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Steve Grolmus

Grolmus helps lead Iowa grocers through pandemic

North Scott Foods owner chaired state grocers group

By Scott Campbell
 NSP Editor

When the board of directors of the Iowa Grocery Industry Association would get together over the past year, it was a who's who of industry leaders.

Sitting around the table were representatives of major grocery store conglomerates like Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart and Fareway, along with individuals tied to big convenience store chains such as Casey's and Kum and Go.

Sitting at the head, with the gavel in his hand, was the owner of a small independent grocery store in Eldridge.

As it's been for most businesses across the country, 2020 has been a challenging year for the grocery industry. Supplies have been limited. Customers have been on edge, and employees have been stretched thin.

Steve Grolmus, owner of North Scott Foods, has not only helped put food on plates while navigating the

coronavirus pandemic in his own community, but also provided a calming influence across the state.

"Steve is absolutely a shining example of the tremendous leaders that we have had throughout our 120-year history," said Michelle Hurd, IGIA president, "and what a challenge he had this year. He had no idea what he was coming into, and that we would be facing a pandemic."

"Steve has never been afraid to face a challenge, and has been a tremendous leader for our industry, his peers and our staff. You aren't going to find anybody who is more caring and compassionate about what they do in our industry."

The IGIA is a state trade association that represents the food industry, including chain and independent supermarkets, convenience stores and wholesalers. The 1,400-member organization's mission is to actively promote and strengthen Iowa's grocery industry, mostly through positive legislation at the state capitol.

The Association's 22-member board of directors is as diverse as the indus-

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"Steve is absolutely one of those individuals who has done a really great job of taking all the necessary steps to stay open and continue servicing their customers by making sure there is food on the shelves during a very trying time for all of us."

Michelle Hurd, president of the Iowa Grocery Industry Association

SCOTT COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS

Red & Blue

Dems prevail atop ticket while incumbents take county, legislative seats

By Mark Ridolfi
 NSP Assistant Editor

Split-ticketing Scott County voters delivered victories to every Democrat atop this year's ballot, while still returning contested incumbents from both parties to the state legislature.

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Republican county party chairman Dave Millage said the close margins for president and Congress suggest most independent registered voters voted Republican.

"There's always been split tickets in this county. Trump did carry quite a bit of Scott County. But

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June 12, 2019

Joe Biden with Eldridge mayor Marty O'Boyle and family at the Tasty Cafe in Eldridge.
 NSP file photo

Dittmer wins school board presidency



Three board members abstain from 4-0 vote

By Mark Ridolfi
 NSP Assistant Editor

Joni Dittmer pledged accessibility and transparency after winning presidency of the North Scott school board on a 4-0 vote that saw three members abstain.

Dittmer is the longest-serving mem-

ber with 14 years on the board after winning election four times.

"I'm honored to be president. It truly was time for me to be after serving so many years. I just want to continue what we've been doing, continue a lot of inclusion and public participation. My focus is on approachability. Make people feel welcome to contact us," she said in an interview after the meeting.

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Dittmer won the post with yes votes from herself, and board members John Maxwell, Tracy Lindaman, and outgoing president Glen Keppy.

Board member Molly Bergfeld challenged board officer votes because of last-minute changes in the conduct of the meeting. Board members Mark Pratt and Donn Wilmott supported her concerns.

After the meeting, Pratt told *The NSP* he had alerted the board he wanted the board presidency as well.

Superintendent Joe Stutting was home recovering from a medical procedure, and assistant superintendent Michael Kline was home in quarantine. Both participated online.

Bergfeld said she'd been told that district finance director Jill Van Roekel would chair Monday's meeting. Instead, high school principal Shane Knoche filled in.

Bergfeld cited the change in meeting leadership, and board policy as reasons to delay the vote. She said board policy allows a fill-in for the superintendent, "only for urgent business."

Bergfeld contended the officer election wasn't urgent.

"The last correspondence I got said Jill was designated," to chair this meeting. "This responsibility of naming officers was originally on our agenda for Nov. 23 for the last several months. We still have a sitting president," Bergfeld said, referring to Keppy.

Stutting, participating by phone, said he switched meeting leadership after reviewing a policy Monday morning. "I'm looking at the policy, and it says the succession order is superintendent, then assistant superintendent, then high school principal. I informed Shane this morning after I read the policy," Stutting told board members.

Wilmott said the policy states, "the successor will assume only duties of the superintendent that require immediate action."

Dittmer asked: "What's your concern, Molly?"

Bergfeld replied: "My concern is that we're not following policy." She noted the board just reviewed the pertinent policy among items on this week's agenda.

That's when Keppy asked: "Is it out of line to ask Joe to spend a few minutes presiding?"

Stutting said, "I can go ahead and run it from here at this point. I'll need Shane to collect votes."

Before proceeding, Wilmott seconded Bergfeld's motion to delay the vote. Bergfeld, Wilmott and Pratt voted to table the decision. Board members Maxwell, Dittmer, Keppy and Lindaman voted down Bergfeld's motion.

Then Maxwell made the motion for "a unanimous vote," for Dittmer's presidency and Lindaman seconded it.

Wilmott, Pratt and Bergfeld abstained from voting for Dittmer's presidency. Dittmer, Maxwell, Keppy and Lindaman supported it.

The same four supported Lindaman as board vice-president, with Wilmott, Pratt and Bergfeld abstaining again.

Dittmer said she shared her interest in board presidency only after Keppy announced at the last meeting his intention to give up the post, but not his school board seat.

Keppy served two years as president after succeeding board member John Maxwell in 2018. At a public forum the month before that vote, Maxwell introduced Bergfeld as his intended successor. But he wound up joining board members in a 7-0 vote for Keppy's presidency, and said he misspoke at the previous meeting, and had apologized to Bergfeld.

After Monday's meeting, Dittmer said she didn't know why the three members chose to abstain. "I don't really know what that's about. I just want to focus on the positives of what we have going," she said.

Dittmer said her organization development and training work travel has subsided during the pandemic, leaving her more time to devote to the district.

She said her professional training may influence her style of leadership.



New architect drawings show the northeast exterior, above, and competition pool area of the North Scott YMCA in Eldridge. Find more images with this story online at northscottpress.com



New drawings offer look inside the Y

Walk into the planned North Scott YMCA and find a child care area, a welcoming attendant, and a "comfy cozy area" with a fireplace, architects told North Scott school board members Monday.

The latest YMCA designs include a hot tub and sauna in the activity pool area, among the highlights of a video tour presented by Legat Architects' representative Zach Campbell.

The drawings and design updates revealed publicly for the first time show a 43,000-square-foot structure with windows overlooking LeClaire Road, and an entrance accessible off Fourth Avenue.

The drawings show large windows that offer light and views all the way through both floors. Seating areas on both floors overlook the activity and six-lane competition pools.

The upstairs running track will provide a mile run in 12.5 laps, Campbell said.

Board member Mark Pratt, who participated in the architectural discussions, said he was "floored" by the new drawings.

"That's the first time I'd seen the windows on both ends of the building. I'm pretty excited about that," he said.

He said he was, "pretty confident our budgetary numbers will stay the same."

The drawings will be used for construction bidding, scheduled for December. For the past three years, plans have focused on a \$14 million building, with costs split evenly between the school district and city of Eldridge.

By comparison, the 61,000-square-foot Bettendorf Y was built for \$8.5 million in 2004. The Davenport West Y with a six-lane pool cost \$5.3 million in 2003. The 50,000-square-foot Davenport North Y, with eight-lane pool, cost \$6.8 million in 2001.

But her goals remain the same.

"This is our district's board. We work for the district," she said. "I love showcasing what our staff and students are doing. In this unprecedented time, they've done a remarkable job. The least I can do is be president."

Pratt said he abstained because he felt strongly the board should adhere to the policies Bergfeld mentioned.

"With my years with Molly on the policy committee - three-plus years - I think we should follow our own policies," he said.

"I think what the public needs to know is there are seven voices on the board and each voice matters. This is a public showing of a split vote that obviously doesn't happen very often in our district. That does need to be addressed, whether internally to the board or publicly."

Pratt said the board can address it internally at team-building meetings. For the public, "I'd leave that up to the board president. I'd see that as her responsibility to address."

Board members also renewed the district's legal counsels, including Lane and Waterman for most duties; Lynch Dallas for union contract negotiations; and Ahlerts Law Firm for bond counsel and financial issues.

They also reaffirmed North Scott music, athletic and drama booster clubs to operate district concessions.

Board members continued designating *The North Scott Press* as the official newspaper for legal notices.

COVID update

Stutting said student quarantines hit about 100, with "probably seven to 10 active cases."

"The school spread is not there. We're dealing generally with family spread

and social gathering spread," he said.

He told board members he's meeting with Quad-City superintendents and Area Education Agency representatives. "A number of districts in the area are considering going online as a result of not only higher cases, but Scott County today hit over 20-percent positive rating. Our goal is to stay face to face, and we need everyone's help to do that."

2021-22 calendar

The district will survey staff next week about four calendar options for next school year. Stutting said options include one similar to this year and another with fewer mid-year breaks to assure school ends in May, not June.

After getting staff feedback, the board will share options with the public and consider them at a public hearing to be scheduled in December or January, Stutting said.

Online forums

The board will hold an online public forum 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 16.

Board members will convene at the administration center, and take questions typed in a Facebook chat.

Stutting said two more virtual forums are planned for next year.

The board schedule includes meetings at elementaries and the junior high next year, but the superintendent said those will proceed only if the pandemic allows.

Correction

Scott County Information Technology Director Matt Hirst is implementing video streaming of supervisors' meetings. His last name was misspelled in the Nov. 4 edition.



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Eldridge city council member Bernie Peeters chats with Joe Biden during a 2019 campaign stop at Tasty Cafe.

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ELECTION: Party chairs take lessons from record early voting

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remember, we're outnumbered by about 8,000 registered voters."

The county began October with 33,221 active, registered Republicans, 40,817 Democrats and 42,912 independent, or no-party voters.

This election drew the largest number of voters in memory: 93,053, or about 6,000 more than the 86,745 who voted in the 2008 presidential election.

But percentage of turnout was third best. County auditor Roxanna Moritz reported a 70.03-percent turnout, just short of the record 70.79-percent turnout of 2012 and the record 71.86 percent of 2008.

She said 69.3 percent of all ballots were cast early, setting an early voting record. Just 28,911 ballots were cast Election Day.

GOP chairman: Improve registration

That difference accounts for at least part of the GOP shortfall at the top of the ballot.

Millage said the local party needs to bolster registration and early voting efforts.

"We need to register more voters. I've been saying that since we took over county chairmanship," he said.

He said local Republicans got the same advice from Trump campaign aide Lauren Witzke, who was deployed to the Scott County GOP party before being tabbed to run for U.S. Senate in Delaware. In that campaign, she publicly advocated Qanon theories, and lost to an incumbent Democrat.

Millage said no-party voters hold the key to GOP success in Scott County going forward.

"NP voters are our targets. If you don't

win NP when you're the minority party like we are, you can't have success," he said. To the county's no-party registrants, he said: "Republican values are your values. Our core beliefs coincide with your own: Limited government. Belief that capitalism has brought us the prosperity we enjoy today. We believe in equality of everyone. There's no bigotry on account of race or national origin."

He said face-to-face campaigning still remains the most effective.

"That's what our county and state people did, all going door to door and meeting voters. We had lots of mailers. Sometimes I think they lose effectiveness," as more voters cast early ballots.

He noted that GOP challengers lost by narrower margins to veteran incumbent Democrats Reps. Phyllis Thede and Monica Kurth. And incumbent Republican Rep. Ross Paustian won by a bigger margin against a Democratic challenger.

Millage said he would encourage GOP challengers Mike Vondran to try again against Thede, and Sean Hanley to run again against Kurth.

"Both gained ground. These weren't 70-30 percent losses," he said.

DEM chairman: 'We played it too safe'

Both Millage and Scott County Democratic party chairman Elesha Gayman expected recount requests for Scott County supervisor, as well as the Second Congressional race.

Those requests can be made through Friday, after county supervisors approve the final canvass Tuesday morning.

Gayman said party legal experts monitored results and detected anomalies in Jasper County, where some uncounted votes affecting the Second

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SHARE FACTS ABOUT COVID-19 AND HIV

FACT 1 For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low.

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- Stay home as much as possible

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ELECTION: Incumbents win

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Congressional District race were disclosed after the election. "We've been tracking registrations and absentee requests, so when results come in differently, those things get flagged pretty quickly," she said.

She said Democrats began Election Day counting on a big lead from early voting.

"We knew going into Election Day, we were 10,000 ahead of Republicans. But we didn't know their excitement numbers, what their ground game was for Election Day."

She said local Democrats, "played it safe, maybe too safe," by eliminating local candidate campaign offices and field staff on the ground because of the pandemic.

She said no-party voters, "normally split about 50-50. So that's why even a slight edge in registration makes a difference. This time, it probably went 60-40," for Republicans, she said.

She's most surprised the power of incumbency prevailed, despite a national GOP campaign that focused on change.

"Usually when campaigns focus on a lot of frustration, you're going to see rebellion away from incumbents. But in Scott County, all of our incumbents won. It was a bizarre night."

She said both Democratic incumbent state Rep. Thede, and Republican incumbent state Rep. Ross Paustian, cultivate deep personal connections within their districts that are stronger than party ties.

"Phyllis always has numbers like Paustian. They know their voters. You can't fake that," Gayman said.

She said Scott County Democrats delivered for Biden, Senate candidate Theresa Greenfield, and congressional candidate Hart.

"Greenfield and Hart made it out of here, so we're good with that," she said.

She said local Democrats came around to Biden, who finished a distant third on caucus night.

"You saw nationally a lot of progressives, even in Iowa and Scott County, were skeptical of Joe Biden. He's run three times," Gayman said. "I personally worried because he didn't have huge plans pushing forward for health care. But his main point was unifying the country."

Gayman confessed skepticism of that tactic.

"He tried to console and comfort the country. I don't think a lot of us - in-

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cluding myself - saw that coming out of the gate. But he proved to himself and supporters that he's ready for the monumental task ahead to put civility back in our politics and remember, we're Americans first."

Gayman said Biden's local connections, cultivated through three presidential campaigns, paid off, too.

She noted that Biden made personal phone calls to the families of the late Democratic state Sen. Joe Seng, and Tom Moritz, the late husband of county auditor Roxanna Moritz. Both died from brain cancers similar to Biden's son, Beau.

"He had nothing politically to gain from it. But still, he reached out. It just speaks to how authentic he is in that role as a healer."

In the first presidential election since Iowa outlawed straight-ticket voting, Gayman saw, "a huge down-ticket drop-off."

"That's something unique that we need to address as a party. We lost a lot of votes by not shoring up that base," she said.

Supervisors approve vote canvass Tuesday

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Scott County supervisors on Tuesday approved the county's final vote count following a heavy election turnout that county auditor Roxanna Moritz said wrapped up, "fairly smoothly."

Candidates have until 5 p.m. Friday to request a recount, allowed by state law for margins of up to 1 percent, or with evidence of irregularities.

Moritz anticipated recount requests for the Rita Hart-Mariannette Miller-Meeks congressional race, and for the Scott County supervisors race. Incumbent Republican county board members Tony Knobbe and Ken Beck won reelection. Beck finished 78 votes ahead of Democratic challenger Yazmin Newton.

"It's within 1 percent, but I don't think 78 votes can be found," Moritz told supervisors meeting Tuesday morning.

Hart won Scott County, and retained a 163-vote winning margin across the 24-county congressional district Tuesday morning after a recount initiated when Jasper County auditor acknowledged a "clerical error," in the Mingo, Iowa precinct.

Davenport attorney Ian Russell attended Tuesday morning's supervisors' meeting and said he was representing the Hart campaign. He asked about bar code verification of 142 early ballots examined by the absentee board Monday.

Washington D.C.-based attorney Max Schechter, who monitored Monday's canvass also attended Tuesday morning's supervisors meeting. Schechter asked supervisors to address an early ballot that was disqualified. Schechter is an associate in the political law practice of Perkins Coie law firm in Washington. He asked about the county's signature verification process, and Moritz said there is none.

Moritz asked for a 10-minute break to learn more about the disqualification.

She returned to say the ballot was one of a couple's two early ballots that were both signed by the husband.

She said signing another's ballot violates Iowa law, though she considered it a mistake. But she said Iowa law forbids counting ballots with false signatures.

The county hired 460 poll workers, well above the usual 300-or-so needed for past presidential elections, she said. Moritz said she'll use "every penny" of the \$430,870 donated to Scott County from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg's Center for Tech and Civic Life and Center for Election & Innovation Research.

The money covered the extra workers, face masks, sanitizers, equipment and advertising of early voting and polling places.

Moritz said the county was prepared for Election Day presence of partisans outside of polling places, but it never really happened.

"We'd gone into the mode that there might be a little civil unrest. But as usual, we were Iowa nice."

Looking ahead, Moritz encouraged legislators to allow only the Secretary of State and local auditors to send early ballot applications. She said mass mailings from partisan special-interest groups adds to early voting confusion.

"A lot of individuals, especially in the times we're living, when they see something official from the Secretary of State or county auditor, they're more serious about returning it, versus some group from Washington D.C., or Des Moines. Special interest groups sometimes work from old voting lists, allowing Iowans to get multiple requests, she said.

"Every time an organization does a ballot mailing, we're bombarded with phone calls," she said.

Legislation restricting early voting applications to government agencies would reduce the duplications and confusion caused by these special interest campaigns, she said.

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Rick & Ann Baughman
Roger & Irene Schneckloth
Sebastian Family

NORTH SCOTT FOOD PANTRY DONATION



The St. Ann's Knights of Columbus recently presented a \$13,000 check to the North Scott Food Pantry. Front (l-r) Food Pantry representatives Judy Shannon and Joanne Dumar, and Knights of Columbus Grand Knight John Schlichting. Back: Knights of Columbus members Matt Costello, Rick Baughman and Joe Hutson. Contributed photo

St. Ann's Knights of Columbus raise \$13,000 for food pantry

Even COVID-19 couldn't keep the St. Ann's Knights of Columbus from helping make sure that area residents don't go hungry.

Despite numerous challenges, mainly keeping participants and organizers safe during the the pandemic, the Knights, with the generous help of the North Scott community and St. Ann's parish, raised \$13,000 for the North Scott Food Pantry.

The 13th annual North Scott Food Pantry Open was held on Sept. 13 at

Glynns Creek Golf Course. With the \$13,000 raised this year — which is the second largest donation in the event's 13-year history — the St. Ann's Knights have now donated \$111,628 to the Food Pantry.

Knights responsible for planning the successful event included Matt Costello, Rick Baughman, Joe Hutson, Pat Dierickx, Jeff Van DeCastele, Jeff Nagle, Wayne Pacha, Rich Bechert, Jeff Liske and John Loussaert.

NOTICE TO ELDRIDGE UTILITY CUSTOMERS

As Eldridge Utility has finished fall hydrant flushing, the method for disinfecting water will be adjusted as well. Beginning Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:00 A.M., the free chlorine disinfection process will be changed to a chloramine process which is formed by combining ammonia with chlorine.



Please contact Mark Schmidt at 285-9363 with any questions you may have.

Thank You

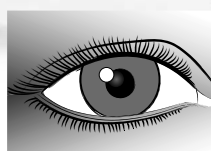
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Library angel tree invites gift giving

The Friends of the Eldridge Library launched this year's Angel Tree offering a chance to bring Christmas to youth in the North Scott community.

Angels are available now. Each angel represents a youth in our community.

All are invited to select an angel, purchase a gift, and return it to the library with angel attached no later than Monday, Dec. 7.

This year, gifts are to be unwrapped, but gift bags are welcome. Gift cards of any amount are also greatly appreciated and will be given to the families.

Suggested stores are local grocers, Target, Walmart, dollar stores, and gas stations, but any are welcome.

More information can be found at the Scott County library's Eldridge location and on their social media.



Donahue woman dies in Davenport collision

A woman killed while fleeing state police Sunday in Davenport faced multiple felony drug charges from arrests earlier this year.

Kathryn Anne Burkhead, 31, of Donahue, was fleeing a state police traffic stop eastbound on Interstate 80 Sunday afternoon, according to Iowa State Police reports. Troopers followed the 2005 Buick she was driving onto Interstate 280, then eastbound Kimberly Road.

Burkhead's vehicle lost control at Wisconsin Drive and swerved into an oncoming lane. The vehicle collided with an approaching Jeep, according to the police report. The driver of the Jeep, Emilie Ann Heggen, 22, of Iowa City was injured and taken to Genesis Medical Center.

Burkhead was pronounced dead at the scene.

Burkhead was arrested Jan. 22 for felony drug manufacturing or delivery charges, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, and an open container violation. She pleaded not guilty Feb. 19 and a pre-trial conference was scheduled Nov. 20.

Davenport police also arrested Burkhead July 1 on misdemeanor vehicle

burglary, first-offense marijuana possession and interference with official acts. She pleaded not guilty July 29, and a family member posted a cash bond.

\$500 Kiwanis check helps NS Pantry

North Scott Food Pantry representative Carolyn Scheibe, center, accepts a donation from Kiwanis members Ron Meyer, left, and Tom Andresen.

Contributed photo

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NS FOODS: Grocer's career began at family's store in Williamsburg

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try it serves, and when Grolmus waved the gavel, he was on the same board as many of his major competitors.

"The board, and association, is a mix of convenience stores and grocery stores," said Grolmus. "I've made some great relationships with people all across the industry, and our meetings are very professional.

"Everybody is there for the common good of the industry, and you don't hear much about any issues one chain may have with another. We're all there to strengthen the industry, and it's a very strong association. In fact, Iowa's is one of the best in the country."

Grolmus was asked to serve on the board six or seven years ago, and he decided it was time to give back to an organization that had done so much for his family.

"I couldn't say no," he said. "It was a great opportunity to give back to the industry."

He became secretary three years ago and worked his way up to be chairman last year. He has served as past chairman since August.

"This last year has been very hectic," said Grolmus, who has been a fixture in the North Scott community since 1984. "It's been rewarding to be part of the board, but this COVID situation has been very stressful, and nearly as stressful as building our new Eldridge store in 2002."

Grolmus' life is just a little bit less hectic these days, but not by much. As the owner of an independent grocery store, dealing with COVID-19 has been nothing but a challenge.

Grolmus was born into the grocery business, and it's the only life he's ever known. He started working at his father's grocery store in Williamsburg, Iowa, at the age of 12, and eventually worked his way through all the aisles and took over the family's Park View store in 1984.

In 2002, he moved the store to Eldridge, and North Scott Foods, the lifeline to the community, was born. The family still owned the store in Williamsburg until selling it in January of 2019.

"I never thought I'd be in the business this long," he said. "When I gradu-

ated from college, I was going to go be a financial planner. The manager at the Park View store had just quit, and I told my dad it really wasn't what I wanted to do, but that I'd do it for a while. So, here we are."

The grocery store business can be cut-throat, especially for an independent grocer like Grolmus, who faces stiff competition from bigger stores just a few miles away. It's not like he's the only game in town.

"It's important to have local support," he said. "I have a lot of friends over the years who are independent grocers, and we've lost a lot of them. A lot of towns have lost their grocery stores.

"It's a constant challenge to try and compete with the big chains who have endless resources for advertising and promotional dollars. We try to do as many of the things that they offer, on our scale."

North Scott Foods has recently created an app to provide resources for customers and offer them extra savings, as well as an online shopping option. The store has also begun offering curbside pickup.

Grolmus is definitely concerned about the future of independent grocery stores. "Well, we just lost one in LeClaire last summer, and the challenges will not go away," he said. "The need to be able to drive prices down and stay as competitive as possible will always be there."

Grolmus said he's been fortunate in that he became associated with co-ops eight years ago, and that has helped him keep a competitive edge.

"Because of those relationships we have resources when a lot of commodities are very difficult to find," he said. "As an independent, I don't have to buy all my groceries from my wholesaler."

"I've built relationships over the last 30-some years, with produce folks and meat supply places, and with COVID, that allowed us to have items in stock that a lot of the chains didn't.

"When Hy-Vee, Fareway and Walmart went to limiting meat, we didn't have to do that," he continued. "We had built relationships with folks outside of our wholesaler that were more than willing to help us with whatever products they had. We have to constantly be one step ahead of everybody."

There's no doubt that COVID has cre-

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Steve Grolmus, North Scott Foods

LEFT: Steve promotes local businesses in 2013.



ated challenges for everybody, but the IGIA's Hurd said grocery stores have been up to the task at hand.

"Our grocery stores have always been very important parts of our communities across the state of Iowa, but now more than ever," she said. "Since March, grocery stores have been working really hard to keep their employees and customers safe so that they can continue to provide essential products and services to Iowans.

"Grocery stores in the state of Iowa have done a tremendous job, and Steve is absolutely one of those individuals who has done a really great job of taking all the necessary steps to stay open and continue servicing their customers by making sure there is food on the shelves during a very trying time for all of us."

Despite the daily challenges, Grolmus has stuck it out through thick and thin because he grew up in the business, came to love it, and loved the people.

"The best part of this business is getting to know all the people," he said. "I've had literally hundreds of high school and college kids come through here. I've loved getting to know them, and hopefully help form some work ethic with them.

"For most of these kids, this was their first job, and my entire staff has been incredible, especially through this whole Covid situation. We had several people choose not to work, and I understand.

I'm fine with that.

"However, everybody that stayed on has stepped up and worked above and beyond, and worked a lot of hours. It's been incredible."

It's for those reasons that Grolmus is committed to making sure that Eldridge and the North Scott community have a grocery store for years to come.

"I am committed to keeping this store open for our community," he said. "One of the reasons I sold Williamsburg is that I really wanted to just focus on this facility, and the timing couldn't have been more right.

"With Covid, especially these last few months, I've been able to be in Eldridge every day and focus on the operation here. I can't imagine having to have dealt with Covid and having two stores. I absolutely cannot."

Hurd said that Grolmus' feelings about his community were evident in all of her dealings with him.

"You can just feel his love for his community and his store," she said. "He has done a tremendous job of taking care of his staff and his community, and we felt that with our staff and our association.

"There are six of us that work for the association, and Steve spent the year being our boss. What a great leader. Eldridge and North Scott Foods, they have the cream of the crop there with Steve, and we were so grateful to have him lead us for a year."

COVID-19 spike continues as Scott County tops 21% positivity rate

By Kathie Obradovich

Iowa Capital Dispatch

Iowa shot back up to third in the nation for the number of new COVID-19 cases, as hospitalizations and deaths continued to rise.

Eight-two of Iowa's 99 counties had surpassed the 15-percent positivity rate for the infection that is one of the parameters that would allow local school districts to apply for 100-percent virtual learning. Two counties, Jones and Wayne, were above 40-percent positivity; 48 counties were above 20 percent.

Scott County's 14-day positivity rate stood at 21.8 percent Monday.

The news comes as drug manufacturer Pfizer announced progress on a coronavirus vaccine. The manufacturer said clinical trials had shown the drug under development was 90 percent effective at preventing infection from the virus and it is on track to apply later this month for emergency-use approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

Over the past week, the state has averaged 3,498 new cases per day, an increase of 175 percent from the average two weeks ago, the *New York Times* reported.

Three people with COVID-19 were reported to have died Sunday and 14 on Sunday, bringing the state's total number of pandemic-related deaths to 1,845 as of Monday morning, according to the *Times* database. Over the past week, there has been an average of 16 deaths per day; an increase of 9 percent from the previous two weeks. Only North and South Dakota had higher average infec-

	Ma-July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Total
Bett.	336	182	225	489	253	1,485
B. Grass	33	11	21	36	19	120
Buffalo	*	*	*	10	*	23
Dav.	1,125	335	520	1,287	905	4,172
Dixon	6	*	*	*	8	19
Donahue	*	*	*	10	*	24
Eldridge	58	53	96	134	76	417
LeClaire	27	18	42	72	32	191
L. Grove	9	10	23	37	28	107
McCausland	*	*	*	*	*	8
New Liberty	*	*	*	*	*	12
Pl. Valley	*	*	*	30	*	34
Princeton	6	8	15	15	11	55
Walcott	14	*	8	25	25	72
Other						22
Total						6,761

*Number too small to report

Source: Scott County Health Department, through Nov. 8.

tion rates, according to the *Times*. As of Monday morning, 992 people with COVID-19 were in Iowa hospitals. The seven-day average of 838 hospitalizations a day is up 60 percent from the average two weeks ago, according to *New York Times* data.

The White House Coronavirus Task Force has for months advised Iowa to put a mask mandate in place, a move Gov. Kim Reynolds has refused, saying a mandate is unenforceable.

Reynolds last week announced she would launch a series of public service

Scott County senators win legislative leadership posts

State Sens. Chris Cournoyer, R-LeClaire and Mark Lofgren, R-Muscatine, were elected Assistant Majority Leaders Nov. 6, by their Republican colleagues.

"I am proud to be elected to this position by my colleagues in the Iowa Senate," Cournoyer said. "As we look towards the next legislative session and start our work for the state of Iowa, I am excited to serve in this capacity and be a strong voice of the people of Eastern Iowa at the State Capitol in Des Moines.

"It's an honor to be chosen by my Senate colleagues for this leadership position," Senator Lofgren said. "I look forward to helping to lead our work together in the Iowa Senate to bring about great opportunities for the people of Iowa for many years to come."

The pair join Sens. Carrie Koelker, Dyersville; and Sen. Zach Whiting, Spirit Lake, as assistant majority leaders.

Sen. Jack Whitver, of Ankeny, was elected majority leader. Other members of the new Republican majority leadership team are:

President of the Senate, Sen. Jake Chapman, Adel

President Pro Tempore, Sen. Brad Zaun, Urbandale

Majority Whip, Sen. Amy Sinclair, Allerton

Lofgren was just reelected to Senate District 46, which includes Muscatine



Lofgren



Cournoyer

County and part of Scott County. He is a realtor with EXIT Realty Group in Muscatine and has been a small business owner for many years. He and his wife, Paula, have four children and four grandchildren and reside in Muscatine.

Cournoyer was elected in 2018 to represent District 49 in the Iowa Senate, which consists of Clinton County and part of Scott County.

She is a former school board member, Reserve Deputy in the Scott County Sheriff's Office and small business owner. She also recently obtained her Substitute Authorization license to help with the shortage of substitute teachers in her community. She is the mother of four children and lives north of LeClaire.

Scott County unofficial election results

Federal offices

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

	Votes	Pct.
Joseph R. Biden/ Kamala D.Harris (D)	46,890	50.67
Donald J. Trump/ Michael R. Pence (R)	43,661	47.18
Jo Jorgensen/ Jeremy Cohen (LIB)	1,122	1.21
WRITE-IN	275	0.30
Howie Hawkins/ Angela Nicole Walke (GRN)	209	0.23
Kanye West/ Michelle Tidball	181	0.20
Don Blankenship/ William Alan Mohr (CON)	96	0.10
Roque Rocky De La Fuente/ Darcy G. (ALL)	51	0.06
Ricki Sue King/ Dayna R. Chandler (GKH)	32	0.03
Brock Pierce/ Karla Ballard	22	0.02

U.S. SENATOR

Theresa Greenfield-D	45,717	49.94
Joni Ernst-R	42,921	46.88
Rick Stewart (LIB)	2,138	2.34
Suzanne Herzog	707	0.77
WRITE-IN	66	0.07

U.S. REP IOWA DIST 2

Rita R. Hart-D	47,421	52.96
Mariannette Miller-Meeks-R	41,948	46.85
WRITE-IN	168	0.19

Precinct vote totals will be published when they are available.

State legislature

STATE SENATOR DIST 46

Mark S. Lofgren-R	10,012	59.85
Chris Brase-D	6,699	40.05
WRITE-IN	17	0.10
Total	16,728	

STATE REP DIST 89

Monica Kurth-D	7,957	54.75
Sean Hanley-R	6,157	42.36
Jonathan Vance	4132	0.84
WRITE-IN	7	.05
Total	14,534	

STATE REP DIST 90

Cindy Winckler-D	8,357	96.42
WRITE-IN	3,103	.58
Total	8,667	

STATE REP DIST 92

Ross C. Paustian-R	9,296	55.96
Jennifer Kakert-D	7,302	3.96
WRITE-IN	13	0.08
Total	16,611	

STATE REP DIST 93

Phyllis Thede-D	9,524	55.73
Mike Vondran-R	7,546	44.15
WRITE-IN	20	0.12
Total	17,090	

STATE REP DIST 94

Gary M. Mohr-R	12,033	55.28
Marie Gleason-D	9,718	44.65
WRITE-IN	16	0.07
Total	21,767	

STATE REP DIST 97

Norlin Mommsen-R	5,000	62.96
Ryan Zeskey-D	2,934	36.94
WRITE-IN	8	0.10
Total	7,942	

Scott County races

SUPERVISORS

Tony G. Knobbe-R	41,716	26.32%
Ken Beck-R	40,894	25.80%
Jazmin Newton-D	40,816	25.75%
Rogers Kirk Jr.-D	34,981	22.07%
WRITE-IN	115	0.07%
Total	158,522	

AUDITOR

Roxanna Moritz-D	66,466	97.13%
WRITE-IN	1,964	2.87%
Total	68,430	

SHERIFF

Tim Lane-R	49,168	55.64%
Pete Bawden-D	38,697	43.79%
WRITE-IN	511	0.58%
Total	88,376	

Townships

Candidate Vote Pct.

ALLEN'S GROVE TWP TRUSTEE (ELECT 2)

Jerry Wuestenberg	289	56.67%
Thomas Karnish	212	41.57%
WRITE-INS	91	0.76%

BLUE GRASS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

David E. Martz	578	96.01%
WRITE-INS	243	0.99%

BUFFALO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

WRITE-INS	150	100%
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BUFFALO TOWNSHIP CLERK

WRITE-INS	63	100%
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BUTLER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (ELECT 2)

Randy Kuhl	1,242	51.22%
Curtis Hamann	1,172	48.33%
WRITE-INS	11	0.45%



Eldridge 1 precinct voters at Eldridge United Methodist Church stop for an exit pollster.

CLEONA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

WRITE-INS	19	100%
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HICKORY GROVE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (ELECT 2)

Lee Friederichs	226	57.95%
Wes Stender	159	40.77%
WRITE-INS	51	0.28%

HICKORY GROVE CLERK

WRITE-INS	20
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LECLAIRE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Jerald Ray Wilson	798	87.31%
WRITE-INS	116	12.69%

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (ELECT 2)

L. Van Den Berghe	225	53.70%
Douglas Spickermann	188	44.87%
WRITE-INS	61	0.43%

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

John A. Schnekloth	276	95.50%
WRITE-INS	134	0.50%

PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (ELECT 2)

Mark Geist	528	51.06%
Michael Peterson	486	47.0%
WRITE-INS	201	0.93%

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (2)

Ned Schroder	206	50.74%
David Boeding	196	48.28%
WRITE-INS	4	0.99%

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE VACANCY

WRITE-INS	18
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SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Scott A. Rochau	223	96.12%
WRITE-INS	93	0.88%

WINFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Charles Brockmann	403	95.27%
WRITE-INS	20	4.73%

SOIL & WATER COMMISSIONER (ELECT 3)

Lora Schmidt	55,322	34.94%
Richard Golinghorst	52,819	33.36%
Joshua Witt	49,468	31.24%
WRITE-INS	741	0.47%

AG EXTENSION COUNCIL (ELECT 4)

Jennifer Ewoldt	56,272	27.35%
Suzy VenHorst	52,828	25.67%
Michael Ryan	48,632	23.63%
Mark Holloway	47,434	23.05%
WRITE-IN	617	0.30%

Park View Water Sanitary

DISTRICT TRUSTEE

Paul Conklin	1,162	98.81%
WRITE-INS	14	1.19%

Judges: All judges retained with at least 60 percent of vote

IOWA SUPREME COURT RETENTION

	Yes	No
Mansfield	47,905	20,774
McDonald	48,507	19,705
Waterman	50,319	19,908
Christensen	50,043	18,634

COURT OF APPEALS

May	48,677	17,916
Schumacher	50,699	16,241
Greer	49,317	17,189
Bower	48,144	17,982

7TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

Lawson	48,186	17,504
McElyea	47,647	17,380
Roberts	49,899	15,569
Barrows	47,664	17,432
Fowler	48,929	16,408
Greve	49,403	16,302
Latham II	48,666	17,148
Talkington	48,891	15,987
Traum	50,111	15,249
Ploof (associate judge)	48,697	16,792

Statewide Ballot Question

IOWA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

No, 49,719	Yes, 27,697
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Lincoln, Buffalo township tiebreakers drawn from hat

Scott County supervisors on Tuesday drew names to resolve tie votes among write-in candidates in Buffalo and Lincoln townships.

Scott County Board Chairman Tony Knobbe drew **Ken Krambeck** to resolve his tie with James Schwarz, with three votes each for Lincoln Township trust-

ee. A total 13 write-in votes were cast. Knobbe drew **Darla Roe** for Buffalo Township clerk. Roe was among seven write-in candidates who drew two votes each. A total of 63 write-ins were submitted for the race that had no name on the ballot.



Park View Lutheran Church poll workers reported a steady stream of voters all day.



Princeton Community Center voters cast ballots.

DEATH NOTICE

Mark Shanks

A Celebration of Life service for Mark Lee Shanks, 65, of Davenport, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Runge Mortuary, Davenport. Per his request, cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will be in Pine Hill Cemetery, Davenport.

Mr. Shanks died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020, in Davenport.

Mark Shanks was born Sept. 26, 1955, in Davenport, the son of Harry and

Vera (Finch) Shanks.

He was formerly married to Mary Elizabeth Shanks (McGrath). He later married Michelle Byars-Shanks.

Survivors include his sons, Aaron (Melissa) Shanks, Baxter, Iowa, and Landon Shanks, Vitoria, Brazil; five grandchildren; and a brother, Gary (Elaine) Shanks, Savanna, Ill.

Memorials may be made to the Christ United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

Online condolences may be made at www.rungemortuary.com.

BIRTHS

LILAH MCVEY

Jacob and Kendra McVey of Eldridge are the parents of a daughter born at 10:08 a.m. Nov. 3, 2020, at Genesis East Medical Center, Davenport.

Lilah Irene weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz., and was 19.5 inches long.

She is welcomed by a brother, Cohen Rex, 2.

Grandparents are Rex and Mary Jo McVey of Eldridge, and Scott and Teresa Bivens of Long Grove.

Great-grandparents are Alice Vetter of Long Grove, Judy Bivens of Lacon, Ill., and Tom and Lynn Lewis of Peru, Ill.

TEGAN KIEGER

Addy and Corvin Kieger of Eldridge are the parents of a daughter born at 8:49 a.m. June 28, 2020, at Trinity Unity-Point, Bettendorf.

Tegan Kathryn weighed 5 lbs., 5.5 oz., and was 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Tom and Joni Dittmer of Eldridge, and Tony and Danny Kieger of Roseville, Minn.

Great-grandmother is Kathryn Dittmer of Eldridge.

Share Your News: All readers are invited to share your good news in The NSP!

OBITUARIES

Michael Thoma

Michael Keith Thoma, age 74, of Bettendorf, formerly of Durant and Cler-

mont, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, at Genesis Health System-East, Davenport. A memorial gathering was held from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 9, at Bentley Funeral Home, Durant. Burial of his cremated remains will take place at a later date in God's Acres Cemetery in Clermont. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital, Clermont Historical Society or to the family. Online condolences may be left at www.bentleyfuneralhome.com.

Michael was born in Postville, Iowa, on May 31, 1946, the son of Keith and Chrystal L. (Miller) Thoma. He graduated from Durant High School with the Class of 1964. After graduation, Mike proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. Mike married Lana Schlotfeldt-Jungjohann on Dec. 31, 1970, in Bettendorf.

Mike received his degree in hotel and restaurant management from Des Moines Area Community College. He owned and operated M.T. Bar, later called the Woodshed in Eldridge, from 1973-1977. In 1978, Mike was hired as the executive chef for the Iowa Machine Shed in Davenport. Mike won numerous awards from the Iowa Pork Producers, and many of his recipes are still on the menu today. He later became a partner in Iowa Trucking Company and Gramma's Kitchen restaurants in Walcott

until his retirement. In his retirement, Mike continued to consult for Heart of America Restaurants for several years.

Mike loved his country fiercely. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He also loved hunting, wildlife conservation, all manner of firearms, cigars, B&B, Old Milwaukee and Clint Eastwood movies. Being the heart of the Thoma family, he always wanted us to observe the traditions set forth by our elders. He always managed to bring the holiday cheer (Rumplemintz toasts) and to keep each other close, even when separated by thousands of miles.

Mike will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 49 years, Lana of Bettendorf; two sons, Keith (Keri) Thoma of Nashville, Tenn., and David (Sharon) Jungjohann of Bettendorf; one daughter, Kathy (Ron) Cravatta of Orlando, Fla.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his brothers, Jeffrey (Bonnie Staggs) Thoma of Durant, Christie Thoma of Durant, Tom (Trudy) Hansen of Enoch, Utah, and Ron (Kristy) Hansen of Durant; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, Oliver Hansen; his daughter, Brandi Thoma; his brother, Mark Hansen; and a sister-in-law, Carol Thoma.

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MENUS

NORTH SCOTT SCHOOL MENUS

For alternate lunch menu items and breakfast menus, visit north-scott.nutrislice.com.

Monday, Nov. 16 — Elementary and Junior High: Macaroni and cheese cup, mini corn dogs, peas, celery and baby carrots, mandarin oranges and pineapple, lunch bunch red grapes, cinnamon roll. **High School:** Crispy pork fritter sandwich or BBQ rib patty sandwich, battered sweet potato fries, or hot ham and cheese sandwich; or lasagna roll-up, Texas toast bread or MaxSticks, marinara sauce cup.

Tuesday, Nov. 17 — Elementary: Pretzel knot, cheddar cheese sauce, curly fries, broccoli and carrots, apples, diced peach cup, Sun Maid raisins, oatmeal chocolate chip cookie (CCP). **Junior High:** Breaded chicken sandwich or hot and spicy chicken patty, oven potato wedges, broccoli and carrots, apples, diced peach cup, Sun Maid raisins. **High School:** Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, dinner roll, frosted sunshine bar; or Little Caesar's pizza, Crazy Bread.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 — Elementary: Garlic French bread pizza, broccoli with cheese sauce, chopped peppers and cucumber, applesauce cup, fresh strawberries,

Amazin' Raisins. **Neil Armstrong, Ed White, Virgil Grissom:** Little Caesar's pizza. **Junior High:** Papa John's pizza, broccoli salad with raisins, chopped peppers and cucumber, applesauce cup, fresh strawberries, Amazin' Raisins. **High School:** Macaroni and cheese bowl, chicken nuggets or breaded chicken sandwich, or round pepperoni pizza, or Wild Mike's cheese pizza bites, marinara sauce.

Thursday, Nov. 19 — Elementary and Junior High: Tortilla mini round chips, beef nacho meat, cheddar cheese sauce, refried beans with cheese, cherry tomatoes and carrots, Jell-O with fruit, banana. **High School:** Chicken nuggets, buttermilk biscuits, or biscuits and country gravy, tri tater hash brown, or Papa John's pizza.

Friday, Nov. 20 — Elementary and Junior High: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, buttermilk biscuit, garden veggie cup with ranch, diced fruit cup, fresh seasonal fruit. **High School:** Double cheeseburger or premium breaded chicken sandwich (regular or spicy buffalo) or BBQ rib patty sandwich, oven potato wedges, or breaded mozzarella cheese sticks or garlic French bread pizza, marinara sauce cup.

Kids can enter Duck Stamp art contest

Calling all student artists in kindergarten through twelfth grade! The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is now accepting entries for the 2021 Iowa Federal Junior Duck Stamp (JDS) art contest. While entering the JDS contest, students have the opportunity to learn about waterfowl and their habitat, and then create an image of an eligible North American waterfowl species. School groups and informal groups can enter this contest, or the student may

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FAMILY NEWS

Veldhuis-Kroeze celebrating 60 years of marriage

Jan and Florene Veldhuis-Kroeze of Eldridge will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 11. A celebration will be held at a later date.

Florene Hobaugh and Jan Veldhuis-Kroeze were married Nov. 11, 1960, at Junction City (Kan.) Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Mr. Veldhuis-Kroeze was employed by the Department of Defense, retiring in 1994. Mrs. Veldhuis-Kroeze was employed in banking, retiring in 1992.

They are the parents of Sharon (Gary) Dembicki of Davenport, and John Veldhuis-Kroeze of Apple Valley, Minn.

Their grandchildren are Kale Veldhuis-Kroeze, Celia Veldhuis-Kroeze, Luke Veldhuis-Kroeze, and William Dembicki.



Sharon Wilson celebrating 80th birthday

Happy 80th birthday on Nov. 20, Sharon Wilson! Please send Sharon birthday wishes by sending a card to: Sharon Wilson, P.O. Box 203, Bennett, IA 52721.

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STUDENT NEWS

IFAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS NAMED

Two local students are among the recipients of Winner's Circle Scholarships from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA).

Chloe Engelbrecht of Davenport was awarded the \$2,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship. She is the daughter of Corey and Erin Engelbrecht.

Hannah Rohwedder of Dixon was awarded the \$1,000 Iowa Poultry Association Scholarship. She is the daughter of Aaron and Rhonda Rohwedder.

The IFAA established the Winner's Circle Scholarship Program in 1990 to provide incentives for college-bound youth seeking post-secondary education in an area of agriculture. Over \$180,600 were awarded to 98 youth this year.

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ELDRIDGE POLICE REPORT

MONDAY, NOV. 2

4:47 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 1600 block of Leonard Court. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

10:03 a.m. — Jeffrey Jennings, 47, of Davenport, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for domestic assault with injury, following an incident in the 100 block of South 4th Avenue.

7:20 p.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South 18th Avenue. Handled by officer.

7:34 p.m. — Carver Krukow, 17, of DeWitt, was cited for no seatbelt, following a traffic stop near South Buttermilk and West LeClaire roads.

10:58 p.m. — Report taken for theft of a vehicle in the 1100 block of Trails Road.

11:55 p.m. — Assisted another agency with a traffic stop near Park Avenue and South Hillside Drive.

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

7:13 a.m. — Removed debris from the roadway in the 800 block of East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

7:18 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 400 block of South 14th Avenue. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

8:34 a.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 300 block of South 14th Avenue. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

2:01 p.m. — Complaint of debris in the roadway on Highway 61. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

2:29 p.m. — Complaint of a small field fire in the 2400 block of South Buttermilk Road. The call was turned over to the fire department. Handled by officer.

3:36 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver near South Buttermilk and West LeClaire roads. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

10:24 p.m. — James Salazar, 27, of Davenport, was cited for operation without registration, following a traffic stop near South 1st Street and Trails Road.

10:27 p.m. — Complaint of a disabled vehicle in the 400 block of West Lincoln Road. The vehicle was towed. Handled by officer.

11:42 p.m. — Micaiah Knauls, 19, of Davenport, was arrested for possession of drug

paraphernalia and cited for speeding, following a traffic stop in the 100 block of East Iowa Street.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

5:32 a.m. — Complaint of a dog running loose in the 800 block of North 1st Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

9:59 a.m. — Complaint of a subject in the 300 block of North 3rd Street being harassed. Handled by officer.

10:21 a.m. — Warren Carter, 55, of Davenport, was arrested for driving while barred, following a traffic stop on Highway 61.

6:26 p.m. — Report taken for a domestic disturbance in the 800 block of East Lincoln Road.

6:57 p.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 400 block of South 14th Avenue. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

12:28 p.m. — Removed debris from the roadway on Highway 61. Handled by officer.

2:36 p.m. — Complaint of a subject burning illegally in the 300 block of West Donahue Street. Handled by officer.

3:26 p.m. — Assisted another agency with a report of a single vehicle accident on Highway 61.

4:20 p.m. — Assisted another agency with a report of a disturbance on Park View Drive.

4:40 p.m. — Complaint of a subject trespassing in the 600 block of South 2nd Street. Handled by officer.

11:11 p.m. — Assisted a resident in the 400 block of West Broadmoor Drive with a public service matter. Handled by officer.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

12:15 a.m. — Complaint of a dog running loose in the 400 block of North 5th Street. Animal control was contacted. Handled by officer.

2:22 a.m. — Complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the 900 block of West Davenport Street. Handled by officer.

7:01 a.m. — Report taken for an accident between two vehicles near East LeClaire Road and North 9th Avenue.

11:02 a.m. — Assisted a resident in the 100 block of West Spring Street with a civil issue. Handled by officer.

3:29 p.m. — Report taken for theft of property in the 300 block of South Blanche Drive.

6:49 p.m. — Complaint of vehicles parked on the side of Highway 61. Handled by officer.

7:20 p.m. — Complaint of juveniles causing a disturbance in the 500 block of South 2nd Street. Handled by officer.

8:13 p.m. — Complaint of loud music near North 1st Street and East LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

9:04 p.m. — Performed a welfare check in the 100 block of North 2nd Street. Handled by officer.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

3:52 a.m. — Complaint of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of East Franklin Street. Handled by officer.

9:57 a.m. — Kodi Benson, 26, of East Moline, was arrested for driving under suspension and cited for speeding, following a traffic stop in the 1800 block of South

1st Street.

7:31 p.m. — Assisted another agency with a report of an accident on Highway 61.

8:16 p.m. — Complaint of a bicyclist on Highway 61. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

2:11 a.m. — Complaint of subjects walking in the roadway near South Scott Park Road and East Blackhawk Trail. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

12:26 p.m. — Complaint of a suspicious subject in the 100 block of West Spring Street. Unable to locate. Handled by officer.

5:58 p.m. — Complaint of a domestic disturbance near North 2nd Place and West LeClaire Road. Handled by officer.

7:29 p.m. — Report of an alarm sounding in the 200 block of East Iowa Street. Keyholder contacted. Handled by officer.

11:52 p.m. — Assisted a motorist with directions in the 1100 block of East 90th Street. Handled by officer.

CLUB NEWS

BLUE GRASS JR./INT. SUNSHINE WORKERS 4-H

The Blue Grass Jr./Int. Sunshine Workers 4-H club meeting was called to order on Oct. 18, at 4 p.m. with 26 members present. Faith Bohling led us in The Pledge of Allegiance.

The September secretary's report was read and approved by Kasyn Kurtz; seconded by Zoey Rote. The treasurer's report was given. Emmalynn Golinghorst moved to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Madeline Paustian.

Discussion was held on our 2020-2021 budget. Emmalynn Golinghorst moved to keep the same budget as last year; seconded by Maya Shaffer. Motion carried.

Kasyn Kurtz moved to pay \$50 to Dale Pike for the archery workshop he pro-

vided us; seconded by Aleah Hebler. Motion carried.

New Business: Our next flag route will be on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. There will not be Blue Grass Township Family Night this year due to social distancing requirements. Scott County Extension is selling 4-H shirts and sweatshirts. All orders must be turned in by Oct. 23. More info in the Scott Scoop.

Zoey Rote moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ellie Weyeneth.

Demonstrations were given by Rachel Ehlers (Welding); Elizabeth Paustian (Australia); and Madeline Paustian (History of Hershey Chocolates).

Dale Pike of Shooting Sports gave a presentation on archery, and we all got to try the sport.

Respectfully Submitted,
Halle Hansen

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CLASS 3A QUARTERFINAL: NORTH SCOTT 24, WEST DELAWARE 21

DOMESTINY

Another improbable finish sends Lancers to state semifinals

North Scott will face No. 1 C.R. Xavier Thursday night

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

Really, it was destiny. Could you have scripted a better dream-come-true finish?

Finally, in 2020, a year that will live in infamy for any number of reasons — most notably the coronavirus pandemic and a heated presidential race — North Scott's resilient and destiny-driven band of Lancers finally sealed the Dome Deal.

On a beautiful, out-of-the-ordinary November Friday night, with the same dogged determination used to kick COVID-19 to the curb in midseason, North Scott's never-say-die Lancers have finally reached the state playoff Promised Land.

With yet another magical and improbable "snatching victory from the jaws of defeat" performance — this time a 24-21 upset of West Delaware — the Lancers not only kicked down the door to The Dome, but unchained decades of disappointment and dashed dreams.

'We've been knocking on the door for a long time. I don't know if I can put into words what this means. I don't know if it's real yet. A lot of players have had this dream.'

Lancer coach Kevin Tippet

The fourth time was the charm, and the Lancers are finally in the Final Four.

In a victory that was for every Lancer who has ever donned the scarlet and silver, stepped onto the hallowed turf of Lancer Stadium, and dared to dream the Dome dream, coach Kevin Tippet's team ended years of frustration and claimed its rightful spot in Thursday night's Class 3A semifinal against top-ranked Cedar Rapids Xavier.

"We've been knocking on the door for a long time," said Tippet. "I don't know if I can put into words what this means. I don't know if it's real yet. A lot of players have had this dream."

"We had some really good teams and matchups in the past, but this team just got it done tonight. I just want to win another one on Thursday."

A week earlier, it was a classic fourth-quarter drive resulting in a last-minute touchdown that led to an upset of Davenport Assumption and elevated the Lancers into the Elite Eight for the fourth straight year.

Don't miss

Campbell's Scoup.
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If the win over the Knights was a classic, then this one was where legends are made.

Let's face it, the game's final, quintessential play, was as improbable as it was magical.

Emotions turned on a dime, and in fairness, you have to pity the poor West Delaware players and their fans.

With the bounce of one flipped football, both teams experienced an unfathomable reversal of fortunes that will be talked about for a long time.

As the clock wound down, with their team trailing by three points, the Hawk fans were delirious as their heroes put together one last-ditch drive, with victory

'I didn't know how the rules worked, but I was like, 'I'm just going to jump on it and not get yelled at by a coach.' It all worked out, and I don't think what happened has hit me yet. I do know this is an amazing feeling.'

North Scott senior Grant Moeller



With a play that will stand the test of time, North Scott booked its first ticket to the Dome with this improbable last-minute play, which just might be the "Play of the Season." ABOVE: Lancer junior Connor Corson tracks down West Delaware quarterback Jared Voss on what could have been the game-winning score, but knocked the ball loose. BELOW: The ball bounced into the end zone, and Lancer senior Grant Moeller saved the Lancers' season with the biggest fumble recovery in school history.

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in sight.

On the other side of the stadium, Lancer fans stood in disbelief, hearts in their throats, stomachs churning, and dreams on the verge of being dashed.

With 56 seconds left, West Delaware star quarterback Jared Voss had the football, and his team's fate, in hand as he traversed the final and most important 14 yards of his 1,000-plus rushing yard season.

His path was clear, the end zone was in sight, victory within his grasp. Suddenly, with one final burst of speed, Lancer junior Connor Corson made a desperate dive and somehow managed to clip Voss' hand and ankle at the five.

Almost in slow motion, as Voss crossed the three, the

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ball slipped out, floating in midair. His arms flailing to retrieve it, the look on his face was one of pained agony. Unable to do so, the pigskin bounced into the end zone, finally coming to rest on Lancer Stadium's emerald turf.

Like a prized jewel, with fans and sidelines screaming in deafening disbelief, the ball sat there, seemingly forever. Time stood still until Lancer senior Grant Moeller came racing across the back of the end zone and etched his name into Lancer lore with the biggest fumble recovery in North Scott history.

"So many emotions were going through my head when I saw that football on the ground," said Moeller. "I didn't know if I'd have to pull something off of YouTube and kick it out of bounds, or what."

"I didn't know how the rules worked, but I was like, 'I'm just going to go jump on it and not get yelled at by a coach.' It all worked out, and I don't think what happened has hit me yet. I do know this is an amazing feeling."

Moeller had the easy job. It was Corson who probably made the play of the game.



Junior Oliver Hughes latched onto this Carter Markham aerial for a big 41-yard gain that led to Hughes' game-winning field goal.

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"I was really nervous on that last play," said Corson, "and I honestly thought it was going to be a touch-down. I was getting blocked, and I just saw him run past and tried to make that tackle. It just happened."

'Seeing Grant fall on that ball gave me chills. That was unexpected, and he just happened to be in the right place. It was perfect timing. For all that this team has been through, this is incredible.'

Lancer senior Max Solis

tight.

"Oh man, that last drive was so nerve-wracking," said senior Carson McCaughey. "I didn't know if he was going to score or if he was going to get tackled. The ball just popped out, and everything just went crazy."

"I was a little worried on that last drive," said senior defensive lineman Joey Petersen. "I saw the fumble, and I just freaked out. I didn't even know what to think. I was speechless and just started crying. This is such an awesome feeling. It's the best feeling in the world."

Senior Max Solis, who scored two of North Scott's three touchdowns, summed up everybody's feelings.

"Seeing Grant fall on that ball gave me chills," he said. "That was unexpected, and he just happened to be in the right place. It was perfect timing. For all that this team has been through, this is incredible."

A team of destiny

Without a doubt, North Scott has become a team of destiny, and the proof is in the pudding.

It was a season like no other, with its mere existence seriously in doubt. Two games were canceled because of COVID, another was played short-handed, and then a playoff game with a quarantined Burlington team was also scratched off the slate.

The team's lone loss was to unbeaten Pleasant Val-



Lancer junior Hunter Davenport made his first varsity start at cornerback and went airborne to make this shoestring tackle on Kyle Cole.

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ley, coached by former Lancer assistant Rusty Van-Wetzinga, and how appropriate that he and Tippet, two coaching fraternity friends who together walked the sidelines of Lancer Stadium as assistant coaches, will be making their initial Dome appearances the same year.

The Lancers claimed a Week 3 7-0 "mud bowl" victory over Central DeWitt, with as many as six starters being quarantined just hours before the game, and then two games and a full week of practice were canceled because the high school was shut down thanks to a COVID-19 breakout.

When play resumed, the Lancers demolished district opponents Marion and Clinton, but they were far from midseason form as the playoffs began.

North Scott had a week off thanks to the forfeit win over Burlington, and the Dome dream lived on.

Up next was Mount Pleasant, and after what was arguably the worst half of football they played all season, the Lancers found themselves trailing at intermission for the first time all year, and left the field at halftime searching for answers.

Although the small COVID-19 crowd was on the edge of its seat, wondering what would happen, the Lancers didn't fold. Instead, they righted the ship and erupted for 39 second-half points that led to a 58-26 runaway victory, and set the stage for a much-anticipated third-round playoff encounter with arch-rival and fellow MAC and district foe Davenport Assumption.

Yes, everybody thought that eventual 13-10, come-from-behind win, where Tippet's boys were the underdogs, was a game for the ages, and a classic that would stand the test of time.

It's time to think again. Make room on the bookshelf. The Lancers authored another bestseller on Friday night.

Creating a masterpiece

At the risk of overusing the word, the contest was truly another classic, and in the words of Tippet, a "helluva high school football game." It was a football feast for the most feverish of fans, and with so much on the line, you wouldn't want it any other way.

West Delaware was making its first quarterfinal appearance since 2017, and the Hawks were no strangers to The Dome, having lost in the 2015 finals.

Most people had the visitors as the unequivocal favorites, thanks to their high-octane offense that was averaging nearly 50 points a game and led the state with 5,198 yards of total offense.

Yes, the Lancers were getting accustomed to playing the role of underdog. Very few folks outside of the North Scott program were giving the team much of a chance in this one, but that wasn't the case in the pre-



Junior Adam Allen led North Scott's defensive push with a team-high eight tackles, including a quarterback sack.

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With West Delaware driving down field for a possible game-winning touchdown, Lancer offensive lineman Kade Tippet took a moment to pray.

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game locker room, where Tippet told his troops to go out and make memories in their final game in Lancer Stadium.

“Play loose, play fast, and most of all, have fun,” were his final words.

Without a doubt, North Scott defensive coordinator Tim Brunkan drew up a game plan masterpiece that was truly a playoff Picasso, and it needed to be.

The Hawks’ one-two punch of quarterback Jared Voss and tailback Wyatt Voelker had combined for more than 3,000 yards behind a veteran offensive line that featured a pair of 6’6”, 300-pound bulldozers on the right side.

The Lancers didn’t even blink.

North Scott set the tone early on both sides of the ball. The Lancers picked up a pair of first downs on the game’s first possession, and then forced the Hawks into a three-and-out on their first trip down field.

Turnovers were the key, and West Delaware struck first. On the first play of North Scott’s second possession, Markham’s pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage and picked off by West Delaware’s Alias Underwood, giving his team good field position at midfield.

Four plays later, it was Voelker who found the end zone on a 38-yard burst through the heart of the Lancer D, and after the PAT failed, the Hawks had a 6-0 lead with 5:59 left in the first quarter.

Defense ruled on the next three possessions, but the Lancers caught a break when senior Joey Petersen jarred the ball loose from Voss, and junior Ryan Campbell was Johnny-on-the-spot with the recovery.

The Lancers were in business at the Hawk 15, and three plays later it was senior Max Solis who found the

end zone at the end of a six-yard run. Hughes’ kick made it 7-6 with 9:45 left in the half.

North Scott had gained the lead, but not necessarily the momentum. West Delaware responded with a methodical, 10-play, 80-yard drive where they converted on two third-down plays and a fourth-and-one.

Voelker scored the go-ahead touchdown on a five-yard burst with 6:11 left, and Conner Funk’s PAT made it 13-7.

Trailing by six at the half would have been a moral victory for the Lancers, but the Hawks weren’t done. After forcing another North Scott punt, they were back in business at their own 45 with 4:22 left.

Give the Hawks credit as they pulled out all the stops on a 12-play trip that included a successful conversion on fourth-and-two, and a beautifully executed fake punt on fourth-and-seven.

Voelker got the score from a yard out with 1:17 left, and his two-point conversion gave the Hawks a 14-point advantage at the break, and the football to begin the third quarter.

The Lancers weren’t down.

“We really struggled in the first half,” said Moeller. “We were stepping on our own feet and didn’t know how to walk. At halftime we narrowed it down to ourselves again, and one of the things everyone was saying was, ‘You gotta believe. Just believe, believe, believe.’”

“We weren’t worried about them,” said Markham. “Only us can beat us, and that’s the theme that’s been going on all year. It wasn’t pretty at the start, but we kept it going again, and that just shows what this team is about.”

West Delaware was looking to deliver a knockout punch on its first drive of the second half, and advanced as far as its own 40 before getting bit by the turnover bug. This time, it was Lancer junior Hunter Davenport who seemed to come out of nowhere to

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Senior Dominic Miller wraps up Hawk receiver Logan Woellert after a short reception. NSP Photo by Scott Campbell



Senior Carson McCaughey put plenty of pressure on Hawk QB Jared Voss, leading to an incomplete pass on this play. NSP Photo by Scott Campbell

Rough night for Hawk QB



Lancer junior Connor Corson went head-to-head with West Delaware QB Jared Voss to make this stop.

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With teammate Connor Corson (24) waiting to help out, Lancer senior Will Kruse (80) and sophomore David Borthers sandwich Hawk QB Jared Voss.

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Joey Petersen and Ryan Campbell take the high-low approach to bring down West Delaware quarterback Jared Voss.

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NS offensive lineman Ty Murphy (56) gave up 115 pounds to West Delaware's 6'6" Carson Petlon, but the Lancer senior more than held his own. NSP Photo by Scott Campbell

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GIRLS' REGIONAL SWIM MEET



North Scott junior Grace Veach glided her way to a third-place finish in the 50 freestyle at Saturday's regional swim meet at Davenport Central. Veach's time of 25.24 was fast enough to qualify for this week's state meet in Marshalltown.

NSP photo by Scott Campbell

Lancer swimmers boost Spartans

Veach, Patton will swim at state meet this weekend

By Scott Campbell
NSP Editor

Despite not having any spectators in the stands, there was still plenty of excitement in the Davenport Central pool Saturday afternoon, and North Scott swimmers Grace Veach and Leah Patton used that energy to punch their tickets to this week's state meet.

Looking right at home in their Pleasant Valley blue uniforms, the two Lancer swimmers did their part to pace the Spartans to a second-place finish in the eight-team meet.

Bettendorf swam away with the team title with 514 points, while the Spartans finished with 396. Muscatine was third (380), with the host Blue Devils coming home fourth (341).

Veach, a junior, became a three-time state meet qualifier, and for the first time she'll be swimming in four events in Marshalltown.

She finished second in the 100 backstroke, where she is now seeded 20th, and third in the 50 free, where she nabbed the 32nd and final qualifying spot.

Veach will also be a member of Pleasant Valley's 200 medley relay team,

which finished second, and is seeded 11th, and will swim a fast 50 meters on the 200 free relay, which came home third on Saturday, and is seeded 20th.

Joining her on the quartet will be senior Abby Minor, freshman Lauren Kathan and junior Abby Buechel.

"I was really nervous going into the meet," said Veach, "but after I had started the first event (the medley relay), I kind of realized it was going to be a good day, and I that I was going to swim well."

"I'm very happy with the results. I didn't think I was going to make it in the 50 free, and I did, so I'm very happy with how I did."

Patton, a sophomore, will be making her maiden voyage to state, and she'll do so by joining Veach and Spartan teammates Buhr and Minor on the medley relay. She'll also swim with Buhr, Buechel and Kathan in the 400 free relay. That group finished fourth on Saturday, and is seeded 19th.

"I'm really happy with how the day went," said Patton. "I dropped time in everything that I swam, and I feel great about qualifying for state."

Patton just missed qualifying for state

in the 100 fly, where she finished third, and the 200 individual medley, where she finished sixth.

"I was a little disappointed in the individual events, because I missed making state in both of them by under a second," she said. "It was really close, but I know that that will give me more motivation to work harder next year."

A year ago, Veach was a member of Pleasant Valley's medley relay team that finished sixth, and the 200 free relay quarter that came home 24th. She finished 17th in the 100 back.

"I'm most excited about the 100 back and 200 medley relay," said Veach. "The 200 medley relay is seeded super high, so I'm hoping we finish in the top eight, and the 100 back is my favorite event, and I just loving swimming in that race."

Buechel and Buhr, both juniors, also qualified in individual events, as did diver Maddie Glaus. Buechel finished first in the 200 free, where she is seeded 15th, and third in the 500 free, where she is seeded 22nd.

Buhr is seeded third in the 100 breaststroke and 10th in 200 individual medley

after winning both events on Saturday.

"I think the team did really well as a whole," said Patton. "With no spectators there, I think we did a really good job of supporting everyone, and I think our team has gotten a lot closer."

The state meet is scheduled for Friday and Saturday at the Marshalltown YMCA. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, spectators will not be allowed.



Lancer swimmers Leah Patton (l) and Grace Veach took time to pose for a picture during Saturday's regional meet.

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Grace Veach (l) and Leah Patton swam on Pleasant Valley's second-place 200 individual medley relay team that finished second on Saturday, and is seeded 11th at state.

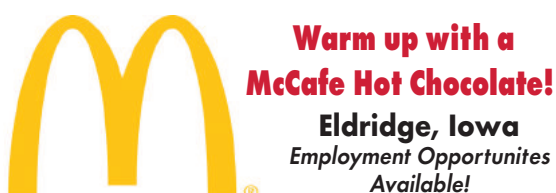
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Pleasant Valley assistant coach J.J. Patton, a resident of Eldridge, cheered on the Spartans from the side of the pool on Saturday.

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FOOTBALL: 'We finally did it, and I'm just happy for those guys'

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pick off a Voss aerial, and the Lancers set up shop at the Hawk 43.

Six plays later, Markham was in the end zone at the end of a six-yard run, and the big play was a Markham-to-Jakub Nelson toss that covered 16 yards on third-and-seven. Hughes' PAT made it 21-14, and the winds of change were beginning to blow.

As if on cue, the North Scott D came through with another three-and-out, with senior Marquan Quinn getting the big stop by nailing Voss for no gain on third-and-seven.

Momentum had definitely shifted, and the Lancers took advantage.

With Markham at the controls, North Scott's pistol offense was firing from all chambers. The Lancers embarked on an 11-play, 66-yard scoring drive that culminated with Solis' second TD of the game — this time on a two-yard run — and Tippet's boys had themselves a tie game with 3:39 left.

Markham logged five carries for 41 yards on the drive, and the Lancers caught a big break when the Hawks were flagged for pass interference along the way.

The Hawks tried to regain their offensive form, but the bend-but-not-break Lancer D stood tall. West Delaware drove as far as North Scott's 28 before a personal foul pushed them back, and then a sack by Petersen and Campbell made things worse, forcing an eventual punt.

Again, the Lancer offense was rarin' to go. Standing at his own 15, with 11:42 left in the game, Markham wasn't worried.

The fleet-footed senior picked up 11 yards on first down to set the tone. A pair of West Delaware penalties pushed the ball out to the 33, and another Markham run gave North Scott a first down at its own 43.

Then, in just what might have been the offensive play of the game, Markham hooked up with Hughes on a perfectly thrown, over-the-shoulder 41-yard pass that hit the Lancer junior in stride, smack, dab in the middle of the field.

North Scott had a first down at the Hawk 16, but could get no further. No worries. Hughes split the uprights on a 28-yard field goal with 8:26 on the clock, and the Lancers had a 24-21 lead.

What a finish!

As you would expect, this one was far from over.

West Delaware wasn't about to go down without a fight, and again, they left nothing in the playbook. Faced with a fourth-and-two from their own 29, the Hawks pulled off a fake punt that gained three yards, and then converted a third-and-five by just inches at their own 42.

With Voss and Voelker doing damage on the ground, the Hawks advanced all the way to the Lancer 30, and again it was time for some much-needed heroics. As is becoming the norm, it was Hughes again, and this time he picked off a Voss aerial that gave North Scott the football with just over three minutes to play.

Man, you had to be there to believe it. This game had more twists and turns than a Chutes and Ladders game.

Needing one first down to seal the deal, the Lancer offense stalled, and the Hawks forced a three-and-out for just the second time all night. Hughes' punt put Voss and Voelker back in business at their own 43 for one final drive.



Lancer coach Kevin Tippet hugs his longtime friend and defensive coordinator, Tim Brunkan following Friday night's win. NSP photo by Scott Campbell

There was 1:51 on the clock.

Things started off well for the Lancers, as Voss' first two passes fell incomplete, bringing up third-and-10. The Hawk signal caller wasn't fazed, and consequently hooked up with senior Kyle Kelley for an 18-yard gain that moved the ball to the Lancer 39.

Voelker picked up seven yards on first down, and Voss moved the chains with a four-yard run that had the Lancers on their heels, and the Hawks on the move, at the North Scott 28.

Davenport was again the man of the hour when he broke up a Voss pass in the end zone on first down, but a roughing the passer penalty against the Lancers put the Hawks on the Dome's doorstep with a first-and-10, 14 yards from pay dirt, with 56 seconds left.

The rest was history.

Lancer defenders on the field for that final play included seniors Moeller, Petersen, Cooper Frank and Will Seligman; juniors Corson, Davenport, Campbell, Hughes, Hunter Davenport and Adam Allen, along with sophomore David Borchers.

Not only did the Lancers keep the Hawks out of the end zone on that final drive, but they also held the visitors scoreless for the final two quarters, and to their lowest point total of the season.

"I don't know how we really stopped them," said Brunkan, who promised the team he'd dance in the locker room if they pulled out a win. "We stuck to the plan. We tried to jam up the middle and make them run outside.

"We did a good job defending the pass when they threw it, although they completed a couple of big ones. It was all about sticking to the plan and making adjustments. That was the big thing."

Allen, Petersen, Kaufman and Borchers were studs up front, and senior Carson McCaughey also logged minutes when he wasn't taking a breather from his duties as an offensive lineman.

Allen led the team with eight tackles, while Petersen and Frank each had six. Davenport, making his first start at corner, had three tackles, one for a loss, and a big interception.

"It was crazy out there," said Petersen. "We knew we had to slow down the run by bouncing them outside, and once we figured that out we were OK. Our corners, safeties and outside linebackers did a great job of making tackles."

"We knew they were a good team," said Allen, "but that didn't change our

SEMIFINAL PREVIEW

Lancers will be underdogs in rematch with Xavier

By Scott Campbell

NSP Editor

North Scott has seemingly been the underdogs throughout its 2020 playoff run, and that will again be the case when the Lancers make their Dome debut with Thursday night's 7:30 p.m. encounter with Cedar Rapids Xavier.

The Saints are ranked No. 1 and will bring an unblemished 10-0 record into the Class 3A semifinal clash, fresh off a 21-7 quarterfinal victory over Grinnell.

The Saints are state playoff royalty. They were the two-time defending Class 3A champions until last year, when the Lancers pulled off a first-round upset and claimed a 9-3 victory in Lancer Stadium.

Xavier also captured the Class 4A state title in 2006, while finishing second in 2012 and 2013. Since joining Class 3A in 2014, the Saints are 73-8, including sparkling 64-4 credentials over the past six years, and they are making their 15th straight playoff ap-

proach. We approach every ballgame the same, and we just out-executed them.

"They had some big dudes up front, but we worked on technique all week. In the end, it was just another game."

Voelker finished with 163 yards on the ground, while Voss added 74 yards rushing and 135 through the air. His four turnovers were costly.

Voss came in with the big stats, but Markham was every bit his equal, finishing with 114 yards on the ground and 93 via the airways. Butler added 51 yards in 12 trips, while Hughes had five catches for 69 yards.

"I don't even know how to top this," said Markham. "After everything we've been through this season, it means the world to do it, and for the whole community.

"The gang before us set the tone last year, and we knew what we had to do. We executed for them. It was amazing. It was a full team performance, and I'm proud of every single one of them. I cannot believe what just happened."

Neither could senior tight end Parker Ruth.

"It just feels crazy. It doesn't feel like it's real," he said. "We spent so much time together as a family, and we just brought it all together tonight. We never stayed down. We picked each other up when people made mistakes, and that was the key factor tonight."

Hughes caught the winning touchdown pass in the win over Assumption, and this time it was his right foot that proved to be the difference with his game-winning field goal.

"We knew it was going to be tough, and we did it," he said. "We did everything we could, both last game and tonight. On the kick, I just had to keep my composure and kick it through. I just did my job.

"Now, going to the Dome is the best thing that's ever happened to me. This is the best moment of my life, and even tops last week."

Tippet, with a glint of a tear in his eye,

pearance.

Xavier features a bruising ground game, led by seniors Jack Lux (1,106 yards in 154 carries) and Jason Rexroth (706 yards in 106 totes). Rexroth has also passed for 1,190 yards, and has had a hand in 32 of his team's 48 touchdowns.

However, the Lancers are no slouches. Coach Kevin Tippet's crew is making its 13th state playoff run, and after three straight quarterfinal losses, they've finally reached the state semifinals, with no desire to stop now.

Joining North Scott (7-1) and Xavier in the Class 3A Final Four are unbeaten Harlan (10-0) and Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley (8-2). Those two teams will square off at 4 p.m.

While Xavier is no stranger to the Dome, Harlan has literally taken up residency there. The Cyclones have qualified for the playoffs for 39 seasons, and have made 20 state championship game appearances, with 12 titles, the last coming in 2009.

and after getting the traditional water bucket bath, took it all in.

"We finally did it," he said, "and I'm just happy for those guys, considering everything that we've been through this year. To be down 14, that was par for the course for us. I wouldn't have it any other way."

North Scott 24, West Delaware 21

Friday, Nov. 6 at Lancer Stadium

SCORE BY QUARTERS

West Delaware	7	14	0	0	-	21
North Scott	0	7	14	3	-	24

SCORING

WD—Wyatt Voelker, 38-yard run (kick failed), 5:59 1Q
NS—Max Solis, 6-yard run (Oliver Hughes kick), 9:45 2Q
WD—Voelker, 5-yard run (Conner Funk kick), 6:11, 2Q
WD—Voelker, 1-yard run (Voelker run), 1:17 2Q
NS—Carter Markham, 6-yard run (Hughes kick), 8:27 3Q
NS—Solis, 2-yard run (Hughes kick), 3:39 3Q
NS—Hughes, 28-yard field goal, 8:26 4Q

STATISTICS

	WD	NS
First Downs	19	14
Rushes/Yards	58-265	39-190
Passing Yards	135	93
Total Offense	400	283
Comp/Att/Int	8-18-2	8-20-1
Penalties	7-72	3-35

NORTH SCOTT INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Carter Markham 20-114; Darnell Butler 12-51; Max Solis 4-16; Oliver Hughes 1-4; David Nass 1-3; Marquan Quinn 1-2. **Passing:** Markham 8-20-1, 93 yards; **Receiving:** Hughes 5-69; Jakub Nelson 1-16; Butler 2-8.

Tackles: Adam Allen 8 solo, 0 assists; David Borchers 7-0; Joey Petersen 6-0; Ryan Campbell 6-0; Cooper Frank 6-0; Hughes 5-0; Grant Moeller 5-0; Conner Corson 4-0; Quinn 3-0; Hunter Davenport 3-0; Will Seligman 3-0; Hunter Kaufman 2-0; Kade Tippet 1-0; Dominic Miller 1-0; Will Kruse 2-0. **QB sacks:** Campbell, Petersen, Allen. **Tackles for loss:** Quinn, Davenport, Allen. **Fumble recovery:** Campell, Moeller. **Interception:** Hughes, Davenport.

Scott's takeaway

Really, what more can I say?

It was one of the best high school football games I've seen in a long time, especially with so much on the line. Without a doubt, Connor Corson's forced fumble, and Grant Moeller's recovery in the end zone, would have made any ESPN highlight reel, and possibly been considered for Play of the Day.

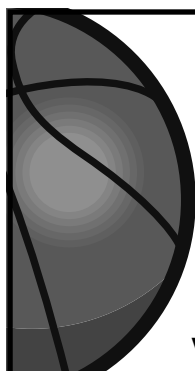
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The scrapbooks cover club activities from 1992 to 2018 and will soon be added to the Scott County Community Memory Project Digital Collection: archive.org/details/scottcountycommunitymemory.

Questers Clubs perform a variety of activities to educate by research and to preserve the past for the future.

From left: Christine Barth, Florence Whisler, Donna Glover, Annette Tank and Ruby Ferris. Not pictured: Dorothy Bockwaldt, Ida Weibel, Norma Zurborg, Jeanette Korthaus and Inez Stoltenberg.

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SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

4:00 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near Welcome Way and West Kimberly Road, Davenport. While driving through the intersection at Welcome Way and West Kimberly Road, vehicles driven by Kristin Marie Evans, 27, 4917 N. Pine St., Davenport, and Donald William Nord, 39, 2720 Washington St., Davenport, collided.

11:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 100 block of Crest View Drive. A vehicle driven by Bradley Scott Cunningham, 31, 1030 Tremont Ave., Davenport, was attempting to back into a parking space and struck a parked vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

2:01 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 10600 block of 275th Street.

2:57 p.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 11600 block of 140th Street Place.

3:19 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem near 240th Avenue and Bluff Road.

4:15 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 100 block of South Bellingham Road.

7:28 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage.

9:26 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 200 block of East LeClaire Road.

9:56 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 2300 block of West Locust Street.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

6:06 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 130 on Highway 61 North, where a vehicle driven by James Everett Farmer, 56, 353 N. Grove St., Walcott, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

1:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 600 block of Belmont Road.

2:18 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 500 block of Belmont Road.

7:03 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 500 block of South 1st Street, Long Grove, where a vehicle driven by Becky Jane Tressel, 29, 15195 270th Street, Long Grove, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

7:50 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 8500 block of Northwest Boulevard.

8:18 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion on Manor Drive.

10:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 200 block of West Durant Street.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

12:36 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of West James Street.

8:49 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 3200 block of South 16th Avenue.

1:51 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 19500 block of 110th Avenue, where a vehicle driven by Sharon Louise Koos, 81, 2324 N. Ohio Ave., Davenport, went off the shoulder of the road and into a ditch.

3:34 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near 60th Avenue and Interstate 80 West, Walcott. A vehicle driven by Richard Dean Crow, 49, West Branch, was stopped at a stop

sign. He was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Matthew James Manos, 36, North Canton, Ohio. Manos was cited for failure to reduce speed and failure to maintain control.

8:26 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of one-vehicle accident in the 5700 block of Valley Drive, Panorama Park. A vehicle driven by Jessica Ann Raaen, 49, 3775 Moencks Road, Bettendorf, left the roadway and drove through private property before striking a tree head-on. Raaen was transported by Medic to Genesis East Medical Center, where she was later pronounced dead. The accident is under investigation.

9:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance near Moencks Road and Valley Drive.

9:45 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 700 block of Park Avenue.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

2:29 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem near 5th and Franklin streets.

4:13 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

8:02 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near Exit 304 on Interstate 80 East, where a vehicle driven by Dearion D.M. Stokes, 25, Calumet Park, Ill., struck a deer that entered the roadway.

8:13 a.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing complaint on Sandpiper Drive.

9:04 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near mile marker 129 on Highway 61 South. A vehicle driven by Diana Duarte, 36, 1445 W. 16th St., Davenport, was stopped on the shoulder of the highway. The vehicle entered traffic and merged over to the left lane, where it came to an abrupt stop. Duarte's vehicle was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Abigail Arndt, 40, DeWitt. Durate was charged with OWI — 2nd offense, and cited for stopping on a through highway.

11:17 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident in the 7700 block of 230th Street, where a vehicle driven by Jose Alfredo Valenzuela, 21, Rock Island, went off the shoulder of the roadway and into a ditch.

12:17 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of Emerald Drive.

2:04 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem.

4:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 4900 block of Oregon Avenue.

5:22 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 5200 block of Elmore Avenue.

5:53 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near 115th Street and 95th Avenue.

10:01 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of Paul Revere Place.

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

12:11 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 100 block of Crest View Drive.

1:17 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 800 block of East LeClaire Road.

1:59 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 3700 block of North Fairmount Street.

2:44 a.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 600 block of East 15th Street.

2:51 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report

of a burglary/home invasion in the 400 block of West 65th Street.

3:42 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 1900 block of West 40th Street.

7:40 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 11300 block of 140th Street.

12:21 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem in the 30900 block of Scott Park Road.

12:33 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 200 block of North Cody Road.

3:24 p.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 13100 block of 82nd Avenue.

7:09 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 400 block of South Salina Street.

8:55 p.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint near East Central Park and Grand avenues.

10:25 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 9900 block of 297th Street.

10:46 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury.

MONDAY, NOV. 2

10:54 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault on Park View Drive.

3:59 p.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud complaint in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

4:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to a harassment complaint in the 400 block of South Woodlawn Road.

5:15 p.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint near West 53rd and North Division streets.

5:31 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 26200 block of Great River Road.

7:21 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 15900 block of 110th Avenue. A vehicle driven by Wendy Michelle Richardson Marx, 53, 11046 140th Street Place, Davenport, slowed to avoid striking an animal in the roadway. She was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Lexi Rayann Williams, 23, Muscatine.

8:12 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 100 block of East Meuse Street.

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

1:49 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 110 on Highway 61 South, where a vehicle driven by Dane R. Vanvooren, 39, 1105 11th Street, Durant, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

6:00 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 130 on Highway 61 South, where

a vehicle driven by Lori Ann West, 50, Monmouth, struck a deer that entered the roadway.

8:22 a.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage near Harrison Street and West Central Park Avenue.

11:58 a.m. — Deputies responded to a weapons complaint in the 1300 block of West Front Street.

11:58 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 25000 block of Valley Drive.

1:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near Middle Road and Forest Grove Drive.

8:44 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem near 110th Avenue and 166th Street.

9:33 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 1800 block of West 7th Street.

10:02 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an animal problem near 110th Avenue and 166th Street.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

2:26 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of West Iowa 80 Road.

8:25 a.m. — Deputies responded to a drug complaint in the 4700 block of Tremont Avenue.

10:39 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

12:10 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a burglary/home invasion in the 9900 block of 297th Street.

1:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with personal injury near 140th Street and Coonhunters Road.

1:50 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 700 block of North Moselle Street.

2:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to the scene of an accident with property damage in the 1400 block of West 7th Street.

2:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of West 4th Street.

2:26 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 16500 block of 267th Street.

4:59 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 600 block of South Mississippi Street.

5:30 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault in the 4800 block of State Street.

5:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 200 block of 2nd Street.

6:26 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 800 block of East Lincoln Road.

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NSP OPINION: Ours, yours, theirs

REFLECTION

Ann Selzer's Iowa Poll got the election right, again

When *The Des Moines Register* released Ann Selzer's Iowa Poll on its website Saturday night, Oct. 31, for all intents and purposes, the winners in Iowa's contests were known: Donald Trump for president and Joni Ernst for U.S. senator.



Impressions
by Bill Tubbs

Ann Selzer, the woman I had a chance to dialogue with at a state press convention a few years ago, always gets it right. Always.

This year is no exception. She had Trump winning Iowa by seven points and Ernst by six. The final results were about the same: Trump by eight and Ernst by seven.

Libertarian Rick Stewart won 2.8 percent of the votes for U.S. Senate. He was a candidate four years ago, too. This time Rick was not a spoiler as he might have been in 2014 when Ernst won her first senate term in a close race with Bruce Braley.

I digress to mention Rick because I grew up with Rick and his family in the United Church of Christ in Maquoketa. Rick, who is whip smart and ethical to a fault, left home at a young age in the rebellious Vietnam years. His parents, the late Bill and Helen Stewart (he was Voc-Ag director), had little or no contact until he appeared at their doorstep one Christmas and was welcomed with hugs and tears.

The prodigal became a police officer who was fired after two years for refusing to shave his beard. After a few years learning carpentry, diesel mechanics, welding and air conditioning skills, he started an herb and spice company, Frontier Co-operative Herbs in Cedar Rapids, which 24 years later, his website says, allowed him to retire on his savings. Today it is a \$200 million company.

Rick spent his time since 2000 pursuing passions, such as hiking the entire Appalachian Trail, learning French in Paris and Spanish in Spain, then finding a comfortable but not extravagant two-bedroom apartment in Guatemala, which has become his second home. He has travelled



Marianne Miller-Meeks



Rita Hart

extensively in Europe, South America, and Southeast Asia.

An interesting person from a great family, but in a year when the two major party candidates spent \$234 million, Rick was hardly noticed, in Ann Selzer's poll, or by the voters.

Hart and Miller-Meeks

The Selzer poll nailed the Second Congressional District race, as well, by saying it was too close to call. In each of the races mentioned here thus far – president, senate and congress – the Democrat was tied or had the lead in Selzer's poll in September. In one short month, things changed.

In the Second District, Democrat Rita Hart was leading Republican Marianne Miller-Meeks on Tuesday evening until the final count, after midnight, had Miller-Meeks, the ophthalmologist from Ottumwa, ahead of Hart, the farmer and teacher from Wheatland, by 282 votes.

That's how it stood until Thursday, when a human error was discovered in transcribing votes in a precinct in Jasper County (Newton area). The corrected total swung the election to Hart by 170 votes out of nearly 400,000. This, of course, will be audited and a recount is certain. Both sides agree.

If the result stands, Hart, who is known in North Scott as a former state senator and a member of St. Ann Catholic Church, Long Grove, will have won with majorities in just four of the 24 counties in the district: Scott, Clinton, Johnson and Jefferson (Fairfield, home of Maharishi University). Her advantage in Johnson County was a staggering 31,993 votes.

In Iowa, only six of 99 counties went blue in the presidential election, and all were urban counties or the home of state universities: Scott (Davenport), Johnson (Iowa City, University of Iowa), Linn (Cedar Rapids), Black Hawk (Waterloo, University of Northern Iowa), Polk (Des Moines) and Story (Ames, Iowa State University).

This mirrors the easily observable nationwide pattern of centers for higher learning and urban areas voting Democratic while small towns



and rural areas with agricultural production go Republican. More on that later.

Look for the good

In the two weeks before the election, the two congressional candidates were speakers at the Rotary Club of North Scott; Miller-Meeks in person and Hart by Zoom. It was my opportunity to ask my favorite question: Tell us something you most admire about your opponent. You didn't hear this in any of the wall-to-wall attack ads that filled the air, but it seemed an easy answer for both:

Miller-Meeks (of Hart): "She seems to have a very loving family."

Hart (of Miller-Meeks): "She has an impressive résumé. She left home, got an education and put it to good use. I also respect her service in the military."

This is the human side that gets lost amid the noise, but the sentiments are real and show the kinder, gentler side which binds us together.

Michael Gerson of the *Washington Post* expressed this wisdom in a post-election column: "In a divided nation, Americans need to defend a space in their lives where cable news does not reach, where social media does not incite, and where the basic, natural tendency is to treat other people like human beings. This offers not just the prospect of greater tolerance, but the hope of healing."

Future of the Electoral College

It's probably good for the future of the Electoral College that Joe Biden didn't lose after winning the popular vote by 4 million votes. We hear a rising howl from Dems to do away with the Electoral College because twice in recent history, the Democrat won the popular vote, but lost: Al Gore (2000) and Hillary Clinton (2016).

The howls won't go away, but we hope will be subdued by Biden's win.

Republicans would probably howl if it were the other way around, but for everything there is a reason. Without the Electoral College, we in "fly over" country would never see a presidential candidate. They would focus their time and resources running up vote totals on the East and West coasts and in the great urban areas. We in rural America and the small towns would count for next to nothing.

At the same time, though, I dismiss cries from the right that show no respect for urban areas. One meme mocks the idea that Hillary Clinton, who won the popular vote over Donald Trump by more than 3 million votes in 2016, won a majority in only 57 counties (of 3,141) and 319 square miles (of 3,797,000) nationwide.

So what? The votes from New York and Los Angeles and Philadelphia and Chicago and Detroit and Atlanta and Milwaukee and Houston and Phoenix and Miami and all the great urban areas are by PEOPLE. They may differ in certain ways from you and me, but they have hopes and dreams

and aspirations just like us. All are Americans, and every vote should count.

The Electoral College, though, ensures less populated regions are protected. It is a balance we need to live with.

State, county leaders did jobs well

Hats off to Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate, a Republican, and Scott County Auditor Roxanna Moritz, a Democrat, for on-time, accurate reporting of election results and a focus on ensuring the right to vote and the accuracy of the count.

All the votes from the 63 precincts in Scott County were posted on the county website by 10:30 p.m. Tuesday. I am aware of no discrepancies or disputes.

I'm impressed that Pate joined the Jasper County Auditor, a Democrat, in person, in Newton on Thursday when the error in tabulating was discovered. His presence minimized the appearance of impropriety.

The timely count in the Hawkeye state was possible because auditors were allowed to start counting the early votes before election day. That was not true in Pennsylvania, where the Republican state legislature ordered that the counting of millions of mailed-in and early ballots could not start until after polls closed on Tuesday.

This explains why the nation was held in suspense until Saturday. An exposé by 60 Minutes on Sunday should put to rest notions of fraud which have been alleged by President Trump.

Ballots were opened under the watchful eyes of representatives of both major parties. It was a transparent process. Video cameras were rolling. State of Pennsylvania leaders of both parties swore by the integrity of the vote.

That should be it, but as we've learned from Trump, who is the most litigious president in my lifetime and maybe ever, it won't be. He's cranking out lawsuits right and left in several states and had not conceded as of Monday, when this was written.


I quoted Trump's former "fixer," Michael Cohen, the man who went to prison because he lied to Congress at the request of the president and to protect the president, three weeks ago, from his best-selling book, "Disloyal": "There is a serious danger that President Trump will not leave office easily, and there is a real chance of not having a peaceful transition."

Pray this is not so. It is time for Republican senators and statesmen to bare the harsh truth and urge that he gracefully step aside and, for the good of the country, keep his powder dry and give his successor a chance.

The next president? I'm wondering if it might be Mike Pence, for a day. Trump will not want to be present on Jan. 20 for Joe Biden's inauguration.

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Joe Biden will be inaugurated President of the United States on Jan. 20, 2021, after winning the Electoral College (and the popular vote).



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OPINION

QUARANTINED BY COVID

Lancer AD knows importance of staying healthy

Everybody in Lancer Nation is keeping their collective fingers crossed and praying that North Scott's football team stays healthy as it prepares for its historic trip to the Class 3A semifinal Thursday night in the UNI-Dome.



Campbell's Scoup
by Scott Campbell

As COVID-19 positivity rates in Scott County neared an unthinkable 22 percent Monday morning, Lancer fans, players and coaches are on pins and needles wondering when the shoe might possibly drop.

After having three games and a week of practice canceled because of the ongoing pandemic earlier this season, what a shame it would be if the Lancers were hit with a positive test result, or even a possible exposure, in the days leading up to their Dome debut.

Trust me, it could happen, and Lancer activities director Jason Schroeder is Exhibit A.

There's no doubt that last Friday's 24-21 quarterfinal win over West Delaware was one for the history books, with an ending like no other, but Schroeder was nowhere to be found either before, during or after the improbable victory.

In fact, he wasn't in attendance at the regional volleyball game on Oct. 27, the playoff football game four days later against Davenport Assumption, and he was AWOL from North Scott's quarterfinal appearance at the state volleyball tournament on Monday, Nov. 2.

Unthinkable, but true

For an activities director to not be in attendance is downright unthinkable, especially when you're in charge of three of the four events.

Schroeder had a good excuse. He was locked in his bedroom, quarantined, with a positive COVID-19 test.

The high school fall sports season is almost like no other, with events practically every night or day of the week. It's a time when activities directors meet themselves coming and going, nights are long and family time is nearly non-existent.

It's for that reason that Schroeder didn't think much of it when he started feeling rundown on the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 27, the day of North Scott's home regional volleyball game.

"I came to work knowing it was going to be a busy two weeks," said Schroeder, "and I was just feeling a little bit tired. About 10 a.m. I told Shane (principal Shane Knoche) I had to go home and get some rest for the night, but then I called



Jason Schroeder
North Scott Activities Director

him about 3 o'clock and said, 'Shane, there is no way I can make it.'

"I was tired and could barely get up, plus I had a few aches and pains all over my body."

Fortunately, most of the preparation for that night's volleyball match had already been taken care of, but Schroeder remained in constant communication with his secretary, Angi Horsfield, and head custodian Nate Noel.

He talked with Knoche and event manager Nancy Shannon. He told them where the banner to be presented to the winner was located, and that night, it was Supt. Joe Stutting who did the honors after the Lancer victory.

Schroeder had already begun making preparations for that Friday's home football game with Assumption, which was good, because he wasn't feeling any better Wednesday morning.

Quarantined

He knew he had to get a COVID test, but had trouble getting an appointment. He called his doctor, Dr. Pat McCaw, who got him in right away that afternoon. The test results wouldn't be known for days, so Schroeder remained quarantined at home.

"Of course, you're in waiting mode and constantly worrying about a positive test," he said.

Schroeder's symptoms never really got worse, and Wednesday and Thursday of that week were the roughest.

"I never felt like I had symptoms that other people had experienced," he said. "I would say my symptoms were minimal. I had a little running nose, a headache, and just felt tired and worn down. They lasted about three days."

While awaiting his test result, he still hoped to be in attendance at Friday's game with Assumption. That didn't happen.

Instead, he watched the contest from

the comfort of his bedroom after Josh Tipsword set up a couple of cameras at Lancer Stadium that gave him views from both the press box and field level.

"I just worked the event from my house from about 5 to 10 p.m." said Schroeder. "I had my walkie-talkie, so I was in constant communication, making sure everything was taken care of. Hopefully, no one knew I was even gone."

Things went off without a hitch, and the only sign of Schroeder being AWOL was when associate principal Dan Marceau handed out the playoff banner and medals to Assumption's team.

Schroeder's test came back positive on Saturday morning (Oct. 31), and that meant another week in isolation. To be clear, Schroeder and his family followed every protocol possible.

"Once I started feeling bad, I decided to quarantine in my bedroom and didn't even see my wife and kids," he said.

"They never came near me. Monica (his wife) would deliver my food outside the door, and then walk away. We had no contact whatsoever. I needed my family to stay healthy."

Working from home

Schroeder continued to work from home. He regrettably had to miss the state volleyball tournament, where Knoche and assistant superintendent Michael Kline went in his place.

Throughout last week he continued to work with Horsfield and Noel to make sure last Friday's game with West Delaware went off without a hitch, and in fact, he originally thought he could be in attendance.

"My first day of symptoms was the 27th, and I thought my 10 days would have been up on Friday," said Schroeder. "However, I found out that the 27th is Day 0, which means I had to stay quarantined until Saturday."

Schroeder is thankful for the work put in by fellow Lancer administrators, Horsfield and Noel. Everything went smoothly, and the worst part was him missing two of the most exciting football games in Lancer history.

"It was a struggle not being there," he said. "I can't remember the last time I missed a football game as the AD, or as an event worker when Frank (Wood) and Dennis (Johnson) were the ADs. It was really strange."

Schroeder came out of his bedroom Saturday morning and saw his family for the first time in 10 days. Still, he followed precautions, and when he went outside to play with his kids, he continued to wear a mask.

With all that said, I have to say that every time I've seen Schroeder this fall, he was always masked up. I don't think anybody could have been more careful, and that just goes to show how contagious this dreaded virus can be.

Even now, he has no idea where he got it.

"Honestly, when I go out in public, I've followed all the protocols since Day 1," he said. "I've always worn a mask, even when I coached my daughter's youth softball team."

"As a family, we have not been out to eat at a restaurant since February. We always mask when we can, and follow every protocol possible."

"I don't know where I got it," he continued. "I could have gotten it from one of my daughter's events, or I could have gotten it in the hallway at school. You just really don't know."

Worried about Thursday

Schroeder was back to work on Monday, and even spent time on the weekend helping Coach Kevin Tippet make preparations for Thursday's game in Cedar Falls. However, the Lancer AD is still concerned about keeping everybody healthy, and that's on Tippet's mind as well.

"Oh my gosh, I've been worried about keeping teams healthy all year," said Schroeder, "whether it's golf, volleyball, cross country or football. We've had such great success in all of our sports, that I just kept praying that we wouldn't have any more COVID issues."

"We've done a pretty good job of keeping everybody healthy, but something could happen any day."

That fact was evident when junior Ella McLaughlin, arguably North Scott's best volleyball player, missed the regional final and state tournament match as a result of being in quarantine.

She never did get sick.

As for Tippet, in the midst of last Friday's post-game celebration, his most important message in the team huddle had to do with staying safe.

"You all know what's going on all across Iowa," said Tippet, referring to the fact that West Des Moines Valley had to forfeit its quarterfinal game. "To keep this thing running, you gotta stay in small groups and stay home. Be safe. Be smart."

I'm sure the team was listening, but just a few minutes later, there were things beyond their control. Fans took to the field, many without masks, including several former Lancer players who wanted to join the celebration.

As I watched, I could only wonder, and worry. Thursday can't come soon enough.

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READERS' POLL:

Thanksgiving

With 74 votes counted, here is what readers said when asked how COVID will affect their family's plans for Thanksgiving:

32 percent: No changes. We will get together as is our family tradition.

30 percent: We will limit it to our immediate family.

31 percent: We will not get together with others at all.

7 percent: We do not know at this time.

New Question: Concede the Election?

President Trump has not yet conceded the election to Joe Biden. Do you agree?

Vote at www.northscottpress.com. Results will be published next week.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Workers preserve integrity of democracy

Editor:

A rose to North Scott community members Betty Carlson (my mother-in-law), C.J. Albertson and Trish Reiser who worked grueling hours counting mail-in ballots to make sure that each vote was counted and the election proceeded with highest integrity. You helped ensure the continued sanctity of the vote in this democracy. And for that we should all be grateful.

With love,

Katie Ervin Carlson
691 Polk Boulevard, Des Moines



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OPINION

2015: Kraft Heinz to relocate from Davenport to North Scott

Nov. 11, 1970

• The North Scott speech department presented “Peter Pan.” Cast members included Ronda Kline, Ardyce Marsh, Mike Patzer, Denny Kroeger and Ron Brus.

• Thirty-five members of Company L of 350 Infantry in World War I met for a reunion at the Dixon American Legion Hall. The oldest member of the group present was Carl Schmidt, 83, of Davenport. Tribute was paid to the 85 members of the Company who had since died.

• The Eldridge Police Department was investigating a break-in at the Whitehall Restaurant. Police chief Harley Osmum said the thief gained access through a broken rear window and stole several candy bars. The cigarette machine was also broken into, and some change was removed from the coin box.

• Dr. Patrick Keefe of Eldridge was named clinic director at Palmer College of Chiropractic. He was a 1965 graduate of Palmer, and joined the staff as an instructor in X-ray and instrumentation. He also maintained a private practice in Eldridge.

• Mr. and Mrs. Allen Keppy of rural Davenport participated in the 1970 European Swine Tour. The couple toured several cities in Holland, Denmark and Germany, as well as stops in Paris and London. The Keppys also had the chance to travel to Stuttgart, Germany, to visit with a family Mr. Keppy had known while he was serving in the Army.

Nov. 13, 1980

• A cabin built in the 1860s was moved from the Wilbert Pewe farm near Dixon to Pioneer Village. The cabin was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shaff of Camanche.

• Park View residents were serious about getting cable. After voting 107-0 to have Cablevision install the service, the Park View Owners’ Association was having no problem obtaining the necessary easements. “We’ve gotten quite a few already,” said Bill Collins of the cable committee.

• Although there was plenty of interest, a lack of funding was slowing progress on getting low-cost elderly housing in Princeton. Organizers planned to look into federal funding after the Reagan inauguration.

• Ernest Ehlers, 84, of rural Long Grove, recalled a stagecoach line that ran through his property in the late 19th century. A hotel, which burned down in 1897, stood on the land where his house currently sat.

Nov. 15, 1995

• The Eldridge Cooperative Company, the Farmers Elevator Cooperative of Walcott, and the Farmers Cooperative Elevator of Stockton planned to enter into a merger under the name River Valley Cooperative. They planned to operate at nine locations in Scott, Clinton, Cedar and Muscatine counties. The companies had been in business for a combined total of 240 years in eastern Iowa.

• A preliminary plat was approved for a new 23-lot residential subdivision, to be called Dexter Acres, in Park View. The project was being developed by Dan Schneckloth and Rob Fick of Mel Foster.

• Ed Eichelberger, who had served as the executive secretary of the Mississippi Valley Fair since 1987, planned to step down in a year’s time. The fair board formed a search committee and hoped to hire a replacement to work with Eichelberger during the 1996 MVF.

• Ed White principal John Langenhan gave a group of Japanese teachers a tour

of the school. The teachers were in the Quad Cities learning about the American education system.

• The North Scott eighth-grade girls’ basketball team captured the Slam Jamma basketball title. Team members included: Sarah Shaw, Amy Lohmann, Ashley Haugland, Katie McCann, Jill Walters, Shea Newmeister, Kayla Eckermann, Amanda Chapin, Michelle Gruntorad, Kelly Krukow, and Anne Hamilton. They were coached by Dave Walters and Larry Haugland.

Nov. 16, 2005

• Brad Noel was elected Eldridge mayor, defeating John Strazewski. Meanwhile, the city council election for a two-year seat was headed for a runoff, as none of the candidates secured a “50-percent-plus-one” majority. Ida Ferring, Jim Curtis and Brian Wood would be on the ballot for the Dec. 6 special election.

• Just days after a graffiti threat was spotted at the high school, North Scott officials dealt with another scare when someone called in a bomb threat to Neil Armstrong Elementary School. Students were evacuated to nearby Park View Lutheran Church for the remainder of the day. Several agencies, including the Scott County Sheriff’s Department, the Quad City Bomb Squad, Medic EMS, and several fire departments, searched the school, and no bomb was found. The incident was under investigation.

• North Scott superintendent Tim Dose proposed eliminating the late activity bus. Most students at the junior high were using the 5:15 p.m. bus, and Dose said the 6:15 route had “outlived its usefulness.”

• Thirty students were inducted into North Scott’s National Honor Society. Steven Bahls, president of Augustana College, was the guest speaker. Officers for 2005-2006 were: Addie Campbell (president), Dan Bartel (vice president), Kelsey Dunn (secretary), Chad Christoff (treasurer), and Jenny Flater (activities).

• Keaton Frye signed a national letter of intent to continue his basketball career at Valparaiso University in Indiana. Frye was a three-year starter for the Lancers.

Nov. 11, 2015

• Kraft Heinz announced plans to phase out its downtown Davenport plant and open a new facility in the Eastern Iowa Industrial Center, just west of the Davenport Municipal Airport. The new site would be located within the North Scott School District, leaving officials encouraged about growth due to the additional property taxes in the future.

• Andy Cook, Nancy Herrin and Cynthia Gregorich were elected to the Long Grove City Council. Six candidates had vied for the three open seats.

• A Dumpster fire broke out behind North Scott High School. It was extinguished by the Eldridge Fire Department, with assistance from Eldridge police officer Jim Morris, who was also a member of the Davenport Fire Department, and principal Shane Knoche, who was a member of the Donahue Fire Department.

• Former North Scott football player Nathan Ihrig was a member of the rugby team at Iowa State University.

• North Scott High School held an open house and dedication ceremony to show off the newly renovated entrance, Pit lobby, office space, and media center.

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A worker from Bettendorf takes the exit poll conducted by Edison Research for the National Election Pool on Election Day for Eldridge Precinct 2 at the Eldridge United Methodist Church.

NSP Photo by Bill Tubbs

Did election validate Gov. Reynolds' COVID response? She says it did

Gov. Kim Reynolds is claiming the election results were a “validation” of her approach to managing the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This year, Iowans validated the direction of our state by expanding the majority in the Iowa House and maintaining the strong majority in the state Senate,” she said Thursday. “... In addition, it was a validation of our balanced response to COVID-19, one that is mindful of both public health and economic health.”



Iowa Capital Dispatch

by Kathie O'Bradovich

She said that with a straight face, as the pandemic is surging out of control in Iowa, setting new records almost daily for new infections, hospitalizations and deaths. She said it as two face-masked hospital executives stood by, preparing to plead for Iowans to consider exhausted health care workers and stretched hospital resources before they make their holiday gathering plans or decide to go maskless in public.

The governor is apparently under the impression that Iowans think it’s just fine that COVID-19 is raging unchecked through the state, with new cases more than doubling every two weeks, nearly 800 hospitalizations and dozens of deaths every week. One ongoing study has predicted that Iowa will run out of intensive care unit beds within a month if it doesn’t get infections under control.

She apparently thinks Iowans will be satisfied if she launches a public-information campaign to tell everyone, once again, that they really ought to wear masks when they go out in public, avoid gatherings, wash their hands, get a flu shot.

It’s not clear why Iowans will start paying attention to that when she’s demonstrated, over and over again, that she thinks it’s fine for people without masks to stand shoulder to shoulder by the thousands at political rallies and shout their germs into the air.

Coronavirus relief money

What’s really puzzling is why she thinks legislative elections had anything to do with Iowans’ view of the governor’s pandemic response. Reynolds wasn’t on the ballot – she’s not up for re-election until 2022. Iowa lawmakers have had nothing to do with the management of COVID-19 since they ended the 2020 session in June. They washed their hands of the pandemic (symbolically, since some didn’t see the point of all that hand sanitizer), gave almost blanket authority to the governor to deal with

it, and fled.

The GOP legislative leadership has shown zero curiosity about how Reynolds is spending billions of dollars of federal coronavirus relief money. They haven’t asked the Legislative Oversight Committee to look into the \$21 million in CARES Act money that the U.S. Treasury Department says was misspent on a software system that lawmakers themselves didn’t want to pay for.

Perhaps Reynolds is looking at the fact that Iowans gave President Trump their vote on Tuesday. That would be understandable – after all, Reynolds has taken a similar approach to Trump in terms of prioritizing the economy over public health and ignoring the advice of experts like the White House Coronavirus Task Force, which has been urging a mask mandate in Iowa for more than a month.

Edison exit poll

But even the state’s vote for Trump doesn’t amount to an endorsement of COVID-19 management in Iowa. Exit polls conducted by Edison Research for the National Election Pool on Election Day (which included phone interviews of people who voted early or by mail), indicated that most voters who chose Trump weren’t really thinking about the pandemic.

The exit poll as published by the *New York Times* shows that 19 percent of voters said the coronavirus pandemic was one of the top five issues that mattered most in deciding how to vote for president. And 88 percent of those voters chose Joe Biden, while only 9 percent voted for Trump.

Voters were split on which candidate would better handle the pandemic. They were also split on a question of whether it was more important to contain the coronavirus even if it hurts the economy, or rebuild the economy now, even if it hurts efforts to contain the coronavirus. Those who prioritized the virus voted mostly for Biden; those who put the economy first voted mostly for Trump.

That’s not validation. It’s a demonstration that attitudes toward coronavirus are divided and not necessarily the main driver of Iowans’ choice for president. Voters may yet decide to hold Reynolds accountable for deciding that dozens of deaths a week are acceptable as long as the hospitals still have beds available.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City comes through for hanging baskets

Editor:

As most Eldridge citizens know, the Moonlight Chase was canceled this year due to the pandemic. As they voted to cancel, the Moonlight Chase Committee took into consideration the safety and health of the community and the fragility of our local businesses that sponsor the event.

The proceeds from the race are what fund the Moonlight Chase grants each year. On average, the Moonlight Chase Grant Committee has given out \$11,000 in grants to worthy, local projects. Over the years, grants have been awarded to some really incredible causes and projects and help to make our community the best it can be. Unfortunately, canceling the race also means that the Moonlight Chase Grants weren't given out this year.

In past years, the Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce has been awarded a grant to pay for the flower baskets that hang along LeClaire Road each summer. The flower baskets provide a very welcoming, aesthetically pleasing look as locals and visitors travel the main corridor through Eldridge. The city puts great care into the watering and maintenance of the flowers, and for that we are so grateful.

Because we didn't receive a grant this year, we sought out other ways of funding this annual project. In our June chamber newsletter, I informed our chamber members of this unfortunate loss. We

immediately received a very generous donation from Chris and Rhonda Porter and Porter Insurance to kickstart our fundraising efforts. We are so fortunate to have such proactive members of our chamber and of our community. I would like to publicly thank them for their generosity and their love of Eldridge.

I then reached out to the city for help. I wrote a letter detailing our misfortune to Mayor Marty O'Boyle and Lisa Kotter, the city administrator. I attended the city council meeting in hopes that the city could provide some additional funding. The city council quickly voted to fund the rest of this project, using hotel/motel tax.

One of the chamber's goals is to attract and retain visitors. I want to thank the city of Eldridge and the city council for their time, consideration, and support. I am incredibly grateful that we can continue the tradition of the flower baskets on LeClaire Road despite the difficult year that 2020 has been. Next year, Eldridge will be celebrating its sesquicentennial. It will be nice to see the town celebrate its 150th year as attractive and charming as always.

Thank you,

Tabbitha Kramer, executive director
Eldridge-North Scott
Chamber of Commerce
220 W. Davenport St., Eldridge

County's livestream decision welcomed

Editor:

Congratulations to the Scott County Board of Supervisors for the recent decision to livestream and archive its public meetings. This puts the county in line with most of Iowa, where it has been a long-standing practice.

The cost of \$59,358.48 is also a small part of proposals considered previously.

Hopefully, the public will show increased interest in board meetings after

the contract begins.

Online meetings have become commonplace during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The board, which continues to meet at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. twice a month, could do more to increase public interest and participation. This is a good step forward.

Deirdre C. Baker

27012 208th Ave., Eldridge

I'd like to be able to return your cane

Editor:

I wanted to write this letter to thank the gentleman and his wife who loaned me a cane, because I had forgotten mine. This was about two months ago at the Tasty Café here in Eldridge. I would prefer to return the cane to its proper owner.

I usually have lunch at the Tasty Café on Wednesday and Friday. I am also usu-

ally recognizable because I'm wearing a Nebraska jacket of some kind. If possible, meet me there at lunch time, and I will return it. If not, I will get it to someone else who needs it.

Again, thank you for loaning it to me.

Ken Fordham

4 Apache Court, Eldridge

Thanks for creating diabetes awareness

Editor:

Re: "Healthy area residents practice diabetes awareness every day" (NSP, Nov. 4):

Thanks for doing the story about Zach and Natalie. Mark Ridolfi did a great job, and maybe someone will recognize symptoms and get checked.

I really have a new appreciation for the challenges Zach and Natalie face.

Thanks again for doing the story. The Lions appreciate all the North Scott Press does for Lions and the community.

Nadine Schwarz

770 Rustic Green Ct., Eldridge

Humbled and honored to serve again

Editor:

As your re-elected state senator, I would like to express my sincere thanks and to let you know how humbled and honored I am to be able to once again represent you in the state legislature. I've been able to talk with many people during this election year, and I'm here to tell you that the people of Iowa are good, and we all truly want the best for each other. Despite our differences in party affiliation, we now need to switch from being all about promoting our candidates to the important issues at hand: keeping Iowans safe, continuing to get Iowans back to work and moving our state forward by discussing our views in ways that are productive and helpful to bring positive change.

I would like to thank all the constituents who took time to speak with me at their doors; people in Muscatine and Davenport, Eldridge and Walcott, and in the smaller communities of Dixon, New

Liberty, Donahue, Long Grove, Blue Grass, Stockton and Fruitland. Even amidst a global pandemic, Iowans in District 46 were eager to discuss issues of concern with me as we maintained our 6-foot social distancing. For those whom I missed or those busy with other things, I look forward to visiting with you in the future!

I would also like to thank the many volunteers who worked in both Muscatine and Scott counties on behalf of both my campaign, and other campaigns as well. Your help is greatly appreciated and much needed to encourage Iowans to use their voice in a productive way. You've set the example, and I commend you for that.

May we all be humbled to experience God's peace as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mark Lofgren

3025 Province Lane, Muscatine

Mr. President-Elect: Please lead by example

Editor:

Dear President-Elect Biden, the Lord be with you and congratulations on your election victory. As an independent conservative who split my vote between Democrats and Republicans (preferring a "messy" democracy where both parties are forced to sit down together to talk and compromise because neither controls the presidency, Senate, and House of Representatives), I promise to give you both my prayers and a chance, which many Democrats, some Republicans, and the media never gave to President Trump.

As a person with heart disease, asthma, and an immune deficiency disorder, I have worn a mask and practiced social distancing, even at our son's wedding in July when the infectious rate in our Scott County of 173,000 was only 15-25 persons a day.

I did not appreciate it when President Trump held large rallies where many did not wear masks nor practice social-distancing. Neither did I appreciate crowds in Black Lives Matter marches nor crowds in the streets of some American cities celebrating your victory, many of whom did not wear masks nor practice social-distancing. At the same time, it's possible to go overboard as you did by wearing a mask while doing outdoor speeches where few were in attendance and no one was within 15 feet of you.

I have favored allowing a few thousand spectators at games in outdoor football or baseball stadiums that hold 40,000-100,000 people IF masking and social distancing are observed. Although I understand their excitement, it was unfortunate to see over 5,000 students of Notre Dame (who masked and social distanced during the Notre Dame-Clemson game) later rush

the field and crowd together to celebrate their victory.

Here in Iowa, we have sacrificed graduations, proms, weddings, funerals, and family reunions since March, not to mention our state and local fairs, the Ragbrai bicycle event, Bix run, and parades for St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day, and Christmas.

Mr. President-Elect, you PROMISED to fight COVID-19 leading by example, saying that you care for EACH American life. As you make inauguration preparations, you know that typically, hundreds of thousands of people from all over America flock to D.C. During festivities, many will drop their guard at some time, without masks or social distancing.

Dr. Fauci and many doctors warn that COVID-19 infections combined with seasonal flu may overwhelm our hospitals. Although you have earned a victory lap, in view of recent and massive outbreaks of infections nationwide, I URGE you to avoid super-spreader events and to save lives by limiting the crowd on the D.C. mall on inauguration day, and postponing your inauguration parade and indoor inaugural balls until after the flu season.

I have a daughter, son-in-law, and three young grandchildren (none of whom can attend school in-person) in Alexandria, close to D.C. I am concerned for their welfare.

Since most of us Americans have made sacrifices, please KEEP YOUR WORD and LEAD BY EXAMPLE, making "temporary" sacrifices for us. Thank you.

Bob Bartel

308 Crest Road, Eldridge

P.S.: This letter has been sent to President-Elect Biden.

STATE TREASURER

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The Iowa State Treasurer's Office is participating in National Family Caregivers Month, celebrated annually in November, by encouraging a caregiver of an individual with a qualifying disability to consider IABLE as a savings tool for their loved one.



Guest Opinion

by Michael Fitzgerald

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Michael Fitzgerald, a graduate of Colo High School and the University of Iowa, has served as state treasurer of Iowa since 1983. To learn more about IABLE, visit IABLE.gov. Keep up with all of the treasurer's programs on Facebook and Twitter by following @IowaTreasurer, or call (888) 672-9116.

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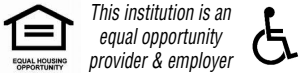
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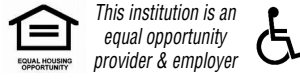
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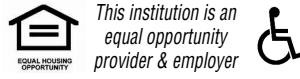
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Eldridge City Council

November 2, 2020

The City of Eldridge, Iowa met in open session at the Eldridge Community Center at 7:00 p.m., November 2, 2020. Roll call vote showed Mayor Martin O'Boyle, council members Bruce Cheek, Bernie Peeters, Frank King, Brian Dockery, and Adrian Blackwell. Also present were Brian Wessel, Mark Ridolfi, James Martin, Derek Hamilton, Tony Rupe, Dave Kopatch, Bill Stratman, Heather Khoury, Tabitha Kramer, Rod and Jacob Neymeyer, Lisa Kotter, and Denise Benson.

Agenda - Motion by Dockery to approve the agenda as presented, second by Peeters. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment - Bill Stratman who lives at 3216 S. 26th Avenue submitted a letter and expressed his concern about the street conditions on S. 25th and S. 26th Avenue, and the speed of traffic on Scott Park Road and Blackhawk Trail. He thinks it would help to have a four way stop at the intersection of S. Scott Park Road and E. Blackhawk Trail. The council agreed to have the police do more patrolling in that area. The Mayor would like to meet with Stratman to discuss other items in the Feller's addition.

Rod Neymeyer along with his son Jacob who live at 601 Fox Ridge Road came to discuss the detention pond owned by Mel Foster. They would like to see it dug out for a fishing pond and then on the high ground put in playground equipment and make it into a park since there is no play area in the Rustic Ridge Addition. The Mayor said they would have to discuss the idea with Mel Foster since they own the ground.

Mayor's Agenda - A. Consideration of approval of the minutes from October 19, 2020. Motion by Blackwell to approve the minutes, second by Cheek. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

B. Consideration of the bills payable in the amount of \$243,050.16. Motion by Dockery to approve the bills, second by King. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

New Business - A. Consideration of approval of the first reading of Ordinance 2020-10 No Parking Franklin Street. Motion by Blackwell to approve the first reading, second by Dockery. Roll call vote showed Dockery, Blackwell, Peeters, Cheek and King voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2020-30 Approval of Public Safety Quad Cities Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion by Peeters to approve the resolution, second by Cheek. Roll call vote showed Cheek, Blackwell, Peeters, King and Dockery voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.

C. Consideration of Changes to the Ordinance for Parking, Snow in the Streets and Sidewalk Clearing During Snow Events. After some discussion it was the consensus of the council to have staff make changes to the Ordinance. The Ordinance will be presented at the next meeting for the first reading.

D. Consideration of Storm Water improvements on South 5th Street. Motion by Cheek to hire Bortec at a cost of \$3,105 to install a 4" pipe on 5th Street paid from Road Use Fund, second by Blackwell. Blackwell, Cheek, Peeters and King voting aye, Dockery nay. Motion carried.

E. Consideration to Allocate Hotel Tax Reserves for Flower Baskets on LeClaire and Second Streets in the amount of \$1,500. Motion by Dockery to approve the allocation of funds, second by Peeters. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Activity Report - A. Public Works - 300-ton of salt that was ordered is now being delivered. Crew is working on snow fence. Had the walk through on the HMA project and created a punch list. Street patching project was completed last week. We have filled the permanent part-time position, the individual will start November 16th.

B. Wastewater - the new heater is in and will be hooked up soon. We received our new NPDES permit making us a Grade 4 plant which will require some additional testing. Will be hauling sludge Wednesday through Friday of this week.

C. City Clerk - continuing working on month end, routine business.

D. Chief of Police - new squad should be in next week. The new officer will be starting November 9th, with the swearing in at the November 16th Council Meeting.

E. Community Center-Recreation - Hamilton reported that the Halloween skating party went well along with wedding receptions. All tournaments are done for the season at the park.

F. City Administrator - Finance committee is looking at sewer charges and TIF Revenue. Legat the Architects for the YMCA will be at the next meeting for a virtual tour of what it will look like. Getting budget documents ready for department heads. The Utility Board will be discussing the electrical rates at Tuesday's board meeting.

Committee Reports - Blackwell reported on the Park Board they are looking at the irrigation for the Buttermilk Road, Hickory Creek Park, for soccer fields. The Fitness Center memberships are at 511. Cheek reported the Utility Board had one outage on October 8th that affected 6 houses. Water tests were satisfactory.

Motion by King to adjourn the meeting at 8:22p.m., second by Blackwell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

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Auxiant, claim funding	1,108.53
Auxiant, group insurance	195.50
Auxiant, claim funding	6,559.58
Payroll 10-31-20	79,518.14
Subtotal	160,474.07
Total of Check Register	82,576.09
Grand Total	\$243,050.16

Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board

November 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board was called to order at 5:00 P.M. on November 3, 2020 at Eldridge Community Center.

Board members present were Mike Anderson, Jim Roseman, Barb O'Brien, and Jim Skadal. Brock Kroeger and Jacob Rowe on Zoom. Also present was Lisa Kotter, Mark Schmidt, and Kristi Ernst. Visitors Bruce Cheek and Marty O'Boyle.

Motion by Kroeger, second by Roseman to approve the agenda. All ayes.

Motion by O'Brien, second by Anderson, to approve the minutes from October 20, 2020. All ayes.

FINANCIAL - Motion by Skadal to approve bills payable in the amount of \$172,846.02, second by Kroeger. All ayes.

ELECTRIC - The board discussed the Electric Rate Study and agreed on the multi-year rate increase. Kotter is getting more information on the Power Cost Adjustment for the board. A resolution will be drawn up for the next meeting on the information the board agreed on.

Motion by Kroeger, second by Anderson to approve RESOLUTION 2020-387-E&W REPEALING RESOLUTION 2004-278 ESTABLISHING CHARGES, CONDITIONS, AND OTHER TERMS OF OPERING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ELECTRIC SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE which changes Interconnection Agreement and Standards. All ayes.

Motion by Skadal, second by O'Brien to approve RESOLUTION 2020-388-E ELECTRIC RATES which changes from Net Metering to Net Billing. All ayes.

Rowe reported crew has been working on 1st Street intersection, relocating the transformer, service connections, and meter change outs.

WATER - Water tests were taken on the 12th and 13th of the month at six different locations and they all passed.

Motion by Anderson, second by O'Brien to approve Professional Services Agreement for Shive-Hattery to assist with the Water Study of the plant to increase capacity. All ayes.

Schmidt reported crew will be finishing up hydrant flushing by Friday, November 6, 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE - No business. Motion by Kroeger to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 P.M., second by Roseman. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Ernst, Billing Clerk

Next regular meeting November 17, 2020.

Comm Action, ps	\$23.87
N Riley, ref	59.37
R Meeker, ref	508.13
Delta Dental, ins	525.11
Shared IT, ser	257.50
Unum Life, ins	418.50
Verizon, ser	595.93
Wellmark, ins	7,160.80
Unum Life, ins	26.91
B Moorman, ref	53.68
ACCO, sup	1,619.40

Boot Barn, allow	666.00
Dubuque Fire, ser	605.40
Dultmeier, sup	10.70
Fletcher-Reinhardt, sup	5,834.98
Hawkins, sup	1,089.82
IA One Call, ser	129.70
Jerry's, sup	89.59
Lighting Maint, sup	89.60
Mid Amer Meter, sup	518.25
Midam, ser	437.29
PV Ready Mix, sup	228.00
QC Analytical, ser	120.00
QC TAS, ser	63.05
Rapids Repro, ser	76.14
Skarshaug, sup	341.08
Stanley Consult, ser	3,750.00
Stetson Bldg, sup	174.70
Stuart C Irby, sup	4,219.34
Terry-Durin, sup	1,702.37
Van Meter, sup/ser	244.89
Wex Bank, sup	509.17
Total Checks	32,149.27
Payroll 10-31-20	28,446.52
WSA	33,000.00
Louisa	71,000.00
IA Dept Rev	5,150.00
Auxiant	1,135.17
Credit Cards	1,306.50
NS Press	658.56
Total	\$172,846.02

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STATE OF IOWA				
2020				
FINANCIAL REPORT				
FISCAL YEAR ENDED				
JUNE 30, 2020 CITY OF MCCAUSLAND, IOWA				
DUE: December 1, 2020				
NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.				
ALL FUNDS				
	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	107,883		107,883	106,820
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	107,883		107,883	106,820
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0	0
TIF Revenues	0		0	0
Other City Taxes	49,550	0	49,550	44,459
Licenses and Permits	565	0	565	465
Use of Money and Property	9,859	626	10,485	7,780
Intergovernmental	40,021	0	40,021	31,301
Charges for Fees and Service	44,253	116,651	160,904	143,750
Special Assessments	0	8,154	8,154	10,000
Miscellaneous	1,648	0	1,648	4,700
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in	80,000	0	80,000	230,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	333,779	125,431	459,210	579,275
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	17,079		17,079	16,860
Public Works	89,562		89,562	90,850
Health and Social Services	0		0	0
Culture and Recreation	37,262		37,262	63,251
Community and Economic Development	5,615		5,615	7,000
General Government	84,391		84,391	87,950
Debt Service	0		0	18,493
Capital Projects	0		0	0
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	233,909	0	233,909	284,404
Business type activities		100,957	100,957	254,955
Total All Expenditures	233,909	100,957	334,866	539,359
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out	80,000	0	80,000	80,000
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	313,909	100,957	414,866	619,359
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	19,870	24,474	44,344	-40,084
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2019	-53,974	340,500	286,526	206,153
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2020	-34,104	364,974	330,870	166,069
NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:				
Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds		Pension Trust Funds		
Private Purpose Trust Funds		Agency Funds		
Indebtedness at June 30, 2020		Indebtedness at June 30, 2020		Amount
General Obligation Debt	0	Other Long-Term Debt		0
Revenue Debt	1,024,000	Short-Term Debt		0
TIF Revenue Debt	0			
		General Obligation Debt Limit		995,810

LEGAL NOTICES

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Walcott City Council

Monday, November 2, 2020

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 2nd day of November, 2020, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were: Everett Bieri, John Brockmann, Lisa Mengler, Jacob Puck, and Larry Smith. City staff present were Jeff Blake, Lisa Rickertsen, and Paul Stagg. Due to COVID-19, call-in information was provided to the public on the meeting agenda notice.

Approval of Agenda. Puck moved and Bieri seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. Mengler moved and Smith seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, minutes from October 19, 2020, Resolution 2020-30 - Transfer of Funds, Resolution 2020-31- Obligating TIF Funds (\$138,000) from the Consolidated Walcott Urban Renewal Area for FYE 2022, and Resolution 2020-32 - Wage Increase for Building Official for Fire Inspector Certification. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Smith, Brockmann, Puck, and Bieri. Motion carried.

Ordinance 515-20, Amending Provisions Pertaining to Decks - Chapter 167.05 (5). Smith moved and Puck seconded to waive the second reading of Ordinance 515-20. Roll call ayes: Smith, Puck, Bieri, Mengler, and Brockmann. Motion carried. Mengler moved and Smith seconded to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 515-20. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Smith, Puck, Brockmann, and Bieri. Motion carried.

Police Department Report. On behalf of the Police and Fire Departments, Chief Blake thanked the Lambda Phi Sorority for donations of \$1,200 to each department from the lighted address sign fundraiser.

Public Works Department Report. Sale Approval of 1997 International Dump Truck. Three bids were received for the 1997 International truck. Puck moved and Mengler seconded to approve the sale of the 1997 truck to the high bidder, Matt Moore, for \$4,867.00. Motion carried.

Sale/Removal of Slide from Victory Park. Smith moved and Bieri seconded to allow Tim Hamann to remove the slide from Victory Park and approve the sale of it for \$3.00. Motion carried.

Snow Pusher Purchase Approval. Stagg presented a project worksheet for the purchase of a snow pusher for the skid steer. Brockmann questioned the use of a snow pusher since there is one on the Case tractor. Stagg responded that the skid steer and tractor will both be utilized for snow removal. Puck moved and Mengler seconded to approve the lowest quote, from Titan Machinery, at \$7,000.00. Motion carried with Brockmann opposing.

Stagg provided updates on the following: installation of light poles at Wescott Park; fence removal, electrical repairs, and restroom repairs at Victory Park; brush grinding at compost area; generator transfer switch repairs at Fire Station; and furnace replacement at City Hall.

City Clerk Report. Rickertsen reported the health insurance premium for 2021 will decrease by 6.24% and the base rates for the dental insurance will remain the same. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the 2021 employee health and dental insurance benefits renewal with Wellmark. Motion carried. The Walcott American Legion will be donating a flag pole and flag that will be located near the parking lot at City Hall. A flag raising ceremony will be held on November 18, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. followed by a flag burning ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Kostichek read a letter thanking Rickertsen for her commitment and attendance at the Iowa Municipal Professionals Academy. He also expressed thanks to Lambda Phi Sorority and the Walcott American Legion for their donations.

Council Member Comments. Brockmann questioned the debris clean-up delay at Victory Park. Stagg responded that the electrical contractor should be starting soon and he is obtaining quotes for the building repairs. Smith reported on field lights being turned on at Victory Park. Discussion was held that the park is currently closed due to storm damage and for safety reasons a lock will be placed on the electrical box.

Smith moved and Bieri seconded to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.

Mayor John Kostichek Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

Alliant Utilities, services	\$6,120.45
Casey's Business Mastercar, fuel	789.92
Comdata, cc charges	827.43
F&B Communications, Inc, email services	29.95
GPM, meter controller	104.83
Hawkins Inc, chemicals	1,019.04
Huston, Jackie, medical reimb	50.00
Iowa One Call, notifications	18.00
Krebs, Neal, medical reimb	704.07
Logan Contractors Sup., spray adhesive	32.44
Mediacom, services	136.90
Menards, heaters, propane, & supplies	250.22
Miscellaneous Vendor, deposit refund	68.37
Newell's Automotive, repairs-2016 dodge truck	982.99
North Scott Press, publications	347.14
Otto, Kathy, services	120.00
River City Hardwoods Inc, bridge planks	5,625.00
Scott Co. Engineer, winter maint	1,286.85
Stagg, Paul, medical reimb	108.50
Truegreen Limited Partnersh, fall aeration	819.00
USA Blue Book, lab supplies	261.33
Utility Equipment Co., parts	1,057.42
Subtotal	20,759.85
Payroll, 10/30/20	26,743.86
Grand Total Expenditures	\$47,503.71
Fund Totals	
General	\$31,350.63
Police Reserve-Donation	142.88
Water Utility	6,186.10
Water Main Repair Fund	1,057.42
Utility Deposit Fund	68.37
Sewer Utility	8,698.31
Total	\$47,503.71

City of Walcott

ORDINANCE 515-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 167 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WALCOTT, IOWA, BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO DECKS IN SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICTS

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Walcott, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 167.05 (5) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walcott, Iowa, is hereby repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

167.05 (5). Decks. Decks are considered structures and must meet setback requirements. Uncovered decks may extend up to ten (10) feet into the rear yard setback. An open-roof style pergola is not considered to be a covering.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect after the final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved by the Walcott City Council the 2nd day of November, 2020, (first reading held the 19th day of October, 2020 and the second reading waived on the 2nd day of November, 2020).

Mayor John Kostichek

Attest: Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 515-20 on the 11th day of November, 2020.

Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board

October 26, 2020

A special meeting of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board was called to order at 5:00 P.M. on October 26, 2020 at Eldridge Community Center.

Board members present were Brock Kroeger, Jim Roseman, Barb O'Brien, and Jim Skadal. Absent Mike Anderson. Also present was Jacob Rowe, Lisa Kotter, and Kristi Ernst. Mark Schmidt and Jacob Rowe was on Zoom.

Motion by Roseman, second by O'Brien to approve the agenda All ayes.

WATER - The board discussed the water rates from 2010-2011. They agreed that there was more information needed and a review of the budget to determine the course of action needed for the water rates at the next meeting.

Motion by O'Brien to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 P.M., second by Roseman. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted, Kristi Ernst, Billing Clerk

Next regular meeting November 3, 2020.

Dixon City Council

Council Proceedings November 4, 2020

Mayor Laughlin called the regular meeting of the Dixon City Council to order at 7:00 pm with council members Motz, Tweed & Meyer present.

The consent agenda included the minutes of the October 7th meeting, Clerk's financial report and the following revenues and expenses:

Accounts Payable:	
Alliant Energy, utilities	\$827.88
Bush, Motto, Creen, Koury & Halligan, legal fees	135.00
Central Scott Telephone Co, phone & internet	91.50
941 Tax	183.60
IPERS	188.76
Gworks, annual support	1,651.51
Iowa American Water, utilities	14.84
Iowa Prison Industries, street signs	222.75
Laurie Ganzer, payroll	688.48
Leon Moeller, payroll	344.24
Leon Moeller, training	225.00
North Scott Press, publications	54.57
Republic Services, garbage contract	1,705.71
Scott County Engineers, snow removal	734.40
Scott County Library System, semi-annual payment	4,858.50
Scott County Sheriff's Office, monthly contract	520.00
Tony Dahms, mowing	\$575.00
Revenues:	
General Fund	\$2,152.62
Local Option Sales Tax	3,269.66
Road Use	2,425.97
Sewer	2,035.85
Garbage	1,755.93
Total Revenue	\$11,640.03
Expenses:	
General Fund	\$12,628.87
Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Road Use	86.06
Sewer	1,212.71
Garbage	1,705.71
Total	\$15,633.35

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Tweed with a second by Motz. All Ayes.

Public Form - no oral or written comments. Iowa American Water - public meetings regarding the sale of the sewer plant were discussed. No determination has been made for meeting yet.

At 7:15 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Motz with a second by Tweed. All ayes.

Steve Laughlin, Mayor

Attest: Lisa Ganzer, City Clerk

Princeton City Council

Work Session November 5, 2020

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met in a special work session on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Princeton City Hall. Mayor Kevin Kernan presided. Roll Call: Present: Stutting, McDonough, Woomert, Kline.

Council members agreed to set a resolution to hire candidate Doyle for the Building Inspector position.

Mayor requested to add Kim Herman joining the Park Board to the consent agenda for the normal council meeting.

Council discussed the correct name for "Clemens Park" and correcting signs with a recommendation from Park Board at the next meeting in December.

Mayor discussed the current Community Visioning Program and suggested that the Planning and Zoning committee be included. A resident spoke up and was very displeased how Council members were addressing each other in regard to this project.

Mayor stated a new Planning and Zoning member would be needed and asked that the committee please start thinking of someone to fill the spot.

Mayor requested all committee chairs please provide committee reports.

Council discussed long-term infrastructure plans, Public Works foremen Genz discussed the lift station and generator issues and pricing for a new natural gas backup system.

Mayor and Council discussed Trails Board meetings, minutes, and the roles of each member.

Council discussed changing the Agenda Posting Ordinance and agreed that it was not in the best interests of the City.

Council discussed police chief contract and employee handbook and decided it would be further discussed at a later date.

Council Stutting wanted to revisit the "face-lift" for City Hall and why no painting has been done, Council agreed instead of painting, new file cabinets would be purchased to reorganize everything and make more room in the storage room.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Approved: Kevin Kernan, Mayor

Attest: Kisa Tweed, City Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

1st Ad - 11-4-2020 2nd Ad - 11-11-2020

Iowa District Court COURT CASE #EQCE132157 Special Execution

STATE OF IOWA

SS. SCOTT COUNTY Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, PLAINTIFF VS

Scott C. Tyner et al, DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor)

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real estate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: Lot 1, except the West 15 feet and the South 10 feet thereof on the Auditor's Plat of Stoltenberg's Addition to the City of Bettendorf, Scott County, Iowa, plat of which is recorded in Book 61 of Miscellaneous Records at Page 465, Records of the Office of the Recorder of Scott County, Iowa, situated in the County of Scott and State of Iowa. The South 1/2 of that part of the 15 foot alley contiguous to the North line of the Real Estate described above, the East and West lines of which are the Northerly extensions of the side lot lines of the real estate described above; 1009 19th St., Bettendorf, IA.

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Date and Time of Sale: 12/01/2020 11:30 Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse This sale not subject to redemption. Judgment Amount: \$87,889.31 Accruing Cost: \$5,948.09 Interest: \$5,257.71 from: 11/01/2019

Attorney: Davis Brown Law Firm Date Filed: 12/02/2019

Sheriff Tim Lane Scott County, Iowa Chief Deputy Shawn Roth Chief Deputy Bryce Schmidt

For additional information, visit the Sheriff's Office at http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/sheriff

Public Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR SCOTT COUNTY Case No: LACE133090 ORIGINAL NOTICE

Tynesha Hickman, Plaintiff Vs.

Kayla M. Christie and Progressive Insurance Company, Defendants

TO DEFENDANT: KAYLA M. CHRISTIE

You are notified that a Petition has been filed on August 7, 2020, in the office of the Clerk of this Court naming you as the Defendant in this action, which Petition prays for a judgment against you arising out of personal injuries sustained by Tynesha Hickman in a motor vehicle accident that occurred on August 17, 2018. The names and address of the attorneys for the Plaintiff(s) are Andrew L. Mahoney, Edward J. Prill and Steven J. Crowley of CROWLEY & PRILL, whose address is 3012 Division Street, Burlington, Iowa 52601. That attorney's phone number is (319) 753-1330; facsimile number (319) 752-3934.

You are further notified that the above case has been filed in a County that utilizes electronic filing. YOU MUST SERVE a Motion or Answer on or before the 15th day of December, 2020, and within a reasonable time thereafter file your Motion or Answer with the Clerk of Court for Scott County, at the County Courthouse in Davenport, Iowa. If you do not, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in this Petition.

Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in Court filings.

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Notice of Lien Disposition and/or Sale of personal goods for non-payment of rent stored at: Peoples Mini Storage - 575 E. 53rd Street - Davenport, IA 52807.

Unit F-02 - Alysha Frazer - last known address 3030 W. 49th St. Lot 59, Davenport, IA 52807. This unit contains a dresser, clothing, cardboard boxes, misc. household items.

Unit F-95 - Darius Moore - last known address -1705 Parkway Drive - Bettendorf, IA 52722. This unit contains ceiling fan, pool cue, stereo equipment, shelves with misc., cardboard boxes, tile.

Unit H-48-Katrina Ballard - last known address - 1502 East Court Ave., Des Moines, IA 50316. This unit contains headboard, refrigerator, mattress & box spring, misc. clothing & household items.

Unit F-85 - Crystal D. Williams - last known address - c/o Freda Williams, 2121 Hanley Dr. Apt. 85, Ft. Worth, TX 76112. This unit contains black sofa, stroller, mattress & box spring, clothing & misc. household goods. The contents of these units will be sold and/or disposed of after 8 am Tuesday November 24, 2020.

Probate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY

Probate No. ESPR080059 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Diane J. Geerts, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Diane J. Geerts, Deceased, who died on or about October 28, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on November 3, 2020, the last will and testament of Diane J. Geerts, deceased, bearing date of May 30, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Wayne K. Geerts, Jr. was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated November 4, 2020.

Wayne K. Geerts, Jr. Executor of estate 3312 Parkwild Drive Bettendorf, IA 52722 Address

Jennifer Condon, ICIS#: 10408

Attorney for executor Condon & Condon

610 9th Street

PO Box 227

DeWitt, IA 52742

Address

Date of second publication

18th day of November, 2020

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

1st Ad - 11-11-2020 2nd Ad - 11-18-2020

Iowa District Court COURT CASE #EQCE131946 Special Execution

STATE OF IOWA

SS. SCOTT COUNTY

Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC, PLAINTIFF VS

Tony Lundy et al, DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor)

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of the defendant(s) real estate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is: Lot 3 of the Final Plat of Hopewell Hills Fourth Addition to the City of Bettendorf, Scott County, Iowa; 4264 Colorado Dr., Bettendorf, IA.

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Date and Time of Sale: 12/08/2020 11:30 Place of Sale: Scott County Courthouse This sale not subject to redemption. Judgment Amount: \$381,656.50 Accruing Cost: \$41,277.71 Interest: \$3,215.33 from: 08/14/2020

Attorney: Petosa Law LLP Date Filed: 08/20/2020

Sheriff Tim Lane Scott County, Iowa Chief Deputy Shawn Roth Chief Deputy Bryce Schmidt

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Dan O'Flaherty wins NSP Football Contest

Dan O'Flaherty of Eldridge won the \$50 first prize with all 15 games correct in Week No. 10 of the North Scott Press Football Contest.

Vi Strobbe of Long Grove won the \$25 second prize with one wrong and a tiebreaker of 58 (points, 87, in Notre Dame's win over Clemson). Ben Apple of Eldridge missed one and won the \$10 third prize with a tiebreaker of 51.

Making te "A" honor roll with two wrong were Page Mossaage, Matt Torres, Nicole Claussen, John Creen, Austin Gorsh, J.B. Straley, Robin Porter and Mitchel Gorsh.

Making the "B" honor roll with three wrong were Michael Clark, Bill Otten, Bill Homrighausen, Marty Lillis, Ross Easter, Rylee Eckermann, Brody Hargens, Russell Kros, Jeff Tharp, Scott Kashmarek, Ken Kashmarek, Kelly Kashmarek, Chase Porter, Rryan Claussen, Lyn Claussen, Grant Porter, Darlene Reinert and Blake Hargens.

Twenty-eight missed four. There were 106 entries.

Games missed the most were North Scott over West Delaware, Florida over Georgia, Arkansas over Tennessee, Indiana over Michigan, and Notre Dame over Clemson.

Other winners:

Cedar Rapids Xavier over Grinnell, Pleasant Valley over Iowa City West, Camanche over West Liberty, BYU over Boise State, USC over Arizona State, Northwestern over Nebraska, Iowa over Michigan State, Minnesota over Illinois, Iowa State over Baylor, and Oregon over Stanford. Two games were not played dued to COVID: Air Force v. Army and Purdue v. Wisconsin.

A new contest appears in this week's NSP. Game pairings appear in the ads on the contest page with an entry form that must be filled out and delivered in person by Friday at 5 p.m. to The North Scott Press office at 214 N. Second St., or mailed to: North Scott Press, P.O. Box 200, Eldridge, IA 52748. Mailed entries must be received on Saturday.

Official forms are also available from the sponsors, whose ads appear on the contest page:

The sponsors: American Mutual Insurance, Eastern Iowa Tire, Scott County Library, First Central State Bank, King's Quick Lube, The Depot, First Trust and Savings Bank, Casey's (Princeton, Park View, Eldridge), Eldridge Body Shop, Amhof Trucking, CBI Bank & Trust of Walcott, Eller Construction and Big 10 Mart, Eldridge Casey's, King's Materials, Central Scott Telephone, Porter Insurance Agency, DuTrac Community Credit Union, Nancy Billups Ruhl & Ruhl, and ORA Orthopedics.

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Thanking Our Firefighters

Firefighters suit up for service

Relentless training and preparation make county's volunteers ready to help

Elijah Gripp stands tall beneath about 75 pounds of fire equipment.

He wears more than 50 pounds, and carries the rest on drill after drill so he's ready for the real calls.

Gripp and Scott County's other approximately 200 volunteer firefighters willingly suit up again and again to provide the protection that every county family and business relies on.

Gripp is aiming for a career in public safety and joined the Eldridge department after completing the firefighting Explorer program through North Scott High School.

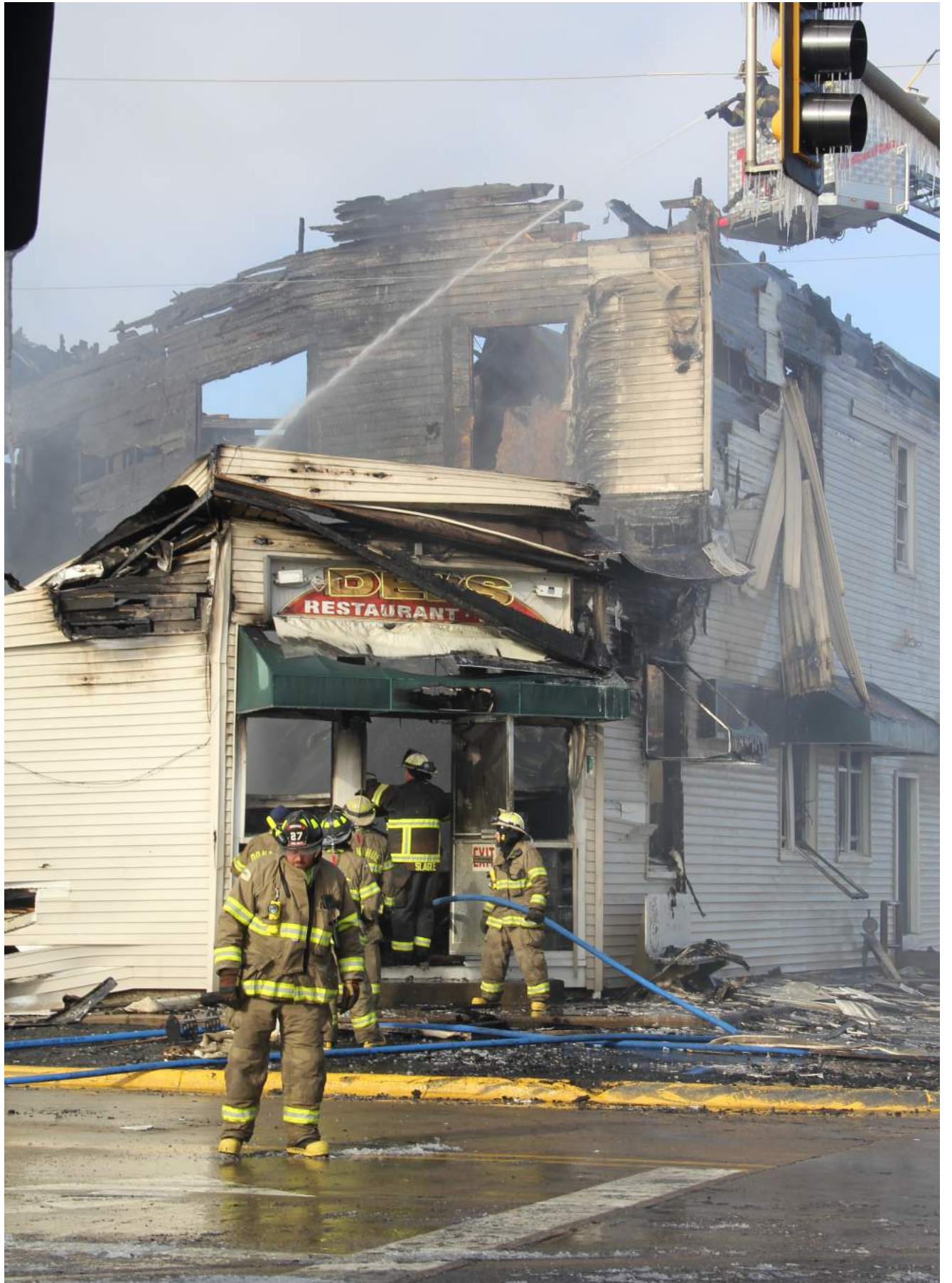
He and his volunteer colleagues welcome more county residents to step into their world and experience the lift that comes from the camaraderie, public service and community engagement central to community firefighting.

Gripp, and his chief, Keith Schneckloth, say the experience offers so much more.

Gripp attends Kirkwood College and aims for a public safety career. Schneckloth said fire service provides opportunities that can fill all kinds of resumes.

"Team building and team work. How to maintain safety in a high-stress environment. Equipment maintenance. Materials. We provide hands-on training from people in our own community, and our network of professionals throughout the area," he said. "You can't buy training like this."

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Our firefighter

Elijah Gripp is in his third year as an Eldridge volunteer firefighter. The North Scott High School graduate was a firefighting Explorer in high school. He attends Kirkwood College and plans a career in public safety.



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Response
Eldridge firefighters photographed at fire scenes within the past year.



Honor
Firefighters turned out to salute Anliese Chapman, a Riverdale firefighter who succumbed to cystic fibrosis in February.

FIREFIGHTERS: New gear and tactics aid county's essential responders

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plenty of other skills involved. Inventory. Data management. Content management and web design. "Even I-T comes into play. We don't do our reporting through paper and pen anymore. All of our reporting is web-based. We need people who know how to create those documents and turn around and retrieve the info when we need it," Schneckloth said.

Eldridge firefighters gathered last week for their annual dinner. Dan Collins grilled steaks for the gang, all masked up in the Eldridge station. The celebration was far different than the wild game feasts followed by late-night euchre games of the past.

Then again, everything is different about volunteer firefighting these days. These volunteers are among essential workers taking point against pandemic threats while providing the emergency response everyone expects.

That's the one thing that hasn't changed; everyone still counts on Scott County's volunteer firefighters.

There's not an app for that. Firefighting will never be virtual.

Just like 50 years ago, these volunteers break from their workdays or crawl from their beds and leave their families to preserve the lives, health, safety and property, usually of folks in their own communities.

Back then, sirens and phone calls alerted volunteers. Now they get texts and pages.

Next year, all county departments are getting new radios and dispatching systems, another technological upgrade that adds to volunteers' skill set.

Schneckloth said the training bolsters volunteers' confidence for taking on new projects in their career and home lives.

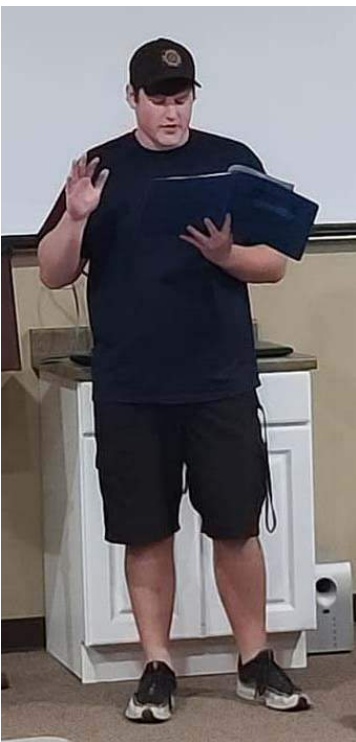
"We get new equipment, and we learn how to break it down, keep it in top condition, and train others how to use it. Those are processes that can apply to almost any career," Schneckloth said.

"It helps develop an understanding of how to make sure your equipment is ready to go when you need it. Not like the average homeowner who finds out the mower won't work when he needs it in spring," he said.

Novices are surrounded by experienced volunteers eager to collaborate with others carrying on the tradition.

There's always something new to learn.

"We're seeing more engineered lumber that has a lot of adhesives in it," Schneckloth said. "Composite materials for deck and such burn differently. It used to be treated wood. These composites are basically a plastic that burn a



2020 recruits

Eldridge fire swears in new recruits, from left: Jacob Harkey, Sam Wall, and Jerod Mackie, who joined after serving as a North Scott High School fire Explorer.



Firefighters practice a school bus evacuation.

lot hotter and produce more smoke," he said.

Hybrid and electric vehicles require different firefighting techniques.

"For auto extraction, we tried to train once a year with cut-up cars. Now with hybrid, there's not just a combustion engine, but high voltage power cables to worry about."

Much of the technical information is accessible through phone apps. But that's not something firefighters can figure out on the scene.

"It's hard to use a phone app when you need to dismember a car right now to get to an injured person," he said.

Air bags intended to protect those in the vehicle can be booby traps for firefighters engaged in a rescue. "There are air bag curtains on the sides, and in the seats. Just because a vehicle was involved in a crash, it doesn't mean all the air bags have gone off," he said.

The pandemic has changed everything, and the emergency responders'

world most of all. Crews proceed more cautiously at emergency scenes to protect patients and themselves. Firefighters mask up and distance during weekly maintenance duties.

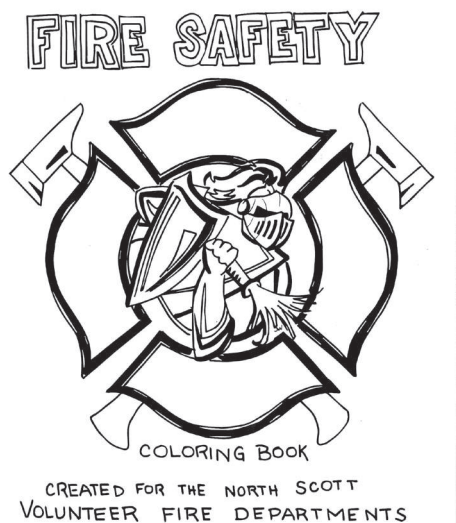
The pandemic also has ended school visits and community appearances where firefighters led safety training, raised funds and sparked the interest that draws more recruits.

Firefighters routinely visited schools to share safety tips they hoped would make it home with students.

With little access to schools, Schneckloth looked for more ways to reach families.

That's one reason he worked with Artists Vault owner Julie Wall to update a coloring book featuring equipment from Eldridge, Long Grove, McCausland, Dixon, and Donahue departments. Wall said most school kids are crazy about big fire trucks, so she was thrilled to create the new images.

The books will be available through local fire departments.



A new fire safety coloring book will be available this year. Start coloring today on page 8B of this section.



Training

Eldridge and Long Grove firefighters practice entry through locked doors during a Tuesday night training session. The weekly meetings include hands-on training on new equipment to familiarize firefighters before it is needed at an emergency scene.

Eldridge Fire Department photos

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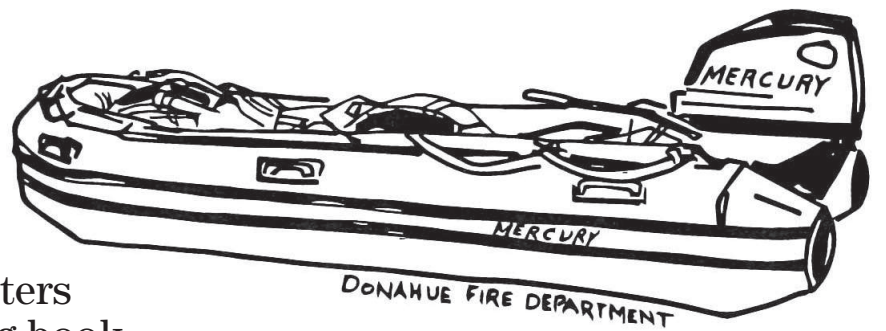
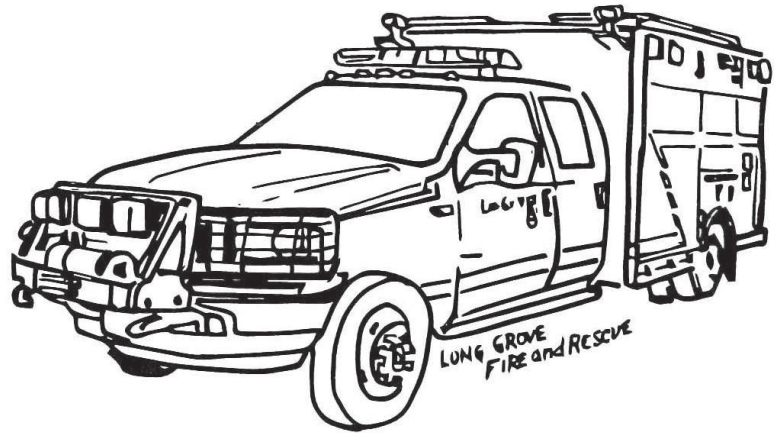
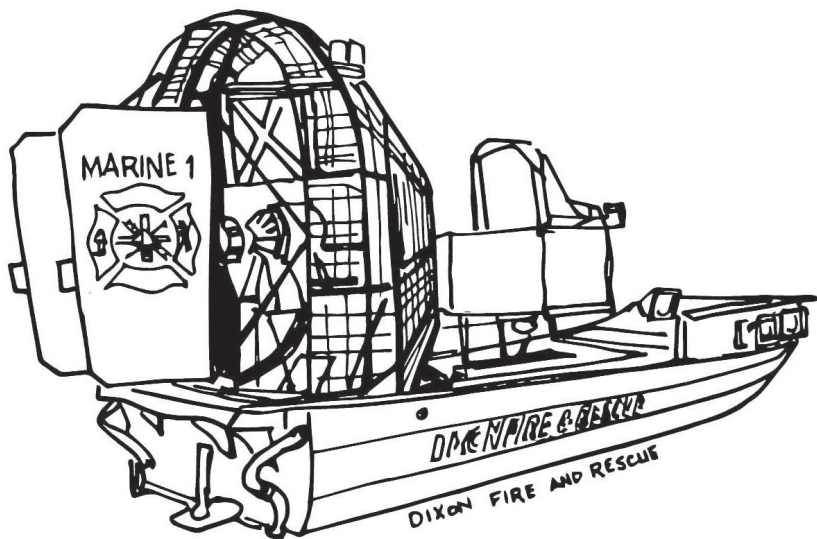
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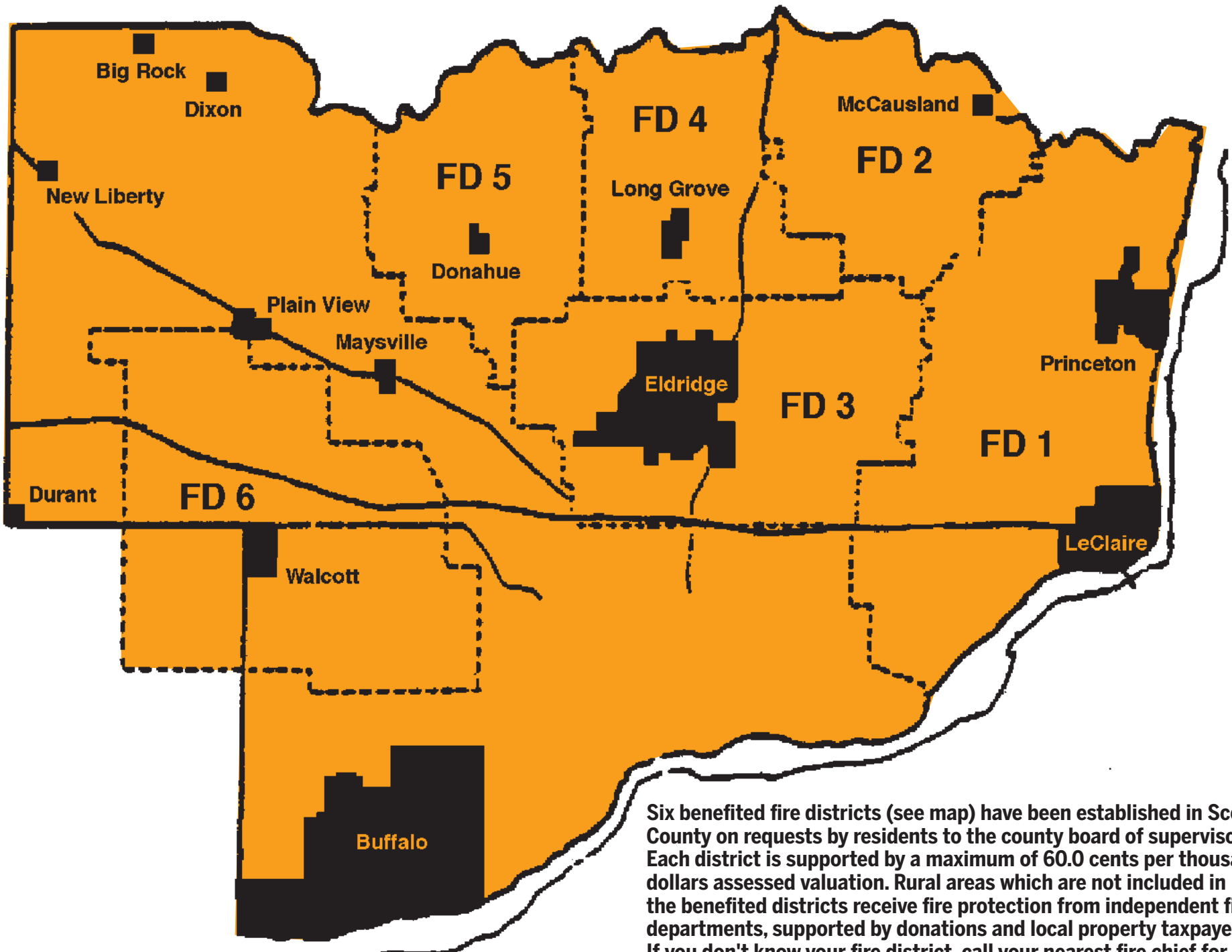
Fire safety coloring book



Artists Vault partners with firefighters for North Scott Optimists' coloring book

Contact your community's fire department for a copy of the new Fire Safety coloring book created by Julie Wall at the Artists Vault, in Eldridge. Wall worked with fire departments on line drawings of local equipment, including boats drawn from NSP photos. "Kids love heavy equipment. Now they can color the same things they see in their hometowns," Wall said. North Scott Optimists funded the project. Coloring books also are available at the Artists Vault in Eldridge.

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