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Spirit Lake man takes plea deal three months after armed incident

Seth Boyes
News Editor



Brian De Jesus Alameda

A Spirit Lake man has been given a suspended two-year jail sentence after a domestic incident involving a hand gun earlier this year.

Brian De Jesus Alameda was initially charged with going armed with intent, assault with intent to inflict serious injury, domestic abuse/assault and possession of marijuana after police responded to a call around 10:12 p.m. Sunday, April 23 at the Hawthorn Apartments in Spirit Lake.

Criminal complaints in the case said De Jesus Alameda had displayed the weapon during a verbal altercation. A statement from the police department said officers were able to safely remove the victims from the apartment after authorities arrived, but De Jesus Alameda remained inside and armed. Authorities "were able to start a positive dialogue" with the 22-year-old, eventually convincing him to put down the firearm and surrender.

Authorities found he was also in possession of about 2 grams of marijuana. He was arrested and booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 5:22 a.m. the next day, and a no contact order was put in place.

Court documents indicated the the protected party had moved out of the 22-year-old's home by early May, and the court agreed to modify the order to allow De Jesus Alameda to return to his residence. A later request from one of the protected parties asked that communications about the 22-year-old's child and vehicle not be prohibited as part of the no contact order. A modified order

■ De Jesus Alameda

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COUNTY SUPERVISORS DEFER TO P&Z, BOA ON TURBINE MORATORIUM



Kristine VanKleek spoke to the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, asking that a three-year moratorium be placed on wind turbine development in Dickinson County as local ordinances are updated. The board took no action on the matter. (Photo by Seth Boyes)

A citizen group called Dickinson County Concerned Citizens — or DC3 — are calling for county officials to update local ordinances regarding wind turbines. The group also sought a three-year moratorium on new turbines while the ordinances are updated. (File photo)



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A proposed moratorium on local wind turbine projects didn't gain any ground during Tuesday's meeting of the Dickinson County Supervisors, after chair Bill Leupold said it would be inappropriate for the board to act on the matter without a recommendation from officials with the county's plan-

ning and zoning commission.

Members of the group Dickinson County Concerned Citizens — a group unrelated to the Concerned Citizens of Dickinson County, which opposed a housing development near Chalstrom Beach in 2018 — left few chairs unoccupied in the gallery ahead of Tuesday's board meeting. The

■ Supervisors

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Naig talks land and livestock during first visit to Dickinson County Fair

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News Editor

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig caught a glimpse of everything from the kiddie tractor pull to sheep grooming ahead of the overall showmanship competition during his first visit to the Dickinson County Fair last week.

"I'm impressed with the facilities," Naig said. "I'm always struck by the fact that you don't build a fair like this immediately. It takes a lot of leadership, and I really want to commend the board and all the 4-H leaders and everybody that's involved in this."

The secretary went on to say

some in the public might not fully realize a robust agriculture community surrounds the Lakes Area's well-known recreation and tourism industry. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated about 187,000 acres of Dickinson County — about 77 percent of its total area — are used as farmland.

In 2021, Dickinson County's farmers produced nearly as many bushels of corn for grain as the county has year-round residents, according to USDA stats, and that number grew by about 1,000 the next year.

Fair organizers told Naig they've recently seen a dip in livestock numbers during the county fair competitions. They said many of the local students who participated in the Dickinson County's 4-H and Future Farmers of America programs graduated in the last two years, and fair orga-

nizers noted it is often the senior members who exhibit several animals in multiple competitions. On the bright side, organizers did say upcoming class sizes give them reason to believe livestock numbers at the fair will rebound within a few years.

Naig was able to speak with several young exhibitors he met while walking the fairgrounds last week. He said the youth were focused and determined as they cared for their animals — some of the young people were preparing for the fair's overall showmanship

■ Naig

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Clean Water Panel added to Okoboji Blue Water Festival agenda

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

8 a.m.

• Chalkstock

9:10:30 a.m.

• Fishing Seminar

10 a.m.

• Storytime with Milford Library

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Exhibitor's Row

• Kid's and family activities

10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

• State/Local Panel Discussion

12:30-1:30 p.m.

• Okoboji Protective Association Annual Meeting

2:30 p.m.

• Keynote Speaker

Jon Bowermaster

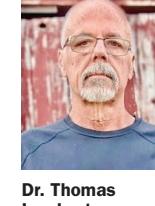
7:15 p.m.

• Concert begins

• To learn more about the OBWF, go to the website at okobojibluewaterfestival.com or the OBWF Facebook page.



Mike Hawkins, Iowa DNR fisheries biologist



Dr. Thomas Isenhardt, professor of Natural Resource Ecology and Management



Jennifer Terry, project manager for the Source Water Research Assessment



for the panel will be Joe McGovern, president of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

Thomas Isenhardt, a professor at Iowa State University in Natural Resource Ecology and Management, will be one of the four panelists. Isenhardt's research interests include stream, riparian and watershed management as well as the design and establishment of conservation buffers to improve the environmental efficiency of agriculture. He's also interested in land use/hydrology and stream bed and bank erosion, watershed assessment, and greenhouse gas emissions.

Mike Hawkins, Iowa DNR fisheries biologist at the Spirit Lake Hatchery, will also be part of next month's panel. As a key biologist, Hawkins has been at the center of the battle against exotics and invasive species entering the Iowa Great Lakes.

■ Blue Water Festival

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Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig and state Sen. Dave Rowley of Spirit Lake shared a laugh after the group grabbed some lunch during Naig's visit to the Dickinson County Fair. (Photo by Seth Boyes)

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MUCH TO SEE AND DO AT MILFORD PIONEER DAYS



Another Milford Pioneer Days is in the books. The city's annual celebration got started Friday and featured food as well as numerous activities for young people in Florence Park. Monday morning began with a 5K run at Crossfit Okoboji. The weekend's parade was met with cheers and shouts of excitement along Highway 71 later that morning. Food was again served in Florence Park as well as musical entertainment from the Okoboji Music Masters. Saturday afternoon was also full of friendly competition. Suped-up lawn tractors — with names like "Grandpa's Dime," "Contents Under Pressure" and "Slightly Twisted" — roared down a dirt track near Memorial Park during the mini-roads event. Organizers also welcomed a hungry few to the donut and marshmallow eating contests later that afternoon back in Florence Park. Damian Gano of Spirit Lake won the \$50 prize in the donut eating competition, and his 7-year-old daughter Jaycie Shearer tied with 14-year-old Madison Wright of Council Bluffs for the top spot in the marshmallow eating contest — the two girls split the prize money for first place in that event. The afternoon closed out with the adults bean bag tournament, and Sunday featured several events, such as the Tractor Ride Around West Lake.

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THURSDAY NIGHT
A chance of showers, low around 67.



FRIDAY
High 88 | Low 60

A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. East northeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

FRIDAY NIGHT
A chance of showers, low around 60.



SATURDAY
High 81 | Low 59

Sunny, with a high near 81.

SATURDAY NIGHT
Mostly clear, with a low around 59.



SUNDAY
High 82 | Low 63

Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

SUNDAY NIGHT
A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, low around 63. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



MONDAY
High 84 | Low 64

Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

MONDAY NIGHT
Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Josh Carr returns to Camp Foster as executive director



Josh Carr

A familiar face is returning to Camp Foster to help wrap up the 2023 season and provide leadership for campers and camp counselors moving forward.

Josh Carr is returning to Camp Foster in his executive director role, effective Aug. 7. Carr was previously the executive director at Camp Foster from 2008 to 2022, when he left the organization to pursue his calling of leading youth ministries at First Lutheran Church in Milford.

"I love my church and my church family. I have been truly thankful for this time to get to know them better," Carr said. "Camp Foster is a shining example of what a community can be. That is why so many, including myself, are drawn to it. I count it a blessing to serve all the families that are a part of the YMCA. I am looking forward to implementing new projects and programs in our new camp spaces in the future."

Andrew Fisher, CEO of the YMCA of the Okoboji, said they are glad to see Carr return.

"Having someone with intimate knowledge of the organization and the day-to-day workings of the camp come back in a leadership role positions Camp Foster for further success in the future," Fisher said. "We're thrilled to have Josh return to camp to help lead us into next year's camping season. Josh was instrumental in the planning and development of the camp portions of the Igniting a Healthy Legacy Campaign, so it's great he'll be back now that those projects are coming to completion."

For more information, visit www.campfosterymca.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

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competition as they chatted with the secretary.

"The things they're doing here at the fair just give them a little insight and a little window — maybe a little excitement and some passion starts to build — and that leads to a career in the future," Naig said.

And many in the agriculture industry are currently keeping a weather eye on the markets, according to Naig. He said multiple factors are prompting some producers to mitigate unpredictability as best they can.

"Nobody likes uncertainty in their business," Naig said. "The pork industry in particular, you've got producers losing money per head on every animal they sell. You've got dairies that are really under pressure in terms of pricing. And things like the Russian invasion of Ukraine and those types of things actually impact our grain markets right here."

Naig said other factors, such as weather, are beyond the individual farmer's control, and Mother Nature hasn't been blessing Iowa's farmers equally.

"We're dry in places, and yet over much of the state we have seen some really beneficial and timely rains, so that's always a mixed bag, but that's certainly on people's minds," Naig said.

A Monday crop condition

report from Naig's office said the dry yet cool conditions allowed for about 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork the week of the secretary's local stop. The report said much of Iowa — from the northwest to the southeast portion of the state — saw little to no rain the previous week, with the average rainfall across the state measuring less than a quarter inch — typically the average would be almost an inch of rain, according to Naig's office.

Naig said Iowa's farmers are also watching potential policy changes as Congress drafts an updated farm bill — the federal bill is rewritten every five years, and the current version is set to expire in late September. Naig said pork producers in the Hawkeye State are also expressing concern over the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision to uphold California's Proposition 12, which places restrictions on how pork producers who wish to sell to the Golden State must raise their animals. Specifically, the regulations would prohibit operations from confining certain animal breeds in a "cruel manner," according to information from the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

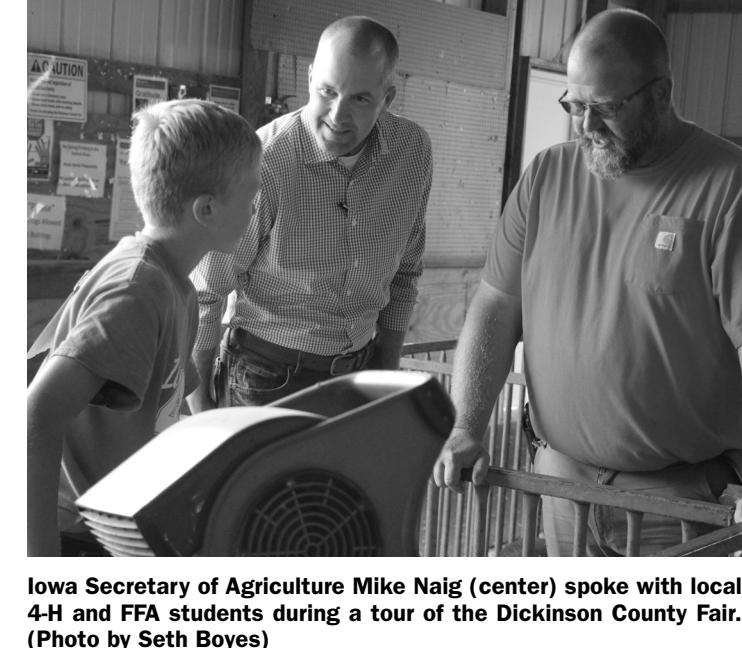
"Of course, what that ultimately does is drive up the cost of production, which drives up the cost of food," Naig said. "And really

I would argue it's wrong that one state, just using their market power, should be able to impose their preferences on another. That's really what it comes down to — what's interstate commerce and what's protected?"

Naig noted during his discussions with county fair organizers and local state legislators that many of Iowa's pork producers would potentially need to borrow money in order to comply with the minimum space requirements under Proposition 12. However, he pointed out farmers can only guarantee their lenders an operation will be in compliance until the next time the law potentially changes, which Naig felt might make it difficult if not impossible for Iowa farms — especially small operations — to secure such funds.

While the Supreme Court's decision didn't close the book on Proposition 12 as Naig hoped the court might, it did open the opportunity for Congress to address the situation legislatively, which he feels is a step in the right direction.

"It's pork production today, but just let your mind run," Naig said. "Imagine what one state could try to impose on another if this is all allowed to stand. It's food production today, but it will certainly be other things tomorrow if this is



Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig (center) spoke with local 4-H and FFA students during a tour of the Dickinson County Fair. (Photo by Seth Boyes)

not corrected."

He went on to say, despite the challenges agriculture producers are currently facing, the need for farmers — including those in northwest Iowa — is widespread. And he still foresees a productive future for young people, like those he met at the Dickinson County Fair who are considering careers in agriculture.

"Demand's never been greater," Naig said. "This is important. This is meaningful work. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else

in the world, confronting those challenges than right here in Iowa, and I also think agriculture is all about innovation and all about change and trying to deal with the challenges that are before us. I always try to boil it down to thinking, at the end of all of this, what we do in ag is supplying food and ag products to a consumer, and that consumer is here — right here in Dickinson County, Iowa — and then it's also a consumer around the world. And that work's never been more important."

De Jesus Alameda

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was filed by the court in late June.

De Jesus Alameda initially pleaded not guilty to the charges in a May 9 filing, but prosecutors asked the court to modify the assault charge the next month to charge the 22-year-old with first-degree harassment. Court documents indicate the change was part of a plea negotiation.

"When we entered into that plea agreement we really based it on him having no prior criminal record," Goodlow said, adding that his office worked with the court's victim witness coordinator to reach a plea bargain agreeable to the principal victim. "He's on probation with us, so if he has any problems within the

next year in Dickinson County, we will know it, and his probation will be revoked. He'd be looking at jail time or potentially prison."

De Jesus Alameda signed a new plea on June 26, pleading guilty to the harassment charge. A trial had most recently been scheduled for Aug. 22, 2023.

De Jesus Alameda potential-

ly faced up to two years in prison and a fine of at least \$855 regarding the harassment charge, according to court documents. The court saw fit to suspend the 22-year-old's jail term as recommended by state prosecutors. De Jesus Alameda was ordered to serve a one-year period of probation and pay the \$855 fine. The remaining charges — going armed with intent, domestic abuse/assault and possession of a controlled substance — were dismissed as part of the court's decision, and the no contact order was extended for a period of five years, during which time he is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Blue Water Festival

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Rosie Roberts, conservation agronomist with the Iowa Soybean Association, will be lending her expertise during next month's panel as well. Roberts connects farmers to financial cost-share for conservation practices, provides technical assistance to producers and serves as in-house conservation expertise to the partnering cooperative.

Jennifer Terry, project manager for the Source Water Research

Assessment in Polk County, is expected to be the final member of the panel. Terry oversees a water quality improvement project which will produce a science-based report about the quality of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers, as well as a roadmap for restoring and protecting area rivers for public health, safe drinking water sources, water trails and investment and infrastructure in the region.

"I am excited to moderate this

panel of experts as we discuss water quality issues for the Lakes Region and all of Iowa," McGovern said. "During the Q&A session, we will discuss the problems we face, but more importantly what we can do to solve them."

Drees encouraged all who attend next month's Okoboji Blue Water Festival to check out all the activities under the Big Tent — everything from a fishing seminar, to the Okoboji Protective Associa-

tion's Annual Meeting and keynote speaker Jon Bowermaster.

Kate Mendenhall, president of the Okoboji Protective Association, said visitors are welcome to come to the OPA Annual Meeting, which will take place at 12:30 p.m. that day.

"It is open to the public, and we think it is a great way to learn more about the organization's mission, clean water initiatives and to listen to the special speak-

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EDITOR'S NOTE

SOMETIMES YOU'VE GOT TO SCURRY TO SNAP SOME GOOD SHOTS

I did the math.

I've taken photos of two separate 5K races the past two Saturdays, and I myself have put in more footsteps doing that than I would have if I'd signed up to run either of them — not that I would, running's never been my thing.

And, though there's no 5K for me to photograph this weekend (at least not one that I'm aware of), I'll be snapping shots at yet another 5K next Saturday during Lake Park's Farmers Appreciation Days.

We'll see how far I end up walking that day — it'll probably be a few miles.

Now, I had a bit of fun in preparing for this year's Farmers Appreciation Days, after I did a little more math and realized this year marked the 40th annual celebration for the Lake Park community. So I dug into our archives to see what I could find in the paper during those first years — yes, that's the fun part ... for me anyway ... hey, some people out there like to run three miles on a Saturday morning.

And what I found was some humble beginnings that grew into what we know today. There weren't too many reports on the celebration that first year, just some brief announcements and reminders. In fact, back then the festivities were confined to a single Farmers Appreciation Day.

I even found some photos of the inaugural parade — probably taken from a downtown rooftop, judging by the distance. And for some reason, those really resonated with me. Maybe it was because I've been in that position (metaphorically speaking of course), the one where you post up in a single spot trying not to miss a single well-composed moment as everything seems to fly by, but you're simul-

taneously wondering if you should scurry somewhere else in pursuit of hypothetically better shots.

It's a real grass-is-greener sort of situation.

You want to chronicle as much as possible for posterity and for the friends and neighbors who will find faces they know inside the pages of the newspaper next time they pick it up. So scurry you do.

You scurry from the triathlon's starting line on the sandy beach to catch the start of the 5K on the other side of the bridge — then back again ... and then, when it's all done, you still gotta cross the bridge one more time just to get back to your car.

You scurry from the parade to the park to catch the hamburger picnic before the line of people stretching out to the street gets any shorter. Then you scurry up to the ball fields to take photos of suped-up lawnmowers as they scream by at a whopping 6-8 mph — and you smile a little when you see how well those photos turned out. But then you've got to scurrying back to capture folks stuffing their mouths full of donuts and marshmallows — all in pursuit of a \$50 prize.

You scurry because, to catch those slices of life each year — the kind plenty of folks will stare at for at least a moment or two when they hold a thin sheet of newsprint in their hands — you've got to put in those steps.

And you put in those steps because knowing what those moments mean to some people makes all that scurrying worthwhile.

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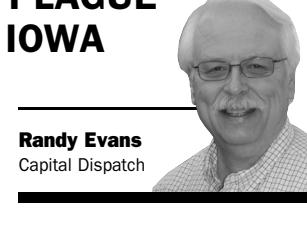
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GUEST COMMENTARY

THIN SKIN — AND INTOLERANCE OF FREE SPEECH — PLAGUE SOME OFFICIALS IN IOWA



Randy Evans
Capital Dispatch

Around the time the famous movie "The Bridges of Madison County" premiered in 1995, author Robert James Waller was at a book-signing in West Des Moines. Between scribbling his signature for fans on copies of his novel, Waller answered questions from a Des Moines Register reporter.

At one point, the persnickety Iowan became peeved by the nature of the reporter's questions. He yanked the notebook from her hand and flipped it aside.

That led to a letter to the editor a few days later in the Register in which a reader observed that Waller should use some of his millions in book and movie royalties to buy himself a thicker skin.

Some local government officials in Iowa show signs of needing thicker skins, too, because they have tried to silence critics at meetings of city councils and school boards for making comments they did not like.

Earlier this month, Davenport Mayor Mike Matson threatened to adjourn any city council meeting if a member of the public makes comments that he or the city attorney believe are defamatory toward city employees or officials.

Controversy has bubbled in Cherokee over plans to arm up to 40 school employees with guns. Last month, the school board president read a statement in which the school's attorney suggested legal action could be taken against a Cherokee mother for calling school officials inept.

And in the Bettendorf school district, as in some other Iowa districts, the school board president reads a statement before the "public forum" portion of each meeting. That statement claims, inaccurately, that Iowa law prohibits discussing specific employees or their job performance.

The Cherokee school board has a similar prohibition on naming individuals, although it cites school policies and Robert's Rules of Order as the legal basis for preventing speakers from mentioning employees by name.

Do such policies violate the First Amendment's right to freedom of speech? If people cannot criticize government employees by name during meetings, does that mean they cannot praise an employee, either? It would not be a reasonable viewpoint-neutral position for a city council or school board to take if officials are permitted praise but not criticism.

These are not hypothetical questions. Noah Petersen can tell you that. The Newton man was arrested at successive meetings of the Newton City Council last October for refusing to comply with a city council policy that bars derogatory statements or comments about any individual. Petersen was charged with disorderly conduct for harshly criticizing Newton police officials and Mayor Michael Hansen.

Jasper County Magistrate Peter Lahn found Petersen not guilty. His written verdict should be read by government officials from Ackley to Zwingle because it contains important reminders about the meaning of the First Amendment.

"It would be difficult if not impossible for a concerned citizen to comment regarding city policies or the provision of city services without referencing to some extent an official city position (e.g., mayor, police chief, etc.)" the magistrate wrote.

"The defendant was not a spectator, but rather a participant in a limited public forum during the recognized citizen participation portion of the city council's meeting. ... He did not act in any objectively unreasonable manner. He read a prepared statement relating to the basic city service of policing."

Magistrate Lahn continued, "The First Amendment is an integral part of our law and social framework. Speech concerning public affairs is the essence of self-government."

The Newton City Council meetings include a specific time for citizens to share their input on city services and policies, the magistrate said. Petersen remained at the podium and did not use abusive language or gestures when he addressed the council, the magistrate said. Nothing in Petersen's actions substantially impaired the conduct of the council's meetings, the magistrate added.

I understand the concerns of government officials in places like Davenport and Cherokee about unnecessary harm to the reputation of government employees. But a bigger concern should be the not-so-subtle form of intimidation these policies represent, especially with the Davenport mayor saying he will immediately adjourn council meetings if a speaker begins making comments that are "defamatory in nature."

Defamation is not a synonym for criticism. Lots of people criticize me, or my former employer, without crossing the line into defaming me or the Des Moines Register. I knew what I was getting into when my name began appearing on the masthead.

Likewise, it should not surprise Davenport city leaders that some people are critical of how city government responded to complaints about conditions at an apartment in the weeks before the back side of the six-story building collapsed in May, killing three people.

But just because some people's opinions are critical of city leaders or key city employees does not automatically make those opinions defamatory. When controversy ensues, government officials are shortsighted when they try to take away the ability of people to voice their views of government and its workers.

Voters are perceptive. They see these efforts to muffle dissent for what they are — thinly veiled attempts to intimidate people into silence on the matters of tremendous local interest.

Being able to receive public criticism is in the job description for elected officials and top-level city administrators. At least it should be. It certainly is for newspaper editors.

GUEST COMMENTARY

SECURING THE INTEGRITY OF AMERICAN ELECTIONS

The integrity of our elections and the power of our vote are vital to the health of our democracy. The United States remains a beacon of hope and promise because the people — not politicians — determine the outcome of elections with their voice and their vote.

We have witnessed this firsthand in Iowa. Through commonsense reforms, our elections are the gold standard — conducted with the utmost integrity, precision and speed. This exceptional caliber must serve as the roadmap for all 50 states to ensure that our elections are free, fair and transparent.

That's why, I — alongside the House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and House Administration Committee Chairman Bryan Steil — recently helped introduce the American Confidence in Elections Act, which would replicate Iowa's success at the federal level while making it easier to vote and harder to cheat. Among many important reforms, this legislation would strengthen access for election observers to promote accountability, require annual voter list maintenance and stop unsolicited mailing of ballots to unsecure lists. It would also require voter ID laws nationwide and prohibit illegal immigrants from voting in elections. Only American citizens with valid IDs should be allowed to vote in our elections — period.

This package also includes legislation that I sponsored — the VOT-

ERS Act — which requires the Election Assistance Commission Standards Board to confer with states and local communities to assemble and distribute best practices for administering federal elections. These practices include voter signature verification processes, voter roll maintenance, election observer access rules, poll worker recruitment, post-election audits and unofficial ballot counting procedures. By including election officials from Iowa in the national conversation, we can better disseminate procedures that have worked well in our state and encourage other states to implement proven solutions that have secured our elections and protected the integrity of every vote.

Americans should be confident that their vote counts and our elections are conducted with absolute transparency and accountability. I am confident that the American Confidence in Elections Act will restore confidence in our elections, empower the American people to exercise their right to vote and offer important reforms to our electoral processes. In Congress, I will continue to work with my colleagues to secure our elections and ensure that every legal vote in every county in every state counts.



Randy Feenstra
U.S. Rep.

GUEST COMMENTARY

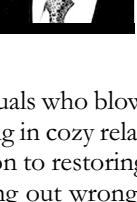
Q&A: WHISTLEBLOWERS SHINE LIGHT ON WRONGDOING

Q: WHAT IS WHISTLEBLOWER APPRECIATION DAY?

A: Throughout my work on behalf of Iowans in Congress, I take seriously my constitutional oversight responsibilities to ensure the government works for the American people, not the other way around. Whistleblowers play a crucial role by shining light on wrongdoing. As co-founder and co-chair of the Senate Whistleblower Protection Caucus, I reintroduced a bipartisan resolution to designate July 30 as "National Whistleblower Appreciation Day" for the 10th consecutive year. This resolution celebrates the courageous contributions of unsung heroes in civic life who blow the whistle to combat corruption and wrongdoing that violate the law, waste taxpayer dollars and put the American people in harm's way. Whistleblowers put their reputations on the line to tell the truth and deserve recognition, not retribution. The Continental Congress unanimously adopted the first whistleblower law 245 years ago on July 30, 1778, calling upon "all persons in the service of the United States ... to give the earliest information to Congress or other proper authority of any misconduct, fraud or misdemeanors ... which may come to their knowledge." Our Senate resolution reaffirms the intent of the nation's founders and calls upon federal agencies to encourage and support whistleblowers when they disclose misconduct.

However, support for whistleblowers doesn't start and stop on July 30. It's a year-round job. I keep my nose to the grindstone in Washington to protect taxpayer dollars and weed out corruption and wrongdoing at all levels of government. That includes working to increase whistleblower protections for patriots on the front lines in the federal bureaucracy and to hold those accountable who unlawfully retaliate against whistleblowers. It takes guts to rock the boat in any organization, especially when there's an institutional culture to go along to get along.

My longstanding oversight of the FBI reflects the essential need for the Justice Department to embrace transparency to restore the American people's confidence in the justice system and not be poisoned by partisan bias. With the help of whistleblowers, I have held the Justice Department accountable for its botched investigation of convicted sex offender Larry Nassar, its reckless pursuit of parents speaking out at school board meetings, its targeting and infiltration of Catholic churches and its orchestrated efforts to taint congressional oversight. Most recently, Justice Department whistleblowers have helped me publicly expose the FD-1023 form that alleges a bribery scheme involving then-Vice President Biden.



Chuck Grassley
U.S. Senator

Q: WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO SUPPORT WHISTLEBLOWERS?

A: In 1986, I successfully led a bipartisan effort to update the False Claims Act, known as "Lincoln's Law," to allow the government to recover taxpayer dollars from wrongdoers who defrauded federal agencies. A key provision in that update, known as qui tam, allows whistleblowers to bring suit against alleged fraudsters on behalf of the government and share in any recoveries. Since my amendments were enacted, they're credited with helping to recover more than \$72 billion to the federal treasury and deterring untold billions more from fraud. The U.S. Supreme Court recently delivered a major victory for American taxpayers with its unanimous ruling to restore the original intent of the False Claims Act.

Since the Reagan administration, I've called upon the White House to hold a Rose Garden ceremony in honor of whistleblowers. Instead of being treated like skunks at a picnic, the administration should welcome whistleblowers to bask in the limeight of appreciation of a nation well-served by their courage and sacrifice. It's time for every federal agency to wake up and smell the roses. I recently led efforts to demand the Justice Department and FBI commit to protecting agency whistleblowers who disclosed the existence of FBI records alleging a criminal scheme involving then-Vice President Biden and a foreign national. As Iowa's senior U.S. Senator, I'll continue to champion whistleblowers and strengthen laws to protect them from retaliation. This Congress, I've introduced legislation to strengthen the IRS whistleblower program, extend protections for corporate whistleblowers and provide whistleblower protections to Department of Energy civil servants.

I understand the concerns of government officials in places like Davenport and Cherokee about unnecessary harm to the reputation of government employees. But a bigger concern should be the not-so-subtle form of intimidation these policies represent, especially with the Davenport mayor saying he will immediately adjourn council meetings if a speaker begins making comments that are "defamatory in nature."

Defamation is not a synonym for criticism. Lots of people criticize me, or my former employer, without crossing the line into defaming me or the Des Moines Register. I knew what I was getting into when my name began appearing on the masthead.

Likewise, it should not surprise Davenport city leaders that some people are critical of how city government responded to complaints about conditions at an apartment in the weeks before the back side of the six-story building collapsed in May, killing three people.

But just because some people's opinions are critical of city leaders or key city employees does not automatically make those opinions defamatory. When controversy ensues, government officials are shortsighted when they try to take away the ability of people to voice their views of government and its workers.

Voters are perceptive. They see these efforts to muffle dissent for what they are — thinly veiled attempts to intimidate people into silence on the matters of tremendous local interest.

Being able to receive public criticism is in the job description for elected officials and top-level city administrators. At least it should be. It certainly is for newspaper editors.

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SPIRIT LAKE ALUMNI WINS SECOND EMMY AWARD



Nicholas Schrunk, a 2004 graduate of Spirit Lake High School, recently celebrated his second Emmy Award win along with director of photography Will Roege on May 22 at a ceremony held in New York City.

The award was in recognition of Schrunk and his team's outstanding camera work in the sports film, "The Dragon." The film, featuring the famous "Tail of the Dragon" road in Tennessee, showcases the racing prowess of professional rallycross driver Scott Speed. Schrunk, the son of Michael and Sharon Schrunk, gave credit to

his high school art teacher Hank Hall, for influencing him along with his many friends, including Spirit Lake native Josh Schaben.

"The Dragon," overtook competing entries focused on sporting events such as the Kentucky Derby, Super Bowl LVII and the NBA. The film has become something of a hit in the realm of action motorsports films. In addition to its critical acclaim, "The Dragon" has garnered millions of views online.

"The Dragon" can be found on YouTube by searching "Red Bull The Dragon."

TRAWL SEES GOOD TURN OUT



Tractors of all sizes, ages and colors made up Sunday morning's Tractor Ride Around West Lake — or TRAWL — during the 2023 Milford Pioneer Days. Organizers said there were 181 tractors, some pulling flat beds and wagons filled with riders who were enjoying the beautiful Lakes Area in reasonable temperatures. People along the route sat on their front lawns and waved to the drivers and riders, who left from Florence Park in Milford; circled the lake and returned to the park for a lunch served by the Okoboji FFA, which sponsored the event. (Photo by Doris Welle)

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citizens group, which calls itself DC3, is comprised of county residents who live near sites where commercial wind turbines might be constructed as part of several potential wind farm projects. No county permitting applications for any of the projects had been submitted as of Tuesday, but the DC3 members said the projects would potentially place hundreds of turbines across rural portions of the county, particularly its western side.

Kristine VanKleek, a member of DC3, said the topic has become polarizing in many ways, but she said the group isn't aiming to pit one side against another. Rather, she said DC3 is calling for county officials to update ordinances regarding wind turbines to provide more equal protection for local residents.

The group said Dickinson County's wind turbine ordinances haven't been updated since 2009, but modern turbine designs have continued to grow in size and scale — about 20 percent taller than they were 15 years ago, according to DC3, and with rotor diameters 60 percent wider. Information on the group's website also points to potential health affects the turbines' shadow flicker, noise and electromagnetism.

"Basically we're just asking for health protection," VanKleek told the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors. "Please protect those that live, work and play here in our county."

Representatives of the group attended last month's meeting of the Dickinson County Planning and Zoning Commission, with a petition of more than 260 signatures calling for the ordinance to be rewritten. But drafting a new county ordinance could take some time for the volunteer commission members to complete — some at Tuesday's meeting cited a three-year estimate. In the mean time, the DC3 members asked the board of supervisors to approve a three-year moratorium, which would prohibit the coun-

ty, its board of adjustment and the planning and zoning commission from receiving, considering or approving any application for commercial wind turbine projects.

The Sioux County Board of Supervisors took similar action in September of 2022, placing a one-year moratorium on the development of wind turbines. Woodbury County took action in August of 2022 to update its setback requirements for wind turbines, and Plymouth County officials did so as well in April of this year.

VanKleek said DC3 anticipates at least one local wind project applications will be submitted within a matter of months, and the group feels a moratorium should be put in place while the local planning and zoning commission irons out a new ordinance.

However, the board of supervisors took no action on the proposed moratorium.

Chairman Leupold and others indicated the planning and zoning commission has created a subcommittee to specifically address local wind project developments as part of the commission's overall effort to update its comprehensive zoning plan. Leupold said he felt the moratorium should not have been placed on Tuesday's agenda prior to a recommendation from either the commission or the Dickinson County Board of Adjustment.

"This group was set up purposely to think about wind turbines and how they should be treated from now on," Leupold said of the commission's subcommittee. "And I thought for us to just take this item and vote on it today — whether it was up or down — would be disrespecting that group."

Leupold chose to exercise his discretion as chair and not take public comment on the moratorium during Tuesday's meeting, later adding he felt parties on both sides of the issue should be present during such talks.

Resident Aaron Janssen, who lives east of Milford near potential



Board chair Bill Leupold exercised his discretion Tuesday and chose to not take public comment regarding a proposed moratorium on wind turbines in Dickinson County. Leupold said he felt parties on both sides of the issue should be present during such talks, and the board took no action on the matter.

wind turbine sites, felt the board of supervisors was railroading DC3 members by not allowing discussion of the moratorium.

"This project has been delayed since 2016," he said. "What's another two to three years at most?"

However, county officials pointed out there will likely be more opportunities for public discussion as the issue works its way through official processes.

"I would think that this will come up again from the P&Z, from the Board of Adjustment or during a public hearing," Leupold said. "At that point, you'll have people — I believe — that would be both for and against that resolution."

Dickinson County Attorney Steve Goodlow told Tuesday's audience, to his knowledge, there are no wind-related items on the board of adjustment's August agenda, but he said he would not be surprised if an application was up for consideration by the board's October meeting.

"We have a very robust board," Goodlow said. "They take their job very seriously in their investigation, in their deliberation if it comes before them."

Goodlow went on to say landowners who would be affected by a potential wind project will receive notice from the county if and when an application is submitted.

In the meantime, VanKleek said DC3 will continue to spread awareness of the potential turbine projects. The group plans to host an informational meeting the evening of Aug. 1 at Swiss Acres Weddings and Events in Terrell.

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OBITUARIES

**BONNIE BOERS**
MARCH 9, 1942 – JULY 21, 2023

Bonnie Boers, age 81, of Milford, passed away Friday, July 21, 2023, at Accura Healthcare of Milford with family by her side.

Private family services will be held. Robinson Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

Bonnie Lee Boers was born on March 9, 1942, in Milford to Francis and Elizabeth (Boutain) Marchand. She attended and graduated from Milford High School in 1960. She was married to Merle Froendt and had two children, Bill and Lyn. She was united in marriage to Harold "Butch" Boers on Aug. 18, 1972. They resided in Milford in the same home that his father built.

Bonnie worked at Berkley/Pure Fishing for 30-plus years. She enjoyed reading a good book, working on word searches, her beloved dog Lena and spending time with her family.

Bonnie is survived by her son Bill Froendt of Spirit Lake, daughter Lyn (Alan) Hicks of Milford, grandchildren, Natasha (Michael) Ray, Chandell (Ben) Collins, Cole Hicks, Jared Ransom, Callie (Tanner) Manwarren, eight great grandchildren; one sister Sharon (Larry) Anfinson, one brother Jack Marchand and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Butch and one brother, Darrell Marchand.

Private family services will be held.

ERIC HINSHAW
MARCH 5, 1959 – JULY 13, 2023

A funeral service for Eric Hinshaw, age 64, of Arnolds Park, was held Monday, July 24, 2023, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford. Interment was at Okoboji Cemetery in Arnolds Park.

Eric Alan Hinshaw was born on March 5, 1959, in Estherville to parents Wheeler and Martha (Abrams) Hinshaw. He was raised along with three older brothers in Arnolds Park and was a 1978 graduate of Spirit Lake High School.

Eric had a varied career, working for several businesses in and around his hometown of Arnolds Park. His most notable stint may have been his time as an amusement rides operator at Arnolds Park Amusement Park. He especially enjoyed his shifts as the engineer of the miniature train which wove its way around the park, delighting many a visitor — young and old.

Eric had a passion for radios, specifically citizens band (CB) and amateur broadcast (HAM). His CB handle was "Big Whip" — inspired by the long whip-like antenna he had attached to his vehicles for years.

Eric also had a profound interest in civil service. So much so, he volunteered many hours to the Arnolds Park Fire and Rescue Department, serving the local community for 35 years.

Eric passed away on July 13, 2023, at Ruthven Community Care Center in Ruthven.

He is survived by his brothers: Bob (Linda) Hinshaw of Spirit Lake; Frank (Jamie) Hinshaw of Lewisville, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Jake Hinshaw formerly of Arnolds Park.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CAROLE JACOB
JAN. 1, 1936 – JUNE 5, 2023

A memorial service for Carole Jacob, age 87, of Milford, was held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji.

Carole Jean Jacob passed away on June 5, 2023, at the age of 87. She was born on Jan. 1, 1936, in Fairmont, Minnesota, to John Miller and Elsie (Lockner) Miller.

On April 21, 1954, Carole married the love of her life, Donald Jacob, in Jackson, Minnesota. Carole lived in Minnesota while Don was serving in the military. Once he was discharged, the couple settled in Milford in 1956.

Carole's dedication to her church, First Lutheran Church, was an integral part of her life. She served on the altar guild and actively participated in numerous church activities. Carole's faith shone brightly through her acts of service, whether it was preparing meals for families, cleaning the church, ironing altar linens or any task that was needed. She touched the lives of many through her unwavering commitment to making the worship experience meaningful for all who entered the church. Carole also extended her generosity beyond the church, volunteering her time to deliver Meals on Wheels and providing support to shut-in church members.

In her professional career, Carole worked for 25 years at Dickinson County Home Health Care. She served as a coordinator and caregiver, passionately striving to provide the best possible care for patients in

Dickinson County. Carole's dedication to her work extended beyond her own role, as she trained and mentored aides, instilling in them the values of compassion and exceptional care.

Carole possessed a green thumb and found joy in tending to her garden and flowers. In her younger years, she enjoyed sewing and embroidery. Family always held a special place in Carole's heart, and she cherished moments spent together. Whether sharing a meal, playing cards or attending events, Carole embraced these gatherings with enthusiasm and love. She delighted in her culinary skills, cooking, baking and creating delectable candies, which she generously shared with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Her Christmas cookies and candies became a cherished tradition, eagerly anticipated by all who were fortunate enough to receive them.

In recent years, Carole battled dementia and faced other health concerns, requiring specialized care. She spent the last three-and-a-half years at Accura Healthcare of Milford, where she received excellent care and attention. In her final weeks, Carole received compassionate support from St. Croix Hospice, ensuring her comfort and well-being.

Carole is survived by her devoted husband Don Jacob; her loving daughter Kim Woods and husband Mark of Littleton, Colorado; and her cherished grandson, Trevor Woods and wife Amy of Charleston, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Elsie Miller, her sister Maxine Hansen, her brother Cecil Miller, her nephew Dennis Miller and her niece Jaclyn Miller.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

JESSE KILGORE
OCT. 29, 1982 – JULY 13, 2023

A memorial service for Jesse Kilgore, age 40, of Lake Park was held Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford.

Jesse Dalton Kilgore, the son of Richard and Karen (Heerde) Kilgore, was born on Oct. 29, 1982, in Topeka, Kansas. When he was 13, the family moved to the Iowa Great Lakes Area, where Jesse attended Okoboji High School.

On Jan. 8, 2010, Jesse was married to Katherine Graef in Spirit Lake. They were blessed with three children: Dalton, Nathan and Claire, and they were the light of his life. He loved spending time with his children above all else.

Jesse was super personable and outgoing, enjoyed music, motor sports, fishing and had a soft spot for animals, especially his pets. Jesse loved cooking and worked as a cook in area restaurants.

Jesse passed away July 13, 2023, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at 40 years of age.

He is survived by his children, Dalton, Nathan and Claire Kilgore; former spouse Katie Kilgore; mother Karen Kilgore; siblings, Shane (Barb) Kilgore and Bambi Williams; aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jesse was preceded in death by his father Richard Kilgore; grandparents, Julius and Myona Heerde and Ted and Regina Kilgore; and one uncle, Terry Lynn Heerde.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BEVERLY PEARSON
FEB. 9, 1927 – MARCH, 20, 2023

Beverly Schultz Pearson, age 96, of Okoboji, passed away peacefully on the first day of spring, March 20, 2023, with family by her side.

There will be a celebration of life from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 29, 2023, at the Pearson Lakes Art Center in Okoboji. A private family burial was held in Riverside Cemetery in Spencer.

Beverly Mary (Schultz) Pearson was born Feb. 9, 1927, one of a pair of twin girls to Walter and Florence (Duncan) Schultz in Hoffman, Minnesota, and was baptized on June 12, 1927. As a young girl, Bev moved with her family to a farm near Trimont, Fox Lake Township, Minnesota. In April 1941, Bev was confirmed at the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Welcome, Minnesota. She attended country school in Trimont and graduated from Trimont High School with the class of 1945. Following her graduation, Bev went on to earn her medical technology degree in Minneapolis.

Bev was a member of the First Congregational Church in Spencer and enjoyed learning all the latest dance moves with La Danza, art and history with Questers, and tutelage from acclaimed artists in different mediums worldwide. Bev was a talented watercolor painter, painting still life and landscapes across her many travels in Greece, Portugal and the American Southwest. She was an active member of the Pearson Lakes Art Center and supported gallery exhibits, demonstrations, education and performances both there and at the Okoboji Summer Theater, where she received the honor of Woman of the Year in 2020. She enjoyed golf, quilting, tennis, playing bridge and having coffee with her friends.

Through the years, Bev enjoyed accompanying her husband, Bud on their many travels around the world. They made their home first

in Trimont then in Spencer. Their residence in the Okobojis was the opportunity to grow a circle of friends and family, later finding community in Scottsdale, Arizona, during the winters. Bev's last home was the Deerfield community in Des Moines. She loved her family and especially treasured time spent with grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her many pets throughout the years. She will be greatly missed by those who loved her and called her a friend.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Florence Schultz; husband Gerald "Bud" Pearson, children, Monte and Maribeth, and sisters, Bernadine Roebbeke and Nancy Torkelson.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Steve (Lori), Perry (Teresa) and Liecia, brother Jerry (Phyllis) Schultz of Ridgecrest, California, her devoted grandchildren Michael (Keely), Kimberly (Ali), Erika (Mat), Chance (Kasey) and Dillon, her great-grandchildren Finn, Leif, Odin, Violet, Jasmine, Swaze and Fox as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Bev's family would like to extend special gratitude to the caregivers at Caring Hearts, whose daily help allowed Bev dignity, independence and companionship: Michelle Hixson, Jenifer Mann, Natalya Pindexter, Emily Rollison, Patience York, Tiffani Catron, Jane Githinji, Toccara Hogan, Vicky Ozimek and Grace Koch.

To honor Bev's life, the family requests charitable donations be made to the Pearson Lakes Art Center and the Okoboji Summer Theatre.

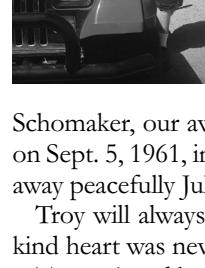
**RICHARD PETERSON**
NOV. 27, 1950 – JULY 23, 2023

Richard Peterson, age 72, of Hartley, formerly of Spirit Lake, passed away July 23, 2023, at Community Memorial Health Center in Hartley with family by his side.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 31, at East Side Cemetery in Estherville. Military honors will be conducted by the Iowa National Guard. Robinson Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Online Condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com.

Richard David Peterson was born Nov. 27, 1950, to Richard A. and Marianne (Myers) Peterson in Estherville. He graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1969 and then served his country. Richard was an amazing chef and, while serving in the Army, was the personal chef to a commanding officer. After his honorable discharge, he worked in construction until a motorcycle accident forced him to retire.

In his free time, Richard loved to hunt, fish and create delicious meals for family and friends. Left to cherish his memory are his sister Jean (Dave) Hillary of Sheldon and brother Tom Peterson of Arizona, along with many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents.

**TROY SCHOMAKER**
SEPT. 5, 1961 – JULY 7, 2023

A memorial gathering for Troy Schomaker, age 61, of Milford, will be held from 3-5 p.m. Friday, July 28, 2023, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford. Following the gathering, there will be a celebration of life dinner at Florence Park in Milford in memory of Troy Allan Schomaker, our awesome brother, uncle and friend. Troy was born on Sept. 5, 1961, in Estherville at Holy Family Hospital. Troy passed away peacefully July 7, 2023, at his home in Milford.

Troy will always be remembered for making everyone laugh. His kind heart was never cherished enough, and it was so very big.

Troy enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved searching for and finding artifacts, turning over every interesting rock he stumbled upon. Come football season, Troy would wear his Dick Butkus No. 51 jersey and cheer on the Chicago Bears.

Troy was an amazing cook and made his food from scratch — just don't ask what he scratched before he made it. Troy was always sweating over his grill and smoker for his friends and family. When Troy would walk in a room, he would either be flipping you crap or making your day brighter — "cheese and rice" I cannot believe we are writing his obituary.

Good bye Troy. We love and miss you dearly. We know you are cruising in a Jeep in heaven with the top down and sipping on some sun tea while watching over friends and family left here on earth.

Troy's faith was strong. He believed in Jesus Christ our Lord in heaven and has left this earth to reunite with family and friends and to live with God. He is proceeded in death by his grandparents, his mother Rachel DeEtta James Schomaker Ostheimer and several good friends. He is survived by his birth daughter and her family, his brother Timothy Schomaker, his three sisters: Chantelle Ostheimer and Tim Adams, Kristy and Rodger Linn, Kirston and Chad Goodman, nieces and nephews: Tyler, Tynan, Nicholes, Amanda (Moo), Cory, Brady, Brandon, Courtney, Dustin, Shauna, Alley and Sanora as well as several great nieces and great nephews.

Troy's quote for everyone was to "find yourself out of a rock and a hard place." These are words to live by.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

SIRENS

ARNOLDS PARK PD CHARGES 17 AFTER BAR CHECKS

The Arnolds Park Police Department conducted checks for underage drinking at local licensed establishments. Police arrested a total of 17 people for various alcohol-related charges, and 15 falsified driver's licenses were seized. The Arnolds Park Police Department was assisted by the Iowa State Patrol, Department of Public Safety Communication Mobile Command Trailer, Okoboji Police Department, Milford Police Department, Dickinson County Sheriff's Office, Dickinson County Communication Center, Dickinson County Jail and Dickinson County Emergency Management. Each of the individuals was booked into the Dickinson County Jail. Those arrested were:

- Sidney Nicole Rainey, age 20, of Van Meter — misuse of license or ID to acquire alcohol, public intoxication
- Claire Cristine Thornton, 19, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota — misuse of license or ID to acquire alcohol, possession of alcohol under legal age
- Emily Jennifer Pals, age 19, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota — misuse of license or ID to acquire alcohol, possession of alcohol under legal age
- Summer Elizabeth Ochs, age 18, of Tea, South Dakota — misuse of license or ID to acquire alcohol, possession of alcohol under legal age
- Nicholas Robert Miller, age 19, of Sioux City — misuse of license or ID to acquire alcohol, public intoxication
- Addison Michelle Kuehl, age 18, of Dakota Dunes, South Dakota — misuse of license or ID to acquire alcohol, possession of alcohol under legal age
- Drayton William Priebe, age 20, of Chamberlain, South Dakota, — misuse of license or ID to acquire alcohol, public intoxication
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- Mayce Sophia Olsen-Larson, age 19, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota — misuse of license or ID to acquire alcohol, possession of alcohol under legal age
- Matthew William Slattery, age 19, of Omaha, Nebraska — misuse of license or ID to acquire alcohol, public intoxication

TEENS CHARGED WITH UNDERAGE ALCOHOL POSSESSION

A Spirit Lake Police report listed 11 teens who were charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at approximately 11:07 p.m., July 24, in the 200 block of 252nd Avenue in Orleans. Those charged were:

- Owen Troy Larson, age 18, of Estherville
- Jeremiah Calvin Kredit, age 19, of Sioux Center
- Tyce Ruffridge, age 19, of Pocahontas
- Mackenzie Elizabeth Kauffman, age 19, of Spirit Lake
- Braden James Theesfeld, age 18, of Spirit Lake
- Tyler John Vos, age 18, of Okoboji
- Corbin Christopher Quance, age 18, of Spirit Lake
- Sabren Jack Bortnem, age 19, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- Caden Paul Hassel, age 18, of Spirit Lake
- Mya Sevyn Miller, age 18, of Spirit Lake
- Jaxon Luverne Richter, age 19, of Spencer

Angela Marie Vanbeek, age 44, of Sanborn, was charged with speeding and driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked at approximately 6:29 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, in the 1900 block of Highway 71 in Spirit Lake. Vanbeek has since pleaded guilty to both charges and was ordered to pay a total of \$280 in fines.

Lane Ty Matthesen, age 32, of Edmond, Oklahoma, was charged with speeding, operating while under the influence — first offense — registration violation and use of an electronic communication device at approximately 2:13 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, along Highway 71 North in Spirit Lake. Criminal complaints filed against Matthesen said the truck he was driving crossed the center line and, as he was being pulled over, jumped the curb. The 32-year-old "admitted to consuming three Miller Lites while on the boat," according to one complaint.

Jared Richard Demuth, age 40, was charged with speeding and operating while intoxicated — first offense — at approximately 10:13 p.m. Thursday, July 20, near the intersection of 23rd Street and Peoria Avenue in Spirit Lake. He was booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 10:58 p.m. the same day.

Bradley Joe Wright, age 29, was booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 1:44 a.m. Friday, July 21, on the charge of operating while intoxicated — first offense.

Tony Ray Moore, age 57, who was listed as having no permanent address, was charged with trespassing at approximately 6:13 a.m. Friday, July 21, in the 2300 block of Highway 71 in Spirit Lake. He was booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 6:51 a.m. the same day.

Alina Marlene Tridle, age 41, of Spirit Lake, was charged with driving while suspended at approximately 8:53 a.m. Friday, July 21, in the 300 block of 18th Street in Spirit Lake.

Ashford Dowden Williamson, age 21, was booked into the Dickinson County Jail at 10:59 p.m. Friday, July 21, on a previous court decision. He is scheduled for release Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023.

Caleb Lynn Rathjen, age 20, of Ankeny, was charged with public intoxication at approximately 2:08 a.m. Sunday, July 23, in the area of Lakeshore Drive in Arnolds

MARILYN MAYE TO TAKE PLAC STAGE

The Pearson Lakes Art Center is anticipating the return of one of its most popular performers to take the Lauridsen Performing Arts Theatre stage. Marilyn Maye will be performing two nights — Aug. 1 and 2. Both shows will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Maye first appeared in the spotlight as a tiny pre-teen vocalist in a series of amateur contests in Topeka, Kansas. Since then, she has received an endless stream of kudos. The late Johnny Carson called her "Super Singer." Ella Fitzgerald dubbed her "The greatest white female singer in the world." The Houston Chronicle termed her "A National Treasure." And the prestigious Smithsonian Institution chose her recording of "Too Late Now" (from her RCA "Lamp Is Low" album) for inclusion in its permanent Best Performers of the Best Compositions of the 20th Century collection. Maye's song joined numbers by other singing greats like Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra and Judy Garland.

Tickets can be purchased at the Pearson Lakes Art Center box office, online at www.lakesart.org, or by calling 712-332-7029.

FAREWAY FINALIZING PLANS FOR STORE RELOCATION IN SPIRIT LAKE

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Fareway Stores Inc. plans to relocate the existing Spirit Lake Fareway store to a new location at the northeast corner of 175th Street and Highway 71 in Spirit Lake. The new construction will provide for an approximately 21,000 square foot store. Site work is set to start in early fall, with construction planned for spring 2024.

Fareway CEO Reynolds W. Cramer said the Spirit Lake Fareway has been serving the area since 1985.

"We are excited to provide a new store location, which will continue to best serve this thriving and growing community," Cramer said. "We want to thank city staff and community leaders for helping make this

project possible."

Fareway officials said the new store will continue providing many of the services and products customers have come to expect at the local grocery store, such as a full-service butcher counter, farm-fresh produce and to-your-car carryout. However, they said the new location will boast a fresh look and feel, with more natural lighting and updated interior. Additionally, the new store will continue to offer FastLanes, a self-service checkout option, online shopping and curbside pick-up, available through Shop.Fareway.com.

City Administrator Gregg Owens echoed positive comments regarding the relocation.

"Everyone associated with the city of

Spirit Lake is excited to welcome Fareway's new location and substantial reinvestment in our community," Owens said. "Fareway has been a cornerstone of Spirit Lake for a long time and has always lived up to its reputation for great customer service and the best of small-town values. Spirit Lake has seen significant and positive growth in the past several years, and Fareway's continuing commitment to the community is both an affirmation of that progress and a reflection of the regard residents have for its services."

Fareway has purchased the property and is working through additional processes with city officials. Fareway expects more details to be released in the near future.

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From the Publisher

Healthy Tips; a Clay County Fair Souvenir Program Debut; Super Summer Garage Sale Weekend; Sports Galore; Subscription Information; and a Goodbye

Hi Friends:

Whew! Summer sure is in zoom mode. It's not going to slow anytime soon at the *Spencer Reporter*, *Dickinson County News* and *Northwest Iowa Shopper*. I want to give you a rundown on what's happening in the coming weeks.

Healthy Tips Coming

Be sure to check out the July 27 *Dickinson County News* and/or the July 28 *Spencer Reporter* for a new product - our 2023 *Health Directory*. There is some information in there on healthy ideas, but also advertisements from local businesses who make it their lives to help people live better. You will also find copies at the participating businesses. If you are a business and see the product and want to be included next time, give us a call at 712-262-6610.

Clay County Fair information

We are in the mode of getting people fired up for a great Clay County Fair.

Something new this year is a partnership between the Fair and the *Reporter*. We are going to produce an *Official Souvenir Program* with the blessing of the Clay County Fair. This program will be available on the fairgrounds and online. Tens of thousands of visitors will be on the grounds during the fair, and this is an opportunity to put your information in their hands, whether it's in print or on their phones. We are hoping the program is a success this year, and years to come, and that they can become collectors' items as well. The deadline is Aug. 8.

Additionally, we have revamped our *Fair Preview* this year. It will run for four consecutive Tuesdays in the *Spencer Reporter* beginning Aug. 15 and ending Sept. 5. There is a tremendous offer on this product, with lots of space for not a lot of money. Our news staff is working diligently to develop the materials that will go on these pages in the newspaper.

Naturally, our hallmark product, the *Clay County Fair Guide*, will be produced in the *Northwest Iowa Shopper* Wednesday, Sept. 6, and extra copies will be available on the grounds during the fair. The deadline is Aug. 21.

We will be back in our booth at the fair again this year. We will once again have a knock-out special on the *Spencer Reporter*, and new this year, we will be adding the *Dickinson County News* to that mix.

Two-County Garage Sale

We are planning a two-county garage sale with our Super Summer Garage Sale Weekend Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18-19. There is a tremendous price on that - \$19 buys you a 20-word ad in both *Spencer Reporters*, the *Dickinson County News* and the *Northwest Iowa Shopper* that week. You can place your ad at the office in Spencer or Spirit Lake, either in person or over the phone. We require payment at the time of placement, and the deadline to place your ad is noon on Friday, Aug. 11.

As always, we have some garage sale signs and stakes available for \$2.50 per combo.

Sports Packages, Podcast & SHS Program

Our sales team is currently reaching out to people regarding the upcoming new school year and new sports year. This year, we have:

-The Fall Sports Previews in both the *Reporter* and the News kick off the fall, but we have something different in our portfolio this year. We are offering packages. You will save as much as 15 percent off the cost of the items in the full package, and you can opt to pay monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly or even pre-pay with an extra discount. The packages include the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer Sports Previews, Homecomings, State Qualifier Banners, Student-Athletes of the Month and Weekly Sports Boosters ads. This is a high-readership zone in the *Reporter* and News, so it's a good place to grab attention.

-The Triple Option Podcast that covers the Spencer Tigers football team is back for another year. The advertising spots on this show fill up fast, and they are being sold as we speak. The first podcast will drop at *spencerdailyreporter.com* on Aug. 16.

-After a highly successful debut in 2022, the *Reporter* is teaming again with the Spencer Tailtwisters on four season programs on glossy paper. They are distributed at home games, and last year we put them in the *Reporter* as well. Half of the profits on this project went to the Tailtwisters. The deadline is Aug. 3.

Subscription Specials On the Way

It never fails that during a week, someone will call and ask if we have a subscription special running. We don't always have a special, but there are lots of them in the coming weeks.

First, I got a little fiscally irresponsible - crazy, some might say - and am offering new subscribers a \$63 subscription for a year to the *Reporter*. You cannot have subscribed since the end of 2022 to qualify. That's also a local rate, so the non-local rate carries a \$36 discount from the normal \$99. You current subscribers to the *Reporter* can get \$10 off your renewal. These specials are good only during Spencer Crazy Days Thursday and Friday, July 27-28.

Second, last year we offered 4 tickets for a new subscription and 2 tickets for a renewed subscription to the Minnesota Renaissance Fair up at the Twin Cities. It was highly popular. We are back with that offer - on a full-rate subscription (no other discounts) in August and September. Please watch for the official starting date in an ad in the paper. Also, we do not mail the tickets, so you need to drop by and pick them up to get them.

And of course, as previously mentioned, we will be back with a scratch ticket deal at the Clay County Fair on both the *Reporter* and the *News*. People really enjoyed winning at least 3 additional months free at our booth or at our office a year ago. Some won an additional 6 months free and even others won an additional 12 months free.

So long...

Last week, we said thanks and goodbye to Dakota Locker, the sports editor at the *Spencer Reporter*. Dakota was on the job about a year and a half, his first real gig. He learned a lot, hit his stride and I know he enjoyed his time here. But the call of home is strong, and he is returning to his Indiana roots and a job closer to there. Who can argue against moving when it means being nearer family? We are currently seeking an able-bodied replacement. Thanks, Dakota. We hope you enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed you.



Until next time,

-Brad



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To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Wheeler Jacob Hinshaw, Deceased, who died on or about June 7, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on July 10, 2023, the last will and testament of Wheeler Jacob Hinshaw, deceased, bearing date of February 21, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Mary A. Olson was appointed Executor of the Estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Central Water System Regular Board Meeting Attest July 11th, 2023

Chairman Vos called the board meeting to order. Members present were Vos and Eckard. Also present was Superintendent Mike Frerk.

Motion was made by Eckard to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. Seconded by Vos and the motion passed.

Frerk mentioned how the plant was operating without the addition of sulfuric acid. So far for the data collected, doesn't see much of a change.

General discussion of water plant business discussed with no action taken.

Motion was made by Eckard to pay the claims. Seconded by Vos and the motion passed. A list of claims is attached.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Michael R Frerk, Supt.

/s/ Gary Vos, Chairman

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	Beginning Treasurer's Balance	Total Revenues	Beginning Balance +	Total Expenses	Change in Outstanding	Ending Treasurer's Balance	Outstanding Bank Items	Outstanding Stamped Warrants
0001 - GENERAL BASIC FUND	6,438,963.50	4,463,374.78	10,902,338.28	4,830,887.40	32,210.34	6,103,143.22	165,615.59	-
0003 - ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	-	-
0006 - COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADMIN EXP	56,058.50	58,306.75	114,365.25	103,603.67	-	10,761.58	-	-
0008 - DICK.CO.CONSERVATION BD CAPITAL	536,849.60	89,527.23	626,376.83	-	-	626,376.83	-	-
0009 - DISTRICT COURT FEES OVERAGE	36,915.45	78,402.59	115,318.04	195.85	35.62	115,157.81	35.62	-
0110 - MH-DD SERVICES FUND	2,218,644.21	1,859,344.21	4,077,988.42	1,949,152.70	232.46	2,129,068.18	232.46	-
0114 - WASTE REDUCTION FUND	163,756.04	67,991.80	231,747.84	67,292.55	(23,701.64)	140,753.65	-	-
0200 - SECONDARY ROAD FUND	5,756,883.13	3,369,250.66	9,126,133.79	2,504,840.77	(5,986.36)	6,615,306.66	18,523.75	5,530.60
0221 - DICKINSON COUNTY TRAILS DEVELOPM/	1,918,004.68	638,253.76	2,556,258.44	232,917.67	5,510.60	2,328,851.37	-	-
0222 - D.C.R.EVOLVING ECONOMIC DEVELOPM	162,885.52	-	162,885.52	40,000.00	-	122,885.52	-	-
0223 - REAP-RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT ACT.P	30,834.05	53.55	30,887.60	-	-	30,887.60	-	-
0244 - RECORDERS RECORDS MANAGEMENT	144,972.66	2,877.15	147,849.81	-	-	147,849.81	-	-
0255 - TRAILS MAINT.	220,518.53	21,800.71	242,319.24	195,654.75	16,054.02	62,718.51	30,915.85	-
0266 - DICK.CO.SHERIFF FORFEITURE FUND	5,236.23	9.09	5,245.32	-	-	5,245.32	-	-
0277 - CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION	7,603.68	13.21	7,616.89	-	-	7,616.89	-	-
0288 - CO.RECORDER'S ELECTRONIC TRANS.</								

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HARRIS-LAKE PARK CSD JULY 19, 2023 MEETING

Harris-Lake Park
Community School District

July 19, 2023 5:30 a.m.

THE HARRIS-LAKE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MET IN THE MS/HS COMMONS ON JULY 19TH, 2023, AT 5:30 A.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING BOND COMMITTEE MEETINGS. PRESENT WERE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Directors Evan Bensley, Lisa Carstensen, Jamie Reverts, Ebony Rahe and Chad Hibma as well as Superintendent Richardson. Also in attendance were several constituents of H-LP School District.

Matt Bayse, of FEH Design, led the meeting to form and organize committees for the upcoming Bond vote in November. No deliberation or action was taken by the Board.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:00 P.M.

/s/ Gary Richardson,
Superintendent of Schools
/s/ Evan Bensley,
President, Board of Education
#573

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CITY OF TERRIL - PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Terril, Iowa, is hereby serving as Public Notice that on August 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., the City Council will hold a public hearing during the regular City Council meeting to consider the submission of an application for a Community Development Block Grant. The grant application will request funding assistance for improvements to the City's water treatment plant.

This meeting will be held to give residents information concerning the proposed project. Citizens are encouraged to attend and express their preferences about the proposed application. Residents are able to provide comments in writing in advance of the meeting by email to cityclerk@terrill.net or by mail to PO Box 1202, Terrill, IA 51364.

Additionally, citizens who wish to participate in the public hearing can do so by attending the meeting on August 14, at 6:00 PM at Terrill City Hall, 107 S State Street, Terrill, Iowa.

Anyone having questions about this application or requiring special accommodation at the upcoming hearing may contact the City Clerk at 712-853-6227.

/s/ Ann Van De Walde, City Clerk
City of Terril, Iowa
#555

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ARNOLDS PARK CITY COUNCIL - JULY 12, 2023 MEETING

ARNOLDS PARK, IA
REGULAR SESSION

JULY 12, 2023 5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Christensen, Richter, Adams, Jensen, Watters. Mayor Hussong presided.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Rose, Tom Clary, Marian McNabb, John Fideler, Ron Pratt, Dakin Schultz, Darwin Bishop, Alan Krueger, Steve Schwaller, DK Depew, George Bower, Brenda Reeder, Steve Lyman, Greg and Sheila Miskick, Di Lorenzen, Linda Jackson, Brad and Sherri Roberson, Eric Anderson, Sue and Paul Halpine, Ron Walker, Kara Rice.

Motion to amend the Agenda to include a Street Closure for Lake Street. Adams/Watters. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion approving Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes, Claims, Clerks & Treasurer's reports. Christensen/Richter. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion approving a Liquor License renewal for The Boondocks and approving a new Liquor License for The Rotary Club pending drama insurance. Richter/Adams. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

IDOT HWY 71 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT: Dakin Schultz and Darwin Bishop discussed stage two of the Fall 2023 reconstruction of Highway 71. With the warm temperatures, the contractor has requested to pave in longer stretches. Consensus of the Council is to approve the changes to the fall construction schedule to begin September 5, 2023 allowing for larger sections of highway to be removed and paved; keeping accesses to businesses as open and marked as possible.

IOWA BLUE STAR COUNTIES: Marion McNabb proposed that Arnolds Park become a Blue Star City; she explained that if each town in a County becomes a blue star, the entire County can be recognized. Consensus of the Council is to proceed with the necessary steps to make the City of Arnolds Park a Blue Star City.

DAM ROAD DEVELOPMENT: Tom Clary and Ron Pratt approached the Council with concerns of a proposed development south of Dam Road. The property in question is located in the County and according to the preliminary plans; a road would access Dam Road causing a significant increase in traffic. Council thanked Pratt and Clary for the information. Council will review and discuss any development plans if and when the project is submitted to the City by the owner.

20630 232ND AVENUE: John Fideler requested to direct water from his property into the drain on the City Access next to his home. Motion to allow the property owner of 20630 232nd Avenue to direct water from his

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DICKINSON CO. BOARD OF HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS - NOTICE BY PUBLICATION TO ABATE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION TO ABATE
NUISANCE PRUSANT TO
DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF
HEALTH RULES AND REGULATION
July 7, 2023

Susan Barber
25783 Babs St.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

This is written notice of violation of Dickinson County Board of Health Regulation No. 3-71 Nuisances, due to the condition of the property located in East Okoboji Beach, Unit 2, Block 8, Lot 10 and Lot 11. This includes both lots identified as parcel numbers 0711352022 and 0711352021

This property is considered a nuisance and is in such a condition that is injurious to the health, it is offensive to the senses, and it is an obstruction to the free use of property by the citizens of Dickinson County. This property has exploded in a condition that is disturbing-

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If you have any questions, please give the office a call.

/s/ Megan B. Kardell
Dickinson County Zoning & Environmental Health Administrator
Date of second publication: July 27, 2023 #533

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PROBATE NOTICE - JOYCE A. WADDELL

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR
DICKINSON COUNTY

PROBATE NO. ESPR015078

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOYCE A. WADDELL, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Joyce A. Wadell, Deceased, who died on or about July 4, 2023.

You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of July, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Joyce A. Wadell, deceased, bearing date of the 10th day of March, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Daniel Colten Waddell was appointed as Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons

indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the 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 this 12th day of July, 2023.

Executor of Estate
Daniel Colten Waddell
2120 320th Street
Madrid, IA 51360

Date of second publication: June 27, 2023 #543

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PROBATE NOTICE - GWENDOLYN DRESSEL

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
DICKINSON COUNTY

CASE NO. ESPR015082

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GWENDOLYN DRESSEL, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Gwendolyn Dressel, Deceased, who died on or about July 2, 2023.

You are hereby notified that on July 12, 2023, the last will and testament of Gwendolyn Dressel, deceased, bearing date of February 13, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Donahue Dressel, DeNaldo Dressel and Dorinda Moore were 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 July 17, 2023.

Executors
Donahue Dressel, Executor
1812 Erie Ave, PO Box 80
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

DeNaldo Dressel, Executor
39282 820th St
Lakefield, MN 56150

Dorinda Moore, Executor
502 S Main St
George, IA 51327

Attorney for Executors
David D. Forsyth, ICIS PIN No: AT0002567

Forsyth Law Office
121 North Sixth Street,
Estherville, IA 51334

Date of second publication: August 3, 2023 #564

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ARNOLDS PARK BD OF ADJUSTMENTS-PUBLIC HEARING

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ARNOLDS PARK BD OF ADJUSTMENTS-PUBLIC HEARING

ARNOLDS PARK BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE ON THE CONSIDERATION
FOR VARIANCES REQUESTED
FOR LOT WIDTH, LOT AREA AND
RIGHT-SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 32 KATRINA
STREET, ARNOLDS PARK, IOWA

Pursuant to the Requirements of Sections 165.24.3. and 165.24.6 of the Arnolds Park Zoning Ordinance, the Arnolds Park Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at Arnolds Park City Hall, 156 N. Highway 71, Arnolds Park, Iowa 51331.

The hearing is for three (3) variances requested from Nathan Kolbet for property located at 32 Katrina Street, Arnolds Park, Iowa, 51331. The property is described as parcel number 07-29-105-017 and brief tax legal description, LOT 14 BLK B LYNHURST in Arnolds Park, Dickinson County, Iowa. The property is owned by Nathan Kolbet and Karrie Jarchow.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear a request for three (3) variances from the requirements of Section 165.08.5. Site Development Regulations of the City's Zoning Ordinance for land zoned as (R-3) Cottage Residential District.

/s/ Steve Powers, Chair

Zoning Board of Adjustment #569

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PROBATE NOTICE - RANDLE LIVINGSTON, JR.

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR DICKINSON COUNTY

CASE NO. ESPR015071

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDLE LIVINGSTON, JR., Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Randle Livingston, Jr., Deceased, who died on or about May 21, 2023: You are hereby notified that on June 21, 2023, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby 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 four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing

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Jackie Livingston, Administrator
151 Main Street, PO Box 751
Nashua IA 50648

Lori Livingston, Administrator
4338 Cumberland Lane
Iowa City IA 52245

Annette Wood
200 Don Drive, Apt. C, Nashua IA 50658

Attorney for the Administrators
Judith O'Donohoe, ICIS#: AT0005849
ELWOOD, O'DONOHOE, BRAUN &
WHITE, LLP
116 North Main Street, PO Box 307
Charles City, IA 50616

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TRUST NOTICE - DONALD E. RODAWIG JR.

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE DONALD F. RODAWIG, JR. REVOCABLE TRUST

To all persons regarding Donald F. Rodawig, Jr., deceased, who died on or about July 5, 2023.

You are hereby notified that Dan Hummel is the trustee of the Donald F. Rodawig, Jr. Revocable Trust dated May 5, 1995. At this time, no probate administration is contemplated with regard to the above named decedent's estate.

Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Dickinson County, Iowa within the later to occur of four months from the date of second publication of this notice, or thirty days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent, spouse of the decedent, and beneficiaries under the trust whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to the trust are requested to make immediate payments to the undersigned trustee. Creditors having claims against the trust must mail them to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail,

return receipt requested. Unless creditor claims are mailed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or thirty days from the date of mailing this notice if required, a claim shall be forever barred, unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2023.

DONALD F. RODAWIG, JR. REVOCABLE TRUST

Dan Hummel, Trustee
1436 Indian Hills Drive, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Attorney for Trustee:
Michael J. Chosen
Michael J. Chosen & Associates
704 18th Street
Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

PH: (712) 336-8903
FAX: (712) 336-8193

Date of second publication: August 8, 2023 #571

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PROBATE NOTICE - MARY LINDA DEAN

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT,
DICKINSON COUNTY

Probate No. ESPR015081

IN THE ANCILLARY ESTATE OF MARY LINDA DEAN, Deceased.

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

To All Persons Interested in the Ancillary Estate of Mary Linda Dean, Deceased, who died on or about March 31, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of July, 2023, the last will and testament of Mary Linda Dean, deceased, bearing date of the 4th day of February, 2022 was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Paul Dean was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice if otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to the trust are requested to make immediate payments to the undersigned trustee. Creditors having claims against the trust must mail them to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail,

return receipt requested. Unless creditor claims are mailed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or thirty days from the date of mailing this notice if required, a claim shall be forever barred, unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2023.

Executor of Estate

Paul Dean
1009 Brooke Drive
Wayne, NE 68787

Attorney for Executor

April L. Bosma
Michael J. Chosen & Associates
704 18th Street
Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

Date of second publication: August 3, 2023 #572

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HARRIS-LAKE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - JULY 17, 2023 MEETING

Harris-Lake Park Community School District
July 17, 2023 5:00 p.m.

THE HARRIS-LAKE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MET IN THE BOARD ROOM 9A OF THE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ON JULY 17th, 2023 AT 5:00 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL/REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. PRESENT WERE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Directors Hibma, Reverts, Rahe, Bensley, and Carstensen; Superintendent Richardson and Secretary Gunderson. Dallas Heikens was also present.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by President Bensley at 5:00pm.

A motion was made by Director Hibma, seconded by Carstensen, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Reverts, that the Board allow the secretary to automatically dispense the monthly payroll. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Rahe to approve the 2nd Reading of the following Board Policies: Code 504.3R - Administering Medications to Students, Code 504.4 - Administration of Medication, Code 504.E-1 - Parental Release for Administration of Medication, Code 504.9 - Student Insurance - General, Code 504.10 - Student Insurance - Athletic, Code 505.10 - Wellness Policy Code 505.10R-1 - Wellness Policy Regulation. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Richardson reported the Technology provider transition from ANP to NGT went smoothly. They provided insight with our staff chromebook purchase and copier lease and took charge of the IT backbone in the district. Matt Barnhart was hired as head of maintenance for the next 6 months. Marc Bannor has expressed interest in that position. We will employ Mr. Bannor as Bus driver and light custodial duties until January 1st. Our first bus is coming in November. We have budgeted for a vehicle purchase and possible new bus. The Bond Committee will have a second meeting this Wednesday at 5:30. There are a lot of people involved already. We will post the meeting so all Board members can attend but there will be no deliberation or action taken by the Board.

Director Carstensen made a motion, seconded by Reverts to approve the contract with Robin Elser as Elementary Teacher. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Carstensen made a motion, seconded by Reverts to approve the contract with Ron Nissen as part-time Custodian. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Carstensen made a motion, seconded by Reverts to approve the contract with Ron Nissen as Bus Driver. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Carstensen made a motion, seconded by Reverts to approve the contract with Wanda Garloff as Paraprofessional. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Carstensen made a motion, seconded by Reverts to approve the contract with Prairie Farms Land O Lakes has submitted a bid for milk products for the food service program for 2023-24. Director Reverts made a motion, seconded by Rahe, that the Board accept the bid from Land O Lakes for milk products for 2023-24. Motion carried 5-0.

Secretary Gunderson presented the Superintendent's Annual Report to the Board. Director Reverts made a motion, seconded by Rahe to approve the 2022-2023 Superintendent's Annual Report. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Richardson discussed if there was a need to move the softball field to the same site as the baseball field. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of the football field and six lane track all on the same campus as the proposed PK-12 facility in the vicinity of the soccer field. Several advantages were discussed with the move to one athletic campus. Along with these athletic facility im-

Dated at Lake Park, this 17th day of July 2023.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Director Carstensen, seconded by Rahe, that the Board allow the secretary to write off-board checks. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Rahe made a motion, seconded by Rahe to approve the bread bid from Casey's Bakery for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Rahe to approve the bread bid from Casey's Bakery for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

The hard work of listening

Rev. Jordan Gowing
Crosswinds, Spencer campus

Have you ever found yourself in a conversation wishing the other person was actually listening? Perhaps they were distracted by their phone, a TV on in the background, notifications on their watch or their glazed over expression made it clear their mind was somewhere else. It's easy to notice this in other people, but how often are we guilty of the same?

I am convinced that doing the hard work of becoming a better listener is one of the most important things we can do. Why? Because listening is one of the most tangible ways that we can love other people.

Consider for example Paul's words in Philippians 2 through the lens of listening: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Philippians 2:3-4 ESV)

Listening to others is — in essence — putting these verses into practice, the exercise of humility in the midst of conversation. When we listen well — we fix all our attention on what the other per-

son has to say because we count others — and what they have to say — more significant than ourselves.

Now I'll be the first to admit this is hard work. But isn't that because love is hard work? It is hard to be actively involved in what other people are saying, asking further questions, showing genuine interest in others. And yet that's at the core of the idea of "considering others more significant than yourself."

What's more, isn't this exactly what we see from Jesus during his earthly ministry? Jesus always takes time to listen. He spent a great deal of time listening to the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4 in order to draw her to himself. Shockingly, he lets Jairus' daughter die in Mark 5 so that he can listen to the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years (again, he does so with intention — to draw her to himself, as well as to produce saving faith in Jairus' family).

We could go through story after story from the Gospels and see that Jesus is the perfect listener, never distracted, always fully engaged, always showing love for the other party by how he listens. What if we did the same? What if we committed ourselves to the hard work of listening — because love is hard work?

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Pastor: Sedar Shako
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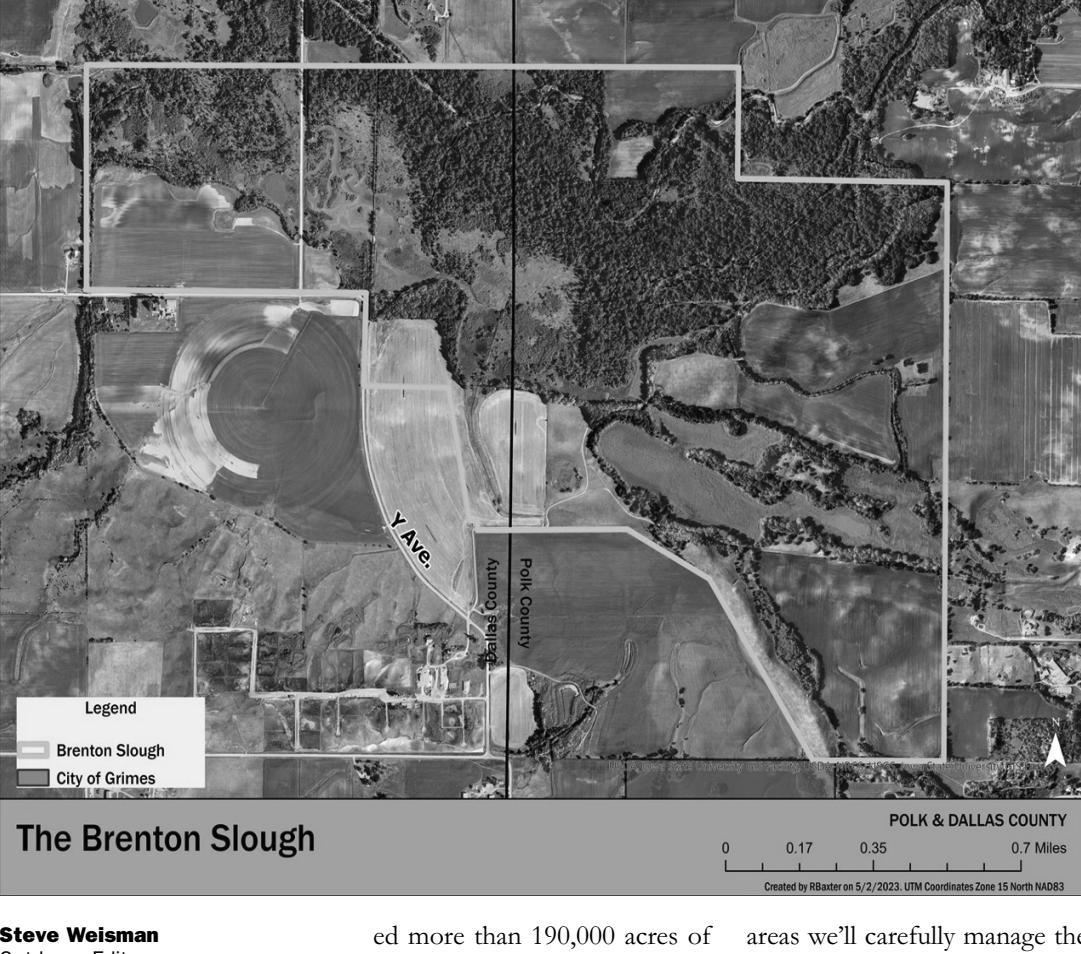
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JOSHUA 24:15

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Brenton family offers Brenton Slough to Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation



The Brenton Slough

Steve Weisman
Outdoors Editor

Over the past decade, I've watched the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation work with individuals and businesses in the Iowa Great Lakes area to help purchase and protect important parcels of land that by doing so have helped protect the Iowa Great Lakes.

From protecting the bullrushes in Anglers Bay on Big Spirit Lake to helping secure 2,200 feet of shoreline on the east side of East Okoboji (now called the Narrows) with the leadership of the INHF, Iowa Great Lakes area residents and visitors share a pride that they have been part of protecting this special resource. In addition, INHF has helped establish 75 public lands in Dickinson County, helped orchestrate conservation easements on more than a dozen privately owned lands and also helped secure a significant share of the corridors for the Dickinson County Trail System.

At the same time, INHF, as a statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit conservation organization, is constantly working with private landowners and public agencies to protect and restore land, water and wildlife throughout the state of Iowa.

Over the last four decades, Iowans have worked through INHF in a wide range of ways.

Volunteers, donors and partners have worked at restoring as well as protecting Iowa's natural places. Volunteers donate thousands of hours a year to helping Iowa's prairies, trails and rivers. Donors are fostering the next generation of Iowa conservation leaders with an endowed internship program that serves 20 college students a year. In addition, INHF works every day with legislators to encourage strong and permanent funding to support conservation throughout the state. Since its founding in 1979, INHF supporters and staff have protected

ed more than 190,000 acres of Iowa's natural resources.

THE NEXT BIG INHF PROJECT: PRESERVING BRENTON SLOUGH

Just learned of a pretty cool project in central Iowa, again orchestrated by INHF. Located in two of the fastest growing counties in Iowa, Brenton Slough is near the Des Moines metro and located between Grimes and Granger. At 1,114 acres, against a backdrop of rapid change and growth, if the purchase is completed, the Brenton Slough complex would offer great conservation opportunities with existing quality wildlife habitat protected forever.

A huge component to the success of the Brenton Slough project is the partnership that the INHF has with the Brenton family. According to INHF president Joe McGovern, the Brenton family wants to preserve this property. They felt that the INHF was the perfect vehicle for this to happen.

As a result, this July, the INHF will purchase the property from the Brenton family with a plan to transfer ownership and management to Polk County Conservation following fundraising. Brenton Slough will eventually be open to the public once all the funding is in place.

It is already a go-to place for birders, naturalists and nature photographers that view its wildlife from the public road that runs through it. Soon, people will be able to hike or bike into the property to experience its wetlands, woodlands and oak savanna. It will serve as a quiet place to escape, a field trip venue and maybe even a scenic route to ride or walk between Granger and Grimes.

Polk County Conservation is finalizing their plans for Brenton Slough with the goal of maintaining and improving the wildlife habitat on the site.

"We will let it thrive on its own where appropriate, and in other

areas we'll carefully manage the land to restore or improve it," said Rich Leopold, director of Polk County Conservation. "It's a vibrant, wild place we get to experience right here."

THE PLAN

A project of this size and scope comes with considerable cost — it will take \$8 million to secure the property. To help reach this goal, Polk County Conservation has stepped up and identified \$3 million in funding, and donors are already stepping up, including an anonymous donation of \$500,000. The INHF is assisting with fundraising efforts with a goal to raise the remaining \$4.5 million through a public donation campaign and grants. In the case of Brenton Slough, the INHF hopes to raise \$3 million from public support by Labor Day and will also apply for grant funding to help raise another \$1.5 million for the project.

"Projects like this are only possible with public support," said Joe Jayjack, communications director at INHF. "People that care about wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation make it happen. It's incredible to see a community come together — like we've seen at the Lakes so many times — to donate and spread the word that this matters."

HOW TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

"This gives a chance for people to be directly involved in protecting a place where habitat is crucial to conserve," said Stacie Couvillon, planned giving and major gifts officer for the INHF. "Brenton Slough is already a place people travel to see, even if they can currently only do so from the public road. To be able to invite quiet recreation into it while preserving this ecosystem is quite a treat."

To be part of the project, go to inhf.org. Once there, you will find the story of the Brenton Slough project and a link to donate.

DNR plans to improve amenities at Gull Point

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is in the early planning stages of a renovation plan at Gull Point State Park to repave park roads, upgrade the campground, install a new flush bathroom and improve accessibility.

The project is expected to begin in spring 2024 and be completed by spring 2025.

Jacob Schaben, Northwest Iowa District supervisor for the DNR's State Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau, said they're in the design stage so there's still a lot of moving parts.

"In recent years the DNR has been upgrading campground facilities at many popular state parks across Iowa," Schaben said. "Campers have been really happy with the end results, and we

think visitors to Gull Point will benefit from and appreciate the improved amenities."

In addition to upgrading electrical systems including full-hook-up capabilities and creating ADA-accessible sites, one of the goals of recent campground renovations was to create more spacious campsites. This is partly achieved by reducing the number of sites.

"Many of our campsites were designed decades ago and are pretty cramped for modern RVs and activities people enjoy in the campground," Schaben said. "By removing some sites, we create room for extra vehicles, yard games, and for children to play."

Part of the renovation plan for the campground will be an assessment of trees, with plans

to carefully remove those that are diseased, decayed, or could be negatively impacted by construction activities. Often by removing some trees, the overall health of the woodland area is improved. A DNR forester will help with the assessment. Trees in other parts of the park will also be assessed for disease and decay, but will largely remain unaffected.

Other state parks with recently renovated campgrounds include Marble Beach State Recreation Area, Lake Manawa State Park, Ledges State Park, Geode State Park, Lake Ahquabi State Park and Pikes Peak State Park.

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Okoboji Softball

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The Pioneers held an early 3-0 lead over Sibley-Ocheyedan, but a three-run sixth inning by the Generals forced the game into extras. The two squads remained tied 3-3 through nine innings before the Pioneers scored the game-winner in the 10th.

"Kristina Kraninger pitched a nice seven innings for us last night," Perrin said. "Maggie Bergeson came in to capitalize for the three extra innings. We were able to get our bats moving a little to help us get a couple of runs across the plate. Alyana Hesse hit a triple in the 10th inning, setting herself up to score the winning run from Emma Witrock's sacrifice fly-out. Overall, the girls played a solid game defensively and were able to capitalize when we had runners on base. I'm proud of their efforts last night."

Kraninger got the win for Okoboji. The sophomore allowed three earned runs on five hits while striking out three in seven innings. Bergeson pitched three shutout innings, allowing one walk and striking out five.

The Pioneers scored four runs on eight hits and five walks.

Witrock was 3-5 with an RBI. Hesse was 2-5 with a triple and a run scored.

Grace Hagedorn, Amy Martin and Adison Frerichs each had one hit. Frerichs had two RBIs. Brynn Ness, Bergeson and Megan Sullivan each scored a run. Frerichs stole two bases and Ness stole one for the Pioneers,

who improved to 3-9 overall and 2-5 in Siouxland Conference play.

SEASON'S END

Okoboji's softball team saw its season come to a close with a loss to West Lyon in the first round of the Class 3A regional tournament. The Wildcats scored two runs in the first, six in the second and four in the third to whoop the Pioneers 12-0 in Larchwood.

"West Lyon is a good team and we had a lot of changes in the field due to external circumstances out of our control," Perrin said. "It's always tough ending a season. Especially for the seniors who finish their last game. It's a little extra for the seniors as it is the official close to their high school career."

With the loss, the Pioneers ended their season with a 5-18 overall record and a 4-12 mark in the Siouxland Conference. They also said goodbye to seniors Amy Martin, Emma Witrock and Maggie Bergeson.

"Amy Martin and Emma Witrock have been a huge part of helping to start changing this program," Perrin said. "They were key players in most games that we will miss next year. Amy was a solid player for us behind the plate and provided some key hits for us throughout the season. She started the season off tough this year with an injury sustained in a practice and had to sit out a few games but came back pretty quickly. Emma

stepped up and was willing to play any position we needed her to on the field. She was someone that I could rely on in any spot we needed her. Her true place was first base and she shined there this year. Maggie Bergeson was a good addition when she was able to play. She missed quite a few games and practices this season due to miscellaneous injuries."

LOOKING AHEAD

The loss of Bergeson, Witrock and Martin will sting as the Pioneers look ahead to next season. The senior trio provided much of the Pioneers' offensive and pitching production. They were the only players on this year's team with batting averages above .300. Without their production, the Pioneers batted just .155 as a team. Bergeson led the Pioneers in pitching appearances, innings pitched, batting average against, ERA and strikeouts.

Perrin said her athletes will need to improve their hitting in the offseason.

"The future of Okoboji softball is to keep grinding and growing," Perrin said. "Being able to play strong for a whole season, and not a half season, would be a great growth for us for next year. The girls really need to focus on their hitting this offseason. The hope is for them to get a lot of cuts this offseason, as hitting was our weakest point consistently throughout the year."

OKOBOJI SOFTBALL BY THE NUMBERS

SCHEDULE

5/23 vs. Spencer.....	L 10-3
5/25 vs. Central Lyon	L 14-3
5/26 vs. George-Little Rock..	W 12-0
5/31 vs. Sheldon.....	L 15-8
6/1 vs. West Lyon.....	L 10-0
6/2 vs. Central Lyon	L 9-2
6/5 vs. BH/RV.....	L 6-4
6/8 vs. Cherokee.....	L 3-1
6/9 vs. MOC-Floyd Valley	L 3-2
6/10 vs. Trinity Christian	L 9-5
6/10 vs. Cherokee.....	W 7-6
6/12 vs. Sibley-Ocheyedan....	W 4-3
6/14 vs. Sioux Center.....	L 12-0
6/16 vs. George-Little Rock..	W 13-0
6/19 vs. West Lyon.....	L 8-1
6/21 vs. Sheldon.....	W 6-2
6/22 vs. Sioux Center.....	L 15-0
6/23 vs. Sibley-Ocheyedan....	L 9-3
6/24 vs. Sioux Central.....	L 11-0
6/26 vs. BH/RV.....	L 7-0
6/28 vs. GT/RA.....	L 5-1
6/30 vs. MOC-Floyd Valley...	L 12-1
7/6 vs. West Lyon.....	L 12-0

SIOUXLAND STANDINGS

1. West Lyon.....	15-1 (27-4)
2. BH/RV.....	12-4 (21-13)
3. MOC-Floyd Valley	11-5 (19-10)
3. Sioux Center.....	11-5 (18-10)
5. Sibley-Ocheyedan.....	8-8 (11-11)
6. Sheldon.....	6-10 (8-15)
7. Central Lyon	4-12 (5-16)
7. Okoboji.....	4-12 (5-18)
9. George-Little Rock....	1-15 (1-20)

TEAM (OFFENSE)

At Bats.....	578
Runs	76
Hits.....	117
Singles.....	96
Doubles.....	16
Triples	2
Home Runs	3
RBI.....	49
Sac Bunts.....	6
Sac Flys	2
Walks	67
HBP	9
ROE	20
Strikeouts.....	129
Total Bases.....	146
Batting Average.....	.202
OBP294
SLG.....	.253
Stolen Bases	16

TEAM (DEFENSE)

Assists.....	196
Put Outs.....	369
Errors.....	99
Total Chances.....	664
Fielding Percentage851
Thrown out Stealing.....	0
Stolen Bases Allowed	53

TEAM (PITCHING)

Appearances.....	35

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Okoboji Baseball

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(three earned) on two hits and three walks while striking out one. Akron Jostand pitched a little more than an inning, allowing three runs (two earned) on a hit and three walks while striking out one.

Okoboji scored five runs on five hits and six walks.

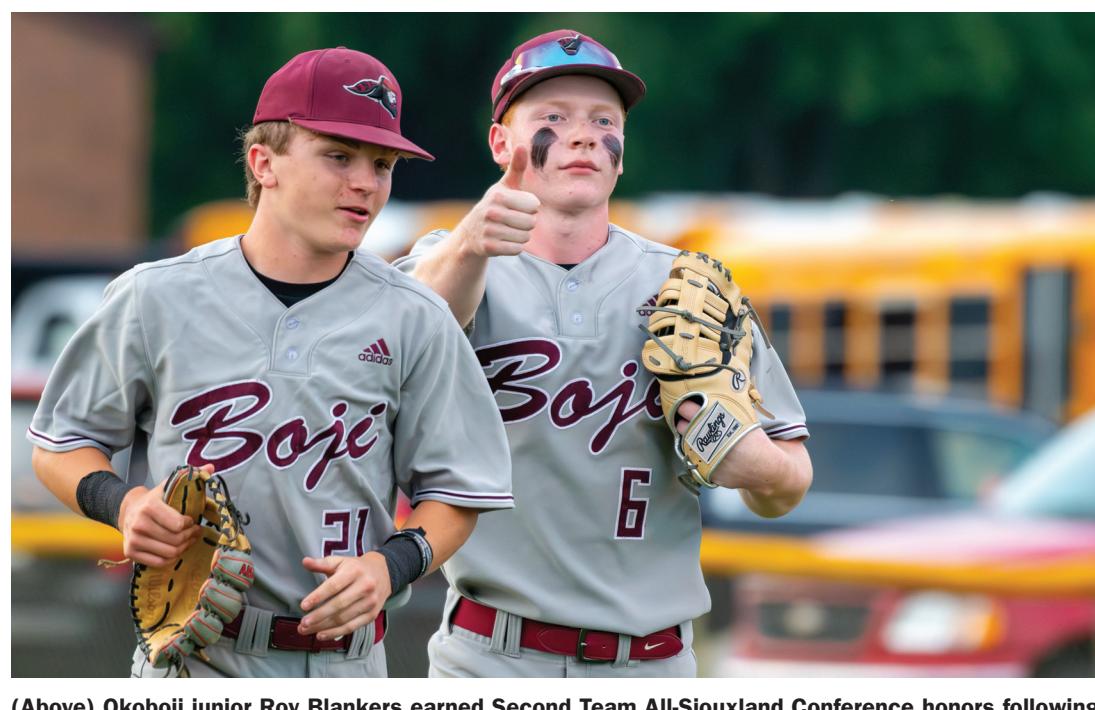
Netsch, Jostand, Duvall, Caden Chapman and Talen Leiss each had one hit. Netsch scored a run. Jostand scored two runs. Chapman had an RBI.

Roy Blankers and Logan Duvall each had an RBI. Elijah Graves stole a base and scored a run. Asa Jacobsen scored a run. Brennan Baschke stole a base for the Pioneers, who ended their season with a 14-13 overall record and an 8-8 mark in the Siouxland Conference.

"It's such an abrupt change going from playing or practicing around six days a week to being done, so that will be an adjustment," Wolf said. "The players were disappointed. They had high expectations for themselves and didn't reach some of their goals. This is a pretty good group of kids that seemed to get along pretty well, so that makes it even more difficult."

Playing their final high school baseball games were seniors Ryan Pyle and Logan Duvall.

"Both Ryan and Logan were with the program for 5 years and that takes a lot of time, work and dedication," Wolf said. "They were always willing to do what-



(Above) Okoboji junior Roy Blankers earned Second Team All-Siouxland Conference honors following the 2023 baseball season. (Right) Okoboji sophomore Brennan Baschke was an honorable mention selection in the Siouxland Conference following the 2023 baseball season. (File photos)

ever we asked to make the team better. They put the team before themselves. They were great at leading by example and that will be tough to replace. Both Ryan and Logan have bright futures in whatever they pursue."

Overall, Wolf said he considered the season a success, despite the postseason loss.

"The team put work in starting in February and kept that up until the last day and I feel like the players saw good results from that," he said. "Being a first year coach with this group is a tough transition from all aspects like communica-

tion, expectations, how to react, etc. Even with that, we really came together as a team and we will look to grow that next season."

LOOKING AHEAD

While the Pioneers will certainly miss the leadership of seniors Logan Duvall and Ryan Pyle, they should return a ton of talent next season. Wolf said he and his staff feel great about the direction of the program.

"We had a lot of young guys playing this season — three or four sophomore starters, a freshman that was starting late in the

season, two freshmen playing some roles defensively, and an eighth-grader that did most of our courtesy running," Wolf said. "We also started a junior high program this year and both the seventh and eighth grade teams had great seasons, including a lot of practices. Looking down through the youth program, we have some groups really investing time into our kids and that is great to see as a high school coach."

In order to take another step forward next season, Wolf said his athletes will need to put in the work.



"Our current high school players need to put in work to develop their skill set, which leads to confidence, which leads to reaching their goals," he said. "We will be providing them with the necessary information, drills and work-

outs, and they will ultimately need to decide what they do with that. We have a great core group of players returning that gained a lot of experience this year, so we look for them to grow into team leaders next season."

OKOBOJI BASEBALL BY THE NUMBERS

SCHEDULE

5/22 vs. MOC-Floyd Valley	L 16-3
5/23 vs. Pocahontas Area	W 7-6
5/24 vs. GT/RA	W 15-4
5/26 vs. George-Little Rock	W 24-16
5/27 vs. Spirit Lake	L 17-7
5/27 vs. Harris-Lake Park	W 8-7
5/30 vs. Alta-Aurelia	L 19-5
5/31 vs. Sheldon	W 12-7
6/1 vs. West Lyon	L 6-0
6/2 vs. Central Lyon	L 9-4
6/5 vs. BH/RV	W 6-3
6/6 vs. Sioux Central	W 11-1
6/8 vs. Cherokee	W 16-3
6/9 vs. MOC-Floyd Valley	L 18-0
6/12 vs. Sibley-Ocheyedan	W 11-0
6/13 vs. Central Lyon	L 4-0
6/14 vs. Sioux Center	L 10-0
6/15 vs. North Union	L 8-5
6/16 vs. George-Little Rock	W 14-13
6/19 vs. West Lyon	L 16-0
6/21 vs. Sheldon	W 14-0
6/22 vs. ELC	L 5-1
6/23 vs. Sibley-Ocheyedan	W 9-2
6/26 vs. BH/RV	W 6-3
6/29 vs. Sioux Center	L 13-6
7/1 vs. Sheldon	W 9-2
7/5 vs. Forest City	L 14-5

SIOUXLAND STANDINGS

1. West Lyon	15-1 (26-8)
1. MOC-Floyd Valley	15-1 (25-3)
3. Central Lyon	10-6 (15-11)
4. Okoboji	8-8 (14-13)
4. Sioux Center	8-7 (12-13)
6. BH/RV	7-9 (8-14)
7. Sibley-Ocheyedan	4-11 (7-13)
8. Sheldon	3-13 (4-14)
9. George-Little Rock	1-15 (3-19)

TEAM (OFFENSE)

At Bats	677
Runs	198
Hits	182
Singles	136
Doubles	37
Triples	1
Home Runs	8
RBI	153
Sac Bunts	4
Sac Flys	8
Walks	145
HPB	21

Slugging Percentage (min. 30 AB)

1. Roy Blankers .532

2. Tyler Netsch .477

3. Landon Duvall .457

4. Brady Muzney .409

5. Caden Chapman .383

On Base Percentage (min. 30 AB)

1. Landon Duvall .485

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3. Tyler Netsch .448

4. Brennan Baschke .444

5. Logan Duvall .416

LEADERS (OFFENSE)

Batting Average (min. 30 AB)

1. Landon Duvall .370

2. Roy Blankers .338

3. Tyler Netsch .326

4. Brennan Baschke .290

5. Caden Chapman .250

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BASEBALL

Pioneers improve under first year coach

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Okoboji's baseball team saw success in its first year under the direction of coach Andy Wolf. The Pioneers went 14-13 overall and 8-8 in the Siouxland Conference. It was the program's highest win total since 2017. For their efforts, the Pioneers had three players earn postseason recognition in the Siouxland Conference.

POSTSEASON HONORS

Landon Duvall, a sophomore, earned First Team All-Siouxland Conference honors.

Offensively, Duvall had a .370 batting average, a .485 on base percentage and a .457 slugging percentage. He had 30 hits, 28 runs scored, 25 singles, four doubles, a home run, 17 RBIs and 14 stolen bases. As a pitcher, Duvall went 6-3 with a 3.53 ERA, a .202 batting average against and a 1.58 WHIP. He allowed 43 runs (21 earned) on 42 hits, 24 walks and five hit batters while striking out 53 in 41.2 innings.

Roy Blanks, a junior, earned Second Team All-Siouxland Conference honors. It was Blanks' second all-conference selection of his career. He was a First Team All-Siouxland Conference selection as a sophomore.

Blanks had a .338 batting average, a .485 on base percentage and a .532 slugging percentage. He had 26 hits, 28 runs scored, 18 singles, four doubles, a triple, three home runs, 21 RBIs and 13 stolen bases.

Brennan Baschke, a sophomore, was an honorable mention selection in the conference.

Offensively, Baschke had a .290 batting average, a .444 on base percentage and a .348 slugging percentage. He had 20 hits, 19 runs scored, 16 singles, four doubles, 19 RBIs and 18 stolen bases. As a pitcher, Baschke went 3-3 with a 6.05 ERA, a .176 batting average against and a 2.59 WHIP. He allowed 35 runs (17 earned) on 22 hits, 29 walks and two hit batters while striking out 29 in 19.2 innings.

KEY VICTORY
The Pioneers earned three con-

ference wins late in the season to secure a fourth-place finish in the Siouxland Conference standings, but the squad's most important win came in the postseason. Okoboji earned a 9-2 victory over conference rival Sheldon on Saturday, July 1 to keep its season alive and advance to the Class 2A District 1 quarterfinal.

After falling behind 1-0, the Pioneers scored three runs in the second inning and five runs in the fourth to defeat the Orabs in the opening round of the playoffs held at Okoboji High School in Milford.

It was the final home game for Okoboji seniors Logan Duvall and Ryan Pyle.

"It was great to get a playoff win for the program and also for our two seniors to end their career at home with a win," Wolf said.

"We got off to bit of a rough start, giving up an unearned run

in the first, but we are a young team and this was the first playoff game for a lot of these kids. After that first inning, we settled into the game and had a good second inning, scoring three runs. We had four hits in that inning, including an RBI double by Caden Chapman and a safety squeeze by Ryan Pyle to score a run. We scored again in the fourth inning with five runs. The big hit in that inning was a bases loaded double by Brennan Baschke, scoring three."

Landon Duvall got the win on the mound. The sophomore allowed an unearned run on five hits, a walk and a hit batter while striking out six in five innings. Tyler Netsch pitched two innings, allowing an earned run on three hits and a walk while striking out two.

Okoboji scored nine runs on 10 hits and a walk.

Roy Blanks scored a run and Asa Jacobsen scored two runs. Netsch, Jostand and Blanks each stole a base for the Pioneers who improved to 14-12 overall on the season and advanced to face Forest City in the second round of district tournament play Wednesday, July 5 in Estherville.

SEASON'S END

Okoboji's baseball team ended its season with a lopsided loss to Forest City in the second round of postseason play on Wednesday, July 5. The game was close through four innings, but an eight-run fifth allowed the Indians to top the Pioneers 14-5 in Estherville.

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"We definitely didn't play our best game of the year, but — with that said — we were competing throughout," Wolf said. "We did a lot of things well but in baseball it only takes a couple of plays to turn the momentum. The players knew we would have to throw strikes, pick the ball up on defense and put the ball in play offensively for the entire game and we just couldn't make that happen consistently. It's tough to end the season on a game we really had a chance to win. I think the experience of this game will only make us better for next year."

The score went back and forth, as Forest City opened with a run in the bottom half of the first to take a 1-0 lead. Okoboji tied

it at 1-1 with a run in the second and, after a Forest City run in the bottom half of the frame, tied it again at 2-2 with a run in the third.

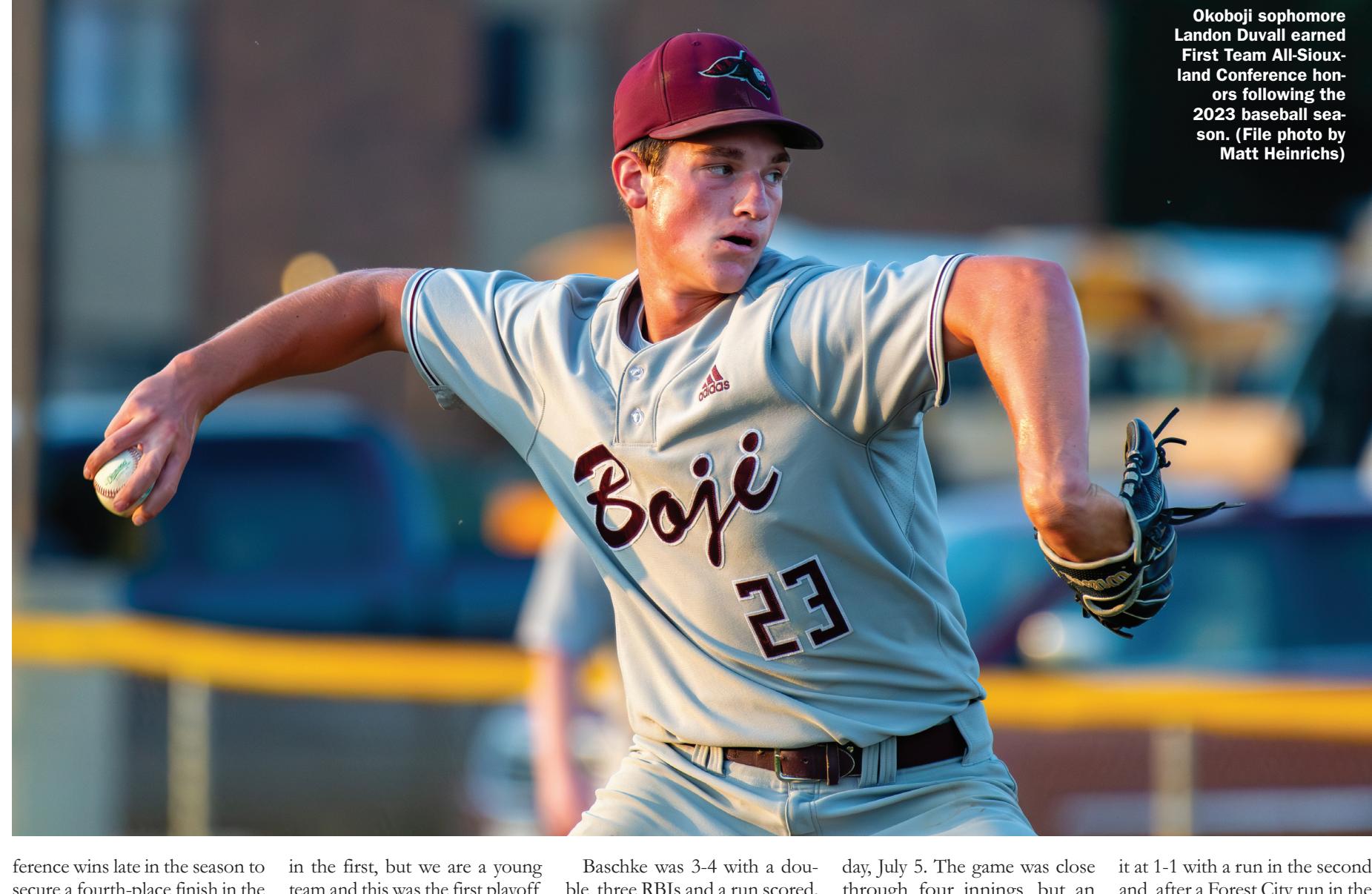
The Indians pushed a run across in the bottom of the fourth to take a 3-2 lead, but Okoboji pushed three runs across in the top of the fifth to take a 5-3 lead.

That's when the wagon wheels fell off.

Forest City erupted for eight runs in the fifth to take an 11-5 lead and pushed three runs across in the sixth to stretch the final deficit to nine runs.

Landon Duvall took the loss on the mound. The sophomore allowed seven runs (three earned) on seven hits and two walks while striking out one in four innings. Tyler Netsch made a brief mound appearance, allowing four runs.

■ Okoboji Baseball
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Okoboji sophomore Landon Duvall earned First Team All-Siouxland Conference honors following the 2023 baseball season. (File photo by Matt Heinrichs)

SOFTBALL

Okoboji softball duo earns conference honors

Matt Heinrichs
Sports Editor

In 2023, Okoboji's softball team matched its win total from the previous season, but improved its conference win total by a game. The Pioneers went 5-18 overall and 4-12 in the Siouxland Conference in their second season under coach Kate Perrin.

For their efforts, two Okoboji athletes earned postseason honors in the conference.

POSTSEASON HONORS

Okoboji senior Emma Wittrock was a Second Team All-Siouxland Conference selection for the second straight season.

Wittrock had a .302 batting average, a .352 on base percentage and a .397 slugging percentage. She had 19 hits, nine runs scored, 15 singles, three doubles, a home run and eight RBIs.

Okoboji senior Amy Martin earned an honorable mention

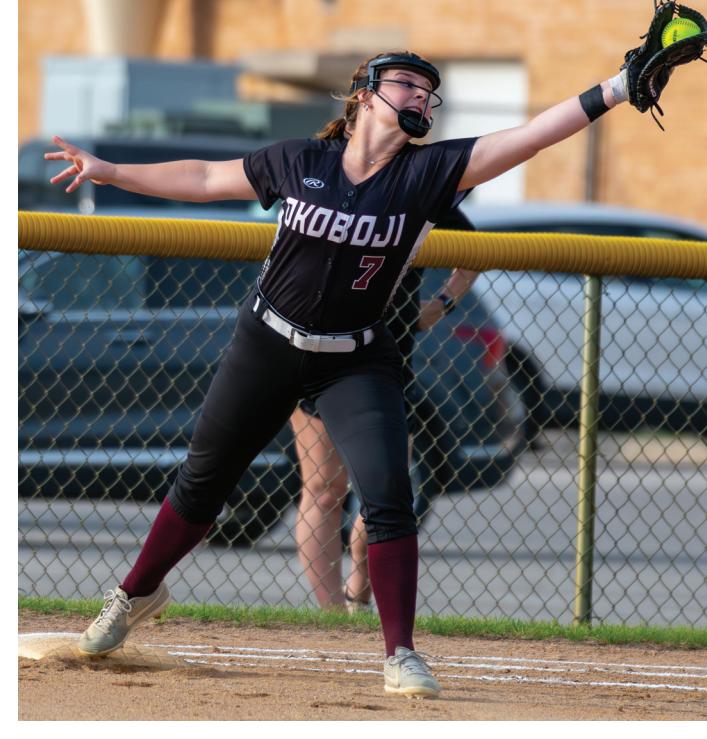
selection in the Siouxland Conference for the second time in her career. She was an honorable mention selection as a sophomore and a Second Team All-Conference selection as a freshman.

Martin had a .305 batting average, a .406 on base percentage and a .373 slugging percentage. She had 18 hits, 16 singles, a double, a home run and nine RBIs.

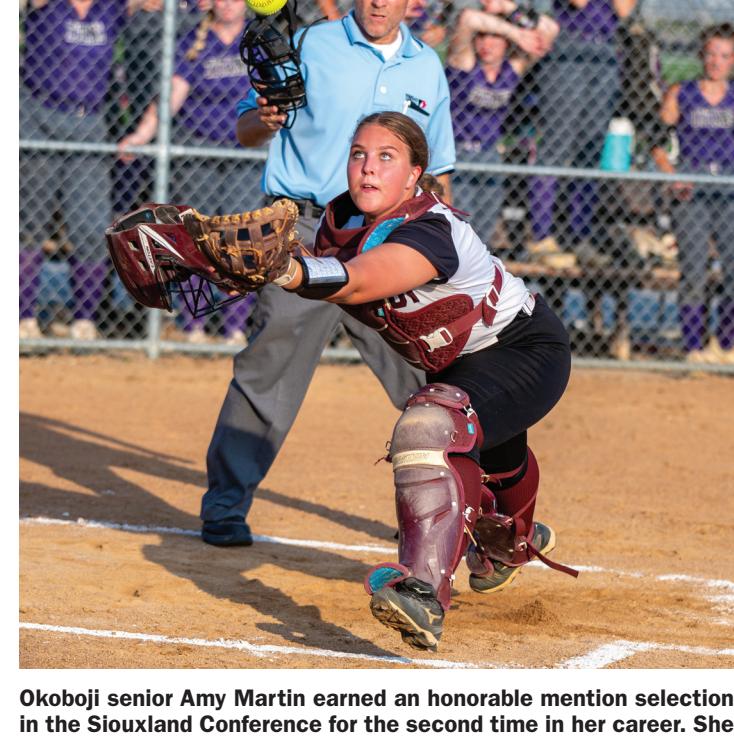
KEY VICTORY

All five of Okoboji's victories were important this season, but a 4-3 win over Siouxland Conference foe Sibley-Ocheyedan on June 12 was arguably the most impressive given the Generals' 11-11 overall record at the end of the season. The Pioneers' four other wins came against three teams (Cherokee, George-Little Rock and Sheldon) with a combined record of 12-57.

■ Okoboji Softball
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Okoboji senior Emma Wittrock was a Second Team All-Siouxland Conference selection for the second straight season in 2023.



Okoboji senior Amy Martin earned an honorable mention selection in the Siouxland Conference for the second time in her career. She was an honorable mention selection as a sophomore and a Second Team All-Conference selection as a freshman. (File photos)