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# STAR SPANGLED SPECTACULAR 2024

## Vibrant leaders will help Light Up the Fourth

*Commodores add pizzazz with amazing outfits*

BY DOLORES CULLEN

Storm Lake's Star Spangled Spectacular is about to kick off and thousands of visitors will pour into The City Beautiful. Able Commodores Holly Schipper and Liz Smith have overseen the dedicated committee of volunteers. They've attended to the many details to pull off the two-day celebration. They've even written a rundown of events, which can be found in the special section in today's Times Pilot. What do we still need to

know?  
This: What will they be wearing?  
The duo, who own Sugar Bowl Gift Shop in Storm Lake, have developed a fine reputation for coming up with elegant, yet whimsical red, white and blue outfits for the Fourth of July.

And they coordinate their clothing. For their appearance on KTIV to preview the SSS a few weeks ago they wore matching light washed jeans spangled with white stars and identical grey flag T-shirts.

At last year's kiddie parade, Liz wore headgear with two Uncle Sam hats popping out of the top. In Holly's hair was

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Top from left: Abby Venegas rides by during the 2023 Star Spangled Spectacular Big Parade. The Cub Scouts put together this cake-like float last year. Terry Bauer with his fellow Knights of Columbus at the funnel cake stand last year. TIMES PILOT photos by DOLORES CULLEN

Left: Liz Smith (left) and Holly Schipper, owners of Sugar Bowl Gift Shop in Storm Lake and Commodores for the 2024 celebration.



## It's 'crunch time' for city water conservation, treatment

*Water treatment plant at capacity*

BY ALLISON MOORE

Following the issuance of mandatory water conservation efforts, the Storm Lake City Council discussed plans to construct a new water treatment plant to accommodate the city's currently full water storage and treatment facilities.

During Monday night's city council meeting, Public Works Director Matt Beckman presented background information about how the city's water treatment plant has reached capacity. City Manager Keri Navratil said this was only the beginning of a years-long process to improve Storm Lake's water conservation, retention and treatment.

"We have been working diligently on our water situation. Over \$15 million have been spent over the last seven years on our water infrastructure," said Navratil. "And that's just for our major projects," including wells and a new water tower system.

Presently, the city's water

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## Officials delay release of Lower Gar Lake

*Okoboji tourism suffering from high lake levels*

BY TOM CULLEN

The Dickinson County Board of Supervisors was considering releasing the outlet of the Lower Gar Lake, but deferred the decision to a multi-jurisdiction committee that's expected to meet in secret on Thursday.

In front of a crowd of around 150 at the Dickinson County Courthouse, the supervisors empaneled a 10-member committee that will study modifications to the outlet at Lower Gar underneath

230th Street, just northeast of Milford. The supervisors opted against releasing the lake outlet, after over two hours of fierce protests from community leaders along the Little Sioux.

Spencer Mayor Steve Bomgaars said releasing the Lower Gar was ill-timed. The discussion, Bomgaars said, came a week after thousands in the path of the Little Sioux's floodwaters lost everything. Cherokee County Emergency Manager Justin Pritts said the Lakes area "is not suffering from the floods," an assertion that generated applause from the packed courthouse. He encouraged the board to tour Spencer, Sioux Rapids or Cherokee, where he believes the flood-related damage was more apparent than in communities like Spirit Lake and Okoboji.

"Get your butts in the car and drive an

hour south and you'll know what suffering really is," Pritts told the supervisors during a special meeting on Saturday. "I'm telling you. People are hurting. I'm not trying to upset anybody here. I'm just being honest. There are people who are hurting from here all the way down (the Little Sioux River)."

Pritts pleaded with the supervisors to "hang on to your water" in the chain of seven lakes that includes West Okoboji, Big Spirit and the Lower Gar, which have swelled from torrential rains in recent weeks.

The Lakes tourism economy is suffering. Hence the discussion to breach 230th Street in the first place. At an emergency meeting of the Dickinson County Emergency Management Commission

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Cherokee County Emergency Manager Justin Pritts delivers extemporaneous remarks to the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors. Pritts received applause from a crowd of around 150 after pleading with the board of supervisors to reconsider releasing the Lower Gar outlet. TIMES PILOT photo by TOM CULLEN

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# TNR forum sparks heated debate over stray cats

Kevin McKinney: *My biggest hangup is returning them to the same spot where you had the problem.*

BY ALLISON MOORE

Following an energetic public forum, the Storm Lake City Council had a work session July 1 to discuss the potential codification of a Trap-Neuter-Return program that aims to curtail the city's stray cat problem. Over 30 people attended Wednesday's forum, many of whom voiced support or concerns about the proposed cat population control methods.

The council spent more than a third of Monday's two-hour meeting debating the merits of a potential TNR program. They ultimately agreed to move forward with the project, so City Attorney Maria Brownell will help to correct and update the city's newly consolidated animal ordinance. There will be a public hearing for the TNR program on July 15 and the council will do a first reading of the completed ordinance on August 5. The council must have three public readings of the ordinance before it is officially approved.

Councilperson Meg McKeon proposed in May that the city council incorporate a TNR program in their animal ordinances. "We are hearing continually concerns about the number of community cats, which may or may not be feral in the city," McKeon said in May.

The city would not be responsible for funding the program. Instead, it would rely on donations, fundraising and volunteer work.

Caring Paws Rescue, a group that formed with the intention of establishing a Storm Lake animal shelter, has also advocated for a TNR program. They would organize fundraising efforts and implement the program. Members of the group believe that codifying a TNR program would alleviate the police department's animal control responsibilities. The rescue group is close to getting their official nonprofit status and exploring shelter construction plans.

Under the council's current cat ordinance, it is illegal for a person to return animals to the site where they were trapped. The TNR program would change that.

Most of those who spoke in front of the council were in favor of TNR, sometimes called Trap-Neuter-Release. If the council eventually codifies the program in the city animal ordinance, citizens with a stray cat issue could call a volunteer to then trap the cat in a small cage. The volunteer would then transport the cat to Lake Animal Hospital to be spayed or neutered, and to receive a health evaluation and any necessary vaccinations, including for rabies and feline



**A feral cat roosts outside a residence on Irving Street. The TNR program would respond to calls about feral and stray cats.**

distemper.

## Debate over "return"

The most debated part of the program is the last step — return. With TNR, once the cat has been fixed, volunteers would return it to the same spot where it was trapped so it can remain with its colony (if it belongs to one) but can no longer reproduce.

"My biggest hangup is returning them to the same spot where you had the problem," said Councilperson Kevin McKinney at the public forum. But, McKinney said, "I am not a cat hater, I want to make that clear."

"The return thing is kind of a problem for me," said Councilperson Maggie Martinez. She also insisted that people need to learn not to feed stray or feral cats. "There's mice out there, there's things that they can eat," said Martinez.

While there is no current estimate of how many stray cats roam Storm Lake, local residents from nearly a dozen different streets shared their encounters with the animals.

Kim Kelly teared up almost as soon as she walked up to the podium last week. "It's an emotional thing for me," she said about caring for neighborhood cats. Kelly said she has previously taken in stray cats, providing them shelter in her garage and feeding a select few.

Kelly and a few others emphasized the need for community education regarding stray cat overpopulation. Sue Lyngaas, president of the Caring Paws Rescue, said she hopes the TNR program volunteers could host educational events about proper pet care and ownership to reduce the possibility of residents dumping or releasing their pet cats.

Joe Kucera, director of Storm Lake Community Education, provided the primary dissenting opinion at the forum. "I think I'm probably going to have an unpopular opinion on this matter," he initially stated.

Kucera voiced particular concern

with cat feces on the West Ninth Street Memorial Field, where he cares for the field and coaches little league baseball. Kucera said he has previously closed the fields and chained up privately owned parks due to the amount of feces in the grass — 12 piles at any time, he claimed.

"I'm having kids play in feces," Kucera said. "It's not safe, it's not healthy, and if I continue to have that problem, I need to eradicate that animal. It doesn't matter if it's neutered, it's still going to go to the bathroom on that field."

To Kucera, stray and feral cats should either be adopted or euthanized. He wants them off the fields. "As soon as you take emotion out of it, these feral cats are an invasive species," Kucera said. "They should be removed from the population. They're not a natural predator in our city."

Council members addressed Kucera's comments on multiple occasions during a work session Monday night.

"I take what Joe Kucera said at heart," said Martinez. "I get it, it's not pretty. He doesn't want cats returning to the fields, but I don't know that that would necessarily happen, because he might not be calling to have this service done anyway."

"That's not where they're living, that's where they're roaming at night," McKeon said in reference to the baseball fields where Kucera coaches. McKeon said the TNR program wouldn't affect those cats, "because you have to get the cat at their community. They live in colonies."

Both Martinez and McKeon expressed annoyance at the prospect of having another work session on TNR. Monday was the council's third work session.

McKeon praised the research, efforts and enthusiasm of those who formed the Caring Paws Rescue group after a spring council meeting.

"It's not often that we get a group of citizens who bring forward concerns about a problem, as well as a solution, including the willingness to do the fundraising and necessary training and supply the person power to address it," McKeon said. "If we do not recognize the concerns of the citizens, their willingness to address a problem, then what are we saying for any future issues that people want to bring forward?"

## Lake Animal Hospital stressed with stray cats

Hannah Neumann, stray director

## LOWER GAR LAKE: Thursday's meeting closed to the public

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last week, owners of resorts and marinas pressured commission members to release Lower Gar. They claimed the lake levels, which crested as high as four feet above average, posed an economic catastrophe, according to Explore Okoboji. Boats have floated away from their hoists. Basements in Spirit Lake, Milford and Okoboji have flooded. Marinas and business owners who've staked their livelihood on tourism and lake traffic are suffering from a sudden, protracted economic downturn.

"Let's move this water," said Rich Meyers of Fillenwarth Beach Resort of Arnolds Park at an emergency management commission meeting last week.

The Lower Gar's outlet lies just under 230th Street, which is under the control of the Dickinson supervisors. The supervisors claim they need no higher authority to breach the road and release the flow down the Little Sioux. County Engineer Cole Budach said the county would need a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers if the modifications to the Lower Gar outlet are permanent. Budach noted the supervisors are considering temporary measures under an emergency, where normal regulatory provisions are suspended.

"Nothing in detail has been discussed with the committee yet, so it's too early to say what we're considering yet," Budach said over the phone on Monday. "... As far as any recommendations or anything that's going to be made to the Dickinson County board on action on this, that's what the committee was put together for."

The committee is expected to meet on Thursday.

The public won't be invited



**Spencer Mayor Steve Bomgaars pleads with the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors to relent on releasing the Lower Gar outlet. Bomgaars feared such a move would inundate Spencer again. TIMES PILOT photo by TOM CULLEN**

to sit in on deliberations, according to Supervisor Bill Luepold, who noted representatives from Clay County, Cherokee County and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will also be included. (Buena Vista County won't be represented.) Luepold said the purpose of the meeting is to synthesize years of research state authorities have done on the Lower Gar outlet and bring recommendations back to their respective boards for approval.

He said the board of supervisors would "heavily rely" on the committee's recommendations.

"Dickinson County has its solution," Luepold said over the phone on Monday. "What can Spencer do about flooding in the future? What could Cherokee, Rock Rapids do? Whether that's huge grains, seawalls, I have no idea. That's up to the committee to figure out."

**LUEPOLD SAID** the committee would reopen a report by the Iowa Flood Center that explored the possibility of removing 230th Street. A list of committee members wasn't made immediately available. A list of meeting dates wasn't made available. Luepold believes the board can deliberate in private because it doesn't have a majority of a single jurisdiction represented.

"They're just representatives that will bring back information to their various boards

and whatnot," Luepold said when asked whether the meetings will be open.

Iowa Freedom of Information Council Executive Director Randy Evans said he was "greatly troubled" by the decision to close Thursday's committee meeting. Evans believes the Open Meetings Law requires the county to open the meeting because the committee vote of the supervisors on a matter of public policy. Either way, Evans argued, the board should open the committee meetings. County Attorney Steven Goodlow didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on Luepold's claim.

"I'm greatly troubled that a committee by Dickinson County to look at water levels — a topic with huge public interest in and around the Iowa Great Lakes and downriver — would exclude the public from its meetings," Evans wrote to the Times Pilot via email. "Closing these meetings to the public sends a very clear signal that these officials do not want to be bothered by public comments, questions or criticism. And that is unfortunate."

**THE COMMITTEE IS** expected to start from an exhaustive review of modifications the board of supervisors have considered in the past. The supervisors have been studying how to lower lake levels more efficiently for

years.

In 2017, the board of supervisors commissioned a report from the Iowa Flood Center that found modifications to 230th Street would significantly lower lake levels during wet years, but have "minimal impact" during dry years. The report considered options ranging from removal of the road to lowering the culverts underneath it. Those options, if implemented today, would result in river levels between two to four inches higher in Spencer, said Larry Weber, director of the flood center.

The models don't exactly predict the future, Weber cautioned. The findings are estimated through water volumes, flow rates and weather conditions, all of which aren't precise.

And they're never politically popular. During drought, advocates for the lakes worry that modifying 230th Street will significantly lower lake levels. During high water, communities along the Little Sioux worry that the flooding will become more severe. The recommendations from the report seven years ago were never adopted.

"It's more of the same. On one hand, you had the folks that didn't want high water, and the other hand, you wanted folks that didn't want more water," Weber said. "At the time (the report was complete), there wasn't much of a conversation about passing flows through the Little Sioux

at Lake Animal Hospital, and Dianne Johnson, the clinic's veterinarian, also disagreed with Kucera.

"I know a lot of people are concerned about how it is going to help me, the human," said Neumann. "But me working at a clinic, I'm more concerned about how it's going to help the cats themselves, and they're going to be a lot healthier."

Dr. Johnson said if a TNR program volunteer brings her a cat, she would spay or neuter them, check for other signs of illness or injury and implant a microchip.

All trapped and neutered cats would receive a notch on their ear to indicate that they have been fixed.

According to Neumann, Lake Animal receives one call a week about a new litter of kittens. One litter still had their umbilical cords attached, she said.

"If we can control the population it'll cut down on kittens, orphaned kittens, sick kittens," Neumann said. "It's a lot of work on our part."

Neumann said that because some small kittens still need to be bottle fed and monitored often, she and other staff have taken some of the clinic's kittens home to ensure they receive proper care. She added that not every cat they see is feral, or an unsocialized outdoor cat. The clinic would plan to return feral cats to their trapping spot, whereas they would attempt to put many of the non feral cats up for adoption.

Amy Von Bank, general manager at King's Pointe Resort, said that before her years in the hotel business she worked as a vet tech. "Just thinning and relocating does not keep out the problem cats," Von Bank said.

Both Von Bank and Neumann insisted that if volunteers do not return the cat to its original area, another cat will take its place. Particularly male cats, they said.

Some citizens present at the forum said that while TNR programs have been proven successful in other communities, it takes time to see stray cat numbers dwindle.

"It's not going to be an overnight fix, it's something that's going to take a few years," said Kelly.

With consistency, persistence and donations to fund it, the program should work, explained Kelly and a few other speakers.

The city council now awaits corrections to the animal ordinance, including a section permitting the Trap-Neuter-Return project. They will read and discuss the updated policy at a public hearing Monday, July 15.

into Spencer and Cherokee."

Weber said the lake system's "bottleneck" at the Lower Gar isn't "an ideal configuration" for seven lakes with nearly 13,000 acres in surface area. It could take months before the Great Lakes lower from recent rain. Slow drawdown happens every time rains become persistent, Weber explained. With climate change intensifying, the lakes bottleneck seemingly every five years, he added. Boat traffic slows. Marinas are flooded. And the tourism economy must play the waiting game before lake conditions abide.

Many of the great lakes could remain near their current levels until October if the rain doesn't abate, Weber noted.

Weber cautioned against using the report as a cause for lowering lake levels now. He said the report could be implemented when the Little Sioux falls. The Little Sioux has only been falling less than a half foot per day in some areas. Its waters were just underneath Spencer's downtown thoroughfare on Saturday. Some major roads in Cherokee are still closed from flood damage. Weber noted the board of supervisors opted against "pouring more water onto Spencer."

"Once it's back within bank, maybe there's a possibility of releasing more water and the lake area pulls back down," Weber said.



## BLAST FROM THE PAST

*In 2006 Storm Lake Times photos:*

Above: The crew is moving things into position. Fireworks are totes in the garbage cans. Plastic garbage cans are a good way to store fireworks because they're safe and fireproof.

Above left: Orren is working with a fuse. On the right you can see that the fuse is wrapped in paper. This prevents the fuse from burning too fast. In Orren's right hand is the fuse cap, which protects the fuse from sparks or accidental lighting.

Left: Mike Morrow helps unload mortar racks off a trailer onto the jetty. He is the oldest son of the late Mike Morrow who introduced Orren to the job in 1987. The metal tubes and the racks are reused each year.

## SPECTACULAR: Smith and Schipper sure to dazzle for annual celebration

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an oversized red chiffon bow. The two wore red, white and blue from head to toe. Holly and Liz often organize the kiddie parade, and they are seen handing out big patriotic-looking gift bags to the grateful young winners.

SSS committee members in days of yore — the celebration is in its 46th year — wore white polos with a small embroidered logo of the Spectacular.

Holly and Liz did away with that when they headed the event 10 years ago. "We were the first to turn it down," said Holly.

Look for matching outfits on the 3rd, she divulged. And "maybe some sparkle on the 4th, depending on whether it

rains or not."

Will there be something outlandish?

"It depends on your definition of outlandish," Liz said.

Will they wear the same thing they wore on TV?

"We never repeat."

The pre-planning of outfits. Is it part of Liz and Holly's general tendency to organize?

"We're list makers," said Holly. "We're lucky we work together." They use Google docs for shared information.

Look for the duo zipping around in a golf cart Wednesday and Thursday making sure everything is going as it should.

### Having a blast with fireworks

A look back at a 2006 article in the Storm Lake Times Pilot made longtime fireworks chair Orren Knoffloch think back over the 40 years he has been involved in the coordination and execution of fireworks in Storm Lake. The crew at the time consisted of: Orren Knoffloch; Eric, Mike and Matt Morrow; Loren Pearson; Steve Lullman; Clark

Gordon; Paul Henze; Mark Burkitt; Scott Randall and Josh Foster. 2006 was the first year since 1991 that Brad Sargent was no longer helping because the Sargents had moved out of town.

The actual process of setting up the equipment has stayed the same, says Orren. Wooden mortar racks, which have been rebuilt for the third time, are stored by the city. They are brought out the morning of the 4th. There are dozens of racks, 19 alone for the grand finale. The racks are anchored on the Chautauqua Park jetty with sand bags.

Ultimate care is taken, for as Orren says, "If they fall over, they shoot."

The racks are placed according to safety guidelines. "We start with the 3-inch (shells)," explained Orren, which will be closer to the crowd, "and work toward the 6-inch."

A five-inch shell is the equivalent of a stick of dynamite.

The explosives need to be 600 feet, at a minimum, from

the spectators.

The crew has to give up alcohol for the day so they are alert and capable. Workers won't get home until 2 a.m. First the equipment needs to cool off for an hour. Then everything needs to be torn down, in the dark.

In honor of this year's theme: "Light up the Sky on the Fourth of July," the fireworks crew has been selected as this year's grand marshals of the Big Parade on the morning of the 4th. It will be the first time the grand marshal(s) can't appear in the parade. The crew will be busy setting up for the evening show. Get ready for the big blasts, the bursts of color and the crackling pops. Fireworks start around 9:30 p.m.

For pets, who often are frightened by fireworks: stay calm yourself; consider playing white noise or music; allow your dog extra space or a hiding place; give your dog comfort, attention and treats; and consider using a pressure wrap or vest.

## POLICE & COURTS

### Trial scheduled for daycare neglect case

A jury will be empaneled next September to hear an Alta family's claims that a child was scalded at Ready, Set, GROW Learning Center in Alta in August 2023.

Buena Vista County District Court Judge Shayne Mayer scheduled a three-day jury trial to hear Isaiah and Melanie Deibers' claims that the daycare staff failed to properly regulate water temperature in their faucets and neglected to supervise their 15-month-old daughter while she washed her hands. The Deibers allege that the daycare's faucets provided water at or above 150 degrees Fahrenheit when they should never exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

When their daughter washed her hands the morning of Aug. 23, 2023, the Deibers allege that she stopped being directly supervised. Also according to the lawsuit, Ready, Set, GROW staff allegedly then heard the toddler scream and cry and found her hand red and blistered. The Deibers took their daughter to the hospital shortly after staff informed them of the injury and found that she sustained second degree burns, according to the petition. Pictures on file show red, peeling and blistered wounds on the toddler's right hand pointer finger, allegedly taken two days after being scalded.

The Deibers claim the daycare was negligent in failing to keep its water heater at a reasonably safe temperature, failing to check the water temperature before washing their daughter's hands, and failing to supervise her during handwashing. The Deibers allege that negligence at Ready, Set, GROW resulted in the injury.

The daycare denied the Deibers' claims. Jason Palmer, a West Des Moines attorney representing the daycare, argued that "any damages sustained by the plaintiff was the result of an intervening and/or superseding cause," according to a filing submitted in district court May 3. Palmer also asked that if the daycare was found liable for the child's injuries, the jury should calculate the Deibers' damages through a percentage of fault.

The Deibers demanded a jury trial and asked that the daycare pay "for reasonable and necessary medical expenses past and future," according to the April petition filed by attorney Aaron Wooden of Cedar Rapids.

### Probation for Newell teen

A Newell teen received two years probation related to prior probation violations and domestic assault charges.

Last June, Joseph Gilligan, 19, was taken into custody after allegedly engaging in a verbal altercation and pushing

his mother to the floor, inflicting a cut above her eye.

Associate Buena Vista County District Court Judge Andy Smith deferred judgment of Gilligan's case and ordered one year of probation under the Third Judicial District Department of Correctional Services on Dec. 7. Judge Smith also mandated that Gilligan obtain a substance abuse evaluation and comply with mental health evaluation recommendations.

Early this year, officers arrested Gilligan again when he allegedly pulled out a switchblade knife during a domestic assault situation, according to an affidavit filed Jan. 19 by Newell police. On Jan. 24, Judge Smith issued a no-contact order which is still in place. The next day, a court citation accused Gilligan of violating his probation.

Gilligan reportedly failed to appear at his June 10 sentencing hearing, according to an affidavit filed by a Buena Vista County Courthouse attendant. On June 11 Gilligan pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon, an aggravated misdemeanor.

Judge Smith sentenced Gilligan to two years probation in lieu of up to two years incarceration, thereby revoking the deferred judgment. He also prohibited Gilligan from obtaining or using firearms. The court ultimately dismissed a count of harassment in the first degree related to the same incident in January.

### Guilty plea for burglary

A Storm Lake man pleaded guilty to burglarizing a home on Harmony Court in February.

Marson Peter, 18, pleaded guilty to third-degree burglary through a filing in Buena Vista County District Court June 13. Sentencing in front of Judge Charles Borth is scheduled for July 29.

In February, Storm Lake police arrested Peter after he and five accomplices allegedly broke into a garage on 800 Harmony Court and stole water bottles and flashlights from inside. Peter was charged with burglary in the third degree.

### Jail time in night club brawl

A Lakeside man will serve 30 days in jail for unlawful assembly charges related to a late night brawl at Oasis Night Club.

Storm Lake police arrested Yoandri Batista Valdes, 32, and six others after an alleged fight broke out in the club last December. According to an affidavit filed in Buena Vista County District Court Dec. 24, video surveillance footage revealed a fight in which Batista allegedly punched and kicked several people. The complaint claimed Batista was "part of a riot by assembling with multiple other persons in a violent manner."

Batista pleaded guilty to unlawful assembly, an aggravated misdemeanor. Shortly after, District Court Judge Charles Borth sentenced Batista to 30 days in jail with work release and electronic monitoring permitted. Batista agreed to serve

the sentence. He pleaded to the misdemeanor charge. In exchange, the Buena Vista County Attorney's Office reduced the severity of one charge against Batista and dismissed another felony charge. The county attorney's office at first pursued felony rioting and intimidation with a dangerous weapon, also a felony.

In an agreement with Batista, County Attorney Paul Allen agreed to amend the rioting charge to the misdemeanor charge to which Batsita pleaded guilty. The felony weapon charge was dismissed, per the agreement.

In January, Batista had filed a request for a new attorney, claiming that he had not heard from his court-appointed attorney, Chad Primmer, in two weeks, according to a motion to withdraw. Associate Buena Vista County District Court Judge Andy Smith denied Batista's request, stating "there are no contract attorneys available to represent the defendant."

However, in April, Primmer filed another motion to withdraw, citing "a complete breakdown in the attorney client relationship." District Court Judge John Sandy approved another motion to withdraw counsel and appointed attorney Cassi Wigginton to Batista's case.

### Evidence seized in self-inflicted stabbing

Law enforcement officials seized a Hawaii-style skirt, men's underwear and bloody cotton swabs in connection with an investigation into a self-inflicted stabbing in Storm Lake last month.

A search warrant that was executed on a Kia Telluride and a residence in the 400 block of Michigan Street yielded the swabs, the skirt and the underwear, according to recently filed court documents. Law enforcement was seeking either a bloody knife, weapons or "any items that have blood on them" after an incident involving Simon Smith, a 35-year-old Storm Lake man who presented himself to Buena Vista Regional Medical Center with a stab wound that officers deemed suspicious. Smith later revealed to an investigator that the stab wound was self-inflicted after a physical altercation with his wife, 32-year-old Dixie Neior, who was attempting to flee the residence, according to court documents.

Smith was charged with three counts of child endangerment and domestic assault causing bodily injury. Neior was charged with three counts of child endangerment. The charges stem from a search of the Michigan Street residence, where law enforcement officers found exposed electrical outlets, a lighter with burn marks on the floor and a flooded basement with apparent mold growth. The three counts of child endangerment were filed for each of the children living in the residence with Neior and Smith.

Smith and Neior have pleaded not guilty to the charges. They're slated for separate jury trials in August.

## COUNCIL: Begin discussions for new treatment plant

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treatment plant cannot make any more water than what is now being used. In other words, they need a new water plant. But that's a costly endeavor, and the city does not yet know how they will fund the project.

"The cost of a plant is not cheap," said Navratil. "\$65 million, not including engineering."

"I'm sure the engineers will work for nothing," Mayor Mike Porsch joked in return.

Navratil said the city intends to embark on an ideally 3-5 year project to improve water treatment and construct a new plant.

Plus, Navratil said, "We wanted to have the opportunity to dispel some rumors we've been hearing and we've been seeing about our water operations. I do want to say, we do have water."

Beckman said that treatment capacity "is the next component needed to ensure sustainability in the long-term future of the community and water needs."

Beckman said the city is currently working with an engineering team to meet treatment capacity. They will also work with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on necessary permitting for a new plant.

"The next step is finding a location for the new water plant, ideally directly north of where we're at now," he said.

Navratil said the city started their conservation efforts in 2018. Since then, the city has installed new meters that provide better analytics on town water usage. Navratil said she or someone from the water treatment plant would present those analytics sometime in September.

Navratil added, "When we say that we're kind of in a crunch time at the moment, that's where a growing community is going to see a time where it's going to be a little tighter conservation-wise as we work through and navigate the DNR process, we get the new plant location decided, we do the engineering."

### Current state of city water storage, treatment

Beckman said the city's water system "has to meet demand with our largest well out of service." Over the past few years, the city has been rehabilitating multiple wells, which Beckman said "improved reliability and performance of our wells."

Storm Lake's oldest well was constructed in the late 1940s, Beckman said. It recently "went down and was unable to be rehabbed due to the age of the well."

Councilperson Maria Ramos said, "My only concern is that we keep growing as a community and it seems like we're spending a lot of money, but it seems like replacing and fixing rather than increasing the volume for the population that we have."

Navratil responded, "You're always going to be fixing and replacing. You have pipe in the

ground that always has to be replaced under the streets." She continued, "Water is an enterprise and it's paid for by user fees."

The city is currently constructing two new wells to replace ones that stopped functioning. The water treatment plant has also planned for two test wells in July, which they hope to officially construct if they work properly.

Beckman said the city has also addressed previous water storage issues by beginning construction on a 1.75 million-gallon tower on Mae Street. The city now has a 3.425 million gallon storage capacity, which includes two ground storage tanks and three elevated tanks. Beckman said the Mae Street tower will add a million gallons to capacity.

The existing city water treatment plant was constructed in 1978 and had a "major upgrade" in 2004, according to Beckman. "This upgrade added redundancy but not capacity," Beckman said. Hence the need for a new water plant, he said.

Additionally, Beckman explained that Storm Lake sources all of its water from three different aquifers. He said it takes one year for 10 feet of water to circulate through the aquifers. Storm Lake's shallowest well is 90 feet.

The Iowa Geological Survey recently found that the Dakota aquifer pocket shared by Storm Lake and Cherokee is near its production limit.

### Water conservation efforts

The discussion of a new plant also sparked questions about how citizens and city establishments can better conserve water.

Councilperson Meg McKeon voiced concerns about water usage at automatic car washes. Navratil said that the city is trying not to ask commercial properties to conserve extra water at this time. She and Beckman said that water usage analytics do not indicate any exorbitant water usage at car washes.

But, Navratil said if the city "gets into emergency operations" they might have to ask car washes to close. "We're hoping not to do that," she said.

Councilperson Maggie Martinez asked whether the city should work to conserve water from hydrant flushing. Beckman said they are looking at ways of trying to reuse that water, but it requires "extra manpower and equipment to set up an alternate system."

Navratil said the city is "very cognizant that we want to get that hydrant flushing done, not in our peak time frame, so we do not want to hydrant flush in the summer."

Other mandatory conservation measures include: no refilling pools without city approval; no use of water to clean sidewalks and driveways; and delaying seedings and sod, among others.

If the measures do not reduce water demand by 20% and the water plant remains at full capacity, the mayor or city manager would if necessary proclaim a water emergency with stricter conservation requirements.

## DNR to host western Iowa deer population meeting July 18

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is hosting eight meetings in Western Iowa to discuss the status of the region's deer herd as population levels have fallen in recent years.

Locally, the meeting will be held July 18, at the Community Center Auditorium, in Cherokee, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

State wildlife experts say there are likely multiple factors that have contributed to the decline in the number of deer on the landscape and it might take a multilevel approach for the herd to recover.

"With the hindsight we have today, we can look back and realize that too much doe harvest was encouraged for too long in western Iowa. Significant outbreaks of hemorrhagic disease over the last decade have not helped populations recover, and changes in land cover resulting in less habitat makes deer more vulnerable to harvest," said Jace Elliott, state deer biologist with the Iowa DNR. "This population decline impacts roughly one-fifth of the state so we are encouraging hunters and landowners to come to the meetings and give us their feedback. Every voice counts."

The goal of these meetings is to move forward with a plan the department can execute and that hunters will support, he said.

## STREET CLOSURE

Lakeshore Drive from Peterson to College Street (adjacent to Circle Park) will be closed to vehicle traffic until July 8. The closure is to protect a vulnerable surface from heavy equipment associated with construction in the area. The barricades will be removed for the Star Spangled Spectacular to allow for the parade lineup.

# SPORTS

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## SL gets timely hits in much needed win over Humboldt

Timely hitting was everything for Storm Lake on Monday night.

The Tornadoes only had five runners in scoring position, but all five of them scored as they used a four-run fourth inning to beat Humboldt 7-0 at Tornado Field.

Storm Lake (11-11) scored two runs in the first on a two-run home run by Allan White. The Tornadoes made it 3-0 on an RBI double by Carson Lullmann in the third.

Storm Lake went ahead 7-0 in the fourth inning on a pair of two-run singles by Cael Phelps and White.

Storm Lake had six hits in the game. White and Lullmann led the way with two apiece. Phelps and Charlie Dvergsten each had one hit.

Lullmann allowed only



Storm Lake first baseman Brock Edwards tags Humboldt's Jackson Flaherty during a pickoff attempt in their game on Monday. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

four hits, walked three and struck out five over seven innings to get the win.

Storm Lake committed two errors in the game.

"Our guys made a lot of

great adjustments after a couple of tough losses," Storm Lake coach Michael Knapp said. "Carson did a great job keeping their lineup quiet. They have a lot of dangerous

hitters. It was also a positive to see us more comfortable and confident at the plate. I hope we can continue learning and improving as the postseason nears."

## St. Mary's tops SC/Whiting for first win, 16-0

It was a bizarre game for Storm Lake St. Mary's on Monday night.

The Panthers had only one hit that traveled no more than six feet and won the game 16-0.

How?

Fifteen walks and five hit batters.

St. Mary's scored all 16 of its runs in the first inning as the Panthers picked up their first win of the season at Memorial Field.

Isabella Landgraf had the lone hit — a ball that glanced off her bat by accident and rolled fair. Landgraf, Jenna Merten, Kielee Larson and Harley Doyel all had two RBI. Chelsey Gibbins, Dani Young, Neely Bacon, Aubrey Crum and Ruby Phelps each had one RBI.

Bacon, Crum, Phelps, Landgraf, Young, Gibbins and Doyel all scored two runs.

Bacon was the winning pitcher. She allowed no hits, walked one and struck out six in three innings.



St. Mary's Jenna Merten collides with Siouxland Christian/Whiting pitcher Cassidy Loonsfoot at home plate during Monday's game. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

## IHSAA launches school webpages

The Iowa High School Athletic Association has launched school webpages through Achieve to include highlights and history of all current member schools ahead of the 2024-25 school year.

More than 350 unique

school pages include school information, state tournament history for both boys and girls programs and related historical links via Achieve for every member high school.

Achieve exists to help honor the accomplishments of Iowa's high schools and student-athletes," IHSAA com-

munications director Chris Cuellar said. "We're excited to host an online hub that can put a spotlight on our schools and their proud histories."

Member schools will be highlighted on IHSAA social media platforms with their specific pages throughout the 2024-25 year. Pages and related archives will be updated

following sport seasons by IHSAA staff.

The state tournament history includes championships and qualifications for each school, as compiled from the IHSAA's Achieve archives and courtesy of historian Jordan Glawe. State tournament data tables are currently only viewable on desktop devices.

## Newell-Fonda, Alta-Aurelia, Ridge View all pick up baseball wins

Newell-Fonda scored a run in the bottom of the ninth inning as the Mustangs upset Algona 3-2 in a nonconference game on Monday at Fonda.

The Mustangs scored single runs in the second and fifth innings to grab a 2-0 lead before Algona (24-5) tied it 2-2 in the seventh.

Newell-Fonda (14-9) had three hits in the game. Jackson Bellcock singled twice and Trevor Tauber singled. Broc Wilken had an RBI.

Ty Tauber was the winning pitcher in relief. He allowed three hits and two runs, walked two and struck out four in 2⅓ innings. Trevor Tauber started and gave up three hits and no runs, walked four and struck out seven in 6⅓ innings.

### Alta-Aurelia 4, MMCRU 3

Alta-Aurelia scored two runs in the top of the sixth inning to take the lead for good as the Warriors got past MMCRU in a nonconference game on Monday at Marcus.

Alta-Aurelia (19-7) scored one run in the second and one in the third before the Royals plated three runs in the third to go ahead 3-2.

The Warriors tallied five hits in the game. Gavin Sleezer

hit a solo home run while Sam Sennert, Camden Reinert, Peyton Meyer and Gabe Olsen each singled. Olsen and Jaxson Page each had an RBI.

Sennert got the win. He allowed five hits and three unearned runs, walked one and struck out seven in six innings. Cale Brechwald pitched the seventh and struck out two to record the save.

Alta-Aurelia committed five errors in the game.

### Ridge View 6

#### South Central Calhoun 1

Ridge View scored five runs in the sixth inning to break a 1-1 tie as the Raptors went on to beat South Central Calhoun in a nonconference game on Monday at Lytton.

Ridge View (14-8) recorded eight hits in the game. Ryan Barry led the way with two. Blake Myrtue, Owen Worthan, Aiden Myrtue, Noah Struck, Kyle Burk and Conner Jacobson all added one hit.

Blake Myrtue drove in two runs while Burk, Barry, Jacobson and Kinnick Jensen each had one RBI.

Jensen was the winning pitcher. He allowed three hits and one earned run, walked none and struck out nine in seven innings.

## Newell-Fonda, Sioux Central, Ridge View all record softball wins

Newell-Fonda set the tone early with three runs in the first inning as the Class 1A ninth-ranked Mustangs went on to beat Algona 6-1 in a nonconference game on Monday night at Fonda.

Newell-Fonda (24-6) added two runs in the third and one in the fifth.

The Mustangs tallied six hits. Isabel Bartek and Kinzee Hinders each had two singles while Anna Mercer and Ellie Sievers each singled.

Hinders drove in two runs while Mercer had one RBI. Bartek scored three runs and stole four bases.

Jocee Walsh was the winning pitcher. She allowed four hits and one earned run, walked one and struck out 10

in seven innings.

Newell-Fonda stole nine bases in the game.

### Ridge View 17

#### South Central Calhoun 1

Ridge View scored seven runs in the third inning to take control and then plated six in the fifth to pull away as the Raptors defeated South Central Calhoun in a nonconference game on Monday at Lytton.

Ridge View (16-11) scored two runs in the first and two in the second to build a 4-0 lead before making it an 11-0 game after three innings.

The Raptors totaled five hits. Reese Hawthorne cracked a grand slam home

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## BVU hires Gurash as new men's assistant basketball coach

### Comes from Whitworth

Buena Vista University head men's basketball coach Trevor Johnson has announced the hiring of Elijah Gurash as his top assistant coach for the program. Gurash replaces Zack Jadzak, who was named an assistant coach at Illinois College earlier this summer.

Gurash has spent the past six seasons as an assistant coach at Division III Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash. He was elevated as the program's top assistant coach in 2022. During that six-year tenure, the Pirates went 116-41 overall, including a 71-19 record in the Northwest Conference and captured three conference championships (2020, 2022, 2024), three conference tournament championships (2022, 2023, 2024) and made four NCAA tournament appearances (2020, 2022, 2023, 2024).

Prior to joining Whitworth, Gurash spent seven seasons as an assistant high school coach and another eight seasons as a head varsity boys basketball coach in North Carolina, West Virginia and Washington.

"I could not be more excited to add Elijah to our coaching staff," Johnson said. "It is always the goal to bring in elite level coaches, and I'm extremely fortunate to have

Elijah joining our program after a highly successful run at Whitworth. Elijah brings a level of experience and passion that are going to help our program take another big step forward both on and off the court. I look forward to working with him and continuing to build up our program. Elijah and his family will be great additions to not only our family at Buena Vista, but to the whole Storm Lake community."

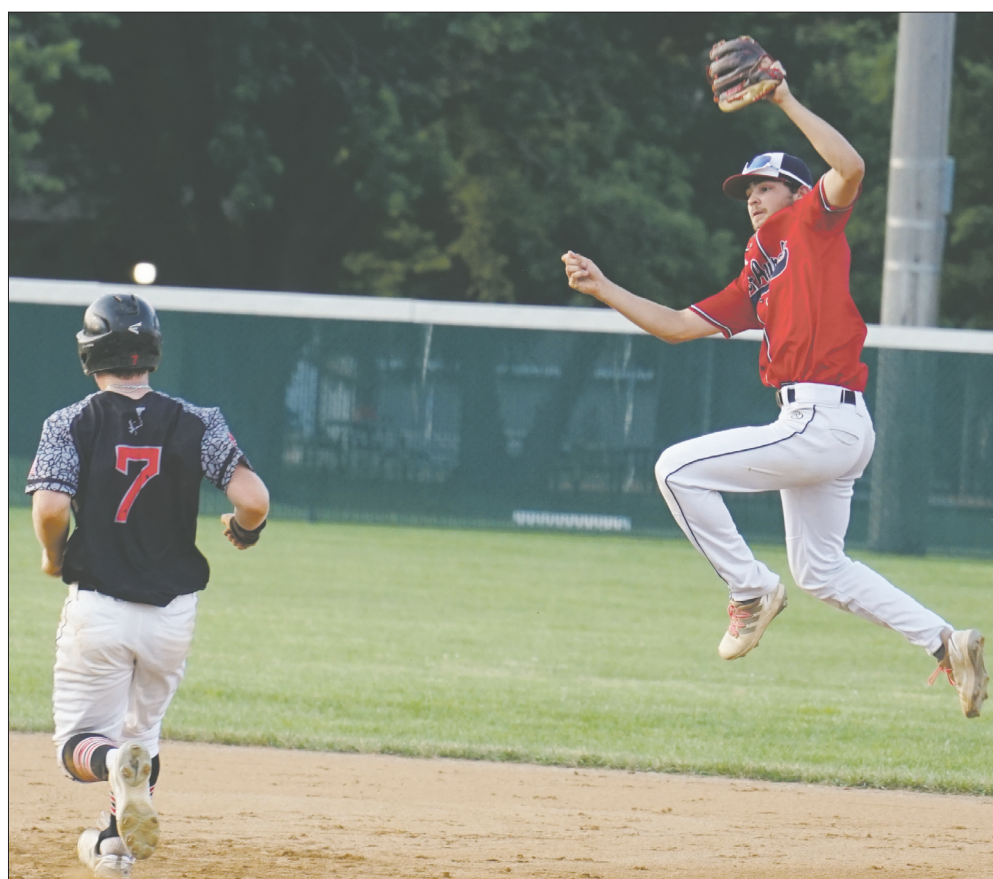
Gurash, who was an all-state basketball player, began his collegiate playing career at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He put his name in the program's record book for his lofty 3-point shooting at 41 percent. He later went on to finish his career at Northwest Christian University in Eugene, Ore.

Gurash holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bushnell University and a Master of Science degree from The University of Edinburgh (Scotland, UK). He has also published his own book, entitled, "Jesus is a Baller: Reflections on the Fundamentals of Basketball."

Gurash and his wife Katy have three children: Xander, Oliver and Isla Grace.



ELIJAH GURASH



Alta-Aurelia shortstop Camden Reinert leaps to catch the throw as Spirit Lake's Jackson Knutson steals second base last Friday. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

## UPCOMING SPORTS

### PREP BASEBALL

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

- ▶ Ridge View @ Akron-Westfield
- ▶ Sioux Central @ Unity Christian

### SATURDAY, JULY 6

#### DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

- ▶ GTRA @ Alta-Aurelia, 7 p.m.
- ▶ Newell-Fonda vs. Boyer Valley @ Merville, 5 p.m.
- ▶ MVAOCO @ Ridge View, 7 pm
- ▶ Sioux Central vs. Okoboji @ Emmetsburg, 7 p.m.

### PREP SOFTBALL

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

- ▶ Alta-Aurelia @ Lawton-Bronson
- ▶ Newell-Fonda @ Pocahontas
- ▶ Spirit Lake @ Ridge View
- ▶ Sioux Central @ Unity Christian

### FRIDAY, JULY 5

- ▶ St. Mary's @ Siouxland Christian/Whiting
- ▶ Sioux Central @ MVAOCO

# Sioux Central scores late runs to get past GTRA

Sioux Central scored two runs in the top of the sixth inning to break a tie as the Rebels went on to beat GTRA 7-5 last Thursday at Ruthven.

Each team scored three runs in the first inning, one in the fourth and one in the fifth to make it a 5-5 game before Sioux Central plated two runs in the sixth.

Sioux Central (18-5) recorded 11 hits in the game. Bradi Krager led the way with three. Natalie Laursen, Morgan Christian and Preslie Peterson all added two apiece. Avery Wilson and Ava McCarty each had one hit.

Krager and Laursen drove in two runs apiece while Nicole Hart and McCarty each had one RBI. Krager and Peterson each scored two runs.

Krager was the winning pitcher. She allowed seven hits and three runs, only one of which was earned, walked one and struck out eight in seven innings.

Sioux Central committed five errors in the game.

"We got off to a good start with three runs in the top of the first, but allowed them to answer with three themselves," Sioux Central coach Kasey Krager said. "I felt like we didn't play with much confidence and gave them too many extra outs. Some timely hits and stolen bases was key to the victory. We need to make the plays defensively and have more confidence as we continue into the last few regular season games and postseason play."



St. Mary's Neely Bacon runs around Siouxland Christian/Whiting catcher Cecily Taylor to score a run during their game on Monday night at Memorial Field. TIMES PILOT photos by JAMIE KNAPP

## Prep softball ...

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run while Emma Mentzer, Leslie Avina, Madelynn Horan and Savannah Cudaback each singled.

Hawthorne drove in four runs while Cudaback and Morgan Wright each had an RBI. Cudaback and Cora Tesch scored three runs apiece while Hawthorne, Horan, Tatum Shepherd, Zoey Aschinger and Faith Freese all scored twice.

Shepherd got the win. She allowed one hit and one earned run, walked none and struck out seven in four innings.

Ridge View stole 13 bases

in the game.

"We were happy with the effort again," Ridge View coach Scott Phelps said. "Our pitching was very good again as we only gave up one hit all night. We are seeing improvement in our batting approach and our defense, so if we can continue that, good things will happen."

### Sioux Central 6, Westwood 0

Bradi Krager fired a three-hit shutout to help Sioux Central beat Westwood in a non-conference game on Monday at Peterson.

The Rebels (19-5) plated one run in the first inning, one in the second, three in the third and one in the sixth in-

Sioux Central had five hits in the game. Emma Smith had three of them, including a double. Krager and Marley Madsen each singled.

Smith drove in two runs while Preslie Peterson and Kailee Laursen each had an RBI. Avery Wilson scored two runs.

Krager allowed three hits, walked one and struck out 10 in seven innings to get the win.

"Bradi did a good job of throwing strikes and limiting them to three hits and striking out 10," Sioux Central coach Kasey Krager said. "We only had five hits as a team and left 11 girls on base, which is concerning. Hopefully, we'll get the hits when we need them."

## SL pulls away in seventh inning to beat MOC-FV

Storm Lake used a four-run seventh inning to pull away as the Tornadoes defeated MOC-Floyd Valley 7-2 last Friday at Orange City.

Storm Lake (18-3) scored two runs in the first inning, one in the fifth to build a 3-0 lead before plating four in the seventh to make it 7-0.

Storm Lake collected 14 hits. Harder led the way with four, including three bunt singles. Lillie Hoffman and DeHaan each added three hits and Anderson two.

DeHaan allowed four hits and struck out two over seven innings to get the win.

## REGIONAL PAIRINGS

### CLASS 1A REGION 1 GAMES MONDAY, JULY 8

at Ruthven GTRA (7-12) vs. Storm Lake St. Mary's (1-14)

at LeMars LeMars Gehlen (11-9) vs. George-Little Rock (1-12)

at Paullina South O'Brien (9-10) vs. Harris-Lake Park (4-14)

at Hull Trinity Christian (13-8) vs. Siouxland Christian/Whiting (0-12)

GAMES WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 at Remsen GTRA or Storm Lake St. Mary's vs. Remsen St. Mary's (18-0)

at Moville LeMars Gehlen or George-Little Rock vs. Woodbury Central (18-8)

at Fonda South O'Brien or Harris-Lake Park vs. Newell-Fonda (24-6)

at Akron Trinity Christian or Whiting vs. Akron-Westfield (19-4)

### CLASS 2A REGION 2 GAMES MONDAY, JULY 8

at Wall Lake East Sac County (9-14) vs. Alta-Aurelia (5-16)

at Emmetsburg Emmetsburg (8-14) vs. Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn (5-11)

GAMES WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 at Audubon East Sac County or Alta-Aurelia vs. Audubon (23-4)

at Armstrong North Union (14-13) vs. Ridge View (16-11)

at TBA Emmetsburg or HMS vs. Sioux Central (19-5)

at Pocahontas Pocahontas Area (17-7) vs. MVAO-COU (16-11)

### CLASS 4A REGION 3 GAMES THURSDAY, JULY 11

at Sioux City Sioux City Heelan (13-20) vs. Carroll (7-19)

at Denison Denison-Schleswig (12-15) vs. Perry (7-17)

GAMES SATURDAY, JULY 13 at Dallas Center Sioux City Heelan or Carroll vs. Dallas Center-Grimes (29-5)

at Storm Lake Denison-Schleswig or Perry vs. Storm Lake (18-3)

Note: All games begin at 7 p.m.



St. Mary's Kielee Larson scores a run as Siouxland Christian/Whiting catcher Cecily Taylor fields the throw on Monday. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

## Alta-Aurelia rally comes up short to HMS

It was a wild sixth inning in Alta-Aurelia's game against HMS last Thursday.

HMS led 3-2 heading into that frame when the Hawks scored seven runs to take a

10-2 lead. Alta-Aurelia (5-16) countered with six runs to pull within 10-8, but the Warriors couldn't get any closer as the Hawks held on for an 11-8 win at Alta.

## Newell-Fonda gets past Humboldt, 7-1

Kierra Jungers pitched six shutout innings to help Newell-Fonda, ranked ninth in Class 1A, to a 7-1 win over Humboldt last Thursday.

Newell-Fonda scored three runs in the first inning, one in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Newell-Fonda (23-6) finished with nine hits in the game. Kinzee Hinders led the way with two. Seven other players had one hit apiece.

Jaicee Vanderhoff drove in two runs while Hinders, McKenna Sievers, Jungers and Anna Mercer all had one RBI. Hinders and Isabel Bartek each scored two runs.

Jungers allowed three hits

and one earned run, walked none and struck out nine in seven innings to get the win.

"Defensively, we played one of our best games of the year making some great effort and heads-up plays," Newell-Fonda coach Courtney Darrow said. "At this point of the year, you have to go out and give it your absolute all to get any out you can. As well as, on the bases play fast and hard and give what they take you. We started out fast and produced runners up and down the lineup. Humboldt is a good hitting team and keeping one player to their three hits is what is tough to do."

## Ridge View knocks off Emmetsburg, 5-2

Zoey Aschinger pitched six shutout innings to help lead Ridge View to a 5-2 win over Emmetsburg in a nonconference game played last Friday at Galva.

Ridge View scored one run in the second, two in the third and two in the fifth to build a 5-0 lead before the E-Hawks plated two runs in the seventh.

The Raptors tallied six hits in the game. Tatum Shepherd led the way with three singles. Leslie Avina hit a solo home run and Reese Hawthorne

and Delainey Hansen each singled.

Shepherd drove in two runs while Hawthorne and Emma Mentzer each scored two runs.

Aschinger allowed five hits and two runs, one of which was earned, walked none and struck out eight over seven innings.

"We were happy with the effort and we got solid pitching again from Zoey, and the defense was strong, which we need," Ridge View coach Scott Phelps said.



Storm Lake second baseman Lillie Hoffman flips the ball to first base during their game against Cherokee last Thursday. TIMES PILOT photo by ADAM DUBLINSKE

## Ridge View edged by Kingsley-Pierson

Leslie Avina collected three hits, but it wasn't enough as Kingsley-Pierson got past Ridge View 7-6 last Thursday at Galva.

Ridge View recorded 10 hits in the game. Avina had three singles while Savannah Cudaback added two. Emma Mentzer, Tatum Shepherd, Morgan Wright, Zoey Aschinger and Reese Hawthorne all added one hit.

Mentzer drove in two runs while Wright, Aschinger, Avina and Hawthorne all had one RBI.

Shepherd suffered the loss. She allowed seven hits and seven runs, only one of which was earned, walked nine and struck out 10 in seven innings.

Ridge View committed six errors in the game.

"We were happy with the effort, but disappointed with our defense," Ridge View coach Scott Phelps said.



Storm Lake's Avery DeHaan delivers a pitch during last Thursday's Lakes Conference game against Cherokee. TIMES PILOT photo by ADAM DUBLINSKE

## Ridge View scores 16 runs in triumph

Zoey Aschinger collected three hits to help power Ridge View to a 16-7 win over Lawton-Bronson last Saturday at Lawton.

Ridge View (15-11) recorded 12 hits in the game. Aschinger had three singles while Tatum Shepherd added two doubles and Delainey Hansen two singles.

Reese Hawthorne, Morgan Wright, Leslie Avina, Cora Tesch and Faith Freese each added one hit.

Hansen drove in two runs while Shepherd, Wright and Tesch all had one RBI. Wright scored three runs. Hawthorne, Shepherd, Aschinger, Avina

and Emma Mentzer all scored two runs.

Shepherd was the winning pitcher. She allowed six hits and seven runs, four of which were earned, walked one and struck out seven in 3½ innings. Aschinger gave up no hits and no runs, walked two and struck out three in 3½ innings of relief.

Ridge View committed five errors in the game.

"We were happy with the win, but disappointed in how we played, especially our defense needs to improve, but we liked how we hit and scored with two outs," Ridge View coach Scott Phelps said.

## DISTRICT PAIRINGS

**CLASS 1A**  
**GAMES SATURDAY, JULY 6**  
**DISTRICT 1, SUBSTATE 1**  
**at Lake Park**  
 Harris-Lake Park (9-10) vs. South O'Brien (5-15)  
**at LeMars**  
 Trinity Christian (7-10) vs. West Monona (4-16)  
 LeMars Gehlen (11-12) vs. Siouxland Christian/Whiting (0-11)  
**DISTRICT 2, SUBSTATE 1**  
**at Alta**  
 George-Little Rock (3-11) vs. Westwood (5-16)  
 Alta-Aurelia (19-7) vs. GTRA (Graettinger) (2-14)  
**at Marcus**  
 Kingsley-Pierson (14-10) vs. Sibley-Ocheyedan (2-13)  
 MMCRU (Marcus) (12-8) vs. HMS (Hartley) (3-16)  
**DISTRICT 3, SUBSTATE 2**  
**at Moville**  
 Newell-Fonda (14-9) vs. Boyer Valley (7-9), 5 p.m.  
**at Woodbine**  
 Logan-Magnolia (18-6) vs. Glidden-Ralston (3-14)  
 Woodbine (19-3) vs. Audubon (1-22)  
**DISTRICT 4, SUBSTATE 2**  
**at Moville**  
 Woodbury Central (17-6) vs. Ar-We-Va (Westside) (1-12)  
**at Anita**  
 CAM (Anita) (12-8) vs. Riverside (7-13)  
**at Coon Rapids**  
 IKM-Manning (12-12) vs. Exira-EHK (6-11)  
 Coon Rapids-Bayard (17-10-1) vs. AHSTW (Avoca) (9-13)  
**GAMES TUESDAY, JULY 9**  
**DISTRICT 1, SUBSTATE 1**  
**at Akron**  
 Harris-Lake Park or South O'Brien vs. Akron-Westfield (20-3)  
**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 (20-3)  
**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 (9-12) vs. Sioux Central (12-9)  
 Emmetsburg (13-7) vs. Sheldon (4-11)  
**DISTRICT 2, SUBSTATE 1**  
**at Cherokee**  
 Central Lyon (8-15) vs. West Sioux (5-12)  
 Cherokee (9-13) vs. Western Christian (1-16)  
**DISTRICT 15, SUBSTATE 8**  
**at Holstein**  
 Hinton (10-8) vs. Lawton-Bronson (11-8)  
 Ridge View (14-8) vs. MVAOCO (Mapleton) (6-17)  
**DISTRICT 16, SUBSTATE 8**  
**at Missouri Valley**  
 West Central Valley (6-20) vs. Red Oak (5-22)  
 Missouri Valley (8-13) vs. East Sac County (5-11)  
**GAMES TUESDAY, JULY 9**  
**DISTRICT 1, SUBSTATE 1**  
**at Estherville**  
 Emmetsburg or Sheldon vs. Spirit Lake (13-7)  
 Okoboji or Sioux Central vs. Estherville Lincoln Central (18-5)  
**DISTRICT 2, SUBSTATE 1**  
**at Inwood**  
 Cherokee or Western Christian vs. Unity Christian (18-10)  
 Central Lyon or West Sioux vs. West Lyon (16-2)  
**DISTRICT 15, SUBSTATE 8**  
**at Underwood**  
 Ridge View or MVAOCO (Mapleton) vs. Treynor (15-7)  
 Hinton or Lawton-Bronson vs. Underwood (21-2)  
**DISTRICT 16, SUBSTATE 8**  
**at Clarinda**  
 Missouri Valley or East Sac County vs. Shenandoah (14-13)  
 West Central Valley or Red Oak vs. Clarinda (19-3)  
**CLASS 3A**  
**GAMES FRIDAY, JULY 12**  
**SUBSTATE 1**  
**at Sioux City**  
 Sioux City Heelan (25-9) vs. Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley (5-10)  
**at LeMars**  
 LeMars (13-15) vs. Sioux Center (13-7)  
**at Orange City**  
 MOC-Floyd Valley (19-5) vs. Storm Lake (11-11)  
**at Sergeant Bluff**  
 Sergeant Bluff-Luton (19-14) vs. Spencer (12-7)  
**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.

## PREP BASEBALL



Storm Lake's Cael Phelps slides into second base before Humboldt's Riley Sorensen can tag him during their game on Monday. TIMES PILOT photo by JAMIE KNAPP

## Alta-Aurelia sweeps West Monona, falls short to Spirit Lake

Alta-Aurelia played West Monona in a doubleheader and the Warriors scored 30 runs to sweep the Spartans last Thursday in Onawa.

Alta-Aurelia won the first game 14-4. The Warriors scored four runs in the first inning, three in the third and six in the sixth.

The Warriors totaled 10 hits in the game. Jaxson Page led the way with three. Peyton Meyer added two while Gavin Sleezer, Sam Sennert, Gabe Olsen, Brayden Marshall and Maddux McCoy each had one hit.

Meyer, Page, Marshall and McCoy all drove in two runs. Sennert, Meyer and Page scored three runs while Sleezer and Reinert each scored twice.

Tilman Bern was the winning pitcher. He allowed four hits and three runs, walked two and struck out one in 3½ innings.

Alta-Aurelia won the nightcap 16-7. The Warriors scored five runs in the fourth, five in the sixth and four in the seventh.

The Warriors (18-6) finished with 12 hits. Reinert led the way with three. Cale Brechwald, Olsen and McCoy all added two apiece.

Brechwald and McCoy each drove in two runs while Brechwald, Reinert, Olsen and McCoy all scored three runs. Sennert and Page each scored twice.

Reinert got the win. He al-

lowed one hit and six runs, only two of which were earned, walked seven and struck out seven in five innings.

Alta-Aurelia committed seven errors in the game.

"This was our first varsity doubleheader of the year and it was a long road trip," Alta-Aurelia coach Ryan Burkhart said. "I was really happy with how the boys battled and stayed mentally tough to win both games. We are in a stretch of tons of games with very few off days, and finding ways to win every night is a mental challenge by itself. We threw lots of pitchers to get through both games and guys were able to do their job and get outs. We didn't hit the ball as well as we'd like to, but our baserunning allowed us to steal bases and get into scoring position and manufacture some runs."

ALTA-AURELIA jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the first inning, but Spirit Lake scored nine unanswered runs after that to come away with a 9-5 win over the Warriors last Friday at Alta.

The Indians plated four runs in the second and five in the seventh to take control.

Alta-Aurelia (18-7) had seven hits in the game. Cale Brechwald led the way with two. Gavin Sleezer, Camden Reinert, Peyton Meyer, Gabe Olsen and Maddux McCoy each added one hit.

Meyer drove in two runs while Reinert, Olsen and Jaxson Page each had one RBI.

Meyer took the loss in relief. He allowed two hits and five runs, one of which was earned, walked three and struck out none in two-thirds of an inning. Brayden Marshall started and gave up seven hits and four runs, walked four and struck out four in six innings.

"We got off to a hot start scoring five in the bottom of the first inning," Alta-Aurelia coach Ryan Burkhart said. "We knew Spirit Lake was not going to give up and that the game would be a battle. They had their big inning shortly after ours and we did our best to keep them off the board. We were successful at that until the top of the seventh. You hate to lose games like that, but it was also a playoff-like environment that was good for our kids to be in. I thought all of our pitchers battled and gave us their best."

"Ultimately, we needed to find a way to put some more runs up after those first five, and we couldn't get that hit with runners in scoring position," Burkhart added. "When you've got a team down, you've got to keep piling on and put it out of reach, and we didn't do that. I'm really proud of the fact that it was our fifth game in four days, and my kids battled with all they had. I'm really proud of their effort."

## Storm Lake edged by Lakes Conference rival Cherokee, 4-3

Cherokee scored a run in the bottom of the sixth inning to break a tie as the Braves went on to edge Storm Lake 4-3 in a Lakes Conference game last Thursday at Cherokee.

Storm Lake scored single runs in the second and fourth innings to build a 2-0 lead before Cherokee plated three runs in the fourth to take the

lead. The Tornadoes tied it with a run in the fifth.

Storm Lake (10-11) had five hits in the game. Allan White led the way with two. Carson Lullmann, Jake White and Luke Richardson each had one hit.

Richardson, David Gonzalez-Santos and Cael Phelps each had an RBI.

Lullmann suffered the loss.

He allowed six hits and four runs, walked none and struck out seven in 5½ innings.

"We played a good game defensively and didn't really give them extra outs, which was a big improvement," Storm Lake coach Michael Knapp said. "Cherokee had some big hits late in the game which we couldn't match, and that was the difference."



Alta-Aurelia's Jaxson Page executes a bunt during last Friday's game against Spirit Lake. TIMES PILOT photos by JAMIE KNAPP

## Ridge View uses pair of five-run innings to pull away, rout East Sac County

Ridge View used a pair of five-run innings to pull away as the Raptors went on to beat East Sac County 12-1 in a non-conference game last Thursday at Holstein.

Ridge View scored two runs in the second, five in the third and five more in the fourth.

The Raptors (13-8) recorded 11 hits in the game. Blake Myrtue, Kinnick Jensen, Aiden Myrtue and Kyle Burk all had two apiece. Gavin Vohs, Noah Struck and Eli Franken each added one hit.

Burk drove in four runs, while Struck had three RBI and Vohs two. Myrtue, Myrtue

and Owen Worthan all had one RBI. Aiden Myrtue scored three runs while Blake Myrtue, Jensen and Worthan all scored twice.

Ryan Barry was the winning pitcher. He allowed two hits and one earned run, walked none and struck out seven in five innings.

"It was another great offensive night for us," Ridge View coach Eric Myrtue said. "Our hitting has really come around the last five or six games, and that has been a big help. We had 11 more hits in four innings. Ryan Barry was solid on the hill, going all five innings to shut them down."

## SCOREBOARD

## BASEBALL

## LAKES CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	W-L
Estherville	7-0	18-5
Storm Lake	5-3	11-11
Spencer	3-3	12-7
Spirit Lake	1-5	13-7
Cherokee	1-6	9-13

## TWIN LAKES CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	W-L
Alta-Aurelia	9-1	19-7
Newell-Fonda	8-2	14-9
Emmetsburg	7-3	13-7
Pocahontas Area	6-3	14-10
Sioux Central	6-4	12-9
Southeast Valley	6-4	8-12
South Central Calhoun	5-5	8-11
East Sac County	3-7	5-11
West Bend-Mallard	3-7	6-14
Manson NW Webster	1-9	2-20
GTRA	0-9	2-14

## WESTERN VALLEY CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	W-L
West Monona	8-0	28-6
Ridge View	6-2	16-11
MVAOCO	6-2	16-11
Kingsley-Pierson	5-3	10-15
Woodbury Central	4-3	18-8
Westwood	3-6	6-14
OABCIG	2-6	4-14
Lawton-Bronson	2-7	2-22
Siouxland Christian	0-6	0-12

## PREP RANKINGS

Class 1A	W-L	Pv
1. Martensdale-St Marys	21-4	1
2. Wayne (Corydon)	18-3	2
3. Remsen St. Mary's	16-0	3
4. Fort Dodge St. Edmond	17-5	6
5. Collins-Maxwell	21-2	4
6. Sigourney	18-6	5
7. Southeast Warren	18-2	7
8. North Linn	24-10	8
9. Newell-Fonda	21-6	9
10. Mason City Neman	25-3	11
11. Earlham	18-12	12
12. Clarksville	16-7	13
13. Griswold	20-2	10
14. Edgewood-Colesburg	22-10	15
15. Akron-Westfield	18-4	14

## PREP RANKINGS

Class 2A	W-L	Pv
1. Van Meter	29-1	1
2. Alburnett	27-5	2
3. Northeast (Goose Lake)	19-6	2
4. Audubon	21-3	7
5. Cardinal (Eldon)	21-7	9
6. Iowa City Regina	18-10	5
7. West Monona	25-4	4
8. Lisbon	22-9	6
9. East Marshall	24-3	11
10. Interstate 35 (Truro)	17-13	10
11. Louisa-Muscatine	22-3	12
12. Wapsie Valley	19-7	14
13. Durant	14-14	13
14. Treynor	11-6	—
15. Missouri Valley	19-6	8

## PREP RANKINGS

Class 3A	W-L	Pv
1. Williamsburg	24-6	1
2. Benton	24-6	2
3. Dubuque Wahlert	17-8	3
4. Mount Vernon	27-9	4
5. Davenport Assumption	18-10	5
6. Estherville	23-5	6
7. Sumner-Fredericksburg	27-3	7
8. PCM (Monroe)	18-3	10
9. Clarinda	25-6	9
10. West Lyon	14-2	13
11. West Liberty	15-8	12
12. West Marshall	19-7	11
13. Washington	21-9	8
14. Central Lee	22-5	14
15. Chariton	12-7	15

## PREP RANKINGS

Class 4A	W-L	Pv
1. North Polk	27-3	1
2. Dallas Center-Grimes	24-5	6
3. Norwalk	22-4	2
4. Fort Dodge	24-8	3
5. North Scott	22-3	4
6. ADM (Adel)	20-8	8
7. Cedar Rapids Xavier	23-10	9
8. Western Dubuque	23-5	5
9. Carlisle	21-7	6
10. Winterset	18-13	11
11. Bondurant-Farrar	21-8	12
12. Clear Creek-Amana	20-10	10
13. Burlington	17-5	—
14. Sergeant Bluff-Luton	20-5	13
15. Gilbert	12-12	15

## SOFTBALL

## LAKES CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	W-L
Estherville	7-0	26-5
Storm Lake	6-2	18-3
Spirit Lake	2-4	8-13
Spencer	1-5	4-17
Cherokee	1-6	6-16

## TWIN LAKES CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	W-L
Newell-Fonda	9-1	24-6
Sioux Central	9-1	19-5
Pocahontas Area	8-2	17-7
Southeast Valley	7-3	15-8

## HAPPENINGS

## Storm the Lake triathlon/duathlon slated

The 13th annual Hy-Noon Kiwanis Storm the Lake Sprint Triathlon/Duathlon will be held Aug. 17 at King's Pointe Waterpark and Resort. Triathlete participants will swim a half mile in the bay, bike 12 miles around the lake and run a 5K along the lake. Duathletes will run one mile, bike 12 miles around the lake and run a 5K along the lake. Athletes can participate as an individual or as a team. For more information and registration, go to [www.RunSignUp.com](http://www.RunSignUp.com). Fees vary according to registration date and are lower the earlier you register. Since this is a charity event, all registration fees go to local Kiwanis youth projects.

## Newell-Fonda falls short to Gehlen

LeMars Gehlen scored a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to edge Newell-Fonda 3-2 in a nonconference game last Thursday.

Newell-Fonda (13-9) took a 1-0 lead in the second inning and plated two more in the sixth for a 3-1 lead. The Jays tied it in the sixth and won it in the seventh.

The Mustangs were held to only three hits. Ty Tauber, Mason Hoberman and Jackson Belcock each had a single. Hoberman and Trevor Tauber each drove in a run.

Max Carlson suffered the loss. He allowed seven hits and three runs, walked one and struck out two in 6½ innings.



Alta-Aurelia's Gavin Sleezer prepares to tag Spirit Lake's Luke Schneider during a pickoff play at first base in last Friday's game at Alta.

# 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 Eucharistic Service. Vestry meeting to follow.

### 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  
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.  
Monday — 4:30 p.m. Men's Fraternity. 7 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting.  
Tuesday — Sophia & Maria's Small Group.

### 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 with Communion. 8 p.m. AA (open meeting).  
Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Coffee. 10:15 a.m. Bible Class/Faithbuilders. 1-3 p.m. Sudanese Worship.  
Tuesday — 7 p.m. Lay Ministers.

### ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

1614 W. Fifth St.  
Phone 712-732-5255  
www.stmarkstormlake.com  
office@stmarkstormlake.com  
Pastor Dave Kebschull  
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.  
Sunday — 10 a.m. Worship.  
Monday — 10 a.m. Senior Exercise Class in FLC. 4 p.m. Food Distribution. 5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting.  
Tuesday — 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting.

### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1725 555th St.  
Pastor Lucas Booher  
Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship with Communion.

## Albert City

### 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 with Communion. 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.  
Monday — 6 p.m. Women's Ministry Team Meeting at Brenda Sundblad's.  
Tuesday — 6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting.

### OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

401 Spruce St.  
Pastor John Mayer  
712-843-5625 (Office)  
oslcac1873@gmail.com  
albertcitylutheranchurch.org  
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.

## Alta

### 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 — 11 a.m. Worship.

### 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.summitefc.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. 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 — 8 a.m. Worship.

## Marathon

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 S. Neptune St.  
Pastor John Mayer  
Saturday — 10:30 a.m. Worship.

## 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. Worship.  
Tuesday — 1 p.m. Quilting.

## Schaller

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sudoku answer

1	3	2	6	5	9	4	7	8
4	8	7	1	3	2	6	5	9
5	9	6	4	8	7	1	2	3
3	2	1	9	7	5	8	6	4
9	5	8	2	6	4	3	1	7
7	6	4	3	1	8	2	9	5
8	4	9	5	2	6	7	3	1
6	7	3	8	9	1	5	4	2
2	1	5	7	4	3	9	8	6

# Sudoku

	3		6				7	
4					2			9
		6		8		1		
		1	9		5			4
9					4	3		
	6			1			9	
		9		2				1
	7				1	5		
2			7				8	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Rev. Michael Sydnor  
Sunday — 10 a.m. Worship in person in sanctuary or live stream. All are welcome.

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

209 W. Third St.  
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 Parkinson  
Everyone is welcome!  
Sunday — 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.

*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 for 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

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Scheduled Hearing:  
FORCIBLE ENTRY  
07/17/2024 11:15:00 AM  
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Buena Vista Co Courthouse,  
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Read "From the Pulpit," Thoughts by Area Ministers, on Friday's only in the Storm Lake Times Pilot

# WAVE

## Arts & Entertainment

### WED 7/3

#### STAR SPANGLED SPECTACULAR

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 Pokemon Club, 10:30 a.m. This 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 Tomatoes

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.

### THU 7/4

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY STAR SPANGLED SPECTACULAR

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-7 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.

### FRI 7/5

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-8 p.m.

Story Time at Alta Community Library, 10:30 a.m.

Witter Gallery open 1-5 p.m.

Tom Lichter live at InnSpiration Vines & Wines, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Brother Banter performing live at the Cobb Tavern, 8-11 p.m. Playing 90s country hits and more. No cover charge.

### SAT 7/6

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.

Alta Community Library hosting Coffee & Conversation, 9 a.m.-noon. Witter Gallery open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Second Annual Wiener Dog Races held at Chautauqua Park in Sac City, located just off East Main Street next to the fairgrounds. Registration fee is \$10 per wiener dog but is free to the public. This event starts at 10 a.m. sharp with a costume parade.

Storm Lake Public Library hosting Book Babies, 10:30 a.m.

Chick-fil-A Iowa Food Truck at Walmart in Storm Lake, 11 a.m.-5 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.

Everly dance sponsored by Dance 4 Fun held at Hap Kettleton Community Center in Everly. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with the dance from 7-10:30 p.m. Featuring live music by Riata. Singles and married couples welcome. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

### SUN 7/7

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-7 p.m.

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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.

July Planetarium Program, 4 p.m. at Sanford Museum & Planetarium in Cherokee.

Buena Vista Community Theatre's Next Generation Theatre holding auditions for the production of "Finding Nemo Jr." at 4 p.m. at Roxy Theater in Alta. Teens and youth (at least five years old and completed kindergarten) are welcome to audition. For more information, text 712-261-2739 or email BVCtshows@gmail.com

Alan Morphew live at Byron's Bar in Pomeroy, 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Andy Juhl live at InnSpiration Vines & Wines, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Storm Lake Municipal Band concert, 2 p.m. at Sunset Park Bandshell. This performance is the 2024 season finale.

Scott Kirkhart performing live at Puff's in Storm Lake, 3-6 p.m. Wear your best "America" themed clothing to compete for prizes.

### MON 7/8

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-7 p.m.

Storm Lake Hy-Noon Kiwanis meets at noon at Lake Avenue Lounge.

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Food distribution drive-up: 4 p.m. at Storm Lake United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

### TUES 7/9

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.

Newell Public Library hosting a kids program, paper towels, 10:30 a.m.

Storm Lake Rotary Club meeting at noon, King's Pointe Resort.

BVRMC hosting BLS for Healthcare Providers Skills Evaluation, 1-2 p.m., Kallmer Education Center.

Witter Gallery open 1-5 p.m.

Alta Community Library presents Pool Break Story Time, 2:45 p.m. at Alta City Pool.

BVRMC hosting Heartsaver CPR/First Aid Skills Evaluation, 3-4 p.m., Kallmer Education Center.

Lego Club at Alta Community Library, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous meeting, 5-6 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church (402 Lake Ave.) in Storm Lake.

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.

Community Ed Yoga, 5:45-7 p.m., at Sunrise Pointe conference room. Cost is \$5.

### UPCOMING

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

##### BUENA VISTA CO. FAIR

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.

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.

Crowning of Buena Vista County Fair Queen, King, Little Miss and Little Mister, 6 p.m., UBI/Tyson Fresh Meats Stage.

**Race Night at Buena Vista Raceway in Alta: BV County Fair 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. Cost is \$10 to get into grandstands and \$30 to get into pits, in addition to regular fair admission.

Art in the Park: Cracked Seeds performing live at Heritage Park in Pocahontas, starting at 6:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 11

##### BUENA VISTA CO. FAIR

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-7 p.m.

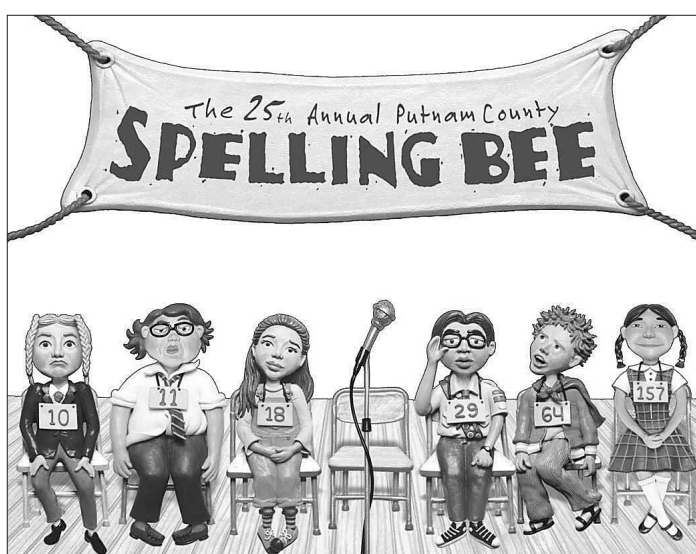
# Get ready for 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee'

## Quirky show to be held at SLMS auxiliary gym

Get ready for The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" presented by Storm Lake Area Performers of Tomorrow theater troop, or SLAPT. The show centers on a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the bee, run by three equally quirky grown-ups.

The production will take place in an unusual venue — Storm Lake Middle School auxiliary gym — which is totally appropriate for this show, says director Jarrod Roth. Musical director is Max Wallace.

Dates of the show are July 25-27, each show beginning at 7 p.m.



### CAST LIST:

Rona Lisa Peretti: Taylor Brown  
Vice Principal Doug Panch: Ben Langner-Yarosevich  
Mitch Mahoney: Armando Ponce  
William Barfee: Hersh Singh  
Olive Ostrovsky: Emma Dierking  
Logainne Schwartzandgrubbeniere: Jenna Galvin  
Marcy Park: Maddisen Maloutaphong  
Leaf Coneybear: Seanna Lincoln  
Chip Tolentino: Gavin Beal

## Peterson Summer Sunday to feature Kirchner Machinery Museum 50th

### Multiple attractions, including archeological dig, Jim's History Barn

Peterson Heritage members will host their second Summer Sunday opening Sunday, July 7, from 1-4 p.m. at Kirchner Park. The highlight of the day will be the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Kirchner Machinery Museum, which was erected in the summer of 1974.

The museum was originally erected for the purpose of housing the large restored collection of horse-drawn farm implements donated by George and Rosamond Reed of Peterson. The building was made possible by a donation from Jacob Kirchner of Fort Dodge and Peterson Heritage funds. Heritage members will be serving birthday cake and lemonade at the museum. Also on display in the park will be tractors from various eras of farming.

Another highlight of the day will be the opportunity to visit the archeological dig taking place at the Phillip Kirchner cabin, located on the Heywood/Booth farm site just outside of town.

Storm Laker Mark Anderson, archeologist at the Sanford Museum in Cherokee, is in charge of the dig. He will be on site to explain findings of his group and the importance of the dig in relation to Peterson's early history.



A guide in the Park House, one of the many historical attractions in scenic Peterson.

Other attractions Sunday are the French Museum, the Park House, the Rock Forest schoolhouse and Jim's History Barn.

### Pirate Week!

July 9: Pirate Map

July 10: Polly Pet

July 11: Treasure Chest (Golden slime)

July 12: Pirate ship

July 13: Pirate Kaleidoscope

### Dino Week!

August 13: Dinosaur Fossils

August 14: Dino sculptures

August 15: Dinosaur eye

August 16: Sun Catcher

August 17: Dino friend

## Witter Gallery hosting summer art camps

Witter Gallery in Storm Lake has two exciting weeks of summer art camp left for kids. July is all about pirates and August will be all things dinosaurs.

Classes are held Tuesday-Friday, from 2-3 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m.-noon.

Community Ed No Floor Yoga, 9-10:15 a.m., at Sunrise Pointe conference room. Cost is \$5.

BVRMC presents Young at Heart: "Don't Settle for Poor Dental Health," with speakers from United Community Health Center. This program goes live on Facebook at 10 a.m.

Storm Lake Public Library hosting Preschool Time: Blank Park Zoo, 10:30 a.m.

Mayhem in the AM Mystery Book Club at Storm Lake Public Library, 10:30 a.m. This month's selection is "Me and Sam Handle the Apocalypse" by Susan Vaught. This club is also available via Zoom. Contact the library at 732-8026 with any questions.

Newell Public Library hosting a kids program, seed bombs, 10:30 a.m.

Witter Gallery open 1-6 p.m. Alta Community Library hosting a Kids' Movie, 3:30 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.

**Buena Vista County Fair Grandstand event:** Western Iowa Pullers Tractor Pull, 5 p.m.

Alta Community Library Board Meeting, 5:15 p.m.

Open mic/jamming at InnSpiration Vines & Wines, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JULY 12**

**BUENA VISTA CO. FAIR**

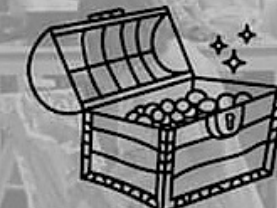
**SCHALLER POPCORN DAYS**

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark open 12-8 p.m.

Story Time at Alta Community Library, 10:30 a.m.

Naturalist Lunch Box: This week's topic is birds of prey. 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.



To register your child, call 712-732-3400, message Witter Gallery on Facebook or email wittergallery@yahoo.com.

**Cost for members:**  
\$8 per class  
\$20 for three classes  
\$30 for the week

**Cost for non-members:**  
\$10 per class  
\$25 for three classes  
\$40 for the week

Charlie Leissler live at InnSpiration Vines & Wines, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Schaller Popcorn Days schedule:** Presbyterian Church food stand at Buehler-Roeder open 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Schaller Jaycees Bags Tournament, registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with a 6 p.m. start. Featuring a DJ and beer garden during the tournament; Kiddie Parade, 6:30 p.m. Contact Mallory McDonough, 712-749-9125; Kid's Pedal Pull by Bode's Service at 7 p.m.; Chamber ticket stand open 6:30-10 p.m. Purchase your tickets for a chance to win two \$500 prizes; Water fights in front of AgState at 6:30 p.m. Also featuring carnival rides and concessions.

**Buena Vista County Fair Grandstand event:** Motocross by 714 Promotions, LLC, 6:30 p.m. Scott Kirkhart performing live on the UBI/Tyson Fresh Meats Stage, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beer garden open.

**SATURDAY, JULY 13**

**BUENA VISTA CO. FAIR**

## BUENA VISTA CO. CONSERVATION BOARD EVENTS

### Naturalist Lunch Box

Naturalist Lunch Box is held at noon on select Fridays in the summer at South Cove Park. Pack a lunch and join the fun! Naturalist Lunch Box is designed for all ages.

Friday, July 12, at 12 p.m. will be the fifth Naturalist Lunchbox program of the year. The topic for this week is birds of prey. The naturalist will discuss the lives of these fascinating birds and bring along a live education raptor too. The naturalist will be releasing a live rehabilitated raptor too!

South Cove Park is located along the south shore of Storm Lake at 125 Stoney Point Road, Storm Lake. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 10, at 4 p.m. by calling 712-295-7985. This program may be canceled due to lack of participants or inclement weather.

### Astronomy Night

The Buena Vista County Conservation Board and Sanford Museum are partnering to offer Astronomy Night. Spend an evening under the moon and stars. The night will begin by identifying the constellations, followed by using telescopes to observe the moon and planets.

The program will be held at Buena Vista County Conservation Park in the South Shelter Area on Friday, July 12, at 9:30 p.m. Refreshments are provided. Feel free to bring a blanket and/or chairs to view the stars. If you plan on attending, please let the naturalist know by Wednesday, July 10, by calling 712-295-7985. Buena Vista County Conservation Park is located at 377 440th St., Peterson.

This program may be canceled due to inclement weather and/or poor sky viewing conditions due to cloud cover.

### SCHALLER POPCORN DAYS

Schaller Jaycees 5K Walk/run: Registration from 7:15-7:45 a.m. with an 8 a.m. start at 206 Berlin. All ages welcome. \$10 fee.

King's Pointe Indoor Waterpark open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor waterpark closed for district swim meet.

Storm Lake Farmers' Market, 8 a.m.-noon. Located in parking lot C on Erie Street.

## GET YOUR EVENT ON THE WAVE CALENDAR!

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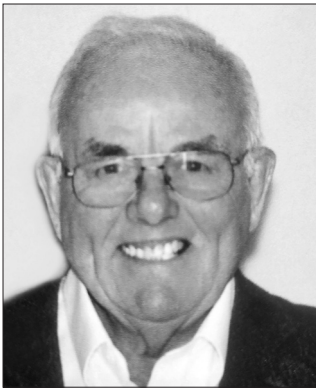
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## OBITUARIES



## Darrel Behrens

Darrel W. Behrens, 92, of Albert City died Thursday, June 13, 2024, at Laurens Care Center.

There will be no services at this time. Siefert Funeral Home in Albert City is in charge of the arrangements.

Darrel was born Dec. 7, 1931, to William and Emma (Peters) Behrens in Storm Lake. He was baptized and confirmed his faith at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Albert City. As a boy, Darrel would occasionally ride his pony to Bible school. He graduated from Albert City High School in 1950. He served in the United States Army as a radio instructor at Fort Monmouth, N.J., during the Korean conflict.

Darrel was united in marriage to Margit Carlson on May 26, 1956, at Evangelical Free Church in Albert City. To this union, three children were born: Kelly, Michael and Timothy.

Darrel was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Albert City, where he served as president. He also served on the Albert City Public Library Board, Albert City School Board and president of Pleasant View Nursing Home Board. Farming was his everything. In his free time, Darrel loved fishing at Leech Lake, Minn., while staying at Doc's Lodge Resort. Darrel and Margit also had a cabin on Lake Okoboji, where the family would visit most summer weekends and enjoy long boat rides on his cabin cruiser.

Darrel started B&B Water Conditioning in Albert City in 1987, and was the owner until 2014 when it was taken over by his son, Tim. The B&B office was the local gathering place for morning coffee for Darrel and his friends. Darrel will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish Darrel's memory include his beloved wife of 68 years, Margit of Albert City; sons: Kelly Behrens of Albert City; Mike (Jo Ann) Behrens of Marathon; Timothy (Analyn) Behrens of Laurens; sister Sandra (Wayne) Kimber of Bloomington, Ill.; grandchildren: Sarah (Jason) Salz, Emily (Brian) Wrightsman, Betsy Behrens, Zoe (Connor Keech) Behrens and Ethan Behrens; and great-grandchildren: Ezekiel, Piper and Ellia Wrightsman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Emma Behrens.



## Barbara King

Barbara Elizabeth King was born Nov. 26, 1936 (Thanksgiving Day), at the family home in Winona, Minn. She was the fifth child (fourth daughter) of Carlus E. and Helen K. (Miller) Walter.

She was baptized, received first holy communion (May 14, 1944) and confirmed at St. Joseph Parish in Winona. She attended St. Joseph Grade School, then Cathedral High School for two years until it was consolidated into the co-educational Cotter High School, from which she graduated in 1954. Barbara was taught by the Franciscan sisters (Rochester), from first grade through college at the College of St. Teresa, where she majored in Spanish and minored in speech and drama.

After college, she was an international airline stewardess for Pan American World Airways for two years. Barbara relished travel and drew on her Spanish major as

she flew in the Miami-based Latin American division to Central America, the east coast of South America and the Caribbean. The second year she flew in the San Francisco-based Pacific Division to Hawaii, the central and south Pacific and London. Her longest trip was to Australia.

She married George B. King on Aug. 20, 1960. Daughter Elizabeth Ann was born in June 1961 in Owatonna, Minn., and son Colin Christopher was born in June 1971 in Storm Lake.

Family was very important to Barbara, and she brought her playful spirit to home-making – re-arranging furniture, decorating with a range of colors, and trying various dessert recipes. She enjoyed adding new pieces of wood furniture handmade by vendors at the Storm Lake Fourth of July craft fairs at Chautauqua Park. As her children grew, they had their favorite things to do with mom. They liked going to the town pool, the park, and playing games, like spying on mom with their friends as she worked in the kitchen.

Barbara was an active volunteer at schools and church, offering her love of reading and learning to others. At the time of the Catholic Vatican II Council, she attended classes to facilitate her teaching C.C.D. classes in Cedar Falls, then team-taught with George in Minneapolis. After moving to Storm Lake in 1969, she continued teaching C.C.D. classes until Colin was born in 1971. Barbara later tutored in the Adult Literacy E.S.L. program and enjoyed being a volunteer teacher's aide at St. Mary's grade school. She also liked to read, garden and work in the yard.

She was preceded in death by her husband George B. King; parents, Carlus and Helen Walter; her siblings: William Walter, Mary (Walter) Dreas, Teresa (Walter) Schiller, Kathryn (Walter) Bender, Charlotte (Walter) Ritter and Robert Walter; and several extended family members.

She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth (Dennis) King Keenan; son Colin (Carric) King; and grandchildren, Thomas Robert King and Emily Grace King.



## Carolyn Kischer

Carolyn Genise Kischer, known by friends and family as Genise, or "Niece," passed away after a short illness Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, in San Diego, Calif.

Genise was born to William "Bill" and Signe Kischer of Newell, Nov. 7, 1935.

Growing up in Newell, Genise was a member of Nain Lutheran Church, as were most of her family and many relatives. She remained faithful all her life and held the many traditions of the Danish church near to her heart.

Throughout Genise's life, she maintained close relationships with her many friends. Genise was very proud of her schoolmates in Newell and was an active member of the class of '53 until she passed. Genise loved music, particularly singing with her school choir and at church, and was honored to be a part of the Iowa All-State chorus her senior year of high school. Her passion for music followed her to California where she performed with the San Diego Opera.

Among her favorite hobbies was gardening. Genise studied to become a master gardener and blessed family with her knowledge of growing plants. Wherever she lived she made a place for beauty in the outdoors. Another love she discovered was volunteering with the Special Olympics. She was always moved by the determination and sheer joy of her athletes and the closeness they shared.

Her family wishes for all who remember Genise to know that she loved them and revered every memory. She often spoke fondly about her life in Newell, and her many close friends she made grow-

ing up there. Genise was a kind and sensitive soul, a loving mother and grandmother, and was always generous to the less fortunate in this world.

Genise is survived by her daughter Robin Wood of San Diego; Blake and Sitara Wood of Hawaii; Chris and Gin Sogard of Louisville, Ky.; grandsons: Kalen, Kirin and Keegan; sister-in-law Virginia Kischer of Quimby; and many nieces and nephews.

Genise was preceded in death by her parents and brother Don Kischer.



## Carol Kruse

Carol Joan Kruse, 90, of Storm Lake died June 26, 2024, at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 1, at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. Burial was in Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery. Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake was in charge of arrangements.

Carol Joan Stern was born Sept. 17, 1933, to Emil and Rose Louise (Grieme) Stern in Storm Lake. On Jan. 24, 1954, Carol was united in marriage to Don Kruse at Zion Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Don and Carol were blessed with seven children: Retha, Renee, Russell, Randy, Ramon, Rhonda and Rebecca.

Carol was always on the go and cleaned houses in Storm Lake for years. She sewed all her girls' clothing and loved tending to her vegetable and flower garden. In her younger years, Carol enjoyed playing in golf league. She looked forward to game nights, playing cards and Bingo. In her free time, Carol found joy in crafts and feeding the birds. More than anything, Carol treasured time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish the memory of Carol include her children: Retha (Jerry) Wirth of Spencer; Renee (Tom) Phillips of Laurens; Russell (Sandy) Kruse of Alta; Randy (Julie) Kruse of Storm Lake; Ramon (Denise Bock) Kruse of Belmont; Rhonda (Richard) Archer of Bridelyn, Minn.; Rebecca (Jeff) Kindwall of Spirit Lake; brother Merlin (Bernice) Stern; grandchildren: Jayme (Mandie) Richter, Kari (Jeremy) Rausch, DeaDra (Mark) Jeter, Carl (Melissa) Brent, Vanessa (Henry) Harder, Ameer Lundberg, Monica Munro, Katie (Brandon) Berkland, Robyn (Patrick) Diekman, Traci (Matt) Beerbower, Trista (Mark) Mikkelson, Tiffany (Tyler) Kruid, Mandi Kruse, Tiffanie (Jay Gray) Kruse, Trista (Brian) Burke, Ryan (Jessica) Kruse, Jessica Greene, Megan (Matt) Sprecker, Allison (Colby Stevens) Lundgren, Kyle Bock, Nash (Samantha) Bock, Shawn (Michelle) Archer, Shannon (Corrie) Archer, Shaina (Ty) Watson, Derek (Kelsey) Kindwall and Riley (Mara) Kindwall; great-grandchildren: Dakota (Manuel) Harms, Kailee, Aubree, Dylan (Alli), Peyton, Gavin, Austin, Evan, Collin, Owen, Evelyn, Caroline, Madison, Abbigail, Drew, Jake, Morgan, Kennedy, Hayden, Mia, Braydon, Benson, Cooper, Cora, Austin, Matty, Eastyn, Collins, Jack, Xandra, Sydney (Brett Wells), Brennan, Landen, Hunter, Noah, Brody, Braxton, Brayden, Evan, Ellie, Lenix, Kadin, Adyson, Isabella, Braylen, Paige, Bowen, Avery, Parker, Devan, Carter, Hailey, Samantha, Ryder, Carson, Jackson, Nolan, Kezli, Maverick, Waylon and Watson; great-grandchildren: Bentley, Mia, Kolsen, Alex and Alivia; siblings-in-law, Janice Kruse and Audrey Stern; many nieces and nephews, cousins and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Samuel and Evelyn North; his beloved wife, Bettie North; and his son Steven North.



## Harold North

Harold North, 87, of Storm Lake died Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at Accura Healthcare in Aurelia.

Memorial services were held Monday, July 1, at United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial was in Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake was in charge of the arrangements.

Harold Jellett North was born July 9, 1936, to Samuel Thurman and Evelyn Loraine (Sins) North in Alta. Growing up, Harold enjoyed roller skating with his family in a group called The Flying Aces. They traveled in Iowa and neighboring states wowing the crowd with fancy skating moves and stunts. He attended Hayes School, where he participated in many activities including baseball and basketball before graduating in 1955.

On Nov. 28, 1954, Harold was united in marriage to Bettie Shannon at United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. They were blessed with four children: Michael "Mick," Cheryl "Cheri," Tamela "Tami" and Steven.

Harold worked at Cobblestone as a cook for nine years. Then he began his long career working at Hygrade and IBP on the line, where they discovered his knife sharpening skills. Then he began working as a knife specialist until he retired.

Harold was an avid golfer. He and Bettie enjoyed time together on the golf course. They had a home in Arizona so they could play golf all year round. Throughout the years, Harold loved bowling and playing fast-pitch softball. More than anything, Harold treasured time with his family. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Harold is survived by his children: Mick (Teresa) North of San Angelo, Texas; Cheri (Dennis) Christiansen of Shenandoah; Tami (Kris) Parker of Persia; brother Robert North of Newell; grandchildren: Justin North, Brady North, Brooke (Brad) Reese, Heather (Adam) Soyer, Ashley (Matt) Ramler, Dustin (Haley) Christiansen, Jason Parker, Holly Parker and Kristin (B.J.) Pauley; great-grandchildren: Kaylyn North, Brynn Reese and Bennett Reese; Alex Soyer; Zach Soyer; Cal Kocinski; Ava, Kyla, Nora and Nolan Ramler; Reagan Baker; Hayden, Landon and Chandler Christiansen; Taylor and Kaitlyn Parker; Jadon, Mellie and Fitzgerald Pauley; great-great-grandchild Parker Menke; extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Samuel and Evelyn North; his beloved wife, Bettie North; and his son Steven North.



## Doris Scharton

Doris L. Scharton, 68, of Sac City died June 27, 2024, at Park View Rehabilitation in Sac City.

Memorial Services were held Monday July 1, at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial was held Tuesday, July 2, in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Aurelia. Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake was in charge of the arrangements.

Doris Lurene Mahler was born Dec. 7, 1955, to Elmer and Waldina (Buckendahl) Mahler in Storm Lake. She was baptized as an infant at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Aurelia. In 1970, Doris confirmed her faith at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in

Sac City. She attended school in Sac City, graduating in 1974. Most recently, Doris was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. She was also a member of Moose Lodge in Storm Lake.

On April 17, 1982, Doris was united in marriage to Mark Randall Scharton at St. Peter's English Lutheran Church in Newell. They were blessed with three children: Elizabeth, Samantha and Amber. The couple later divorced.

Doris loved to crochet and put together puzzles. During the warm months, you could find her tending to her garden. She enjoyed bowling with her friends. Doris will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish the memory of Doris include her children: Elizabeth Scharton of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Samantha Scharton of Omaha, Neb.; Amber (Peter) Volanakis of Chicago, Ill.; brothers: Robert (Beverly) Mahler of Cherokee; Larry Mahler of Sac City; LeRoy Mahler of Sac City; Herbert (Terri) Mahler of Sac City; sister Joann (Jerry) Pitts of Fontanelle; grandchildren: Calvin Volanakis and Peter Volanakis; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Waldina Mahler; brother Alden "Spike" Mahler; sister-in-law Marilyn (Larry) Mahler; and niece Kelly Mahler.



## Karen Clark

Karen Ann Clark, 86, of Storm Lake died Friday, June 28, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake was in charge of the arrangements.

Karen Ann Clark was the second child born to Dorothy and Leo Dimig on June 27, 1938, in Iowa Falls. She was greeted by her sister, Pat. Following her were two brothers, Bob and Bill. Peggy came shortly after her brothers. The family moved to Jefferson, where the children attended school.

On June 14, 1958, Karen married Richard Clark. To this union, four children were born: Melanie, Lesa, Cary and Blake. Cary died at birth.

Karen served as an usher at St. Mary's Catholic Church. She enjoyed camping and her grandchildren. She worked as a babysitter. She was also a secretary for Dr. Morris and Dr. Gurken where she would help prepare the patients for the doctor. Before retiring, Karen worked at Ken-A-Bob and Iowa Central Community College. Karen was a class monitor for all the teachers.

Left to cherish the memory of Karen are Melanie (Robert) Pries of Sioux City; Lesa (Bill) Todd of Storm Lake; Blake (Lori) Clark of Park Rapids, Minn.; grandchildren: Matt (Sylvia) Todd of Storm Lake; Nicole Moninger of Sioux City; Caleb Clark of Newcastle, Wyo.; Hope (Ridge) Brown of Nevis, Minn.; Alexis (DeAngelo) Davis of Sioux City; great-grandchildren: Brendon Todd, Gunnar Moninger, Dylan Todd and Aaliya Rojas; sisters: Pat Johnson, Bill (Trish) Dimig and Peggy (Johnny) Johnson; sisters-in-law: Rita Clark, Joyce Clark and Bernice Taylor; nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her husband Richard; infant son Carey; parents, Dorothy and Leo Dimig; in-laws, Velma and Grant Clark; brother Bob; brothers-in-law: Richard Johnson, Eugene Clark, Melvin Clark and Duane Clark; Phylis (Kenny) Meyer; nephews: Scott Dimig, Rodney Dimig and Chad Johnson; and several family and in-laws.

## Parking lot closed for storm sewer project

The east parking lot at Awaysis Park will be closed starting July 8 to allow for installation of a new storm sewer line as part of the Memorial Road construction project. To install the new line, working from north to south was necessary for this phase of the project. Once the sewer line is completed, the parking lot will then be re-paved. The contract estimates a finish date of Aug. 30.

The west parking lot will remain in service throughout the project.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR BUENA VISTA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KATHLEEN J. SCHMITT, Deceased.

CASE No. ESPR017881

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kathleen J. Schmitt, Deceased, who died on or about June 18, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on June 25, 2024, the last will and testament of Kathleen J. Schmitt, deceased, bearing date of July 7, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Stephanie Schmitt, Stacy Blee and Sandra Schmitt have been appointed executors 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 26, 2024.

Date of second publication: July 10, 2024.

Probate Code Section 304

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## OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLICATION

CITY OF STORM LAKE

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT File number: #2024-2

A request has been filed for a Variance to the zoning regulations as applied to the property owned by Buena Vista University parcel #1404427010 and legally described as:

All that Part of Lot "B" in the Sub-division of Government Lot One (1) of Section Four (4), Township Ninety (90), Range Thirty-seven (37), which lies South of the North 133 feet thereof,

The petition requests approval of a height variance of 65' in the IN-2, Institutional Facilities Zoning District.

A public hearing to consider the application will be held by the Board of Adjustment during its meeting **Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 8:00 am** in the City Hall Council Chambers, 620 Erie Street, Storm Lake, Iowa. Access to the official meeting can be done through the following ways: In person at City Hall By Telephone: Dial: 1-312-626-6799 or toll-free: 1-888-475-4499 Webinar ID: 816 1811 4187 By Computer: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81618114187>

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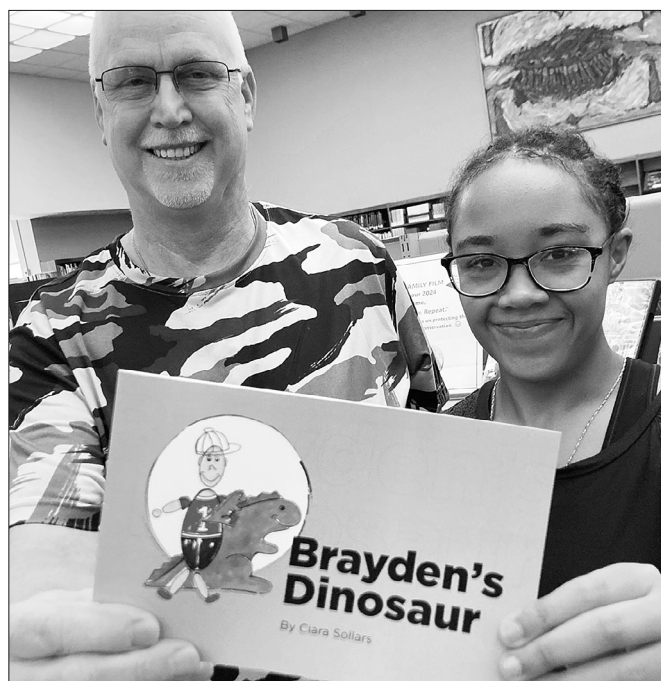
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In the story, Brayden gets sick and having the toy dinosaur helps bring him through it.



Boyd drew the pictures for 'Brayden's Dinosaur,' which was written by his granddaughter Ciara Sollars of Early when she was a freshman at Ridge View High School.

Around Town...

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the Storm Lake Public Library. With extremely charming plots and simple drawings, Boyd, who has been working at Lakeshore Cafe for 18.5 years, draws in both kids and adults.

An upcoming book will be about a cardinal that looks over the neighborhood, then flies around the moon. It comes back singing and perches outside the homes of families that have lost a baby. It will be dedicated to "all the little angels in heaven."



FUTURISTICKS

Art gallery or shooting gallery... Where do you fit?

BY GORDON LINGE

We all want to feel welcome and that we fit it in. As an exhibition designer, my goal is always to put people at ease as they enter a museum gallery.

As the show's opening theme music played, I questioned myself for agreeing to do this interview and respond to listeners' phoned-in ques-

tions. Everything was fine until half way through the program, the popular sports-caster asked "What position did you play in college?" My confession shocked him.

"Did you ever think you weren't qualified to design a museum for a professional NFL team?" he blurted. Without a moment of hesitation, I responded, "I do museums on all types of topics and it is better not knowing anything."

As the Witter Gallery's first director in 1973, my favorite thing was to become spontaneously engaged in conversation with a visitor about a particular piece of artwork on

display. Shared thoughts flowed in an inspiring way... truly an "aha" moment.

The folk art quality of painted walking sticks puts us at ease. During my exhibition — FUTURISTICKS - An Exploration Beyond — you are invited to make your own stick and join in deep in conversations about AI, robots and the future as we whittle-awhile. We might be surprised at how comfortable it will be sharing thoughts with one another.

The Witter Gallery will offer free opportunities to "Whittle-awhile-by-the-lake-with-Linge" in late July prior to the exhibition's close on July 27. Find a stick, cut a branch or sign up to reserve a Mississippi River willow provided by Gordon. Watch for dates and times to be announced soon.

be facilitated by Alexis Stevens, farm and agriculture business management specialists with ISU Extension and Outreach.

The discussion will focus on various methods to determine a fair 2024 cash rental rate and the importance of good tenant/landlord communications. Emphasis will be placed on recent returns to Iowa Cash Rented Land and the 2024 Iowa Cash Rental Rate Survey.

Pre-registration is required

by Aug. 5, and the registration fee of \$20 can be paid at the door. Participants will receive a 100-page booklet and meeting handouts designed to assist landowners, tenants, and other agri-business professionals with issues related to farmland ownership, management, and leasing arrangements.

Contact the Buena Vista County Extension office at 712-732-5056 with your questions or to pre-register by Aug. 5.

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Puzzle Answers: BELOW

Avoid scams following disasters

You may receive a recorded call promising a government grant, flood insurance, or help with applications for assistance. Do not respond or provide personal information or payment to these callers.

According to Carol Ehlers, human sciences specialist in family wellbeing and finance with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, "Scammers often try to take advantage of you during a crisis — when you may be vulnerable and looking for help, particularly when you don't have phone or internet service to do research."

Recognizing the tricks that scammers use can help you spot scams more easily.

1. Ask questions. Be alert to warning signs. If the person trying to sell you a product or service cannot or will not answer your questions, or if the paperwork doesn't match the promises made to you, these are warning signs.

2. Confirm identities. Con artists may pose as government employees, insurance adjusters, law enforcement officials, bank employees, or whoever it takes to get to your money. Scammers can easily fake titles and uniforms.

3. Do not make a decision under pressure. After a disaster, contractors and others may arrive at your door offering to help with home repair, debris removal, and other disaster-related assistance.

gate, and never sign anything without fully reading and understanding it first.

4. Stay up to date on possible scams happening in your area. Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird urges Iowans to be on the lookout for scammers and shady contractors targeting victims of recent storms and flooding.

After major disasters, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a "Current Disasters" webpage (https://www.fema.gov/disaster/current) that lists recent disaster declarations and includes a tool you can use to search by location.

If you are unsure about any offer you receive, contractor you encounter, or action you're asked to take, ask a trusted relative, friend, or an attorney for a second opinion before acting.

Ehlers also reminds you that ISU Extension and Outreach provides access to information and educational resources to help Iowans recover from the current floods affecting northwest Iowa. For more information and a full list of resources, visit https://www.extension.iastate.edu/disasterrecovery/.

Thank you! We would like to thank our family and friends for your kind words, calls and visits, cards, flowers and memorials for Ardyce Anderson. A special thank you to Pastor Rhonda Wykoff for her prayers and guidance to help lift the burden of grief. And a thank you for our Immanuel Church family and CHRISM for your prayers and support.

Thank you The family of Bob Witzke would like to express our gratitude for the many acts of kindness at Bob's passing. Thank you for your prayers, visits, food provided and cards, flowers and memorials. We are grateful to be a part of a caring community. THE WITZKE FAMILY

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# FAMILY & FRIENDS

## HAPPY DAYS



**July 1: Happy 15th birthday to Ella Robinson.**



**July 3: Jeremy Salas of Storm Lake celebrates his birthday. Happy birthday, Franchise!**

**July 2: Happy birthday to Peggy Liautaud.**

**BIRTHDAY PHOTOS RUN FOR FREE! DROP US A NOTE!**

## Sulphur Springs reunion set for Aug. 24

The 2024 Sulphur Springs All-School Reunion will be held at Cobblestone in Lakeside from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24. (This event is the weekend before Labor Day.)

Questions? Call Judy Gerken Anderson at 712-299-2304.

## DANCE 4 FUN

The Everly dance sponsored by Dance 4 Fun, will be held on Saturday, July 6, at the Hap Kettleon Community Center in Everly. The doors are open at 6:15 p.m., the dance is from 7-10:30 p.m. The band is Riata.

Put on your dancing shoes and come join us for a fun evening of dancing. Feel free to bring snacks to share. Singles and married couples are welcome

## UHC welcomes Hernandez as its community outreach and enrollment coordinator

### MY FAVORITE RECIPES

BY MARY CULLEN

**A**lison Hernandez, community outreach and enrollment coordinator at United Community Health Center, is enjoying her new position.

"It doesn't feel like work," she commented. "I love meeting new people; I'm the face of the clinic. This is a great community; everyone is so welcoming and friendly. It's true what they say about 'Midwest nice.' This place feels like home."

Alison arrived to our area several weeks ago from Seattle. She grew up in Honduras, Central America and came every summer to visit Seattle where her dad, Carlos Valderamos, lives. Her mother is the late Ana Melida Hernandez. Her Auntie Rita was like her mom and raised her when her mom passed away. Alison has a younger brother, Tamir, and an older sister, Thalia, who are both in Seattle. She also has a younger sister, Lidia Victoria.

"My job is to engage with the resources available in the community for the UHC and educate the public about what we have available," she explained. "It also involves marketing and social media presence. We have lots of community events this summer. We're an inclusive clinic and we welcome everyone. We're growing so fast."

Alison earned her degree in business from Central Washington University in Allensburg and a minor in digital marketing. She also has a background in social work. Then she worked for a non-profit for over five years in Washington.

Alison's best friend Esther Borjas was here in Storm Lake. She is the co-owner with her brother, Danny Borjas, of the Second Chance Consignment and Thrift store.

"We went to high school together in Honduras and we're pretty close," she mentioned. "She told me about the job at UHC. It's a big change from Seattle — more relaxed and more family oriented here."

"Plus her cocker doodle Loui and my Siberian husky Benito are besties," she smiled. "Benito is my emotional support dog and is in



Alison Hernandez with her Siberian husky Benito.

training to be a service dog. We practice every day."

In her free time, Alison enjoys reading and painting abstracts. She likes to go to museums and art galleries.

She also loves to cook. Here are several of her favorite recipes.

#### ARROZ CON LECHE (RICE PUDDING)

- 1 c. long grain white rice
- 2 c. water
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 3 c. milk
- 1/4-1/2 c. sugar sweeten to

taste  
Place saucepan over medium low heat and add rice, water, and cinnamon sticks.

Cover and cook until rice is cooked, and water is absorbed, about 15-20 minutes.

Add milk and sugar, stir to combine, cover, and cook for additional 15 minutes.

Cook longer for a thicker arroz con leche resembling rice pudding. Add more sugar or sweetener of choice if needed.

#### BALEADAS

##### Tortillas:

- 2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 c. water
- 1/2 c. vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp. salt

##### Filling:

- 2 c. refried beans, warmed.
  - 1 avocado, sliced.
  - 1/2 c. crumbled queso fresco (fresh white cheese)
  - 1/4 c. crema fresca (fresh cream)
- Make the tortillas: Mix flour, water, vegetable oil, egg, and salt together in a large

bowl. Knead dough until smooth and no longer sticky. Form into eight golf ball-sized balls. Cover and let rest for about 20 minutes.

Stretch each ball of dough into a thick tortilla.

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook each tortilla until browned and lightly puffed, about 1 minute per side.

Layer refried beans, avocado, and queso fresco onto warm tortillas, then drizzle crema over top. Fold tortillas in half to eat.

## HOMETOWN AUTHOR BOYD ZIMMER

*Longtime Lakeshore Cafe employee publishes five books, the fifth with granddaughter*

**S**torm Lake author and illustrator Boyd Zimmer shared his children's books at a book signing Saturday, June 15 at

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# OPINION

Storm Lake Times Pilot

## EDITORIALS

This editorial from the first issue of *The Storm Lake Times*, June 29, 1990, expresses the philosophy that governs this newspaper. It is published annually on the anniversary of *The Times* founding as an affirmation of our principles.

## What we believe

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

**W**ITH THESE IMMORTAL WORDS, the founders of our nation declared their independence and set about to build the most glorious nation in history. Today, more than 200 years later, these noble words continue to inspire us as we embark on what we hope will be a grand journey of our own with the founding of *The Storm Lake Times*. This newspaper is dedicated to the timeless principles espoused by our forefathers.

The foundation of our freedom is the First Amendment to the Constitution, that other great document of our republic, which guarantees all Americans the right to speak and write freely, to worship as we please, to assemble and to criticize the government.

The key, we believe, to maintaining our democracy is to let the light of truth shine upon all that we say and do. Whenever truth is limited, tyranny takes root. We must be ever vigilant in the search for truth. As the Gospel of St. John notes:

*"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

Guided by these sacred words, *The Times* humbly begins publication.

We Americans, heirs of the longest-running democracy in history, often take our freedoms for granted — until we see our brothers and sisters in Poland, China, South Africa and elsewhere fighting and dying for these same treasured principles.

**THE MISSION OF THIS NEWSPAPER** is to be a mirror of life in this wonderful community. We hope that when you look in this mirror, you will like what you see.

There is much to praise about life here, and that is what makes publishing this newspaper worthwhile. We enjoy a high standard of living, honest government and good friends. But we must not become complacent.

We are troubled by those who put narrow self-interest above the common good. We are disgusted by intolerance and injustice. We are saddened by suffering. And we are frightened by attempts to limit our rights. We are all members of the family of man. And so we will speak for those who are silenced; we will laugh for those who rejoice; and we will cry for those who suffer.

We believe in free enterprise and the right of people to hold a job, earn a decent wage and raise a family free from want and fear. We believe in government that is honest with its people; that is willing to care for those who are unable to care for themselves; and remembers that its role is to serve, not enslave, the people.

We believe in Buena Vista County, its heritage and its future. We believe in a sense of humor and optimism that tomorrow will be even better than today. We believe in one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.

*John Cullen*

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

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## So this Vietnamese refugee walks into the room and you know it's where you're supposed to be

**G**od works in mysterious ways with a wicked sense of humor, I mused last week. God the Father, with the long white beard and big index finger. Damn straight, I'm driving to Spencer last Tuesday — don't go to Spencer, the authorities warned, it's submerged by the raging Little Sioux River. Good one on me, old man!

I have prostate cancer. I am scheduled to meet an oncologist at the Spencer hospital, where half the toilets don't work. Apple Maps gave me two choices, east or west, from Storm Lake. I chose east because the hospital is on the east side of Grand Avenue/Hwy. 71.

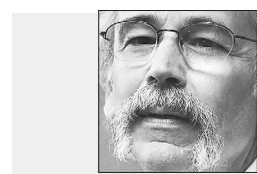
Cruising up north and Siri or Alexa or Ms. Chevy or whoever she is tells me, "Holy moly, we got floods ahead! Changing routes, poor boy. You're going gravel."

Suffice to say I turned off the map and went with the Iowa instinctive navigation system of taking left turns and right turns until you get to M54 on the east side of Spencer.

I had never seen anything like this in Northwest Iowa. We are upstream. This is supposed to happen in Des Moines, not Spencer.

I'm thinking as I approach the Abben Cancer Center that this is the last place I should be. God is playing dirty tricks here. I could die in a washed-out culvert and nobody would know.

I get to the front desk and a man ahead of me says he got a letter that his data may have been breached by a third-party vendor. Uh-oh. I take my seat. "Gerald?" That's me. I sit in this exam room and look at the carpet under fluorescent lights thinking of my opening line: "Doc, it is a pleasure to meet you. Could you give me directions to the Mayo Clinic? I think you have



ART CULLEN

### EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

your hands full here today."

The nurse asks questions. She is smart and nice. Something's happening here. The doctor will be in shortly.

I stare at the carpet. Knock knock. A short man wearing a smock and a big smile walks in. "It is my privilege to be your doctor," says Dr. D.B. Nguyen. That is a fine how-do-you-do.

Turns out he is a Vietnamese war refugee. He was from North Vietnam, where he said his father knew Ho Chi Minh. The family moved to Saigon. As Saigon fell and the choppers took off from the roof of the U.S. Embassy, the Nguyen family floated on a barge down the Saigon River. They were out to sea for days, 200 refugees without food or water, when they were rescued by a US freighter.

He spent his nights in a Guam refugee camp dreaming of being in the place he saw in pictures with trees and lakes and blue skies. It was Minnesota.

The family made it to Virginia. The young D.B. had learned German, and was thrown into American English classes to sink or swim. He swam. German was the foundation to learn English.

Then on to Harvard, Dartmouth and Yale. And NASA. And other places. For real.

What the hell is he doing in Spencer?

He was practicing radiation oncology in Minnesota and filled in at the Abben Cen-

ter in 2019. He decided he wanted to raise his children in a small town like that. So he moved there in 2022.

He asks me about my life story and tells me his, and I was blown away.

We talked for what seemed like an hour. He makes you feel like you are just shooting the bull but afterwards you realize he carefully scripted the conversation. They do grow them smart in the Ivy League. He wanted to check some things out, given our family cancer history and other stuff, and some more diagnostic scans were ordered. His nurse set everything up perfectly and called immediately to confirm.

"You wanna do this chemical castration thing before zapping up my patoot with radiation, go ahead. I'm with you, Doc," I am thinking, but say it differently.

This refugee just turned my world inside out.

I went in feeling sorry for myself, but with full recognition that rural health care and its administration combine the worst of capitalism and socialism, and that I will die sometime. I came out certain I was in the right hands, and the toilets on this side of the building flushed. I don't know what happens next. I'm still scared because you just never know what is going on down there. I do believe that Dr. Nguyen will figure it out, because he made it this far.

Our newspaper was bailed out during the pandemic by a Chinese immigrant, John Tu, who learned English by first learning German and is something of a genius. He did it because he believes in America. It was my privilege to sit behind closed doors with another Asian refugee who thinks he is here for a reason. "How does that happen?" the manic-depressive mind asks.

Roll with it.

## Climate change brings more weather catastrophes

BY RICK MORAIN

**F**ifteen inches of rain in Northwest Iowa. Unbelievable. We don't have drenchers like that in this state. But we did.

Most of us remember well the eight, nine, or ten inches (depending on whom you talk to) that fell on Greene County back in 1993, and that we sent down the mighty Raccoon River to devastate Des Moines. Last week's total up in the state's northwest corner puts that event to shame. Some rivers reached record flood levels, causing damage never seen before in towns large and small. The Iowa Great Lakes and its surrounding communities shared in that damage.

But it could have just as easily happened last week in and around the Greene County area instead. The vagaries of weather fronts, wind direction, etc., steered it to northwest Iowa, southeast South Dakota, and southwest Minnesota. Pictures of the flooding are jaw-dropping.

Where the next deluge occurs is anyone's guess. But it won't be long until another one strikes somewhere in Iowa.

This year is shaping up to be full of more

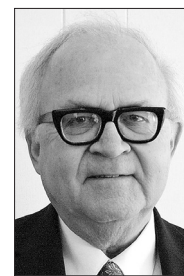
weather catastrophes in the United States than in any other year that most people can remember. Scorching heat, long-term drought, tornadoes, hurricanes, incredible rainstorms, storm-induced wildfires — seems as if not a week goes by without some devastating weather event somewhere on American soil. So-called "500-year" floods seem now to take place every few years or so.

People step up when emergencies like this happen. The aftermath of the Greenfield tornado is a typical example. Private citizens, non-profit groups, and the state and federal government converged on Greenfield, and other damaged locations in the state, starting shortly after the wind stopped blowing. They're still there, doing what they can,

and financial help follows right behind. And steps are being taken to make whatever preparations are possible. Dams, dikes, and levees are being hardened, warning systems are being improved, emergency disaster supplies are being stockpiled.

All those steps help. But they don't solve the problem. Americans have yet to take climate change seriously enough to do much about it, and most farms concentrate on moving excess

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RICK MORAIN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Donate to support and rebuild communities

I am writing with important plea for help. The recent flooding in Buena Vista County has left many homes, businesses and communities in a state of devastation.

used to provide assistance directly to those who have applied for government aid but still have unmet needs, providing emergency shelter for families, food and clean water and resources to begin the painstaking process of rebuilding.



https://tinyurl.com/2p8x6ztp

In the face of this tragedy, those affected have shown incredible resilience and community spirit. Yet, the road to recovery is long, and they cannot do it alone.

Please consider donating to support the Buena Vista County Disaster Committee. Together, we can restore these communities and ensure that our friends, family and neighbors won't face this hardship alone.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

DANIEL JONES Storm Lake United Treasurer

The problem with three lanes

The decision to convert Lake Avenue to three lanes should be reconsidered.

While a three lane system works well in a Flindt Drive setting it is not optimal for Lake Avenue. The Flindt Drive setting has widely spaced access points and "head in" vehicle entry allowing for a smooth transition to the exist-

ing traffic flow.

That is not the case with Lake Avenue.

Unlike Flindt Drive, both sides of the Lake Avenue right of way are bordered with diagonal parking. This creates points of entry even ten feet, approximately.

In order to access the traffic lane, a vehicle must back into the right of way in opposition to the existing traffic flow, stop and then move forward with the flow. Each time this happens it essentially blocks the

lane. These multiple blockages increase traffic congestion and reduce convenience.

A review of the Iowa DOT website, containing the three lane configuration illustrations and videos, does not show a single example of a three lane system combined with diagonal parking.

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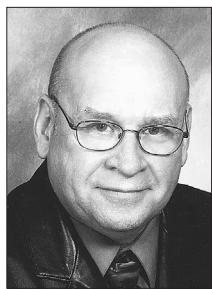
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Will the public be notified of water problems?

DEPENDS ON NOTICE LAWS IN YOUR STATE

BY JOHN GALER

If you are aware of the Marion County (Kansas) Record, it is probably because you winced at the dings and dents inflicted upon the First Amendment when the local police department conducted a raid on the Record's offices in 2023.



JOHN GALER

ably, the broadcast outlet would be free to ignore it or forget to read their email to pick it up in the first place.

The water agency also can post the notice in "conspicuous locations." We are remembering a recent public health experience when most people didn't go outside their homes. We wonder which "conspicuous locations" would have served then. Hand delivery of notices to persons served by the water system is also allowed. We are betting that is a rare occurrence.

How well does this new system work?

Not so well, according to EPA's inspector general. Agencies responsible for issuing public notices failed to meet requirements about 6,000 times per year on average. As a result, citizens were not notified that the Safe Drinking Water Act passed by Congress in 1974 was not being followed.

After the debacles in Flint, Michigan, where taxpayers had to foot millions of dollars in damages and legal fees for drinking water problems — per the existence of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in water near key military bases in North Carolina and Georgia — a person might think water quality would be higher on enforcing agencies' agendas.

Back to Marion, Kansas.

The notice used by the city water authorities was a copy of a compliance report included in water bills. But one month, the report didn't show up. Meyer went on the hunt. He was met with defensiveness and accusations, according to his news story. Finally, he found a mention in one water bill of an internet ad-

dress for a water quality report. And it turned out a link to the report was on the city website. But, lo, when Meyer followed the link, he got a "Forbidden" notice. He reported a series of deflections by city official: they couldn't get testing supplies from a vendor, tests were not really required because it had stopped using one disinfectant after its injectors failed. On and on.

To Meyer's credit, he doesn't let the ire of city administrations stop him. We hope his readers love his temerity and that his readers find out what they need to know about their local water. Meanwhile, we hope the Kansas attorney general gets a wake-up call.

What's wrong with this picture?

As with all of the wishful thinking that goes into removing newspaper public notices and requiring the public's business to be posted on some obscure website, the ability of the public to educate itself gets washed away. If Marion County's 11,000-some residents had at least been given a shot at real public notice, they might have found the water was bad. Or that it was safe. Either way, they could have found out. But EPA let the water authorities off the public notice hook. And now the state has allowed its attorney general to further the error in Wichita.

The problem is that lack of notice removes, in Marion's case, some 11,000 private attorneys general who might have chosen to hold their government accountable. But none the wiser, they could not.

What will it take? As in all defenses of liberty, eternal vigilance. We can never give up on the right to know.

John Galer is National Newspaper Association Chair and Publisher of The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Ill.

Morain...

Continued from previous page water off the land as quickly as possible, thereby contributing to river flooding downstream.

Insurance companies, in order to keep up with claims losses from the continuing flow of weather catastrophes, are finding it necessary to raise premiums and/or reduce coverage.

Those responses hit all Iowans in their pocketbooks,

and any future respite from that trend is a crapsheet.

Among the frustrations of such emergencies is the inability to prevent them. We can be warned about them, take steps to protect ourselves, and do what we can for our families, neighbors, and friends.

But there's not much that can be done to stop a flood, or a tornado, or a heavy downpour, or a long-term drought. Prevention of those is a func-

tion of reducing climate change — there's no doubt about that by now. And even if Iowans "got religion" about climate change, it will take similar conversion experiences of people around the nation and around the world to make a serious difference.

Not much sign of that on the horizon.

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

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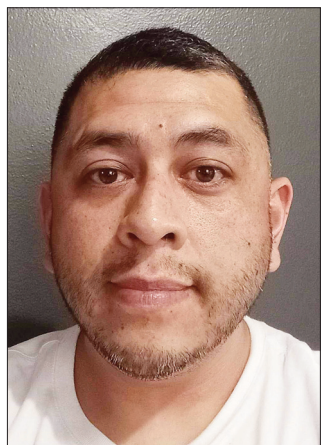
Above: Visitors chose from dozens of these cups arranged on a table in the back part of the store. Right: Employees Carissa Eisdien and Galena Koster beside temptingly delicious treats from Storm Lake Candy Company.



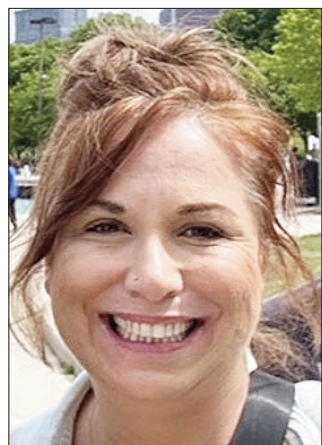
# Grand opening for Luxe Lily

Luxe Lily, a flower and decor shop at 625 Lake Ave., held an official grand opening and ribbon cutting Thursday, June

20, with a huge crowd, great food and a tour of the refurbished upstairs, now a VRBO rental coined the "Lily Pad."



LUCIANO TARIN GONZALEZ



MEGAN MOLSEED

## Molseed, Tarin Gonzalez to present Admiral's Award

Megan Molseed and Luciano Tarin Gonzalez will determine the winner of the Admiral's Award, the best entry in the 2024 Star Spangled Spectacular Big Parade.

The Admirals Award, bestowed by the Storm Lake Times Pilot, is in its 18th year. The winner is presented with an imprinted buoy right before the parade, so look for the winner as the entries go by.



Judges will keep in mind this year's theme "Light Up the Sky on the Fourth of July."

Megan is a reporter/online editor at the Storm Lake Times

Luciano is an artist who intricately painted the lighthouse located at the school administration building, plus the 150th themed lighthouse commissioned by the city. He graduated from Storm Lake High School in 2004.

"I just have a passion for art more than anything," he said. He works in Cherokee.

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. July 4.



Tyson won the Admiral's Award last year. Judges were Tim Steffen and Amber Mohmand.

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