" as they begin their lives together.

Please bring a recipe to add to Laura's collection and join us in honoring Laura with fellowship and refreshments.

Please join us for a come and go bridal shower honoring **Becky Seivert**, bride-elect of **Zach Minnihan**, on Sunday, June 23 from 1-3 p.m. at the Fonda Golf Course. Registry www.theknot.com/us/beckyseivert-and-zach-minnihan-sep-2024/registry

FATHER'S DAY 2024

Capturing the love and loss in a single snapshot

A Father's Day tribute to Coach Kevin Larsen and daughter Greta's final game

BY MEGAN MOLSEED

Last spring, our own Jamie Knapp was hard at work covering the High School Girls State Basketball Tournament at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, when the Newell-Fonda Mustangs went up against North Linn competing for the state title. The Mustangs felt the sting of a heartbreaking loss that evening, falling to the Lynx 67-51. In the game's aftermath, however, Knapp snapped a photo that brings to mind the old adage, "A picture is worth a thousand words."

The snapshot depicts 2024 Newell-Fonda graduate Greta Larsen, her emotions laid bare as she finds solace in her father, Newell-Fonda girls basketball assistant coach Kevin Larsen.

Many of the Mustangs on the court that evening, including Greta, walked off the court

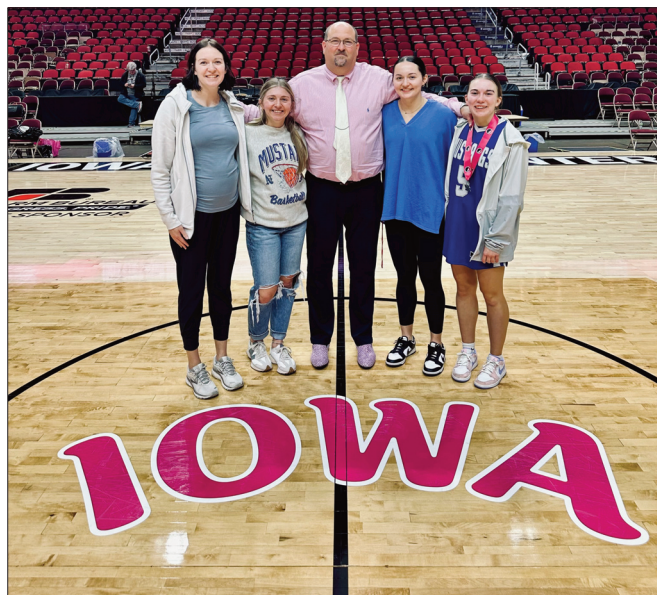
as Mustangs for the last time just moments after the photo was taken...and so will Kevin as he made the difficult decision to retire his coaching whistle at the conclusion of the 2024 state tournament.

Larsen's final season with the Mustangs was a fantastic one, for sure. He witnessed his youngest daughter hit the courts hard with her fellow Mustangs, making a deep run for the season, but falling just short of the state title.

Kevin says his four daughters, Claudia, Olivia, Ella and Greta, have always shared their father's love for basketball. This connection is not just a coincidence, the local father says, but a result of the Larsen family's deep-rooted passion for the sport. A passion he has carried since his own high school days at Newell-Fonda. The Newell-Fonda legacy helped lead his team to a state title in 1991.

Larsen's love for the game didn't die down after high school either. He continued to play in college, even playing with some former Newell-Fonda teammates at BVU for a beat.

Throughout his 14 seasons



Larsen and his daughters Claudia, Olivia, Ella and Greta at Wells Fargo Arena in March.

as Mustang Girls' basketball assistant coach under head coach Dick Jungers, Larsen has seen each of his four daughters hit the court for some unforgettable seasons. As a coach and a father, Kevin was always on the sidelines cheering his girls and their teammates on at games including several trips to the

state championship tournaments.

Balancing work, life and coaching wasn't easy, Kevin says. But it was always worth it. He had a lot of support along the way, which greatly helped him throughout the seasons.

Shortly before taking on his assistant coaching role,

MORE LOCAL NEWS
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Music and motors

Storm Lake municipal band's season is in full swing. A car show is held in conjunction with the first concert June 2. The band is under the direction of Tom Musel.

OUT AND ABOUT

Summer is unfolding in The City Beautiful with the new and the traditional



Turkey sausage for the taking

Tyson Fresh Meats held an annual employee appreciation at its Bright Blue Health Center last Friday. Team members toured the facility at 610 Geneseo, then crossed the street for free boxes of Jimmy Dean sausage patties. Here Tim Steffen of Tyson greets employees who have just gotten off work.

TIMES PILOT photos by DOLORES CULLEN and MEGAN MOLSEED

Extension's new look

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Buena Vista County is now settled in its new office at 701 Seneca Street. A June 5 ribbon cutting marked the completion of this bright, spacious new office.



Buena Vista REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

HERE'S TO YOU, DAD



Fishing derby winners

The annual Buena Vista Conservation Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, June 8. Thank you to all who came out to enjoy the day at Gabrielson Park. Fourteen youth anglers competed in the derby. Prizes were awarded for the largest single fish and the heaviest stringer of three fish. The winner in the six to 10 age category was Deliah Luce with a stringer of blue gill. The winners in the 11-15 category were Jaden Blomme with his catch of a rainbow trout and Trevor Hanson for his stringer of blue gill. Each was awarded a new rod and reel. Additionally, all derby participants received a bait and tackle kit. Buena Vista County Conservation thanks Barbara Erickson for the donation she made in honor of the late Erik Erickson. This donation provided the new tackle and new fishing poles for the event.

Local students graduate from Buena Vista University

Buena Vista University congratulates more than 400 students who graduated in Spring 2024. Local students who graduated include:

Matthew Brostad, master of arts in organizational leadership; Sophia Roland, master of education in teacher leadership, curriculum, and instruction (teaching English as a second language track); Jordan Hewett, summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts in elementary education; Alondra Ramirez-Zavala, bachelor of science in biology; Peter Roland, bachelor of science in biomedical sciences; Leslie Salazar, master of science in education in counseling (professional school counseling track); Lessly Ortega-Luque, bachelor of

arts in psychology; Cindy Hernandez, bachelor of arts in elementary education; Ana Sanchez Rojo, cum laude with a bachelor of arts in business (management track); Marcos Rosales, bachelor of arts in business (finance and management track); Jenny Almanza, bachelor of science in agricultural science (animal science track); Karina Salazar Jaquez, cum laude with a bachelor of arts in elementary education, of Storm Lake.

Emily Kollasch, master of education in special education (instructional strategist II: cognitive track), of Fonda.

Erika Rivera, bachelor of arts in accounting and business; Megan Carlson, bachelor of arts in elementary education; Hillary Hang, magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts in organizational leadership (business track), of Newell.

Bailey Heuton, bachelor of arts in elementary education, of Albert City.

Taylor Wood, master of science in education in counsel-

ing (professional school counseling track), of Linn Grove.

Tyler Hanks, bachelor of arts in business (marketing track); Taylor DeMey, Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor of arts in accounting (professional licensure) and business (agricultural business and financial decision making track); Chandler Damewood, bachelor of arts in physical education and coaching; Rebecca Mandernach, magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts in elementary education; Shekina Mwamba, bachelor of science in biology, of Alta.

Brady Madsen, bachelor of science in kinesiology & exercise science, of Rembrandt.

Melea Nielsen, cum laude with a bachelor of arts in elementary education, of Truesdale.

Brandon Patten, bachelor of arts in physical education and coaching; Brianna Pounds, master of arts in organizational leadership; Mackenzie Zalaznik, bachelor of arts in business (management track), of Sioux Rapids.

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Puzzle Answers: **BELOW**

AREA STUDENTS ON DEAN'S LIST

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Amelia Damewood of Ames. Austin Walsh of Newell.

TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY

Madisen Hess of Fonda.

NATIVE SPECIES PROGRAMS

Buena Vista County Conservation and ISU Extension and Outreach will offer Iowa Native Species Programs this Summer

Join Katie the Buena Vista County Naturalist on June 27 at 1 p.m. for a program on the Iowa birds of prey or raptors.

The second program on

July 18 at 2 p.m. will cover the big cats of Iowa, followed by the wild dogs of Iowa at 2 p.m. on Aug. 6. The final program will be tagging Monarchs on Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. These free programs are fun for all ages.

All four programs will be held at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Buena Vista County Office, 701 Seneca St., Suite 1, Storm Lake.

RSVP by contacting Stacie at the ISU Extension and Outreach Office at 732-5056.

Sioux Central Honor Roll

ELITE HONOR ROLL 3.5+

Seniors: Riley Binder, Rebekah Buettner, Odola Cham, Morgan Christian, Jazmin Durazo Vazquez, Allison Ehlers, Alivia Glover, Catelyn Haight, Karly Hatch, Bradi Krager, Jaiden Morse, Preslie Peterson, Laina Sangwin, Layla Scruggs, Emma Smith, Eowyn Stallings, Emma Storms, Gavin Thams and Kurtis Wood.

Juniors: Grace Ahrendsen, Kylie Anderson, Hadley Ayers, Maxwell Bjork, Emma Boughey, Jaylen Champ, Kinnick Fahrenkrog, Joshua Hoffman, Kaylee Jessen, Taylor Krugel, Natalie Laursen, Alexandra Loving, Duane McGregor, Conner Shannon and Ryleigh Waldstein.

Sophomores: Ashlee Anderson, Reid Anderson, Reata

Ayers, April Banda, Nevaeh Brauhn, Connor Brown, Hannah Brown, Kennedy Brown, Michael Buettner, Jack Christian, Nora Christian, Derrick Haight, Nichole Hart, Lauren Holm, Trev Krugel, Kiera Laubenthal, Marley Madsen, Ava McCarty, Cheyanne McFarland, Owen Mills, Lindsay Peck, Ava Rutter, Wylie Taylor, Isabella Vazquez, Caitlin Wildeman, Quinn Wildinson and Avery Wilson.

Freshmen: Colin Christians, Theodore Dahl, Cora Drefke, Ella Farnham, Melia Hoffman, Brogan Johannsen, Hunter Kirk, Kailee Laursen, Ava McCarty, Sarah Phillips, Natalie Rusk and Maxwell Wittmaack.

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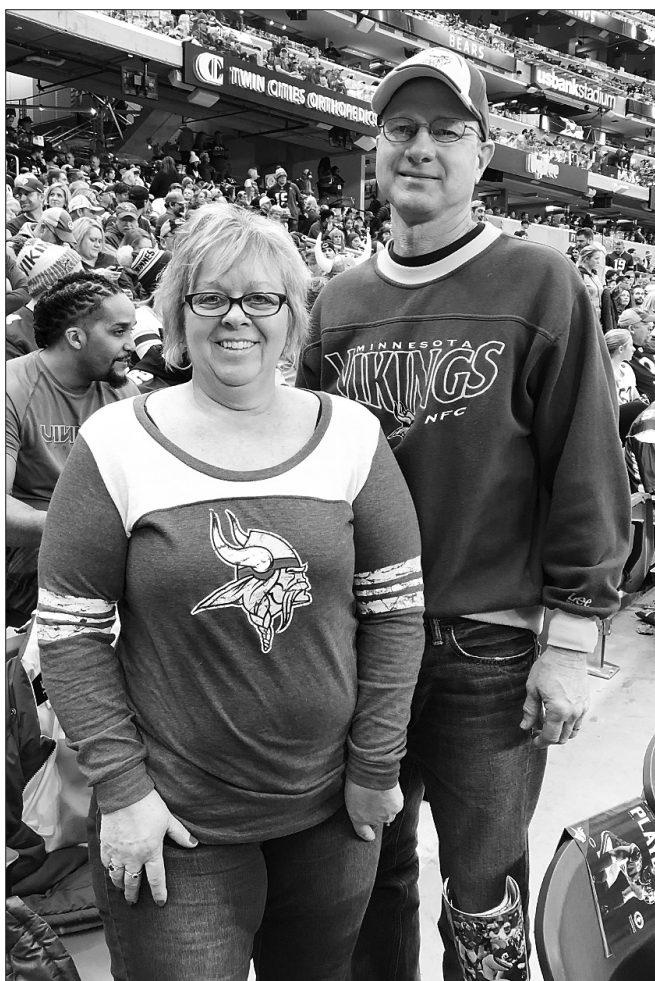
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Trey Otto, Jaxsen Payne, Keiannah Picht, Ethan Wernimont, Shelby Whitecotton and Devyn Wilson.

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Freshmen: Karina Bloom, Taylor Cavanaugh, Landon Driver, Spencer Forbes, Madelyn Garcia, Anthony Goforth, Jessa Hammond, Ryleigh Heinsohn, Chase Heuton, Dalten Kreibaum, Haydne Lenz, Remington McGregor, Naruto Menchaca, Kiely Morrow, Judah Neagles, Bryce Peterson, Mar-



BVRMC Auxiliary Nutman fundraiser

The Buena Vista Regional Medical Center Auxiliary will hold a grab and go Nutman Sale on Thursday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, June 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Kallmer Education Center at BVRMC.

The Nutman Company offers a large selection of flavored pretzels, coated nuts, snack mixes, candies and more, providing the perfect opportunity to stock up on ourth of July snacks. Samples will be available. Please use the BVRMC main entrance.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the BVRMC Auxiliary. All Auxiliary fundraisers help fund non-budgeted patient care items to help staff better serve patients and to provide scholarships to individuals entering the health care field.

40th anniversary

Please join us for a come and go celebration honoring the 40th wedding anniversary of Mark and Terry Herring on Saturday, June 22, from 2-4 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City. Cake and refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

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Henningson, Kellen Jensen, Arianna Saldana, Elizabeth Schimmer, Lauren Schmitt, Cadey Vohs.

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FRESHMAN

4.0: Madelynn Horan, Clara Todd.

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3.49-3.0: Corvin Griffin, Kreighton Krager, Landyn Peterson, Shane Reiss, Corbin Smith, Kyson Turnquist, Tiegan Vohs, Luke Whitmer.

Wobbemas receive Beta Sigma Phi scholarships

Helen Wobbema of Storm Lake and Wyatt Wobbema, Minnetonka, Minn., each received a \$1,000 Scholarship Fund Grant from Beta Sigma Phi.

The scholarships are from

the Dorothy and Walter W. Ross Memorial/Exemplar Scholarship Fund. Beta Sigma Phi is the world's largest women's organization of its kind with 75,000 members in around eight countries around the world.

The Wobbemas were sponsored for this scholarship by the local chapter, Preceptor Beta Beta of the Storm Lake area.

This scholarship is one of 32 \$1,000 grants given. Members of Beta Sigma Phi, their

sons and daughters and grandchildren are eligible for the awards. Recipients are chosen based on their scholastic standing, community involvement, letters of recommendation and a personal essay.

Both recipients are the grandchildren of Judy Wobbema, member of the Preceptor Beta Beta Chapter of Storm Lake. This Chapter has sponsored five recipients of this award in the last 11 years. The chapter focuses on

a variety of local service projects including Jane's Closet, Storm Lake Elementary collection of caps and lids that have been made into benches, pill bottles for missions in developing countries and also collects books for school libraries.

For further information, contact Preceptor Beta Beta president Robbie Ludy, 401 S. Howard St., Newell, 712-291-2519.

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FUN TIMES

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Paper fastener | ___ P ___ | Horse's stall | ___ B ___ |
| 2. Barely audible | ___ A ___ | Fire starter | ___ L ___ |
| 3. Livestock | ___ T ___ | Royal abode | ___ S ___ |
| 4. Morsel | ___ B ___ | Agile | ___ M ___ |
| 5. Horizontal | ___ N ___ | Writing style | ___ S ___ |
| 6. French ___ soup | O ___ | Workers' coalition | U ___ |
| 7. Run through a sieve | ___ N | Gibraltar, e.g. | ___ T |
| 8. See ya ___ | ___ R | Paint ingredient | ___ X |
| 9. Handbag | ___ R | Heartbeat | ___ L |
| 10. Grocery employee | ___ A | Larger than | ___ I |

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MOMENTS IN TIME

ON JUNE 24, 2005, actor Tom Cruise rattled and debated with interviewer Matt Lauer, host of NBC's morning talk show "Today," with his criticism of antidepressant medications and psychiatric therapy, calling psychiatry a "pseudoscience."

ON JUNE 25, 1988, teenaged Debbie Gibson's song "Foolish Beat" reached the top of the Billboard Hot 100, making her the youngest person ever to write, produce and perform her own No. 1 pop single.

ON JUNE 26, 1993, President Bill Clinton ordered U.S. warships to fire Tomahawk cruise missiles at Iraqi intelligence headquarters in downtown Baghdad, in retaliation for an Iraqi plot to assassinate former President George H.W. Bush during his April visit to Kuwait.

ON JUNE 27, 1939, one of cinema's most famous scenes was recorded when Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara parted for the last time in "Gone With the Wind." Director Victor Fleming also shot the scene using an alternate line — "Frankly, my dear, I just don't care" — in case film censors objected to the word

"damn." They did, fining producer David O. Selznick \$5,000 for including the curse even though they approved the movie.

ON JUNE 28, 1919, Germany signed the Treaty of Versailles with the Allies, officially ending World War I. English economist John Maynard Keynes, who attended the peace conference but left in protest of the treaty, predicted that strict terms imposed on Germany would lead to its financial collapse.

ON JUNE 29, 1776, Edward Rutledge, one of South Carolina's representatives to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, wrote a letter to New York Rep. John Jay expressing his anxiety over whether moderates like the two of them could "effectually oppose" a resolution for independence. Jay had business elsewhere and was unable to attend the Congress.

ON JUNE 30, 1934, in Germany, Nazi leader Adolf Hitler ordered a bloody purge of his own political party, assassinating hundreds of Nazis whom he believed had the potential to become future political enemies. The leadership of the Nazi Storm Troopers (SA), whose 4 million members had helped bring Hitler to power in the early 1930s, was especially targeted.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Thermometer is missing. 2. Apron bow is different. 3. Cap is missing from bottle. 4. Headboard is taller. 5. Fingers are moved. 6. Leaf is missing from flower.

TRIVIA TEST

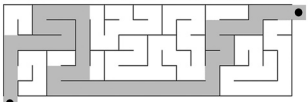
- HISTORY:** Who was the first female chancellor of Germany?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Which European capital used to be called Christiania?
- MOVIES:** What are the names of the elderly couple in the animated movie "Up"?
- ANATOMY:** How much blood is in the average human body?
- SCIENCE:** What do ohms measure?

- TELEVISION:** Al Borland is a sidekick in which 1990s TV sitcom?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What does an hCG test determine?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state is named after a French king?
- LITERATURE:** Who are Nancy Drew's best friends in the children's mystery novel series?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What fruit is used to make Worcestershire sauce?

Even Exchange answers

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Staple, Stable | 6. Onion, Union |
| 2. Faint, Flint | 7. Strain, Strait |
| 3. Cattle, Castle | 8. Later, Latex |
| 4. Nibble, Nimble | 9. Purse, Pulse |
| 5. Prone, Prose | 10. Bagger, Bigger |

Kids' Maze Solution



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: **Wile E. — and the Road Runner**

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| Bearcat | Husky | Pack rat | Rock squirrel |
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| Gray squirrel | Marmot | Red fox | Weasel |
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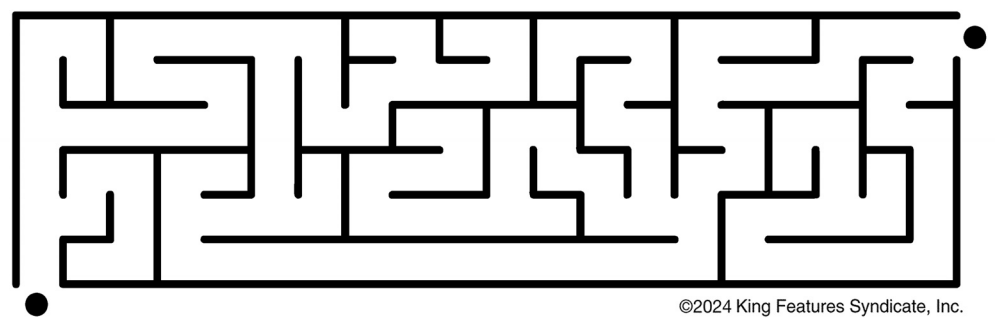
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

- The Wright brothers' first flight was shorter than the wingspan of a B-52 bomber.
- There are tea bags made to look like a goldfish swimming in your mug.
- Are you annoyed by the sounds of wheezing, whistling, chewing, drinking, crunching, slurping, finger tapping and the like? It's not just a quirk, but a psychiatric disorder called misophonia.
- A man spent five months in prison due to being unaware that his bail was just \$2.
- Kenya Railways requires that all trains stop for several minutes before crossing the Mwatate Dam in the southern part of the country. The practice was adopted on the advice of local residents after several mysterious derailments on the dam were blamed on evil spirits inhabiting the reservoir, which townsfolk claimed were angered by the trains not appeas-

- ing them by pausing in tribute.
 - The world's shortest street, located in Scotland, is a mere 6 centimeters long.
- Jackie Robinson wasn't the first Black player to play Major League Baseball. That honor actually belonged to Moses Fleetwood Walker, a catcher for the Toledo Blue Stockings in 1884.
- The first volume of recipes was published in 62 A.D. by the Roman Apicius. Titled "De Re Coquinaria," it described the feasts enjoyed by the Emperor Claudius.
- India has a bill of rights for cows.
- Relics of saints were so valued in the Middle Ages that when Elizabeth of Hungary died in 1231, her body was quickly dismembered for holy mementos by a crowd.

Kids' Maze



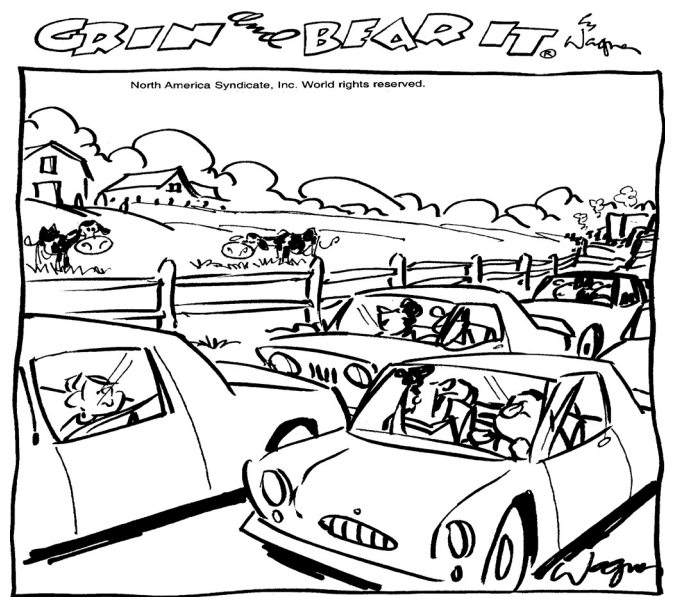
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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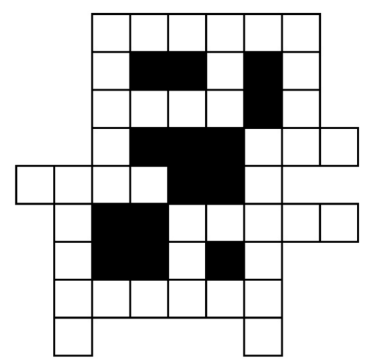
TODAY'S WORD



"For the scenic drive, you have to be in the right lane."

FEAR & KNOT

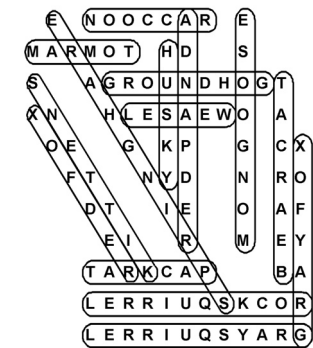
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

ANIMALS WITH BUSHY TAILS



TRIVIA TEST ANSWERS

- Angela Merkel.
- Oslo, Norway.
- Carl and Ellie Fredricksen.
- 1.2 to 1.5 gallons.
- Electrical resistance.
- "Home Improvement."
- Pregnancy.
- Louisiana (Louis).
- Bess and George.
- Tamarind.



Top: This photo of the Platinum Crush plant looking north includes a view of Lake Creek. The Platinum Crush soybean plant as seen from the east.



The Cobblestone looks gigantic. The refurbished island seems barren.



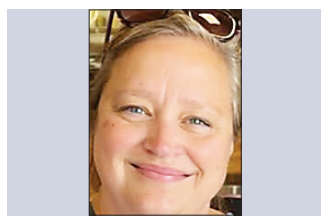
Storm Lake Early Elementary School, taken from the southwest, shows the nearly finished phase II wing for first graders, closest to the camera. It also shows the much-talked-about Hwy. 7/110 intersection, finally finished after numerous accidents.



The Tyson Feed Mill in a view from the southwest.

View from above

Thanks to Larry Fritz for these interesting shots he took from an airplane in May.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BY SANDY MOUW
SLHS Writing Instructor

Love of learning, involvement marks high school career for Miranda Mills

Born in Provo, Utah, Miranda Mills, the eldest daughter of Pamela and Steven Mills, has five siblings: Jacob, 15, Jackson, 13, Keagan, 11, Makenna, 9, and Kaden, 7.

"Take advantage of all the experiences offered to me and earn an A in my BVU classes," was Miranda's main goal this year. As for all of her years at Storm Lake High School, Miranda has been very active. She has been involved in cross country, band, robotics, choir, orchestra, soccer, jazz band, track, IMTA Piano Competition, Regional Church Youth

Council, band leadership team.

She also has hobbies, "I love to play the piano, read a book, or play board games with friends and family," she says.

One to share her talents, she also has a rewarding job. She works as a private piano teacher, a Spanish tutor and at the BVU information desk and event services in the summer.

She has taken piano since third grade, and has had lots of parents ask her to teach their children. "I love kids and I have a lot of experience with them," she says. "I have them purchase lesson books, and I teach them like my teacher teaches me."

Clearly Miranda's inspiration inspires her to do the good others have done for her. "I am inspired by people who work hard to accomplish hard things and support those around them," she says.

Miranda's typical school day was filled to the brim. With classes at BVU, she was able to study during the day in the second level of the BVU science center in the booth seats where the natural sun-



"I am grateful for my church family. I have faith in my savior Jesus Christ," says Miranda Mills.

light shines. After school she would go to robotics or soccer and in the evenings spend time with her family.

"On Wednesdays I would go to church youth night and drive a car full of nine middle school boys with me," she said. "I love to end my day lis-

tening to my book or watching a movie then reading my scriptures and writing in my journal."

Miranda likes music and literature. "I like learning and thinking, especially about how math and music work together," she said. "I just like

learning about how everything works together to form such beauty. I love it when I can connect what I'm learning with what is out there, which is why choosing a career path is hard for me because I want to see how all of my interests fit together."

"I have struggled to find good friends throughout high school," she says. "I have learned to rely on my family. When we get to high school we start choosing what our values are and who we want to be. A lot of my friends from middle school chose different values. Our relationships were no longer reciprocal. It was a culture shock so to speak."

Despite this adjustment, high school memories bring a smile to Miranda's face, "I have fond memories of playing games with the cross country kids at team meals. From soccer to volleyball to Mario Kart, we always had a blast."

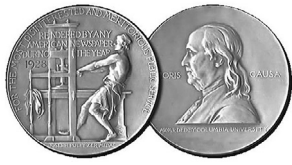
When asked who her biggest supporters are, Miranda says, "My mom and dad. They have always done their best to help me keep track of my schoolwork and

activities, encouraged me to pursue my interests, never give up when things get hard, learn important life skills and grow to become a respectable, reliable, honest person."

When it comes to her teachers, "I really love Mr. Butler and Mrs. Backman. They both are so supportive and aware of me. They also are willing to work with students but also trust them."

Miranda's plans are flexible, yet set: "I am going to get my bachelor's or master's degree at Brigham Young University. I hope to have a family and kids of my own someday and get a career that I can enjoy. I will start out as a computer science major and change it as I feel best."

She is proud of all the hard things she has accomplished and all the activities she's participated in. "It has been fun to be able to expand my horizons, trying different sports and activities, learning about different skills as well as getting to know different people around our school. I think it is a great skill to be able to function in different contexts."



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EDITORIALS

The king is naked

If the king can do no wrong, as Buena Vista County argues, then the Storm Lake City Council might as well throw in the towel and disincorporate. Let the county supervisors deal with a crumbling street and water system, and the sheriff can patrol what was the county seat.

The county submits that argument in court because its officials misplaced at least \$5 million in tax increment financing revenue that was supposed to go to the city, but got disbursed to the wrong accounts. The county shrouds itself in an implied immunity under state tort law, which says that no claim can be brought against a county over the "assessment or collection" of taxes.

Storm Lake is asking about the distribution of tax revenues, not their collection.

If the county can throw \$5 million to the wind, when it is supposed to go across the street to City Hall, and there is nothing the city can do about it, then the city has no authority and might as well close shop.

That wouldn't be all bad. People from Storm Lake might pay more attention to the mismanagement going on inside the courthouse. It might reduce government bloat. It certainly would get the county's attention, as it refuses to pay back the city a penny for all that lost money. If the county is king, does that mean we're in England?

Which is why a judge should step in and mediate this silly dispute.

The county's claim that it can burn \$5 million with impunity is ridiculous. So is its other assertion: that this negligence has gone on for so long that it is covered by the statute of limitations. Indeed, the city administration had a good nap for several years as the faucet dripped and nobody noticed for the snoring. That should not leave the county off the hook for corroding the pipes.

Only a sober judge can put these clowns into a car and tell them to settle their accounts. The county should pay the city what it is owed. The city should be able to determine it if the county won't reveal its own public records. A judge should be able to get to the nubbin and force a resolution.

Otherwise, the city must conclude that there is no point in maintaining its municipal status if the county indeed is king and does not have to meet its stated obligations. Let agland pay to help pave Geneseo Street. Watch your tax rates go up in Albert City to mow the parks in Storm Lake. Former Mayor Sandy Madsen suggested disincorporation many years ago over a dispute with the county whose details we cannot remember, because the controversy cleared so fast when the county realized she meant it. Call it the nuclear option. If a court agrees with the county, then the city has no reason to exist without a claim on its own tax base.

Troublesome facts

If facts matter, here they are: Hunter Biden was found guilty by a federal district court jury in Delaware of lying about his cocaine addiction to illegally purchase and possess a gun. Donald Trump was found guilty by a state district court jury in New York of 34 counts of fraud over his hush-money payments to a porn star.

Hunter Biden is not running for president. Donald Trump is.

President Joe Biden said in the wake of his son's conviction that he respects the rule of law and the jury's decision. He said he would not pardon his son.

Trump calls his own conviction a sham and says the judge is corrupt. Trump pardoned criminals who worked for him. He calls the mob that attacked the Capitol on his exhortation patriots, warriors and victims, and promised to pardon the people who wanted to hang his own vice president.

The case against Hunter Biden was brought by the Justice Department under President Joe Biden. The case against Trump was brought by an independently elected local Manhattan prosecutor, not Biden's Justice Department.

It also is a fact that Gov. Kim Reynolds, Attorney General Brenna Bird and Iowa's entire congressional delegation declared that the Trump trial was a "sham."

These are all established facts. You be the judge. Beyond a reasonable doubt, you can see who respects law and order, and who rails against it.

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." — John 8:32

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Lawn mowing goes electric

I joined the growing ranks of homeowners this spring who switched from gas to electric lawnmowers. So far, so good.

It all started back in April after the first time I mowed the lawn with my old gas mower. It needed an oil change and filter, a task I had always dreaded because of the mess it caused and then I had to find a place to discard the old oil. Plus, I'd inevitably have a leftover half bottle of oil I didn't need which joined the ranks of other unused oil on the shelf in the garage. The old mower was running OK, but I'd had it for a number of years and decided now was as good a time as any to make the switch.

Several friends had gone electric in the last couple years and were happy with their new mower. There are now quite a few models out there, but I bought an Ego because it received good reviews from consumer groups and friends who use them. Mine was on sale locally and I got it up and running without any trouble.

Most full-featured electric mowers cost \$500-\$600, but you can find some as low as \$300, which isn't much more than a gas mower nowadays. When you consider there's no gas, no oil, no spark plugs, no maintenance, the overall cost to own and operate an electric is probably cheaper than gas. Electric mowers aren't a



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new idea. I remember as a kid in the 1960s seeing a few electric mowers around town, usually on smaller lawns, but they needed power cords that trailed back to an outlet at the house. You always ran the risk of accidentally mowing over the cord and cutting it, so they never really caught on.

Electric mowers today are battery operated. They run for about an hour before they have to be recharged. It takes about two hours to mow our lawn, and I got two batteries with my mower, so it works perfectly. I could get by with one battery — mow the front yard, eat lunch, and finish the back.

Batteries are expensive, however. They sell for upwards of \$300, so I was happy that I got an extra battery free as part of the sales promotion.

The cutting quality is comparable to a gas mower, but the maneuverability, particularly on slopes, is much easier with the electric since its deck is lightweight composite compared to a gas mower's steel

deck. At age 74, that makes a difference to me.

The other advantage is the electric mower starts instantly. No pulling the starter cord until your arm throbs.

This isn't my first foray into electric lawn tools. Over the years I've accumulated a saws-all, hedge trimmer and string trimmer and like them all. The only problem is they're all from different manufacturers, so none of the batteries are compatible. Great foresight on my part. At least the batteries for these smaller tools are much less expensive than for the mower.

Over time we'll likely see the disappearance of gas-powered lawn equipment across the nation. California, Colorado and Washington, DC, have already limited their sale; Illinois and New York are considering bans, as are regions in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Vermont because they pollute the air. Not to mention they are particularly annoying when you're trying to sleep. Although the electric mower is not as noisy as the gas, it's not exactly whisper quiet.

I keep mowing my own yard because it's good exercise. I walk about three miles behind the mower each week and that makes my doctors happy.

Happy Father's Day to all of the dads out there! I'll enjoy it happily mowing.

Teachers, parents, the public still want answers

It has been five months since a 17-year-old Perry High School student walked out of a school bathroom and began shooting toward students who were having breakfast before heading to their classes on the morning of Jan. 4, 2024.

The first details about the tragedy had barely started trickling out when the first questions began. And five months later, most of those questions remain.

Where did Dylan Butler get the guns he used that day?

Who owned the guns? Did his parents know he had access to the weapons?

Were there any signs before that morning Butler might be thinking about violence?

Had he been the target of bullying by other students?

These questions, and many others, have been asked and asked again and again by people in and around Perry. That includes parents, grandparents, teachers, other school employees, and countless residents who all are horrified by what occurred in their community.

The Iowa Freedom of Information Council has received phone calls from journalists who have been wrapped up in the shootings since they learned of the events within minutes of the first 911 calls. I have heard concerns of community members — and from a Perry High School teacher who called my office last week.

He was at the school that awful day. He knew the young people and the adults who were shot. He is hungering for information about the find-



RANDY EVANS

STRAY THOUGHTS

ings gathered by detectives from six months of interviews, analysis of social media postings and mobile phone data. And he is exasperated by the refusal of state and local law enforcement officials to share the facts they have gathered and the conclusions they have reached.

Most of all, he wants to know what the investigation has found to ensure everyone learns from this tragedy.

This was the worst mass killings at an Iowa school since 1991. A sixth-grade student and Perry High School Principal Dan Marburger were fatally wounded by Dylan Butler. Four other students and two other school employees were wounded in the barrage of bullets.

Butler had taken his own life by the time law officers located him inside the school.

Before that January morning, Iowa's worst school shooting occurred in 1991 when Gang Lu, an angry University of Iowa physics student, killed three physics department faculty members, a physics graduate student, an associate vice president of the university and a student working outside the official's office.

School shootings were much less common in the United States in 1991, and scores of questions were asked of university officials and law enforcement investigators by the public and journalists from around the globe.

It should not be surprising, therefore, that parents, teachers, and lots of other Iowans want to know what investigators have learned since January 4 about the events leading to the Perry High School shootings. People want to know what takeaways school administrators and law enforcement officials have gleaned from the investigation, knowledge that might help reduce the likelihood of future tragedies.

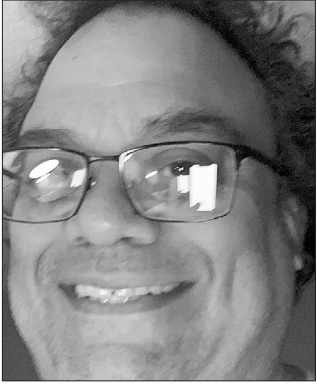
Understandably, parents and grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors, want to know the details that will help them analyze the events that unfolded at a place occupying such a central role in the community.

Without officials sharing their findings with the public, it is difficult, if not impossible, for people to judge how effectively prepared law enforcement and school officials are to protect students during this era of nearly unfettered access to firearms. Without access to authoritative, accurate information from investigators, people do not know whether the rumors that naturally surface after a tragedy of this magnitude deserve credibility.

Without accurate, authoritative information, people do not know whether officials missed signals that Dylan But-

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OBITUARY



Jesse Guerra

Jesse Daniel Guerra, 54, of Cedar Rapids, formerly of Sioux Rapids, passed away in Bloomington, Ill., on Feb. 1, 2024. Jesse was born in Rupert, Idaho, on Aug. 12, 1969, to Jesus Carlos Guerra and Paula Rene Cannon. He attended Sioux Rapids Rembrandt High School and graduated in 1988.

Jesse is survived by his mother, Paula Cannon, of Story City; brother Joe Cannon (spouse Christine) of Story City; sister Jessica Smith (Guerra) of Tavares, Florida; daughter Riley Guerra (partner Jordan Baldwin Sr.) of West Des Moines; and daughter Shelby Guerra (partner Kevon Davis Sr.) of Cedar Rapids. Jesse had four grandchildren: Jordan Baldwin Jr., K.J., Kelbeigh and Khloeigh Davis. Jesse was preceded in death by his father Jesus Guerra and grandmother Lois Carter.

Jesse worked his entire life in the delivery service industry, where he last worked at DHL of Cedar Rapids.

Jesse was an avid online gamer, loved social media, his dog Capone and spending time with his four grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in Jesse's name to Critter Crusaders of Cedar Rapids.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Legion Hall in Sioux Rapids on Friday, June 28, from 4-7 p.m.

Stray Thoughts...

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 ler was a danger to himself or his school. People do not know whether he needed closer attention from school officials and law enforcement than he received. And the public also does not know whether reports are accurate that Butler had been the victim of bullying by fellow students.

All of this is important not for purposes of pointing fingers. It is important so communities know when and how they might be able to prevent similar tragedies in their schools.

The Perry High School teacher who called me last week was looking for guidance after the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation turned down his request for information from its six-month-long investigation. His questions were greeted with a "Sorry, I can't tell you that" response. The DCI official told him sharing the findings could inform future potential shooters how they might circumvent safety protocols in place to protect students and school employees.

Often, details about what a criminal investigation found are kept from the public to protect the accused shooter's right to a fair trial. It is at trial that many questions about a crime get answered publicly for the first time.

But because Butler took his own life, there will be no criminal charges and no trial. There will be no opportunity for the public to get answers to their questions in that forum.

DCI officials have declined to provide updates on their investigation. The Perry teacher said the DCI official was non-committal on whether even a summary of the agency's investigation will be shared with the public.

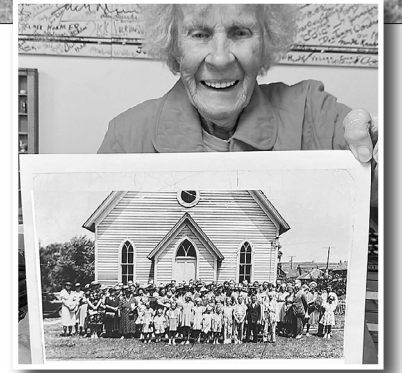
No one wants to jeopardize the future safety of students and school employees. No one wants to provide a blueprint for a future school shooting to someone who might be contemplating such horrific action.

But there must be some middle ground between releasing every detail from an investigation and releasing no information. That is not how government should treat the public and worried parents and relatives of Iowa school kids.



The Danish church in better days

Thank you to Lois McConkey of Alta for sharing this 1944 group picture of the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church in front of Alta's historic Danish Lutheran Church, which was torn down a few weeks ago. Lois is a young girl in the front row. The Missouri Synod group used the unoccupied Danish church while their own church was being built. Identified with arrows, from left: Vivian Koth, Lois (Koth) McConkey, Quintus Koth.



DAYS OF YORE
 Storm Lakers flock to pool to escape heat

25 YEARS AGO

The Jail Planning Committee studying a new jail for Buena Vista County agreed Monday afternoon with recommendations from a citizens advisory committee that the county should build a 60 bed jail expandable to 80 beds. The project

would cost an estimated \$6.3 million. A Storm Lake man's body, Dorance Leroy Allen, 76, was found washed up on the South Shore Saturday evening by Drs. Scott Wulfekuhler and Arthur Ames. His body was found at the beach near his home.

50 YEARS AGO

Beth Tucker, 17, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Tucker, was second runner-up for festival queen in the Dakota Days band festival in Rapid City, S.D., on Saturday, June 1. Beth was in competition with 24 girls.

BV Clinic will move this weekend to a major addition to area medical facilities — the Hansen Medical Arts Building, 620 Northwestern Dr.

Iowans sweltered in 100 degree temps Thursday, as youngsters flocked to swimming pools and highways buckled under the extreme temps. Storm Lake swimming pool personnel said 628 persons were at the pool Thursday.

75 YEARS AGO

Grocery prices:
 Beef roast, 39¢ a pound

Head of lettuce, two for 25¢
 Boysenberries, 33¢
 Sweet corn, four ears for 19¢ a can
 Salmon, tall can, 51¢
 Cheese, two pounds, 69¢
 Salad dressing, 49¢ a quart jar
 Tomato soup, 10¢ a can
 Chocolate chip cookies, one pound bag, 35¢
 Dill pickles, 29¢ a quart

'Overalls, two shoes, and a belt'

BY ALAN GUEBERT

The clothes we wore, like the crops we worked, marked the seasons on the dairy farm of my youth. Coveralls, for example, suggested winter while (ahem) "cover little" meant the hot, steamy southern Illinois summer.

That was especially so for my brothers and me. If we were relegated to kitchen or garden chores, we were barefoot, barebacked, and bare headed. If we somehow had finessed a farm job, like raking hay or cultivating soybeans, we added work shoes, socks, T-shirts and a baseball cap.

Whether exiled to the

household gulag or set free in the fields, we wore blue jeans, never shorts. In fact, I don't remember owning a pair of shorts until I was old enough to vote.

That excluded cutoff jeans, of course, our swimwear for a dip in our mud-bottomed, cow-crowded pond or the rare occasion we went to the local municipal pool.

We weren't the only menfolk with a denim-heavy wardrobe. My father, our hired men Jackie and Howard, and Dad's machinery-breaking Uncle Honey all wore overalls — never shorts — on the farm every day for decades.

In fact, I'm certain Uncle Honey never showed a bare toe or bare foot — let alone two bare legs — in public since the Roosevelt Administration. The Teddy Roosevelt Administration.

The main reason for all the legwear was its practicality. Farm work back then was a

dirty, scratchy business that often put you on your knees to repair, say, a broken sickle section or tractor tire. Jeans also limited the damage an alfalfa bale could do as you gave it a leg boost to stack it on a rolling hay wagon or in a still, airless barn.

But even our limited summer attire was too much clothing for one hired man every-one called "Buff." Too young to know the word's meanings, I once asked my father why the big, well-tanned man answered to a such an odd name.

"Well," my Dad said slowly while searching for a child-appropriate explanation, "in the summer, Buff wears only four pieces of clothing: overalls, two shoes, and a belt."

And what about underwear?

"That's where the 'buff' thing comes in," he said with a firmness that made clear he was finished explaining the details of Buff's summer couture.

Our blue-jeans only months did give my mother and her sewing machine a well-earned rest from the almost endless task of making school shirts, blouses, skirts, and jackets for my brothers, sister, and me. Summer was her no-sew season.

Our Sunday church clothes weren't jeans but standard issue Lutheran wear: baggy cotton trousers, oversized short-sleeved shirts, a too long or too short clip-on tie, and worn but well-polished shoes.

And every stitch of it—like almost all my clothes—was, of course, hand-me-down from the family's first-born prince, brother Richard. Rich either grew so fast or took such good care of his clothes that all passed on to my next brother, David, in good condition.

David, however, had dedicated his boyhood to finding out just how many tears, holes, and stains he could put in Rich's duds by the time he

handed them down to me. By any standard, then or now, David had a talent for his hobby.

We boys weren't the only ones in the family wearing hand-me-downs. My father had two suits most of his adult life, a black one and brown one. Both had been given to him by his brother-in-law, Clifford, who grabbed them off the "worn" rack at the elegant, St. Louis men's store where he worked.

Dad wore 'em to church for decades except on summer Sundays when, like us, he sat in wrinkled cotton pants, a short-sleeved white shirt, tie, and Uncle Cliff's hand-me-down wingtip shoes.

Every Monday, though, all were back in our denim blue uniforms under the blue, summer southern Illinois sky.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Is Brenna Bird fit to serve?

Growing up in small town Iowa, our mother taught us to always tell the truth, treat people fairly and respect others. She'd say if you are not honest, people won't be able to trust you.

When lawyers are admitted to practice law in Iowa, they take an oath to "maintain respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers," to "abstain from all offensive personality, and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which [he or she is] charged."

When Brenna Bird abandoned her duties as Iowa Attorney General to stand on the courthouse steps in New York to proclaim on national TV that the trial of Donald Trump was a "scam and a sham," she ignored the oath she took to become a lawyer and the ethics code governing the conduct of Iowa lawyers, which states a lawyer shall:

- Not engage in conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal
- Not make a statement that the lawyer knows to be false or with reckless disregard as to its truth or falsity concerning the qualifications or integrity of a judge, adjudicatory officer, or public legal officer;
- Defend judges and courts

unjustly criticized; and

- Not engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

While Ms. Bird was performing for the media on the courthouse steps, a judge, multiple lawyers on both sides, 12 jurors, six alternates, a multi-layered security system, and numerous other court staff went about their business for seven weeks with serious intent to do their jobs, as the court had done before in many other cases. The defendant's fellow citizens did not view their time and efforts there as a scam or a sham, but, instead, did their best to apply the law to the facts of the case, which is what courts do.

In doing so, the jury found Donald Trump guilty of causing the falsification of business records with intent to promote an election in violation of New York law.

As chief prosecutor of our state, most people would expect her to show nothing but the highest respect for courts and the judicial system. Her clowning for cameras on a street with the defendant while he launched vindictive attacks about the court and the trial served no purpose but to show her contempt for the judicial system.

Attorney Bird falsely stated the trial in New York state court was a scam, which it wasn't. She falsely stated it was initiated by the U.S. Justice Department and the Biden adminis-

tration, when it wasn't.

If she doesn't respect the courts and the judicial process, or, heaven forbid, if she doesn't understand her duty to defend it and the people who serve it, then Mom would say she can't be trusted to serve as Iowa's top lawyer.

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OBITUARIES

Florence Goldsmith

Florence Goldsmith, 103, of Storm Lake died Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, June 15, at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in

Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Myrna Gordon

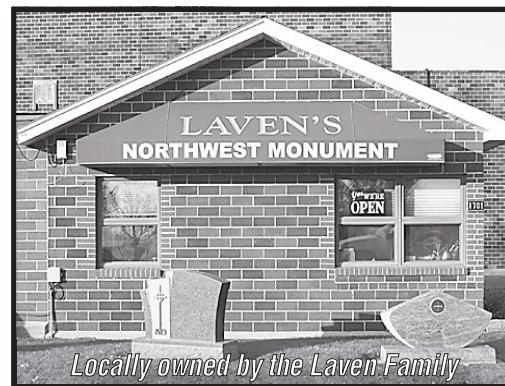
Myrna Gordon, 75, of Iowa City died Saturday, June 8, 2024.

A gathering for family and friends will be held from 4-8 p.m., Monday, June 17, at Gay & Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service in Iowa City. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 18, at the funeral home. To share a thought, memory or condolence, visit Gay & Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service's website www.gayandciha.com.

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Gordon Linge's original stick idea has morphed into more, like this interesting caterpillar at Witter Gallery. TIMES PILOT photo by DOLORES CULLEN

FUTURISTICKS *A folk art movement to inspire the soul*

BY GORDON LINGE
Part 2 in a series by Storm Lake native and artist Gordon Linge on the topic of his art show at Witter Gallery - "FUTURISTICKS - an Exploration Beyond" - through July 27.

Millions of people are working every day on Artificial Intelligence, while only one is creating FUTURISTICKS. I have looked. I cannot find anyone painting walking sticks in bright, colorful, optimistic colors like the ones I have on display this summer at Witter Gallery.

But hopefully, that will

change and become a movement as others begin making their own.

Apple AI was introduced recently to the dismay of Elon Musk, founder of OpenAI. His fear, that corporate owned AI is dangerous and could be monopolized - that public AI is better for mankind and available to all.

Artificial Intelligence was not on most people's radar just a few years ago, but now it is the buzz. We see its potential while we fear its worst implications. Will we lose control and choice? Have we ever really had control? Our track record is pretty poor when

one thinks of continuing wars and all the mistakes we make over and over.

My FUTURISTICKS are one artist's way to open a dialogue about how to save us from our worst fears. We can assign AI to its most advantageous use.... like writing instruction manuals. AI can save us from ourselves by identifying ways of eliminating war, hunger, poverty and illness.

Artificial Intelligence is similar to the arrival of cars with automatic transmissions. What a great enhancement. Yet we kept the option of stick shifts for off-road vehicles and

to plow through massive snow drifts.

The age of freedom and creativity is here. Our boring jobs will be done by robots. The fun stuff we want to do will be left for us. Witter Gallery is coming of age, you might say. Storm Lake's main street may become a model for the future of small towns.

As the pandemic taught us, we are social animals that like to be together, to be face-to-face and part of a community. Where can we gather? Hold onto that walking stick and keep your balance!

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Somewhere over the rainbow

A slight rain shower last Friday along with the sunset formed a beautiful double rainbow over Storm Lake. This shot was taken from Lake Pointe Villa. Photo by WILL CLAYTON



Sue with Paul Shane, director from "Almost Home," in Fort Dodge.

Caring Paws leader exploring ideas for local homeless cats and dogs

Sue Lyngaas returned home from attending the Prairie States Animal Welfare Conference last weekend. It was held in Bloomington, Ill., and about 180-200 people attended.

Sue's trip was inspired by her leadership role in the recent effort to establish an animal shelter in Storm Lake - Caring Paws Rescue.

Attendees came from animal shelters, animal control officers, humane societies,

vendors and other smaller animal support groups. Presenters came from the above places as well as the ASPCA, the Humane Society, veterinarians, Law Enforcement Training Institute and FEMA.

Sue attended seven different sessions and enjoyed three keynote speakers. "It was a great experience because I was able to talk to people about cat rescues, vaccination clinics, microchip clinics, spay/neuter programs, TNR programs, funding, volunteers, new programs for behavior issues with cats and dogs and reduction of the need for euthanasia in shelters," she said.

People in attendance came from Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota.

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UTLEY NAMED NEW HEAD SOFTBALL COACH AT BVU

Fort Dodge native comes from Lakeland

Buena Vista University Director of Athletics Amy Maier has announced the hiring of Tammy Utley as BVU's head softball coach. Utley replaces Sarah Richardson, who resigned after the season.

Utley, who has over 27 years of coaching experience, will take over the BVU program after spending the past seven seasons as head coach at Lakeland University in Plymouth, Wis. She is coming off

a record-setting season with the Muskies, guiding them to a school-record 35 wins (35-10 overall, 19-5 Northern Athletic Collegiate Conference) and one win shy of an NCAA regional tournament appearance.

Prior to the season, the Muskies had not won more than 20 games in a season since 2016. Prior to being named head coach in June 2017, Utley spent three seasons with the program as assistant coach.

"I am so excited to welcome Tammy back to her home state of Iowa to be the next head softball coach here

at BVU," Maier said. "Tammy's extensive coaching career, her passion and knowledge of the sport, and leadership qualities made her an extremely desirable candidate. I am excited to see her work with and develop our student-athletes, connect with our supportive alumni, and put her stamp on both the softball program and our athletics department as a whole."



TAMMY UTLEY

A Fort Dodge native, Utley got her coaching career started as an assistant coach at the high school level at Mid-Prairie (1997-2002) in Wellman. She then served as an assistant coach at the University of Northern Iowa from 2002-07 and then stepped into a head coaching role, first at Cedar Falls from 2008-10 and then at Waterloo West from 2011-12. She was inducted into the Fort Dodge High School Softball Hall of Fame in 2012.

Utley played college softball at the University of Iowa and as a senior in 1999. She was named team captain,

voted the team's Most Valuable Player and earned third team all-Big Ten honors. Utley ranked in the top three in program history in career home runs, was a member of two College World Series appearances (1996 and 1997) and was a Big Ten Academic All-American in 1997.

"I would like to thank Director of Athletics Amy Maier, Vice President Dr. Brandon Johnson and their team of coaches for this amazing opportunity to lead a softball program that is rich in tradition," Utley said. "I'm thrilled to be returning to my home state of Iowa and being back

near family after 12 years. Beaver softball has a tremendous support system in the alumni and a beautiful campus, which were among the many factors that made this opportunity attractive. I'm excited to continue the tradition built by the alumni and look forward to building continued success both on the field and in the classroom."

Utley graduated from the University of Iowa in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in sports, health, leisure and physical studies. She earned a Master's degree in business administration from Lakeland in 2018.

ELC gets past SL in key Lakes game

Errors proved to be the difference in an elite pitching matchup as Estherville Lincoln Central, ranked eighth in Class 2A, took advantage of three Storm Lake errors to win 4-1 in a battle of Lakes Conference front-runners on Wednesday in Estherville.

The Midgets scored all four of their runs in the third inning as Storm Lake made three errors in the frame.

Storm Lake's Charlie Dvergsten and Estherville's Owen Larson faced off on the mound and both were good. Dvergsten gave up only three hits, no earned runs and struck out eight, but walked six in six innings.

Larson allowed five hits and one earned run, walked four and struck out seven in 5 1/2 innings.

Storm Lake scored its lone run when Dvergsten walked, advanced to third on an errant pickoff throw, and scored on Allan White's single.

Ty Bodholdt had two hits while Dvergsten, White, Jake White and Brock Edwards each had one.



Ridge View catcher Emma Mentzer prepares to tag Newell-Fonda's Anna Mercer at home plate during their game on Tuesday in Galva. TIMES PILOT photo by ADAM DUBLINSKE

Polzien named new Buena Vista pitching coach

Buena Vista University head baseball coach Steve Eddie has announced that Brayden Polzien has been hired as the program's new pitching coach. Polzien takes over for Steve Sonka, who retired at the end of the team's 2024 campaign.

Polzien is no stranger to the program. He was a four-year member of the team's pitching staff from 2021-24 and ranks fourth all-time for BVU in career appearances. He pitched in at least 10 games each season, including a career-high 16 this past spring while finishing his career with a 5-5 record and one save.

The Henderson, Nev., native was a key part of the program winning back-to-back American Rivers Conference regular season titles (2022 and 2023) and making an NCAA regional tournament appearance in 2023. He also completed an internship in the summer of 2023 at the Texas Baseball Ranch in Houston, Tex., under the guidance of Ron Wolforth. It is believed to be one of the country's top training facilities for pitchers.

"I can't think of anyone more suited to take over for coach Sonka than Brayden Polzien, a player who had the ultimate respect of his teammates," Eddie said. "Brayden's experience at the Texas Baseball Ranch gave him the teaching experience he needed to switch roles from player to coach. His time with Ron Wolforth fostered his passion for training pitchers and piqued his curiosity for finding new ways to get improved results. Brayden has a bright future as a coach and I am excited he chose to stay at BVU to begin his coaching career."

Polzien, a three-time academic all-conference selection, graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in business management.



BRAYDEN POLZIEN

Eddie, Laven make ARC Academic Team

The American Rivers Conference has announced its 2024 Spring Academic All-Conference Team, which includes 31 student-athletes from Buena Vista University.

Two Storm Lake student-athletes were recognized — Mark Eddie for baseball and Mason Laven for men's golf.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore in academic standing at his/her current institution with at least one full year on campus while maintaining at least a 3.50 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Buena Vista was led by the 14 members of the baseball team.



MARK EDDIE



MASON LAVEN



Northland Elite team wins tournament

The Northland Elite 13-and-under girls basketball team traveled to the Star City Classic June 8-9 in Lincoln, Neb., and ended their club season with a championship. The team defeated NLA Heat 24-20, West Nebraska Elite 32-20, Nebraska Lasers 50-31 and Warriors 27-20. Team members pictured from left to right are: Macy Bodholdt, Keeley Drey, Dakota Dahlhauser, Paisley Hustedt, Reagan DeHaan and Lola Banks. The team is coached by Kyle Bernhoft.



Alta-Aurelia catcher Brayden Marshall tags out Ridge View's Kyle Burk at home plate during their game on Tuesday night in Holstein. TIMES PILOT photo by ADAM DUBLINSKE

Hershberger Gridiron Classic to be held July 19

Buena Vista football alumni and supporters: mark your calendars for July 19 as the annual Hershberger Gridiron Classic will be held at BVU Lake Creek in Storm Lake.

The event is named for BVU's all-time winningest football coach, the late Jim Hershberger, who amassed a sterling record of 121-61-1 and three league titles in his 20 seasons at the helm.

For more information and to register, visit www.bvuathletics.com.

UPCOMING SPORTS

PREP BASEBALL FRIDAY, JUNE 14

- Storm Lake @ Spencer
- Alta-Aurelia @ Manson
- Newell-Fonda @ GTRA
- Pocahontas @ Sioux Central

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

- Sioux Central @ South Central Calhoun

MONDAY, JUNE 17

- West Bend-Mallard @ Alta-Aurelia
- Newell-Fonda @ Southeast Valley
- Ridge View in Western Valley Conference tournament @ TBD
- East Sac County @ Sioux Central

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

- Storm Lake @ Algona
- West Bend-Mallard @ Newell-Fonda
- Sioux Central @ Western Christian

PREP SOFTBALL FRIDAY, JUNE 14

- Storm Lake @ Spencer
- Southeast Valley @ St. Mary's
- Alta-Aurelia @ Manson
- Newell-Fonda @ Fort Dodge Tournament

- Pocahontas @ Sioux Central

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

- Storm Lake @ Sioux Center
- Ridge View @ Denison-Schleswig Tournament
- Sioux Central @ South Central Calhoun

MONDAY, JUNE 17

- Western Christian @ Storm Lake
- St. Mary's @ South Central Calhoun
- West Bend-Mallard @ Alta-Aurelia (JV only)
- Newell-Fonda @ Southeast Valley
- Glidden-Ralston @ Ridge View
- East Sac County @ Sioux Central

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

- GTRA @ Storm Lake
- Alta-Aurelia @ Remsen St. Mary's
- Newell-Fonda @ Fort Dodge Tournament
- Woodbine @ Ridge View
- MRCRU @ Sioux Central



Alta-Aurelia catcher Addy Fritz tags out Sioux Central's Marley Madsen at home plate during their game on Wednesday night. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

Sioux Central ousts A-A; N-F beats St. Mary's

Sioux Central broke a scoreless tie with a run in the fifth inning and the Rebels

plated three more runs in the seventh to come away with a 4-0 win over Alta-Aurelia on Wednesday in Alta.

Sioux Central had eight hits. Bradi Krager and Preslie Peterson led the way with two apiece. Natalie Laursen, Kailee Laursen, Ava McCarty and Nora Christian each added one hit. Kailee Laursen drove in three runs.

Sage Weber was the winning pitcher. She allowed four

hits, walked none and struck out six in seven innings.

Leah Kannegieter took the loss for Alta-Aurelia.

"We weren't very productive at the plate, so credit to their pitcher," Sioux Central coach Kasey Krager said. "It was a well-played game defensively and we executed in the top of the seventh with some nice hits by Natalie Laursen and Kailee Laursen, and then bunts from Nora Christian and Bradi Krager. Ava McCarty also had an infield hit to help with the three runs in the inning. It was good to play in a tight game for the experience of it and the kids came through in the clutch."

Newell-Fonda 12 St. Mary's 0

Anna Mercer fired a one-hit shutout to help Newell-Fonda get past Storm Lake St. Mary's on Wednesday night in Fonda.

The Mustangs scored two runs in the first inning, seven in the third and three in the fourth.

"Our energy level was low to start and needed to bring that fire to start swinging out of the gates," Newell-Fonda coach Courtney Darrow said. "We did a great job finding our pitch and driving it when we had the chance. Anna did a great job in the circle getting the win and allowing only one hit."



Sioux Central's Emma Smith prepares to tag Alta-Aurelia's Peyton Kies at second base during Wednesday's game. Kies was out. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

Ridge View 12 Lawton-Bronson 2

Zoey Aschinger pitched a one-hitter and Delainey Hansen drove in three runs to help Ridge View beat Lawton-Bronson in a Western Valley Conference game on Wednesday at Galva.

Aschinger allowed just one

hit and two earned runs, walked two and struck out five in six innings.

Tatum Shepherd had two hits and an RBI for the Raptors. Hansen singled and drove in three runs while Leslie Avina singled and knocked in two runs. Reese Hawthorne added one hit and

one RBI and Aschinger drove in a run.

"We were happy with the effort and the continued improvement in our defense," Ridge View coach Scott Phelps said. "The kids continue to work hard on improving on a daily basis."



Newell-Fonda's McKenna Sievers executes a bunt during Tuesday night's game against Ridge View in Galva. TIMES PILOT photo by ADAM DUBLINSKE

SL beats Carroll in 33-run slugfest

Storm Lake and Carroll put on an offensive showcase Tuesday night in Carroll.

The two teams combined for 45 hits and 33 runs, and after the dust settled, the Tornados walked away with a 21-12 win.

Storm Lake scored three runs in the second inning, three in the third, nine in the fourth, two in the fifth, one in the sixth and three in the seventh.

Storm Lake (10-1) pounded out a school-record 25 hits in the game. Kennadie Miller and Cole Richardson led the way with four apiece. Abby Bodholdt had three hits, including two home runs. Maddy Raveling also had three hits, including a home run. Avery DeHaan added three singles.

Mackenzie Harder, Taylor

Ripke, Lillie Hoffman and Hailley Anderson all contributed two hits apiece.

Richardson and Bodholdt drove in four runs apiece. Anderson had three RBI while DeHaan and Raveling each had two. Hoffman and Miller added one RBI each.

Richardson, Ripke, Raveling and Harder all scored three runs apiece. DeHaan, Miller, Hoffman and Bodholdt all scored two runs.

DeHaan was the winning pitcher. She allowed 20 hits and 12 runs, walked one and struck out four in seven innings.

Storm Lake committed five errors in the game.

"The girls played a good game and were able to battle through some tougher situations to get the win," Storm Lake coach Jenna Lullmann said. "We had a great night at the plate with 25 hits as a team, three of them being home runs. The team kept the intensity the entire game and never let up. I'm super proud of them all for that."



Ridge View's Tatum Shepherd delivers a pitch to the plate during their game against Newell-Fonda on Tuesday. TIMES PILOT photo by ADAM DUBLINSKE

GTRA jumps out to early lead, never looks back to defeat St. Mary's in TLC play

GTRA scored five runs in the first inning and the Titans never looked back as they defeated Storm Lake St. Mary's 12-2 in a Twin Lakes Conference game on Monday at Ruthven.

St. Mary's scored both of its runs in the first inning, but GTRA countered with five in the bottom half. The Titans then scored three runs in the second, two in the third, one in the fourth and one in the fifth.

St. Mary's finished with four hits. Avery Smith doubled

while Aubrey Crum, Neely Bacon and Ruby Phelps each singled. Smith drove in both runs.

Bacon suffered the loss. She allowed seven hits and 12 runs, only two of which were earned, walked two and struck out 10 in four innings.

St. Mary's committed seven errors in the game.

"GTRA challenged us in ways we were not prepared for," St. Mary's coach Peter Leo said. "The pitcher (Addie Rutter) did not overpower us, but she used her spin game to

keep our hitters guessing for most of the night after the first inning, and she did not help us out at all. Our hitters did not work a single walk against her all night. Team speed was another element of their game that caught us off guard. I was not expecting a team that came into the game with only four stolen base attempts all season to rely so heavily on speed, but they did, and I did not have the girls as ready to adjust to that kind of offensive

approach as I could have.

"I am proud of the way the girls worked their at-bats in the first inning to get us a two-run lead right away," Leo added. "Their approach at the plate was solid, and the quality of contact was some of the best we've had all year. Regrettably, we could not hold onto that lead. We're making progress on our team defense, but it will remain a major point of emphasis for us this season as we look to improve."

Newell-Fonda starts, finishes great in 9-1 win over Ridge View

Newell-Fonda had a great start and an even better finish to their game on Tuesday.

The Mustangs scored three runs in the first inning to take control and plated four in the seventh to pull away as they defeated Ridge View 9-1 in a nonconference game at Galva.

The Mustangs plated single runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Ridge View scored its run in the first.

Newell-Fonda (13-3) finished with nine hits in the game. Anna Mercer led the way with three. Mylie Hinders, Joice Walsh, Isabel Bartek, McKenna Sievers, Kierra Jungers and Jaicee Vanderhoff each added one hit.

Walsh, Bartek, Sievers, Mercer, Vanderhoff and Kinzee Hinders each drove in a run. Bartek, Sievers, Mercer and Abby Leu all scored two runs apiece.

Jungers got the win. She allowed two hits and one earned run, walked one and struck out 10 in seven innings in the circle.

"We started off very strong

in the first inning getting bases loaded and scoring right out of the gates," Newell-Fonda coach Courtney Darrow said. "We had some great defensive plays and continued to build our momentum. We had great hitting approaches at the plate and stayed disciplined better."

"It was a great game against a solid pitcher (Tatum Shepherd) and being able to string a few solid hits together," Darrow added.

Ridge View (5-7) got hits from Shepherd, Morgan Wright and Leslie Avina. Shepherd drove in a run.

Shepherd took the loss. She allowed eight hits and nine earned runs, walked two and struck out seven over seven innings.

"We thought our defense was much better in this game," Ridge View coach Scott Phelps said. "We are seeing progress every game as the kids are working hard. We still need to work on putting the ball into play more and improve our pitch selection to be successful."



Ridge View second baseman Savannah Cudaback flips the ball to first baseman Delainey Hansen during Tuesday night's game against Newell-Fonda. TIMES PILOT photo by ADAM DUBLINSKE

PREP SOFTBALL

Alta-Aurelia scores early, often to beat South Central Calhoun, 12-2

Alta-Aurelia scored early and often as the Warriors jumped out to a 10-2 lead after three innings en route to a 12-2 win over South Central Calhoun in a Twin Lakes Conference game on Monday at Alta.

Alta-Aurelia scored three runs in the first inning, four in the second, three in the third and two in the fifth.

Alta-Aurelia recorded seven hits in the game. Nora Peterson led the way with three singles. Kadence Langschwager, Addy Fritz, Clare Gunkelman and Jaci DeGroot each added a hit.

Peterson and Langschwager

drove in two runs apiece. Fritz, Gunkelman, Savannah Johnson and Caitlyn Mattson each had one RBI. Peterson scored four runs, Langschwager three and DeGroot two.

Hayden Berkland was the winning pitcher. She allowed two hits and two earned runs, walked one and struck out two in five innings.

"The girls had a great outing," Alta-Aurelia coach Mattie Prescott said. "Everyone did their job. Hayden Berkland through a great game only allowing two hits. Our defense was on point and every girl contributed offensively in one way or another."

Sioux Central shuts out non-league opponent Kingsley-Pierson, 6-0

Bradi Krager scattered seven hits in the circle and collected three hits at the plate to help Sioux Central beat Kingsley-Pierson 6-0 in a nonconference game on Tuesday at Peterson.

Sioux Central scored one run in the first inning, three in the third and two in the sixth. Krager walked three and struck out nine batters over seven innings to pick up the win.

Sioux Central finished with 15 hits in the game. Krager and Natalie Laursen led the way with three apiece. Avery Wilson, Nichole Hart and Marley Madsen all had two.

Preslie Peterson, Kailee Laursen and Emma Smith each contributed one hit.

Natalie Laursen drove in two runs while Wilson, Smith and Kailee Laursen each had one RBI. Krager scored two runs for the Rebels, who are now 11-3.

"I was proud of the girls' effort," Sioux Central coach Kasey Krager said. "We had 15 hits, but would have liked to hit the girls in that were on base, as we stranded 10 girls. Defense and pitching was solid again with nine strikeouts and some good plays by Morgan (Christian) at short-stop."

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