



NU School Board hears updates from high school principal

By Kim Meyer

North Union High School Principal Robert Zotz updated the school board on a few happenings taking place during their June 16th board meeting. Mr. Zotz stated that the new weight room is being utilized daily by their athletes and coaches for their summer programs.

The boys program runs from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with weights and on Wednesdays they do agility and speed training. The average participation for the boys each session is 35.

The girls program runs from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. with weights on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Average participation for the girls is 25 each session.

Mr. Zotz noted that main the football and boys/girls basketball coaches are supervising at this time. All the kids are enrolled in the team building application that is an online and strengthening application.

During the school year, the infused weights will be incorporated into the PE program. The "traditional" PE rotates with weights every other day for a 1/2 credit per semester.

On the other days, the students who attend both, they will receive 1 full credit.

If you have had a chance to walk through the hallways of the high school, you will know canvas prints hanging on the walls. This project was made possible through a grant from the Palo Alto Gaming Development Corporation. Mr. Zotz noted that he has received good feedback about the prints.

Currently, the school has purchased 18 canvasses so far all sports and extra curricular activities.

On the education side of update, Mr. Zotz presented the board with the 2025 ISASP Results which showed growth for the three classes (freshmen, sophomore and junior classes) who took the tests.

Growth was seen in math and English which is a positive note for the school. Mr. Zotz is excited to see how NU will rank against other schools and the state average.

Superintendent Travis Schueller stated that the asbestos removal has been completed and the new flooring in the nurses office, handicap bathroom, the seasons room and other areas will be completed soon.

He also noted that the roof in Fenton has been fixed. There is not a big list of maintenance issues to be fixed this summer.

The board approved the hiring of head girls basketball coach Loren Loft, and Mattie Hall as co-director of the musical to be held this fall.

They also approved the contracts for Robert Zotz, high school principal and Katie Black from the 2025-2027 school years. Erin Rogers contract for the 2025-26 school year was approved.

Approved was the second reading of Board Policy 900 series, District Career and Academic Plan and the resolution to participate in the Storm Protection Fund.

The operational sharing with North Kossuth of Beth Borchardt as school social worker was approved.

The next school board meeting is tentatively set for Monday, July 21.

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New Banners will be in place before RAGBRAI arrives in Armstrong

New banners have been ordered for the main street of Armstrong. Banner replacement is a project of the Armstrong Betterment Club and donations are being accepted for this project. Cost of each banner is \$61 and an additional 16 bracket sets were ordered at a cost of \$72. Enough banners have been ordered for all light poles on main street.

There are three ways to make a donation for this project!

- Drop a check or cash off at Bank Midwest
- Mail a check to ABC, PO Box 241, Armstrong, IA 50514. Be sure to note it is for the banners.
- Submit a payment online - <https://givebuttr.com/armstrong-betterment-club>. Please sure to note it is for the banners.

The ABC appreciates the continued support in keeping Armstrong beautiful!



Armstrong Gears Up for Parade, Entertainment, and Fireworks Spectacular

Armstrong's annual Fourth of July festivities promise a full day of entertainment, culminating in an unforgettable fireworks show lighting up the summer night sky.

The day will get started with the annual 7:00 a.m. Ecumenical Church Service at the City Park. Bring your own lawn chair and enjoy the service, everyone is welcome.

The Classic, Custom, Car, Tractor, Motorcycle, Truck show will be held at the Catholic Church parking lot. Registration time is 9:00-12:30; with awards being presented at 2:30 p.m.

Again this year will be the ongoing Vendor Show on the west side of the park area from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., perfect for browsing unique crafts and local goodies.

The heart of the day's celebration is the 1:00 p.m. parade, featuring a lively procession of floats, classic cars, tractors, and community groups. The parade begins and ends at the football field, weaving down main street with patriotic pride and small-town spirit.

Immediately after the parade,

attendees can enjoy a wide array of activities and entertainment in the city park and surrounding areas. Highlights include:

- Live music by Steve Lang near the park
- Free swimming at the city pool for a refreshing cool down
- Raffle Ticket Drawing will be held

The fun continues into the evening with a performance by the band 'Hold On' from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at The Garage, setting the perfect tone for a festive summer night.

And of course, no Independence Day is complete without fireworks. At 10:00 p.m., the Armstrong Fire Department will launch a spectacular fireworks display north of town — a breathtaking finale to a full day of celebration.

From sunrise events to sunset sparkles, Armstrong's Fourth of July celebration is set to be a day to remember.



Bubbles Galore

The summer reading program kicked off last Friday for the Armstrong Public Library with a foam party for the kids. Youngsters from the area enjoyed immersing themselves in a bath of bubbles jetting from a bubble machine along with party music. The Library will be holding their next program this Friday where the kids will learn about frogs. The programs start at 10:00 a.m. and are free. All are welcome!

A Full Day of Fun for Kids this Fourth of July in Armstrong

From first light to fireworks, Armstrong's July 4th celebration is packed with activities designed to delight children of all ages. Whether they're racing, riding, or getting soaked in suds, there's no shortage of fun for the youngest members of the community.

The festivities start off on Thursday night with the crowning of the Little Miss 4th of July, Jr. Miss Armstrong and Miss Armstrong. The event will take place at the Armstrong Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

July 4th kicks off bright and early with a 5K fun run/walk beginning at the high school track. This is a fun event with no winners, just a great time to get together and exercise.

The VFW Track & Field Events will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the high school track. Preschool through sixth-grade kids can sprint under the guidance of Armstrong's VFW Post #5232. At the same time, aspiring athletes can head to the football field for the Punt, Pass & Kick competition, hosted by the North Union football team.

Gather your team for the 3 on 3 basketball tournament that will be held behind the library, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

From there, the energy keeps building. At 10:00 a.m., Soap Box Derby Races will roar down Nursing Home Hill, while kids can test their pedaling skills at Big Wheel Races at 11:00 a.m. on the west side of the city park.

Little train enthusiasts won't want to miss Stevens Express Train Rides running from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and again from 2:00-3:30 p.m. on 4th Avenue. And after the parade wraps up around 2:00 p.m., the fun continues:

- Free swimming at the Armstrong City Pool
- A juicy Watermelon Feed in the park, sponsored by The Garage
- The Kids Pedal Tractor Pull at the west side of the park
- A wild Foam Party from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the City Park

And for those with a splashy streak, the Firemen's Water Fight at 3:30 p.m. promises a soaking good time (registration at 2:30).

From start to finish, Armstrong's July 4th celebration is a kid-friendly adventure that proves small-town charm still delivers the biggest fun.

matinee performance on Thursday, July 3 at 4:00 p.m., and a 7:00 p.m. performance on Thursday evening.

Tickets are available from cast members or by calling (515) 320-2226. Text or leave a message. Tickets may be purchased at the door but are subject to availability.

The play is performed at the Community Hall at the intersection of Highway 9 and P20 between Swea City and Armstrong, Iowa.



Hailey Cole enjoyed the bubbles along with many other kids during the Armstrong Public Library's summer reading program kick-off last Friday.

ABC sponsored golf tournament to be held this Saturday

The 4-person best ball tournament will take place this Saturday, June 28 at Country Greens Golf Course and there is still time to participate. Either pre-register at the golf course or show up at 9:30 Saturday morning to get registered for the 10:00 a.m. shot gun start. Different games will be held at various holes to make the day a fun event.

The event is being hosted by the Armstrong Betterment Club. Rain date will be Sunday, June 29. The cost is \$150 per team for 18 holes of golf and carts are available to rent for \$30. There will be a Bloody Mary Bar and Maidrites and chips will be available to purchase for lunch.

Come have fun while supporting the ABC, who provides events and supports the community of Armstrong.



A car and bike show hosted by The Garage in Armstrong filled the main street with some beautiful vehicles. This is the second car show of the summer for The Garage and it draws people from as far as 50 miles away.



The Arts Way sign had a transformation last week with the placement of their new logo. The work was done by First Class Signs out of Ames, Iowa.

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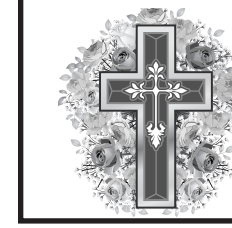
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EMMET COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT



I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. John 3:3

Traffic court

April 28 – Stephanie Corrine Ochoa Iverson of Estherville was found guilty of operation without registration card or plate. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

Adrienne Anne Mether of Estherville was found guilty of dark window or windshield. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

Heidi Beth Sweeney of Gowrie was found guilty of operation without registration card or plate. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

Maria D. Rodriguez Ocotlan of Estherville 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.

April 29 – Daniel Wayne Raak of Spirit Lake was found guilty of failure to display registration plate. The defendant was fined \$45 and assessed

\$55 costs and a \$6.75 surcharge.

Jonathan Diaz Agueda of Estherville pleaded guilty to no valid driver's license. The defendant was fined \$260 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$39 surcharge.

Jonathan Diaz Agueda of Estherville pleaded guilty to failure to provide proof of financial liability. The defendant was fined \$325 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$48.75 surcharge.

Johnathan Diaz Agueda 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.

Jason Damasco of Estherville pleaded guilty to no valid driver's license. The defendant was fined \$260 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$39 surcharge.

Marjan Stojanov of Estherville pleaded guilty to motorcycle/moped license violations. The defendant was fined \$50 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$7.50 surcharge.

Ian Russell Obernolte of Wallingford pleaded guilty to

violation of minor's restricted license. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

April 30 – Riley Robert Curry of Estherville 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.

Virginia Kathryn Anderson of Dunnell, 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.

May 2 – Peyton Quinn Steva of Iowa City pleaded guilty to registration violation. The defendant was fined \$30 and assessed \$55 costs and a \$4.50 surcharge.

David Lynn Rupp of Estherville pleaded guilty to driving while license denied, suspended, canceled or revoked. The defendant was fined \$250 and assessed \$60 costs and a \$37.50 surcharge.

Small claims
 April 22 – Gary Abels of Brewster, Minn., received a \$4,262.05 judgment plus interest and court costs from Ryan Brighton of Estherville.

Accounts Management Incorporated of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$489.87 judgment plus interest and court costs from Chase Tarvin of Estherville.

April 24 – Eric L. Anderson of Estherville received a \$2,600 judgment plus interest and court costs from Patrick Daniel Moffitt of Estherville.

April 30 – Citibank, NA of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$5,086.90 judgment plus interest and court costs from Douglas John Pearson of Estherville.

Accounts Management Incorporated of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$2,458.19 judgment plus interest and court costs from Jill Annette Kilen of Estherville.

Accounts Management Incorporated of Sioux Falls, S.D.,

received a \$249 judgment plus interest and court costs from Darilyn Dawn Fuller of Wallingford.

Accounts Management Incorporated of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$740 judgment plus interest and court costs from Steven Paine of Estherville.

May 1 – Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC of Des Moines received a \$1,022.86 judgment plus interest and court costs from Andy William Brunslik of Spirit Lake.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC of Des Moines received a \$1,282.68 judgment plus interest and court costs from Steve Bradburn of Estherville.

May 2 – Accounts Management Incorporated of Sioux Falls, S.D., received a \$4,110.73 judgment plus interest and court costs from Jennifer Quinn of Armstrong.

District court
 April 23 – Tomia Williams Robinson of Estherville pleaded guilty to forgery. The defendant received a five-year suspended prison sentence and was placed on probation

to the Department of Corrections for two years and required to submit DNA. The defendant was also assessed \$1,219.30 costs and \$3,375 restitution.

Cale Andrew Christopherson of Omaha, Neb., received a deferred sentence for operating while under the influence 1st offense. The defendant was placed on six months of probation to the Emmet County Attorney and fined \$1,250 and assessed \$1,600 costs.

April 28 – Joshua Kilen Sindt of Gruver received a deferred sentence for possession of a controlled substance – marijuana 1st offense. The defendant was placed on two years of probation to the Emmet County Attorney and fined \$430 and assessed \$100 costs.

April 29 – Carolyn Alexandra Ramos of Estherville pleaded guilty to operating while under the influence 1st offense. The defendant was sentenced to 48 hours in jail and fined \$1,250 and assessed \$100 costs and a \$187.50 surcharge.

April 30 – Brianna Morgan

Anderson of Lake Park pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance marijuana 3rd/subsequent offense. The defendant received a 30-day suspended jail sentence to run concurrently with Osceola County FECR007328. The defendant was also placed on one year of probation and assessed \$3,600 costs. An \$855 fine was suspended.

May 1 – Eli Michael Tim of Estherville pleaded guilty to violation or probation. Probation was revoked and the defendant was committed to the custody of the Director of the Iowa Department of Corrections for an indeterminate period not to exceed two years. The defendant was assessed \$3,697.93 costs.

Magistrate court
 Christina Joy McKee of Estherville pleaded guilty to control of animals. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs.

Michael Eugene Fuller of Estherville pleaded guilty to control of animals. The defendant was fined \$105 and assessed \$60 costs.

Legal Publications

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Legal Publication for City of Ringsted and NU Board of Education on page 7 of this newspaper.

Your Right To Know Proceedings of Emmet County Board of Supervisors

Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

June 10, 2025, at 08:30 a.m. Regular Meeting Board Room, Courthouse

Present: John Pluth, Jeff Quastad, Tim Schumacher (Vice-Chair), Todd Glasnapp. Via Zoom: Lisa Hansen Media: Mike Tidemann, Ed Funston Emmet County Employees present: Tammy Krieger, Walter Davis-Oeth, Barb Bohm

Vice-Chair Schumacher, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve the agenda by Glasnapp, second by Pluth. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp to approve the board meeting minutes on 6.03.2025 also approving them for publication.

Pluth-City of Gruver will be closing part of the road for fireworks show August 15th for town anniversary. Committee updates: Schumacher-safety committee update on construction air quality concerns, Bill Dickey from IMWCA was also present at the safety meeting to talk about worker's compensation insurance mod rates.

Public forum: Kelli Orton from Brown Winick (legal firm) representing. Red Rock made a statement to the Board in regard to the proposed wind energy ordinance being presented by the Planning and Zoning Board later in the meeting. Tyler Raniszewski from Steelhead made a statement to the Board regarding the proposed wind energy ordinance. Auditor Goebel stated that the Auditor's Office will be closed Thursday and Friday for Secretary of State election training in Mason City on the new State of Iowa voter registration system.

Motion to approve June claims by Pluth, second by Glasnapp. All ayes. Motion carried.

Paid Prior to 6-10-2025 Employee Benefit's Systems Health insurance Premium \$108,633.88

Vendor Name	Payable Description	Total Payments
A & M LAUNDRY INC	TOWELS	44.49
Accounting Dept Ahlers & Cooney	IUC Proceedings Summit Pipeline	2,988.37
Ace Hardware, Grounds		341.58
Alex Ewen, PHONE		20.00
Alliant Energy, RINGSTED		343.96
Alpha Wireless Comm	Service Area 7 Emergency	10,319.15
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Security Computers	3,355.71
ANDERSON TILING, Repair		840.00
Andrea Schwerek	Promotional items for PWG	1,298.00
Anthony Olson, Mileage		165.60
Armstrong Ambulance	Monthly payment	449.25
Armstrong Betterment Club	Ragbrai Support LOSST Funds	5,000.00
Armstrong Historical Society	Monthly Payment	125.00
Armstrong Journal	BOS Meeting	1,445.06
Armstrong Senior Citizens	Monthly Payment	150.00
ATTN: CLIENT BILLING AVERA	Employment Testing BN	1,066.89
Austin Anderson, MOWING		730.00
AVERA MED GROUP ESTHERVILLE	inmate visits	1,649.22
AVERA PATIENT FIN SERVICES	PCP Test for Garrick	135.00
BCN TELECOM, Sheriff		76.30
Ben Huntley	Mileage and expenses	582.99
Black Hills Energy	Gas bill Courthouse	917.49
BLANK CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	Taylor and Sharon feeding conference	89.60
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	Park Supplies	406.31

BRETT PRESTON	Transport Meal	10.28
BUSINESS FORMS & SYSTEMS	General Office Supplies	431.85
CAASA, Monthly Payment		208.37
Cami Paulson Emmet CO Fairgrounds	Monthly Payment	5,164.62
Cannon Moss Brygger & Associates, P.C.	ARCHITECT SERVICES	2,095.00
Carlos L Withbracht	Mileage reimbursement driver	312.00
Casee Ross	Mileage reimbursement	45.60
Centurylink, Admin Phone		182.30
Centurylink-Lumen	Conservation ACCT 71545015	37.78
Christensen Construction Company	NEW SHOP	53,880.00
City of Armstrong	WATER/SEWER	120.75
City of Dollyver, WATER		105.00
City of Estherville	Utilities Annex	4,632.91
City of Estherville - Ambulance	Monthly Payment	2,541.63
City Of Ringsted, GARBAGE		66.50
City of Wallingford	Monthly Payment	337.00
Coast to Coast Calibrations Inc	SCALE SERVICE	203.00
Corey Rasch	School hotel and fuel	388.75
Corporate Translation Services Inc	Law Enforcement Interpreter	158.75
CULLIGAN WATER NORTH IOWA	Culligan water	58.00
CURT LARSON	24-25 Mileage	157.20
Daniel Welhousen	cleaning May 2025	280.00
DAN'S REPAIR	32-6 Mounting and Balanceing x2 tire	284.00
DASH MEDICAL GLOVES INC	Medical Gloves	98.66
DEB KARELS	CELL STIPEND	29.30
DISCOVERY HOUSE	Monthly Payment	583.37
DOLLAR GENERAL	Laundry Baskets	23.43
DON JOSE RESTAURANT, Inc	May Meals	1,120.00
Elizabeth Bixby	CELL STIPEND	20.00
Elizabeth Sanchez	Interpreter Services	189.68
Emmet Co Auditor	Mailing for June Meeting	50.67
Emmet Co Engineer	May Fuel	3,425.88
Emmet Co Historical Society	Monthly Payment	500.00
Emmet Co Sheriff	Transport fees FECR013306	2,225.46
Emmet Co Treasurer	Monthly postage	911.79
Equipmentsshare.com Inc-Forge & Build, NEW SHOP		1,086.97
Estherville Chamber of Commerce	Monthly Payment	1,666.66
Estherville Communications, LLC	Internet Fees	470.24
Estherville Dinner Date	Monthly Payment	1,440.37
Estherville News and Spirit	BOS Meetings	2,400.62
Estherville Paint & Glass	Repair and Labor Courthouse door	1,377.16
Estherville Pharmacy	Prisoner Meds	3.38
Estherville Police Dept	SO Range Payment	340.50
FARWAY STORES	Groceries	830.87
FILE 2594 COUNSEL - VISUAL	EDGE IT, Printer Copies	62.29
FIRSTNET AT&T MOBILITY	PD AirCards	1,082.82
FORCE America Distributing LLC	PARTS	37.45
FORSYTH LAW OFFICE	Professional Services for Minors	580.00
GALLS LLC	Uniform Equipment	1,040.13
GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS	SIGN SUPPLIES	22.00
GORDON FLESCHE COMPANY	TONER	267.25
GORDON FLESCHE COMPANY GFC	LEASING - MADISON, WI	475.28
HEARTLAND SECURITY SERVICES	Courthouse Monthly Payment	401.25
Heidi Goebel, CELL STIPEND		20.00
Henning Rental Inc	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	135.39
HUMANE SOCIETY OF NW IOWA	3 Dogs	300.00
HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	Jail Food	741.94

ICS JAIL SUPPLIES INC	Toothbrush/teodorant/toothpaste	242.44
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE PARTS		713.72
INMAN ELECTRIC	Park Maintenance supplies	138.50
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	Utilities	797.94
IOWA LAKES REGIONAL WATER GRUVER		156.50
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, Jail School		750.00
IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE	Notary Renewal Casie Whitacre	30.00
IOWA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION	Bar Dues	285.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY-INTRANS	MID YEAR CONF	125.00
ISCTA-DUBUQUE CO TREASURER	Educational and Training Services	250.00
JACOBSON-WESTERGARD & Associates, Inc, MAPS		50.00
JAMES CREECH MD	Medical Examiner fees	400.00
JCL SOLUTIONS - JANITORS	CLOSE, Courthouse supplies	842.97
JEFFREY ENDERSON	CELL STIPEND	20.00
JODY SCHROEDER, Mileage		141.60
Johnson Law Firm PC	Matter # 213106	507.90
JOHNSTON AUTOMOTIVE & INDUSTRIAL OF SPENCER INC	MOTOR DYE	567.14
KARI BATMAN, Mileage		105.20
KAYLEEN FARMER	CELL STIPEND	20.00
KCN - KC NIELSEN LTD	Grounds	22.01
KIM SWANSON	Board mileage	240.00
KWIK TRIP, Jail Groceries		13.91
Larry Kirchner, PHONE		20.00
LEICA GEOSYSTEMS INC	SURVEY EQUIP	19,857.26
LISA HANSEN	Monthly Mileage	79.20
LISA ROSBURG	Mileage and Meals treasurer school	234.96
Lori Felkey, Mileage		224.40
LUCAS OLESON, PHONE		20.00
MAIL SERVICES LLC	Postage renewals	479.67
MAINSTREET SPECIALTIES	Durango 1 upfit and equipment	23,147.27
MARCO (DALLAS)	printer fees 2 locations	367.30
MARCO (MPLS), copier		131.01
MARCO SERVICE NW128 (MPLS)	Copier Contract	14.23
MARIA HANSGAARD	CELL STIPEND	38.60
MARTIN KANE, Mileage		56.88
MATT REINEKE, Cell phone		20.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL & SURGICAL	Immunization supplies	501.68
MEDIACOM	Courthouse Phone service	2,269.05
MELANIE SUMMERS BAULER	CELL STIPEND	20.00
METAL CULVERTS INC	ENTRANCE PIPE	18,179.00
MICHELLE HOWING	CELL STIPEND	20.00
MIDWEST TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	Sheriff Dept Camera's 1/2	9,472.22
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES	PARTS	440.35
MILLER SELLNER FAIRMONT LLC	Mower repair	275.55
MONICA CASTILLO, Mileage		220.40
MONTANDON WRECKER SERVICE LLC	Oil Change for 32-96 Tire rotation for 32-9	511.15
NEHA National Environmental Health Association	NEHA Conference registration	480.00
Northstar Electric LLC	Help with IT Wiring	259.55
NuWay-K&H Cooperative	DIESEL	24,342.42
OFFICE ELEMENTS	printer cartridges, pen refills	455.21
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	Office Supplies	261.57
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE	PARTS	60.99
Palo Alto Environmental Health	Grant Funds to PA County	4,057.83
PAMELA DETTMANN	CELL STIPEND	20.00
PAUL BUDACH, Fuel		15.00
PAULA MYHRE, Mileage		95.00
PHYLLIS MCKEAN, Mileage		183.60
PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL	CORP, 2025 Flight Year	27,361.33
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	Postage Meter Lease final	796.92
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC	TIRES	25,321.51

POSTMASTER	PO Box Fees	100.00
Pro Cooperative, OIL		5,841.65
Pro Cooperative, Gas		33.84
Rent-All Inc	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1,940.00
Ringsted Ambulance	Monthly Payment	374.38
Ringsted Apartments LLC	June rent assistance DBC	680.00
Ringsted Dispatch	BOS Meetings	727.05
Ringsted Library	Monthly Payment	480.12
Ringsted Senior Citizens, %Ron Wilson	Monthly Payments	150.00
Ringsted Telephone	ARMSTRONG	135.20
RIVER VALLEY	TELECOMMUNICATION	
Internet and phone and Wifi installation		1,677.18
ROB GOEBEL	Monthly DHS Rent	1,992.00
ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOYS, ZETA STRIPS	ROXANNE BUDACH	1,028.86
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SHERRI WILLIAMS	Cleaning for the month	374.00
SIDNEY KRUEGER	Cell phone	20.00
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SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	Colored file folders	35.79
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Transcript		79.00
STOREY-KENWORTHY Company	COPY PAPER	91.84
SUB ZEMAN, MOWING	SWIFT AIR INC	508.00
Law Center AC Moter and filer		1,245.49
TAMMY KRIEGER	CELL STIPEND	20.00
TAYLOR HOWING	Mileage expenses	408.28
TEXAS REFINERY CO	GREASE	527.50
THOMAS EGELAND	CELL STIPEND	20.00
TIGER PRIDE LAWN CARE	Extermination services	45.00
T-Mobile USA Inc	Cell phone internet	84.74
TRAVIS FREDERICKSEN	PHONE	20.00
Travis Sheridan	CELL STIPEND	20.00
Tritech Software System	911 and CAD Yearly Maintenance	16,746.55
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	PARTS	353.87
ULINE	Picnic table replacement FEMA	746.16
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STATE	HYGIENIC LAB	337.50
Water testing		349.55
VERIZON WIRELESS	Monthly telephone	349.55
VFW POST 3388	inmate supper	824.00
VISA	Jail TV & Camera, Network Hardware newbuilding, Abo	29,049.14
WELLS FARGO - ELITE CARD	Uniform Pants	2,369.40
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL	Leasing	68.00
West Payment Center	Westlaw	1,027.11
WINDSTREAM	Acct 63194377001 Crisis Line	37.74
WINDSTREAM	DOLLIVER PHONE	90.40
Winnabago County Sheriff's Office	Service of Papers	60.50
ZIEGLER, PARTS	Grand Total:	380,090.58
Pay 2025 May	Total Gross Payroll	\$532,419.61
County Share IPERS		\$35,882.22
County Share FICA/SS		\$22,672.24
County Share Medicare		\$5,302.42
County Share Health/Life/Dent Ins.		\$77,262.98

RESOLUTION NO. 25-20
 WHEREAS, Emmet County Conservation is requesting to use the Emmet County UEI #HSX4JJ6VFS24. This allows Emmet County Conservation to file any FEMA related documents with the Department of Homeland Security.

WHEREAS, The Emmet County Board of Supervisors approve the use of UEI #HSX4JJ6VFS24 and assume all risks involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMMET COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Board of Supervisors of Emmet County Iowa, on this 10th day of June, 2025, approve the use of UEI # HSX4JJ6VFS24 and assume all risks involved for Emmet County Conservation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2025

Tim Schumacher, Vice Chair
 Attest: Heidi Goebel, Auditor

RESOLUTION NO. 25-21
 WHEREAS, Emmet County Secondary Roads is requesting to use the Emmet County UEI #HSX4JJ6VFS24. This allows Emmet County Secondary Roads to file any FEMA related documents with the Department of Homeland Security.

WHEREAS, The Emmet County Board of Supervisors approve the use of UEI #HSX4JJ6VFS24 and assume all risks involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMMET COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Board of Supervisors of Emmet County Iowa, on this 10th day of June, 2025, approve the use of UEI # HSX4JJ6VFS24 and assume all risks involved for Emmet County Secondary Roads.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2025

Tim Schumacher, Vice Chair
 Attest: Heidi Goebel, Auditor

Peggy Mason, Emmet County Coordinator for the Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon, joined the meeting to let the board know that the courthouse lawn would be used every Wednesday afternoon of the summer subject to weather. Mason has led this group locally for four years.

Perry Russell will be rescheduled to June 17.

Board received a fireworks permit application from Arlen Tirevold for the City of Gruver's quasicentennial. The dates on permit are August 15 to August 16, 2025. Motion by Glasnapp, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion approved.

Consideration of filling a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment with term ending March 15, 2026. Agenda item tabled. Board encourages any rural citizens of Emmet County that would like to serve the county to reach out to a County Supervisor.

Consideration of filling a five-year term on the County Planning and Zoning Commission. Board commended Richard McKean on the hours he has spent serving the county in his role on the county planning and zoning commission. Item tabled. Board requests these two appointments appear weekly on the agenda until filled.

Consideration of the courthouse east window replacement bids. Northwest Iowa Glass \$22,350. Christensen Construction \$16,800. Motion to accept Christensen Construction bid of \$16,800 by Pluth, second by Quastad. All ayes. Motion carried.

Joint drainage district approval for ECD #1 Main Ditch \$4350.00 by Glasnapp, second by Quastad. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve June drainage claims by Quastad, second by Glasnapp. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth, presented utility permits for approval. Motion by Hansen, second by Glasnapp to approve a utility permit for Black Hills Energy that goes along the right of way located at 360th Ave and Highway 9. All ayes. Motion carried.

Utility permit from Interstate Power location at 410th Ave and 220th St. High Lake Township. Motion to approve by Pluth, second by Quastad. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of 2023 John Deere tractor from KC Nielsen for \$133,243.92 by Quastad, second by Pl

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AUXILIARY BREAKFAST 6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

BRATS, BURGERS, MAIDRITES 2-4 p.m. VFW men

THE GARAGE - 11:00 a.m. - Close
Maidrites and Coneyes

ARMSTRONG FROSTY GRILL - 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 3

6:00 p.m. Little Miss/Miss Armstrong Pageant

Armstrong Community Center • Destiny Becker 515-538-0033

Pageant Winner Prize Money sponsored by Moveero and Arts Way.

Miss Congeniality sponsored by Armstrong Journal

Friday, July 4

6:30 a.m. 5K Fun Run/Walk at High School Track

7:00 a.m. Ecumenical Church Services

Armstrong City Park Shelter house, by Armstrong Ministerial Assoc.

Everyone Welcome! Bring your lawn chairs

8:00 a.m. VFW Track & Field Events for pre-school through 6th graders at High School Track; sponsored by Armstrong VFW Post #5232
Loren Looft 712-260-9306

8:00 a.m. Punt, Pass & Kick at the High School football field.
Sponsored by NU football team • Matt Ernster 641-420-1309

9:00 a.m. Raffle Ticket Sales until 3:00 p.m. Closed for parade.

9:00 a.m. Heritage Museum Open until 3:00 p.m. Closed for parade.

9:00 a.m. Registration begins for Car Show
Classic, Custom, Car, Tractor, Motorcycle, Truck
Registration time is 9:00-12:30; awards at 2:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Catholic Church Parking Lot, 404 5th Avenue,
Joe Bunkofske 712-209-9186. Sponsored by Joe's Detailing.

9:30 a.m. 3 on 3 Basketball City Basketball Court, Derek Anderson 712-363-0691
3 divisions - Elementary, MS and Open, T-shirts for 1st Place winners

10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Vendor Show west side of park, Cami Graves htfdsnacks@gmail.com

10:00 a.m. Soap Box Derby Races will be held at nursing home hill,
Jared Larson, call 507-236-5704 for additional information.
Awards sponsored by McGregor Accounting

10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. Stevens Express Train Rides 4th Ave, North side of Park

11:00 a.m. Big Wheel Races

on west side of city park, Rhonda Eisenbacher chairs the event.

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Mike Glatz 712-852-6532, Jamie Glatz 712-852-6531,

Amy Fossen (Pre-registration) 712-209-0450

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After the Parade:

Entertainment 'Steve Lang' Sponsored by NorthStar Bank and Whitesell Trucking LLC

Free Swimming Armstrong City Pool

Watermelon Feed south side of Park,
sponsored by The Garage

Kids Pedal Tractor Pull west side of Armstrong City Park,
Sponsored by Ringtel Communications, RL Ag Sales and Paul Chiropractic

2 - 3:30 p.m. Stevens Express Train Rides on 4th Ave, North side of Park
sponsored by The Armstrong Journal

2:30 - 4 p.m. Foam Party in the City Park, Sponsored by Henriksen Insurance, LLC, In Style Salon and JT Excavation, LLC

2:30 p.m. Announce Winners of Car Show Catholic Church Parking Lot

3:00 p.m. Winners of ABC Drawings
Armstrong City Park Shelter house

3:30 p.m. Firemen's Water Fight Located: NW corner of City Park,
Register at 2:30 p.m.

7-10 p.m. Live Music 'Hold On' Located: The Garage

10:00 p.m. Fireworks Large display of fireworks ends a great July 4th celebration.
Display will be set off north of Armstrong by Armstrong Fire Department

Cub Scouts
Activities in
the Park
After Parade

Dunk Tank &
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NU Cheerleaders

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Fireworks Now Allowed in All Iowa Communities

by Jay Schoning
As fireworks stands are popping up in the area, cities in Iowa that used to prohibit the use of fireworks in their communities are now having to make some changes to their ordinances this year as a result of a bill passed in the last session of the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Kim Reynolds. It states that fireworks must be allowed to be shot off state wide on July 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on the 4th from the hours 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Fireworks are also allowed statewide on December 31st from

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Pet owners who have sensitive pets should prepare for the holiday 'bangs.' Chewy says that on the Big Day, make sure your dog gets some exercise – a tired pup is a more relaxed pup, so be sure to empty out that tank. Create a quiet, safe space – whether you'll be home or away for the festivities, make sure your dog has a safe place inside your home where they'll feel comfortable 'riding out the storm' of Fourth of July fireworks. For example, you can make their kennel extra comfy by draping a sheet over it to create a

dark den and including plenty of bedding in which they can burrow. Keep curtains pulled, maybe keep a TV on, and a basement room or interior room may be best.
And consider a supplement or prescription medication to help calm them. Calming treats absolutely are safe, says Katy Nelson, DVM, Chewy's resident vet. "They've got some great herbs in them, like lavender and chamomile, and some nutraceuticals, like melatonin, that can really help to get them in more of a Zen space during times of stress," she says.

Indians hand Warriors first conference loss

By David Swartz
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FOREST CITY — The North Union softball team lost its first Top of Iowa West Conference game last Friday, as Forest City upset the Warriors 7-4.
North Union led 4-1 after scoring all its runs in the top of the second inning, but Forest City plated two runs in the third and took the lead for good with four in the fourth. The Warrior

defense struggled with six errors in the game.
Ainsley Ulrich took the loss, giving up seven runs—two earned—on three hits with six strikeouts, four walks, and three hit batters.
North Union had six hits, with Ulrich going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. Kyla Irmiter was 2-for-3 with a double. Ariana Giddings went 1-for-3 with an RBI, and Brylie Deim was 1-for-4.

Warriors go 0-2 at Newman Catholic Tournament

By David Swartz
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MASON CITY — The North Union softball team took on a pair of ranked opponents at a tournament hosted by Newman Catholic in Mason City this past Saturday. The Warriors finished the day 0-2 after losing 4-2 to the host Knights and then falling 10-0 to Class 2A No. 5 Osage.

Aslynn Sobolik going 2-for-3 with a double, and Ariana Giddings going 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs. Ulrich, Shalie Walders, and Marissa Nielsen each went 1-for-3.
North Union (12-5 overall, 9-1 in the Top of Iowa West Conference) opened the week at home against West Hancock on Monday before traveling to Garner on Tuesday. The Warriors are at Belmont today (Wednesday), travel to Manly to play Central Springs on Thursday, North Union is at Lake Mills on Monday, home against Eagle Grove on Tuesday, and travels to Estherville on Wednesday.

Against Newman Catholic, the Knights scored two runs in the first and two in the fifth, while North Union's rally came up short in the seventh as the Warriors scored their two runs.
Ainsley Ulrich threw a complete game, giving up four runs—two earned—on six hits with 10 strikeouts and four walks.
The Warriors had six hits, with

defense struggled with six errors in the game.
Ainsley Ulrich took the loss, giving up seven runs—two earned—on three hits with six strikeouts, four walks, and three hit batters.
North Union had six hits, with Ulrich going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. Kyla Irmiter was 2-for-3 with a double. Ariana Giddings went 1-for-3 with an RBI, and Brylie Deim was 1-for-4.



Caden Walders took the loss on the mound on June 20th as North Union went up against Forest City Indians.

Indians defeat the Warriors

By David Swartz
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FOREST CITY — The North Union baseball team couldn't contain host Forest City in a Top of Iowa West Conference game last Friday, June 20 as the Indians defeated the Warriors 13-2.
Forest City took a 6-0 lead over the first two innings before North Union scored its two runs in the top of the fifth. The Indians responded with five in the bottom of the third and added two more in the fourth.
Caden Walders started on the mound for North Union. In three innings, he gave up 11 runs—five earned—on nine hits with three

strikeouts and five walks. Max Merrill pitched one inning and gave up two earned runs on one hit with no strikeouts and three walks.
North Union had four hits, with Cole Nicolson going 2-for-2, Casey Rezac 1-for-1, and Merrill 1-for-3.
North Union (5-10 overall, 3-7 in the conference) opened the week at home against West Hancock on Monday before traveling to Garner on Tuesday. The Warriors are at Belmont today (Wednesday) and host Bishop Garrigan on Friday. Next week, North Union is at Lake Mills on Monday and home against Eagle Grove on Tuesday for the final game of the regular season.

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	Ingalls Electric		
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	Clay Busters	Kyle Moore	48
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		Landon Thomsson	46
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Brylie Deim takes a good hard swing but fouls off the softball during the North Union/North Iowa Conference game.

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Locals inducted into Hall of Fame



Troy Gochanour (left) was inducted into the Fairmont Raceway Hall of Fame for 2025. The award was presented on Friday, June 21 during the Friday night races




Receiving 2025 Fairmont Raceway Hall of Fame on Friday evening was Rick Clark (right). Clark received the induction award on Friday, June 21. Clark raced from 1971 to 1979.



Leslie (Manly) Iverson (left) received the Hall of Fame induction award for her husband, Trace Iverson, who died of cancer this past year. The award was presented on Friday, June 21, 2025 during the Friday night races at Fairmont Raceway in Minnesota.

Wed 50 Years



Jeff and Athlyn Black will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Cards will reach them at: 101 3rd Street Ringsted, Iowa 50578



Armstrong Public Library

The Armstrong Public Library will be holding its summer reading programs, starting June 20 at 10 a.m.

July 11 - "Sunny Sunshine" Experiment with the rays! Katelyn Herzberg, ISU Ext.

July 18 - Bird Buddies with Alison and Karen. Learn and create for fun.

July 25 - Food Chain with Sidney Krueger from Emmet Co Nature Center.

August 8 - Book reading, writing, and fun with Children's author Joan Enockson

June 27 - Life cycle of frogs. Sidney Krueger from Emmet Co Nature Center.

IowaWORKS

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While many will expect that IowaWORKS supports Iowans who are unemployed (and we always will), the reality is that we house and offer many different programs for all Iowans - including those who are looking for a completely new career path. If you haven't yet connected with IowaWORKS and you fall into any category that needs a connection point to something promising in the workforce, we hope that we'll be your

next call.

IowaWORKS includes all related services found under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which is designed to help those who not only are unemployed, but those who may be underemployed youth, adults, and dislocated workers, or those who have other barriers to employment.

This includes:

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- Title II services, which help adults receive education and literacy programs to improve reading, writing or math skills and attain the High School Equivalency Diploma or learn English as a Second Language to help with future employment.

- Title III services, includes employment & employer services, Career Planners offer insight and assistance with resumes, interview prep, job leads, career fairs, and direct connections to businesses in need of immediate help.
- Title IV services, which include Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and the many ways that we help Iowans with disabilities advance in their employment.

In addition to these core areas, other targeted programs exist within our walls to help Iowans with specific barriers find the help that they need. This includes Veterans services, support of individuals with criminal backgrounds, or employment options for those receiving Supplemental Security Income (Ticket to Work) and SNAP benefits.

IowaWORKS exists not only as a resourceful employment network,

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There's more at stake in Iowa than brown lawns

By Randy Evans

People living in central Iowa received a wake-up call last week that should drag water-quality back in front of the state's 3.2 million residents.

Iowa's largest water supplier, one serving a fifth of the state's homes and businesses, ordered its 600,000 customers to immediately reduce water demand by ending lawn-watering and cutting use in other ways.

Such orders typically come during persistent drought when water supplies are short. This time, water is plentiful. But Central Iowa Water Works is struggling to remove enough nitrates to make its water safe for human consumption.

This is not just a Des Moines area problem. This is an all-of-Iowa problem.

While fertilizing lawns and golf courses in urban areas contributes to the nitrate problem, the primary reason, by far, for elevated levels of nitrates is excess application of commercial nitrogen fertilizer and manure on farm ground.

This focus on nitrates in drinking water is not some arcane concern motivated by fans of lush lawns. The heart of the issue is public health.

Nitrates are of special concern for infants under 6 months of age and pregnant women. Studies also suggest even nitrate levels below the federal safe-drinking-water standard could

contribute to an increase in colon and rectal cancers, thyroid disease and some birth defects.

Statistics from Central Iowa Water Works illustrate the scope of the current problem: Federal regulations limit nitrates in public water supplies to no more than 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Nitrates in the "finished water" last week were at 9.8 mg/l after passing through the utility's treatment plant.

Nitrates in the Raccoon River's untreated water edged over 20 mg/l, the highest since a record of 24.39 milligrams was set in 2013, utility officials said. Nitrates in the Des Moines River last week stood at 17.15 mg/l.

Des Moines has operated a sophisticated nitrate-removal system, one of the world's largest, since 1992. The system is used when nitrate levels jeopardize the utility's ability to comply with federal water standards.

The system has run at capacity this spring more for than 50 consecutive days. The utility cannot keep up with customer demand because of the high nitrate levels in water entering the treatment plant.

There is no mystery what needs to be done. The "how" is contentious.

The mandatory water conservation steps announced last week put the spotlight on the chief cause of those high nitrate levels - agricultural runoff carrying nitrates from farm fields into Iowa's streams, rivers and lakes.

Therein is the nub of the issue.

Scientists and politicians developed Iowa government's plan for dealing with elevated levels of nitrates and phosphorus - called the nutrient reduction strategy - a dozen years ago. The plan is strictly voluntary, and

improvement has been negligible.

Ted Corrigan, general manager of the Des Moines Water Works, told Iowa Capital Dispatch in 2022 after a progress report came out: "The real solution is upstream. The landowners there are the solution-holders. They have the ability to make changes to the way they use their land in order to keep nutrients on the land and in the soil, where they belong."

There is more to this issue than lawn esthetics, the hours city "splash pads" operate, and the ability to wash cars whenever drivers want.

High nitrate levels affect every Iowan, regardless of where they live. They pay more for tap water, and evidence suggests they may pay with their health, too. The latest report by the Iowa Cancer Registry shows Iowa is one of two states nationally with rising rates of new cancers cases.

Sarah Green, executive director of the Iowa Environmental Council, a nonprofit group, said recently, "We know that our environment and our health are inextricably linked. With so many Iowans' lives touched by cancer, it's important that we explore every link and find ways we can work together to mitigate all potential sources of risk and save lives."

Environmental groups criticize the nutrient reduction strategy as a solution that relies on "magical thinking."

An Environmental Working Group study in 2021 found that three-fourths of the data showing high nitrate and phosphorus levels in rivers and lakes were in counties where at least 70 percent of cropland is fertilized.

That year, Iowa Capital Dispatch looked at the environmental group's data for Hardin County in north central Iowa. Seventy-eight percent of

the county's farm acres were treated with commercial fertilizers, and 23 percent were fertilized with animal manure. Nitrate readings for river samples were as high as 34.8 mg/l, far above the federal standard, the group said.

Chris Jones, a retired University of Iowa research scientist, said Iowa's water quality problems are not going away.

"This vulnerability is going to increase, there's no doubt about it," Jones told the Des Moines Register. "Until the state's leaders come to grips with that, we are going to continue to see these problems at a greater frequency."

Jones said although the federal limit for nitrates is 10 mg/l, even as much as 3 mg/l may lead to certain cancers.

"If you live in Des Moines, you could go years without drinking water below 3 milligrams per liter," he told the Register. "So, the fact that we are just meeting the standard at 10 and to do that we have to sacrifice lawn watering, well, that's just a small part of the story."



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Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards Showcase highlights on Iowa PBS

JOHNSTON, Iowa (June 18, 2025) - Iowa PBS is proud to present the 2025 Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards Showcase on Monday, July 7 at 8 p.m. Feel the energy of hundreds of amazing student performers representing 100 participating Iowa high schools, as they share highlights from their award-winning school musicals! The showcase will be rebroadcast Sunday, July 14 at 4 p.m. and for a limited time the program will be available for on-demand streaming on iowapbs.org and the PBS app.

The Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards Showcase is an unforgettable evening of entertainment and a celebration of the important contributions of Iowa's high school musical theater productions.

"Every year, we walk away impressed by how the talent in the

state keeps rising and with a renewed sense of hope for our future," said Director of Education for Des Moines Performing Arts Karoline Myers. "It's such a joy to watch young people doing what they love and uplifting to see how they are so supportive of one another."

Throughout the year, theater professionals traveled across the state to review high school musical productions. On May 29, students from those schools came together to share highlights from their productions on the Des Moines Civic Center stage and to receive honors for their work in performance, technical and creative categories. In addition, students worked under the direction of a guest music director and choreographer from New York City to give the best performances of their young lives.

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My weekly column:

Reflecting on the resilience of our communities one year after the devastating floods

By Rep. Randy Feenstra

One year ago, catastrophic floods devastated communities across Western Iowa.

From Rock Valley, Correctionville, and Hawarden to Spencer, Sioux City, and Cherokee, countless towns faced unthinkable destruction and first responders bravely jumped into action. Homes, businesses, hospitals, schools, farms, and other infrastructure were damaged - many beyond repair - leaving families unsure of the future and communities looking for solutions. Tragically, several people even lost their lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families on this somber anniversary.

For 2024, storm-related damage across our state was estimated at nearly \$550 million by August. This includes \$130 million worth of damage to infrastructure as well as damage to 1,900 properties. In Rock Valley alone, nearly half of the town's 4,100 homes were impacted by the floods. Not included in this cost is the

lost income for families, businesses, and farmers and the distress and uncertainty that affected so many people.

But even in the toughest of times, Iowans faced this challenge head-on and stepped up to help those who lost everything. With the overwhelming destruction, came an overwhelming response from our communities. People rallied around their neighbors, lent a helping hand, and volunteered their time serving food and cleaning up. Farmers deployed their payloaders to haul away debris, churches organized care packages, and local restaurants donated to flood recovery.

The emotional distress of losing everything is a toll that no dollar amount can cover. In the aftermath, I was on the ground with Governor Reynolds examining the damage and assisting in recovery efforts. I saw firsthand the loss and desperation that hit our communities. In those first few days following the floods, I worked to get presidential disaster declarations approved as quickly as possible to deliver federal relief and resources to Iowa. There was not a moment to spare.

As we continue to recover from last year's devastating floods, it's clear that our communities are resilient. When we get knocked down, we stand back up. When life takes a turn

for the worse, our faith grounds us.

In the wake of these flood waters, we've found a renewed sense of community and togetherness. We have reaffirmed our Iowa values and are even more aligned in our focus on community growth and prosperity. Our Main Streets are recovering, crops are once again growing in our fields, and, slowly but surely, our homes are returning to normalcy.

In Congress, I have been using my voice to advocate for those affected. Step by step, I have worked with FEMA and community leaders - and even spoke with Acting Administrator of FEMA, David Richardson - to help our families, neighbors, and communities recover and rebuild. Working with Terry Hemann - Superintendent of Spencer Community Schools - we were able to help Spencer Community Schools secure nearly \$2 million to support flood recovery and cleanup efforts. Our office also worked to get the post offices in Rock Valley, Storm Lake, and Charter Oak reopened.

On this one-year anniversary, while we mourn those lost and share our neighbors' pain, we also recognize the resolve and resilience of Iowans. My promise to Iowa is that I will not quit until every community gets the full relief that they deserve and need to rebuild.

Temperatures are climbing, Alliant Energy offers customers 5 tips to manage energy use

Company expects normal energy delivery and is prepared for extreme heat

As temperatures heat up, Alliant Energy says they are prepared to deliver the reliable energy customers need. In fact, Alliant Energy reports they consistently plan for the ongoing energy needs of customers by maintaining a balanced energy mix.

According to Alliant Energy, preparation and a balanced energy mix are essential to ensuring they have sufficient resources to meet demand, especially when warmer than normal

temperatures are predicted.

As a member of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), Alliant Energy communicates its projected supply of capacity. In turn, MISO monitors and manages the generation and transmission of electricity within a multi-state region, which includes Iowa and Wisconsin.

Customers can voluntarily begin to reduce their energy use, which can help with their overall energy bills. Alliant Energy offers 5 tips to help customers reduce their energy consumption while staying cool

during the upcoming heat:

Turn up your thermostat - Talk with your family about adjusting your thermostat; for example, consider setting it to 78 degrees during the day, higher in the overnight hours when you're sleeping and turning it off when you are away.

Close shades - This will keep the sun from warming rooms that then causes your AC to kick in and will keep the space cooler.

Use cold water - Take cooler showers, wash clothes in cold water and adjust your water heater setting to

20 degrees.

Take care of your AC and vents - Clean or change your AC air filters and clear space around your air vents so your AC can move air through easier while also using less energy.

Get an AC tune-up - Have a professional contractor tune up your AC unit to keep it performing its best.

By taking these measures, customers can reduce their energy use, which will have a positive impact on their bills. For more information, visit alliantenergy.com/ways-to-save/summer-bills.

Celebrate Independence Day in Bancroft, Iowa

Schedule of Events: July 2, 3 & 4 Wednesday, July 2nd

9:00 p.m. - Midnight **Street Dance! Band - IV Play**
Sponsored by Main Street Pub
Stage between Nyman TV & Furniture
and Main Street Pub

**1 Mile
Glow Run**

Thursday, July 3rd

10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. **S&B Farms Distillery open**
8:15 p.m. **Glow Run Registration/8:45 Start**
8:00 p.m. **Dance! Blake Jack & South 35**
Sponsored by North Kossuth Golf Course on NKGC parking lot

Friday, July 4th

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Main Street Pub - Bloody Mary Bar**
8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Biscuits & Gravy, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch Special
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. **North Kossuth Clubhouse Open** Food & Drinks

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. **S&B Farms Distillery open**
4:00 p.m. Husky BBQ truck and beer garden outside

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Johanson's Café**
(Lunch Special)

10:00 a.m. **Kiddie Parade**
Line up in Bancroft Tire parking lot

10:30 a.m. **PARADE**
Promoted by Bancroft Chamber of Commerce
Line up begins in front of Accura Healthcare of Bancroft

**Two
Bands!**

Activities in the city park area (unless noted)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Music** by DJ Levey the Great
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Photo Booth**
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Lucky Wife Slushies**
11:30 a.m. **Happy Train Rides** (Sponsored by Grant Vaske-Pioneer Seeds)
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Stroll Around Magic Show** by Levey the Great
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **American Legion BBQ** (FREE beverages, sponsored by BMU)
12:30 p.m. **Tot Trot** City Park grassy area
TBD **Pool Open**
1:00 p.m. **Volleyball Tournament**
1:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m. **Magic Show** by DJ Levey the Great
1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. **Bancroft Historical Museum Open**
1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. **Music** by DJ Levey the Great
1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. **Face Painting** by Levey the Great
1:30 p.m. **Water Balloon Fight/Super Soakers**
2:00 p.m. **Baggo Tournament**
3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. **Fireman Water Fights** by Bancroft Fire Department
4:30 p.m. **Teen Amazing Race/Scavenger Hunt**
5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. **BINGO**
5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. **Bancroft Potluck Block Party**
Food served until 7:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. **Adult and Kid Relay Races**
10:00 p.m. **Fireworks** Bancroft Memorial Park
Sponsored by the City of Bancroft and Bancroft Area Rotary Club.
Thank you to Bancroft Fire Department for the Fireworks Display!

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North Union Board of Education Minutes

May 20, 2025
The regular monthly meeting of the North Union Board of Education was held on May 20, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the Library, High School Campus.

Members present: Miller, Nielsen, Pergande, Pixler, Von Bank
Members absent: None
Others present: Supt Schueller, Secretary Rogers, member of the community

Miller moved to approve the agenda as presented; Pixler seconded. Unanimous ayes.
Report was received by Supt Schueller.

Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda, approving the prior meeting minutes, bills, and financial reports as presented; Pixler seconded. Unanimous ayes.

Miller moved to approve the operation sharing agreements of the following positions with North Kossuth CSD for 2025-26: Superintendent-Travis Schueller, School Business Official-Erin Rogers, HR-Jennie Larsen, and Transportation Director-Nathan Hanson; Nielsen seconded. Unanimous ayes.

Pixler moved to approve the agreements to share teachers and staff with North Kossuth CSD for the 2025-26 school year; Pergande seconded. Unanimous ayes.

Pergande moved to approve the Armstrong roof repair as presented; Miller seconded. Unanimous ayes.

Nielsen moved to approve the resignation of Merle Tigges as the head girls basketball coach, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year; Pixler seconded. Unanimous ayes.

Miller moved to approve the agreements to share teachers and staff with North Kossuth CSD for the 2025-26 school year; Pergande seconded. Unanimous ayes.

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Proceedings of Ringsted City Council

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
June 18, 2025
6:00 CITY HALL
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Council: Larsen, Morris, Laidig, Petersen, Nielsen present. Mayor Mike Rasmussen absent.

AGENDA as posted was approved by Laidig, seconded by Petersen, carried. CONSENT AGENDA for May 12,

Housing Commission will set next meeting and would like to invite the Mayor, Clerk and Sheriff. They will be updating policies and moving forward with nuisance properties.

BILLS APPROVED: Alliant-Svcs \$2029.36, Armstrong Service Cnt- Svc \$90.00, Baker & Taylor- Books \$122.13, Dahls Tree Svc - Svc \$488.00, Delta Dental-Ins \$94.56, Demco - Supp \$114.42, ECCOG-Svcs \$1619.09

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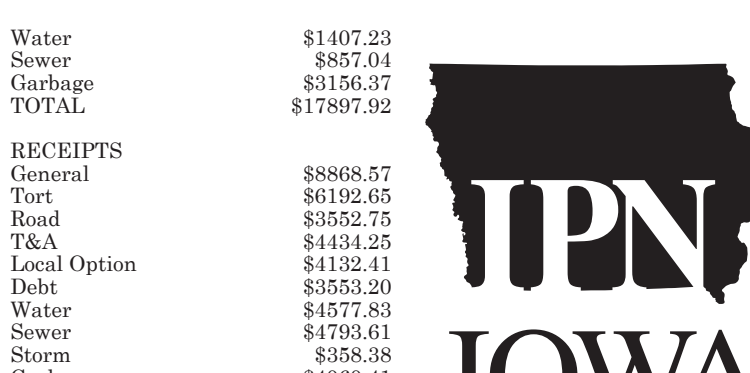
BY FUND: General \$8903.78, Road Use \$3573.50

Water \$1407.23, Sewer \$857.04, Garbage \$3156.37, TOTAL \$17897.92

RECEIPTS: General \$8868.57, Tort \$6192.65, Road \$3552.75, T&A \$4434.25, Local Option \$4132.41, Debt \$3553.20, Water \$4577.83, Sewer \$4793.61, Storm \$358.38, Garbage \$4060.41, TOTAL \$44524.06

ATTEST: SOMMER NIELSEN, CLERK, TRAVIS NIELSEN, MAYOR PRO TEM

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Obituaries



Larry Kramer

Larry Kramer, 81, of Clear Lake, passed away on June 21, 2025, at Oakwood Care Center. Though we mourn his passing, we celebrate a life filled with love, hard work, and joyful memories shared with family, friends, and community.

Born in Fenton, Iowa, to Harland and Edna (Douglas) Kramer, Larry grew up with a creative spirit and endless curiosity. His younger brother, Ron, recalls how Larry was always building—forts made of hay and straw in the barn, treeshouses crafted from scavenged wood, even a makeshift airplane for imaginary trips around the world.

Larry graduated from high school in Ringsted before continuing his education at Estherville Junior College and later at Minnesota State University, Mankato. It was during his time in junior college that he met Judy Fay, a young bookkeeper working at a local bank. A blind date brought them together and sparked a lifelong love. They were married on November 23, 1963—just one day after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy—and went on to share 62 years as devoted partners in love, life, and business.

Together, they raised five children—Michael, Randy, Kris, Kim, and Katie—in a home filled with love, laughter, and adventure. Larry was the steady presence, the glue (Elmer's, the kids say) that held the family together. His circle of love expanded to include eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and many dear friends and colleagues. He was the best role model, mentor, and teacher his family could have asked for.

Larry spent many years in retail management before he and Judy moved to Clear Lake in 1989 and purchased a hardware store. Through hard work and determination, they grew that single store into a successful chain with locations in Clear Lake, Mason City, Garner, Austin (Minnesota), and Hampton.

Though they later sold the Austin and Hampton stores, their commitment to community and customer service turned Kramer Ace Hardware into a regional staple and a pillar of support. Every one of their children—and most of the grandchildren—worked alongside them at one point, making it truly a family business.

Though Larry was a quiet and humble man, his presence was unmistakable. His warm smile could light up a room, and his steady, hands-on leadership earned the respect of all who worked with him. He was never one to sit back and watch—Larry worked side by side with his employees, stocking shelves, assisting customers, and doing whatever needed to be done to keep the business running smoothly. His loyal dog, Ginger, was a frequent companion at the store, becoming a beloved fixture among staff and customers alike. Larry led by example, showing that true leadership comes from hard work, kindness, and treating others with respect.

Camping was one of Larry's greatest joys. The Kramer family's first camper was a well-loved 1971 seventeen-foot "Yellowstone" that launched countless adventures. From weekend getaways to extended road trips across the U.S. and Canada—especially their beloved annual trips to Rocky Mountain National Park—Larry created memories that will last a lifetime.

An outdoorsman at heart, Larry loved fishing, hunting, boating, and later in life, pickleball. He was a loyal Hawkeye football and basketball fan and a lifelong Chicago Cubs supporter—long before it was cool.

Larry was also deeply committed to his faith and community. He was an active member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, served on the church school board, and was involved with the Knights of Columbus and the Clear Lake Noon Lions Club—where he could always be counted on for the early shift at the annual chicken BBQ and the emergency charcoal run. Larry took pride in being involved in countless community and church committees.

To honor Larry is to love your family, help your friends, serve your community, and live with the quiet confidence of God's grace. Larry Kramer, our Helpful Hardware Man, lived a life that mattered.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judy (Fay) Kramer; his brother, Ron (Sherry) Kramer of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and their five children: Michael (Jill) Kramer of Garner, Iowa; Randy (Richelle) Kramer of Buffalo, Minnesota; Kris Kramer of Clear Lake, Iowa; Kim (Gregg Haug) Kramer of Thornton, Iowa; and Katie Kramer of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.



Dorothy Ann Marie Zielske

Funeral service for Dorothy Zielske was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Swea City, Iowa, with Pastor Sara Heutnick officiating.

Dorothy Ann Marie Zielske, daughter of Albert and Edna (Ahrens) Zierke, born February 7, 1937 in Blue Earth, Minnesota. She passed away June 18, 2025 at the age of 88 at Valley View Care Center, in Armstrong, Iowa.

Dorothy spent her formidable younger years in and around Faribault County, Minnesota graduating from Elmore High School. While being raised on a farm northeast of Elmore she developed a love for horses that would later become her life's passion.

His grandchildren include Joshua Kramer (fiancée Kenidy Wells) of Clear Lake, Iowa; Melyssa McDonough (Joe) of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota; Jeffrey Kramer (fiancée Michelle Condon) of Santa Monica, California; Jana Mewes (Shawn) of Kanawha, Iowa; Morgan Larson of Rudd, Iowa; Matthew Kramer-Blaine, Minnesota; Meaghy Kramer of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Holden Larson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Great-grandchildren include Jayce Mewes, Carter Mewes, Salvator Mewes, Alaska Kramer, Lennyn Wells, Charlotte McDonough, and Jaecen McDonough.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Harland and Edna Kramer, and his infant sister, Karen Kramer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday, June 27, 2025, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1001 9th Avenue S., Clear Lake, Iowa, with Rev. Josh Link as Celebrant. Burial will follow at Clear Lake Cemetery.

Visitation will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 310 1st Avenue N., Clear Lake, Iowa. A Scriptural Wake Service will begin at 4:30 PM.

On a Saturday night in a dance hall with her girlfriends, she spotted Dean Zielske and the cherubs sang. Winning her heart, they eloped a few months later and were wed in the Methodist Parsonage in Swea City on March 4, 1956. Mind you this was while Dorothy's parents were visiting her sister in Rochester, MN.

Dorothy and Dean settled in Swea City and her dream began to raise Arabian horses. Dorothy showed Arabians throughout the Midwest and as far reaching as Scottsdale AZ. As a member of the Minnesota and Iowa Arabian Horse Associations she was asked to judge classes on several occasions. Dorothy became a profound breeder in the Arabian world known for her keen eye for traditional conformation.

Raising 3 children who were avid sports participants Dorothy never missed a game in support of her children, commonly voicing her opinion, be it to the coach, the referees or the competition. As a lifelong member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church she served on several circles.

Left to cherish Dorothy's memory are her three children: Mark and his partner Renee of Swea City; Wendy of Swea City; and Mitch and his wife Rhonda also of Swea City.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Dean, her parents, and all of her siblings.

In lieu of flowers, Dorothy's family requests donations to your local humane society in her name.

Online condolences may be left for Dorothy's family at HenryOlsonFuneral.com

Memorials may be directed to St. Patrick's Catholic Church or the Clear Lake Noon Lions Club.

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Newspaper policy on publishing obituaries

Stateline Publications would like to notify their readers about the policy regarding obituaries.

As of this date, there will be a \$50 charge for publishing obituaries. The fee includes the full obituary with or without a photo. A death notice and service times will be published free of charge.

Stateline Publications will charge the funeral home directly for local obituaries. Persons bringing in obituaries will be responsible for payment.

Questions can be directed to the Armstrong Journal at 712-868-3460 or the Bancroft Register at 515-885-2531.

Worship at the church of your choice this Sunday.

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SUNDAY, June 29, 2025
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's, E'ville

TUESDAY, July 1, 2025
9 a.m. Adoration @ St. Patrick's
11:30 a.m. Sacrament/Recon-St. Pat's

12 noon Mass at St. Patrick's, E'ville
SUNDAY, July 6, 2025
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's, E'ville

TUESDAY, July 8, 2025
NO Mass sat St. Mary's
9 a.m. Adoration @ St. Patrick's
NO Sacrament/Recon-St. Pat's
NO noon Mass at St. Patrick's, E'ville

Church Message

How would you feel if you had a neighbor who watched everything you did? This person would know if you were standing or sitting, when you went to bed and when you got up, and knew what you watched every night on TV. Would this be a good thing? You just might be annoyed by this person, huh? What if the reason they knew all this about you was because they wanted to help you if you were ever in need or trouble?

Each and every one of us has a Neighbor and a Friend who knows everything about us. He is EL ROI, the God Who Sees. How can God know everything about me? He created me.

Psalm 139:13 & 16 says, "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.... You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." Wow! God not only sees me now, He saw and knew everything I would do before the beginning of time. That is too great for me to understand. All I can do is trust in Jesus Christ and lean not on my own understanding.

If you are facing a difficult time or the next time you are facing a difficult time, remember, God knows what you are going through. Do you think that there's no one who knows what you're going through? Do you think no one cares? Wrong. EL ROI, the mighty One who sees, knows everything about you. Even if you've brought some of this trouble upon yourself through your foolish decisions, He still cares! He knows your name, where you've come from and where you are going and He wants to bless you with the assurance that He is in control of the beginning and the end, because He is the God Who Sees. He watches over you, seeing and knowing all that happens, and He comes to your aid.

It is probably not good if your neighbor knows everything you do, or you know everything they do, but it is good that God sees. You are never alone. In all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us (Romans 8:37).

What a "precious and magnificent promise" that sons and daughters of the Living God can experience victory "in" the very midst of tribulations, distresses or persecutions because He gives a supernatural provision through Christ, our EL ROI who sees our need and strengthens us to press on against all odds.

Remember, God has a panoramic vision. He can see way more than we will ever see. Consider this prayer - EL ROI, You see everything. Help those who've run away -- in any sense of the word -- to return where they belong. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Shalom,
Pastor Todd Hartsock
Swea City Community Church (Global Methodist), and Cornerstone Global Methodist, Estherville



Supervisors Present Service Awards

Emmet County employees received services awards at the Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, June 17. From left are: Jill White, recorder's office, 10 years; Jeff Quastad, supervisor, 10 years; Board Chair Lisa Hansen, congratulating recipients; Walter Davis-Oeth, secondary roads engineer, 10 years; and Alex Ewen, secondary roads, 20 years. Not pictured but receiving his award previously was Kevin Shryock, secondary roads, 10 years.

Supervisors give distinguished service awards

By Michael Tidemann

Five Emmet County employees were recognized with service awards by the Emmet County Board of Supervisors at their Tuesday, June 17 meeting.

Those recognized included: Jill White, recorder's office, 10 years; Jabby Wallin appeared before the board regarding her possible reappointment as Emmet County mental health advocate for fiscal 2026.

Area Coming Events

Thursday, June 26

5 p.m. Ringsted Community Action Club meeting. Note change of time, Ringsted gazebo, inside Legion if inclement weather.

Fri., June 27 - Sun., June 29

Swea City Fun Days; Three full days that start on 27th at 5 p.m. with Firemen's Supper at the Swea City Fire Station; see poster in this paper for more information

Saturday, June 28

10 a.m. ABC Golf Tournament; Sign up at Golf course, email or contact Lacy Martens; 4-person best ball, register at 9:30 a.m. & tee-off at 10 a.m.

5-7 p.m. Ringsted Fire Department Ribeye Steak Sandwich at Legion Community Center; support the Fire Department

Sunday, June 29

4:30 - 9 p.m. BBQ Ribs or Grilled Shrimp Specials at Johanson's Cafe in Bancroft, Iowa; served with baked potato, cole slaw & garlic toast; eat in or take out!

Friday, July 4

3 - 5 p.m. A-R Class of 1980 celebrating their 45 year class reunion at The Garage, Armstrong; Dlhcek62@gmail.com

•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 Wed. 1-3 p.m.; Coffee pot's on!

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

However, Supervisors Jeff Quastad, Tim Schumacher, Todd Glasnapp and Board Chair Lisa Hansen leaned toward Wallin, citing the need for continuity and Forsyth's endorsement.

Pluth withdrew his motion due to the lack of a second, and Schumacher moved that the matter of filling the position be tabled for one week, and the board agreed.

In other business, Perry Russell discussed the state of the Avenue of Flags on Courthouse property. Russell said overwatering has made the soil spongy which he said has led to flag mounts sinking into the ground. "All the mounts are sinking," Russell said. Meanwhile, Russell said the mounts are not sinking at Veterans Memorial Park on Central Avenue which is not watered.

Quastad said he would meet with Russell to try to find a solution.

In other business, the board approved assessments for joint drainage districts. Quastad voted against approval, saying just main ditches, not branches, should be assessed a portion of the county's Iowa Drainage District Association bill.

The board also discussed Board of Adjustment and Planning & Zoning appointments. Pluth suggested former secondary roads employee Rich Blinkmann as a possibility, but that Blinkmann has not yet decided on which of the two boards he wanted to serve.

The board also accepted the resignation of Heather Howell as Lincoln Township clerk.

In other business, the board:

•Heard Quastad's report on Peterson Point Founders Day Saturday, June 14.

Quastad also commented on Peterson Point improvements. "Their heart's in it," Quastad said of the Nelsons who are administering the foundation overseeing the historic farmstead. Quastad also announced that an Iowa Drainage District Association meeting would be held Wednesday, June 18.

•Heard Glasnapp's report on the Wallingford Fire Department fundraiser. Glasnapp also announced an upcoming Iowa Lakes Corridor meeting Wednesday, June 18.

•Heard a report from Board Chair Lisa Hansen on an upcoming Early Childhood North Central Iowa meeting.

•Heard Auditor Heidi Goebel report that the Planning & Zoning public hearing on the new wind energy conversion device ordinance will be 6 p.m. Monday, July 7 at Iowa Lakes Community College auditorium (room 16).

•Discussed fuel bids awarded the previous week. Emmet County Engineer Walter Davis-Oeth suggested the board put possible reconsideration of the bid award on its next agenda.

•Heard Goebel state that Emmet County Assessor Barb Bohm had said public comments on the new wind ordinance could be directed to her office until July 3. After that, they should be directed to Zoning Director Steve Hallgren.

NEWS & AD DEADLINE FRIDAY 4 P.M.

Days Gone By



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

The marriage of Toy Haworth, of this place, and Miss Ann Smith, a teacher in our schools, was solemnized at Britt, Ia., on Tuesday, June 16, at 3:30 at the Congregational parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and a son and daughter, who have been living at Syracuse, M.Y., came a week or two ago to make their home here. They purchased the stock and machinery of Godfrey Knight and are now located on the Knight farm south of town.

The Campfire Girls, with their guardian, Mrs. M. Anderberg, went to Interlaken on Monday, to camp for a week or ten days.

Seventy five years ago: June 1950 *Publisher: Robert E. Burns*

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richmond of Ames were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Richmond. Grace Eleanor Richmond accompanied them back to Ames and she is attending the summer quarter at Iowa State college.

John Thorson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thorson, Armstrong, is one of 56 Iowa State college Air Force ROTC students who will attend a six-week summer camp. John will report to Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Ill., on June 25.

Leon Looft escaped injury Monday morning when his car crashed headlong into a storm sewer barricade on S. Albion Avenue in Fairmont.

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

Barbara Mitchell, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Mitchell of rural Armstrong was named "Miss Neat as a Pin" and received a trophy and a \$25 scholarship at the Miss Emmet County pageant.

Paul Sarff and Doug Jensen, members of the Waldorf College choir, recently returned from a 25-day tour of five European countries with the group.

Phil Henriksen, Lynn Hansen, and Dan Lindholm rode their bicycles from Armstrong to the Lindholm cottage at Spirit Lake on Saturday. The last five miles of the ride were spent battling with the storm of the afternoon.

Twenty five years ago: June 2000 *Publisher: Jerry D. Wiseman*

Photo: Molly Rezac, who already has a nice collection of gold medals from Wheelchair Competition at the Iowa Girls State Track Meet the last two years, is moving on to national competition this week.

Photo: Elmer "Mose" Champagne enjoyed a special Father's Day visit at Valley View Care Center from his son Chuck. An afternoon tea at the care center honored all fathers.

Photo: Don Jensen drove Isabelle Ramsey in his surrey with the fringe on top in the Gruver centennial parade on June 24.

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

Photo: Mr. and Mrs. Kurt and Luanne Bjorklund of Armstrong, IA, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tarah Catherine Bjorklund, to Abhi Sachdev, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vijay and Bindia Sachdev of Blaine, MN.

Photo: Three North Union sixth graders received the Warrior Citizenship Award during the end of the year school assembly on Wednesday, May 20. Pictured are Michael Hanson, Halle Rezac, and Josie Hovick.

Photo: A Monday morning storm, June 22, 2015, with rain and strong winds, took the back out of the building that once housed the bowling alley in Armstrong. Those working in the press room at the Journal location next door, heard the back of the building collapse at 7:15 a.m. No one was injured.

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GROUP - 1 - by June 21 - Leafy spurge, Hoary cress, Sour dock, Smooth dock, Red sorrel, Musk thistle, Buckthorn.

GROUP - 2 - by June 24 - Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, Buckthorn plantain, Wild mustard.

GROUP - 3 - by July 15 - Field bindweed, Wild carrot, Poison hemlock, Multiflora rose, Horsenettle, Sowthistle, Quackgrass, Velvetleaf, Puncture vine, Cocklebur, Bull thistle, Tall thistle, Wild sunflower, Teasel, and all other thistles of the Cirsium or Carduus genus, Shattercane, Palmer Amaranth, Peppergrass and Purple Loosestife.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the Weed Commissioner is required to proceed pursuant to the law and have the weeds destroyed, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected.

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Corey Petersen
Kossuth County Weed Commissioner
Algona, Iowa

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The Family of John Charles Quinn — would like to thank everyone who attended John's celebration of life. We are deeply grateful for the many expressions of sympathy and support. The wonderful memories you shared brought us laughter and tears of joy. Your presence and kind words meant a great deal for our family.

The Family of John Charles Quinn

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A soft line drive to second baseman Madison Bunkofske was quickly scooped up and tossed to first baseman Kyla Irmiter for the out against North Iowa.

## Pioneers dominate Warriors

By David Swartz  
dschwartz@esthervilleneews.net  
MILFORD — After taking a 4-1 lead with three runs in the top of the fifth, inning the North Union baseball team couldn't contain first Okoboji. The Pioneers took their first lead with six runs in the bottom of the inning and plated four insurance runs in the sixth for an 11-4 victory on Monday, June 16.

Caden Walders started on the mound. In 4 1/3 innings, he gave up four earned runs on three hits with six strikeouts and three walks. Max Merrill and Cooper Hoye pitched in relief. Merrill gave up two earned runs and walked two batters. Hoye gave up five earned runs on six hits with one strikeout, one walk and one hit batter.

North Union finished with six hits led by Casey Rezac, who went 2-for-3. Colin Kruse and Wiley Stevens each were 1-for-3 and Walders and Merrill each were 1-for-4. Merrill had two RBIs and Hoye had an RBI.

## Warriors bring home victory over North Iowa

By David Swartz  
BANCROFT — With all the scoring occurring in the first three innings, the North Union baseball team held on for a 3-2 victory over visiting North Iowa on Wednesday, June 18.

The Bison scored a run in the first, with North Union taking the lead with a pair of runs in the second inning. North Iowa tied the game in the top of the third, with the Warriors scoring the go-ahead run in the bottom of the inning.

Greyson Colegrove pitched six

innings in the win, giving up two earned runs on four hits with seven strikeouts and seven walks. Max Merrill closed out the seventh inning, striking out one batter and walking two without giving up a hit.

North Union finished with six hits scattered throughout the lineup. Cole Nicoson was 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Caden Walders was 1-for-2, while Merrill, Colin Kruse, Casey Rezac, and Cooper Hoye each went 1-for-3. Merrill, Kruse, and Rezac scored the Warriors' runs.

## ICCC President's and Dean's List released

The Iowa Central Community College Office of the Registrar has released the spring 2025 President's List.

In order to be named to the President's List, a student must have a 4.0 grade point average (4.0 is an A) in all academic subjects with a total

of at least 6 semester hours of credit.

Jorja Cole - Armstrong  
Shelby Potratz - Fenton  
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The Office of the Registrar has released the spring 2025 Dean's List.

In order to be named to the Dean's List students must complete at least 6 semester credit hours with a 3.5 (4.0 scale).

Brynn Tirevoid, Armstrong



Sliding into third and beating the throw was North Union's Ainsley Ulrich who was credited for stealing a base during their conference match up against North Iowa. Ainsley took the win on the mound also that night.

## Bison no match for Warriors

By David Swartz  
dschwartz@esthervilleneews.net

SWEA CITY — The North Union softball team pounded out 13 hits in defeating North Iowa 11-1 in four innings last Wednesday.

Every North Union starter had at least one hit in the contest. Ainsley Ulrich, who pitched the Warriors to

victory, helped her own cause by going 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and two RBIs. Kyla Irmiter also was 2-for-3 with two RBIs, while Brylie Deim was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, and Ariana Giddings was 2-for-2.

Also, Shallee Walders, Aslynn Sobolik, and Marissa Nielsen each

were 1-for-2, and Olivia Price and Maisey Bierstedt each were 1-for-3. Sobolik's hit was a double, and she, Walders, and Nielsen each had an RBI.

On the mound, Ulrich gave up one earned run on one hit with five strikeouts and four walks in four innings of work.

## Wolves overpower North Union Warriors

By David Swartz  
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BANCROFT — Harris-Lake Park's Shouten Barnhart threw a one-hit shutout in helping the Wolves defeat North Union 9-0 in five innings in

barnhart struck out five batters and walked four. Casey Rezac had the Warriors' lone hit.

Meanwhile, Riley Stevens took the loss for North Union. In four

innings, he gave up eight earned runs on nine hits with three strikeouts, two walks, and one hit batter. Colin Kruse pitched the final inning and gave up one earned run on one hit with two strikeouts and three walks.

## Ulrich tosses shutout while getting 300th strikeout

By David Swartz

SWEA CITY — With her first strikeout against Spencer last Thursday, North Union sophomore ace Ainsley Ulrich notched her 300th career strikeout. She would go on to strike out 10 more Tigers in the Warriors' 6-0 non-conference victory to finish the night with 310 career strikeouts — 116 this season.

Ulrich gave up two hits and one walk, and the Warrior defense committed just one error in limiting Spencer's scoring chances.

Meanwhile, North Union's offense came to life with four runs in the second inning, followed by insurance runs in the third and fifth innings.

Aslynn Sobolik, Shallee Walders, and Maisey Bierstedt each went 2-for-3 on the night. Bierstedt had three RBIs, while Sobolik hit two doubles and drove in a run. Walders also had a double. Ulrich and Marissa Nielsen each went 1-for-3, and Olivia Price was 1-for-4. Price and Nielsen both had RBIs.

## NCC announces Honor's List

Levi Vaske of Bancroft was named to the Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, Iowa, Honor List for the Spring semester. Students on the Honor List are full-time and have achieved an average grade point of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

NCC continually maintains a high presence of quality students that are represented on the Honor List. These students are to be commended for their fine performance in their respective fields.

June 27-29, 2025

# Swea City Fun Days

### Friday, June 27

5:00 - 8:00 Swea City Fireman's Supper *at the firehall* – Steak Sandwich Meal

8:00 – 11:00 Karaoke / DJ – *Pub 307 (inside)*

9:00 NU Wrestling GLOW 5K Run & Walk *on Main Street*

### Saturday, June 28

9:00 – 1:00 Bloody Mary Bar & Mimosas – *Pub 307 (inside)*

9:00 Stomp'n Grounds Food Truck – *Serving Rolls & Coffee Barry Boland's Lot*

9:00 Ride Across Swea City – *Community Club in front of Main Street Manor*

All Ages Welcome To Ride – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prizes for Best Decorated Bike & Best Costume for all school age kids through fifth grade. **Judging begins at 8:45 a.m.**

10:30 Book Sale until 2:00 p.m. – *Swea City Library – Reynolds Park*

## Parade

11:00 **In the park after parade**  
Contact Nina at (515) 538-0620 for parade information.

Happy Train Rides – *Community Club*

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After Parade Bag Tournament & Balloon Toss – *Pub 307 on Main Street*

1:00 Historical House & Annex Tours – *3<sup>rd</sup> St. – Historical Society*

1:00 Pedal Tractor Pull – *South side of park – Betterment Club* Registration at 12:30 p.m.

2:00 Duck Drop – *Swea City Park & Rec*

2:00 Bingo – *in the park – SCIL*  
*Must be 21 to play.*

3:00 – 7:00 Karaoke / DJ – *Pub 307 (inside)*

8:00 – 12:00 Street Dance – *Jesse Wilson Band – Pub 307 on Main Street*

### Sunday, June 29

9:00 Immanuel Lutheran Church – *Celebrating 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*Lunch will be provided after service.*

Bloody Mary Bar & Mimosas – *Pub 307 (inside)*

*Food on Saturday – in the park*

*Immanuel Lutheran Church Following Parade - 1:00*  
*Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, Chips, Pie, Ice Cream, Drink*

Pork Loin Sandwiches – *SCIL*

Taco in a Bag - *Coed Kids 4-H Club*

*Bummy's BBQ*

*The Lemon*

Cotton Candy – *NU Cheer*

*Groovy Smoothie*

*Sweet Tooth Hand Scooped Ice Cream*

Cream Teas – *Scone Friday & Sunday (10 – 3), Saturday (12:30 – 3:00), no reservations are needed*

Pork Patties, Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, Bake Sale Items – *Mighty Warrior Youth Group*

**Ringsted Fire Department Fundraiser**

## Ribeye Steak Sandwich

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
at the Ringsted Legion Community Center!

*Your chance to support your local fire department!*

**EMMET COUNTY FAIR**

# Kids' FUN

FREE GAMES • FACE PAINTING • MAGIC SHOWS & MORE!

ALL WEEK LONG – JULY 22-27, 2025

Bring the whole crew for hands-on fun, laughs, and memory-making moments!

**COLORING CONTEST** - Entries accepted until Friday @ 5pm  
**MAGIC SHOWS WITH KEITH LEFF** - Friday & Saturday in Eagle Lake  
**FACE PAINTING** - Friday & Saturday 1-6pm  
**KIDS PEDAL PULL** - Saturday 3pm

**SCAVENGER HUNT** - Thursday-Sunday (details @ fair office)  
**FREE PIZZA EATING CONTEST** - Saturday 5pm  
**FREE FAIR GAMES** - Thursday-Sunday 1-2pm  
**PET SHOW & RABBIT SHOW** - Perfect for young animal lovers!

**INFLATABLES OPEN!** \$15 for 1-Day Wristband | \$20 for 2-Day Wristband | Open Friday & Saturday 12-9 PM

All kid activities are FREE, except Inflatables!

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