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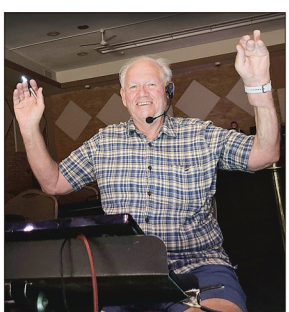
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**TODAY**  
Partly cloudy  
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**SATURDAY**  
Scattered thunderstorms  
high 84, low 64  
**SUNDAY**  
Mostly sunny  
high 87, low 65



The new first grade wing (circled) features an ICC 500 rated tornado shelter.

## A tornado shelter for our district's youngest Tornadoes



Storm Lake CSD Jeff Tollefson shows off the area in the new wing at the Early Elementary building that will not only hold first grade classrooms but will also double as a tornado shelter. Above left: The windows in the shelter are extra reinforced. They can withstand an impact up to a hundred miles per hour. Left: The walls feature double bricks and cement along with extra reinforcements in between.

### NEW EARLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WING TO BE FINISHED NEXT MONTH

*Windows designed to withstand large projectiles*

BY MEGAN MOLSEED

The Storm Lake Community School District is undertaking an impressive initiative by building a storm and tornado shelter in the newest wing of the Early Elementary School. Jeff Tollefson, Storm

Lake CSD chief operating officer, notes that this shelter has been carefully designed to withstand tornado-strength winds and structural damage caused by a storm. SLEES has been an important part of

the district's expansion and is being built in three phases. The first wing of the new addition has already been completed. In this wing, the district welcomed kindergartners at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. Construction is almost finished to accommodate first graders in the new wing this fall.

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## MANILLA MAN DIES AFTER STANDOFF SOUTH OF EARLY

A Manilla man is believed to have died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound south of Early after a multi-county vehicular pursuit.

The Sac County Sheriff said in a statement on Tuesday that Jason Scott French died of a contact gunshot wound to the head after a standoff with law enforcement south of Early. The cause of death was attributed to a preliminary autopsy, according to the sheriff's statement.

The standoff stemmed from a vehicular chase from Crawford County into Ida and Sac County at around 3:18 p.m. June 14. A Lincoln Navigator operated by French was heading to the area — the Navigator was reported stolen

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## Sac Co. trucker's death found not a homicide

BY ALLISON MOORE

State investigators have determined that formerly missing trucker David Schultz's death was not a homicide.

The final results of the autopsy from the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner have not been publicly released. Darrell Simmons, special agent at the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, said the results may never be publicly released.

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## No easy answers on infrastructure

BY TOM CULLEN

There are no easy answers to fixing Storm Lake's roads. An hourlong discussion of the Storm Lake City Council yielded few discernible solutions on fixing Storm Lake's infrastructure, the subject of increasing complaints throughout town. Councilwoman Meg McKeon said she's "always struggling" to explain road conditions when she's approached by private citizens. McKeon said the matter is "very complicated."

"I know it's hard and I hope people will listen and read the information and realize that it's not that we don't want to fix our streets," McKeon said at the end of a two-hour city council meeting. "But there's a little more involved in it."

A report the city commissioned in 2021 found that the city's street infrastructure needed \$164 million in improvements. The report found the city will likely need to spend around \$3 million per year to keep up with the report's recommendations, which range from routine maintenance on newer roads like Oneida Street to complete reconstruction of Cayuga Street from East

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## Large Sioux Co. dairy has bird flu

BY JARED STRONG  
*Iowa Capital dispatch*

One of the largest dairy farms in the state — with a herd of about 10,000 in Sioux County — has cattle that are infected with avian flu, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship reported Monday.

It is the seventh Iowa dairy herd with a confirmed highly pathogenic avian influenza

infection. Five of those are in Sioux County, which has the most dairy cows of any Iowa county, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture data.

Infected herds are not culled like poultry flocks. While the virus is often fatal to domestic birds, affected cows typically recover within two weeks. Dairies suffer a temporary loss of production because the milk of sick cows — which contains large amounts of the virus — is discarded.

Investigations are ongoing to determine how the virus arrived in northwest Iowa, said Don McDowell, an IDALS spokesperson. O'Brien and

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Critter Closeups will be back again this year. Here is one of the monkeys at last year's show.

## 'Take Me to the Fair!'

### BV COUNTY GETS READY FOR 2024 FAIR

BY MEGAN MOLSEED

The 2024 Buena Vista County Fair is just around the corner promising a week full of exciting events and activities for all age. The annual fair will be held at the Buena Vista County fairgrounds in Alta July 10-14.

This year's theme: "Take Me to the Fair!" certainly fits the festivities.

BV County Fair attendees can look forward

to traditional favorites such as quality entertainment and the popular 4-H events. However, this year, there will be a significant change: there will be no carnival on the fairway.

"Unfortunately, the carnival company double-booked for this year and chose to attend the other event instead of our fair," notes

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## Solis to lead Patriotic Ceremony July 3

Sergeant Liliana Solis, recruiter for the Iowa Army National Guard, will serve as speaker for the 2024 Storm Lake Star Spangled Spectacular Patriotic Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, in Sunset Park.

In her speech, Solis plans to share how the military has impacted her life and "demonstrate the level of appreciation we should have for all those that wear the uniform," she says. "Active soldiers, veterans and those who did not return home."



Solis enlisted into the Iowa Army National Guard in July 2020 as an Alta-Aurelia High School senior. After completing her initial entry training, she was assigned to Fox Company 334th Brigade Support Battalion in Storm Lake as a 92G (cook) and recruiter for the Iowa Army National Guard.

"To me, the 2024 theme 'Light up the Sky on the Fourth of July' means being able to share time with your loved ones, celebrate the freedom of our great nation, and to be able to appreciate how truly grateful we are as Americans to be blessed with such freedom," she says.

One of her favorite Fourth of July memories was spent in basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S.C. "Although I wasn't with my family in 2021, spending this day with my brothers and sisters in service gave me a greater appreciation and sense of pride for why we celebrate."

Solis' military career has also inspired her to pursue a path of health and fitness as a certified personal trainer and nutritionist.

2024 marks the first year the Patriotic Ceremony will take place the evening of July 3, rather than following the Big Parade on July 4. Organizers hope the move will allow for more attendance and provide an enhanced patriotic atmosphere before the Municipal Band's evening concert. The band will also begin the Patriotic Ceremony with the National Anthem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Solis' address, before performing for the crowd from 5:45-6:30 p.m.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase in Sunset Park on July 3 beginning at 5 p.m. during the Kiddie Parade, Classic Car Show, Patriotic Ceremony and a variety of children's entertainment such as custom airbrush tattoos, inflatables, balloon art and more. DJ Nick will open for The Pork Tornadoes at 6:45 p.m. that evening as well.



The tornado shelter at the Early Elementary School features external reinforcements as well as a roof that includes several inches of brick as well as several inches of cement making it a rated tornado shelter. The main entrance of the building can be seen at far left.

## TORNADO SHELTER: Can accommodate up to 800

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The latest wing, expected to be finished next month, is designed to include an ICC-500-rated storm and tornado shelter. According to Tollefson, the shelter construction is intended to withstand tornado-strength winds and structural damage from flying objects during a storm. It can withstand winds over 250 miles per hour.

Given the area's susceptibility to severe weather, Tollefson and the Storm Lake school board identified the urgent need for a tornado shelter while plans for the new wing were being made.

Tollefson recalls being on a derecho watch at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year and contemplating the safest location for the students in the new building in case of severe weather. Although the current wing's bathrooms are designed to serve as potential shelters, the new section under construction offers much more secure protection while allowing the kids to remain in their classrooms as the storms pass.

While the tornado shelter area adds cost to the project, Tollefson emphasizes that safety is the most crucial part of the shelter's development. "The cost doesn't outweigh protecting

the kids and the staff," he says.

The new wing's shelter can accommodate up to 800 people. The shelter is made of reinforced concrete blocks and has a solid ceiling to withstand severe weather conditions.

The windows are designed with extra security to withstand impact from a 15-pound two-by-four traveling at 100 miles per hour. Most of the first-grade wing is located within a shelter, making it a valuable investment for the district. "It provides an additional level of safety," emphasizes Tollefson. While the shelter provides unparalleled safety options for the SLEES students, Tollefson says it is designed for temporary shelter. It is not rated as a FEMA shelter.

The SLEES school building crew is well-prepared to handle Iowa storms, and the students regularly practice drills on where to sit and how to protect themselves. In the event of a tornado, the shelter, including the classrooms and special education rooms built within, is so secure that students could even observe the storm from the windows.

However, the district is mindful of the need for clear communication when describing the shelter to the students.

One crucial point Tollefson mentioned is the need to explain to younger students that the windows at school are unique and thicker than at home. He stresses, "We need to make sure the younger students understand that they have to be extra careful when they are at home or in other places outside the school's shelter classroom area."

## Council to revisit city sign ordinance

BY TOM CULLEN

The Storm Lake City Council plans to meet with local business leaders as they reevaluate the city's sign ordinance and regulations.

On Monday, the council approved an ad hoc committee to review and potentially adjust the city's signage regulations. Lee Dutfield, development services specialist for the city, said the committee will likely consist of six downtown business owners and three community members.

The city proposed reviewing downtown signage after a report from the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the recently announced Downtown Master Plan revealed that community members most discussed facade improvements and signage downtown. Other important issues highlighted in the survey include opportunities for public arts, streetscape improvements and community gathering spaces, among others.

The downtown master plan aims to "take a long-term approach, looking out 10-20 years, and create an aspira-

tional, yet implementable vision for downtown Storm Lake."

According to the plan, "Easy to read and well-designed signs contribute to an overall welcoming feeling in the downtown area and call attention to individual businesses." Projecting blade signage, or signage perpendicular to a business's storefront, "allows pedestrians and vehicles alike to see where stores are located, while also providing a look and feel that is unique to each business," the plan suggests.

City Manager Keri Navratil said that the city has already put aside funding for downtown signage. Around \$40,000 per year has been allocated for business signage.

Dutfield said he will soon advertise the signage committee on social media and plans to travel to businesses downtown to inquire about participation. Dutfield and Navratil said applications for the committee will be simple and they do not foresee rejecting any applicants.

"We really want this to be for the whole community," said Mayor Mike Porsch.

## BIRD FLU: Infecting cows and people

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Plymouth counties also have infected herds.

The virus is believed to have infected cows in Texas as early as December and spread to other states via the transportation of sick cows. It is likely spread locally by people and equipment that move between farms.

The virus has been identified in more than 100 herds in 12 states since late March, according to USDA data.

The avian flu variant that has been infecting cows was first discovered in Iowa in late May in a flock of 4.2 million egg-laying chickens in Sioux County. About a week later on June 5, testing confirmed the virus had infected an O'Brien County dairy herd.

Agriculture officials have implored dairies to increase their biosecurity measures and to limit visitors. The virus

has been shown to transfer from dairy herds to poultry flocks and, in a few cases, it has infected people who work closely with sick animals.

**Here is a timeline of highly pathogenic avian influenza infection reports in Iowa herds and flocks this year:**

- May 28: A commercial egg-laying chicken flock in Sioux County with about 4.2 million birds.
- June 2: A commercial turkey flock in Cherokee County with about 103,000 birds.
- June 5: A dairy herd in O'Brien County with about 4,500 cattle.
- June 7: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 250 cattle.
- June 12: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 1,700 cattle.
- June 14: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 1,000 cattle.
- June 14: A dairy herd in Plymouth County with about 3,000 cattle.
- June 15: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 520 cattle.
- June 17: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 10,000 cattle.



At work Wednesday on the new roof for the stage are, up front, Mike Christen, and above, Dylan Reimers and J.J. Phillips. Also helping on the project are Dean Phillips and Justin Hocking. The 32' x 50' stage was in place last year, but it had no covering. TIMES PILOT photo by DOLORES CULLEN

## BV CO. FAIR: No carnival this year

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Buena Vista County Fair Board member Jen Launderville.

According to Launderville, the board reached out to several other carnival companies to replace the one that had backed out, but none were available for this year's fair dates.

"We hope to have a carnival back next year, depending on availability and schedules," Launderville says.

Despite the absence of a carnival, the Buena Vista County Fair Board assures fair attendees that there will still be plenty of excitement on the fairway during fair week. The board has arranged for several inflatables provided by Stars & Bars Entertainment from Harlan to be set up in place of the carnival.

This year's BV County Fair will also feature a stock car

race on the opening night, presented by Trent Chinn Promotions, and the rodeo will be held on Sunday afternoon instead of the usual Friday slot.

Other new attractions to look forward to during the 2024 BV County Fair include the Meyer Petting Zoo, daily face painting by Kelsie and a bag tournament on Sunday.

The entertainment lineup at the fair is nothing short of impressive. Attendees can expect a variety of shows, including Critter Close Ups, Rondini's magic and hypnosis shows, and the addition of his "Bombastic Bubble Show" on Saturday and Sunday. Furthermore, Bob Bohm's Family Entertainment will present various shows throughout the weekend, featuring a Comedy Magic Show, FARMily Feud Family Game Show, and Survivor Family Game Shows.

Many of these events will

be on the BV County Fairgrounds stage, which boasts a new roof completed just in time for the fair.

The fair board is actively seeking volunteers to work at the gates during the fair. With two-hour shifts available for students, retirees and anyone else able to spare some time for community service, volunteering presents an excellent opportunity to contribute to the fair's success while engaging with the local community. Those interested in volunteering can sign up online using the provided link.

The fair board, volunteers, and performers are all working diligently to make this year's Buena Vista County Fair a resounding success. Whether you're a car race enthusiast, animal lover, or simply looking for a fun-filled weekend, the fair has something for everyone.

## Movie themed Muni Band concert Sunday

This week's Storm Lake Municipal Band concert will feature a few movie themes, including music from "West Side Story," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "and Despicable Me 2;" "March of the Belgian Parachutists;" Manuel Ponce's Estrellita; and several others. A few pieces of music are brand

new to the band's library, while one was originally part of the Hayes School music library.

Bring your lawn chair and refreshments, and enjoy the free performance. The band performs at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoons at the Sunset Park Bandshell, each weekend of June and the first Sunday of July. The band will also perform at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, as part of the Star Spangled Spectacular, after participating in the Patriotic Ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

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# Times Pilot web update coming this weekend

The Storm Lake Times Pilot and Cherokee Chronicle Times will be making significant website changes in the next few days. The new design aims to offer a more user-friendly experience with improved navigation and a fresh, modern look.

The update process will begin on Saturday, June 22. While we expect the transition to be smooth, we understand there may be some unexpected issues and occasional bugs or glitches as the new site goes live.

Please be assured that the Storm Lake Times Pilot and Cherokee Chronicle staff are working hard to ensure the

smoothest transition possible.

Our goal is to provide you with a better, more intuitive online experience. The new website will feature improved navigation, faster loading times, and an updated look. These enhancements will make it easier for you to access information.

We appreciate your continued support and are confident that the updated website will enhance your experience with us. If you encounter any issues or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [megan@stormlake.com](mailto:megan@stormlake.com). We are prepared to assist you to ensure the transition runs smoothly and quickly.



## Near miss

A storm Tuesday evening brought wind and over an inch of rain to Storm Lake. A branch from a large maple tree brushed the home of Joan Kurtz on Geneseo Street. TIMES PILOT photo by DOLORES CULLEN

## POLICE & COURTS

### Drugs, illegal weapon seized in traffic stop

A Storm Lake man faces six charges related to a drug and illegal weapon bust.

On Monday, Storm Lake police stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation. Police allege the officer detected the odor of narcotics from the vehicle, driven by Jermaine Whiteside, 44. The officer searched the vehicle and reportedly uncovered 80 grams of marijuana, numerous marijuana wax cartridges, 17 grams of ecstasy pills and a loaded Taurus X2 9mm handgun, according to a criminal complaint filed June 18. The SLPD posted a picture of the items allegedly obtained from the vehicle on Facebook.

Police arrested Whiteside, who has been charged with two counts of failure to affix drug tax stamp; possession of marijuana with intent to deliver; possession of a schedule I controlled substance, a serious misdemeanor; possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor; and person ineligible to carry a dangerous weapon, a serious misdemeanor.

Police transported Whiteside to Buena Vista County Jail where he is held on a \$17,300 bond.

### Alleged shoplifting

Storm Lake police arrested two Sac City residents on Tuesday for allegedly shoplifting from Walmart.

Salene Escobedo, 42, and Darlene Luna, 33, allegedly failed to pay for \$1,680 worth of merchandise. They have both been charged with second degree theft.

According to the SLPD, Luna is wanted in California on an active probation violation warrant. Police brought Escobedo and Luna to Buena Vista County Jail where Escobedo is held on a \$5,000 bond. Luna reportedly awaits extradition to California.

### Probation for meth possession

A Storm Lake man was sentenced to three years probation for possessing methamphetamine during an encounter with police in February.

Buena Vista County District Court Judge Carl Petersen sentenced Kaw Thaw, 26, to the probation term in an order May 15. Thaw agreed to serve the sentence, according to

court records. In March, he pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, third or subsequent offense, a felony. In exchange, the Buena Vista County Attorney's Office agreed to dismiss all remaining misdemeanor counts against Thaw. The county attorney's office also agreed to recommend probation in lieu of five years in prison.

In February, Storm Lake officers went to Thaw's home for a warrant service and placed him under arrest. According to a criminal complaint filed by the Storm Lake Police Department, officers located a glass pipe and methamphetamine on Thaw's person.

Throughout 2023, the court dismissed eight charges relating to the possession of drug paraphernalia filed against Thaw. In July and August, Thaw was found guilty on two counts of possession of methamphetamine, both misdemeanors. In November, Thaw was charged with second-degree theft, a felony, after he allegedly operated a vehicle without the owner's consent, an aggravated misdemeanor, and violated his probation. Thaw was placed in Buena Vista County Jail on a \$5,000 bond for the theft.

### Alta man summoned to court

An Alta man was summoned to court to address alleged probation violations.

Associate Buena Vista County District Court Judge Andy Smith summoned Francisco Maldonado, 31, to the courthouse June 24 for a probation revocation proceeding requested by the Buena Vista County Attorney's Office.

According to a report of violation submitted by Cameron Scott, a parole and probation officer, Maldonado breached his probation this year. Maldonado was serving a two-year probation sentence in lieu of two years in prison. Judge Smith sentenced Maldonado for aggravated misdemeanor domestic assault.

This February, Maldonado was terminated from his job at QSI. Also according to the file, Maldonado reported that he was terminated because he was a no-call no-show from work and his doctor's note only permitted three days off. Since February, Maldonado has not found other employment and stopped attending mandated classes at the Iowa Domestic Abuse Program, as ordered in his probationary sentence. Family Access Center reported that from December 2022 to September 2023, Maldonado completed 15 out of 24 required classes.

French was observed exiting the vehicle with a handgun, according to the statement.

The state patrol aircraft and Buena Vista County Sheriff drones were then deployed to monitor French's movements. Crisis negotiators and tactical teams from the City of Storm Lake and Buena Vista County were dispatched to the scene. A gunshot was heard nearly two hours thereafter. Drone footage confirmed French was no longer moving. He was found deceased.

"Sac County Sheriff's Office is greatly appreciative of mutual response by other agencies," including the state patrol, DNR, Lake View police and Ida County Sheriff, among others, per the statement.

## INFRASTRUCTURE: City lacks funding to keep up with road maintenance

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First Street to Seventh Street. The city doesn't have the funding resources to spend \$3.7 million a year on road maintenance.

It collected \$1.55 million in road use tax money in 2023. That money gets spread around to street lighting, signs, snow removal and the street repairs the public has been clamoring for. Derragon estimated the city is at least \$1.6 million short in keeping up with its street infrastructure.

Derragon told the council there are other pots of money that the city can pursue. State governments and regional planning authorities received a one-time injection of money through President Biden's infrastructure package. But that hasn't changed the competitive nature of how cities and counties receive money from

those entities for infrastructure improvements. Derragon noted the city was rebuffed by the Northwest Iowa Planning & Development Commission twice on its application to improve Oneida Street from Lakeshore Drive to the railroad tracks.

The city is one of a host of entities that compete for funding in the commission's nine-county region.

"It took several attempts to get this money. We presented our application three times and on some of the times, we didn't even get a vote on it," Derragon said. "They just kind of laughed me out of the room."

Derragon said the city was eventually awarded \$3.3 million for the project, but the money won't arrive until 2027. By that time, road reconstruction costs will only increase, meaning the city will be exposed to a greater share of the project cost.

**THERE ARE CHEAPER** ways to improve the city's streets.

This year, the city signed a pair of contracts to resurface West Tenth Street and the 100 block of Irving Street for a

combined \$240,000.

Josh Pope, an engineer with Bolton & Menk, noted those projects are asphalt resurfacing. The infrastructure underneath those roads were either recently replaced or in good shape, Pope told the council. Under much of the city's crumbling streets there's a mixed bag. Some of the infrastructure is good. Some isn't.

For the infrastructure that isn't good, Pope said the city needs to consider replacement of the infrastructure in addition to the road surface. That drives costs higher.

"If we've got great utilities, newer water main, televising in the sewer looks good, and we've got a bad road, it makes sense to replace the road," Pope said. "But if we've got other stuff underneath, whether it be utilities or poor roadway base, whatever, there are times where from financial or other reasons it might make sense to rebuild the road. But you're putting frosting on a bad cake."

For the areas in town where residents are clamoring for road improvements, the city officials noted that special assessments are an option.

Derragon said an assessment process for a road replacement in Storm Lake could cost property owners \$29,000 each, not including interest. The city, Derragon added, could pitch in a higher percentage to defray the costs property owners would shoulder.

"But our resources are also limited," Derragon said. "People want their streets fixed. That is an option that's out there and there are other cities that use that method."

Mayor Mike Porsch stressed that the city hasn't considered special assessments.

"It isn't something that we've talked about at this point in time," Porsch said after Derragon mentioned special assessments as a possible resource.

For now, Porsch said, the city will be improving its roads like Oneida Street to the tune of over \$5 million for three blocks.

"We've worked on it for how many years, and it has cost us this much money," Porsch said. "You're talking millions for just a few blocks."

## TRUCKER: Family maintains foul play

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"Normally, if it was a homicide, we would release that kind of stuff. That's not the case. It's not a homicide," Simmons told the Sioux City Journal. "There's really no threat or concern to the community."

Schultz, 53, went missing in November of last year when he was hauling hogs from

Eagle Grove to Sac City. He was rushing home to see his family — a wife, Sarah, and 10-year-old twin boys. Sarah said that day it was like he had vanished.

On April 24, his body was found in a rural Sac County farm field, just 1.5 miles from where he disappeared five months prior. Preliminary autopsy results the next day revealed "no signs of trauma or serious injury" and authorities said they did not expect foul play.

Schultz's family maintains that at least some foul play was involved in his death and disappearance.

"He's not on drugs. He doesn't have any enemies. He doesn't owe anybody money except the bank," Schultz's wife said last November. "He would never wake up and leave his family."

Jake Rowley, a leader in the volunteer search for Schultz and spokesperson for the Schultz family, told the Sioux City Journal last month that

the family would seek a second opinion autopsy because they were uncomfortable with the initial results. The family contacted a private forensic pathology firm for a second autopsy on the Wall Lake trucker's body. On Tuesday, Rowley said he has yet to see the state medical examiner's final report.

Sac County Attorney Ben Smith said his office will issue a press release in the next few days.

## Lake aquatic vegetation management treatment planned

Storm Lake vegetation management treatment is scheduled for the week of June 24, conditions permitting. The contractor, Aquatic Ecosystems Consultants, will conduct the treatment during the calmest period forecast for the week. A June application allows the summer sea-

son to be covered with a single application.

This will be the third consecutive year for treatment, in response to a considerable algae bloom that occurred in the summer of 2021. The preventative application focuses on a small area of the lake — 37 acres of the overall lake area of approximately 3,100 acres. Treatment covers shallow areas that are susceptible for rapid vegetation growth, and particularly those that are highly used for recreation. The treatment areas includes:

- Awaysis Beach
- King's Pointe docks area
- Casino Beach marina area
- Kiwanis (Frank Starr Park) Beach
- University (Scout Park) Beach

Treatment is designed to control submerged vegetation, emergent aquatic

weeds, floating plants and filamentous/planktonic algae, and has been considered effective in recent years in reducing problem growth. The treatment program is a cooperative program between the City of Storm Lake, the Lake Improvement Commission and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The city pays for the labor costs of the application, and the DNR purchases the product utilizing state marine fuel tax revenue.

The process protects dissolved oxygen levels while helping to maintain a healthy aquatic ecosystem, according to applicator AEC. Products used in treatment are fully approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for aquatic use. The chemical is not harmful either to humans or aquatic life.

## STANDOFF: Suspect threatened officers

*Continued from page one*

out of Woodbury County that morning. He was also wanted on an outstanding felony out of South Dakota. The sheriff's statement said that French had a handgun and made threats to harm officers.

Crawford County terminated the pursuit. An Ida County deputy then found the suspect in southeastern Ida County and pursued the vehicle into southwestern Sac County. Sac County deputies and the Iowa State Patrol maintained the pursuit to the intersection of 290th Street and Jackson Avenue, where it continued into a field and came to a rest in a ditch.

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# FAMILY & FRIENDS

## Bridal showers

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-zachminnihan-sep-2024/registry](http://www.theknot.com/us/beckyseivert-and-zachminnihan-sep-2024/registry)

All are welcome to a bridal shower for **Sally Peterson**, bride-elect of **Jacob Meyers**, on Saturday, June 29, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Riverside Church, Linn Grove.

The couple is registered through The Knot website, at Maxwell's Food Equipment in Spencer and Target.

## Happy anniversary

Brent and Carol Ehlers of rural Storm Lake will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2024.

Their family will host a come-and-go celebration on Saturday, June 29th from 5 to 8 pm. RSVP to 712-299-3454.



Clockwise from above: The group shows off the finished products. **Cian Kelly** made a shark puppet. It's a puppy! All the ingredients to make fun puppets. TIMES PILOT photos by DOLORES CULLEN



## Puppet Camp

Witter Gallery hosted Puppet Camp last week. Not only did the kids create animal puppets, they made "robo puppets" and sock puppets. Anywhere from 3-11 participants attended each day.



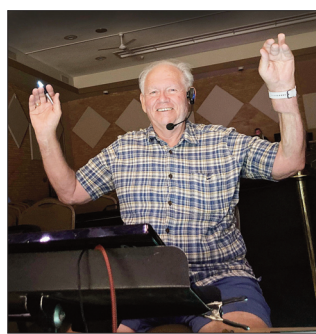
## World class cyclist is well dressed

A professional bicycle racer from San Luis Potosi Mexico is wearing a Lakeshore Cyclery jersey, and bringing a bit of publicity to the Storm Lake business. **Ramses Mendoza**, 46, went to high school with Storm Laker **Maggie Reyes**. Before her recent trip to Mexico, she wanted to give him a gift. She stopped at Lakeshore Cyclery, and when manager **Riley Godfredson** learned of Mendoza's high profile in the cycling world, he sent him one of the store's black and red jerseys, plus a water bottle and a t-shirt. Mendoza was a national champion in Mexico in 1998. He has placed well in Slovenia, Canada, Uruguay and elsewhere.



## First cutting

The rain subsided long enough for **Rollin Joens** to get his first cutting at the hayfield along Episcopal Creek. Not one for fancy equipment, he is using a **Farmall M** to pull the sickle mower. This tractor was manufactured by International Harvester in Rock Island, Ill., from 1939 to 1954 at an original cost of \$1,440. Photo by **Hugh Perry**



**Lee Thorson** directs at dress rehearsal Tuesday evening.

## He's back! Thorson to direct 'Sound of Music'

BY DOLORES CULLEN  
Former Storm Laker **Lee Thorson** has returned to the director's chair to serve as music director for Cherokee Community Theater's production of "The Sound of Music," which hits the stage this weekend. "Libby asked me," said Thorson, 77, who lives in Iowa City. Director **Libby Timmerman** hoped the former director of the Cherokee Symphony and musical director in previous theater shows would say yes. And he did, but he knew he would have to make some modifications. Many readers know Thorson and his wife **Roxy** were in a tragic accident in March 2022 when the tandem bicycle they were riding was struck by a truck. **Roxy** passed away, but **Lee** survived, with many serious injuries. His left hand was crushed and his left forearm



His musical score is read from a computer monitor and he turns the pages with pedals on the floor.

was stripped of muscle tissue. Multiple surgeries later and with a steel plate in his left hand, Thorson can direct, but he can't turn the pages of his musical score, which he does with his left hand. To compensate, he reads the score from a large computer monitor placed on two music stands. He is able to turn the page with a foot switch. With a 26-piece pit orchestra, everyone's favorites, like "Climb Every Mountain," and "My Favorite Things" will come alive. Among the Storm Lake musicians you'll hear are **Cindy Mickens** on bassoon, **Brian Chea** on tuba. This is the ninth CCT production Thorson has directed. "CCT has always been fun

and due to the symphony, it feels like home," he says. And Cherokee is literally his home away from home during the week. **Timmerman** found Thorson a desirable place to park his camper. "Lee does an awesome job and it's a pleasure to play for him," says flute player **Lavila Nelson**. "He knows voices as well," said **Becky Lickiss** of Cherokee, who plays **Mother Abbess**. "He'll sit with us six weeks before the orchestra comes so we get used to his cues. He's a master musician." The Sound of Music runs June 21-22 and June 28-29 at 7:30 p.m. and June 23 and 30 at 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Community Center.

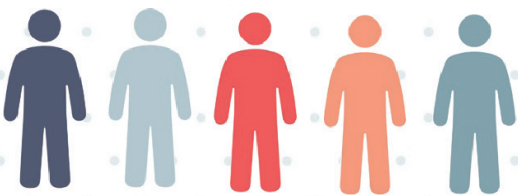


## Brightening up Lake Avenue

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Ali Boger, mission chairman of Silver Creek Methodist Church and I.O.O.F. Lodge noble grand Shirley Natress.

## Silver Creek receives donation for 'Back Pack for the Schools'

Silver Creek United Methodist Church was the recipient of a donation for their Mission Project, "Back Pack for the Schools" from the Storm Lake I.O.O.F. Lodge #221.

Silver Creek is a country church which serves five schools in the community: Odebolt Elementary, Ida

Grove Elementary, Schaller Elementary, Galva Elementary and Holstein Elementary. All children in need received backpacks and school supplies from the church. Donations from church members and this generous donation from the I.O.O.F. will be a blessing for many of the children in our communities.

## AREA STUDENTS ON DEAN'S LIST

### IOWA UNIVERSITY

Tyler Dvergsten, John Heitman, Gabriel Lesemann, Christina Mai, Guadalupe Morales Aguilar, Samuel Peters, Arely Ramirez, Alondra Rangel, Christian Roque, Sofia Santos and Kaying Vang of Storm Lake.

Eh Hsee Blu Hsel of Lakeside.

Angela Lopez and Adrian Placido of Alta.

Alexis Pingel and Alaina Westphal of Aurelia.

Anna Makarenko of Sioux Rapids.

Morganne Molseed of Fonda.

### IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Tristan Joe Loving of Albert City.

Toby Jones and Luis Ubaldo Mendoza of Alta.

Alexis Lynnae Wood of Linn Grove.

Michelle Renae Anderson of Marathon.

Gabriel Joseph Sievers and Izabella Eve Sievers of Newell.

Abril Morales of Rembrandt.

Emma Sue Ahrendsen of Sioux Rapids.

Amyah Mae Boyd. Jairo Geovani Figueroa, Santiago Figueroa, Ethan Andrew Gasner, Matthew C. Kelly, Trinity Michelle Khalek, Ellie Grace Lago, Madeline Grace Nera and Halle Grace Patten of Storm Lake.

Mia Chatwell, Sierra Hill, Mallorie Jacobson, Jessica Larson, Erin Radke, Peyton Robbins, Diogo Sliefert and Rachel Wienhold of Alta.

Kaitlyn Currie of Early.

Mia Kleespies and Sophie Stewart of Newell.

Abby Rentsch of Rembrandt.

Sara Cargin and Abigail Wandrey of Schaller.

Lauren Steelman of Sioux Rapids.

Austin Gaffney, Austin Knapp, Abigail Lesemann, Maria Saldana, Evelyn Torre and Vanessa Ventura-Morales of Storm Lake.

teaching, of Alta.

Kaitlyn Currie, bachelor of arts, elementary education, of Early.

Annette Benedict, specialist in education, educational psychology; school psychology; Nahom Hirigo, bachelor of arts, accounting; Austin Knapp, bachelor of arts, elementary education; Sandra Ramos, bachelor of arts, Spanish; Vanessa Ventura-Morales, bachelor of arts, elementary education; Luis Villegas, bachelor of arts, marketing; advertising and digital media, of Storm Lake.

## AREA STUDENTS GRADUATE

### UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

Mia Chatwell, bachelor of arts, history; Mallorie Jacobson, bachelor of arts, communication disorders; Erin Radke, bachelor of arts, elementary education; Peyton Robbins, bachelor of arts, theatre; performance, theatre; theatre for youth and communities; Diogo Sliefert, bachelor of arts, mathematics

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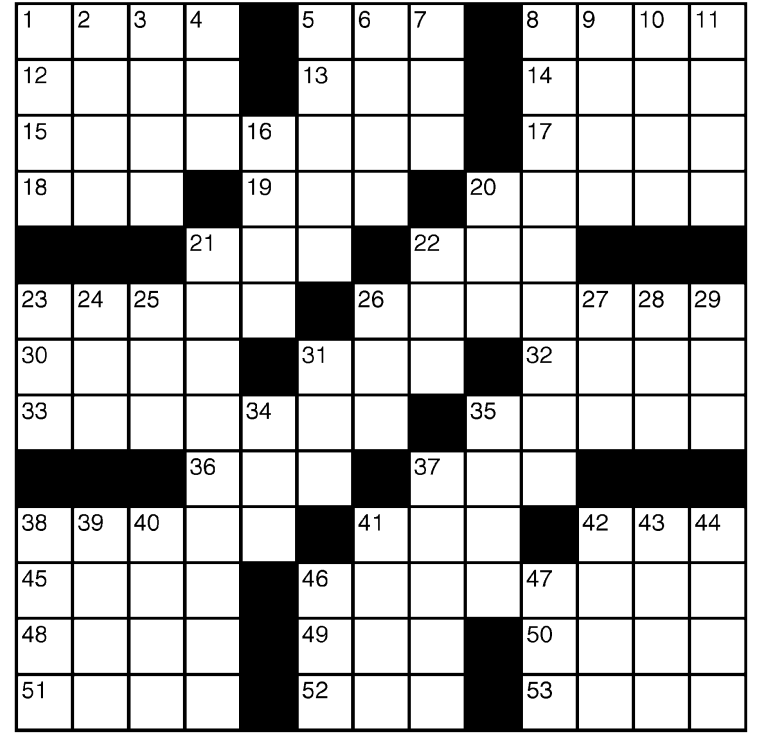
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## THE STORM LAKE TIMES KING CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 — of Sandwich
- 5 Saigon soup
- 8 URL opener
- 12 Coagulate
- 13 Charged bit
- 14 Pitcher Hersher
- 15 Romantic appointments
- 17 Skater Lipinski
- 18 Like aspirin, briefly
- 19 Ozone, for one
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- 21 That chap's
- 22 — -Magnon
- 23 "Evita" surname
- 26 Gym gear
- 30 "— Rhythm"
- 31 Chum
- 32 Cowgirl's footwear
- 33 Spider's traps
- 35 Baby collie
- 36 Owns
- 37 Prohibit
- 38 Sound of Washington
- 41 Flushed
- 42 Aunt, in Acapulco
- 45 Skin soother
- 46 Donna Summer hit song
- 48 Sagan or Sandburg



- 49 Ambulance VIP
- 50 Luminary
- 51 Singles
- 52 Horse chow
- 53 Prefix with pilot

- 8 Frank holder
- 9 Streetcar
- 10 Actress Hatcher
- 11 Scheme
- 16 Opposite of "fer"
- 20 Onassis nickname
- 21 Toy car brand
- 22 Cartoon frame
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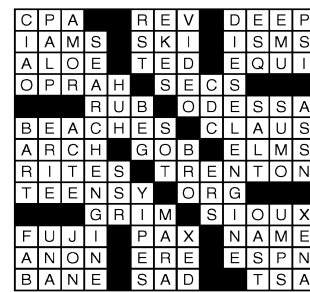
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- 1 Canyon sound
- 2 Oodles
- 3 Campus mil. group
- 4 Old Ford model
- 5 Pocket breads
- 6 Works the soil
- 7 Carry- (travel bags)

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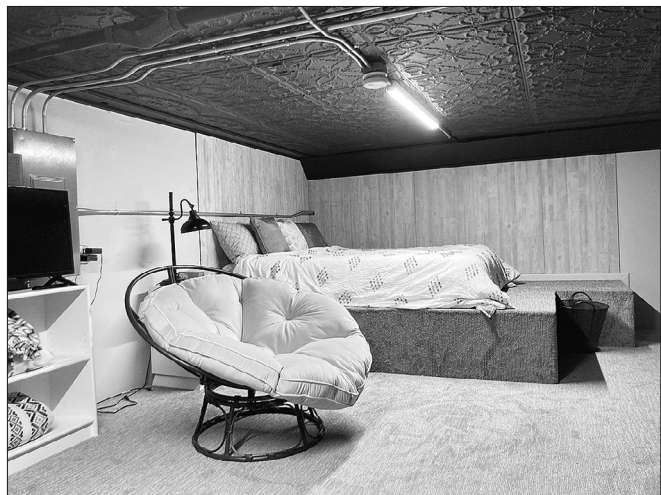
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# AURELIA OUR OWN



A corner of the loft.



Matriarchs set up for an event. TIMES PILOT photos by DOLORES CULLEN



An old piano is the coffee bar. In the photo above is Mary's dad in his rodeo days.



A view of a kitchen in one of the upstairs apartments.

## Matriarchs enlivens Main Street

**BY DOLORES CULLEN**  
Perfect for anniversaries, birthdays, showers, graduations and family get-togethers is Matriarchs at 120 Main Street in Aurelia.

Many remember this building as the old Maple Valley Hardware Store. Mary Schulenberg of Aurelia, who owns New Reflections salon next door, bought the giant antique in 2022.

By March 2023 it was renovated, inside and out. Mary and her husband Justin left the wood floors natural and had the metal decorative ceiling painted black. Accent pieces are unique, like the piano that once belonged to Mary's grandmother and is now a serving space.

The first floor can be rented as an event space, but it can also be used as a living space, with dining, kitchen, bathroom/shower and bed space, plus a large screen TV. An upstairs bedroom, with a low ceiling is perfect for kids and a Murphy bed on the main floor looks like a cabinet by day. If more guests need sleeping space, Mary can accommodate with air mattresses.

Upstairs are two apartments, also renovated, and currently occupied.

Mary credits carpenter Ted Galvin of Aurelia for making her ideas come to life. Corrugated metal, old doors and chunky tables on wheels meld old and new with a contemporary industrial flare.

The name Matriarchs reflects Mary's



Mary Schulenberg in Matriarchs' foyer.

respect for women who have come before us, the women who planned gatherings and brought families together. Portraits of women from the past, including her grandmother, greet visitors in the building's foyer.

Part of Mary's inspiration to refurbish

the old hardware store was her desire to take an abandoned Main Street building and transform it into something vibrant.

"I didn't want to see boxes in the windows anymore," she said.

Would you like to rent Matriarchs? Please call Mary at 712-261-6644.

### 2024 Tourney / Brunch Schedule

- June 22 - Friends of Aurelia  
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  - July 6 - Red, White, and Blue  
4 Person Best Shot
  - July 20 - 2 Person Best Shot/Bags  
2 Person Best Shot
  - Aug 24 - Equip Fundraiser  
2 Person Best Shot
  - Sept 1 - Labor Day Tourney  
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The porch of the Pearl house is cozy and comfortable.



# Pearl House offers unique stay in Aurelia

**BY ERIN RYDGREN**  
If you or someone you know is looking for a unique place to stay in Cherokee County, consider Aurelia's Pearl House.

Pearl House is owned and operated by Pamela Allen and blends the past with the present. Built in 1910, the two-story house on 205 Pearl Street boasts a living room, formal dining room, kitchen, 1.5 bathrooms, and an enclosed porch. History and decor buffs will appreciate the claw foot tub in the full bathroom.

Allen acquired the house in 2019 and worked hard to restore and remodel it. She combined modern furniture with antique pieces, creating a comfortable and stylish atmosphere. The loft space at the top of the stairs is a particular highlight, with its walls adorned with wallpaper made from old Aurelia Sentinel newspapers.

At \$130 per night, Pearl

House can accommodate up to six guests and offers modern amenities like high-speed internet, televisions, laundry machines, streaming services, and central air conditioning.

"We were booked pretty steadily last year," Allen says. "We've had people coming for funerals, holidays, and reunions, as well as people exploring the area."

Allen adds a personal touch by showcasing artwork from local Aurelia artists and displaying Aurelia memorabilia. She even stocks the pantry with a few essentials and provides toiletries for guests. There are board games and cards on hand, as well as information about Aurelia and what can be found within walking and driving distance.

Allen also established a shelf full of various "bits and bobs" that a guest may need, only asking for a donation to the Aurelia Heritage Society if they take something.



Make yourself at home in the kitchen.

## Aurelia Heritage Society receives grant for air conditioning, pursues 'guy-friendly' garage donations

**BY ERIN RYDGREN**  
A recent legacy grant allowed the Aurelia Heritage Society to install an air conditioning unit that maintains the temperature upstairs at the Heritage House. This not only keeps the museum more comfortable but also helps regulate the atmosphere and protect the artifacts. Additionally, they were able to install a new electrical outlet upstairs.

The Heritage Society is pursuing plans to restore the garage located on the grounds of the Heritage House. The garage was the recipient of one Legacy Grant that allowed for the installation of new doors, but the group would like to see the space develop into a more "guy-friendly" museum space. They are seeking donations of old tools as well as financial contributions to renovate the building.



An old telephone booth was restored by Brandon Meier.

Currently, there is an old telephone booth restored by Brandon Meier. It belonged to his grandmother, and he completely stripped and refinished the unit, donating it to the museum. Other older

phone models, along with machinery and signage from 1st Trust and Savings Bank, can also be found in the garage.

Each piece in the home has connections to Aurelia's past residents. There are fancywork, knitted, and embroidered pieces by Blanche Daniels. Toys belonging to Art Daniels and Pam Allen are on display, including Shirley Temple memorabilia upstairs. Clothing, including some belonging to Betty Jean Daniels, and wedding dresses are on display. There is Haviland china, and handmade quilts cover each bed.

The Heritage House is always open by appointment by contacting a member of the Heritage Society. It operates in conjunction with the museum located downtown.

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# MAKING A CASE FOR TNR

Public forum  
Wednesday

BY DOLORES CULLEN

Hannah Neumann, stray director at Lake Animal Hospital, urges citizens to attend the public forum next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at city hall council chambers to support TNR, or trap/neuter/release, in Storm Lake.

The program targets feral cats by trapping them, neutering or spaying them, then releasing the cats back where they came from.

The cats do not reproduce, but they inhabit space that would otherwise be occupied by new cats coming in.

In our area, TNR in Spencer, Sioux Rapids, Humboldt, Fonda, Albert City and elsewhere helps limit the cat population.

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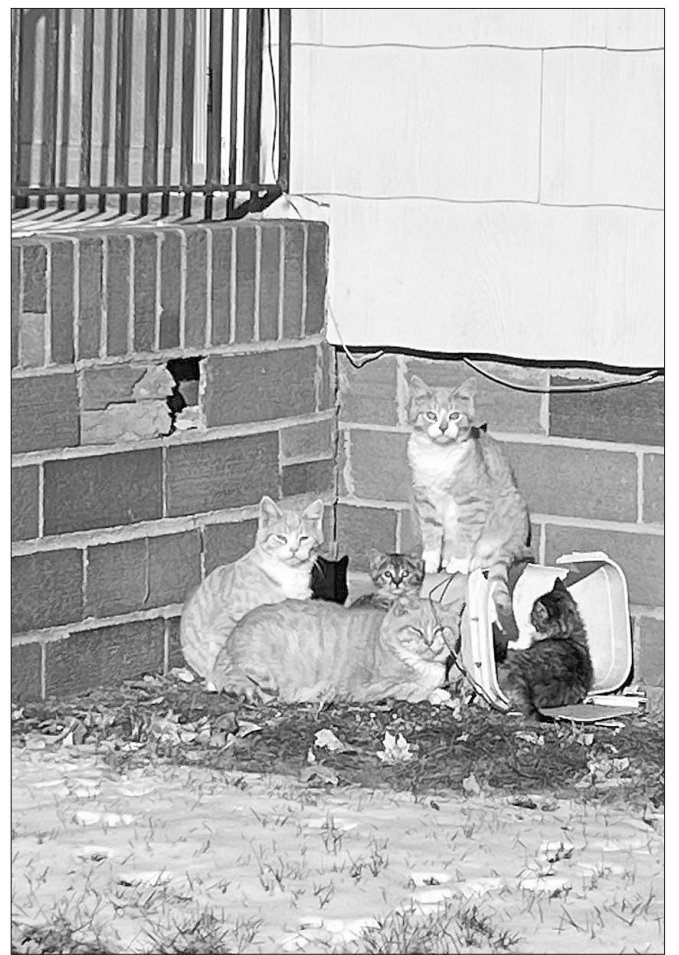
Hannah Neumann checks on kittens which have been moved into an exam room at Lake Animal Hospital because there is no room in the space designated for cats. TIMES PILOT photo by DOLORES CULLEN

Rescue, a local nonprofit formed with the intention to establish a shelter in Storm Lake, have agreed to run a TNR program, but certain codes need to be modified to make it legal.

LAH currently has too many cats, says Hannah, with 14 waiting to be adopted.

A colony of cats near her parents home on Otsego Street would be a good place to start TNR, she adds, be-

cause new kittens are born every year. "It's especially hard to see feral kittens, she says, "because they are more vulnerable to disease."



Feral cats outside a home on Otsego Street. Photo by HANNAH NEUMANN

## DAYS OF YORE

### Parking meters ordered

25 YEARS AGO

The Storm Lake Fire Department was called to two basement fires last weekend — one in a BVU dorm and one in the basement of the Eugene Wunschel home on Spooner Street.

John Nelson, 47, of Newell, died Sunday morning following an accident at his parents' farm on old Route 71 north of Storm Lake. The farm accident occurred when a problem developed with a planter and Nelson climbed underneath to investigate. Four of the bolts that fastened the tongue of the planter to the main frame broke off, pinning him to the ground.

50 YEARS AGO

Diane Adams was crowned Schaller Popcorn Days Queen this week to reign over activities that include tonight. Shari Willer, 1973 queen, crowned Diane.

Fire burned a door and caused smoke damage at Storm Lake Junior High School last Friday morning. Paul Vaughn, a fireman and cus-

todian at the school, discovered the fire.

Nearly 300 friends, relatives and colleagues in conservation attended the Wednesday evening dedication of the memorial plaque to Frank Starr, 33 year conservation officer, who passed away in 1970.

75 YEARS AGO

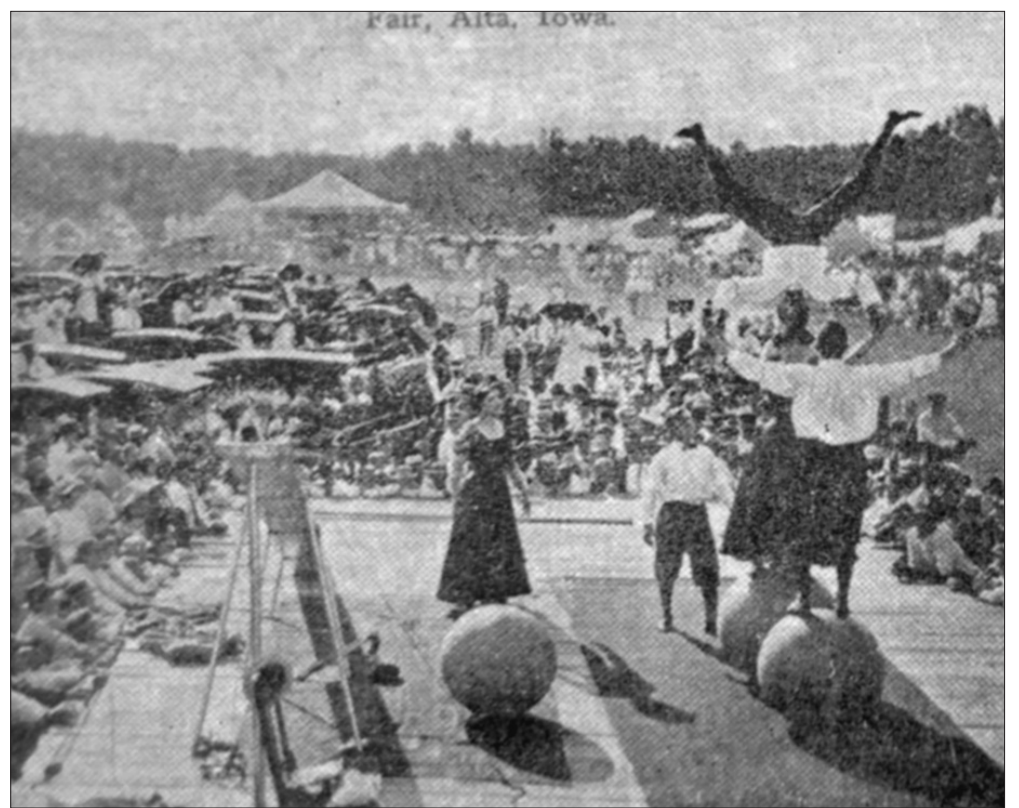
At a special session in city hall Tuesday night, Mayor Oscar Grau and the city council ordered 275 parking meters for installation in the Storm Lake loop within 30 days.

Miss Lillian Carlson, charming office assistant to Dr. J.W. Morrison, will reign as hospital queen Monday, May 30, when the beautiful new Alta Memorial Hospital will be dedicated.

Schaller will be the guest team at the opening of the White Caps baseball season here Thursday, June 9, according to Ted McDiarmid, booking chairman.

### Balancing act

The photo quality isn't great, but here's a very old picture of live entertainment at the Buena Vista County Fair. The photo was found in an issue of Buena Vista magazine.



### OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Albert City-Truesdale CSD Board of Directors Meeting School Library June 17, 2024, 11:45 a.m.

Board members present: Kayla McCarthy, Jake Heuton (11:50 a.m.), Luke Peterson and Kyle Swenson. Also present Superintendent Dicks, Principal Dirks and Board Secretary Ellrich.

Visitor: Dick Jungers

Regular board meeting called to order by President McCarthy at 11:45 a.m.

Motion by Swenson; seconded by Peterson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Peterson; seconded by Swenson to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of past board meetings, financial reports, summary list of bills, GASB 75 Valuation Agreement, RSAI renewal, School Safety Plan, Board Policies-405.2, 411.2, 507.8R1, 704.1, 704.6R1, 70F1.1, 706.2, 706.3R1, 707.1, 707.4, Rescinded 504.5, 504.5R1, 707.2, 707.3, open enrollments. Motion 3-0.

Communications/Celebrations-none

Delegations-none

Discussion items-none

Motion by Peterson; seconded by Swenson to approve payment of June invoices with the superintendent's approval. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Swenson; seconded by Peterson to approve the board secretary pay package as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Peterson; seconded by Swenson be it resolved that it be the in-

tent of the Board of Directors of the Albert City-Truesdale CSD to extend and renew a One Way Whole Grade Sharing Agreement with Sioux Central CSD. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Heuton; seconded by Peterson to approve TLC positions as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Heuton; seconded by Peterson to approve agent of record as Stille, Pierce and Pertzborn. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Swenson; seconded by Peterson to approve CDW-G for the purchase of 40 chromebooks at a cost of \$12,400. Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel items-none

Principal Report: Ms. Dirks discussed Compliance training that she attended and the all school reunion.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Dicks discussed that he and Mr. Jungers met with the construction manager for the possible new bus barn, rental tractor was returned, update on summer cleaning. Mr. Dicks thanked everyone who helped with tours at the school for the 125th town celebration, also the superintendent transition continues to go very well.

Board Sharing - air conditioning in the big gym and landscaping around the building.

Motion by Peterson; seconded by Heuton to adjourn at 12:19 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Next regular board meeting is July 15, 2024.

Kim Ellrich Board Secretary

Kayla McCarthy President

### INVOICES LISTED FOR APPROVAL 5/25/24 THROUGH 6/14/24

General Fund	
AGState.....fuel.....	1368.76
Alta-Aurelia CSD.....open enrollment.....	31083.2
Carroll Refuse Service.....garbage/disposal.....	371.7
Central Iowa Distributing.....supplies.....	5559
City of Albert City.....utilities.....	425.5
Ashley M Dirks.....mileage.....	131.53
Elan Financial Services.....supplies - spring order.....	8513.89
FrigiTec.....repairs.....	152
Houghton Mifflin.....Reading curriculum.....	34466.53
Lexia Learning.....Early Readers.....	4136
USPS.....Box Rental.....	120
Tim Ried.....mileage.....	475.2
Spencer CSD.....TLC OE.....	178.9
Storm Lake Times Pilot.....ads/publications.....	29.7
Management Levy Fund	
AC-T Employee.....Legal Settlement.....	750
Physical Plant & Equipment Levy	
Ascendians Truck Center.....repairs.....	4949.97
Christians Sheet HVAC.....HVAC work.....	885.05
ICN.....internet service.....	99.92
Prairie Lakes AEA.....web hosting/email service.....	720
School Nutrition Fund	
Anderson Erickson.....groceries.....	459.23
AC-T Parents.....lunch refund.....	243.71
Elan Financial Services.....FSF supplies.....	41.19
Martin Brothers.....groceries.....	263.97
	168

### OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO BIDDERS WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE MITIGATION CITY OF STORM LAKE, IOWA

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Proposals for the work described below will be received online through QuestCDN.com until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read at the office of the City Manager, City of Storm Lake, 620 Erie Street, Storm Lake, IA 50588. The results will be reported to the City of Storm Lake at 5:00 p.m. on August 5, 2024, at which time the City Council may take action on the proposals submitted or at such time as may then be fixed.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately: 1. Construction of a 1,800 gpm submersible triplex lift station at Scout Park. 2. Construction of an electrical and controls building, including an emergency generator located in the building, for Scout Park Lift Station. 3. Demolition of existing Scout Park Lift Station, generator, and generator building. 4. Construction of a 200 gpm submersible duplex lift station at Vista Drive, named Ice House. 5. Installation of an emergency generator and control panel at the Ice House Lift Station. 6. Demolition of existing Ice House Lift Station. 7. Replacement of four (4) air release valves on 18-inch forcemain downstream from Scout Park Lift Station. 8. Installation of manholes, gravity sewer lines, and forcemain to bypass existing lift stations and connect new lift stations to existing downstream forcemains, together with other related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications.

COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF WORK: Work shall commence upon approval of the contract by the City Council and as stated in the Notice to Proceed. All work under the Contract must be completed by 730 days.

PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS, AND BID TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums, and bid tabulations will be available for download online at www.questcdn.com or www.bolton-menk.com.

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PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A mandatory pre-bid conference for the project will be held on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 620 Erie Street, Storm Lake, Iowa 50588.

BID SUBMITTAL: A bid shall be submitted online no later than the date and time prescribed. For this project, the Owner will only be accepting online electronic bids through QuestCDN. To access the electronic bid form, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

BID SECURITY: A bid security as defined by Iowa Code Chapter 26.8 and in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of the City of Storm Lake shall accompany each bid.

PREFERENCE OF PRODUCTS AND LABOR: Preference shall be given to domestic construction materials by the contractor, subcontractors, material, men, and suppliers in performance of the contract and further, by virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes. Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION: The bidder shall not include sales tax in the bid. The City of Storm Lake will distribute tax exemption certificates and authorization letters to the Contractor and all subcontractors who are identified. The Contractor and subcontractor may make copies of the tax exemption certificates and provide a copy to each supplier providing construction materials. These tax exemption certificates and authorization letters are applicable only for this specific project under Contract.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

DATED: 6/17/2024

/s/ Keri Navratil City Manager

Published: Iowa League of Cities: June 18, 2024 QuestCDN: June 18, 2024 Master Builders of Iowa: June 19, 2024 Storm Lake Times Pilot: June 21, 2024

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

DEEDS

Little Red LLC to Leiva Guevara Nohemy 5/24 Storm Lake Storm Lake Original Lot 14 Block 33 (Warranty Deed)

Demetrio Gracia Ortez and Olga Magana Nieto to Demetrio Gracia Ortez and Olga Magana Nieto 5/28 Storm Lake T & B North Add Lot 5 Block 4 (Warranty Deed) Terry Gunnarson and Tracey L. Gunnarson to

Nathan D. Enger 5/28 Marathon Aud S/D NW SE 219335 Lots 12 and 13

Robert Roy Grant and Michelle Grant to Katherine Ann Cota 5/28 Storm Lake Whitneys S/D Lot 2 Early Add Lot B (Warranty Deed)

Jared Michael Henkenius and Kelley Jo Henkenius to Nicole Jensen 5/28 Rural Subdivision Lake Creek Villa Unit 208U (Warranty Deed)

Prachon Ratanarak and Pornthip Ratanarak to Kran Thongprathuang 5/29 Storm Lake MCS Add Lot 11 Block 8 (Warranty Deed)

### OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

ALBERT CITY CITY COUNCIL

The Albert City city council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024. Mayor Skog called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All council members were present. Keith Moe, building clerk was present. Joey Schmidt, via phone, Sharon Huggins, & Al Muesburger were also present.

Motion by Hanson, second by Krohn to approve the agenda with the removal of the pool; all voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

Motion by Ehlers, second by Nagengast to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed; all voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

Motion by Nagengast, second by Forbes to approve the liquor license for the AC Chamber for the 125th Celebration contingent upon proper paperwork being completed; all voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

Motion by Ehlers, second by Krohn to approve the following bills for payment:

NIELSON, ANGIE.....STORM LAKE MILEAGE CLEANING.....	22.05
I & S GROUP.....MARCH & APRIL SERVICES.....	1300.00
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT.....CHEMICALS WATER PLANT.....	1461.44
STORM LAKE TIMES.....PUBLICATIONS.....	177.29
CLAUSEN HARDWARE.....MOTOR WATER PLANT.....	339.86
IPERS.....IPERS.....	2452.36
EFTPS.....FED/FICA TAXES.....	3827.78
BUENA VISTA CO AUDITOR.....MONTHLY CONTRACT.....	2475.75
AC POSTMASTER.....WATER BILLS.....	152.11
FAREWAY.....CONCESSION STAND POOL.....	182.80
AC LIBRARY.....MONTHLY ALLOCATIONS.....	563.75
S & B PAINTING.....PAINT SHELTER HOUSE.....	3616.50
SIoux LUMBER.....POOL REPAIR.....	19.98
RECREATION SUPPLY CO.....POOL TESTING & CLEANING.....	469.20
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL.....WATER SEWER & POOL TESTING.....	2304.25
CRS.....GARBAGE HAULING MAY 2024.....	3875.00
ACCO UNLIMITED CORPORATIN...GASKET, LID, EQ SERIES.....	53.89
AG STATE.....FUEL MAY.....	455.59
BREW OIL.....POOL CONCESSION STAND SUPPLIES.....	287.70
COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER...CASE 1060817.....	375.00
KASPERBAUER CLEANERS INC...RUG RENTAL LIBRARY & C/H.....	130.43
OEHLEICH KAY.....MILEAGE TO DES MOINES.....	165.00
MAYOU, SUSIE.....FLY STRIPS.....	23.22
FRIGITEC.....COOLER REPAIRS.....	263.07
PAYROLL CHECKS.....TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS.....	6063.59
CLAIMS TOTAL.....	31057.61
GENERAL FUND.....	22983.69
WATER FUND.....	4663.23
SEWER FUND.....	3410.69

Joey Schmidt, Sharon Huggins, & Al Muesburger spoke to the council regarding fence permits and clean up for Joey's properties. After much discussion, Keith Moe will get with Al Muesburger and show him where the fence on the south part of the properties can go. Also motion by Nagengast, second by Krohn to give Mr. Schmidt an extension for cleanup until June 30; all voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

Dale updated the council regarding cameras. We have one quote but will try to get a couple more.

There being no further business, motion by Ehlers, second by Forbes to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM; all voted, no nays, motion carried.

D. Skog, Mayor

A. Nielson, City Clerk

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Taylor, Parker, Tasha playing with Play-Doh and holding the check. Tasha later sent a note saying, "Thank you St. Mary's so much! We are so appreciative!"

### St. Mary's students donate \$625 to alumna family

Late this past school year, St. Mary's students held a special jean day to raise funds for Parker Goodvin, daughter of Tasha (Drey) Goodvin, a 2010 St. Mary's graduate. Parker, just turning two this past week, has been in the hospital for six weeks on bedrest after extensive surgery related to spina bifida.

St. Mary's students had an opportunity to wear jeans on a Friday if they chose to donate \$0.50-\$1 to this special cause. Many students went above and beyond and donated more than the required amount, raising \$625 for the Goodvin Family, who live in Sioux City.

Tasha's parents, Steve and Jean Drey, live in Storm Lake and are members of St. Mary's Parish. St. Mary's student Neely Bacon commented, "We thought this was the perfect cause for our school to come together and support a former Panther and her family, not only financially but also through our thoughts and prayers. Our school wants to



St. Mary's student, Neely Bacon presents the check to Jean Drey, Parker's grandmother, a member of St. Mary's Parish.

show Tasha and her family love and support!"

Spina bifida means "split spine." It occurs during the first month of pregnancy when the spinal column fails to close. At the opening, many of the body's nerves are exposed and often even protruding, causing damage to

the body from that point down. Four to five babies are born each day in the US with spina bifida. Spina bifida is known as a snowflake condition; this means it is different for every person.

St. Mary's students strive to provide a positive impact within the school, but also within the community and serving those in hardships. Committed to values of compassion, respect, faith and academic excellence, St. Mary's in Storm Lake, serves students in all grades and from all faith backgrounds. The faculty and administration are committed to excellence in faith-based education and providing not only academic opportunities, but athletic, fine art and extracurricular activities that encourage students to reach their full potential.

K-12 students of all faiths attend St. Mary's affordably through scholarships and financing opportunities provided locally and through the Diocese of Sioux City. Enrollment is currently open for the '24-'25 school year. Contact the office today at 732-4166 for more information, to learn more about scholarships, or to reserve your student's seat for the upcoming school year.

# Spectacular to bring new and returning food favorites to town

The 2024 Star Spangled Spectacular is presenting a variety of nonprofit food offerings, food stands, food trucks, and other entertainment in the Storm Lake parks July 3-4.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase beginning at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, in Sunset Park during the Kiddie Parade, Classic Car Show, Patriotic Ceremony, and a variety of children's entertainment. The Storm Lake Municipal Band, DJ Nick, and The Pork Tornadoes will kick off the celebration's musical entertainment that evening. Thursday will welcome even more food vendors beginning at 10 a.m., as well as some 7 a.m. coffee and donut offerings for early risers.

Ty Eggers, food vendor chair, says, "We work hard to provide a variety of food options for everyone each year, and I'm proud to share that the spots were full by mid-June this year. There should be plenty of food for everyone in Storm Lake on July 4."

Wednesday and Thursday's food vendors, their menus, and locations are as follows:

#### JULY 3, SUNSET PARK

Beauty Amidst The Ashes — cold brew coffee, hot coffee, creamers, flavors, donut holes and root beer floats

Cocina De Abuela — tacos, burritos, quesadillas, tortas, gorditas and water

Cornerstone for Life — turkey fillets, brats, hot dogs, strawberry cheesecake, chips, pop, and water

Kona Ice — shaved ice

Lao Lao — Fried Rice, sticky rice, fried chicken wings, spring rolls, egg rolls, crab rangoon, pad thai, beef jerky ribs, papaya salad and boba teas

Nuria Cruz — Pupusas, corn, Gatorade and water

Pomegranate Lodge- Funnel cakes, water

Summer Snow — shaved ice

Whip Delight — Dole soft serve, 100% Hawaiian coffee,



floats, whip pops, espresso whips and vanilla ice cream

#### JULY 4, SUNSET PARK

Beauty Amidst the Ashes — coffee and Storm Lake bakery donuts, beginning at 7 a.m.)

Cornerstone for Life-turkey fillets, brats, hot dogs, strawberry cheesecake, chips, pop, water, and lemonade

Hope Evangelical Free Church — corn on the cob, water, and pop

Lao Lao — Fried Rice, sticky rice, fried chicken wings, spring rolls, egg rolls, crab rangoon, pad thai, beef jerky ribs, papaya salad and boba teas.

Nuria Cruz — Pupusas, corn, Gatorade and water

Pomegranate Lodge — funnel cakes and water

St. John's Lutheran Church — pork burgers, hot dogs, chips, cinnamon rolls, caramel popcorn, rice crispy bars, chex mix, coffee, pop, lemonade and water

Summer Snow — shaved ice

Whip Delight — Dole soft serve, 100% Hawaiian coffee, floats, whip pops, espresso whips, and vanilla ice cream (coffee served beginning at 7 a.m.)

#### JULY 4, OLD WATER PLANT

Cocina De Abuela — Tacos, burritos, quesadillas, tortas, gorditas and water

Kona Ice — shaved ice  
Vietnam Veterans of America — pork burgers and hot dogs

#### JULY 4, CHAUTAUQUA PARK

BV Pork Producers — pork burgers, pork chops, pork hot dogs and water

DeNoches — gorditas  
Kights of Columbus — funnel cakes

Lao Lao — fried rice, sticky rice, fried chicken wings, spring rolls, egg rolls, crab rangoon, pad thai, beef jerky ribs, papaya salad and boba teas

Mary Angel's Fashion- Ice cream, nachos, chips in a bag, Fresca

St. Mary's Athletic Boosters — turkey legs, hot dogs, bottled water and pop

St. Mary's Church — corn, chicharron, fruit cups, water and pop

Whip Delight — Dole soft serve, 100% Hawaiian coffee, floats, whip pops, espresso whips and vanilla ice cream

#### JULY 4, AWAYSIS PARK

Iowa Democrats — Pop-corn (6-11 p.m.)



### Flying high

Thanks to Mylea Zimmerman for sending this photo of Gary Zahrt, a dishwasher/Jack of all trades at Lakeshore Restaurant and Jimmy's Bar and Grill, and very proud of his kite collection, she says. "We thought he was joking when he said he uses a fishing pole to fly his kite, but I guess it goes higher and he can control it better!" The photos were taken behind Jimmy's.

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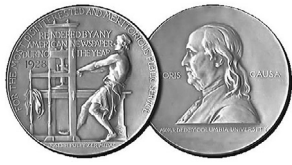
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## EDITORIALS

### Thanks, Judge Locher

**O**ur gratitude goes to federal district court Judge Stephen Locher for saving Iowa from some of its worst excesses. The judge put on hold a law passed by the legislature last session, set to take effect July 1, that would order local law enforcement to arrest and deport immigrants who previously had been deported — even if they are here legally.

It's a terrible law that would rip places like Storm Lake, Denison and Marshalltown asunder. It is telling that the state Department of Public Safety issued no guidance to the Storm Lake Police Department on how to deal with this impending disaster because the governor didn't really think this anti-immigrant law was actually going anywhere.

Immigration is federal turf. The U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear time and again. Yet states continue to pass laws trying to usurp that authority as part of our political theatre. Gov. Reynolds has gone so far as to patrol the border herself with the Iowa National Guard and the Iowa State Patrol. It's absurd. It makes legal immigrants afraid that they have a target on their back. If the husband is legal but the wife is not the family could be ripped apart when the cops kick down the door. That would be our world in the Brave New Iowa.

Comes now a Mason City boy, Judge Locher, who earned a degree at Notre Dame and his law parchment at Harvard, nominated by Sen. Chuck Grassley, ranking member of the Judiciary Committee and senior Republican of the Senate, with the support of Sen. Joni Ernst, the junior Republican from Iowa. Go ahead and assail his judgment. He said this:

"As a matter of politics, the new legislation might be defensible. As a matter of constitutional law, it is not."

Might be defensible as a matter of politics. The judge speaks volumes in two words: might be.

But ...

Other federal judges have put holds on similar state efforts to step onto federal turf, in Oklahoma and Texas, no less. Judge Locher comes to us from clerking on the conservative Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, and after serving as a federal prosecutor. He is telling us that this is all about politics and not about the law.

Reynolds replied within minutes of his order last Monday that Iowa is left "defenseless" in its wake from the onslaught of marauders coming over the border.

In fact, if the law were allowed to stand, Storm Lake, Denison and Marshalltown would fall apart under the current economic construct built by the Iowa political establishment: Bring in immigrants to do your dirty work, then terrorize them so they know who the boss is, and you can score points with the homies.

Locher calls it out.

This has nothing to do with public safety on Lakeshore Drive. In fact, Storm Lake Police Chief Chris Cole said he is concerned that the law could have the opposite effect by scaring immigrants further into the shadows. He said he has heard about their fears, even if they are here legally. Local law enforcement authorities have always held criminal suspects on detainer for immigration authorities after their cases have been adjudicated. It was not as if this state law were needed, except for sending a political message.

This sort of politics demeans us. It divides us. It turns innocents into criminals. We need them to scoop manure in Sioux County dairy barns infected with avian flu. We need them in the rendering operation. We need them to throw turkeys in the middle of the night. We need them at Buena Vista University. Varina needs them. St. Mary's School needs them. We must quit listening to the fear mongers running for power, and look next door at our neighbor and ask what it is that makes Iowa home.

Judge Locher gets it. There's politics, and then there is the fairness of the law evenly applied without fear or favor. There is a federal system over which we fought a Civil War. Immigrants are not overloading Calhoun County or Des Moines. We are not defenseless. If a drunk Mexican is walking down the street he won't make it far before getting a ride to jail. If the jailer calls immigration and tells them that we have a drunk Mexican without papers and a public intox rap, the folks in Omaha will tell the BV County Jail to not hold their breath while looking for the ICE paddy wagon. The Mexican sobers up, and goes to work on Monday scooping out a hog confinement or slicing pork chops. That's how it actually works in Iowa. There are ways to improve all that, for sure. The judge is saying that this is not the way. The Iowa way is to respect the rule of law and the constitutional order of federal supremacy. Or, it used to be. Thanks to an Iowa boy made good as a judge for reminding us, again.

*Art Cullen*

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

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## Hybrid cars get plug-in boost

**M**y column last week on electric mowers generated some interest. People have a lot of questions about how practical these new electrical devices are that are transforming our daily lives. Especially electric cars. Me too.

About a year ago I bought a plug-in hybrid car. I wanted to go all-electric, but settled for the hybrid for a few reasons. First, electrics weren't available at local dealers. I didn't want to go out of town to get new technology that could only be serviced in Kansas City or Minneapolis.

Second, the infrastructure necessary to support electric vehicles wasn't in place yet, especially in rural areas like western Iowa. If you live in a metropolitan area, or just travel the interstates on trips, you're fine with an electric vehicle. But if your car's big battery runs low between here and our printing plant in Sheldon, you're in trouble.

The plug-in hybrid was a nice compromise. And it's proven technology. With these cars you plug them in at home overnight and when you get up in the morning they'll run for 35-40 miles on cheap electricity. Then a gas engine, without notice, kicks in when needed to take you the rest of the way. If you mostly just drive around town, you'll hardly ever use gas. But if you want to go to Chicago, you don't have to worry about running out of electricity between Webster City and Waterloo.

Brother Art has been driving Chevy Volts, the pioneer-



JOHN CULLEN

### FILLERS

ing plug-in small sedan, since 2010 with excellent results. Unfortunately, GM discontinued production of the Volt a couple of years ago.

Ford produces a plug-in version of the Escape, its popular small SUV. It runs about 37 miles on an electric charge, then its gas engine kicks in with a range of nearly 400 more miles. It's perfect for us when we want to head off to visit our kids in other states. I've been driving it for nearly a year with good results. I only need to gas it up every three months or so.

Art and I both charge our plug-ins at home through regular 120 volt household outlets. This is called Level 1 charging, regenerating at about three miles per hour. It takes about 10 hours to recharge them completely, but that's not a problem when you charge overnight when the car's not in use.

We also have a 240 volt Level 2 charger at the Times Pilot building to power our fully electric delivery truck. It has a range of up to 240 miles, and charges about 25 miles per hour. This can charge a hybrid in a couple hours.

There are also commercial chargers, known as DC fast

chargers, located in cities and along major highways. These can recharge an electric vehicle in less than an hour, but they do not work with hybrids.

Charging your car with electricity at home costs about one-fourth as much as powering your car with gasoline.

Plug-in hybrids involve some tradeoffs. They are more expensive to buy because they require two propulsion systems: both electric motors and gas engines. But that initial higher cost is offset by federal tax credits if the car is built in North America.

Note that a plug-in hybrid differs from a plain hybrid, which does not run solely on electric power. The latter is primarily a gas vehicle that gets an occasional boost from a small battery. These are very popular too because their mileage is great — 40-50 mpg around town — and they don't cost quite as much as plug-ins.

Although GM phased out its plug-in hybrids two years ago, it is going to reintroduce them because of the growing demand by people like me who want the benefits of electric but live in places like Iowa that lack the charging infrastructure. Ford likewise was talking about discontinuing its hybrids, but now plans to widen these offerings across its vehicle lineup.

In a few years gas stations will add charging stations alongside their pumps and the range anxiety about electric vehicles will disappear. But in the meantime, the plug-in hybrid is a good compromise.

## Raiders of the lost aquifer

BY CHERYL TEVIS

**B**ubbling up beneath the surface of the Iowa Utility Board's pending decision whether Summit Carbon's proposed pipeline is justified by "public convenience and necessity" is the equally critical question of whether granting permits allowing Summit to siphon significant amounts of public water resources meets the state's legal standard of being "put to beneficial use . . . in the interest of the people."

That's the question recently raised by the Sierra Club-Iowa Chapter and a group of Iowa landowners. Using data from Archer Daniels-Midland's carbon capture and sequestration project near Decatur, Ill., this new report calculated that Summit Carbon's pipeline would require 3.36 billion gallons of the state's water annually — the equivalent of the annual drinking water needs of 529,000 Iowans. Most of it would be drawn from deep bedrock aquifers that recharge slowly over decades.

The Iowa Renewable Fuels Association disputes these numbers. But Summit Carbon already has received a DNR water permit in Chickasaw County to withdraw up to 55.9 million gallons annually from a new limestone well drawing from the Devonian aquifer at the Homeland Energy Solutions ethanol plant near Lawler. Another water permit currently is pending from the Corn LP ethanol plant in Goldfield in Wright County for 27.7 million gallons per year.

If eminent domain isn't a sufficiently compelling reason to cause Iowa regulators to hit the brakes on Summit's carbon pipeline, the potential impact on Iowa's future water resources should be. Persistent droughts, expansion of ethanol plants and the potential to produce sustainable aviation fuel, the volatility of corn prices, and the specter of climate change all raise the stakes for Iowa's water assets.

Furthermore, the carbon capture pipeline isn't the only emerging demand with a huge

public water footprint. Computer data centers in Altoona, Council Bluffs and West Des Moines suck up substantial amounts of water, and the rapid adoption of cloud-based storage and AI (artificial intelligence) will ramp up this consumption exponentially. Iowa's large livestock operations and meat processing plants already require significant water, along with growing Iowa's sizeable corn crop. Other competing interests are likely to test the waters. A few years ago, Iowa turned down three requests by a northeastern Iowa mining company to ship water out of state.

### Internet swallows big gulps

Water was a key component of the fledgling biofuels expansion in the early 2000s. Ethanol plants use significant amounts of water. According to the Nebraska Corn Board, it takes three gallons of water to produce one gallon of ethanol; over 11,000 liters of water are needed to make one liter of biodiesel from soybeans.

New water permits would be required at certain ethanol plant sites equipped to capture carbon and cool it into liquid before pumping it through pipelines to a North Dakota sequestration site. Most of this water used for cooling would evaporate into the atmosphere.

Data centers also require large volumes of water to keep their servers from overheating. In Altoona, one-fifth of the city water is consumed by the Meta data center — up to one million gallons per day. Altoona is considering a new water plant and two new wells tapping into the deep Jordan aquifer by 2026. Six West Des Moines data centers pull from the watersheds of the Raccoon and Des Moines rivers. According to a 2023 report, the Google center at Council Bluffs uses more water than any other in the U.S.

A proposed Google data center in Cedar Rapids may guzzle an estimated average of 200,000 gallons to over one million gallons daily. Apple also plans to build in Waukee.

Meta and Microsoft have claimed they will be "water-positive" in 2030. Apple is taking aim at it within the next 20 years. However, AI will

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## On the same team

I usually agree with Art Cullen's editorials, but I believe his attack on "the king can do no wrong" argument advanced by Buena Vista County misses the point. The TIF lawsuit filed by the City of Storm Lake against Buena Vista County should be dropped, not because of governmental immunity or the statute of limitations, but because this asinine lawsuit won't provide relief to taxpayers or repair whatever damage was done by the county's inaccurate distribution of tax dollars.

Certainly "the king" — in this case the county government — did wrong, giving too much of our tax dollars to the local school district, the community college, the city's general fund, the local cemetery fund, the hospital, keeping too much for itself, while shorting a TIF district. But those tax dollars have been spent by the entities that received them — the school district, community college, the hospital, cemetery. There is no pot of money to be recovered. The inaccurately distributed funds have been spent.

So where will the money come from if the lawsuit is successful? The answer is that either programs will be cut, services dropped or taxes raised, and probably all three if the lawsuit is successful. Does anyone believe the public school system can give back the funds it was overpaid without consequence, or do we expect the county to cover all the funds that were distributed in error to the school district, the hospital, agricultural extension, the community college and the cemetery?

We all recognize that local governments represent taxpayers and are funded by them. Buena Vista County actually receives over half of its property tax revenue from the property taxpayers of Storm Lake. If the county must pay, guess who shares in the burden — every Storm Lake property taxpayer. The bottom line is that the property taxpayers of Storm Lake are paying for a lawsuit that even if it wins will shrink government services, or our wallets, or both.

Meanwhile, legal fees are over \$125,000 and growing. All because TIF funds were diverted in error, wrongfully benefiting all of us instead of a Storm Lake Industrial Park TIF district. Perhaps the lines are too hardened to entertain a change in course at this point, but wouldn't it be nice if the local governments recognized that we're all on the same team?

DAVE PATTON

Storm Lake

## Thanks to Avery

I want to thank Avery Felton for a moving piece in the May 31 Storm Lake Times Pilot. Her family, community and school should be proud of this young lady. Our country will not lose Democracy if we have students like Avery that will ask questions and be open-minded to those around her for answers.

My husband was a Vietnam era veteran and proud of his country. I buried him on the day of Avery's article. Needless to say, her article lifted my heart when it was at its lowest.

MARY S. GILLESPIE

Sidney

## Solution to open borders

President Joe Biden, who is solely responsible for the invasion of nine million illegal aliens who have entered America during his open-borders administration, has a novel solution to solve that problem.

He is concerned that any restrictions to reducing illegal immigration may harm his election chances with immigration activists and Latinos. The solution is to grant amnesty for hundreds of thousands in our country who are

married to U.S. citizens. That would make it "one of the largest immigration programs launched in recent decades."

All done to enhance his re-election chances, meanwhile thousands continue to enter our country illegally daily.

VIC MASSARA

Omaha, Neb.

## We must use our voices

We are familiar with the adages, "All politics is local," from former Speaker of the House, Tip O'Neill, from Benjamin Franklin in 1867, "A republic, if you can keep it." "Democracy is not a spectator sport," from Michael Moore.

I used my voice last week, by calling my school board member. I readily identified my qualifiers, I do not have children in school, but I remain committed to our young people. I communicated with her to express my concern about the upcoming decision she and other school board members will have to make about arming teachers and school staff. She graciously listened to my thoughts, and encouraged me to call anytime, and to share with others that she could be contacted about policy issues.

I was grateful for that type of response, but I also want to receive that willingness to learn and to listen from other elected public representatives.

I frequently look to the dictionary when trying to get to the very basics of comprehension. I was intrigued by Ben Franklin's response about "Republic." Democracy and Republic seem to be interchangeable, both meaning a government in which the people vote for their leaders. An article written in 1967 by Pitkins (57 years ago, but still relevant) defines representation in two areas. First, representing according to what the constituents express, or second, what the representatives themselves judge is in the best interest of the citizens.

Most recently, on June 4, I was dismayed to read that Senator Joni Ernst promised to oppose judicial nominees, spending bills and other major legislation to protest Donald Trump's recent guilty verdict. This guilty verdict was in the State of New York, and a jury of his peers after listening to the evidence found him guilty. The verdict had nothing to do with our elected senator not representing me and her constituents in the United States Congress.

The abortion decision for Iowa will soon be handed down by the Iowa Supreme Court. It is expected that Iowa will have no abortions after six weeks. No matter what the circumstances. The Des Moines Register reported in a Media-com Iowa Poll in 2022, that 85% of abortions should be legal in the cases of rape or incest, and 80% if the pregnant person's life is in danger.

The above-mentioned examples of our political leaders choosing not to learn from or listen to their constituents is a form of democracy, but the type when the elected representative chooses the earlier mentioned second approach, or when their decision is deemed best for the electorate.

During the campaigns of my house and senate representatives, I did not hear them advocate for banning books, or diminishing the area education systems. We as constituents do have a responsibility to provide our thoughts and opinions to our elected officials during their tenure in office. We must use our voices. If we remain dissatisfied, we must then vote.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has a quote from Margaret Mead.

MARY WEAVER

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## Tevis...

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be a new wild card. Microsoft's Chat GPT-4 Open AI was "literally made next to cornfields west of Des Moines" claimed a top executive in a speech in May 2023. University of California-Riverside researcher, Shoolei Ren, estimates that Chat GPT uses up to 500 milliliters of water (about a 16-ounce water bottle) every time it's asked a series of five-50 prompts or questions. That's a lot of water down the drain.

During the cold winter season, data centers can rely on outside air to vent heat. These systems begin to withdraw water (mostly treated drinking water) from a cooling tower when the temperature hits about 85 degrees Fahrenheit. With climate change, that may increasingly be commonplace.

In May 2020, Pattison Sand Co., which mines silica sand for oil and gas fracking near Clayton, dropped its efforts for a permit to draw millions of gallons of water from wells on its property fed by the Jordan aquifer. It planned to pump 34 million gallons of water annually to ship by rail car to an Oregon company, Water Train, destined for cities and states in the Western U.S. Pattison already draws 2.1 billion gallons for its core business from aquifer-fed wells, and the Mississippi River.

The Jordan aquifer runs from NE to SW Iowa, and is a source of drinking water for 500,000 people. The state questioned where the water would go, and how it would be used. The permits were denied on the basis that they didn't meet the legal standard of "beneficial use" and "in the interest of the people."

## Increasing water pressure

In my former position as a farm editor, water issues created a steady flow of stories written from a national perspective for Successful Farming from 2003 to 2014, including:

- Efforts to reduce over-pumping of the Ogallala aquifer, the world's largest un-

derground water system, used to irrigate one-third of the U.S. corn crop and provide drinking water to eight states. Grassroot solutions for saving the aquifer continued at the 2024 Ogallala Aquifer Summit earlier this month.

- Steps taken by the Great Lakes states to regulate approval of major water diversions outside of the Great Lakes Watershed and to set regulations on new commercial water uses.

- The severe 2003 drought precipitating the agreement on a formula by Florida, Georgia and Alabama for sharing the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River system

- Fierce opposition to the Keystone XL's oil pipeline's proposed path atop of the Ogallala aquifer through Nebraska

- Emerging demands on freshwater supplies by hydraulic fracking

My research and interviews for these stories led me to believe that water supplies across the U.S. were being drained at an unprecedented rate. Yet Iowa is a water rich state. I never expected to write about threats to Iowa's future water resources. But Storm Lake was forced to shut down its King's Pointe Water Park during RAGBRAI in 2023 due to drought and concerns about the underlying Dakota aquifer; Osceola has had to restrict its residents' water use, due to the low levels of West Lake caused by drought.

## Restricting aquifer raiders and water hogs

This year the Iowa legislature voted to spend \$250,000 for a study of the state's water resources by the Iowa Geological Survey at the University of Iowa. This would include mapping and assessing the conditions of Iowa aquifers, in addition to measuring the volume of ground water available, how quickly it replenishes and models for budgeting Iowa water supplies in the future. A hydrologist will be hired to conduct the study, which would need future appropriations to complete.

You can't manage what you

don't measure. Makes sense, right? Irrigated acres increased 55% in Iowa from 2012 to 2022, according to the most recent Census of Agriculture. Setting state water priorities must factor in the competing needs of human consumption, food production, navigation, industry, energy production, wildlife and recreation. Conserving water resources deserves the same priority as other national and state energy security concerns.

But launching Iowa's first comprehensive water study this year will achieve about as much as the state's promise to study the need for an overhaul of the Area Education Agencies after the legislature already passed Gov. Reynolds' unpopular overhaul plan. Too little, too late.

After all, Iowa already is sailing a leaky boat into uncharted waters. Summit Carbon is affiliated with many investors and corporations beyond Iowa, and their equity positions as well as their motives are murky. Lurking in the shadows of the pending pipeline decision is a question that resurfaced many times during the IUB hearings: Once the pipeline is built and the tax credits run out, what other future use might be on tap for the pipeline? Would it transport Iowa's water for fracking oil and gas? Or, Iowa's water supplies to irrigate the arid West?

Private companies shouldn't be allowed to raid our state's richest treasure next to our soils: water. Iowa cannot carelessly mortgage the future of its water wealth.

The issue of eminent domain is a matter of private property rights, and it forms one of the bedrocks of our democracy. The precious water stored in the bedrock aquifers below us is the property of all Iowans, and must be protected for generations to come.

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## OBITUARY



## Lucille Wilkens

Lucille Ann Wilkens, 92, of Albert City died June 15, 2024, at Accura Healthcare in Aurelia.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 20, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City. Burial was in St. John's Church of Christ Cemetery in rural Storm Lake. Siefert Funeral Home in Albert City was in charge of arrangements.

Lucille Ann Sievers, the daughter of William and Dorothea (Gerke) Sievers, was born Oct. 3, 1931, at home in rural Storm Lake. She was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. Lucille was confirmed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Newell, and received her schooling at Varina Public School, graduating in 1949.

Lucille was united in marriage to Walter Wilkens on May 28, 1950, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Newell. This union was blessed with three children: Paul, Sharon and Carol.

Lucille and Walter spent their married life on the farm until retiring to live in Albert City in 1991. They were members of St. John's United Church of Christ in rural Newell for many years. While attending

St. John's, Lucille was a member of Women's Fellowship, taught Sunday School and was an organist. She started playing the organ at St. Peter's Lutheran Dec. 3, 1945, at the age of 14, and was an organist until August 2010 when heart problems began. She was a member of Pleasant View Home Auxiliary and served on the election board for many years. Her favorite pastimes were reading, crossword puzzles, gardening while on the farm and saving articles from the paper for her many scrapbooks.

Walt and Lucille became members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in 2011 after the closing of St. John's United Church of Christ.

Walt and Lucille were blessed to share 65 years together. They loved being with their family when it was possible. Lucille's life will always be loved and cherished by her family which includes her daughters: Sharon (Mike) Leimer of Lee's Summit, Mo.; Carol (Dan) Blevins of Raytown, Mo.; grandchildren: David Leimer of Lenexa, Kan.; Emily (Kyle) Shipp of Lakeside, Calif.; Chris (Kim) Blevins of Kansas City, Mo.; Stephen (Madison) Leimer of Lenexa, Kan.; Derek (Kia) Blevins of Creve Coeur, Mo.; Katie (Jeron) Tucker of Olathe, Kan.; great-grandchildren: Owen Blevins, Paul Shipp, Ty Tucker, Eli Blevins, Cali Tucker and Beverly Blevins; sister Sally (Gilbert) Wilkens of Storm Lake; brother-in-law Ken Johnsen of Columbus, Ohio; Pam Bishop (fiancé Paul Wilkens) of Florence, Ala.; and other extended family and friends.

Lucille was preceded in death by her husband Walter in April 2016; her son Paul in November 2017; her parents; sister and brother-in-law:

Phyllis and Orlen Rohlfesen; and sister-in-law Wilma Johnsen.

## OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR BUENA VISTA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOYCE CARLENE JOINES, DECEASED

CASE NO. ESPR017870

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Joyce Carlene Joines, Deceased, who died on or about January 20, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on June 5, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Joyce Carlene Joines, deceased, bearing date of January 18, 1994, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Gary Edward Joines was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated June 10, 2024.

Gary Edward Joines  
Executor of Estate  
5663 175th Ave  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Erin E. McCullough, ICIS#: AT0005100  
Attorney for Executor  
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Date of second publication: June 21, 2024.

Probate Code Section 304 2/2-67

## CAPITOL LETTERS

## How to deal with insurance, contractors and public adjusters after a storm

BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE

MEGAN JONES

District 6, R-Stioux Rapids

The following information was provided by the Iowa Insurance Division:

Dealing with damage to your home or property following a storm can be stressful. If you have a claim with your insurance company for a loss or damage to your property, you may need to seek the assistance of a contractor to make repairs. A contractor provides labor and materials to build or repair a structure in exchange for a fee. They must be licensed with the Iowa Division of Labor if they earn at least \$2,000 a year from construction. Payment to the contractor may come from an insurance claim.

When property has been damaged by a covered peril and you have filed an insurance claim for the damages, a contractor may approach to offer repair or reconstruction services. The contractor may offer an opinion to a policyholder as to whether the damage is from a storm or other incident normally covered by an

insurance policy, and prepare an estimate and scope of work to repair the damages. Contractors may discuss the estimate or scope of work with the insured and recommend that the policyholder file an insurance claim with his or her insurer. They can also be present when the insurance adjuster inspects the damage, and answers questions the insurer or the insurer's adjuster has about the estimate.

Property owners are encouraged to talk to their insurance agent and allow their insurance company the opportunity to assess the damage to the property and provide a detailed estimate. As a consumer, you do have the right to consult with a public adjuster about your insurance claim. A public adjuster is a licensed individual (data.iowa.gov and search for "public adjusters") who acts on behalf of an insured regarding damage to their property. Licensed public adjusters may negotiate with insurance companies on behalf of the insured to receive fair compensation for the loss or damage to the insured's property. Public adjusters will require you to sign a contract and are compensated for their work with a percentage of the claim settlement which may be 10%. Read and understand the contract before you sign.

It's important to know what a contractor can and cannot do. Without a public adjuster license in Iowa, a contractor cannot investigate, appraise, evaluate, give advice, prepare a

claim, negotiate, advocate on behalf of, or assist their customer in the adjustment of a claim. This includes advertising to be "claim specialists or analysts," claiming that the contractor can "deal with insurance companies", or in any way increase the claim settlement amount for the policyholder. An unlicensed public adjuster may not file an Iowa Insurance Division complaint on behalf of the Iowa consumer. They are unable to "partner" with a Public Adjuster or enter into a contract with a public adjuster or other third parties.

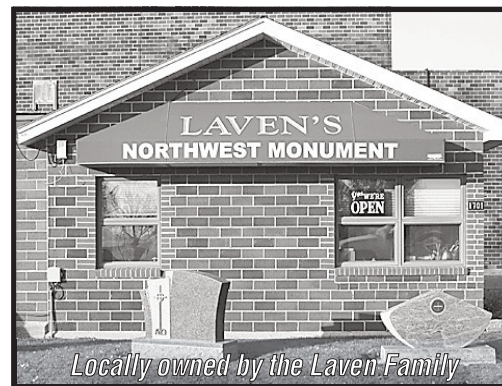
Most contractors are not public adjusters. If you feel a contractor is working as an unlicensed public adjuster, please contact the Iowa Insurance Division at <https://iid.iowa.gov/consumers/filing-complaints>. The Iowa Insurance Division is here to help, please call 515-654-6600 with any storm insurance claim-related questions.

## OBITUARY

## Allan Tobin

Allan Ray Tobin, 84, formerly of Storm Lake, passed away Jan. 29, 2024, at his home in Mesa, Ariz.

Memorial services will take place Saturday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Storm Lake.



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Above: In the old days there were plenty of pharmacies to choose from, and not just in Storm Lake. Here are bottles, from left: Tigges Pharmacy in Peterson, Hadden's Pharmacy in Alta, Ressler Drug in Storm Lake, Ed's Apothecary in Storm Lake, Rickman Drug in Storm Lake and Honsbruch Drug in Aurelia. Right: An old prescription pad was donated from Rickman Drug. It is open to a 1947 prescription by Dr. Mailliard.



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From Ireland Drug were these informational film strips, rolled up in small containers.

## Ye old pharmacy just one display at BV County Historical Museum

**BY DOLORES CULLEN**

**I**f you haven't been here for awhile, you might not have seen some of this," says vice president of the historical society Kristen Watts, setting up and cleaning displays at the Buena Vista County Historical Museum in preparation for Sunday's open house. The open house runs from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. You'll enjoy browsing the exhibits, visiting with staff and sampling refreshments. Over the years the museum has inherited antique items that fill 11 main street storefronts. There's everything from a military shop to a bank. On Wednesday Kristen freshened up shelves in the pharmacy. Rows of old bottles, some still containing liquid or pills, made Kristen laugh. "Some of these things, you wonder if it would make you better or worse." A "chest rub" looks oily in its ancient bottle. What look like sticks fill another one. It's just one of the interesting displays waiting for you at the museum.

*Times Pilot photos by Dolores Cullen*



Kristen Watts places bottles back on the shelf in the pharmacy room. A portrait of Max Ireland is on the top shelf. "I think when he closed out he brought everything here," she laughed.



A picture of Max Ireland from the 1960s. Ireland Drug was located on Lake Avenue where the Taekwondo Academy is.



Brand "new" are World War II posters discovered in the museum's attic. At right is volunteer Barb Jackson.

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Storm Lake's Jake White dives into third base before Spirit Lake's Luke Schneider can tag him during their Lakes Conference game on Wednesday night at Tornado Field. White was stealing third base on the play. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

## Dvergsten's no-hitter helps SL keep Lakes title hopes alive

Tornadoes beat Spirit Lake to stay in second

Charlie Dvergsten and Austin Jorgensen locked horns in a classic pitcher's duel, but Dvergsten was just a

little bit better.

The Storm Lake ace pitched his second no-hitter of the season to help the Tornadoes get past Spirit Lake 2-0 in a key Lakes Conference game on Wednesday at Tornado Field.

Dvergsten walked three  
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Storm Lake's Mackenzie Harder slides into second base before Spirit Lake's Emma Whiting can tag her during a stolen base attempt in their game on Wednesday night. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

## Sioux Central tops St. Mary's; Newell-Fonda, Ridge View win

Sioux Central scored four runs in the fourth inning and four more in the fifth to pull away as the Rebels defeated Storm Lake St. Mary's 14-0 in a Twin Lakes Conference

game on Wednesday at Memorial Field.

Sioux Central scored one run in the first, three in the second and two in the fourth inning.

Sioux Central (14-5) finished with 13 hits in the game. Bradi Krager, Natalie Laursen, Avery Wilson and Nora Christian all had two apiece. Morgan Christian, Nichole Hart, Kailee Laursen, Emma Smith and Kennedy Brown all added one hit apiece.

Wilson and Morgan Christian each drove in three runs while Hart and Natalie Laursen each had two RBI. Smith and Kailee Laursen each had one RBI. Krager scored three runs while Chris-

tian, Wilson and Christian all scored twice.

Victori Meyer was the winning pitcher. She allowed two hits, walked one and struck out nine in five innings.

"We did a lot of nice things at the plate and on the bases offensively," Sioux Central coach Kasey Krager said. "Hopefully, it will carry over to other games and we'll get all the girls clicking at the right time here as we are in the back half of the season already. Victori pitched well and we made all the plays defensively, so we need to continue that. All in all, many things to be happy about."

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## Storm Lake girls down Lakes rival Spirit Lake to stay in second place

Maddy Raveling drove in both runs and Avery DeHaan had a sensational performance in the circle to help Storm Lake get past Spirit Lake 2-1 in a Lakes Conference game on Wednesday at

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### UPCOMING SPORTS

#### PREP BASEBALL FRIDAY, JUNE 21

▶ Alta-Aurelia @ Madrid

▶ LeMars Gehlen @ Sioux Central

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 22

▶ Alta-Aurelia vs. West Marshall @ Ankeny

▶ Newell-Fonda @ Estherville Tournament

#### MONDAY, JUNE 24

▶ Storm Lake @ Cherokee

▶ Hinton @ Sioux Central

▶ Newell-Fonda @ Ridge View

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

▶ Storm Lake @ Fort Dodge

▶ Coon Rapids-Bayard @ Alta-Aurelia

▶ Kingsley-Pierson @ Newell-Fonda

▶ MMRU @ Sioux Central

#### PREP SOFTBALL FRIDAY, JUNE 21

▶ St. Mary's @ Manson

▶ GTRA @ Alta-Aurelia

▶ Newell-Fonda @ Spencer Inv.

▶ Ridge View vs. Western Christian @ Sioux City

▶ Sioux Central @ South Central Calhoun

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 22

▶ Storm Lake, Ridge View @ Alta-Aurelia Tournament

▶ Sioux Central @ Okoboji Invite

#### MONDAY, JUNE 24

▶ Storm Lake @ Cherokee

▶ Alta-Aurelia @ Sioux Central

▶ GTRA @ Newell-Fonda

▶ Ridge View @ Unity Christian

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

▶ Storm Lake @ Woodbury Central

▶ Ridge View @ Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley

▶ South O'Brien @ Sioux Central

Sioux Central's Victori Meyer winds up to deliver a pitch during their game against Storm Lake St. Mary's on Wednesday night at Memorial Field.

TIMES PILOT photo by NATHAN GUYNN



## 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, Dikaia Dahlhauser, Paisley Hustedt, Reagan DeHaan and Lola Banks. The team is coached by Kyle Bernhoft.

## Alta-Aurelia wins Twin Lakes showdown with Emmetsburg

Cale Brechwald fired a three-hit shutout and Gavin Sleezer collected three hits, drove in three runs and scored three runs to help Alta-Aurelia beat Emmetsburg 10-0 in a battle of Twin Lakes Conference front-runners on Wednesday in Emmetsburg.

Alta-Aurelia is now 8-1 in the league while the E-Hawks slip to 7-2.

Alta-Aurelia scored one run in the first inning and two in the second to grab an early 3-0 lead. The Warriors broke it open with three runs in the fifth and four more in the seventh.

Alta-Aurelia (12-5) finished with 16 hits in the game. Sleezer had three, including a home run. Brechwald, Sam Sennert, Camden Reinert, Jaxson Page and Payton Syndergaard all added two hits

apiece. Maddux McCoy, Brayden Marshall and Peyton Meyer all had one hit.

Brechwald drove in two runs while Sennert, Meyer and Syndergaard each had one RBI. Brechwald scored two runs.

Brechwald allowed only three hits, walked none and struck out nine in seven innings.

Alta-Aurelia committed four errors in the game.

### Newell-Fonda 8 South Central Calhoun 6

Newell-Fonda scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to rally for a Twin Lakes Conference win over South Central Calhoun on Wednesday in Fonda.

It was Newell-Fonda's eighth straight win.

The Titans led 3-1 after the second inning and took a 4-1 lead before the Mustangs plated four runs in the third to grab a 5-4 lead. SCC regained the lead at 6-5 in the top of the sixth before the Mustangs answered with three runs.

Newell-Fonda (11-7) tallied seven hits in the game. Trevor Tauber led the way with two. Ty Tauber, Brooks Bellcock, Kellen Meyer, Broc Wilken and Brady Mabel all had one hit

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**PREP BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

**SCOREBOARD**

**Sioux Central boys set tone with 8-run first to beat WC**

Sioux Central took control of the game before Western Christian even got to bat. The Rebels scored eight runs in the top of the first inning and plated four in the third and four more in the fifth to beat the Wolfpack 16-1 on Tuesday night at Hull.

Sioux Central (11-7) tallied seven hits in the game. Owen Mills led the way with two. Konnor McKeever, Andrew Nelson, Max Wittmaack, Peyton Otto and Sawyer Hollesen each added one.

Otto drove in two runs while McKeever, Mills, Wittmaack, Hollesen, Caden Smith and Hunter Cooper each had one RBI. McKeever scored three runs. Mills, Wittmaack, Hollesen and Boden Bright all scored two runs.

Smith was the winning pitcher. He allowed only two hits and one earned run, walked two and struck out seven in five innings.

"I'm happy with the way we played," Sioux Central coach Alan Vasher said. "A complete game in all three phases and we are really picking up the defensive side. Caden threw strikes and kept the ball in play with limited walks. He pitched well and was able to get out of a couple jams. We did a good job of putting the ball in play, and it was nice to get some guys in the game that maybe haven't played much this season."



Alta-Aurelia's Sam Sennert tags out West Bend-Mallard's Tyler Fogarty at third base during their game on Monday night in Alta. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

**SL girls shut out Western Christian**

Avery DeHaan fired a one-hit shutout and Taylor Ripke had three hits to help Storm Lake beat Western Christian 8-0 in a nonconference game

on Monday at Tornado Field. Storm Lake scored three runs in the first inning, three in the fifth and two in the sixth.

DeHaan walked none and struck out seven over seven innings.

Storm Lake (13-2) finished with 13 hits in the game. Ripke led the way with three singles. DeHaan, Maddy Raveling,

Kennadie Miller and Cole Richardson all added two hits apiece. Mackenzie Harder and Hailey Anderson each had one hit.

Anderson drove in two runs while DeHaan, Raveling, Miller, Richardson, Lillie Hoffman and Abby Bodholdt all had one RBI. Raveling and Ripke each scored two runs for the winners.



Storm Lake's Brock Edwards stretches for the throw to retire Spirit Lake's Terry Sexton during their game on Wednesday. TIMES PILOT photos by JAMIE KNAPP



Storm Lake's Cole Richardson prepares to catch a fly ball Wednesday against Spirit Lake.

**Prep baseball ...**

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apiece.

Trevor Tauber drove in two runs while Bellcock and Babel each had one RBI. Ty Tauber, Max Carlson and Mason Hoberman all scored two runs apiece.

Ty Tauber was the winning pitcher. He allowed 13 hits and six runs, five of which were earned, walked one and struck out four in seven innings.

"It was a really good gam," Newell-Fonda coach Nathan Baron said. "It was well played on both sides. Give credit to SCC. They came out and hit

the ball. They put pressure on us from the word go and we had to respond. Our kids did a great job of battling back. We were down 4-1 and just kept chipping away. We got three in the sixth to seal the deal. Brooks Bellcock had a big hit to give us the lead and Trevor Tauber had a big two-RBI single to put them away. Ty Tauber pitched a great game. We just keep plugging along."

**Ridge View 5 MVAOCOU 1**  
Ryan Barry and Aiden Myrtue combined to pitch a four-hitter to help Ridge View get past MVAOCOU on Wednesday at Mapleton. Ridge View scored one run

in the first inning and two in the second to take an early 3-0 lead. The Raptors plated single runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

Ridge View (11-7) recorded eight hits in the game. Blake Myrtue led the way with two. Gavin Vohs, Owen Worthan, Aiden Myrtue, Barry, Kyle Burk and Eli Franken all had one hit apiece.

Worthan, Franken, Blake Myrtue and Kinnick Jensen all drove in a run.

Barry was the winning pitcher. He allowed four hits and one earned run, walked four and struck out nine in six innings. Aiden Myrtue struck out all three batters he faced in one inning of relief.

**Prep softball ...**

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Neely Bacon took the loss for the Panthers. She allowed 10 hits and 14 runs, walked two and struck out six.

**Newell-Fonda 17 South Central Calhoun 0**  
Ninth-ranked Newell-

Fonda scored 10 runs in the first inning and plated seven more in the second, and Jocee Walsh pitched a no-hitter as the Mustangs beat South Central Calhoun on Wednesday at Fonda.

Newell-Fonda (19-5) recorded nine hits in the game. Isabel Bartek, Kinzee Hinders and Kierra Jungers all had two apiece to lead the

way. Mylie Hinders, Walsh and Anna Mercer each added one hit apiece.

Jungers and Kinzee Hinders drove in three runs while Walsh and McKenna Sievers had two RBI apiece. Mercer, Bartek, Mylie Hinders and Ellie Sievers each had one RBI.

Bartek scored three runs while Jungers, Kinzee Hinders, McKenna Sievers and Camryn Puhmann all scored twice.

Walsh was the winning pitcher. She allowed no hits, walked none and struck out six in three innings.

**Ridge View 6, Westwood 4**  
Tatum Shepherd fired a two-hitter to help Ridge View get past Westwood in the first round of the Western Valley Conference tournament on Wednesday at Mapleton.

Ridge View scored four runs in the third inning to grab a 4-0 lead. The Raptors plated single runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

Ridge View (9-7) had five hits in the game. Faith Freese doubled while Emma Mentzer, Shepherd, Morgan Wright and Reese Hawthorne each added a single.

Freese drove in two runs

while Shepherd, Wright and Delainey Hansen all had one RBI. Hawthorne and Cora Tesch each scored two runs.

Shepherd allowed two hits and four runs, only one of which was earned, walked four and struck out 13 in seven innings.

Ridge View committed four errors in the game.

"We were happy with the win as we did a lot of good things, but we still need to get better at a few things as we move forward," Ridge View coach Scott Phelps said.

**SL softball ...**

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Tornado Field.

Raveling drove in Mackenzie Harder with a sacrifice fly in the first inning and drove in Harder with a single in the third.

Spirit Lake rallied in the seventh as two batters reached on errors. The Indians had runners on second and third with two outs, but DeHaan got the final out to end the threat and the game.

Storm Lake is now 5-1 in the league and 14-2 overall.

**BASEBALL**

LAKES CONFERENCE			
Team	W-L	W-L	
Estherville	5-0	13-4	
Storm Lake	5-1	10-7	
Spencer	2-3	12-6	
Spirit Lake	1-4	9-6	
Cherokee	0-5	7-12	

TWIN LAKES CONFERENCE			
Team	W-L	W-L	
Alta-Aurelia	8-1	12-5	
Emmetsburg	7-2	10-6	
Newell-Fonda	6-2	11-7	
Sioux Central	6-3	11-7	
South Central Calhoun	5-3	7-9	
Pocahontas Area	4-3	10-5	
Southeast Valley	5-4	5-9	
West Bend-Mallard	3-4	4-9	
East Sac County	2-7	3-10	
Manson NW Webster	1-9	1-16	
GTRA	0-8	1-11	

WESTERN VALLEY CONFERENCE			
Team	W-L	W-L	
West Monona	8-0	18-3	
MVAOCOU	6-2	15-9	
Ridge View	6-2	9-7	
Kingsley-Pierson	5-3	9-10	
Woodbury Central	4-3	15-5	
Westwood	3-5	6-10	
OABCIG	2-6	2-13	
Lawton-Bronson	1-7	2-17	
Siouxland Christian	0-6	0-10	

PREP RANKINGS			
Class 1A	W-L	Pv	
1. Martensdale-St Marys	16-3	1	
2. Wayne (Corydon)	17-2	2	
3. Remsen St. Mary's	12-0	4	
4. Collins-Maxwell	17-1	8	
5. Sigourney	14-5	3	
6. Fort Dodge St. Edmond	13-5	5	
7. Southeast Warren	15-2	7	
8. North Linn	20-10	6	
9. Newell-Fonda	17-1	9	
10. Griswold	18-1	11	
11. Mason City Newman	21-2	10	
12. Earlham	16-11	12	
13. Clarksville	12-7	13	
14. Akron-Westfield	15-3	—	
15. Edgewood-Colesburg	19-8	14	

Class 2A			
Team	W-L	Pv	
1. Van Meter	26-1	1	
2. Alburett	23-3	4	
3. Northeast (Goose Lake)	15-4	2	
4. West Monona	17-3	3	
5. Iowa City Regina	12-7	5	
6. Lisbon	15-6	6	
7. Audubon	17-3	10	
8. Missouri Valley	17-4	7	
9. Cardinal	18-6	9	
10. Interstate 35 (Truro)	13-10	8	
11. East Marshall	19-3	12	
12. Louisa-Muscatine	17-3	15	
13. Durant	13-11	13	
14. Wapsie Valley	15-7	—	
15. Jesup	14-7	14	

Class 3A			
Team	W-L	Pv	
1. Williamsburg	20-4	1	
2. Benton	20-4	2	
3. Dubuque Wahlert	14-5	3	
4. Mount Vernon	21-7	4	
5. Davenport Assumption	13-9	6	
6. Estherville	20-4	5	
7. Sumner-Fredricksburg	23-3	8	
8. Washington	20-4	7	
9. Clarinda	20-5	11	
10. PCM (Monroe)	15-2	13	
11. West Marshall	16-4	12	
12. West Liberty	13-5	14	
13. West Lyon	12-2	9	
14. Central Lee	15-5	15	
15. Chariton	11-6	—	

Class 4A			
Team	W-L	Pv	
1. North Polk	24-2	1	
2. Norwalk	20-2	2	
3. Fort Dodge	18-5	3	
4. North Scott	18-2	4	
5. Western Dubuque	19-4	4	
6. Dallas Center-Grimes	18-3	6	
7. Carlisle	16-5	8	
8. ADM (Adel)	17-8	9	
9. Cedar Rapids Xavier	18-7	10	
10. Clear Creek-Amana	15-7	14	
11. Winterset	14-13	11	
12. Bondurant-Farrar	17-6	7	
13. Sergeant Bluff-Luton	17-4	13	
14. Pella	13-8	—	
15. Gilbert	10-9	15	

**SOFTBALL**

LAKES CONFERENCE			
Team	W-L	W-L	
Estherville	5-0	20-4	
Storm Lake	5-1	14-2	
Spirit Lake	2-3	7-10	
Cherokee	1-5	6-13	
Spencer	1-5	4-15	

TWIN LAKES CONFERENCE			
Team	W-L	W-L	
Newell-Fonda	7-0	19-5	
Sioux Central	6-1	14-5	
Pocahontas Area	6-2	11-6	
GTRA	6-2	7-7	
Southeast Valley	6-3	12-5	
East Sac County	5-4	7-9	
Manson NW Webster	3-6	9-10	
Alta-Aurelia	2-6	4-11	
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Storm Lake St. Mary's	0-8	0-11	

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**Fifth flight**  
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**Sixth flight**  
1. Leo Kohn 50, 2. Terry Johnson 50, 3. Larry Northway 50.

**Seventh flight**  
1. Dave Diersen 54, 2. George Schachner 54, 3. Ed Schmidt 54.



Storm Lake's Charlie Dvergsten delivers a pitch during Wednesday night's game against Spirit Lake. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP



St. Mary's Neely Bacon winds up to deliver a pitch during their game against Sioux Central on Wednesday night. TIMES PILOT photo by NATHAN GUYNN

**SL baseball ...**

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batters in the seventh, but got a strikeout looking to end the game.

Gonzalez-Santos, Jake White and Luke Richardson each had a single for Storm Lake, now 5-1 in the league and 10-7 overall.

"Spirit Lake's pitcher threw well and it's tough to hit when he has his off-speed pitches working," Storm Lake coach Michael Knapp said. "We knew it would be a low-scoring battle and I'm so proud of Charlie for rising to the challenge and leading the way. He's learned so much about pitching and has done a great job continuing to improve as the year has progressed."

Dvergsten walked a pair of



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