



Ft. Defiance Workshop in Need of New Roof



The Friends of Fort Defiance at their Tuesday, April 4 meeting agreed to commit partial funding to repair the roof of the historic CCC-era workshop. The doors on the left side of the building open to horse stalls.

Friends plan major project, fundraiser

By Michael Tidemann

The Friends of Fort Defiance at their Tuesday, Feb. 4 meeting agreed to pursue funding to repair the historic workshop at Fort Defiance State Park.

The workshop, dating from the park origins in 1930, is of iconic cobblestone construction and includes horse stalls from when dray teams, predating modern mechanized equipment, were used to build many of the park's features. While the building remains intact, the aging roof needs to be replaced.

Members agreed to commit \$5,000 from the group's budget and to apply for a grant to cover the balance of the cost of replacing the asphalt roof as per Iowa Department of Natural Resources specifications.

Members also agreed to pursue placing the historic structure on the National Register.

The group, with the assistance of other volunteers, has conducted many projects in the park since the Friends of Fort Defiance was founded in 2006. In the most recent project, members last summer purchased limestone to replace washed-out areas of the Whitetail Ridge Interpretive Trail damaged in the June 2024 deluge. Tug Helmers of Helmers Construction volunteered his time and equipment to spread the rock on the trail.

The group also agreed to hold

a soup, pie, and dessert fundraiser 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 20 at the United Methodist Church dining room in Estherville, pending facility availability.

In other business, President John Wittneben said he had submitted the group's annual report as required under 501c3 status.

Wittneben also relayed correspondence from Tim Richey, park manager at Gull Point State Park Complex in Milford, who oversees the park for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Richey said a trail crew will come this spring to install two new bridges. Richey said modern restrooms are on the DNR fiscal 2026 schedule. Richey also said he would check to see if any funding is available for the workshop roof project.

Member Dale Breuer said the DNR had indicated it would replace two bridges before June 2024 flooding. Members also observed that wood had been cut and stacked along park trails.

Wittneben said Iowa Lakes Community College baseball team members had stacked picnic tables in the park.

Members also discussed but took no action on gardening by park entrances. Hauling water and plant maintenance appeared to be an issue.

Chloe Bauler of the Prairie Ecology Bus Center explained the center's programs. Members also discussed a possible volunteer park cleanup effort on Earth Day April 22.

Ringsted Library Corner

New books for January at the Ringsted Library are:

Grandest Game by Jennifer Barnes
See How They Hide by Allison Brennan

The Note by Alafair Burke
Shattering Dawn by Jane Ann Krantz

Where the Creek Bends by Linda Lael Miller

Lawbreaker by Diana Palmer
Holmes by Diana Palmer
Never Say Never by Danielle Steel
Ruse of Shadows by Sherry Thomas
Dogman 13 Big Jim Begins by Dave Pilkey. JF

Lunch and Learn will be held today, February 19 at noon at the Library with a program by Donna Jensen on her trip to Iceland

Author Michelle Cowan will be at the Library February 24 with a program at 3 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

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Coaches vs Cancer event raises money for American Cancer Society

The annual coaches vs cancer basketball game was held on Friday, January 31st at the North Union High School in Armstrong. North Union was host to Bishop Garrigan High School. Spearheading the event was the North Union National Honor Society, along with their advisor Allison Walders, who helped the raise money for the event. A donation was made on behalf of North Union and Bishop Garrigan Schools to the American Cancer Society via the Coaches vs Cancer initiative.

They raised \$600 from the Shirt Commission, \$27 from the 3 Point Shot held during the junior varsity game, \$52 Chuck-A-Duck event held during the boy's varsity halftime, \$399 during the Pass the Bucket held during both girl's and boy's varsity games, and \$200 from Brian Craig who donated directly to American Cancer Society. The grand total for the night was \$1,278.



They're reading us everywhere!

Jay and Kris Grabinoski of Armstrong and Andrea Accola-Sabin of Swea City visited friends and family in Mesa, Arizona over the weekend. Pictured left to right are: Cindy and Denny Mathiason, Kathy and Dan Meyer, Jay and Kris Grabinoski, Ken and Andrea Sabin.



Ft. Defiance Workshop Cobblestones

The workshop cobblestone construction is indicative of 1930s CCC-era architecture.



The North Union High School student section showed off their support for the Cancer Vs Coaches event by wearing the orange shirts during the basketball games while cheering on their team.



Spilled Ink

By Clinton J. Davis

Words can not describe how grateful I am to be honored as a co-citizen of the year for the town of Armstrong. Being President of the Board of Adjustments, President of the Little League and President of the Armstrong Heritage Museum doesn't give me this award. I truly believe that calling Armstrong the best community in the world along with helping friends and neighbors with anything they need is what got me the award. Doing the small things and helping out is what makes a person Citizen of the Year. I have always felt like Armstrong is the greatest town on earth. I couldn't imagine another town having what we have. We may not be full of store fronts but those businesses we do have offer more than their products. It is the people inside those businesses that you cannot find anywhere else. I am honored to be along side Jean Jessen as 2024 Citizen of the Year.

I mainly came to the event to support Hartley and his Cub Scout friends. They were in attendance to present the flags along with lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Had I have known I would be honored with Jean Jessen I would have shaved and dressed up a little nicer. I decided to wear my Cub Scouts shirt in support of the group. I was so proud of Hartley. A kid got cold feet to stand up front at the microphone and announce the flags forward. Hartley helped out his team by raising his hand and saying he would do it. He stood in front of the crowded Community Center and called the flags in, started the Pledge of Allegiance, and then dismissed the flags. I asked him whether or not he was nervous and he told me no. I was glad to see him have no nerves while speaking in front of a crowd.

I do thank those who were in attendance and those who nominated me for the award. I hope to continue to live up to the standard of Citizen of the Year for the remainder of my life. After receiving the award Phil Henriksen made a great point in saying that you never know what little eyes are watching or who is looking up to you. I have always tried treating people with respect as if they were a part of my own family, because you never know who is watching. Hopefully we get some more young people involved in community events and those same young people take time to be kind to everyone living in Armstrong, the greatest town on earth.

We knew our warm weather and no snow on the ground would have to come to an end. For the snowbirds reading this, we got 3-4 inches of snow Monday night. I know a lot of people who were hoping we wouldn't get much but I think every kid in Armstrong was jumping with glee when there was snow everywhere and schools were two hours late Tuesday morning. From the sounds of it, we will be getting some more snow in the next few days. Summer will come soon enough, lets be excited for the kids up and down the streets for finally getting some winter weather!

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EMMET COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Small claims
Dec. 31 – Accounts Management Incorporated of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$166.33 judgment plus interest and court costs from Marvin Danilo Santos of Estherville.

Jan. 2 – Midland Credit Management, Inc., of West Des Moines received an \$899.04 judgment plus interest and court costs from Megan Marie Evans of Estherville.

Jan. 3 – Accounts Management Incorporated of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$134.15 judgment plus interest and court costs from Matthew Winger of Wallingford.

Accounts Management Incorporated of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$2,101.86 judgment plus interest and court costs from Ryan Gene Vanwyhe of Estherville.

Jan. 8 – Iowa Great Lakes Doors Inc. of Estherville received a \$2,875.42 judgment plus interest and court costs from Grant Hanson of Estherville.

Jan. 9 – Midland Credit Management, Inc., of West Des

Moines received a \$684.36 judgment plus interest and court costs from Joseph Wilbert Richmond of Armstrong.

AAA Collections Inc. of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$2,952.20 judgment plus interest and court costs from Brittany Angelic Sullivan of Estherville.

Jeff Sievert of Estherville received an \$1,825 judgment plus interest and court costs from Lisa J. Rider of Estherville.

Jeff Sievert of Estherville received a \$3,930 judgment plus interest and court costs from Nashley Marie Craig of Estherville.

Traffic court
Dec. 27 – Emmi Rose Johnson of Estherville pleaded guilty to speeding six through 10 over in a 55 or under zone. The defendant was fined \$55 and assessed \$55 costs and an \$8.25 surcharge.

Sharon Daniela Guadalupe Viveros Ochao of Estherville pleaded guilty to failure to obey traffic control device. The defendant was fined \$135 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$20.25 surcharge.

Dec. 29 – Francisco Trevino Perez of Sleepy Eye, Minn., pleaded guilty to speeding one through five over in a 55 or under zone. The defendant was fined \$30 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$4.50 surcharge.

Faith Josephene Kotewa of Fairmont, Minn., pleaded guilty to misuse of license or ID card to acquire alcohol. The defendant was fined \$260 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$39 surcharge.

Dec. 30 – Kody James Irmiter of Armstrong pleaded guilty to speeding six through 10 over in a 55 or under zone. The defendant was fined \$55 and assessed \$55 costs and an \$8.25 surcharge.

Anthony Anariba Martinez of Estherville was found guilty to no valid driver's license. The defendant was fined \$390 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$58.50 surcharge.

Anthony Anariba Martinez of Estherville was found guilty of failure to provide proof of financial liability. The defendant was fined \$487.50 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$73.13 surcharge.

Omar Rivera Gonzalez of Fairmont, Minn., was found guilty of speeding

one through five over in a 55 or under zone. The defendant was fined \$45 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$6.75 surcharge.

Omar Rivera Gonzalez of Fairmont, Minn., was found guilty of no valid driver's license. The defendant was fined \$390 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$58.50 surcharge.

Tracy Kay Mowery of Spirit Lake was found guilty of operation without registration card or plate. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

Joseph Edward Ford of Lancaster, Calif., was found guilty of no valid driver's license. The defendant was fined \$390 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$58.50 surcharge.

Joseph Edward Ford of Lancaster, Calif., was found guilty of failure to obey traffic control device. The defendant was fined \$202.50 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$30.38 surcharge.

Shaunie Lynn Fuller of Dolliver was found guilty of failure to provide proof of financial liability. The defendant was fined \$498.75 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$73.13 surcharge.

Kody James Irmiter of Armstrong pleaded guilty to misuse of license or ID card to acquire alcohol. The defendant was fined \$260 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$39 surcharge.

Simon Isaac Sanchez of Estherville pleaded guilty to speeding six through 10 over in a 55 or under zone. The defendant was fined \$55 and assessed \$55 costs and an \$8.25 surcharge.

Orlando Antonio Bardales Hernandez of Brewster, Minn., was found guilty of failure to have license. The defendant was fined \$390 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$58.50 surcharge.

Dec. 31 – Adonay Sanchez Sanchez of Estherville pleaded guilty to trespass 1st offense. The defendant was fined \$260 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$39 surcharge.

Jan. 3 – Rhonda Nobles of Armstrong pleaded guilty to operation without registration card or plate. The defendant was fined \$70 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$10.50 surcharge.

Yobani Fabian Lopez Barrios of Windom, Minn., pleaded guilty to no valid driver's license. The defendant was fined \$260 and assessed \$55 costs

and a \$39 surcharge.

Jan. 4 – Alyssa Lynn Hansen of Estherville pleaded guilty to use of an electronic communication device. The defendant was fined \$70 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$10.50 surcharge.

Aidan Brown of Dallas Center pleaded guilty to restriction on game – steel shot violation. The defendant was fined \$35 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$5.25 surcharge.

Jan. 5 – Timothy C. Lombard of Estherville pleaded guilty to operating non-registered vehicle. The defendant was fined \$70 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$10.50 surcharge.

Jan. 6 – Ever A. Merlos Morales of Estherville pleaded guilty to no valid driver's license. The defendant was fined \$260 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$39 surcharge.

Jan. 7 – Zahndra Leanne Bordewyk of Taunton, Minn., pleaded guilty to speeding one through five over in a 55 or under zone. The defendant was fined \$30 and assessed \$44 costs and a \$4.50 surcharge.

Edwin Alexander Silva of

Estherville pleaded guilty to driving while license revoked, suspended, canceled or denied. The defendant was fined \$250 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$387.50 surcharge.

Jan. 8 – Alex Keith Kastning of Fairmont, Minn., pleaded guilty to speeding one through five over in a 55 or under zone. The defendant was fined \$30 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$4.50 surcharge.

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Your Right To Know Proceedings of Emmet County Board of Supervisors

**Approved Emmet County
Board of Supervisor
Minutes**
January 28, 2025, at 08:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Lisa Hansen, Chair; John Pluth, Jeff Quastad, Todd Glasnapp
Absent: Tim Schumacher
Media: Mike Tidemann, Ed Funston
Emmet County Employees present: Melanie Summers Bauler, Heidi Goebel

Chairman Hansen, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Glasnapp, second by Quastad to approve the minutes of the last meeting 1.21.2025 also approving them for publication. Motion to approve the agenda by Pluth, second by Quastad. All Ayes, motion carried.

Committee updates: Quastad-Central Iowa Juvenile Detention 28E filing update and ECCOG; Glasnapp-Wednesday (January 29) is the Iowa Great Lakes Corridor annual banquet; Hansen-Early Childhood.

Public Forum- Auditor Goebel let the Board know that the Electronic Poll Book Loan from the Iowa Secretary of State's loan has been approved. She went over a few board clerk procedural items learned

Todd Glasnapp, Emmet County Supervisor, was reappointed to a three-year term for the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority. Motion Quastad Second Pluth All Ayes, motion carried.

Resolution 25-05 Moratorium on the Construction of Utility Scale Solar Energy Systems (USSES) and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the Unincorporated Areas of Emmet County, Iowa. Motion Quastad Second Pluth. Roll call: Glasnapp-aye, Pluth-aye, Quastad-aye, Hansen-aye. Schumacher-absent. Resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #2025-05
Temporary Moratorium on the
Construction of USSES and BESS
in the Unincorporated Areas Of
Emmet County, Iowa**

Emmet County Board of Supervisors
**Resolution No. 2025-05
Resolution to Establish a
Temporary Moratorium on the
Construction of Utility Scale Solar
Energy Systems (USSES) and
Battery Energy Storage Systems
(BESS) in the Unincorporated
Areas of Emmet County Iowa; and
WHEREAS** the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "Board", has concerns that in the future persons may desire to construct Utility Scale Solar Energy Systems (USSES), commonly referred to as solar farms, and/or Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the unincorporated areas of Emmet County, Iowa; and
WHEREAS the Board believes that before any such facilities are constructed in Emmet County, ordinances should be put in place to ensure that the Board and Zoning Administrator are aware of these projects in Emmet County and that the construction, operation, and deconstruction of these facilities would be subject to reasonable regulations that would ensure that said facilities are constructed and operated in a safe manner, the rights of persons or property within reasonable distance of said facilities are appropriately protected, and the conditions of County roads are protected; and
WHEREAS the Board desires to have said temporary moratoriums in place until such time as ordinances can be prepared and passed to provide appropriate regulation of said facilities.
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Emmet County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The board does hereby establish

and impose a temporary moratorium on the construction of a Utility Scale Solar Energy System (USSES), commonly referred to as solar farms, in the unincorporated areas of Emmet County. No USSES facilities or appurtenances to said facilities shall be constructed in the unincorporated areas of Emmet County. This shall include the renovation of any existing structures to be used as said facility. This moratorium will remain in place until September 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. unless extended by the Board prior to the expiration.

2. The Board does hereby establish and impose a temporary moratorium on the construction of a Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the unincorporated areas of Emmet County. No BESS facilities or appurtenances to said facilities shall be constructed in the unincorporated areas of Emmet County. This shall include the renovation of any existing structures to be used as said facility. This moratorium will remain in place until September 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. unless extended by the Board prior to the expiration.

3. The Emmet County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to end the moratorium on either USSES or BESS prior to the approved term of the moratorium upon completion of the amendments to the Emmet County Zoning Ordinance and satisfactory resolution of the issues as determined by the Emmet County Board of Supervisors.

4. This resolution as to both temporary moratoriums shall become effective upon passage.

Lisa Hansen, Board of Supervisors Chair signed the 28th day of January 2025. Heidi Goebel, Auditor, attested.

Resolution 25-06 Continuation of a Moratorium on Issuing Conditional Use/Zoning Permits for the Construction of Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems. Motion Pluth, second Quastad. Roll call: Glasnapp-aye, Pluth-aye, Quastad-aye, Hansen-aye, Schumacher-absent. Resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #25-06
CONTINUATION OF A
MORATORIUM ON ISSUING
CONDITIONAL USE/
ZONING PERMITS FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF
COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY
CONVERSION SYSTEMS**
WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 335 grants counties the ability to adopt Zoning Ordinances to regulate land use within its jurisdictional boundaries; and
WHEREAS, from time to time, it is necessary and prudent to review and study ordinances for updates to ensure proper regulation; and
WHEREAS, the size and impact of Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (CWES) have the potential to create an excessive burden on the County's infrastructure, property, the environment, wildlife, nearby property owners and a potential to interfere with the operation of Doppler Weather Radar accuracy; and
WHEREAS, CWES require a rezoning subject to consideration and action by the Emmet County Zoning Board of Supervisors; and
WHEREAS, the Emmet County Board of Supervisors recognizes that Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems may affect the character of the surrounding area and the Board desires that all applications for Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems be considered consistently within the purpose and intent of an amended Emmet County Zoning Ordinance so that the most appropriate uses of land are encouraged throughout unincorporated Emmet County; and
WHEREAS, the Emmet County Board of Supervisors desires to amend the current zoning ordinance to amend the current zoning ordinance to approve to CWES and has not yet approved the version passed by Emmet County's Planning and Zoning Commission; and
WHEREAS, Emmet County is currently in the process of reviewing the amendment to the zoning ordinance and said process will involve multiple sessions;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emmet County Board of Supervisors hereby establishing a temporary moratorium on the issuing conditional use/zoning permits for the purpose of constructing

a CWES, that was to expire at 11:59 p.m. Central Time on Friday, January 31, 2025. This moratorium will be continued until July 31, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. by action of the Board of Supervisors, to allow the above referenced changes to the Emmet County Zoning Ordinance concerning CWES, to be considered by the Emmet County Board of Supervisors; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and resulting moratorium continuation does not affect any currently filed permit applications for CWES; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emmet County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to end the moratorium continuation prior to the approved term of the moratorium upon completion of the amendments to the Emmet County Zoning Ordinance and satisfactory resolution of the issues as determined by the Emmet County Board of Supervisors; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moratorium continuation approved by this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

Lisa Hansen, Board of Supervisors Chair signed the 28th day of January 2025. Heidi Goebel, Auditor, attested.

Emmet County Compensation Board Elected Official FY26 Salary recommendation. Tabled.

Miscellaneous Drainage-the Board, acting as drainage district trustees, reviewed the Iowa DNR Power Point presentation prepared by Mike Hawkins. The power point pictures of DD 7 and DD 17 pertained to sediment movement after the draining of Swan Lake by the Iowa DNR in late 2022/2023. Before and after pictures of the draining of Swan Lake and DD 7 and DD 17.

Arvin Druvenga from Winther and Stave presented the FY 2024 Emmet County External Audit. The FY 24 Audit Report, Motion by Pluth, second by Glasnapp. All Ayes, motion carried.

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Motion by Glasnapp, second by Quastad to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.
Board adjourned to a budget work session.
Heidi Goebel, Auditor
Lisa Hansen, Chairman
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Your Right To Know from Emmet Co. Board of Adjustment

**PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE CONSIDERATION
OF A VARIANCE
REQUEST**

The Emmet County Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing to act on a request from James and Kimberly Mraz for a variance to the setback requirements of Section 14.17 of the 2013 Emmet County Zoning Ordinance to build a detached garage. The variance request is for property located at 1041 Tuttle Lake Court, Dolliver, IA and legally identified as Lot 8 Paraclete Haven Subdivision, Section 10, Township 100, Range 32, West of the 5th P.M., Emmet County, Iowa. The hearing will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Supervisors Room at the Emmet County Courthouse.

Signed, written comments are accepted and should be addressed to Emmet County Zoning, 609 1st Avenue N., Estherville, Iowa 51334, or comments can be emailed to bbohm@emmetcountyia.gov. All written or emailed comments shall be received by the Emmet County Zoning Administrator no later than 12:00 p.m. on February 24, 2025. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

To join electronically:
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Meeting ID: 299 971 191 205
Passcode: u4um3ES6

Barb Bohm
Emmet County Zoning
Administrator

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Notice of Proof of Will without Administration

**IN THE IOWA
DISTRICT COURT
FOR EMMET COUNTY**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF DENNIS B. BUSCH, Deceased.**
Case No. ESPR010410

**NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL
WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DENNIS B. BUSCH, Deceased, who died on or about June 13, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on July 2, 2024, the last will and testament of Dennis B. Busch, deceased, bearing date of November 22, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated January 29, 2025.

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Your Right To Know from Armstrong City Council

Ordinance No. 2024-0910-002-ORD

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ARMSTRONG, IOWA, BY ADDING NEW CHAPTER 124 "MOBILE FOOD VENDORS"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARMSTRONG, IOWA:

Section 1. The Armstrong City Code is hereby amended by adding the following:
**CHAPTER 124
"MOBILE FOOD VENDORS"**
124.01 DEFINITIONS.
"MOBILE FOOD VENDOR": A person engaged in the business of selling food or beverages from a mobile food unit.

"MOBILE FOOD UNIT": A self-contained motorized/un-motorized vehicle or trailer that is equipped for selling food and/or beverages from non-permanent dining locations.

124.02 MOBILE FOOD VENDOR LOCATIONS.
A Mobile Food Units On Public Property: A mobile food unit may not be parked on public property, in a residential area or street. Mobile food units may not park within a city park, green-way, or any other public access area. Mobile units also are prohibited from parking within 100 feet of any facade or outdoor seating of a ground level establishment that sells prepared food or beverages (this only applies from one hour before the establishment's opening to an hour after closing) without approval from the food establishment owner.

B. A mobile food truck shall not be parked in a residential area (R-1 or R-2) for the purpose of selling food even if on private property.

C. No Mobile Food Unit shall be left unattended or stored on any site overnight, unless that property is under the ownership or control of (by way of a lease or other contractual agreement) the operator of the unit, or permission is granted by owner of property and is being done so in compliance with all other city code requirements or the mobile food unit is a participant in a multiple (contiguous) day, city permitted, public special event. Any mobile food unit found unattended shall be considered in violation of these regulations and subject to towing, or any other action legally allowed.

D. Music and Sound Making Devices: The noise of music or sound making devices as a part of a mobile food unit shall be prohibited, unless expressly allowed as part of an approved event.

E. Mobile Food Unit Performance Standards: Persons conducting business from a:

1. The mobile food vendor must obtain expressed written consent of the property owner or lessee to use the property on which they propose to operate. The written consent must be kept in the unit at all times that the unit is on the property. Written consent does not excuse or permit the violation of any other imposable regulations.

2. Mobile food units shall serve patrons which are on foot only; no drive-up service to the unit itself shall be provided or allowed.

3. The mobile food unit must be located on a paved, rocked or gravel surface. Exceptions to this rule is if the mobile food unit is a participant in a city permitted public special event.

4. No mobile food unit may be located on a vacant property or lot with a vacant building. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by city clerk after a review of the particular property and the vendor has been able to make arrangements to ensure safe and sanitary conditions. This rule will include, but is not limited to: adequate access for fire and police personnel/ vehicles, and that the site in general is free from hazards or dangerous conditions.

Travis Schueller, Mayor

ATTEST:
Casey Hoppe - City Clerk

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Secretary of State Paul Pate encourages eligible Iowa students to register to vote on High School Voter Registration Day

DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of State celebrated Iowa High School Voter Registration Day on February 11 and recognized Governor Kim Reynolds for her support of youth voter registration initiatives with an official proclamation signing.

Students throughout Iowa participated in voter education initiatives as part of High School Voter Registration Day, focusing on voter registration, civic education, and preparation for future participation in Iowa elections. Iowa law requires high schools to conduct two voter registration drives every school year.

Iowa already boasts strong youth voter registration and participation rates, thanks to the Iowa law that allows 17-year-olds to register to vote and participate in Primary Elections if they turn 18 prior to or on the day of the General Election.

In 2024 schools reported that nearly 16,000 high school students were registered to vote as part of the Carrie Chapman Catt Award program. The award goes to schools that register at least 90 percent of their eligible students to vote. More than 2,600 high school students registered this year in conjunction with the Catt Award initiative.

"When young Iowans understand their role in our democracy, they become lifelong voters," said Secretary Pate. "I am proud to see growing numbers of 17- and 18-year-olds who are registered to vote. Iowans get it. By helping students register and learn about our elections process while they're still in high school, we're not just preparing them for their first election – we're building the foundation for generations of civic participation."

As part of efforts to encourage Iowa's youth to register to vote and participate in the elections process, Secretary Pate launched the Carrie Chapman Catt Award program in 2019 to encourage voter registration in Iowa high schools. The award is named after Carrie Chapman Catt, a famous Iowa native who was instrumental in securing passage of the 19th Amendment, granting women access to the ballot box more than 100 years ago.

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Travis Schueller, Mayor

ATTEST:
Casey Hoppe - City Clerk

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North Union Warrior Boy's Basketball

Iowa High School Athletic Association
2025 Basketball Postseason

CLASS 1A

PRELIMINARY ROUND
Friday, Feb. 14

FIRST ROUND
Monday, Feb. 17

SECOND ROUND
Thursday, Feb. 20

DISTRICT FINAL
Tuesday, Feb. 25

SUBSTATE 1: DISTRICT 2

1. MMCRU

8. Harris-Lake Park

9. St. Mary's, Storm Lake

4. North Union

5. HMS

2. Newell-Fonda

7. West Bend-Mallard

3. GTRA

6. Alta-Aurelia

Times: All games at 7 p.m.,
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2024-25 North Union Warrior Varsity Boys Basketball

North Union High School Boys Basketball Team members are front row: Donnie Stevens, Drew Henderson, Grady Madden, Caden Walders, Emmitt Bierstedt, and Nick Mitchell; second row: Khaal Jones, Richard Smith, Landon Manwarren, Carson Crouch, Drake Nelsen, Liam Eischen, Emory Potts; back row: Lane Bruhn, Jayden Hagedorn, Cole Nicoson, Greyson Colegrove, Dyson Wikert, Kael Vaske and Hunter Geitzenauer. Missing Colin Kruse.



North Union offense Grady Madden, Lane Bruhn, Drew Henderson wait for Caden Walders to come around the back to help get the basketball from Khaal Jones (not pictured) during the last home game of the season held in Armstrong on February 4.



The North Union eighth grade boys finished their middle school career on February 8th at the Waldorf Tournament in Forest City. They won their first game with solid defense against Iowa Falls 36-24. In the second game, they beat Forest City 46-33. In the championship game against Garner, they played as solid game but came up short in a game that was closer than the final score of 34-47. Coach Chad M. Heinen stated, "I personally want to thank the players for all their hard work, the parents for all their support and help, and anyone (especially Brian Hansen for helping coach) who helped along the way." Pictured are back row: Jacob Ernster, Brekkyn Morpew, Max Heinen, Taylin Jones and Broc Bollig; front row: Coach Chad M. Heinen, Lane Engelby, Luke Hansen and Coach Brian Hansen. Absent from the photos due to illness was Thomas Price.



Taking one of his three point shots during North Union's game against Eagle Grove was Drew Henderson.



Shooting over the Eagle Grove defenders was North Union's Greyson Colegrove.

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2024-25 North Union FCCLA Members

Front: Jo Oleson, Sienna Hansen, Addison Kruse, Mylee Oleson, Oliva Price, Macy Colegrove, Abby Potratz; back row: Karly Potratz, Geraldine Rios, Hadley Moore, Myiah Hanson, Raegan Nielsen, Brylie Deim, Kyla Irmiter, Carly Oleson, Danika Morphew.

North Union FFCLA

FCCLA Week

February 10-14, 2025



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Jo Oleson, Sienna Hansen, Addison Kruse, Mylee Oleson, Oliva Price, Macy Colegrove, Abby Potratz,

North Union Future Farmers of America



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Front row: Emma Preston, Taylor Larsen, Sienna Hansen, Addison Kruse, Carly Oleson, Jo Oleson, Adaline Rolling, middle row: Landon Manwarren, Lexi Anderson, Kenna Hatten, Hadley Moore, Lucy Dreyer, Taylor Parsons, Kyla Irmiter, Briley Henriksen, Ally Bruhn, Lainey Shannon, Emmitt Bierstedt, Kade Madden; back row: John Waller, Hudson Tirevold, Lane Bruhn, Liam

Eischen, Wyatt Leininger, Brennan Bollinger, Grady Madden, Jacob Brown, Eli Oleson, Carter Brown, Braydon Deitering, Colin Kruse. Missing: Lucas Dreyer, Kaden Grimm, Ethan Preston, Jacob Radunz

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Addison Kruse (president), Ethan Preston (VP), Sienna Hansen (secretary), Carly Oleson (reporter), Jo Oleson (sentinel), Emma Preston (student advisor), Adaline Rolling (student advisor), Taylor Larsen (treasurer)



While being defended, North Union Shalie Walters passes the basketball over the heads Eagle Grove defenders to her teammate Maisey Bierstedt who caught the ball under the basket and scored.



During the last home game of the season, the North Union Color Guard performed during the girl's halftime.



North Union senior cheerleader Mabel Ahrends reaches out to receive a hug from her cheerleading coach Cheyanne Sorensen.



All smiles and thankfully no tears as hugs were handed out by North Union Dance Coach Halle Rezac. Getting a hug was senior dancer Hayden Bierstedt.

Mediacom Offers \$60,000 in Scholarships to High School Seniors: Online Applications Now Available for Students in all Mediacom Areas

Interested students are encouraged to apply by the March 14, 2025, deadline.

Information for the online application is available at schools in eligible communities.

Mediacom Communications is offering \$60,000 in scholarship support for high school seniors who plan to obtain further education. The scholarship program is in its 24th consecutive year and Mediacom's investment will award \$1,000 World Class Scholarships to 60 high school seniors.

Starting in the fall of 2025, scholarship recipients have the flexibility to use the financial awards to support post-secondary college costs or vocational training from an accredited institution. Award selection is based on academic achievement and leadership accomplishments.

This year, Mediacom's World Class Scholarship application process has fully transitioned online: mediacomworldclass.com.

Applications, including recommendation letters and high school transcripts, will now be submitted online. Information has been sent to all high schools in areas where Mediacom delivers its high-speed internet services. High school officials are asked to encourage seniors to submit online applications before the March 14, 2025 deadline.

"Our corporate philosophy extends beyond business success — we're dedicated to nurturing the potential of young minds, believing that investing in student development is an investment in our collective future," said Tapan Dandnaik, Mediacom's SVP of Operations, Product Strategy and Consumer Experience.

Applicants do not have to be Mediacom customers but must live in the 22-state area served by Mediacom's fiber-rich broadband network. The online application includes a complete list of communities in Mediacom service areas. Inquiries may be sent to scholarship@mediacomcc.com.



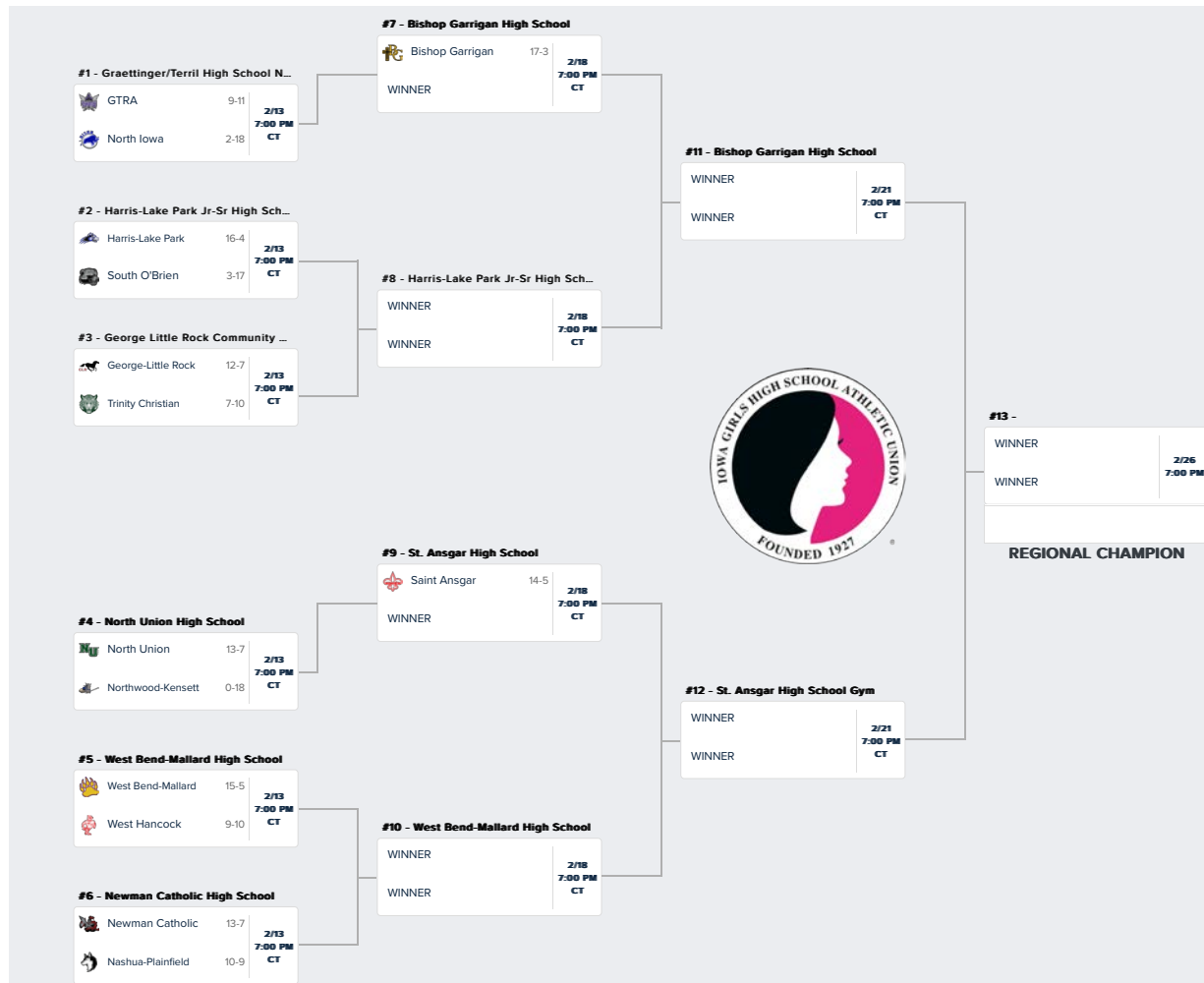
North Union Warrior Girl's Basketball

W Good Luck as you begin the tournament trail!
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2024-25 North Union Warrior Varsity Girls Basketball

North Union High School Girl's Varsity/Junior Varsity are front row: Ava Steinberger and Hannah Nielsen; kneeling: Alexis Cummins, Shalie Walters, Alyssa Welbig, Ainsley Ulrich, Maisey Bierstedt and Avery Walstead; standing: Danika Morphew, Marissa Nielsen, Ally Bruhn, Samantha Hoye and Taylor Parsons.



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2024-25 North Union Warrior Wrestling Team

North Union High School Wrestling Team Members are front row: Jackson Hutchinson, Ethan Preston, Josh Harmon, Lucas Dreyer, Brennan Bollinger and Hunter Clendenan; middle row: Gabe Whaley, Michael Tobin, Kade Madden, Samuel Kirkegaard, Kyan Walter; back row: Henry Moore, Liam Kollasch, Kaden Grimm and Max Merrill. Missing from photo is Noah Hersleff.

Warrior Wrestlers split duals at Graettinger to end regular season

By David Swartz

GRAETTINGER — The North Union Wrestling Team split a pair of duals to end the regular season at Graettinger on Tuesday, Feb. 4. The Warriors defeated West Bend-Mallard 72-6, but lost 52-16 to host

Graettinger-Terril/Ruthven-Ayrshire.

Against West Bend-Mallard, North Union won all four contested matches. Jackson Hutchinson (132), Josh Harmon (165), Max Merrill (190) and Brennan Bollinger (285) all won by fall. The Warriors accepted forfeits at eight other weights.

The Warriors won three matches against GT/RA. Bollinger (285) won by fall, Merrill (175) won a 12-2 major decision, and Ethan Preston (120) accepted a forfeit.

North Union travels to the Class 1A

District Meet hosted by Emmetsburg next Saturday, Feb. 15. Wrestling starts at 10 a.m. Other teams attending are East Sac County, Emmetsburg, GT/RA, Lake Mills, Ridge View, Sibley-Ocheyedan, Sioux Central, West Bend-Mallard, and West Lyon.

North Union 72, West Bend-Mallard 6

106: Mason Knapp (WBM) over (NOUN) (For.) 113: 120: Ethan Preston (NOUN) over (WBM) (For.) 126: Samuel Kirkegaard (NOUN) over (WBM) (For.) 132: Jackson Hutchinson (NOUN) over Kadin Knapp (WBM) (Fall 0:49) 138: Hunter Clendenan (NOUN) over (WBM) (For.) 144: Gabe Whaley (NOUN) over (WBM) (For.) 150: Kade Madden (NOUN) over (WBM) (For.) 157: Castor Kollasch (NOUN) over (WBM) (For.) 165: Josh Harmon (NOUN) over Graydon Forsythe (WBM) (Fall 1:59) 175: Kyan Walter (NOUN) over (WBM) (For.) 190: Max Merrill (NOUN) over Thade Landolt (WBM) (Fall 0:56) 215: Lucas Dreyer (NOUN) over (WBM) (For.) 285: Brennan Bollinger (NOUN) over Jack Habben (WBM) (Fall 0:16)

GT/RA 52, North Union 16
285: Brennan Bollinger (NOUN) over Donovan Young (GT/RA) (Fall 1:52) 106: Double Forfeit 113: Double Forfeit 120: Ethan Preston

Photos by Jay Schnoning

(NOUN) over (GT/RA) (For.) 126: Evan Jensen (GT/RA) over Samuel Kirkegaard (NOUN) (Fall 0:46) 132: Kenny Ness (GT/RA) over Jackson Hutchinson (NOUN) (Fall 1:17) 138: Landon Price (GT/RA) over Michael Tobin (NOUN) (Fall 0:14)

144: Caleb Swedin (GT/RA) over Gabe Whaley (NOUN) (Fall 1:00) 150: Isaiah Malm (GT/RA) over Kade Madden (NOUN) (Fall 1:45) 157: Owen DeMoss (GT/RA) over Castor Kollasch (NOUN) (Fall 0:17) 165: Brady Harris (GT/RA) over Josh

Harmon (NOUN) (TF 19-3 2:16) 175: Max Merrill (NOUN) over Luke Malm (GT/RA) (MD 12-2) 190: Wyatt Haffner (GT/RA) over Kyan Walter (NOUN) (TF 17-1 3:42) 215: Cael Currans (GT/RA) over Lucas Dreyer (NOUN) (Fall 4:55)



At 175 pounds the Warriors Max Merrill outlasted GTRAs Luke Malm winning a major decision 12 to 2.



Brennan Bollinger gets the throw on GTRAs Donovan Young [inning him in 1:52 in the 285 pound class.



The Warriors Josh Harmon works over West Bend-Mallard's Graydon Forsythe in the 165 pound class and gets the pin with a second to spare at the 1:59 mark.



Jackson Hutchinson shoots Kadin Knapp of West Bend-Mallard and gets the pin in 0:49 as the Warriors defeated the Wolverines 72 to 6 in dual action.



In a JV match at 285 pounds Henry Moore looks to the coaches for a little advice but GT/RA's Kinnick Peteon would come back and take the 9 to 2 win.

Supervisors hear planning and zoning administrator proposal

By Michael Tidemann

The Emmet County Board of Supervisors at their Tuesday, Feb. 4 meeting heard a private agency contract proposal for planning and zoning services.

Steve Hallgren of Planning Solutions LLC proposed a \$16,640 annual contract for services for fiscal 2025. That amount would increase to \$17,305 for fiscal 2026 and \$20,800 for fiscal 2027.

Hallgren has extensive planning experience, most notably as planner with Northwest Iowa Planning & Development. He has a total of 25 years of experience working in planning with cities and a nonprofit in Northwest Iowa.

Hallgren started his company in January 2021 to serve local government entities that don't want to hire a full-time planning and zoning position. His work includes subdivision and code enforcement. He currently serves as zoning administrator for Clay County as well as six other entities.

Hallgren said he would attend Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment meetings and do code enforcement. He previously worked on the county's 2013 wind energy ordinance and in 2013-14 he worked on the county comprehensive plan. He also wrote the Emmet County zoning ordinance.

Emmet County Assessor and Zoning Administrator Barb Bohm has given notice to the supervisors that she will no longer perform zoning administration due to the number of hours it takes given the task of Planning and Zoning drafting a new wind energy ordinance. Bohm will continue as assessor. However, she has asked the supervisors to find someone to take over her zoning administration duties.

The board took no action on Hallgren's proposal.

In other business, Emergency Management Director Travis Sheridan said he had applied for a \$6,300 grant through Sioux Rivers to find a crisis canine certification process. Crystal

My weekly column: Bolstering our border security and keeping fentanyl out of our communities

By Rep. Randy Feenstra

There's no denying that the United States has an opioid crisis. Unregulated, deadly drugs have found their way into our urban centers, our suburbs, and even our rural main streets. Every year, these fatal substances indiscriminately kill hundreds of thousands of Americans regardless of age, race, or creed. There is no questioning what needs to be done. We must cut the flow of these drugs, often manufactured by foreign adversaries like China, and secure our borders.

In 2023, nearly 110,000 Americans died of drug overdoses. Almost 70% of these untimely deaths were due to synthetic opioids like fentanyl and other illicit, man-made drugs. Fentanyl-related deaths are now the number one cause of death among adults 18-49 and the drug is responsible for 77% of adolescent overdose deaths. These drugs destroy our most vulnerable and wreak havoc on our families.

That's why I voted for, and the U.S. House of Representatives passed, the HALT Fentanyl Act, which

intends to cut the flow of these illicit opioids into American communities. This legislation would permanently establish the class-wide scheduling order for fentanyl related substances (FRS) — which is currently temporary and soon to expire. The bill also ensures that law enforcement agencies have the tools and resources that they need to keep deadly drugs like fentanyl out of our communities. If the scheduling expires, many of these substances would become street-legal and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) would no longer be able to seize these drugs as they cross our borders.

But protecting our communities from external threats isn't limited to drug trafficking. In 2016, 21-year-old Iowan, Sarah Root, was tragically murdered in a drunk driving accident caused by an illegal immigrant — who was driving three times over the legal limit and had prior arrests. However, due to an egregious loophole in federal law, the illegal immigrant fled the country, was released from jail, posted bond, and was never seen or heard from again. Without a doubt, this tragedy — and many more like

it occurring around the nation — demanded serious legislative action to keep our communities safe from violent illegal immigrants.

That's why Senator Ernst and I introduced Sarah's Law — in honor of Sarah Root — to ensure that illegal immigrants who harm or kill American citizens are swiftly detained and brought to justice. Fortunately, our legislation was included in the Laken Riley Act, which President Trump signed into law on January 29th. We were glad to be joined by Sarah's father, Scott Root, for the signing ceremony at the White House and even had the opportunity to talk to Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem and Vice President J.D. Vance about Sarah's story.

The passage of this law — the first law signed by President Trump — is symbolic of the new administration's commitment to the will of the people. Throughout his campaign, President Trump made promises to secure our border and protect our communities from drug trafficking and criminals. Just a matter of weeks into his presidency, President Trump has kept these promises, and I'm thrilled that

we could work with him to honor Sarah's memory and deliver real solutions to our border crisis.

But President Trump will not rest. After talks with Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum, President Trump negotiated Mexico's mobilization of 10,000 soldiers to the Mexican side of our southern border. He later spoke to Canadian Prime Minister

Justin Trudeau who pledged to send additional personnel to secure our northern border and address drug trafficking. In conjunction with the service men and women on our side of the border, the members of the Mexican National Guard and border personnel from Canada will assist in cutting off the flow of human trafficking, drug trafficking, and violent criminals seeking to harm our citizens and profit from our suffering.

Since I've taken office — and with every subsequent oath that I have sworn to the American people — bolstering our border security has been a top priority for me. I've supported legislation ranging from the SAVE Act, which prevents illegal immigrants from voting in our elections, to the Preventing Violence

Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act, which ensures that illegal sex criminals and domestic violence offenders are deported from our country, to supporting efforts to keep building the border wall on our southern border. We must do everything in our power to keep our families and communities safe.

For the last four years under the Biden administration, the effects of an unsecured, open border have seeped their way into every facet of the American way of life — it must be put to an end. I look forward to continuing to work with President Trump — and our new Secretaries of State and Homeland Security, Marco Rubio and Kristi Noem, respectively — to restore law and order in our country.

End Rolls of News Print

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Foundation and Conservation Board plan banquet

By Michael Tidemann

The Emmet County Nature Center Foundation and Emmet County Conservation Board planned their annual banquet when they met Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Emmet County Nature Center near Wallingford.

The banquet will be held Saturday, March 15 at the Estherville Elks Lodge with a 5:30 p.m. social hour followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and program and auction at 7 p.m. Banquet ticket information is available by calling the Nature Center at (712) 867-4422 or emailing emmetccb@yourstarnet.net. Funds raised from past banquets have helped pay off the debt on the Nature Center and the Prairie Center across the road as well as help fund youth programs such as nature education and the Prairie Center archery range.

At Thursday's meeting, Foundation members approved adding a free weekend of camping including firewood and use of kayaks as a banquet prize.

In Foundation new business, members discussed an open house of both the Nature Center and Prairie Center 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22.

In the Conservation Board meeting that followed, Emmet County Conservation Board Director Matt Reineke announced that the Federal Emergency Management

Administration had awarded \$37,768.97 to help repair the North trailhead boat ramp and replace a picnic table, both damaged by last June's flooding. Also awarded was \$19,122 to replace the Tuttle Lake dock.

Reineke said he would pick up a mower awaiting repair at a dealership and take it to a different place for repair. Reineke also noted water samples had come back as satisfactory.

Discussing the fiscal 2026 budget, Reineke noted camping revenues have not yet reached COVID-era levels when campers came from Minnesota. He said revenues have averaged \$65,000 yearly.

The board approved a 3 percent raise for employees and health insurance, which Reineke projected for a \$10,000 increase.

Naturalist Sidney Krueger said she had visited Dickinson County Conservation where she learned that the board there has found sponsors for animals. She suggested a similar program for Emmet County. Krueger said she has also been collecting seeds in the prairie area to plant a pollinator garden.

Reineke also noted he has advertised for a seasonal naturalist and has had one request for information on the position.

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Obituary



Julius Henry Irmiter

Julius Henry Irmiter, 85, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, on February 6, 2025 at the age of 85. He was born on December 25, 1939, in section two of Seneca Township, Iowa, the second son of Henry and Ione (Bolling) Irmiter.

Julius graduated from Armstrong High School in 1959, where he played on the school's first-ever undefeated football team. He proudly served for six years in the National Guard and remained a dedicated member of the American Legion throughout his life.

On July 8, 1967, he married the love of his life, Barbara Bishop, at the Baptist Church in Swea City, Iowa. Together, they built a life rooted in faith, love, and hard work, raising two sons and two daughters. Their family grew to include nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with one more on the way.

A lifelong farmer, Julius took immense pride in tending to his cattle, corn, and soybeans. He was blessed to see his family farm become a Century Farm in 2023, a milestone that meant the world to him. He had a deep appreciation for John Deere tractors, especially his restored John Deere D, and could often be found tinkering in the shop or surveying his fields.

Though he spent the last five years battling cancer, those years were filled with joy—watching his family grow, celebrating the marriages of his grandchildren, and welcoming four great-grandchildren into the world (with a fifth to soon arrive). He was a tough and stubborn man, hardworking and faithful, with a signature smirk that never faded. His marriage to Barbara was a testament to love and devotion.

Julius is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Barbara (Bishop) Irmiter and his children: Mike (Jill) Irmiter of Armstrong, John (Kris) Irmiter of Armstrong, Linda (Skip) Lowe of Grinnell, and Mary (Kevin) Hanson of Ventura. He is also survived by his granddaughter Mara (Nick) Beermink

and great-grandson Lucas Beermink of Rochester, MN; granddaughter Madison Irmiter of Minneapolis, MN; grandson Tyler Irmiter of Los Angeles, CA; granddaughter Jalissa (Austin) DeJong and great-grandson Everett DeJong, with Baby DeJong expected soon of Armstrong, IA; grandsons Ryan (Sarah) Lowe of West Des Moines and Jacob Lowe of Grinnell; granddaughter Juel (Brett) Bulson of Garner, IA; granddaughter Jade (Anthony) Cerwinske and great-granddaughter Kylie of Forest City, IA; granddaughter Jenna (Jon) Erdman and great-grandson Kason of Klemme, IA; and Max Eaton of Armstrong, IA— who was loved just like a grandson. Also surviving Julius are his siblings: Richard (Jane) Irmiter of Swea City, IA, Larry Irmiter of Cedar, Patricia (Lee) Williams of Cedar Falls, IA, Margie Stratemeyer of Sierra Vista, AZ, and Kathy Irmiter of Waterloo, IA; his brother-in-law Darrel (Sedell) Bishop of Ankeny, IA; along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Henry and Ione Irmiter; his father- and mother-in-law, Dillard and Marie Bishop; his brothers, James Irmiter and Gerald (Helena) Irmiter; his sister, Joan (Tom) Pflieger; his brother-in-law, Bob Stratemeyer; his nephews, Matthew Irmiter (godson) and Joseph Pflieger.

Julius leaves behind a legacy of perseverance, faith, and unwavering love for his family. His presence will be deeply missed, but his spirit will live on in the land he cultivated and in the hearts of those who loved him.

Rest easy, Grandpa. The years went fast—just like you always said.

Funeral services for Julius were held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Armstrong. Burial with military honors by the Christiansen-Bonnicksen American Legion Post 382 took place at Swea Township Cemetery. Henry Olson Funeral Home of Armstrong assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.henryolsonfuneral.com

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Zeitz Answers Planning & Zoning Questions

Zeitz answers

P&Z WECS questions

By Michael Tidemann

Al Zeitz, director of the renewable energy program at Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Estherville, fielded questions about wind turbines at a Thursday, Feb. 6 Emmet County Planning and Zoning Commission work session in the Emmet County Courthouse boardroom.

Zeitz's vitae includes 30 years in the wind energy industry, including his role as first director of the Wind Energy and Turbine Technology program at Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville. During those three decades, he has worked as a technician and project manager as well as working on project construction and commissioning.

"Over the last 30 years I've seen a lot of improvement in wind turbines," said Zeitz, pointing to developments in blade technology to reduce noise. "I've picked up a lot of information over the years."

Zeitz addressed a perennial complaint of wind energy conversion system opponents — shadow flicker.

"Shadow flicker is something you really can't get away from," said Zeitz, noting though that shadow flicker should impact a residence just 15 minutes through an entire year.

Zeitz also said newer wind turbines have detection systems to determine if blades are iced over and subsequently shut turbines down. He also said icephobic coatings keep ice from forming on blades.

As for blades throwing ice, said Zeitz, "I've seen some pretty significant damage" with most at the base of turbines. However, he added, "A turbine's going to shut down because of vibration faults."

Zeitz also addressed a question from P&Z Chair Richard McKean on lightning strikes.

Zeitz said he has experienced blades starting on fire or exploding from lightning strikes. However, he said new blades are grounded through the tower.

Emmet County Supervisor John Pluth asked about technician safety protocols during storms.

Zeitz said technicians get automatic notifications. "We just tell everybody to come back to the shop," Zeitz said.

Higher-quality blades with regular interior and exterior inspections help reduce failure, said Zeitz. He said newer blades are now more readily recyclable.

Zeitz said he had not heard of tower vibration affecting rural wells. He said turbines would likely not impact farm equipment GPS systems. "I don't see any reason why it would," he said.

Zeitz also addressed audience questions.

Kris Van Kleef of Milford asked about current standards for ice and fire suppression and noise reduction.



Al Zeitz, manager of the renewable energy program at Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, addressed questions from Emmet County Planning and Zoning Commission members at a Feb. 6 work session.

Zeitz said current technology exists to reduce noise — a question to ask developers. He said developers could also be asked whether they're using a fire suppression system.

P&Z member Chuck Gardner asked what was the main complaint about turbines.

"Noise has been the number-one complaint," Zeitz said. He said people may hear a screeching noise when a blade mount yaws or changes direction. He said he hasn't heard complaints about whooshing noises.

Laura Winter asked about a jet-engine noise and leaking oil from a turbine east of Graettinger.

Zeitz said cooling fans could make noise, but not very loud. He said a person wouldn't likely hear that noise unless standing by a tower. Zeitz said ILEC uses synthetic mineral oil in its turbines.

When P&Z member Doug Hansen asked about breaking systems, Zeitz said the motor provides a dynamic brake.

Gardner asked about objectors without leases to wind farms.

Zeitz said some developers will offer annual payments to those individuals. "There have been concessions made with neighbors," Zeitz said, adding that one person received electricity from a project.

When audience member Dennis Quastad asked about impact on home

values, Zeitz noted a couple instances where property values dropped, but that other factors could have been involved. He said most articles he's read observed no impact.

Hansen said real-estate agents had said people didn't want to buy properties near turbines. He said that could change, though, if people were getting payments.

When Gardner asked about shutdown during shadow flicker, Zeitz said technology exists for that. Zeitz also told Gardner a 1,000-foot safety zone should be adequate to protect people.

Gardner also asked about tower placement.

Zeits said units are placed five to eight rotor distances apart for maximum efficiency.

Winter asked what options people might have when wind farm representatives don't answer questions from the public.

"There should be somebody that's designated to field their questions," Zeitz said. He said there should be a specific point of contact who will respond in a given time.

After the discussion with Zeitz, P&Z members hashed out the amount of insurance coverage developers should carry. They settled on \$10 million per occurrence with a 3 percent annual inflation adjustment.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP

We need your help. The Nazareth Lutheran Church food pantry in Armstrong's usage is at an all time high. The last few times we have been open we have had from 8-11 families come to us for help. In November we had 17 families. As our numbers continue to grow, we are needing more donations to keep Nazareth's Food Pantry open. This year our expenses are at an all-time high (\$6,800) and our monetary donations are down (\$2,200). We really need your help. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

If you would like to purchase any items for Nazareth's Food Pantry we could use the following: pancake mix and syrup, chicken noodle soup, vegetable beef soup, shampoo, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, jelly, ketchup, mayo, pudding, cereal, cake mixes, boxed meal helpers, boxed potatoes, peanut butter, laundry detergent, apple sauce, peaches, pears, spam, crackers, canned chicken, tuna, tomato sauce, sugar, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, tin foil, baggies and kitchen garage bags.

We want to thank everyone for all your donations and all the volunteers for all your help. Without all of your help and support we couldn't keep The Nazareth's Food Pantry open. Thank you so much for all your support!

Coming Events

Thursday, February 13

6 p.m. Valentine Dinner at the Swea City Library; tickets available at the Library, \$15 per person.

Friday, February 14 & Sat. 15th

Valentine's Day Date Night, meal & live music, Steve Lang, at The Garage, Armstrong

Friday, February 14 & Sat. 15th

5 - 9 p.m. NorthStar Restaurant, Fenton, Check out our special menu in ad this week.

Saturday, February 15 & Sun. 16

4:30 - 9 p.m. Valentine's Specials at Johanson's Cafe in Bancroft; BBQ Ribs & Butterfly Shrimp; dinners include Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, & Garlic Toast

Wednesday, February 19

5 - 8 p.m. Liver & Onions Special at NorthStar Restaurant & Lounge in Fenton, Iowa; Friday also Fish Night & Saturday also Prime Rib.

Members also agreed insurance coverage should include environmental pollution or acts of God. They also discussed permit and application fees.

Saturdays, 1st & 4th thru March

1 p.m. Registration for Cribbage Tournament; 1:30 p.m. play begins, Tournament held at The Garage in Armstrong; ABC Fund Raiser for 2026 Street Dance-IV Play; **Have your own board, please bring along.**

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•Ringsted City Council meets 2nd Monday of each month 6 p.m.

•Armstrong City Council meets 2nd Wednesday of each month

•Armstrong Heritage Museum. Open from 1 - 3 p.m.; Coffee pot's on!

•ABC - Armstrong Betterment Club meets 3rd Wednesday of ea. month @Community Center

•Armstrong City Recycling: 1st & 3rd Friday of ea. month

•Armstrong Public Library board meetings, 3rd Mon. of ea. mo. @ library 5 p.m.; Friends of Armstrong Library 3rd Mon. of ea. mo. @6 p.m.

A full planning and zoning meeting will be held 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 in the Emmet County Courthouse boardroom.

Days Gone By



One hundred years ago: February 1925 *Publisher: H.B. Sturtevant*

Halfa's Only Store Building Burned - The store at Halfa caught on fire last Saturday morning and quickly burned to the ground. Some stock which was saved, along with the post office supplies and mail, was moved to another building.

A wrestling match will be held in the Hill & Phillips hall in Armstrong on Friday evening of this week. Erven Carroll will wrestle Kid Roff of Weseca, Minn., in an advertised finish match. This should be a fast one.

School Notes: The teachers study center was served at dinner by some of the sophomore girls. Fifty-eight teachers were served by the following girls: Georgia Lytle, Alma Jones, Ilo Miller, Elizabeth Eike, Leona Walsh, and Wynona Ramhorst.

Seventy five years ago: February 1950

Publisher: Robert E. Burns & W. F. Irwin

John Moore suffered severe burns about his thighs and legs last Sunday morning at about 8 o'clock when his clothes suddenly burst into flames while he was hauling ashes out of the state garage.

Judy Kingston will represent the local school at the county spelling contest to be held at Estherville March 4.

Florance Johnson purchased the Bert Peterson tavern and will take over as of Monday, February 6. Florence is the former owner of the East Side Cafe. Amel Lentz, pro and manager of the Fairmont golf course, will take over the East Side Cafe next Monday.

Fifty years ago: February 1975 *Publisher: Jerry D. Wiseman*

Armstrong Pigs, a confinement area west of Armstrong, was open to the public for inspection on Saturday, February 1, for probably the last time. In this type of operation, fear of an outbreak of disease is the greatest problem; so the building will be "strictly closed up" to outsiders, said Curtis Tonderum, one of the board members.

Photo: Peggy Helgason performs on the trampoline at the Friday night basketball game during the half-time show. Kyle Monson watches from the side of the trampoline.

Valley Vue - Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Godfredson and daughter Mrs. Rita Meyers of Virginia Beach, Virginia, called on Martha Godfredson Sunday.

Twenty five years ago: February 2000

Publisher: Jerry D. Wiseman

Photo: Presenting A-R Supt. Jim O'Meara, second from right, a check for \$15,000 for the track improvement project on Friday afternoon, January 28, were representatives of GKN Armstrong Wheels: Brian Craig, Rick Dailey, and Larry Olson. All three men are from Armstrong. A-R junior Ryan Sturm earned the 100th win of his high school wrestling career on January 17 when he won by fall in 2:30 of his 152 pound match against a LeMars grappler. His overall record stood at 100-13.

Robb Nutt and his 13-year-old son, Dallas, of Armstrong, won the championship in the Father-Son Junior Division of the 34th Annual State Family Doubles Bowling Tournament at Marshalltown on January 9.

Ten years ago: February 2015 *Publisher: Kristin Grabinoski*

Please join JoAnne Prescott to celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday, February 7, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Armstrong Community Center.

Kaden Miller, son of Ryan and Mindy Miller of Armstrong, won second place at state in a VFW sponsored essay contest. The title of the essay is "What the Constitution of the United States Means to Me". Kaden is a fifth grader at North Union, Swea City Campus.

Dear Editor, We are the owners of Three Fingers Campground located in Forest City, Iowa. Due to the generosity of Mayor Greg Bum and the residents of Armstrong, we now have a tornado siren that could warn our campers of dangerous weather. The siren was formerly used in the town of Armstrong and was recently replaced with an updated one. The siren will bring peace of mind and possibly even life-saving warnings to our guests. - David & Paula Heyes

His love is so great that he willingly died on a Roman cross so we could know our sins are forever forgiven. But Jesus' love for us didn't suddenly come to light on Good Friday when he was crucified. It came to light in a million small moments and stories before that day. It was seen when he touched the leper to heal him instead of shouting from a distance. He demonstrated it in choosing to spend time with children and teaching women instead of courting politicians and religious leaders. Jesus' love was undeniable when he stopped to talk to the woman who touched his hem desperately seeking healing.

Perhaps this year for Valentine's Day, we could all embrace a little of that child-like faith we often admire, purchase a box of fun classroom valentine's, and let our neighbors know that we are doing our very best to love them. None of us is able to fix all the problems and heal all the wounds sin and hate have introduced into our world overnight. But perhaps in embracing the small, seemingly insignificant moments of everyday life as a chance to love one another, we might turn the tide towards better days. Days where we can see God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

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SUNDAY, February 16, 2025

6th Sunday after Epiphany

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WEDNESDAY, February 19

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9 a.m. Worship Service

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Armstrong, Iowa

Rev. Lyndon Roesler

WEDNESDAY, February 12

9 a.m. Women's Coffee &

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

7 p.m. Choir.

THURSDAY, February 13

No 'Women of the Church' Feb. mtg.

SATURDAY, February 15

Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Arm. Global

SUNDAY, February 16, 2025

9 a.m. Worship Service, Noisy Offer.

10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee

10:15 a.m. Adult SS, Kids SS 10:15

11 a.m. All Church Soup Lunch

TUESDAY, February 18

10 a.m. VV Bible Time

10:30 a.m. Spring Creek Bible Time

WEDNESDAY, February 19

9 a.m. Women's Coffee &

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

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Ava Steinberger goes up for the shot during the third quarter of the North Union/Eagle Grove conference game on Tuesday night, February 4th in Armstrong. Prior to the game starting, seniors and their parents were recognized.



North Union senior color guard member Emily Lemmens gets a hug from Wava Jarr, color guard advisor, during senior recognition night held on Tuesday, February 4th.

Warriors fly by the Eagles

By David Swartz

ARMSTRONG — The North Union girls raced out to a 22-3 first-quarter lead against Eagle Grove on Tuesday, Feb. 4, and rolled to a 64-25 hoops win.

Ainsley Ulrich poured 20 points with five steals and four assists while Maisie Bierstedt had 16 points, nine rebounds, and three steals. Shallie Walders also reached double digits in scoring with 12 points along with five steals and two assists. Ava Steinberger

had just two points, but led the team in rebounds with 12, and assists with seven.

North Union led 41-11 at halftime and 53-19 after three quarters.

North Union 64, Eagle Grove 25
North Union (64) - Shallie Walders 5-12 0-0 12; Ainsley Ulrich 9-18 2-4 20; Maisie Bierstedt 7-22 1-1 16; Ava Steinberger 1-3 0-0 2; Hannah Nielsen 1-4 0-0 2; Samantha Hoye 0-1 0-0 0; Alexis Cummins 3-6 0-0 7; Alyssa Welbig 1-2 0-0 3; Avery Walstead

1-3 0-0 2; Taylor Parsons 0-1 0-0 0; Danika Morphew 0-1 0-0 0. Totals - 27-73 3-5.

Halftime Score: North Union 41, Eagle Grove 11. 3-pointers - NU 7-18 (Walders 2-3, Ulrich 2-5, Cummins 1-1, Welbig 1-1, Bierstedt 1-5, Nielsen 0-2, Steinberger 0-1). Rebounds - NU 33 (Bierstedt 9), assists - NU 18 (Steinberger 7). Steals - NU 16 (Walders 5, Ulrich 5). Blocked Shots - NU 0. Turnovers - NU 9. Fouls - NU 10. Fouled Out - None.

Warriors squeeze by the Eagles

By David Swartz
dswartz@esthervilleneews.net

ARMSTRONG — A three-point play by Khael Jones with about 25 seconds left helped seal a North Union 60-55 victory basketball victory over Eagle Grove on Tuesday, Feb. 4. While Eagle Grove sent up several shots in the closing seconds, none of them connected as the Warriors notched their eighth win of the season.

While North Union led much of the game, the Warriors still had to rally after losing the lead in the fourth quarter. North Union led 16-13 after

one quarter, 35-28 at halftime, and 47-41 after three quarters.

Eagle Grove went on an 11-0 run to take a 52-47 lead. North Union scored the next seven points, taking the lead for good on a basket by Caden Walders at 54-52.

Drew Henderson led three Warriors in double digits with 17 points while Walders had 14 points and five rebounds. Jones contributed 11 points, eight assists, and five rebounds.

North Union 60, Eagle Grove 55
North Union (60) - Drew Henderson 6-13 0-0 17; Caden Walders 7-11 0-0

14; Khael Jones 4-15 1-1 11; Grady Madden 2-4 0-0 4; Lane Bruhn 2-5 0-0 4; Greyson Colegrove 3-6 0-0 6; Cole Nicoson 1-3 2-2 4. Totals - 25-57 3-3 60.

Halftime Score: North Union 35, Eagle Grove 28. 3-pointers - NU 7-21 (Henderson 5-10, Jones 2-9, Colegrove 0-1, Bruhn 0-1). Rebounds - NU 25 (Walders 5, Jones 5). Assists - NU 15 (Jones 8). Steals - NU 4 (Jones 2). Blocked Shots - NU 2 (Bruhn, Nicoson). Turnovers - NU 6. Fouls - NU 8. Fouled Out - None.

GHV takes loss against Warriors

By David Swartz

GARNER — A 19-12 third quarter helped the North Union boys create some separation from host Garner-Hayfield-Ventura last Friday. The Warriors were able to hang on for a 56-49 victory.

North Union led 14-11 after one quarter, 28-26 at halftime, and 47-38 after three quarters.

Khael Jones led the Warriors with 21 points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals. Drew Henderson, Caden Walders, and Grady Madden each had eight points.

Layne Gayken led GHV with 17

points while Nicholas Zrostik had 16. North Union (9-11 overall, 7-8 in the Top of Iowa West Conference) wrapped up the regular season at Lake Mills on Tuesday. Class 1A playoffs are scheduled to start Friday.

North Union 56, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 49

North Union (56) - Drew Henderson 2-6 2-6 8; Caden Walders 4-7 0-0 8; Greyson Colegrove 2-7 1-2 6; Khael Jones 6-10 4-6 21; Lane Bruhn 2-2 0-0 5; Grady Madden 4-6 0-0 8; Cole Nicoson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals - 20-40 7-14 56.

Halftime Score: North Union 28,

GHV 26. 3-pointers - NU 9-20 (Jones 5-7, Henderson 2-5, Bruhn 1-1, Colegrove 1-3). Rebounds - NU 23 (Jones 6). Assists - NU 8 (Jones 5). Steals - NU 7 (Walders 2, Colegrove 2, Jones 2). Blocked Shots - NU 0. Turnovers - NU 14. Fouls - NU 12. Fouled Out - None.

North Union will play Hartley-Melvin Sanborn in Substate District 2 on Monday, Feb. 17. The winner will face the winner of Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn/Remsen-Union and Harris-Lake Park/St. Mary's Storm Lake on Thursday, Feb. 20. The district final is Tuesday, Feb. 25. Substate final games are Saturday, March 1.

North Union defeats Cardinals

By David Swartz

GARNER — The North Union girls had a strong first and third quarters in defeating host Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 46-31 last Friday.

The Warriors raced out to a 16-4 lead in the first quarter with the Cardinals cutting the deficit to single digits, 22-13, by halftime. However, North Union stretched the lead back to double digits for good in the third quarter, leading 40-24 entering the final frame.

Ainsley Ulrich led North Union with 16 points and two steals while Maisie Bierstedt had 11 points and eight rebounds, and Ava Steinberger had nine points and five rebounds. Shallie Walders had six points and nine of the team's 10 assists.

Bella Schisel led GHV with 15 points, five steals, four assists, and two blocked shots.

North Union (14-7 overall, 11-4 in the Top of Iowa West Conference) ended the regular season Tuesday at Lake Mills.

The Warriors host Northwood-Kensett (0-20) in the first round of the Class 1A region playoffs on Thursday in Armstrong. Game time is 7 p.m. The winner will travel to Saint Ansgar

(15-5) for the region semifinal next Tuesday. The region semifinal is Friday, Feb. 21 with the region final taking place on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

North Union 46, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 31

North Union (46) - Shallie Walders 3-12 0-1 6; Ainsley Ulrich 6-16 2-2 16; Maisie Bierstedt 4-8 0-0 11; Ava Steinberger 4-6 1-2 9; Hannah Nielsen 1-1 0-1 2; Alexis Cummins 0-3 2-4 2;

Alyssa Welbig 0-0 0-0 0. Totals - 18-46 5-10 46.

Halftime Score: North Union 22, GHV 13. 3-pointers - NU 5-19 (Bierstedt 3-5, Ulrich 2-8, Walters 0-5, Cummins 0-1). Rebounds - NU 30 (Bierstedt 8). Assists - NU 10 (Walders 9). Steals - NU 4 (Ulrich 2). Blocked Shots - NU 1 (Bierstedt). Turnovers - NU 12. Fouls - NU 9. Fouled Out - None.



Taking it to the hoop during the first half of their game was North Union senior Caden Walders who scored 14 points during their conference game against Eagle Grove.

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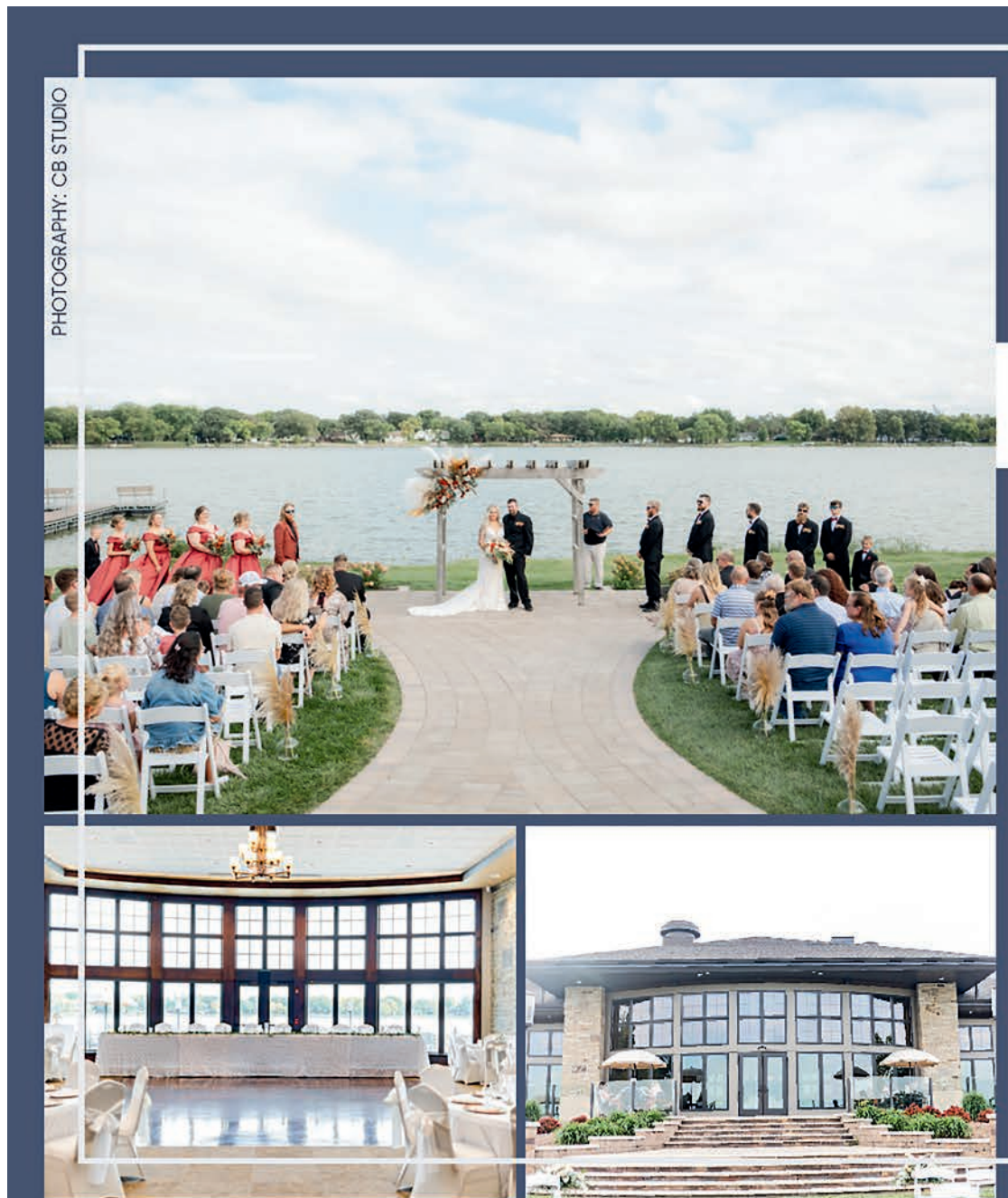
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