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Four students from Aurelia are competing for the Storm Lake Whitecaps swim team this summer. Ridge View beats St. Mary's in special night for Phelps family; For the first time ever, grandpa Scott got to coach against his grandchildren. Newell-Fonda 13, GTRA 4. Storm Lake girls win A-A tournament. Ridge View tops Newell-Fonda in high-scoring affair, 9-7. Big inning huts St. Mary's in loss.

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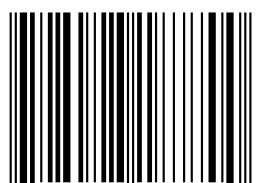
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high 76, low 65

FRIDAY

Scattered thunderstorms
high 85, low 61



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NW IOWA UNDER WATER

Devastating floods hit Sioux Rapids, Cherokee, Peterson, Linn Grove



Students from Sioux Central School volunteered to fill and distribute sandbags Sunday morning to help protect the flood-ravaged community. They worked on Thomas Street, in front of the Post Office, as the flood waters approached from the west. TIMES PILOT photo by JOHN CULLEN

Presidential disaster request approved

BY TOM CULLEN

Sioux Rapids, Linn Grove and Peterson were inundated with record-setting flooding over the weekend.

The Little Sioux River reached its crest early Sunday afternoon at nearly 30 feet at Linn Grove, six feet above its previous record in 2019, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The causes were torrential rains near southeast South Dakota and southern Minnesota. Rain totals exceeded 18 inches near Canton, S.D. Some areas in Iowa got as much as 15 inches of rain. Hot temperatures and a high pressure system over the East Coast have slowed storm systems in the Midwest, meaning more rain on already wet ground.

The effluent flushes into the Little Sioux River, which traverses all three communities. In news conferences across Northwest Iowa on Monday, Gov. Kim Reynolds described the damage as "staggering."

"The magnitude and geographic impact of this event created large amounts of debris, extensive damage to homes and businesses as well as ongoing river flooding," reads a presidential disaster declaration request Reynolds sent to President Joe Biden on Monday and was approved the same day.

Everywhere in Buena Vista County near the Little Sioux was affected, Emergency Manager Aimee Barritt told the Storm Lake Times Pilot. Over 40 homes in Sioux Rapids were voluntarily evacuated. An Elburn, Ill., man died trying to drive a Ford F-150 through floodwaters on 240th Avenue in Clay County. A pair of sewage treatment lagoons in Peterson were subsumed by the Little Sioux. A basement in

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Onsite in Sioux Rapids

CAN-DO SPIRIT PREVAILS, VOLUNTEERS NUMEROUS

BY DOLORES CULLEN

The can-do spirit is helping Sioux Rapids residents cope with the most disastrous flood in memory. "The town reacted immediately," said B.J. Habben Sunday afternoon over the brrr of an industrial pump a friend loaned him to remove water from his basement.

The race was on trying to beat water entering the house from the south. If the level rose too high, Habben's electrical panel would be ruined. "I don't know if the basement will collapse," he added.

He said his house would be a lost cause without help from friends Evan and Andy Scott and their dad Scott.

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A view of Sioux Rapids taken over the weekend looking north. Photo by APEX Drone Applicators (Caleb Anderson, Ashton Anderson and Doyle Anderson)

MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES BEGIN FOR STORM LAKE

The City of Storm Lake has declared mandatory water conservation measures in a Mayor's Proclamation dated June 24, as water use has continued to spike to levels that stress the capacity of the City's storage and treatment facilities. The measures take effect immediately, and will continue until further notice.

The city requested voluntary conservation last week, but use continues to be well above normal and near the maximum capacity for the

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Sac County trucker's death ruled an accident

David Schultz, the former missing Sac County trucker, died accidentally of hypothermia and drug intoxication, according to a death certificate from the Iowa state medical examiner.

Dr. Kelly Kruse, a state medical examiner, identified Schultz's manner of death as an accident. The immediate cause, she reported, was "hypothermia in the setting of acute drug (methamphetamine) intoxication." Schultz's death, according to the death certificate, occurred from "ingested drug and exposed environmental cold."



Schultz, a married father of 10-year-old twins, disappeared the morning of Nov. 21, 2023. His wife, Sarah Schultz, reported him missing. She said in November that her husband was not on any drugs.

Schultz's Peterbilt red and white semi truck was discovered that afternoon parked in the northbound lane of County Road N14. Pigs still resided inside his trailer. Schultz's wallet and phone were found inside the semi, but his jacket was strewn in a nearby ditch.

Law enforcement first searched the area and later, over 250 volunteers joined the search effort. Dogs, planes with thermal imaging and dozens of family and friends scoured the corn-cluttered area. But no one discovered Schultz's body until April. A hired man found the body in a farm field less than a mile from where Schultz's truck had been when he disappeared.

The night before Schultz was reported missing, temperatures dipped to 30 degrees Fahrenheit. Overnight low temperatures the next week reached as cold as 11 degrees.

An official at the state Division of Criminal Investigation told the Sioux City Journal the agency considers Schultz's case closed.

On Tuesday, Iowa DCI special agent Darrell Simmons told the Sioux City Journal that the 53-year-old's death was not a homicide. "There's really no threat or concern to the community," he said.

The Iowa medical examiner's office did not immediately respond to a Storm Lake Times Pilot phone call Friday.

Public forum on TNR program

The Storm Lake City Council will host a public forum to gather input on a potential trap-neuter-return program to help control the stray population. The forum will be held Wednesday, June 26, 5:30 p.m. in the city hall council chambers. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Caring Paws Rescue, a local nonprofit formed with the intention to establish a shelter in Storm Lake, is looking to bring a TNR program in the city.

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

WATER CONSERVATION: Need demand cut 20% to avoid emergency measures

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water system, City Manager Keri Navratil said. Water use on Sunday, June 23, was approximately double the year-around average for use on that day of the week. Conservation is necessary to ensure that there will be an adequate supply for residential and commercial use at all times, and to retain a reserve in the towers to supply any firefighting needs that may arise.

During mandatory conservation, the following provisions are in place:

- No home or commercial lawn or tree watering during the peak heat of the day, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Violators are subject to a municipal violation penalty. When watering, please use a water control nozzle or sprinkler timer to reduce waste. Flower beds/pots and vegetable gardens can be

watered using a watering can or a hose that can regulate flow.

- No vehicle washing at residential properties during the hours of 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

- No use of water to clean driveways and sidewalks.

- No power washing of homes, buildings or concrete areas is permitted without city approval and scheduling at a lower-demand time. Contact the City of Storm Lake for more information at 732-8000.

- No refilling of pools is permitted without city approval and scheduling at a lower-demand time. Contact the City of Storm Lake for more information at 732-8000.

- New seedings and sod shall be delayed until further notice.

- Drinking water supply cannot be used for dust control or construction purposes unless specific approval is received from the city.

Mandatory conservation measures apply to outside contract users of city water, including residents of Lakeside, Lake Creek and Truesdale.

Mandatory measures also apply to city uses. Conservation measures began last week for the waterparks and the golf course. During mandatory conservation, the city will curtail flushing of streets, sewers and hydrants except for emergencies. Sprinkling of lawns on city property and city ballfields will be curtailed. Watering of golf course fairways and greens will be minimized. Washing of city vehicles, use of water for flow tests and fire trainings, and use of fountains will not take place. Permits for new sod will not be issued.

If the mandatory measures do not achieve a 20% reduction in water demand, and the water plant reaches full capacity, the mayor or city manager would if necessary proclaim a water emergency with stricter measures, as outlined in the city's Water Conservation Plan.

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FLOODS: Minimal damage to county infrastructure

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Sioux Rapids collapsed. Sioux Rapids City Hall was flooded. Businesses on Sioux Rapids Main Street are flooded as far east as the Sioux Theatre. Drone footage shared by Buena Vista County Emergency Management showed a downtown that was submerged by several feet of floodwaters.

"They're dealing with a historic flood in Sioux Rapids," said Barritt on Sunday, as the river was nearing 30 feet.

The extent of damage across northern Buena Vista remains unclear. Flooded areas were mostly in Sioux Rapids. Little flooding was reported in the Linn Grove area, except the northern portion of town that's separated by the Buena Vista County Veterans Bridge.

"Linn Grove was hit, but they didn't get it as bad as Sioux Rapids," said BV County Engineer Bret Wilkinson, who was deployed to Linn Grove over the weekend.

It'll take months to clean up Sioux Rapids, Barritt said.

"This is not gonna be a quick fix," she said. "This'll be a months long process."

As of Monday afternoon, much of the downtown remained inaccessible from floodwaters. At that time, Barritt believed the water levels in Sioux Rapids were decreasing to the point county officials could enter affected properties as early as Tuesday. At 3:30 p.m. on Monday, the river descended to 24 feet at Linn Grove, she noted. More precipitation is expected throughout the week in Northwest Iowa, the effects in terms of river height are unclear. An email to the National Weather Service's Sioux Falls bureau wasn't returned.

"If we get down another four feet, it'll happen," said Barritt, referring to the chances Sioux Rapids will be accessible. On Sunday afternoon, sheriff's deputies were blocking Hwy. 71 through town. Other county roads were also closed; many have since reopened, according to Wilkinson.

Basements are under threat as long as the floodwaters remain. Quick draining can cause a pressure gradient between the outside of the basement and the inside, causing basement floors and walls to crack and collapse, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's website. The City of Linn Grove shared a post from the federal agency, cautioning residents against basement draining.

Barritt fears damage to water systems in both com-

munities.

Floodwaters subsumed pump houses in Linn Grove and Sioux Rapids. Hence both water supplies remained off limits as of Monday afternoon. An occasional toilet flush was permissible, but all other uses were discouraged. Bacterial contamination in both communities' supplies was feared because the floodwaters could mix with well water.

Further tests by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources are expected when the water recedes further. Barritt declined to speculate when both communities will lift their water conservation measures.

"We don't want them to flush toilets very often because both (Linn Grove and Sioux Rapids) have full water towers, and if the towers drain all the way down, then when the waters recede, that makes the towers down longer," Barritt explained of the cities' water advisories.

Residents of both communities were encouraged to shower at Buena Vista University's Briscoe Hall. Storm Lake is one of five communities where shelters have been established, according to Reynolds' presidential disaster proclamation. The governor's office has estimated over \$8 million in damages to the 22 counties that the flooding has affected. More damages to buildings, water systems and other facilities is to be determined, according to the request.

DAMAGE TO OTHER county infrastructure has been minimal.

No residences in Buena Vista County have lost electricity. MidAmerican Energy and the county's emergency management office were preparing for downed power poles or trees falling on electrical equipment in areas under major flood stage. The Little Sioux's major flood stage is 24 feet, according to the geological survey. Geoff Greenwood, a spokesman for Mid-American, noted around 100 homes in neighboring Cherokee County had their power de-energized or shut off entirely.

The Veterans Bridge's structural integrity remains sound, Wilkinson said, despite the Little Sioux's constant force against the bridge's beams. Wilkinson feared the newly-installed bridge could wash down the Little Sioux because the river carved a new path in 2019 into its south bank. Its new path was headed straight for the bridge's north abutment. The bridge was replaced last year to the tune of \$3.3 million. The county has since opted for arbitration against FEMA for millions in improvements it claims it's owed from the federal agency. The improvements were intended to reduce damages from flooding.

An inspection of the bridge is expected once the Little Sioux recedes.

"From what we can tell so far the bridge is doing okay,"



At the Peterson ball fields, the dugouts are almost completely submerged. The scoreboard is in red in the center. It is the home field for the Sioux Central Rebels. The baseball team's game against Hinton and the softball game against Alta-Aurelia Monday night were canceled.



Buena Vista County Emergency Management Coordinator Aimee Barrett takes a call near the emergency trailer stationed near First Lutheran Church in Sioux Rapids. TIMES PILOT photo by DOLORES CULLEN



Never cross a flooded road
The Clay County Sheriff's Office responded to a vehicle in the ditch north of Spencer last Friday morning with water up to its windshield and water entering the vehicle. Two citizens assisted the CCSO with entering the water, breaking the rear window and removing the female driver, Norma Hanson of rural Spencer. Within minutes the vehicle was fully submerged under water. It was determined that the driver attempted to cross the flooded roadway and began to hydroplane causing her to lose control of the vehicle. CCSO would like to remind the motoring public that it is never safe to cross a flooded road.

Wilkinson said on Monday, when the Little Sioux was 27.5 feet. "The river's still pretty high. We can't really get under the bridge to investigate yet, but the sides of the beams and the deck, what we can see, it looks okay so far."

BV Co. Pork Producers feed Spencer flood victims

With the okay from Clay County EMS, Buena Vista County Pork Producers made a fast and furious pork burger supply run in Storm Lake and headed north to south Spencer early Saturday evening to feed those displaced by quickly rising floodwaters. They served 500 pork burgers and water, and were able to make it back to BV County safely.

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FREE MEALS AT SCHOOL

With many people throughout our region being displaced and staying in Storm Lake because of recent flooding, please be aware that everyone that the Summer Food Service Program is available to anyone in Iowa.

There is no sign-up or qualifications needed, and all families are welcome to participate.

• Storm Lake Middle School through June 27: Breakfast from 8-8:30 a.m., lunch from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

• Storm Lake High School: June 3-28 and July 12 Monday-Friday, breakfast 9-9:30 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; July 1-3, 8-25, Monday-Thursday, lunch 11 a.m.-12:45.

HELP SIOUX RAPIDS WITH DONATIONS

Donation centers have been set up, for truckloads of items at the Sioux Rapids Fire Department 718 Front St. and at Sioux Central School for smaller amounts of items. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

These are the only goods accepted at this time:

- Bleach
- Empty spray bottles
- Paper towels
- Liquid hand soap
- Black container trash bags

Please do not bring clothing at this time.

If you need to donate outside of those hours, please call Holly Miller at 712-363-3353.

TOWN MEETING IN SIOUX RAPIDS

There will be a town meeting for residents who have damage caused by the flooding to obtain important information and ask questions. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, at First Lutheran Church, 716 First St., Sioux Rapids.

HELP SPENCER

Donations are being accepted by the Spencer Chamber Foundation. Email director@spenceriowachamber.org.

SHOWERS AT BVU

Shower facilities will be available free of charge for residents of Buena Vista County affected by flooding.

The location is Briscoe Hall, 811 W. Fourth St. Please park in the lot across the street. Times are Monday-Friday, June 24-28, from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Please enter from the south side of the building through the center door under the large archway. Towels, soaps and shampoo will be provided. Check in with BVU staff upon entering the building.

MONETARY/COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

Buena Vista County has been approved for the State Individual Assistance Grant Program through a Governor's Disaster Proclamation. As a result, those who had damages at their homes due to either the flooding could apply to receive up to \$5,000 in assistance with repairs or lost items.

The program is administered by Upper Des Moines Opportunity. Applicants must be under 200% of federal poverty level to qualify. If you are seeking assistance, you can apply directly online here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaSEU3hoWJoIFC0gKYy7iQe-QNgI2eztt6igfliK-qxsT-pQ/viewform> For reference, this website: <https://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/disasters/individual-disaster-assistance-programs>

You may also go to The Upper Des Moines office in Storm Lake at 620 Michigan Street, or to the Upper Des Moines Opportunity website at: <https://www.udmo.com/> but you will then have to click a few times to get to the application. If someone is having difficulty applying (ie: computer issues), they can call Alisa direct at 515-570-0767 to get assistance.

Iowa Concern, 800-447-1985, is a confidential, free resource answered 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Iowa Concern provides access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics.

Or visit the website, www.extension.iastate.edu/iowa-concern/, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment. Iowans can also email an expert regarding legal, finance, stress or crisis and disaster issues.

ISU Extension and Outreach's Disaster and Crisis Recovery website, www.extension.iastate.edu/disasterrecovery/, has information on flood clean-up and home repair and other flood recovery issues. ISU Extension and Outreach offers educational resources to reduce the personal impact of natural disasters and other crises, working in partnership with the local, state and federal agencies addressing the need.

STORM LAKE RADIO HELPING OUT

If you would like to help out our local communities cleaning up from the flooding with supplies, Storm Lake Radio is accepting donations of bottled water, cleaning supplies, cleaning gloves, heavy duty trash bags and paper products. Drop off during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TRUCKS AVAILABLE

Edwards Auto in Storm Lake has offered a truck for use by Sioux Rapids people affected by the flood. Austin Buchholz of Edwards asks you to reach out to him at the dealership. "We will run a truck up there to help any way we can," says Buchholz.

FOR PETS

Jones Nursery in Storm Lake is taking donations of dog and cat supplies — food, gallons of water, cat litter, etc. — to be donated to shelters set up in Cherokee and Spencer. Donations can be placed in the enclosed trailer in the parking lot at the nursery. It will be open all day and it will be closed at night.

WEBSITES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Storm Lake Times Pilot and Cherokee Chronicle Times are transitioning to new websites. We appreciate your patience during this time. 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.



Above: Flooding Little Sioux River closed off Cherokee's East Main Street from the east. Below: The Linn Grove bridge was closed Sunday morning because of fears the rising Little Sioux River underneath might flood it.



SIOUX RAPIDS: Will return to the Valley of Beauty

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Habben also praised the local firefighters who worked alongside volunteers Saturday night furiously sandbagging Main Street.

Firefighter Dennis Williams — actually last year's Iowa Firefighter of the Year — talked about the "fail" Saturday night.

"At 10:30 (p.m.) one berm failed," he said. "Then we went to move it back."

Water inched westward up Main Street as the firefighters and over 100 volunteers built the berm. In the end the flood would overtake both berms, ending about a block west of the Sioux Theatre, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The berms worked in 1993, explained Dennis, the year of the worst flooding in memory. That year the water only advanced to Sioux Lumber.

He got to bed around midnight, but was awakened for a fire call in the middle of the night. A basement wall collapsed and broke a gas line.

This was all after a day of going home to home, checking on residents and alerting them of the advancing danger of the flood waters. Thankfully no residents were trapped or stranded, or even hurt.

People in the 30-40 homes evacuated either left town in campers, went to stay with relatives or traveled to Storm Lake where a shelter was designated at Buena Vista University. BVU partnered with the Buena Vista County Emergency Management Agency to set up the shelter arrangement.

With two hours of sleep, Dennis was busy Sunday, the next day, volunteering with the water distribution. Hy-Vee donated a semi trailer load of bottled water that residents could pick up in front of First Lutheran Church. Water may be picked up throughout the week from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

The church was a natural place for the distribution, said Angie Christian, longtime Sioux Rapidian, who agreed to take over the job of volunteer coordinator. "They needed someone to organize volunteers," she said. She doesn't have to go back to work right away because she works at a law firm in Spencer, where the flooding is even worse.

Through the Facebook page "Sioux Rapids Flood Update," Angie asked for volunteers for the sandbagging effort. "As soon as it went up I had 20 or 30 messages," she said.

Angie said it was difficult to see so many people with serious damage to their homes. She said she was glad to help. "I didn't lose a thing."

Among the businesses in standing water were Roling Signs, Dollar General, Keene Chiropractic, Sioux Rapids

Auto Sales, Hondo's Sales and Service, and First State Bank.

Also running on little sleep was BVCEMA Coordinator Aimee Barrett. She tended to a long list of tasks, like placing port-a-pots around town to ease the strain on the sewer system.

She put out the word for people to document damages to their homes, to take lots of pictures, to be prepared to apply for benefits.

Aimee is preparing for disaster cleanup. Damaged items need to be placed on the curb in separate piles:

- Garbage (mattresses, furniture)
- Household hazardous waste (paints, solvents, herbicides, fertilizer)
- Appliances, electronics, TVs, monitors, tires
- Scrap metal
- Tree limbs and trimmings

Among the people cruising around town in side by sides Sunday were Randy Koenig of the public works department and Kelly Snyder, BV County supervisor and Sioux Rapids resident. "We need to make sure they know we're here for them," said Kelly.

And Randy joked, "Do you know what the VOB is?"

Of course, the Valley of Beauty, Sioux Rapids' nickname.

"It will be back to the VOB."

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Spectacular seeking \$8,000 to meet fundraising goal

The 2024 Star Spangled Spectacular is still accepting donations as the fundraising committee enters its final week of its annual campaign in preparation for celebrating Independence Day and the 2024 theme: "Light up the Sky on the Fourth of July!"

With a goal of \$40,000, co-chairs Josh Newhouse and Matt Brostad are still looking for almost \$8,000 to meet their budget.

"We still have a few major donors who are working to get us their donations," said Newhouse. "We have a great lineup of entertainment and activities this year, and we hope we meet our goal!"

For those interested in making a donation, checks can be made out to Star Spangled Spectacular and sent to:

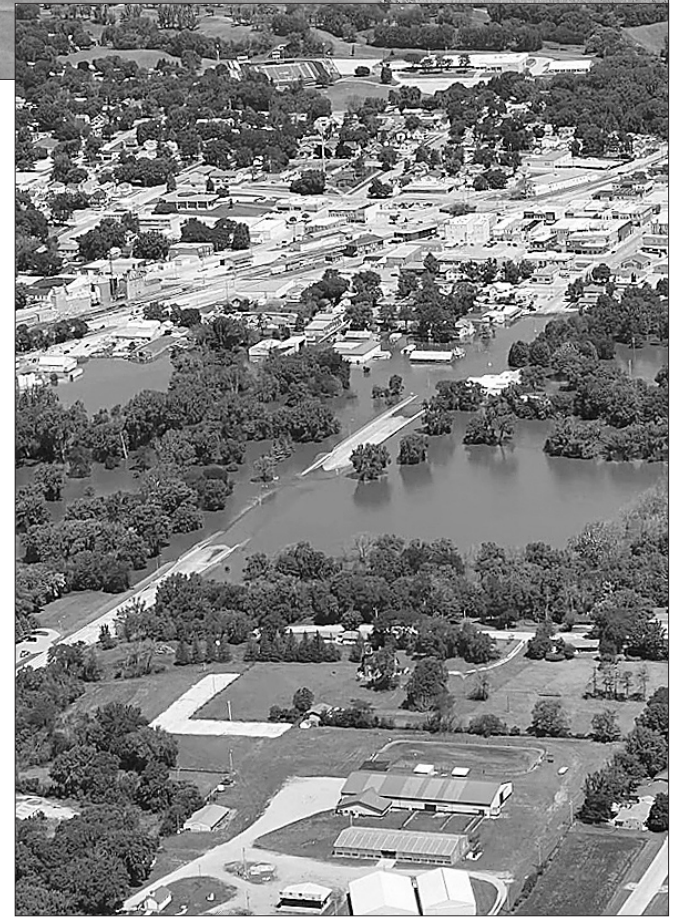
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Storm Lake, IA 50588

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A view of Cherokee from the air. Photo by CHRISTY ALQUIST



Sioux Rapids volunteer coordinator Angie Christian stops to visit with Dustin Klatt.



A levee in Sioux Rapids failed to stop the advancing water in Sioux Rapids.

Chaser Elite-Bill and Pat Fitzpatrick.

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SPORTS

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RV beats SM in special night for Phelps family

It was a special night for the Phelps family.

For the first time ever, grandpa Scott got to coach against his grandchildren. His Ridge View softball team defeated grandkids Ruby and Peyton Phelps and the Storm Lake St. Mary's team 12-0 on Monday in Galva.

The Raptors scored seven runs in the third inning to break a scoreless tie and then plated five runs in the fourth.

Ridge View had eight hits in the game. Tatum Shepherd and Reese Hawthorne led the way with two apiece. Emma Mentzer, Faith Freese, Savannah Cudaback and Leslie Avina each added one hit.

Cudaback drove in four runs while Avina and Hawthorne each had two RBI. Shepherd, Avina and Morgan Wright all scored two runs.

Zoey Aschinger allowed one hit, walked one and struck out nine.

"We were happy with the performance defensively and at the plate," Phelps said. "The kids were patient at the plate and when they got their pitch they attacked it very aggressively, which was good to see. Zoey was around the plate all night and kept them off-balance."

Newell-Fonda 13, GTRA 3

Newell-Fonda used a six-run third inning to take control as the Mustangs went on to defeat GTRA on Monday.

Newell-Fonda (21-6) scored two runs in the first inning, six in the third, three in the fourth, one in the fifth and one in the sixth.

The Mustangs totaled 14 hits. Anna Mercer led the way with three. Joice Walsh, Kinzee Hinders, Isabel Bartek, Kierra Jungers and Jaicee Vanderhoff added two hits apiece.

Mercer drove in five runs and Walsh knocked in four. They each homered. Mercer and Bartek scored three runs apiece. Hinders and Camryn Puhmann each scored twice.

Jungers allowed three hits and one run, walked one and struck out three in four frames.

"The girls did a great job putting the ball into play and producing inning after inning," Newell-Fonda coach Courtney Darrow said. "We stayed mentally strong from start to finish. We were able to get out of a couple jams with some heads-up defensive plays. It was nice to get a solid win on senior night to honor our three seniors — Kierra Jungers, Isabel Bartek and McKenna Sievers. These three have done a great deal for this program and are tremendous leaders."

UPCOMING SPORTS

PREP BASEBALL WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

- ▶ Estherville @ Storm Lake
- ▶ Alta-Aurelia @ OABCIG
- ▶ Sioux Central @ Kingsley-Pier-son

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

- ▶ Alta-Aurelia @ West Monona
- ▶ Newell-Fonda @ LeMars
- ▶ East Sac County @ Ridge View
- ▶ Sioux Central @ Spencer

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- ▶ Spirit Lake @ Alta-Aurelia

PREP SOFTBALL WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

- ▶ Estherville @ Storm Lake
- ▶ St. Mary's @ Emmetsburg
- ▶ Alta-Aurelia @ OABCIG
- ▶ Newell-Fonda @ Kingsley-Pier-son
- ▶ GTRA @ Ridge View
- ▶ Sioux Central @ Woodbury Central

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

- ▶ HMS @ Alta-Aurelia
- ▶ Newell-Fonda @ Humboldt
- ▶ Sioux Central @ GTRA

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- ▶ Storm Lake @ MOC-Floyd Valley
- ▶ Siouxland Christian/Whiting @ St. Mary's
- ▶ Emmetsburg @ Ridge View



Ridge View's Zoey Aschinger catches a pop-up after colliding with Cadence Stricklett during last Saturday's game against Storm Lake in the Alta-Aurelia tournament. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

SL girls win A-A tournament

Storm Lake captured the championship of the Alta-Aurelia tournament after winning a pair of games last Saturday.

The Tornados beat East Sac County 5-1 in their first

game. Storm Lake scored two runs in the second, one in the third and two in the fifth.

The Tornados tallied six hits. Taylor Ripke and Cole Richardson led the way with two apiece. Avery DeHaan drove in two runs and Ripke scored two runs.

Maddy Raveling picked up the win. She allowed three hits and one earned run, walked none and struck out eight over seven innings.

Storm Lake defeated Ridge

View 10-0 in the championship. The Tornados scored one run in the first inning, three in the second, two in the third, one in the fourth, one in the sixth and two in the seventh.

Storm Lake totaled 11 hits. Mackenzie Harder led the way with three. Raveling and Richardson each added two. Raveling drove in two runs while Harder scored three runs.

DeHaan got the win. She

allowed four hits, walked none and struck out 10 in seven innings.

Ridge View had four hits in the game. Savannah Cudaback had two singles and Addison Tesch and Zoey Aschinger each had one.

Tatum Shepherd took the loss. She allowed five hits and seven runs, three of which were earned, walked four and struck out three in 3⅓ innings. Aschinger gave up three hits

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Ridge View's Ryan Barry tags out Newell-Fonda's Thomas Mercer at home plate during their game on Monday night in Holstein. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

Big inning hurts St. Mary's in loss

Manson Northwest Webster used a six-run second inning to pull away as the Cougars went on to defeat Storm Lake St. Mary's 13-5 last Friday at Manson.

St. Mary's scored one run in the first inning, three in the fourth and one in the fifth.

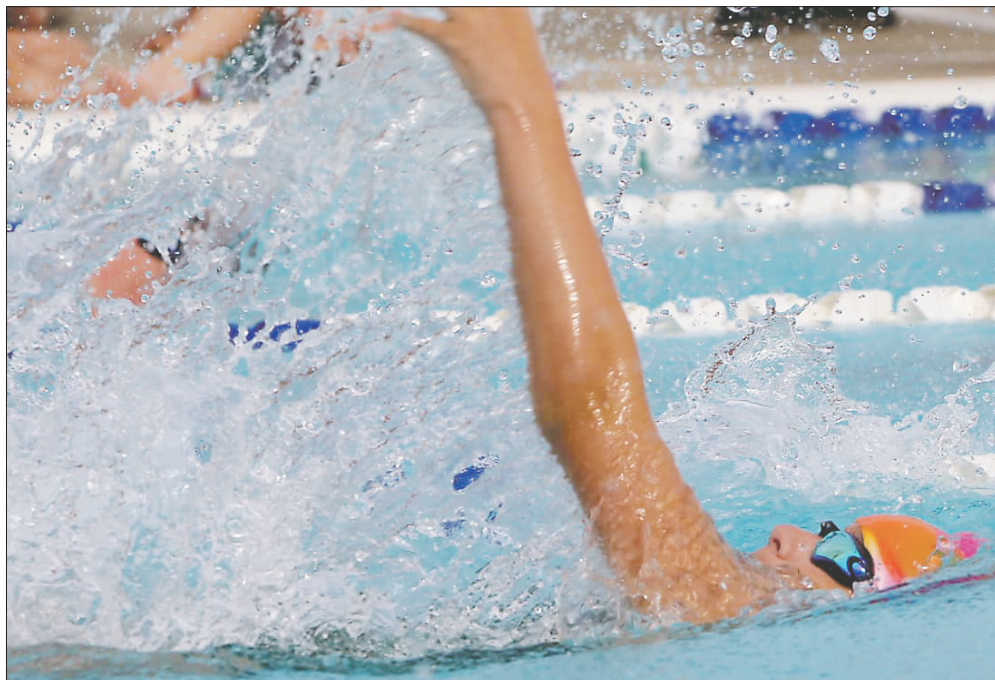
The Panthers tallied six hits in the game. Avery Smith and Isabelle Landgraf led the way with two apiece. Aubrey Crum and Kielee Larson each added a hit.

Smith, Landgraf, Larson and Peyton Phelps each had one RBI. Neely Bacon scored

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Ellie Bloom of Aurelia competes in the freestyle during a recent Storm Lake Whitecaps swim meet. Photos courtesy of Becky Bloom



Piper Westphal of Aurelia swims the backstroke during a Storm Lake Whitecaps meet recently.

Aurelians swimming for Whitecaps team

Four students from Aurelia are competing for the Storm Lake Whitecaps swim team this summer.

The team is coached by Kelsey Gray.

The students are Kara Bryant, Piper Westphal, Kinsey Nissen and Ellie Bloom. Coach Katie Bryant is also from Aurelia.



Coach Katie Bryant gives instruction to a swimmer.



Kara Bryant of Aurelia swims during competition in a recent Storm Lake Whitecaps meet.



Kinsey Nissen of Aurelia finishes her event during a Storm Lake Whitecaps meet recently.

Ridge View tops Newell-Fonda in high-scoring affair, 9-7

Blake Myrtue went 4-for-4, scored three runs and drove in two runs to help power Ridge View to a 9-7 win over Newell-Fonda in a nonconference game played on Monday in Holstein.

Ridge View (12-8) scored two runs in the first inning, two in the second, one in the fourth, two in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Newell-Fonda plated three runs in the first, two in the third, one in the sixth and one in the seventh.

The Raptors recorded 10 hits in the game. Myrtue had two doubles and two singles. Owen Worthan hit a two-run home run while Aiden Myrtue doubled. Kinnick Jensen, Gavin Vohs, Ryan Barry and Eli Franken all singled. Worthan drove in two runs while Jensen and Vohs each had one RBI. Myrtue scored three runs.

Jensen was the winning pitcher. He allowed five hits and five runs, all of which were unearned, walked four and struck out 10 in five innings. Blake Myrtue gave up one hit and two runs, walked two and struck out three in two innings of relief.

Ridge View committed four errors in the game.

Newell-Fonda (12-8) collected nine hits. Max Carlson and Brock Wilken each had two while Mason Hoberman, Brooks Bellcock, Trevor Tauber, Jackson Bellcock and Kellen Meyer all added one hit.

Meyer drove in two runs while Wilken and Brooks Bellcock each had one RBI. Tauber scored two runs for the Mustangs.

Hoberman took the loss in relief. He allowed five hits and five runs, walked four and struck out five in three innings. Tauber started and gave up five hits and four runs, walked three and struck out three in three innings.

Newell-Fonda committed one error in the game.

Sioux Central edges Newell-Fonda, teams share Twin Lakes title

Rebels win, 6-5

Sioux Central scored five unanswered runs in the first three innings to build an early lead before holding off a rally by Newell-Fonda to edge the Mustangs 6-5 in a Twin Lakes Conference game last Thursday at Peterson.

As a result of the win, Sioux Central and Newell-Fonda tied for first in the conference at 9-1 and share the title.

Sioux Central scored two runs in the first inning, three in the third and one in the fourth. Newell-Fonda plated single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings and two in the seventh.

Sioux Central (15-5) tallied eight hits. Bradi Krager led the way with three. Nichole Hart added two while Natalie Laursen, Avery Wilson and Morgan Christian each had one hit.

Wilson drove in two runs while Christian, Laursen and Hart all had one RBI. Krager scored two runs.

Krager got the win. She allowed 10 hits and five runs, walked two and struck out seven in seven innings.

Sioux Central committed four errors in the game.

"This was a good softball game of two good teams," Sioux Central coach Kasey Krager said. "We were able to get some runs early and it put a little pressure on Newell-

Fonda, but they answered and we knew they would. We were fortunate to get an insurance run in the fourth inning to increase our lead to 6-1. That run proved to be the difference. The kids really stepped up and did some nice things. I was proud of how we competed and believed in ourselves."

Newell-Fonda (19-6) finished with 10 hits. Kierra Jungers had three while seven other players added one hit apiece. Kinzee Hinders hit a two-run home run. Jungers, Joice Walsh and Anna Mercer all had one RBI. Camryn Puhmann scored two runs.

Jungers took the loss. She allowed seven hits and six runs, four of which were earned, walked one and struck out 13 in six innings.

"We beat ourselves," Newell-Fonda coach Courtney Darrow said. "Give credit to Sioux Central. They came ready to go, hit it hard and found the holes. It's hard to dig ourselves out of a 2-0 hole right out of the gates and give them the momentum. We stranded 10 base runners with eight in scoring position. We definitely had multiple innings where we had a chance to do some damage, but just couldn't come up with that big hit. I loved the fight our girls showed battling back each inning and scratching a few runs each inning. That showed a lot of grit."



Alta-Aurelia pitcher Lily Reeves throws to first base after fielding a bunt by East Sac County's Jen Aschinger last Saturday. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

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two runs.

Bacon took the loss. She allowed eight hits and 13 runs, five of which were earned, walked five and struck out 10 in six innings.

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

"Overall, the girls did a great job working to come back and make it a game again after we fell behind early," St. Mary's coach Peter Leo said. "When that happens, it's easy for a team to lose its focus. I like to tell the girls something (manager) Joe Torre used to say whenever the Yankees fell behind in a big game: 'We don't have to eat the whole thing right now, but let's take a bite out of it.' Over the course of the season, the girls have learned to simplify their approach in those situations, and that if we can get a few runs back one at a time, the game becomes competitive again."

"Manson Northwest Webster is a much tougher opponent than their overall record indicates," Leo added. "It's virtually guaranteed that they're going to hit the heck out of the ball, and they did that. Their first baseman (Rilynn Lawman) consistently has good at-bats and hits the ball hard every time up. It's always good to grab an early lead like we did, and I was really happy that our team defense and pitching held their offense to just one big inning for the whole game. Unfortunately for us, their big inning happened earlier in the game and was a little bigger than ours was, and we weren't able to regain the lead."

"Avery Smith was on base every time up, and both she and Isabelle Landgraf had two hits and an RBI," Leo continued. "We also got RBI from Kielee Larson and Peyton Phelps. I continue to be so impressed with how well our eighth graders compete at the varsity level. It's a sign of a bright future for our team."

PREP SOFTBALL



Ridge View's Morgan Wright prepares to tag Storm Lake's Mackenzie Harder while sliding into third base during their game in the Alta-Aurelia tournament last Saturday. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

Ridge View finishes as runners-up in Western Valley tournament

Ridge View finished as the runners-up in the Western Valley Conference tournament after splitting a pair of games last Thursday.

The Raptors beat MVAO-COU 8-4 in the semifinals. Ridge View trailed 4-1 after five innings, but rallied with two runs in the sixth and five in the seventh to win.

Ridge View finished with 12 hits in the game. Emma Mentzer, Morgan Wright and

Faith Freese led the way with three apiece. Zoey Aschinger added two hits and Reese Hawthorne one.

Freese, Wright, Aschinger and Tautum Shepherd all drove in two runs. Cora Tesch scored three runs while Freese scored twice.

Shepherd got the win. She allowed six hits and four runs, two of which were earned, walked three and struck out eight in six innings.

Ridge View (10-8) was defeated by West Monona 11-2 in the championship. The Spartans scored seven runs in the first inning and never looked back.

The Raptors had four hits. Freese singled twice, Mentzer clubbed a two-run home run and Savannah Cudaback singled.

Aschinger took the loss. She allowed eight hits and 11 runs, only two of which were

earned, walked three and struck out three in six innings.

Ridge View committed seven errors in the game.

"We were very proud of our kids and their efforts all day," Ridge View coach Scott Phelps said. "We really battled throughout the first game to get the victory and get into the championship. We saw a lot of improvement and growth throughout the day, which is very encouraging."

Sioux Central scores 22 runs to rout TLC opponent South Central Calhoun

Sioux Central scored six runs in the top of the first inning to take control as the Rebels went on to beat South Central Calhoun 22-4 last Friday at Lytton.

The Rebels (16-5) plated four runs in the second inning, five in the fourth and seven in the fifth.

Sioux Central finished with 12 hits in the game. Bradi Krager, Natalie Laursen, Morgan Christian and Sage Weber all had two hits apiece. Nichole Hart, Preslie Peterson, Nora Christian and Ava McCarty each had one hit for the winners.

Krager drove in four runs

while McCarty had three RBI and Emma Smith two. Peterson scored four runs while Krager, Weber and Morgan Christian all scored three times. Hart, Smith, McCarty and Avery Wilson all scored two runs apiece.

Victori Meyer got the win. She allowed one hit and three

unearned runs, walked two and struck out one in three innings.

Sioux Central committed four errors in the game.

"The girls did what they needed to do and got another conference win," Sioux Central coach Kasey Krager said.

Newell-Fonda routs SC North in Spencer tourney

Newell-Fonda played in the Spencer Tournament last Friday and got one game in before the tournament was cancelled because of rain.

The Mustangs (20-6) defeated Sioux City North 11-0. Newell-Fonda finished with 11 hits. Ellie Sievers had four while Isabel Bartek, McKenna Sievers and Kierra Jungers all added two hits apiece.

Ellie Sievers had five RBI and Jaicee Vanderhoff three. Vanderhoff, Anna Mercer, Kinzee Hinders and Camryn Puhmann all scored two runs.

Jungers got the win. She allowed no hits, walked one and struck out seven in six innings.

"Kierra did a nice job neutralizing their hitters," Newell-Fonda coach Courtney Darrow said. "Sioux City North had been playing some great ball as of late and we were happy we were able to pull out a win. Our hitters adjusted well after first time through, and even after a rain delay we came back out and produced more when we could have just been content. Give the girls credit for staying focused and finishing strong."



Ridge View shortstop Zoey Aschinger tags out Storm Lake's Maddy Raveling during last Saturday's game in Alta. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

Ridge View finishes second in Alta-Aurelia tournament

Ridge View finished as the runner-up in the Alta-Aurelia Tournament last Saturday after splitting a pair of games.

The Raptors got past Alta-Aurelia 2-1 in their first game. Ridge View had four hits — singles by Tatum Shepherd, Morgan Wright, Zoey Aschinger and Leslie Avina. Wright had an RBI.

Aschinger was the winning pitcher. She allowed three hits and one unearned run,

walked four and struck out eight in 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings.

Ridge View (11-9) lost to Storm Lake 10-0 in the championship game. The Raptors had four hits in the game. Savannah Cudaback had two singles and Addison Tesch and Aschinger each had one hit apiece.

Shepherd took the loss. She allowed five hits and seven runs, three of which were earned, walked four and

struck out three in 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings. Aschinger gave up three hits and three runs, one of which was earned, walked none and struck out one in 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings.

"We were disappointed in how our bats were silenced all day long and how poorly our defense played all day," Ridge View coach Scott Phelps said. "We know we are a better squad than that, but we have to show it on a more consistent basis."



Alta-Aurelia catcher Avery Westphal awaits the throw as East Sac County's Kendall Quirk slides into home in last Saturday's game. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

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and three runs, one of which was earned, walked none and struck out one in 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings.

"We played two good games to take the tournament title in Alta," Storm Lake coach Jenna Lullmann said. "Maddy Raveling pitched a great game for us against East Sac with eight strikeouts and no walks. Taylor Ripke and Cole Richardson each led the team with two hits in the first game. We were able to really get our bats going and score some runs in the second game against Ridge View. Avery DeHaan hit her third home run of the season and pitched a great game for us with 10 strikeouts and no walks."

PREP BASEBALL



Alta-Aurelia's Sam Sennert prepares to catch a pickoff throw at first base during last Thursday's game against GTRA. The Warriors won 17-2 to clinch their third straight TLC title. TIMES PILOT photo by ADAM DUBLINSKE

DISTRICT PAIRINGS

CLASS 1A
GAMES SATURDAY, JULY 6
DISTRICT 1, SUBSTATE 1
at Lake Park
 Harris-Lake Park vs. South O'Brien
at LeMars
 Trinity Christian vs. West Monona
 LeMars Gehlen vs. Siouxland Christian

DISTRICT 2, SUBSTATE 1
at Alta
 George-Little Rock vs. Westwood
 Alta-Aurelia vs. GTRA (Graettinger)

at Marcus
 Kingsley-Pierson vs. Sibley-Ocheyedan
 MMCRU (Marcus) vs. HMS (Hartley)

DISTRICT 3, SUBSTATE 2
at Moville
 Newell-Fonda vs. Boyer Valley, 5 p.m.

at Woodbine
 Logan-Magnolia vs. Glidden-Ralston
 Woodbine vs. Audubon

DISTRICT 4, SUBSTATE 2
at Moville
 Woodbury Central vs. Ar-We-Va (Westside)

at Anita
 CAM (Anita) vs. Riverside

at Coon Rapids
 IKM-Manning vs. Exira-EHK
 Coon Rapids-Bayard vs. AHSTW (Avoca)

GAMES TUESDAY, JULY 9
DISTRICT 1, SUBSTATE 1
at Akron
 Harris-Lake Park or South O'Brien vs. Akron-Westfield

at TBD
 Trinity Christian or West Monona vs. LeMars Gehlen or Siouxland Christian

DISTRICT 2, SUBSTATE 1
at TBD
 George-Little Rock or Westwood vs. Alta-Aurelia or GTRA (Graettinger)

at TBD
 Kingsley-Pierson or Sibley-Ocheyedan vs. MMCRU (Marcus) vs. HMS (Hartley)

DISTRICT 3, SUBSTATE 2
at Remsen
 Newell-Fonda or Boyer Valley vs. Remsen St. Mary's

at TBD
 Logan-Magnolia or Glidden-Ralston vs. Woodbine or Audubon

DISTRICT 4, SUBSTATE 2
at TBD
 Woodbury Central or Ar-We-Va vs. CAM (Anita) or Riverside

at TBD
 IKM-Manning or Exira-EHK vs. Coon Rapids-Bayard or AHSTW (Avoca)

CLASS 2A
GAMES SATURDAY, JULY 6
DISTRICT 1, SUBSTATE 1
at Emmetsburg
 Okoboji vs. Sioux Central
 Emmetsburg vs. Sheldon

DISTRICT 2, SUBSTATE 1
at Cherokee
 Central Lyon vs. West Sioux
 Cherokee vs. Western Christian

DISTRICT 15, SUBSTATE 8
at Holstein
 Hinton vs. Lawton-Bronson
 Ridge View vs. MVAOCO (Mapleton)

DISTRICT 16, SUBSTATE 8
at Missouri Valley
 West Central Valley vs. Red Oak
 Missouri Valley vs. East Sac County

GAMES TUESDAY, JULY 9
DISTRICT 1, SUBSTATE 1
at Estherville
 Emmetsburg or Sheldon vs. Spirit Lake
 Okoboji or Sioux Central vs. Estherville Lincoln Central

DISTRICT 2, SUBSTATE 1
at Inwood
 Cherokee or Western Christian vs. Unity Christian
 Central Lyon or West Sioux vs. West Lyon

DISTRICT 15, SUBSTATE 8
at Underwood
 Ridge View or MVAOCO (Mapleton) vs. Treynor
 Hinton or Lawton-Bronson vs. Underwood

DISTRICT 16, SUBSTATE 8
at Clarinda
 Missouri Valley or East Sac County vs. Shenandoah
 West Central Valley or Red Oak vs. Clarinda

Note: Sites with two games begin at 5 and 7 p.m. Sites with one game listed begin at 7 p.m. unless noted. Tickets are \$6 for district (1A, 2A) and substate (3A, 4A) games. Tickets are \$8 for substate finals in all classes.



Newell-Fonda first baseman Brooks Bellcock fields a ground ball during Monday's game against Ridge View in Holstein. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

Alta-Aurelia beats Madrid, falls to WM

Alta-Aurelia scored four runs in the sixth inning to pull away as the Warriors went on to beat Madrid 8-3 last Friday in Madrid.

The Warriors scored two runs in the third, two in the fifth and four in the sixth.

Alta-Aurelia finished with six hits in the game. Camden Reinert and Jaxson Page led the way with two apiece. Cale Brechwald and Brayden Marshall each added one.

Page drove in three runs while Reinert had two RBI. Marshall and Peyton Meyer each had one RBI. Reinert and Sam Sennert scored two runs apiece.

Marshall was the winning pitcher. He allowed six hits and three runs, one of which was earned, walked two and struck out four in seven innings.

"It's always fun to head to a different part of the state and play some new competition," Alta-Aurelia coach Ryan Burkhardt said. "Brayden Marshall pitched really well through the heat and humidity and gave us all seven innings. I thought we got some timely hits and took advantage of some opportunities when they were presented to

us. A quality win on the road, in my opinion."

ALTA-AURELIA played the top-ranked team in the state in Class 2A at the Brent Prange Classic last Saturday in Ankeny and the Warriors were defeated 19-2.

West Marshall scored five runs in the first inning, six in the second, four in the third and four in the fourth. The Warriors plated two runs in the third.

Alta-Aurelia (14-6) had two hits in the game — singles by Cale Brechwald and Camden Reinert. Jaxson Page had an RBI.

Reinert took the loss. He allowed five hits and 10 runs, seven of which were earned, walked four and struck out two in 1½ innings.

"We knew this would be a tremendous challenge for our guys," Burkhardt said. "They are one of the top teams in 2A and I was happy with how we battled. While we didn't get the win, we improved as a team because we had to learn how to get great hitters out and battle against good pitching. It was a valuable experience as we get close to tournament time."

Sioux Central rallies from three-run deficit to beat LeMars Gehlen, 5-4

Sioux Central scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to rally for a 5-4 win over LeMars Gehlen last Friday in Peterson.

Gehlen plated three runs in the top of the sixth inning to take a 4-1 lead, but it was short-lived.

Sioux Central (12-8) tallied four hits in the game. Max Wittmaack had three singles and Konnor McKeever one. Wittmaack drove in three runs and Owen Mills had one RBI. Andrew Nelson scored two runs.

McKeever got the win in relief. He allowed one hit and one run, walked one and

struck out one in two innings. Wittmaack started and gave up one hit and three runs, walked four and struck out six in five innings.

"The team did a great job of coming back and getting the win," Sioux Central coach Alan Vasher said. "Max had his best outing of the year as he was around the zone all night, and the defense did a great job behind him of limiting the damage. We only had four hits at the plate, but the guys had some really good at-bats and found a way on base. I'm really proud of the team and the way they responded last week with their play."

Alta-Aurelia clinches third straight TLC title

Alta-Aurelia clinched its third Twin Lakes Conference championship in a row as the Warriors scored all of their runs in the first three innings to beat GTRA 17-2 last Thursday at Alta.

Alta-Aurelia scored seven runs in the first inning, seven in the second and three in the third to finish the season 9-1 in the league.

The Warriors (13-5) tallied eight hits in the game. Sam Sennert and Jaxson Page led the way with two hits apiece. Cale Brechwald, Gavin Sleezer, Brayden Marshall and Maddux McCoy each added one hit apiece.

Brechwald drove in three runs while Sleezer and Sennert each had two RBI. Marshall, McCoy and Camden Reinert all had one RBI. Payton Syndergaard scored three runs while Marshall, Page, McCoy, Peyton Meyer and Alex Daughenbaugh all scored two runs.

Sennert was the winning pitcher. He allowed no hits and no runs, walked none and struck out four in three innings. Sleezer gave up three hits and two runs, walked none and struck out one in one inning of relief.

"It was a good week of baseball," Alta-Aurelia coach Ryan Burkhardt said. "I am proud of the guys for finishing strong and winning the Twin Lakes Conference championship again. That was a goal of theirs and they succeeded. When you only play each team once, you really have to be on your game night in and night out to win the title."

Max Carlson fired a four-hit shutout to help Newell-Fonda get past Sioux Central 2-0 in a Twin Lakes Conference game last Thursday at Peterson.

It was the Mustangs' ninth straight win.

Newell-Fonda (12-7) scored one run in the first inning and one in the third frame.

The Mustangs tallied five hits. Ty Tauber led the way with two. Carlson, Trevor Tauber and Brady Babel each added one hit. Ty Tauber and Brooks Bellcock each drove in a run.

Carlson allowed four hits, walked one and struck out eight in seven innings to get

Carlson's gem helps Newell-Fonda get past Sioux Central

the win.

"Our defense was really solid behind Max," Newell-Fonda coach Nathan Baron said. "We only had one or two errors. When they had guys on base, we didn't allow them to advance any further. Max settled down. It was a really good pitching and defensive performance."

"Another good conference win," Baron added. "We're doing what needs to be done to win baseball games... playing good defense, timely hitting, good pitching and our effort's been good."

Konnor McKeever, Peyton Otto, Boden Bright and Andrew Nelson each had a hit for Sioux Central (11-8). Bright

BASEBALL			Cherokee		
			Spencer	1-5	6-13
				1-5	4-16
LAKES CONFERENCE			TWIN LAKES CONFERENCE		
Team	W-L	W-L	Team	W-L	W-L
Estherville	6-0	14-4	Newell-Fonda	9-1	21-6
Storm Lake	5-1	10-8	Sioux Central	9-1	16-5
Spencer	3-3	12-6	Pocahontas Area	7-2	14-6
Spirit Lake	1-5	9-7	Southeast Valley	7-3	14-6
Cherokee	0-6	7-12	GTRA	6-3	7-9
TWIN LAKES CONFERENCE			WESTERN VALLEY CONFERENCE		
Team	W-L	W-L	Team	W-L	W-L
Alta-Aurelia	9-1	14-6	West Monona	8-0	23-3
Newell-Fonda	7-2	12-8	Ridge View	7-2	12-9
Emmetsburg	7-3	10-7	MVAOCO	6-3	15-10
Pocahontas Area	6-3	12-7	Kingsley-Pierson	5-3	9-13
Sioux Central	6-4	12-8	Woodbury Central	4-3	17-7
Southeast Valley	6-4	6-11	Westwood	3-6	6-12
South Central Calhoun	5-5	7-10	OABCIG	2-6	2-13
West Bend-Mallard	3-6	5-11	Lawton-Bronson	2-7	2-19
East Sac County	3-7	4-10	Siouxland Christian	0-6	0-11
Manson NW Webster	1-9	1-17	PREP RANKINGS		
GTRA	0-9	1-13	Class 1A	W-L	Pv
WESTERN VALLEY CONFERENCE			1. Martensdale-St Marys	16-3	1
Team	W-L	W-L	2. Wayne (Corydon)	17-2	2
Woodbury Central	8-0	17-4	3. Remsen St. Mary's	12-0	4
Kingsley-Pierson	5-1	12-9	4. Collins-Maxwell	17-1	8
OABCIG	7-2	12-6	5. Sigourney	14-5	3
Ridge View	7-2	12-8	6. Fort Dodge St. Edmond	13-5	5
Lawton-Bronson	3-3	9-8	7. Southeast Warren	15-2	7
West Monona	2-4	4-13	8. North Linn	20-10	6
MVAOCO	2-5	6-14	9. Newell-Fonda	18-5	9
Westwood	0-6	5-13	10. Griswold	17-1	11
Siouxland Christian	0-7	0-11	11. Mason City Newman	21-2	10

Class 2A	W-L	Pv
1. Van Meter	26-1	1
2. Alburnett	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	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	—

SL drops game to MOC-Floyd Valley

MOC-Floyd Valley scored four unanswered runs after the first inning as the Dutchmen went on to defeat Storm Lake 6-2 in a nonconference game last Thursday in Orange City.

Each team scored two runs in the first, but MOC-Floyd Valley plated two runs in the fourth and two in the fifth to take control.

Storm Lake (10-8) was held to three hits in the game. Allan White had an RBI double, Jake White an RBI single and Charlie Dvergsten singled.

Carson Lullmann suffered the loss. He allowed five hits

and four runs, three of which were earned, walked none and struck out three in 3⅓ innings.

Jake White gave up one hit and two runs, walked two and struck out two in 1½ innings of relief. Allan White pitched a perfect inning in relief.

"MOC-FV has a good lineup with a lot of depth top to bottom and they had a couple big swings, which did some damage," Storm Lake coach Michael Knapp said. "I thought we stacked up pretty evenly, but they got the big hits when needed to get the win."

Big inning hurts Ridge View in loss to league rival OABCIG

Ridge View recorded eight hits in the game. Conner Jacobsen led the way with two. Blake Myrtue, Gavin Vohs, Owen Worthan, Aiden Myrtue, Ryan Barry and Eli Franken all had one hit apiece.

Worthan drove in four runs while Vohs, Blake Myrtue and Kinnick Jensen all had one RBI. Myrtue, Jensen, Vohs and Franken all scored two runs.

Jensen took the loss. He allowed four hits and five runs, all of which were unearned, walked none and struck out

one in two-thirds of an inning in relief. Austin Wood started and gave up five hits and four runs, walked three and struck out one in two innings.

"A few defensive miscues led to seven unearned runs and six runs in the third," Ridge View coach Eric Myrtue said. "Walks and hit batsmen are killing us right now. When we limit the free passes, we are fine. When we don't, we pay every time. I was proud of the boys for continuing to grind it out in an adverse situation."

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Storm Lake

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
121 Marina Rd.
712-389-4563
"Together in Christ we worship, pray, work and serve."
Sunday — 10 a.m. Lay Eucharist with Guest Speaker.

FAITH BIBLE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER
1601 W. Milwaukee Ave.
Pastor Les DeRoos
Phone 712-732-7760
faithbiblestormlake@gmail.com
faithbiblestormlake.com
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

THE CHURCH OF NEW BEGINNINGS
1501 W. Milwaukee Ave.
Pastor Ken McMillen
Phone 712-661-9779
Handicap Accessible
Wednesday — 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Worship. 1:30 p.m. Spanish Service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
105 E. Third St.
Ryan Brandenberger, Pastor and Youth Director (732-2822)
Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Worship.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod
1407 W. Fifth St.
Pastor Bradley W. Ketcham
www.gracestormlake.org
lutherangrace1951@gmail.com
Thursday — 10 a.m. Methodist Manor Service.
Saturday — 5 p.m. Worship/Communion.
Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship/Communion. 10:15 a.m. BC.

HOPE CHURCH
2015 W. Milwaukee Ave.
Pastor James Roland
hopeevangelicalfree.org
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Service.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA CRISTIANA SERNDERO DE ARTHA SALVACION
2015 W. Milwaukee Ave.
Pastor Mario E. Pineda

IGLESIA DE DIOS PENTECOSTAL, EBEN-EZER
708 Michigan St.
Mario Flores, Pastor

IGLESIA LUTERANA DE STORM LAKE
W. Fifth and Northwestern
Pastor Daniel Vogel
712-309-1292

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Jennifer Olson
110 E. Third St.
712-732-2076
stormlakepresby.org
Sunday — 10 a.m. Worship, also live streamed to YouTube.

SUMMIT REAL LIFE CENTER
610 Michigan St.
Associate Pastor Renato Jimenez
Luke Lukenyoga, Mabaan Leader
Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Spanish Worship. 12 p.m. Mabaan Worship.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod
402 Lake Ave.
Rev. Bruce Lesemann, Pastor
Saturday — 6 p.m. Worship. 8 p.m. AA.
Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Coffee. 10:15 a.m. Bible Class. 1-3 p.m. Sudanese Worship.
Tuesday — 5 p.m. Overeaters' Anonymous.

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
1614 W. Fifth St.
Phone 712-732-5255
www.stmarkstormlake.com
office@stmarkstormlake.com
Pastor Dave Keschull
Handicap Accessible
Wednesday — 6 p.m. Confirmation for grades 6-7.
Thursday — 12 p.m. A.A.
Sunday — 7:30 a.m. Proclaim Radio Broadcast (FM 101.7). 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee. Services also livestreamed on St. Mark Facebook page — stmarkstormlake 10 a.m. Sunday School for ages three-fifth grade.
Tuesday — 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
320 Seneca St.
Rev. Brent Lingle, Pastor
Thursday — 7 a.m. Mass.
Saturday — 5 p.m. Vigil.
Sunday — 9 a.m. Mass. 11 a.m. Mass (Spanish).

Monday — 7 a.m. Mass.
Tuesday — 7 a.m. Mass.

STORM LAKE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH
521 Michigan St.
712-363-5859
Pastor Adam Costilla
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
712 Hwy. 110
Please contact the Missionaries if you have questions.
712-204-5027
Handicap Accessible
All are welcome.
Sunday — 10 a.m. Sacrament Service. 11 a.m. Sunday School.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
211 E. Third St.
slumoffice@gmail.com
712-732-5458
Pastor Kiboko
Wednesday — 10 a.m. Hymn Sing. 1 p.m. Vacation Bible Camp.
Thursday — 1 p.m. Vacation Bible Camp. 1:30 p.m. Otsego Chapel with Lynn. 4:30 p.m. Missions Meeting.
Friday — 1 p.m. Vacation Bible Camp.
Sunday — 10 a.m. Worship. Monday — 10 a.m. Senior Exercise Class in FLC. 4 p.m. Food Distribution.
Tuesday — 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
1725 555th St.
Pastor Lucas Booher
Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship.

ALBERT CITY COVENANT CHURCH
501 Second St. S.
Pastor Steven Anderson
Check Facebook for updates
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Prayer Time. 10 a.m. Worship. 11 a.m. Fellowship Time.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Pastor Jason Harms
212 Flower St.
Phone 843-5759
myfreechurch.com
Sunday — 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 10 a.m. Worship. 5th Sunday Potluck following Worship.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
401 Spruce St.
Pastor John Mayer
712-843-5625 (Office)
oslcaci873@gmail.com
albertcitylutheranchurch.org
Saturday — 2-4 p.m. Anniversary Open House for Mark and Terry Herrig.
Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Worship.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
2097 550th St.
Corner of C43 and M54
Scott Essing
Sunday — 8:15 a.m. Worship.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
505 W. Highway 7
office@nwccalta.com
Sunday — 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 10 a.m. Worship.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
317 S. Main St.
712-200-1305
Pastor Denise Malvesti
Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Worship.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
4890 40th Ave.
Pastor Rhonda Wykoff
712-286-6222
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Combined CHRISM Worship at Our Savior's.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
169 630th St.
712-284-1450
Pastor Merritt Demski
Sunday — 9 a.m. Church Service. 10 a.m. Bible Study.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod
405 Division St.
712-200-1133
Pastor Harrison
Wednesday — 6 p.m. Evening Prayer.
Thursday — 9 a.m. Quilters. Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School.

SUMMIT EVANGELICAL

FREE CHURCH
1000 S. Main St.
Phone 200-2200
www.summitfec.com
Senior Pastor Doug Corlew
Associate Pastor Renato Jimenez, Multi-Cultural Ministries
Associate Pastor Worship & Congregational Care, Jim Hudvinski
Associate Pastor Discipleship, Joe Rock
Sara Anderson, Director of Children Ministries
Associate Pastor Student Ministry, Mason Timmerman
Sunday — 8:30 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Worship.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
401 W. Second St.
712-200-1224
trinity@alta-tec.net
Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship and Sunday School.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
218 Prospect St.
712-200-2304
Handicap Accessible
Sunday — 10 a.m. Worship.

Aurelia
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
31 Valor Road
712-434-5994
Pastor Linda Morris
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Worship.

Early
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
501 Church St.
Rev. Brent Lingle, Pastor

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
402 Hickory St.
Rev. Nancy Peterson, Pastor
Sunday — 9 a.m. Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Worship Service.

Fonda
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Paul Nguyen
Deacon Eldon Sullivan
Sunday — 8:30 a.m. Worship.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor Greg Baskerville
Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Holstein
CROSSRIDGE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Held at Lohff Schumann Center
Pastor Tyler Parson
712-229-9948
Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Worship.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH (AALC)
Pastor Scott Neumann
113 N. Main St.
712-368-2850
Sunday — 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10:15 a.m. Worship.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
517 E. Mueller St.
Father Daniel Rupp
Wednesday — 8 a.m. Mass. Friday — 8 a.m. Mass. Sunday — 8:30 a.m. Mass. Monday — 8 a.m. Mass.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
Pastor Bob Lewis
310 E. Second St.
712-368-2228
Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School (September-May). 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship.

Linn Grove
RIVERSIDE CHURCH (EFCA)
102 W. High St.
Pastor Grant Mangold
712-296-4440 office
riverside@webbwireless.net
Wednesday — 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at Sioux Rapids. 5:45 p.m. AWANA Club.
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Worship.

ship. 10 a.m. Children's Church. 10:45 a.m. Bible Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Ignite & Salt Youth.
Tuesday — 7 p.m. Riverside Prayer Group.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
105 E. High St.
Pastor Rhonda Wykoff
712-296-4438
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Combined CHRISM Worship at Our Savior's.

Marathon
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
101 S. Neptune St.
Pastor John Mayer

Meriden
OAKDALE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
1207 450th St.
712-443-8385
www.oakdalechurch.com
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Worship. 11 a.m. Sunday School.

Nemaha
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Missy Erickson
Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Newell
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Lead Pastor: Ryan Helmkamp
Associate Pastor: Tim Ried
Youth Pastor: Bryan Watts
313 W. Hwy. 7
712-272-3735
bethelnewell.org
Wednesday — 6:45-8 p.m. 105 Children's Ministries for ages four-sixth grade. 7-8:30 p.m. Bethel Student Ministries for grades 7-12.
Sunday — 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:20 a.m. Worship.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Pastor Greg Baskerville
Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship.

NAIN LUTHERAN CHURCH
441 W. Jensen St.
712-272-3319
nainluth@iowatelecom.net
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Worship.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
Pastor Lucas Booher
314 S. Clark St.
712-272-3739
Saturday — 6 p.m. Worship with Communion.

Peterson
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
108 E. Third St.
712-295-6592
Sunday — 8:45 a.m. Worship.

Rembrandt
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
107 N. Broadway Ave.
Pastor Rhonda Wykoff
712-286-6222
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Combined CHRISM Worship at Our Savior's.
Tuesday — 1 p.m. Quilting.

Schaller
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Michael Sydner
Sunday — 10 a.m. Worship in person in sanctuary or live stream. All are welcome.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
209 W. Third St.

Sudoku answer

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Pastor Kathy Miller
Sunday — 8:45 a.m. Worship.

Sioux Rapids

FIRST UNITED CHURCH
408 Thomas St.
712-283-2519
Sunday — 11:15 a.m. Worship.

Varina

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
321 Main St.
Pastor Deb Parkison
Everyone is welcome!
Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR BUENA VISTA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE E. GOLDSMITH, DECEASED

CASE NO. ESPR017874

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Florence E. Goldsmith, Deceased, who died on or about June 12, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on June 19, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Florence E. Goldsmith, deceased, bearing date of April 30, 2013, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Harold Freese 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 19, 2024

Harold Freese, Executor of Estate
601 Benning Drive
Holstein, IA 51025

Thaddeus Cosgrove, ICIS#:AT0001750
Attorney for Executor
Cosgrove Law Firm
102 N. Main Street
PO Box 50
Holstein, IA 51025

Date of second publication: July 3, 2024. 1/2-64

Church schedules should be in by Monday noon, otherwise the previous week's listings will be used. Please call 730-5937 or email jen@stormlake.com

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

In the Iowa District Court for Buena Vista County

Original Notice and Petition for Disposition of Abandoned Property (Iowa Code chapter 555B) (Mobile Home and Personal Property in the Vicinity)

Plaintiff(s)
Vista Estates MHP, LLC
31550 Northwestern Hwy.
Suite 220
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

vs.

Defendant(s)
John S. Johnny
505 B West 8th,
Storm Lake, IA 50588

To Defendant(s):

1. Plaintiff(s) demand(s) a judgment of abandonment for title to the abandoned mobile home located at 505 B West 8th, Storm Lake, IA 50588 because: Defendant vacated late April 2024. Home was intentionally destroyed & is nuisance/safety hazard and needs demolished.

2. In support of this demand Plaintiff(s) state(s):

- Plaintiff(s) has (have) not requested notice by the sheriff as provided in Iowa Code section 555B.2;
- The property is located in the above county; and
- There is no lien against the property other than a tax lien pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 435.

3. Hearing is set for the date, time, and court location listed on the last page of this Original Notice and Petition. The court will electronically record the hearing. Any party desiring that a certified court reporter report the hearing must arrange and pay for the costs of reporting. Failure to appear at the hearing may result in judgment entered against you for statutory damages, interest, and court costs, and the property will be disposed of as abandoned property.

Note: Service must be made on the owner of the property at least 10 days before the hearing and the hearing must be set within 14 days of filing the Petition.

/s/ Gregory T. Usher
Nazette Marner Nathanson Knoll LLP
615 2nd Street SW,
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
319-366-1000
gusher@nazettelaw.com

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator (information at https://www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/ada/). Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

Scheduled Hearing:
FORCIBLE ENTRY
07/17/2024 11:15:00 AM
duration - 15 minutes
Buena Vista Co Courthouse,
215 E. 5th St., Storm Lake, IA

Garage sales

Only \$15 per week. Includes free signs.

CALL 732-4991 OR STOP AT 220 W. RAILROAD ST.

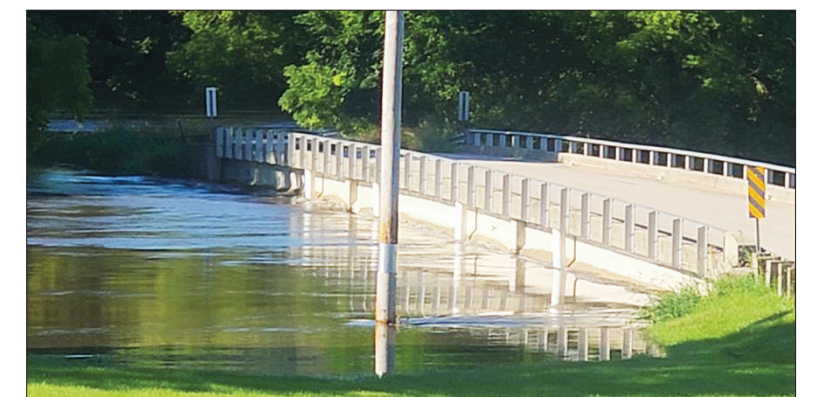
<p>These Community-Minded Businesses Encourage You To Worship This Week</p>	<p>JULIUS CLEANERS Your Full Service Dry Cleaners Pillows • Summer Storage • Suede & Leather Cleaning • Drapery Cleaning • Shirts Laundered • Wedding Dress Preservation • Linen Supply Service • Uniform Rental & Sales • Floor Mats 825 Grand, Storm Lake Phone 732-5717 Hours: Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m.</p>	<p>Fratzke & Jensen FUNERAL HOMES Nathan A. Jensen • Tim J. Smith View On-Line Obituaries & Send Condolences to Family Members at www.fratzkejensen.com Newell • Storm Lake • Schaller</p>	<p>Read "From the Pulpit," Thoughts by Area Ministers, on Friday's only in the Storm Lake Times Pilot</p>
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Sioux Rapids residents watched as waters from the Little Sioux River crept up an abandoned Main Street Sunday morning, leaving waterlogged businesses in its wake. Photo by JOHN CULLEN

THE FLOOD OF 2024

SCENES FROM SIOUX RAPIDS, CHEROKEE AND PETERSON



Right: The Wanta bridge off of Ash Street going to the old Wanta State Park, taken Saturday. Photo by ASHLEY SELK



The lagoons east of Peterson went underwater Sunday morning. Mayor Brandon Steinkuehler urged residents to restrict water usage until the sewer system could be repaired.



Highway 3 was closed east of Cherokee, up on the hill, when the Little Sioux River flowed across the bridge. Photo by JOHN CULLEN



Doug Hansman and Eddie Gorman of the US Geological Survey in Council Bluffs rescued pumps from the roof of the submerged Linn Grove pump house Sunday morning. They had a boat and offered to do it for city council members Judd Graesing and his father, Denny Graesing, who took the pumps for safety since the wells were no longer operating. With loss of the two city wells, Linn Grove's only water supply was what was in the town's water tower. Hansman and Gorman were in town measuring water flow of the Little Sioux River. They said the river was discharging water at the rate of 53,700 cubic feet per second Sunday. Normal water flow would be about 50 cubic feet per second.



Top: Above: Brad White, his wife Jessie and their son Corbin boated down Beech Street to check on their flooded home in Sioux Rapids Sunday.



Buena Vista County Sheriff deputies blocked Highway 71 through Sioux Rapids Sunday after the Little Sioux River flooded the community over the weekend.



Left: Volunteers gather around the bottled water delivered by Hy-Vee Sunday in Sioux Rapids. Logan Piddington, 8, described how he was sitting on the couch with his grandpa, Mark Johnson, and the call came for them to evacuate. Johnson's shed was engulfed in water, but not the house. In the background are Sioux Central baseball players Max (Venom) Wittmaack and Lucas Wernimont.

Above: The water station next to First Lutheran Church is open every day this week.

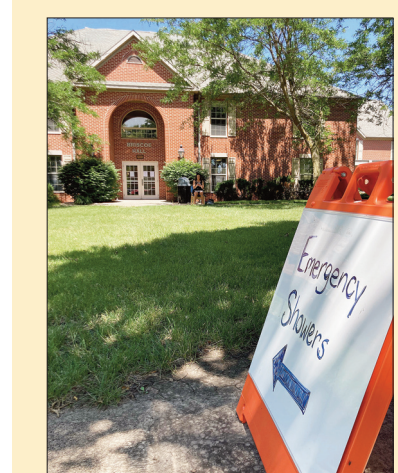


In the backyard, B.J. Habben points towards Highway 71 where the water is coming from. His garage is now skewed.



Sandbags were going up around Sioux Rapids Sunday, including this home on First Street.

Left: Water pours out the B.J. and Kelly Habben (in the foreground) house on Second Street.



Left: BVU volunteers Heidi Roland of the Harold Walter Siemens School of Business and Tanya Landgraf from the accounting department welcomed BV County people affected by floods in Briscoe Hall. The dorm has become a shelter and free showers are offered. Above: Mandi Mollrig of Student Success was stationed outside the building.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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STORM LAKE TIMES PILOT, ADVERTISING GUIDE AND GREEN SAVER
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OVER 24,000 HOMES in 9 Counties plus FREE on the Internet at stormlake.com

Garage Sales \$15
 includes 2 Free Signs
 Plus "Tips On Holding A
 Successful Garage Sale"

DEADLINES

Wednesday Times
 5 p.m. Monday
 Friday Times
 5 p.m. Wednesday
 Green Saver
 5 p.m. Friday

**NORTHWEST
 IOWA'S BIGGEST
 MARKETPLACE**

In Person
220 W. Railroad St.
By Mail
**PO Box 487,
 Storm Lake, IA
 50588-0487**
By Phone
(712) 732-4991
Toll-Free 800-732-4992
By Fax
(712) 732-4331
email
ads@stormlake.com

GARAGE SALE

Huge garage sale on Thursday, June 27 from 2-7 p.m. and Friday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 905 Leona Circle, Storm Lake. Kids toys, games, books and bikes. Girls clothes size newborn to 16 and shoes. Many different styles of girls bedroom decor. Women's clothing size XS-L, purses and shoes. Men's clothing and snowmobile gear. Home decor, rugs and spot carpet cleaner.

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**BUENA VISTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (26), JUNE 11, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting. Absent: None.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve today's agenda. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for accommodation of a water pipe boring under 640th St. in Section 25 of Providence Township, from south to north, approximately 20' west of the driveway at 1809 640th Street to serve the Thayer family. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for accommodation of a water pipe boring under 105th Ave. in Section 22 of Washington Township, from east to west, approximately 16' north of the driveway at 5727 105th Ave. to serve the Valdez family. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker to authorize the Chair to sign the fuel contract with New Century FS. Carried.

Motion by Merten, seconded by Snyder to carryover \$40,000 from FY24 budget to FY25 budget for the transition to Prosecutor by Karpel.

Motioned by Croker, seconded by Hartman to approve the purchase of needed office furniture for the requested improvements to the law library. Carried.

Motion by Merten, seconded by Hartman, to allow Valerie Anspach to carry over 32 hours of vacation to be used before her 2025 anniversary. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to incentive the completion of the two miles south of railroad tracks to C63 on 70th Ave. and half mile east on 600th St. to be completed to the "choke stone" stage by December 31, 2024, for \$100,000 with Platinum Crush paying \$67,000 and the County paying \$33,000. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the minutes from 6/4/2024 as presented, and accept the following reports: May Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, May Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, May Central IA Detention Commission minutes, and May Safety Committee minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor permit for Brew Oil, LLC. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize an appropriation change, moving \$350.00 from account #0001-29-1050-000-63400 to account #0001-28-1110-000-12900, due to increased expenses in the Medical Examiner budget. Carried.

Upon completion of the Canvass pursuant to Chapter 50.24 of 2024 Code of Iowa, motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to declare the results as listed below, to prepare abstracts for submission to the Secretary of State, and to prepare notice of nominations to the political party chairpersons as required. Carried. [Note: For the county offices, the person declared nominated will be designated as "#"; where no name with "#" is shown, there is no nominee for that office on that political ticket.]

OFFICE Total votes cast: 557
 US Representative-Dist #4

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County Auditor
 County Sheriff

DEMOCRATIC PARTY
 37
 Ryan Melton-34
 Scattering-1

REPUBLICAN PARTY
 519
 Randy Feenstra-193
 Kevin Virgil-325
 Zachary M. Dieken-93
 Megan Jones-307
 Scattering-17
 Rhonda Ringgenberg-423#
 Daniel J. Hartman-418#
 Scattering-2
 Susan Kennedy Lloyd-428#
 Scattering-3
 Kory Elston-463#
 Scattering-3

LIBERTARIAN PARTY
 1
 Scattering-1

Ayes—Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays—none. Carried.

Other topics discussed included: Dust control on 120th Ave. west of Rembrandt, Secondary Road update, and ICAP premiums. (The complete text of the minutes is on file in the Auditor's Office and online at: http://www.bvcountyia.com/index.php/board_of_supervisors/supervisors_minutes)

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. until Tuesday, June 18 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

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The City of Lake View

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The city of Lake View is seeking candidates for the position of chief of police. Lake View is a community of 1,113 and is the home of Black Hawk Lake.

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Arts & Entertainment

WED 6/26

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-7 p.m.
 Aurelia Commercial Club Community Coffee, 9 a.m. at Aurelia Community Center.
 Storm Lake Public Library hosting Alex's Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
 Alta Community Library hosting Blank Park Zoo. Please sign up for either session: 11-11:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
 Knit One, Crochet Too: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Storm Lake Public Library. Knit, crochet or craft.
 Wood Craft Wednesday: 1-4 p.m. at Witter Gallery. Drop in and choose from a limited selection of misc. wood items to paint. Make sure to stop early. Paint and brushes provided. Cost is \$25.
 Witter Gallery open 1-5 p.m.
 Card games at Albert City Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Call the library at 712-843-2012 or stop in to sign up. Coffee provided.
 Albert City Public Library Summer Reading Program, 1:30 p.m., with Buena Vista County Naturalist Katie Struss.
 Storm Lake Public Library hosting the film series, "Environmental Impacts," 4 p.m. Door prize drawing for a \$10 gift card to Vista 3 Theater and light snacks will be served. This film series is best suited for adults.
 June Planetarium Program, 4 p.m. at Sanford Museum & Planetarium in Cherokee.
 Galva Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m. on Main Street.
 Storm Lake City Council Forum: Discussion on a potential trap-neuter-return program to control the stray cat population in Storm Lake. The forum will be held at 5 p.m. in the city hall council chambers. All interested persons encouraged to attend.
 Storm Lake Athletic Boosters hosting a tailgate meal, 5-7 p.m., at the Tornados baseball and softball games vs. ELC. Serving grilled turkey filets, chips and a cookie for only \$7. Sponsored by Tyson Turkey, Larson Oil and Citizens Bank. JV games begin at 5 p.m. with varsity to follow.
 Race Night at Buena Vista Raceway in Alta: Midwest Madness Tour. Pits open at 5 p.m., Grandstands at 5:30 p.m., hot laps at 6:45 p.m. with racing to follow. Featuring 1,000 modifieds, \$600 sport mods, \$300 sport compacts, \$1,000 stock cars, \$500 hobby stocks and BVR bombers.
 Art in the Park: Mary Torkelson performing live at Heritage Park in Pocahontas, starting at 6:30 p.m.

SAT 6/29

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-8 p.m.
 Storm Lake Farmers' Market, 8 a.m.-noon. Located in parking lot C on Erie Street. Featuring produce, baked goods, farm-fresh eggs, local honey and more.
 Newell Pool Project Q&A Session with coffee and donuts, 9-10 a.m. at Newell Public Library.
 Alta Community Library hosting Coffee & Conversation, 9 a.m.-noon. Witter Gallery open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Storm Lake Public Library hosting Spanish Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
 Lake Animal Hospital Adoption Event, 1-3 p.m., located at 107 W. 16th St., Storm Lake. Come meet available dogs and cats, enjoy refreshments. Same-day application submission. For more information call 712-732-2033, email mylakeanimalhospital@gmail.com or visit mylakeanimalhospital.com
 Harker House in Storm Lake open for tours at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults, children under 18 are free.
 Alta City Park Dedication: Ribbon cutting and ceremony at 2 p.m. along with games for all ages. Bounce houses, free swimming all day, fitness stations, disc golf, basketball and BV County Sheriff & Public Safety. A meal will be provided from 4-6 p.m. (free-will donations accepted for park improvements).
 Cherokee County Commission of Veterans Affairs presents its Annual Veterans Appreciation Day, 3-6 p.m. at Aurelia Community Center. A meal will be served at 3:30 p.m., provided and prepared by Cherokee Count Pork Producers. Keynote speaker for the event is State Senator Kevin Alons. Also featuring presentations by Iowa Workforce Development, Homebase Iowa and Rosecrance Behavioral Health. Vendors include the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, the Vet Center and more.
 Buena Vista Community Theatre presents "Freaky Friday," A New Musical, 7 p.m. at Roxy Theater in Alta. Adult tickets are \$15, youth 12 years and under are \$10. Call the box office at 712-732-4157 to reserve tickets.
 The Whiskies Band performing live at Bob's Sports Bar and Grille, Main Street in Alta, 8-11 p.m.

THU 6/27

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-7 p.m.
 BVRMC hosting Nutman Company Auxiliary Fundraiser, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Kallmer Education Center.
 Community Ed No Floor Yoga, 9-10:15 a.m., at Sunrise Pointe conference room. Cost is \$5.
 Storm Lake Public Library hosting Blank Park Zoo, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Newell Public Library hosting a program on leaf stamping, 10:30 a.m.
 Buena Vista County Extension Office hosting summer programs with Naturalist Katie Struss, 1 p.m. This session will be all about Raptors. Extension is located at 701 Seneca St. Please RSVP by calling 712-732-5056.
 Witter Gallery open 1-6 p.m.
 Storm Lake Farmers' Market, 4-6 p.m. Located in parking lot C on Erie Street. Featuring produce, baked goods, farm-fresh eggs, local honey and more.
 Witter Gallery hosting a Paint Pour Picture Frame Workshop, 5-6 p.m. Cost is \$12 with all materials included. RSVP by calling 712-732-3400 or email wittergallery@yahoo.com.
 Throttle Thursday at Storm Lake Honda: Serving food from Chix Chicken & Waffles from 5-8 p.m. and live music by Jesse Wilson from 6-8 p.m. All wheels welcome.
 Knit Night at Alta Community Library, 5:30-7 p.m. Calling all knitters, crocheters and crafters: Bring your latest project and join like-minded crafters for a social gathering as we work on our projects, chat and find inspiration in each other's work.
 Open mic/jamming at InnSpiration Vines & Wines, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Buena Vista Community Theatre presents "Freaky Friday," A New Musical, 7 p.m. at Roxy Theater in Alta. Adult tickets are \$15, youth 12 years and under are \$10. Call the box office at 712-732-4157 to reserve tickets.
 COMMUNITY Book Club at Storm Lake Public Library, 7-8 p.m. This month's selection is "Migrations" by Charlotte McConaghy. This club is also available via Zoom. Contact the library at 732-8026 with any questions.

FRI 6/28

BVRMC hosting Nutman Company Auxiliary Fundraiser, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Kallmer Education Center.
 King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-8 p.m.
 Storm Time at Alta Community Li-

brary, 10:30 a.m.
 Naturalist Lunch Box: This week's topic is Iowa canines. Pack a lunch and join the fun at noon at South Cove Park, 125 Stoney Point Road, Storm Lake. Please RSVP by calling 712-295-7985.
 Witter Gallery open 1-5 p.m.
 Jill Brees Barr live at InnSpiration Vines & Wines, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Buena Vista Community Theatre presents "Freaky Friday," A New Musical, 7 p.m. at Roxy Theater in Alta. Adult tickets are \$15, youth 12 years and under are \$10. Call the box office at 712-732-4157 to reserve tickets.

SUN 6/30

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-7 p.m.
 Whip Delight food truck at the Cobblestone Ballroom, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Harker House in Storm Lake open for tours at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults, children under 18 are free.
 Buena Vista Community Theatre presents "Freaky Friday," A New Musical, 2 p.m. at Roxy Theater in Alta. Adult tickets are \$15, youth 12 years and under are \$10. Call the box office at 712-732-4157 to reserve tickets.
 Storm Lake Municipal Band concert, 2 p.m. at Sunset Park Bandshell.
 June Planetarium Program, 4 p.m. at Sanford Museum & Planetarium in Cherokee.
 Keith Rea live at Byron's Bar in Pomeroy, 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15.
 Basic Renewal live at InnSpiration Vines & Wines, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

MON 7/1

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-7 p.m.
 Whip Delight food truck at the BVRMC Main Entrance on Highview Drive, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Storm Lake Hy-Noon Kiwanis meets at noon at Lake Avenue Lounge.
 Food distribution drive-up: 4 p.m. at Storm Lake United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

TUES 7/2

Storm Lake TOPS meets at Lakeside Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Third St. Weigh-in at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m. For questions, call Joanne at 712-299-2606.
 King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-7 p.m.
 Community Ed No Floor Yoga, 9-10:15 a.m., at Sunrise Pointe conference room. Cost is \$5.
 Storm Lake Rotary Club meeting at noon, King's Pointe Resort.



Younger cast members perform a dance sequence in a high school biology lab set. The show stars Tegan Owens and Ashley Wolf Tornabane as mother-daughter duo Ellie and Katherine Blake. TIMES PILOT photos by ALLISON MOORE

BVCT presents 'Freaky Friday'

A freaky favorite story that has delighted generations will take the stage at Roxy Theater in Alta this weekend.
 "Freaky Friday" is a new musical based on the celebrated Disney film and the novel by Mary Rodgers. A cast of 29 performers from six area communities join Buena Vista Community Theatre to present "Freaky Friday" on June 27, 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. and June 30 at 2 p.m.
 Call 712-732-4157 for reservations. Adult tickets are \$15, youth (12 and under) are \$10.

THE FAMILY

ELLIE BLAKE (The smart, funny daughter): Tegan Owens
KATHERINE BLAKE (The decisive, punctual mom): Ashley Wolf Tornabane
MIKE (Katherine's charming, kind fiancé): Zach Freking-Smith
FLETCHER (Ellie's younger brother, obsessed with his puppets): Piper Westphal
ANGRY BOB (Fletcher's enraged purple hippo puppet): Tucker Buddenhagen
CASPIAN (Fletcher's proper British starfish puppet): Ryan McVinnua
GRANDMA HELENE (Katherine's caring mother): Emily Khamphasouk
GRANDPA GORDON (Katherine's grumpy, stubborn father): Paul Hill

THE STUDENTS

HANNAH (Ellie's hacker-geek best friend): Jamie Buddenhagen
GRETCHEN (Ellie's intense, emotional best friend): Trista Erlandson
SAVANNAH (The brilliant, aggressive villain): Bryndalyn Brock
ADAM (The adorable, cool Listmaster): Lainey Buckendahl
PARKER (Ellie's friend, Wells' best friend): Izaak Poller



Members of the Buena Vista Community Theatre will perform Freaky Friday for audiences June 27-30. Tickets are \$10-15 and will be available at the Roxy Theatre in Alta.

WELLS (Ellie's friend, Parker's best friend): Nia Hamilton
LAUREL (A random teen, unimpressed): Sophia Keleher

THE ADULTS

TORREY (Katherine's perfectionist assistant): RyAnne Steffen
DANIELLE (The polished Weddings Magazine journalist): Piper Graham
LOUIS (Weddings Magazine photographer): Naomi Wolf Tornabane
PASTOR BRUNO (The cheerful minister who loves weddings): Bradley Brown
MS. MYERS (The intense gym teacher): Emily Khamphasouk
MRS. LUCKENBILL (The empathetic English teacher): Piper Graham
SENOR O'BRIEN (Argumentative Spanish teacher): Emily Khamphasouk
DR. EHRIN (The test-obsessed, school counselor): Stephanie Rinkel
MR. BLUMEN (The cynical Biology



Paul Hill (left), who plays Grandpa Gordon, and Tucker Buddenhagen (right), who plays Angry Bob, joke around before the show.

teacher): Bradley Brown
OFFICER SITZ (An insensitive police officer): Stephanie Rinkel
OFFICER KOWALSKI (An insensitive police officer): RyAnne Steffen
MRS. TIME (The apathetic antique shop proprietor): Kate Westphal
SECURITY GUARD (Guards the fountain): Bradley Brown

STUDENT ENSEMBLE

Sophia Keleher, Shaela Graham, Naomi Wolf Tornabane, Eden Smith, Jazelle Jacuinde, Piper Westphal, Hadley Newhouse, Kazlynn Brown



The show will go on

Last weekend's performances of the Cherokee Community Theater's "The Sound of Music" has been postponed because of flooding, but arrangements have been made to reschedule. The musical will now take place Thursday, June 27 through Sunday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 30 at 2 p.m.
 If you had tickets for a postponed performance, you should have an email to explain the changes. Here Maria, played by 2023 Sioux Central graduate Elise Kueny, says a prayer for Liesl, played by Hope Russell, who climbed through a window during a thunderstorm. Times Pilot Photo by Dolores Cullen

Storm Lake Community Blood Drive-LifeServe Blood Center, 12:30-5:30 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church.
 Witter Gallery open 1-5 p.m.
 Newell Public Library hosting Mikayla Oz Magic Show, 1 p.m.
 Alta Community Library hosting Struss, 2:45 p.m.
 Buena Vista Community Theatre presents Pool Break Story Time, 2:45 p.m. at Alta City Pool.
 Overeaters Anonymous meeting, 5-6 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church (402 Lake Ave.) in Storm Lake.
 Community Ed Yoga, 5:45-7 p.m., at Sunrise Pointe conference room. Cost is \$5.
 Quilt Sew-ciey meets at 7 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church.

Aurelia Commercial Club Community Coffee, 9 a.m. at Aurelia Community Center.
 Storm Lake Public Library hosting group is geared for children ages 6-11.
 Knit One, Crochet Too: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Storm Lake Public Library.
 Witter Gallery open 1-5 p.m.
 Card games at Albert City Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Call the library at 712-843-2012 or stop in to sign up. Coffee provided.
 July Planetarium Program, 4 p.m. at Sanford Museum & Planetarium in Cherokee.
 Galva Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m. on Main Street.
SSS EVENTS (SUNSET PARK): 4:30 p.m. Classic Car Parade; 5 p.m. food vendors; 5-7 p.m. children's face painting; 5 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. Peter's One-Man Danger Circus Spectacular; 5-9 p.m. Poppin' Penelope, Professor Von Air and Polka Dot Custom Airbrush Tattoos; 5:30 p.m. Classic Car Show; 6 p.m. Kiddie Parade (line up at 5:45 p.m.); 6:15 p.m. Matchbox Hot Wheel Races.
SSS EVENTS (BAND SHELL): 5:30 p.m. Welcome and Patriotic

Ceremony; 5:45-6:30 p.m. Storm Lake Municipal Band Concert; 6:45-7:45 p.m. DJ Nick Nystrom; 8-10 p.m. The Pork Tornados
 Race Night at Buena Vista Raceway in Alta: Kyle Suter Memorial Race. Pits open at 5 p.m., Grandstands at 5:30 p.m., hot laps at 6:45 p.m. with racing to follow. Featuring \$2,000 stock cars, \$200 to start; sport mods, hobby stocks, sport compacts and BVR bombers.
 Art in the Park: Kevin Anderson performing live at Hope Church in Pocahontas, starting at 6:30 p.m.

SSS EVENTS (LAKESHORE DRIVE): 7:30 a.m. Ride/Run (around the lake); 10:30 a.m. The Big Parade; 1-5 p.m. The Bold Deniers Irish Music Duo.
SSS EVENTS (SUNSET PARK): 10 a.m. Artist's Alley/Vendors Row; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Food Vendors; 12-5 p.m. Trolley Rides and 12-5 p.m. Professor Von Air.
SSS EVENTS (BAND SHELL): 12:30-3:30 p.m. Scott Kirkhart.
SSS EVENTS (CHAUTAUQUA PARK): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Food Vendors; 12-5 p.m. Trolley Rides, Inflatables and Miniature Golf (east end); 2-4 p.m. Traditional Artistic Dancing; 10 p.m. Fireworks off the Chautauqua Park Jetty.
SSS EVENTS (SLEEPY HOLLOW): 12-5 p.m. Poppin' Penelope and Polka Dot Custom Airbrush Tattoos.

QUIMBY WATERMELON DAYS POSTPONED
 Quimby Watermelon Days have been postponed due to flooding. Instead of happening this weekend, the annual celebration will take place Aug. 16 and 17.



Alex Kron proudly walks up stairs with the aid of the Bioness L300 Go device at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center.

Teen cancer survivor walks with new technology at BVRMC

After surviving a brain tumor, 17-year-old Alex Kron from Schaller, is walking with newfound stability thanks to a cutting-edge device recommended by her physical therapist at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center.

At just 12-years-old, Alex was diagnosed with a brain tumor and underwent a year and a half of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Today, she is in remission.

Despite beating cancer, her treatments caused her to struggle with severe mobility issues, resulting in unsteadiness on her feet. This inhibited her capability to live life to the fullest, affecting her ability to move around the school hallways, wear shoes of her choice and play volleyball.

Grace Weiland, a physical therapist at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center, suggested that Alex try the

Bioness L300 Go, an electrical stimulation device that improves mobility and gait.

The L300 Go uses functional electrical stimulation (FES) to help correct foot drop and thigh weakness in people coping with the effects of stroke, multiple sclerosis, and other medical conditions. The device detects gait irregularities and then deploys FES to the weakened or paralyzed limb so users can lift their feet properly when they walk. This technology can enhance walking speed, balance, and overall confidence in movement.

When being fitted for the L300 Go, it was the first time her parents saw her lift her toes when walking. The initial breakthrough was an emotional moment, moving her father to tears.

Within a few months, Alex no longer needs to rely on a

walker to get around. "It doesn't hurt anymore and I feel like I have my balance," says Alex Kron.

From being unable to walk through the school hallways comfortably or confidently out of fear of being bumped and losing her balance, Alex has since been able to go to prom in cute shoes and walk the promenade.

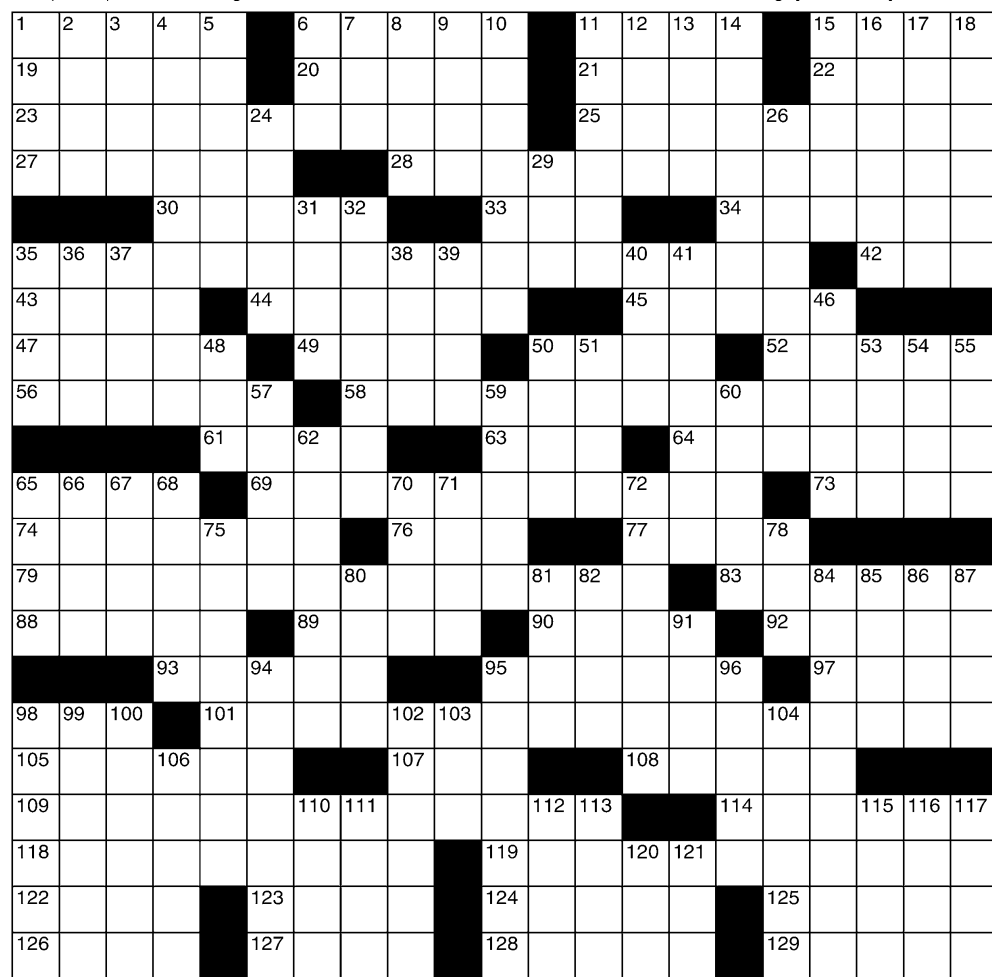
"Now, she is walking rather quickly without a walker, can carry her backpack and can use stairs," says Weiland. "I'm not worried about her balance, and she can start working on running and sports."

Alex looks to take her next steps in life by attending Buena Vista University in the fall where she will study premed in hopes to one day treat childhood cancer, a passion that was inspired by her oncologists.

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Puzzle Answers: BELOW



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BY SANDY MOUW
SLHS Writing Instructor

Beal headed to USD for music

"I find music really interesting because on the surface it seems really simple until you get into the more complex things about the theory of music," says Gavin Beal, the son of Nathan and Brynn, brother to Brennen, 13, and Bryar, 2. Born in Storm Lake, Gavin moved to Sioux City then settled in Blair, Neb., from second through eleventh grade where he was involved in drama.

He expanded his interests at Storm Lake High School where he participated in Group Improv for Large Group Speech, Musical Theater and Literary Program for Individual Speech, and was in the musical "Mamma Mia" Jazz Choir and being selected as a tenor for All State choir have highlighted his senior year at Storm Lake.

"When I graduate high school I hope to get a degree in music education, and become a high school choir director," he says. "Right now in my four years of high school I've had 12 choir directors. I've experienced a lot of different teaching styles, some have worked for me others haven't, but I want to try to blend them all together to become the best teacher I can be. I've been able to see that each teaching style has its perks for stu-



GAVIN BEAL

dents."

Next year Gavin will go to USD in Vermillion, S.D. to pursue this dream to teach music.

"I haven't been here for very long, with senior year being my first and last year at SLHS. It's been very new and different," he said. "I'm glad I made the change because I am exposed to a lot of different cultures here and it's preparing me for the real world."

"Parts of high school have been pretty rough. There have been pretty dark times in my life and my close friends have been a huge help for reminding me to keep my head up and that it'll get better. They were right."

Gavin's mom wanted him to stay in Blair until he graduated, but "we found out in the long term that wasn't going to work," he said. "On top of the

family stuff, I had been bullied at Blair starting my sophomore year and it got worse until I left."

Even though attending Blair High School was difficult sometimes, Gavin notes, "My biggest inspirations in my life are my old teachers. They really paved the way to help me become the kind of teacher that I one day hope to be. My old vice principal, Mr. Gutschow, was a huge help getting me through my freshman-junior years. I could always go to his office and talk to him about anything."

Cliquy clashes between performing arts and sports is something Gavin does not miss at Blair, where the division was definitely there. "My favorite memory from Blair is putting on amazing shows with all of my friends," he said. They had the opportunity to

do one musical per year, one play per year, and there were also student-led one-act plays that students chose, cast, directed and performed.

SLHS has its pros and cons for Gavin. "I enjoy home a lot more," he said. "School has been a nice change. The schedule with its trimesters and opportunities helps with burnout and fatigue." Plus, he really enjoys Mr. Slight's daily puns and math jokes. In comparison, Blair High School is a bit smaller—170-180 students per class.

"Blair feels like it has more school spirit because more students participate in extracurricular activities. He would love to see school spirit grow at SLHS.

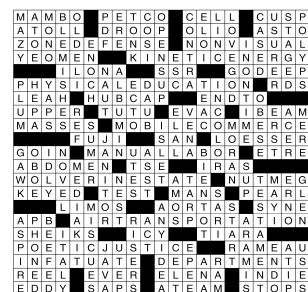
Gavin's fun-loving side shows up frequently. "My favorite pastime is waving at

random people at stoplights and having them wave back," he said. "It's such a fun time and it cheers people up. You never know what people are going through, so the small things can really boost someone's mentality and make them have a better day."

He calls his stepmom and dad his biggest supporters. "They've been there for me through thick and thin," he remarks. "They are my biggest role models and I can't thank them enough for everything, making the long drives on random Thursday nights because I have a choir concert when I lived in Blair, or even the simple "How are you doing" texts. Although I might not show it very well, they mean a lot to me and they are the kind of parents I want to be for my kids." someday."

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FAMILY & FRIENDS

Bridal showers

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.



Remembering Sarg's

Brad Sargent was back in town last Friday visiting with friends and he happened to bring up a photo of the old Sarg's ice cream shop sign, which hangs in his garage in Huxley. Sarg's was located where Walgreens is today.



SL Summer Reading Program underway

The Storm Lake Public Library 2024 Summer Reading Program has started and it's not just for kids! Adult patrons are invited to check out books and DVD films/series related to this year's theme, "Read, Renew, Repeat." This theme focuses on conservation and care for the environment.

For each item checked out participants qualify for one entry into a prize drawing to take place in August. Three lucky winners will receive a \$15 gift card to local businesses. Over 60 books and almost 30 films with environmental themes are part of the program. Patrons are invited to browse the special display areas to find a favorite—or three, or four! Titles of just a few of the featured items follow:

Books: "How the Penguins Saved Veronica," "Okoboji Wetlands," "L.A. Weather," "Owls of the Eastern Ice," "The Green Book," "Junk Raft," "The Elephant Whisperer," "Sound of the Sea," "How High We Go in the Dark," "Iowa State Parks."

Films/series: "Erin Brockovich," "Sharkwater," "IMAX: Galapagos," "Avatar," "Whale Rider," "The American Buffalo," "March of the Penguins," "IMAX: Born to be Wild" "The Cove."

For more information about Storm Lake Public Library and library programs visit www.stormlake.lib.ia.us, look for "Storm Lake Public Library" on Facebook or call 732-8026.

Green named Storm Lake Elementary assistant principal

MY FAVORITE RECIPES

BY MARY CULLEN

Abbey Green of Storm Lake is looking forward to serving as assistant principal of Storm Lake Elementary School beginning July 1. She taught ESL at Storm Lake High School for five years and has served as multilingual programs director since August 2020; she was also PK-12 instructional coach in the district since August, 2016. In addition, this past year she taught ELL (English language learner) for the Newell-Fonda district.

Abbey earned a master's degree from Northwestern College in educational leadership and is currently pursuing a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Northern Iowa.

"I love the Storm Lake community and I'm excited to take on this new role," she commented.

Abbey is from the Des Moines area — Pleasant Hill — and Zach is from Harlan. They met at UNI. This sum-

mer Abbey will return to UNI for a week-long residency.

"We came here for my job and we haven't looked back," she mentioned.

Abbey's husband Zach is an ER nurse at BVRMC. They have three children: Truman, nine years old, is in fourth grade, Florence, five, is in the dual language program in kindergarten and Astrid is one.

With three small children, the Greens keep busy with their activities. Truman plays baseball, football and basketball. "He loves it all," Abbey smiled. Florence is into gymnastics. And as for Astrid — "She's happy to be here."

Abbey said, "I have a very good husband."

The Green family enjoys walking on the laketrail and exploring the county and its parks.

In her limited free time, Abbey loves to read, both fiction and non-fiction.

These are several of the Green's favorite family recipes.

CONCORD GRAPE PIE

From Alice Green, my husband's grandma

Remove skins from 5½ c. of concord grapes, separating and keeping the skins and pulp.



Zach and Abbey Green with children Truman, Florence and Astrid.

Put the pulp in a saucepan without water and bring to a rolling boil.

While hot, run through a

sieve to remove the seeds.

Mix strained pulp with skins.

Add 1½ c. of sugar and 4 tbsp. of flour to mixture.

Sprinkle with 1 tsp. lemon juice and dash of salt.

Pour grapes into a pie crust.

Top with 1½ tbsp. of butter.

Cover with top pie crust.

Sprinkle with sugar.

Bake for about 45 minutes at 400 degrees.

MISSISSIPPI POT ROAST

4-5 lb. chuck roast

1 Ranch dressing packet

1 au jus gravy packet

1/4 c. butter

Pepperoncini peppers to taste (we put in the whole jar with the juice!)

Cook on low for eight

hours in a slow cooker and serve over potatoes. We like it best served over baked sweet potatoes.

CHERRY DELIGHT

From my grandma, Greta Neff

1 c. fine graham cracker crumbs

3 tbsp. sugar

1/4 c. soft butter

Mix crumbs, sugar and butter; press into 8 x 8 baking pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 3-5 minutes until golden brown.

Mix 8 oz. softened cream cheese, 1/2 c. sugar, 2 cups of Cool Whip

Pour mixture on top of cooled crust

Top with 1 can cherry pie filling

Refrigerate and serve.



Woodworking is Gill's hobby

AROUND TOWN BY MARY CULLEN

Dan Gill likes working with wood. "It's my hobby," he commented. "I've made things with wood off and on for awhile. It's just what I see and what I come up with. "My wife Martha helps me with ideas of things to make, too," he added. Among the things Dan makes are bird houses with different patterns, mushrooms, flowers and butterflies. Dan's things will be for sale at Artists Alley on the Fourth of July for the second year.



Call Iowa Concern, get help coping with stress after flooding, destruction of property

Iowans are assessing the damage after storms and floodwater ravaged much of northwest Iowa. Those struggling to deal with the stress from the devastation can call Iowa Concern for help, 24/7.

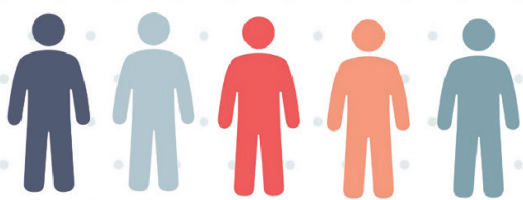
By calling Iowa Concern at 800-447-1985 for help, you can talk to a person who cares, learn about your legal rights, discuss financial concerns, find mental health assistance, and ask many other questions.

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number, live chat capabilities and a website, Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge. Iowa Concern provides access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics.

Language interpretation services are also available. Or visit the website, <https://www.extension.ias-tate.edu/iowaconcern/>, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment. Iowans can also email an expert regarding legal, finance, stress, or crisis and disaster issues. All personal information is kept confidential.

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NEW NORMAL

Four years of drought, then come the floods

You may think that climate change is a hoax, or that it is something in the future, or it is not related to the gasoline we burn to rubberneck the flooding at Sioux Rapids or Cherokee, or with the way we farm and produce protein. Shriveled night crawler corpses baked on the Sunday morning pavement, roughly marking high flow from the night before raging down from Spencer through the Valley of the Little Sioux and choking off Cherokee. Stranded people in Rock Valley were rescued by boat and helicopter. It is real enough.

Old-timers in Cherokee know floods. They say this is the worst ever. Records agree. Even the river stage monitors were washed away. Manual readings showed it was a foot higher than ever before. Cherokee has been retreating from the Little Sioux for decades, since the floods of 1993 at least, and put parks in the place of buildings. Flood impacts have been greatly reduced. Still, it's bad enough.

Who thought that the Spencer shopping mall at the intersection of Highways 18 and 71 would go under? We always believed that the Algona shopping center should not have been built in the flat near the East Fork of the Upper Des Moines, but there was the dollar store on dollar land knee-deep in the river. Downtown Algona was high and dry because the Founders knew not to build in the flat. Developers go for the marginal land. That's what we call progress. Despite the best efforts in Cherokee, we could not get there from here unless you are going through Larabee. The sheriff prudently closed off the roads leading in.

It all illustrates the confluence of contributing factors to the freakish weather raining on our best-laid plans. Iowa has been getting warmer and wetter for decades. Farmers don't need NOAA or NASA to tell them that. Around here, we at least doubled the size of the agland drainage network by replacing clay tile with more efficient corrugated plastic, and we lay the tile at half the distance to move water from the landscape. Water has no chance to slow down. The sloughs and grasslands were drained and plowed, the creeks straightened for faster water movement down to the Gulf, and stunningly better crop yields. Corn does not like wet feet, and everything we do is built on that premise.

The head spins as the weather morphs. Four years of drought. When will it end? We got showers just in the nick of time each year. Again, bumper crops. Amazing technology. Corn is relatively cheap. So are hogs. This year it doesn't seem to let up. Six inches at Okoboji and look what happens. Sewers are overwhelmed and bypassed down the Little Sioux heading for Linn Grove. The river bottom beans are headed for St. Louis along with the nitrate.

The weather is more extreme because of the carbon dioxide, nitrogen and methane we produce and emit, from making steel for our cars that burn ethanol made from corn that feeds on nitrogen made from methane (a process discovered in the pursuit of making bombs during World War II). To suggest that humans do not have an impact on climate is a disarming rationalization, the same sort that suggests that laying concrete next to the river or planting soybeans there makes perfect sense, or that we should not regulate drainage in any way but to make it more efficient (as the legislature and courts have suggested). Rationalizations will not keep Highway 59 open into Cherokee. Rationalizations put the Spencer south end to the row boat.

Things will get back to "normal." The river recedes. Our problem is passed down the Skunk River to Ames, where the planners at the Iowa Department of Transportation consult with the Iowa State University climate experts to figure out how to keep the cars rolling on I-380 while the Cedar River rages over Cedar Rapids. This is what we call an external cost of burning fuel — rebuilding sewer and transportation systems with the weather isn't cheap. FEMA has told Linn Grove to bugger off as the dam was undone, which could undo the bridge downstream. So it goes.

It will take a long time for Spencer to recover. How does it recover? How do you engineer your way out of the next six-inch rain, which could be any day now? When every last inch of Northwest Iowa is cultivated or laid in hard surface, the water has no place to go but into the basement or living room. The sloughs were drained 50 years ago in Palo Alto County. Now we are trying to dot the landscape with mini-wetlands to slow down and filter some pollutants from the water. Engineering an engineering problem is all. It is preposterous to think that you could set aside far more land in grass, that you could restore wetland, that you could have clean air and water, that we could all do better if we could change how we act just a little bit, that we could lighten the load and conform to the land instead of trying to conquer it. This is a new normal. Years of drought followed by floods, fueled by oil worth sparking a war for its control. You can't insure for that. We all know it as we sandbag and wait to see what happens next.

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

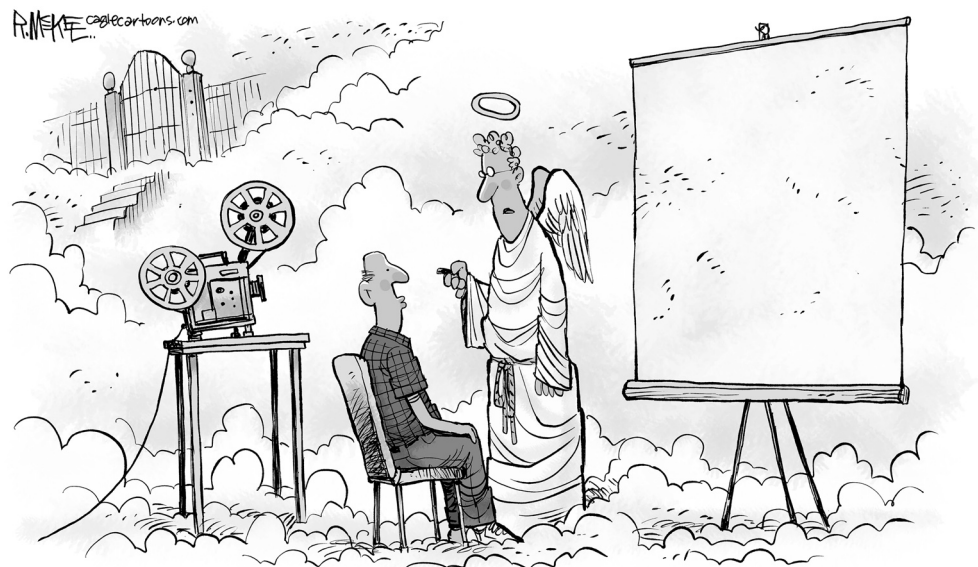
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Ever since Father's Day I've felt second-rate after reading the heaps of praise on dear old dad. I wasn't so great in the Ward Cleaver role.

It has struck me since that God the Father, as we have conceived, sent his only Son to a certain life of suffering and death, and was pretty abusive toward Abraham as well.

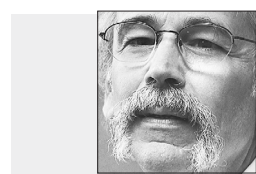
Do that today and you would have the Department of Human Services on your case.

Abraham is about ready to sacrifice Isaac when the clouds part and they call the whole thing off. Likewise, Jesus is agonizing at Gethsemane and realizing that life is not under his control in the here and now. While he laments, his three buddies fall asleep. Hey, you mopes, can't you see what he is going through? They believe Jesus has God on his side, so they decide to catch some Zs. They have their own problems. Even Peter would like to keep a distance.

While Jesus is in the garden thinking of the suffering in the world, on cue an angel comes and tells him to persevere before the Centurions crash the gate.

What the apostles didn't get, and I didn't get, was that Jesus in the desert and Jesus in the garden are not about him as divine but a guy trying to find his own way along the Via Dolorosa.

I was raised Catholic. We do not read the Bible, selec-



ART CULLEN

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

tions were read to us on Sunday and explained to us by a priest. If you don't understand, chalk it up to Sacred Mystery.

There's a lawyer on hold threatening to sue me for no sin of my own. We get paid in scraps. Trump gets more love in Iowa with a conviction on 34 felony counts. Republicans are promising woe unto the scribes, throw them into prison if not into the raging inferno, for insisting that the election was not stolen and that facts are facts. It makes you sweat blood — figuratively, for chrissakes!

Of course I have a messianic complex like Trump. Who doesn't? That's why increasing numbers love the liar with a gold toilet and a black heart, an anti-Christ in the allegorical sense.

So Jesus says, hey can't you see me praying over here? And they say, hey can't you see we got problems too? We're all alone here together, even the Son of God is, and fate is closing in.

In the garden you can see the radiation therapist in his

smock telling you how it will be with your prostate cancer. It may be written in the Bible that every man gets it but they don't generally die from it. They die from the cumulus of their bad habits. If you had just followed the Ten Commandments and behaved better in junior high school and weren't such an interperate jag who blows up when the kid gets thrown out stealing third base with two down.

Steve Bannon is shouting at me Victory Or Death! He looks like Death. Does he wash his hair? Brenna Bird is our state attorney general. Let that soak in for awhile. Jesus got smothered in a ton of chicken manure, crucified under a collapsed pullet house conveyor, and a wrongful death claim was filed.

But then he rolled away the stone. Wouldn't you know, God the Father told him he had to go down to Hell first and see how the other half were living with Judas before he could take his seat at the right hand in the Kingdom up there. Tom takes umbrage when I say that a story is half-baked and insult him with sarcasm. God was pretty ironic in putting a scourge on innocent Egyptians, children in his likeness, just doing what the Pharaoh ordered. Dolores thinks I could do better by paying attention to matters at hand, when I would rather just wander around in the desert of my own head. She is right. I should do better. So could God.

The Big Lie continues

BY RICK MORAIN

For the past 3½ years, Donald Trump has claimed the 2020 presidential election was stolen from him. At last count, at least 70% of the nation's Republicans say the same thing.

The only reason I can see that so many Republicans say that is because Donald Trump says it.

If Trump tomorrow were suddenly to announce that he was wrong, that Joe Biden indeed won the election fair and square, how many Republicans would immediately change their tune as well? My guess: nearly all of them.

That's because they have no facts to trot out in support of Trump's claim that 2020 was "rigged," "stolen" or "fraudulent."

Trump's former Attorney General Bill Barr found no evidence of widespread irregularities. Neither did the judges in some 60 court cases brought by Trump supporters in several key states. Neither did election officials in those states. Neither did his own Homeland Security Department. Neither did two private research firms his campaign hired shortly after the election to ferret out voter fraud.

In December 2021, the Associated Press reviewed every potential case of voter fraud brought in the six battleground states where Trump disputed the results. The review found fewer than 475 such instances — way, way, way short of anything that would have made a difference in the 2020 presidential election.

Biden received some 81 million popular votes to Trump's 74 million. Biden won in the Electoral College, 306 to 232.

A lineup of Trump lieutenants in the "Stop the Steal" movement has been found guilty of trying to overturn the election results, and other similar cases are working their way through the courts.

The 2020 election wasn't Trump's first Big Lie rodeo.

After the 2012 presidential election, won by Barack Obama over Mitt Romney, Trump tweeted, "The electoral college is a disaster for

a democracy," the election was a "total sham," and the United States is "not a democracy."

During his 2016 campaign, Trump regularly implied that the Democratic Party was rigging the election at polling booths against him, thereby sowing doubt about the certification process. In the final 2016 debate between himself and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, he refused to say he would accept the election results if he lost. The next day he said he would "totally" accept the results — if he won.

In 2020, during the campaign, Trump said the "only way" he could lose was if Democrats rigged the results, and several times he refused to promise a peaceful transition after the election. Steve Bannon, the firebrand off-and-on Trump supporter, speaking at a pre-election meeting that was recorded, outlined the plan to have Trump declare victory.

Most Republicans tend to vote in person on Election Day, Bannon said, while many Democrats vote early with absentee ballots. Because of that, the first votes to be counted would be those cast at the polling places on Election Day, and they would tend to favor the Republican candidates. Therefore Trump would make a public appearance a couple hours after most of the polls had closed and declare himself the winner. He would then claim that the absentee votes, which would be counted after the Election Day ballots, were fraudulent plants and should not be allowed.

And that's what happened. On Election Night Trump insisted that the "legitimate" ballots proved him the winner, and that the absentee votes that were counted later were simply ballot-stuffing. The Big Lie continues to this day.

The Greene County Republican Party has an attractive headquarters in a storefront on the east side of the Jefferson square. For a few days one of its two large picture windows displayed a huge sign that said something like "Trump won. We all know it."

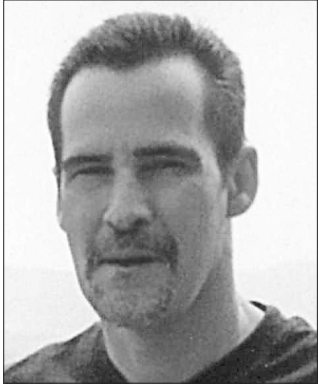
The sign's no longer there. I don't know why it was removed, but I'm glad it's gone. In the first place, we don't "all know it." But in addition,

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RICK MORAIN

OBITUARIES



Patrick Adams

Patrick David Adams, 70, of Storm Lake, formerly of Hawarden, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 17, 2024, at his home in Storm Lake.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 28, at Porter Funeral Home in Hawarden, with Pastor Carolyn Salberg officiating. Burial will follow at Grace Hill Cemetery, then a luncheon at Hawarden Community Center. Partrick's family requests those who attend come in casual attire. Condolences may be sent to www.porterfuneralhomes.com.

Patrick David Adams was born June 27, 1953, to Wendell and Irma (Smith) Adams at Hudson, S.D. He attended Finnie Country School through the eighth grade. He then attended West Sioux High School in Hawarden.

He married Janice DeWall in 1973, and to this union they had two daughters, Brandi and Sheena. They lived in Hawarden, and it was at this time Patrick attended Western Iowa Tech and received his chauffeur license. Patrick worked for Heyl Trucking out of Akron. He then went on to become an EMT and volunteered for the Hawarden Ambulance for 13 years. That is where he realized that he wanted to continue his medical career and he went on to be a paramedic. Patrick worked in Cherokee until he moved to Storm Lake, where he worked at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center until his retirement.

Patrick enjoyed spending time with his family, going to concerts and sporting events, especially the Iowa Hawkeyes and Minnesota Vikings, and fishing.

He also completed the Domestic Preparedness Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction Responder Awareness Course.

Patrick is survived by his

two daughters: Brandi (Adam) Caviness of Ireton; and Sheena Hamman (Preston Martin) of Mission Hill, S.D.; nine grandkids; and one great-grandchild. Also surviving are two brothers: Ron Adams of California; and Steve (Sandra) Adams of South Sioux City, Neb.; sister Kathy Smith of Huron, S.D.; many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Wendell and Irma Adams; sister Barb Schiefen; brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Dawn Adams; and brother-in-law Jerry Smith.



Jane Evans

Jane Kathryn Evans of Greensboro, N.C., went to dance in heaven on June 19, 2024, after a long-fought battle with multiple myeloma.

She was born July 24, 1947, in Waverly, to Lester and Norma Juhl and lived her early years on a farm in rural Iowa. The family eventually settled in Storm Lake, where she graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1965. She attended the University of Northern Iowa.

Rooted in her midwestern values and work ethic, Jane was as hard-working and giving as they come. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and often read to residents at the local nursing home. In addition to teaching GED classes, Jane and her friend started a wallpaper hanging business called the Paper Dolls. She would never have imagined her wallpapering skills would lead her to finding her passion in event planning after being hired to hang wallpaper for the new Siebens Forum at BVU.

Spending the remainder of her professional career in higher education, Jane served as director of special events at Buena Vista University, Iowa State University, University of South Carolina and finally, The College of Charleston. Jane received several national and regional awards for her

creativity and event planning. Jane was a joyful, radiant soul who knew no stranger, making friends everywhere she went. Each person she encountered was impacted by her light and she left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege to know her. She always saw the positive in any situation, keeping a strong faith in God. We have no doubt she is in heaven asking every angel she passes to smile so she can take their picture!

Jane is survived by her mother Norma Juhl of Storm Lake; husband Gregory J. Evans of Greensboro, N.C.; sisters: Patsy (Tom) Jensen of Sacramento, Calif.; and Cindy (Dan) Johnston of Marble Falls, Texas; daughters: Amy (Keary) Didier of Winston-Salem, N.C.; and Emily (David) Zlotkowski of Summerfield, N.C.; and stepsons: Timothy (Amy) Evans of Chicago, Ill.; and John (Elitsa) Evans of Johns Creek, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lester Juhl.

Jane was affectionately known as Mie Mie to her nine grandchildren, who were the love her life: Riley, Regan and Caden Didier; Laurel and Lydia Zlotkowski; Danielle and Ben Evans; and Alex and Chris Evans.

A celebration of life will be held on July 13, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 3600 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, N.C. The family will receive guests at a reception following the service. Condolences may be offered at hanesineberryfh.northelm.com.



Kathleen Schmitt

Kathleen "Kay" Schmitt passed away peacefully at her home on the afternoon of June 18, 2024, surrounded by her three daughters.

Private services will be held at a later date. Fratze & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Kathleen "Kay" Joanne Stille Schmitt was born Feb.

12, 1929, in Storm Lake, the daughter of Henry A. Stille and Irene C. Burkhardt Stille. She grew up on the farm south of Alta and attended Maple Valley #7 country school for eight years. She grew up with three brothers and one sister: Henry Carl, Robert, Gerald and Karen. She graduated from Alta High School in 1946 and attended the University of Iowa for two years. Kay then worked for DeKalb Agricultural Association in Storm Lake for nine years. She married Richard "Dick" Schmitt on April 14, 1951. When their first child Stephanie was born in 1957, Kay stopped work to raise her growing family, including two more girls, Stacy and Sandra.

First Federal Savings and Loan of Storm Lake was her place of employment for the next 23 years from 1968 to 1989. She was a bookkeeper, then vice president and comptroller, retiring in 1989. She was active in Lakeside Presbyterian Church, serving as Elder and Deacon, a representative of the Synod of Prospect Hill, Sunday School teacher and chairperson and secretary-treasurer for many years for Presbyterian Women. Other activities included Buena Vista Hospital Auxiliary, Storm Lake Business and Professional Women's Club, serving Meals on Wheels and as a precinct election official in Buena Vista County.

Dick and Kay liked to play bridge, travel and visited their children and grandchildren many times. Dick passed away in 2005. They had been married for 54 years.

Toward the end of her life, she suffered from failing eyesight ending in blindness. She was cared for in her own home by her three daughters.

Left to celebrate her life are her daughters of Storm Lake: Stephanie Schmitt, MD; Stacy Blee; and Sandra Schmitt; grandchildren: Olufemi Julia Sobowale of Washington, D.C.; Olufunso Richard Sobowale of Orlando, Fla.; Olufunmi Michael Sobowale of Tampa, Fla.; Alyssa Ann Blee of Burnsville, Minn.; and Alanna Rae Blee of Rochester, Minn.; sister Karen Stille Johannesen of Alta; sister-in-law Carolyn (Gerald) Stille of Schaller; sister-in-law Veronica Schmitt Lutter of West Des Moines; brother-in-law Donald (Betty) Schmitt of Storm Lake; sister-in-law Dorothy Schmitt (Fran) Waldo of Canyon Lake, Texas; brother-in-law James Schmitt of Alta; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Fernetta Siebrecht

Fernetta Siebrecht, 97, of Storm Lake died Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Schaller. Burial will be in Schaller Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, June 28, from 5-7 p.m. at Fratze & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller.

Robert Witzke

Robert "Bob" Witzke, 74, of Newell died Sunday, June 23, 2024, at St. Luke's UnityPoint Hospital in Sioux City.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, June 27, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Newell. Burial will be in Newell Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 26, from 5-7 p.m. at Fratze & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake.

Morain...

Continued from previous page tion, the sign reflected poorly on most of the Republicans I know here.

Especially at the local level, most Republicans — and most Democrats, and most Libertarians, and most Independents — have the good of their fellow citizens at heart. Those who involve themselves in politics, over the many decades I've watched, do so because they believe in good government as they see it. And they believe in fair play.

To the others, like those who pledge allegiance to the Big Lie because Trump says so, after millions of fruitless hours spent nationwide investigating claims of fraud: is that all you've got?

Rick Morain is a reporter and columnist with the Jefferson Herald.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR FURNISHING MAJOR MATERIALS – PHASE 1 ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, ALTA, IOWA.

Notice is hereby given that the Utility Board of Alta Municipal Utilities, Alta, Iowa will meet in the 223 S. Main Street, Alta, Iowa 51002 on July 9, 2024 at 4:30 PM, at which time and place the Board will consider the adoption of plans and specifications and proposed form of contract for the above referenced materials, which are now on file in the Utility Offices. At said meeting the Utility Board will receive and consider any objections to said plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost made by any interested party.

The equipment to be supplied is described in general as follows:

- 15 kV Primary Power Cable
- 15 kV Padmount Switchgear (Air-Insulated, Dead Front) and associated boxpads
- Single-Phase Padmount Distribution Transformers and associated boxpads
- Three-Phase Padmount Distribution Transformers and associated boxpads
- Secondary Power Cable
- Three-Phase Padmount Step-Down Transformers and associated boxpads

The materials are part of an electric distribution improvements project located in the city of Alta, Iowa.

Publication upon order of the Utility Board of Alta Municipal Utilities Alta, Iowa.

Dated this 26th day of June 2024.

ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES - ALTA, IOWA

By /s/ Clyde Bartel
Board Chair

ATTEST:
/s/ Mitch Langschwager
Board Secretary 63

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

DEEDS

Connor Carstens and Kallie Carstensto to Sally Gallagher and Evan Krause 5/30 5th Add Alta Original Lot 9 Block 27 (Warranty Deed)

Eagle Development of Iowa LLC to McMajor Enterprises LLC 5/31 Lakeshore Bay 1st Add Lakeside Lakeside Original Lots 11 and 12 (Warranty Deed)

Nicholas Snyder and Angela J. Snyder to Amy Medina, Jose Jesus Mendoza Medina 5/31 Storm Lake And S/D NE SW 349137 Lots 1 and 3 (Warranty Deed)

Jonathan B. Millea and Makayla R. Millea to Nancy Yee and Makyet Shwe 5/31 Storm Lake West School Add Lot 5 (Warranty Deed)

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OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

June 2024 Utility and Telecom Regular Board Meeting

The regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees for Alta Municipal Utilities and Alta Municipal Broadband Telecommunications Utility, City of Alta, Iowa was held at City Hall on June 11, 2024.

Chairman Clyde Bartel called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present – Clyde Bartel, Megan Schreck, Rob Hach, Larry Suter. Absent – Chris Larison. Also, present – Mitch Langschwager, Joe Pena- T.P Anderson, Andy Koob-DGR.

AGENDA: Hach made the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Seconded by Suter. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

UTILITY AND TELECOM MINUTES: Schreck moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, Municipal Utilities and Telecommunications meeting. Seconded by Suter. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

UTILITY CLAIMS LIST: The following bills were presented for approval:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR MAY 24 PD JUNE 24		
Utilities		
Ahlers Cooney	Legal service	\$1,107.00
Alison Glawe	Deposit refund	\$300.00
Alliant Energy	Service	\$338.02
Alta, City of	SW-LF-EL	\$52,680.72
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$3,562.68
Alta Municipal Utilities	Apply deposits to accts.	\$1,500.00
Altatec	Phone	\$317.90
Andrea Chacon	Credit refund	\$236.71
Aurelia Lumber Company	Supplies	\$798.86
Bankers Trust	Bond loan	\$15,056.25
Bankers Trust	WS4	\$15,000.00
Borgmaers	Supplies	\$1,165.34
Card Connect	April service fee	\$630.36
DGR Engineering	Service	\$12,130.00
Elan Financial Services	Training, fuel, supplies	\$1,045.78
Force Filters	Supplies	\$617.63
Foundation Analytical	Service	\$105.00
Grainger	Supplies	\$1,838.79
Hach	Chemicals	\$4,918.85
Hawkins, Inc.	Chemicals	\$8,500.36
Hirschman Auto	Service	\$48.15
AMU	Pull program	\$1,185.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Use tax	\$169.94
Iowa Department of Revenue	Water excise tax	\$4,809.69
KAYL	Public relations	\$78.76
Langschwager, Mitch	Travel expense	\$166.00
Linc Underground	Service	\$6,125.00
Martines, Luis	Deposit refund	\$300.00
Mier, Brandon	Travel expense	\$82.00
Neo's Electronics	Service	\$142.50
NeoTek	Service	\$703.60
NIMECA	April power	\$16,586.71
NIMECA	APPA dues	\$1,068.38
Office Elements	Supplies	\$98.34
Palomares, Monica	Deposit refund	\$300.00
Pitney Bowes	Postage	\$69.12
Postmaster	Trust account	\$800.00
Power Plant Compliance	Service	\$22.50
Power Solutions	Supplies	\$733.25
Property Specialists, LLC	Credit refund	\$836.21
Rodriguez, Michael	Credit refund	\$475.56
Sigala, Noel	Deposit refund	\$300.00
Sioux Valley Environmental	Chemicals	\$2,505.00
Storm Lake Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$62.93
Sutton, Cory	Flex reimbursement	\$1,239.61
T.P. Anderson	Audit	\$2,500.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	May sales tax	\$3,253.16
United Bank of Iowa	Supplies	\$36.39
USA Bluebook	Supplies	\$86.80
U. S. Cellular	Service	\$45.27
Van Meter	Supplies	\$201.43
VECTOR	Insurance	\$252.50
Vermeer	Supplies/service	\$2,546.40
Wages	May	\$39,164.00
WAPA	April power	\$20,232.99
Wesco	Supplies	\$4,930.33
TOTAL MAY 24 PAID JUNE 24		\$233,779.77

Suter moved to approve payment of the utility claims as presented. Schreck sec-

onded the motion. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Total revenues for the Electric and Water Utilities were \$224,517.20.

TELECOM CLAIMS LIST: The following bills were presented for approval:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR MAY 24 PD JUNE 24		
Telecom		
Ahlers & Cooney	Legal service	\$1,078.00
Alliant	Service	\$217.99
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$1,049.52
Altatec	Phone	\$324.25
Altatec	DID line charge	\$1,666.08
Anderson, Dennis	Internet CR refund	\$33.16
Aronson Plumbing	Service/supplies	\$182.96
Aureon	DA/Cable/transport	\$178.34
Bally Sports N	May access	\$1,178.60
Big Ten Network	May access	\$413.34
Buena Vista County E911	May	\$175.23
Card Connect	April service fee	\$830.35
Century Link	Access	\$176.89
Consortia	Service	\$3,483.75
Cowden, Margaret	Internet CR refund	\$55.25
Interstate TRS Fund	Assessment	\$145.60
Iowa Department of Revenue	Use Tax	\$9.32
KAYL	Public relations	\$78.74
Long Lines	Access	\$10,821.96
Lumen	DA	\$53.67
McGregor, Jarod	Internet CR refund	\$93.57
NCTC	May access/supplies	\$16,345.77
NeoTek	Service	\$703.60
Newsnation	May access	\$111.22
Nextstar	May access	\$1,297.50
Office Elements	Supplies	\$98.34
Phillips, Sandra	Internet CR refund	\$3.65
Pitney Bowes	Postage	\$69.12
Power Solutions	Supplies	\$693.65
Primo, Maureen	Internet CR refund	\$33.16
Showtime	May access	\$16.35
T.P. Anderson	Audit	\$2,500.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	May sales tax	\$2,095.77
United Bank	Telecom bond	\$1,960.22
United Bank	Supplies	\$36.38
VECTOR	Insurance	\$252.50
WAGES	May	\$14,639.94
TOTAL MAY 24 PD JUNE 24		\$63,109.69

Hach moved to approve payment of the telecom claims as presented. Schreck seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Telephone and Cable/Internet Utilities were \$71,299.25.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The board performed a detailed review of the financial reports and power cost report.

AUDIT PRESENTATION: Joe Pena with T.P Anderson gave the 2023-year end audit report to the board. After brief discussion Hach made the motion to perform a monthly review of the utility adjustments per Joes recommendation. Suter seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Schreck made the motion to accept the audit as presented. Seconded by Hach. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION #558 MATERIAL BIDDING FOR ELECTRIC: Andy Koob with DGR was moved up on the agenda and walked the board through the process we need to adopt for the bidding of the major electric materials for phase 1 of the electric project. Chairman Bartel presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 558
RESOLUTION ORDERING BIDS, APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND FORM OF CONTRACT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS, FIXING AMOUNT OF BID SECURITY, AND ORDERING UTILITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE AND FIXING A DATE FOR RECEIVING SAME, AND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR FURNISHING MAJOR MATERIALS – PHASE 1 ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, ALTA IOWA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, THAT:

That the **Furnishing Major Materials – Phase 1 Electric Distribution Improvements** for Alta Municipal Utilities, Alta, Iowa, is hereby ordered to be advertised for bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the detailed plans and specifications for the materials of the **Furnishing Major Materials – Phase 1 Electric Distribution Improvements** for Alta Municipal Utilities, Alta, Iowa, and the Form of Contract

and Notice to Bidders, as approved by the Utility Manager, be and the same are hereby approved, subject to hearing thereon, and are hereby ordered placed on file in the office of the Utility Manager for public inspection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount of the security to accompany each bid shall be in the amount of Ten (10%) per cent. Said bid security shall conform to the provisions of the Notice to Bidders hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the Board of Trustees at City Hall, 223 S. Main Street, Alta, Iowa, 51002 at 4:30 o'clock P.M., on July 9, 2024, a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for said improvements will be held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary be and is hereby directed to publish notice of public hearing once in the Storm Lake Times Pilot, said publication to be not less than four (4) clear days nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the date hereinafter fixed as the date for public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for said project. A copy of said Notice is attached hereto marked Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as if set out verbatim.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Engineer, DGR Engineering of Rock Rapids, Iowa, be and is hereby directed to post notice to bidders to the following: 1. QuestCDN, which qualifies as a relevant contractor plan room and construction lead generating service with statewide circulation, and 2. the Iowa League of Cities website. Posting shall be not less than thirteen (13) clear days nor more than forty-five (45) days prior to July 2, 2024, which latter date is hereby fixed as the date for receiving bids. Said bids are to be filed prior to 1:30 o'clock P.M., on said date, at City Hall located at 223 S. Main Street, Alta, Iowa, 51002. A copy of said Notice is attached hereto marked Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein as if set out verbatim.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees will at the July 9, 2024, Board Meeting will act on the bids to be received for the materials and possibly award the contracts thereof in accordance with the notice to Bidders to be published as herein provided.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of June 2024.

/S/ Clyde Bartel
Clyde Bartel, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST: /S/ Mitch Langschwager
Mitch Langschwager, Board Secretary

Hach made the motion to approve Resolution #558. Seconded by Suter. Roll call vote: Ayes: Schreck, Hach, Suter, Bartel. Nays: None.

Chairman Bartel declared Resolution #558 dully adopted.

IAMU PULL PROGRAM: Langschwager asked the board if they would be willing to put our accountant in the PULL program with the same stipulations we set with our former manager. This will let her work for us or answer any questions we may have after retirement. Hach made the motion to put our accountant in the PULL program. Seconded by Suter. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

BV COUNTY FAIR SPONSORSHIP: Langschwager presented the board with the B.V County Fair sponsorship sheet. After discussion Hach made the motion to be a Blue-Ribbon sponsor. Seconded by Bartel. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

TELECOM UPDATES: Langschwager reported that he had a meeting with the attorney and Longlines about what type of partnership we can form along with some of our options about installing new services with the electric underground project.

WATER UPDATES: Langschwager brought to the board's attention that we have a water leak we are trying to track down. Leak detection was called on Monday and a small leak was found and will be fixed as soon as possible. After this leak is fixed, we will bring leak detection back in to see if we can find anymore. He also let the board know the pilot project was in place and being put together with the help of HARN, ISG, and our own employees.

ELECTRIC UPDATES: The electric and telecom guys are busy moving services for the new parking lot at the school. They have been continuing to work on new secondary services when time allows and helping with the pilot project.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Langschwager asked the board if they would decide on which low members, they would like to represent them during the IADG meetings. It was decided Bartel and Suter would be the two contacts for these meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at Alta City Hall.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion made by Hach to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Seconded by Bartel. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

/S/ Mitch Langschwager
Mitch Langschwager, Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Alta Municipal Utilities and Alta Municipal Broad

Register today for Prime Time

Get in on Community Ed's Prime Time 2024 before the registration price increase Friday, June 28.

The popular annual event at Storm Lake High School takes place Wednesday, July 31, from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Prime Time is an enrichment opportunity for people

55 and over, with continental breakfast, breakout sessions and lunch. As in the past, Mayor Mike Porsch will address the group.

A big draw will be the session by Buena Vista Media Professor Jerry Johnson, "The Historic Cobblestone." Johnson has been compiling memories, stories and historical documentation about the iconic Cobblestone Ballroom, which once hosted lively dances and legendary performances by great musical artists.

You'll see one of the original Cobblestone Ballroom booths and there'll be a chance to share your own memories and stories.

Jaymie Bral of Storm Lake Middle School will be bringing Dory the therapy dog. This dog has been helping local students for six years. You'll learn how Jaymie's research and patience made his dream a reality.

On the educational side, Darcy Girres from BVRMC will share information about diabetes. She'll talk about glucose

monitors and insulin pumps, plus insurance coverage options.

Yoga benefits and avoiding scams are among the additional breakout session choices.

Cost is \$10 if you register on or before Friday, June 28. Late registration is \$15.

Register by mail at: Community Education, PO Box 638, Storm Lake, Iowa, or stop by the office at 930 E. Fifth St., portable #3.

Doors open at 8 a.m. We'll see you then!



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FUTURISTICKS

I don't know.
What do you think?

BY GORDON LINGE

That was all he said for the entire semester. Perhaps the most frustrating art class I took at Buena Vista University in 1970 was one instructed by frje Echeverria. Not because his name was as hard to spell as it was to say. Some of you may recall, he drove a 1951 pink Studebaker. It looked like something Minnie Mouse would drive.

The painting class would meet once a week when we would line up our four paintings done on 1' x 1' masonite, using acrylic base paint as he instructed us on the first day of class. The artwork was to be of "a circle and a bar" and needed to include texture and color pigments we created.

We all had questions, but were afraid to ask. Wouldn't you? We knew what a circle was, but what did he mean by a "bar"? We soon learned, the only words he would ever utter all semester was: "I don't know. What do you think?"

And when we finally felt secure enough to make a statement, he added: "Oh, do you think so?"

That put us back to square one.

In the end, the class had been indirectly taught to think, to be comfortable finding our own answers. We had been taught to be self-taught. I became comfortable going to an art gallery filled with artwork I had not seen, heard or read about. I learned to think. I learned to feel... as only humans can do.

AI is going to replace artists... or so they say.

"Oh, do you think so?" Hang onto your FUTURISTICK and keep your balance.



Luxe Lily

Luxe Lily at 625 Lake Avenue held an official grand opening and ribbon cutting last Thursday afternoon with a huge crowd, great food and a tour of the refurbished upstairs, now a VRBO rental coined the "Lily Pad." Up front is the staff. Holding the ribbon on left is Tara Kosky, and to the left: Carissa Elsdon Avery Smith Krystal Luft, Erin Smith, Eden and Emerson Smith, Connie Skibsted, Terri Brashears and Galena Koster. Right behind owner Erin Smith are her son Bennett and husband Tim.

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