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AGP Invests in the Emmetsburg Community

By Diane Weiland

Two large donations were distributed to The Shores and The Emmetsburg Fire Department last Wednesday morning. Mark Johnson, Soy Operations Manager at AGP contacted Kim Kibbie, City Administrator and inquired about city projects they should target for their donations. "AGP is proud to partner with the Emmetsburg Community to support improvements," said Johnson. AGP donated \$5,000 to update the AGP Room at The Shores. A large Smart TV/White Board will be installed. The meeting room is often used for business meetings. Kibbie commented, "This is a welcomed and important update to the meeting space."

The second donation went to the Emmetsburg Fire Department. They received \$10,000 which will be used to purchase a Flir-K55 thermal imaging camera, along with firetruck chargers. The camera can detect any residual hot spots after a fire has been extinguished. Johnson pointed out that it is important to support the Emmetsburg fire and rescue team with advanced equipment in fire and rescue response safety.



AGP DONATION TO THE SHORES – A Smart TV/White Board will be a new addition to the AGP room at The Shores. This will benefit businesses that use the room for training and meetings. L-R are Gretchen Reichter, Marketing and Retail Coordinator, Alissa Kliegl, Community Center Manager, Kim Kibbie, City Administrator, Pat Martini, City Council, Mark Johnson, Soy Operations Manager, Shara Schmeling, Regional Marketing Manager and Kerry Fields, Senior Merchandiser.



LINUS SOLBERG SURPRISED - The announcement of this year's 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee last Thursday night following the Extension Barbecue caught Linus Solberg by surprise. L-R are Solberg and Julie Naig who read the nomination information that included all that Linus has done for 4-H and the county Fair. — Diane Weiland photo

Linus Solberg Inductee to the 4-H Hall of Fame

By Diane Weiland

Following the Extension Council Barbecue on the opening night of the Palo Alto County Fair, the open pavilion was full. Everyone seated was interested in the various stage activities including the Baby Crawl. It was also the Fair Queen contest.

When these events concluded Julie Naig, 4-H Youth Development took the microphone to announce this year's inductee to the 4-H Hall of Fame. She asked Linus Solberg to come forward. As he stepped on to the stage, Naig began sharing what Solberg has done for 4-H.

He was born in Palo Alto County and raised on a farmstead west of Cylinder. As a youth, he was active in 4-H, including showing livestock at the PAC Fair where he had several grand championship pigs and cattle. He could also be found showing at the Iowa State Fair and at other open shows across Iowa and the Midwest.

Linus went to school in Cylinder and attended Iowa State University. In 1968 he married an Irish lass, Paddy Horan. Together they had two children, Penny and Swan. They were also very active in the 4-H program.

Naig stated, "We are honoring Linus for his passion for 4-H and his years of work on behalf of the organization. He has helped 4-Hers by selling them winning pigs and sheep, being a mentor and providing guidance about raising livestock and preparing them for exhibition."

Linus has served on the PAC Fair Board. During that time, he was instrumental in securing additional funding for the fair. The result was facility improvements, and introducing new events. All of that worked to increase attendance.

He was always volunteering to make sure that the fairground was in top shape for the county fair and all its fair-goers. He would recruit others including

his employees, his family and have a trailer-load of equipment including mowers, weed-eaters, etc. for the annual fair clean-up day.

Linus has been a top supporter of the PAC Fair livestock auction. He has purchased countless 4-H animals and ribbon premiums and has sponsored many livestock trophies.

It was mentioned that Linus has been very active in his community, serving in several other organizations and groups. He was a member of Palo Alto County Pork Producers for many years. He currently serves on the PAC Board of Supervisors. As a supervisor, he continues his support for 4-H and the Fair.

Naig said that, "Palo Alto County is proud and honored to have Linus be their 2023 inductee to the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame."

The 4-H Hall of Fame ceremony takes place the last Sunday of the Iowa State Fair in the 4-H Exhibits Building.

Testing Well Water

By Diane Weiland

To make sure that the water from a well is safe for human consumption, it is important to have the well tested at least once a year. Environmental Technician Ben Huntley at Palo Alto County Environmental Health is encouraging households that rely on well water to have wells tested.

According to the Center for Disease Control, over 15 million U.S. households rely on private household wells for drinking water. All private wells use ground water. If polluted and ground water is consumed, it could cause illness. Ground water pollution can be

caused by seepage through landfills, failed septic tanks, underground fuel tanks, fertilizers, pesticides and runoff from urban areas.

Palo Alto County's private water well program protects public health by preventing the contamination of groundwater. The protection of groundwater supplies is extremely

important for the residents in Palo Alto County. Grants are made available by the Iowa Department of Public Health to provide financial assistance to Palo Alto County residents for private water well services. Palo Alto County Environmental Health offers FREE pri-

ivate well water testing for total coliform bacteria, E. coli bacteria, nitrates, manganese, and arsenic. Huntley offers, "This is for your information to protect your health, and the health of others in your household. There are NO mandatory requirements to correct your well based on your test results." Call Environmental Health at 712-852-3058 about well water testing. Or contact Huntley at 712-209-1535.

In addition to Well Water Quality Testing, Palo Alto County Environmental Health offers grant money for plugging old/abandoned wells and filling in/removing Cisterns.



SUPPORT FOR EMMETSBURG FIRE & RESCUE – AGP's donation of \$10,000 allows the Fire Department to purchase a thermal imaging device. It will detect the hot spots from a fire. L-R are Kerry Fields, Don Theesfeld, Cory Gramowski, Jim Carrigan, Judd Duhn, Fire Chief, Tina Davis, Mark Johnson, Shara Schmeling and Cody Carrigan.

Krieger crowned 2023-2024 County Fair Queen



FAIR QUEEN CROWNED: Katie Nelson, 2022-2023 Palo Alto County Fair Queen, crowned the 2023-2024 Fair Queen, Adrianna Krieger. L-R are Katie Nelson, Madisen Fay, Queen Adrianna Krieger, Josi Reiman, Abigail Schmidt and announcer Laney Montag.

Thursday, July 20 a huge crowd attended the 2023 Fair Queen competition in the Pavilion at the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds.

Four contestants vied for the crown: Adrianna Krieger, Madisen Fay, Josi Reiman and Abigail Schmidt.

The contestants were asked a question that was drawn from a hat. The questions revolved around their involvement in 4-H and FFA.

Adrianna Krieger was crowned the 2023-2024 Fair Queen. As part of her responsibilities Adrianna will compete at the Iowa State Fair and will present awards at the 2024 County Fair.



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Book Presentation "When a Dream Dies" Draws Crowd at Schoolhouse

By Diane Weiland
 The presentation "When a Dream Dies" by author Pam Riney-Kehrberg drew a standing-room only crowd at the Schoolhouse during the Palo Alto County Fair.

The book about the farm crisis of the 1980's not only brought back memories but also explained how the crisis started and its results. The hour-long lecture covered a terrible decade in Iowa's history.

Riney-Kehrberg started with the 1970s. Inflation by 1980 had risen to 14% but the cost of borrowing was very low. Farmers could walk into a bank, ask for a loan and were almost immediately signed up. Farmers wanted to get work done on their property and purchase new machinery. Crop prices were increasing because of the amount of grain sold to the Soviet Union. And the price of land started going up and up.

The federal government wanted the farmers to go, go, go. The phrases, "farm fence row to fence row and get big or get out," came from the government. The one phrase that also caught on pertained to the land. "Well, they aren't going to make anymore of it."

Things pertaining to farming started to change rapidly by the mid-1980s. The cost of inputs increased and machinery prices soared. At the same time land values started falling. There was a sixty to seventy percent decrease in land values. People started putting their money in the bank because the return for a CD was greater than land values. Farmers who had secured debt because of their land were underwater. It put them in a vulnerable position for losing their farms.

By the mid-1980s, one-third of the farmers were in immediate danger of losing their land. The next third were scared. And the last one third wasn't in danger because they were older and did not have a lot of debt.

Extension services surveyed farmers to find out how they were spending their dollars. Over half were cutting expenditures by not purchasing food.



WHEN A DREAM DIES - Pictured is author Pam Riney-Kehrberg as she starts her presentation about the 1980s farm crisis in Iowa. The schoolhouse was filled with interested citizens who remembered things about the crisis. - Diane Weiland photo

Articles in newspapers were reporting that families such as those in Plymouth County were standing in lines for government commodities such as rice, honey, flour and pork. Most of the time the public could not discern who was in trouble because farmer pride prevented them from standing in the food lines.

Farmers could not get loans. If there was someone sick in the household that prevented a loan. If someone didn't go to town to work that prevented a loan. The interest rate on loans, by the mid-1980s was 24%.

The most compelling part of the book was what did people feel like who were living through this crisis. There were many, many letters written to then Governor Branstad. Teachers would have students

write letters. Farmers wrote letters and housewives were the most proficient at writing letters. Branstad released 1300 boxes of letters he received from the public. Riney-Kehrberg was given permission to sort through those time pieces.

She shared that there were thousands of letters from children, wives and angry farm men. One young boy was concerned if his father would be able to pay for repairs on machinery. One girl asked, "Why are farmers so poor?" The young writers wanted to know if the president was going to do anything. Marjorie began her letter by saying, "We didn't do anything wrong, I've cut corners and we have done without."

During the farm crisis, 24%

of farms were lost in the upper Midwest. All across the US 15% were lost.

There were specific numbers for Palo Alto County. In 1950 the farms numbered 1,848. 1978 - 1,096, 1987-987, 1992-841. The county lost 24% of the farms. At the beginning of 1980 Emmetsburg's population was 4,621. In 1990 it was 3,940.

Riney-Kehrberg ended her presentation by describing one of the good things that happened in Iowa to help the farm families in crisis. Governor Branstad, Senator Tom Harkin and Representative Grassley together went on radio to get this message across to families. "You are Iowans. We care about you. Go get food stamps."

Fun at the County Fair



TODDLER RUN - The toddler run which followed the baby crawl, was a huge crowd pleaser with four toddlers ready to run across the carpet to Mom. - Marsha Paulson Photo



BABY CRAWL - Babies can be enticed by many things, which was found out during the Baby Crawl at the Palo Alto County Fair last Thursday evening. Loved ones used bottles, pacifiers, stuffed animals and older siblings to get the babies moving. - Marsha Paulson Photo

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A Look at Local Government

Board of Supervisors Heard from County Assessor, County Engineer, State Representative Dave Rowley and Aletha King

By Diane Weiland

Jodi Jergens, County Assessor came before the Board to have them approve the Homestead and Military Applications for 2023. Residents make application at the County Assessors office. These are checked regarding qualifications and then presented to the Supervisors for approval.

There were 139 new Homestead Credit applications for a total of 2,522. Military credits totaled 1,168 with 25 of those added this year. Supervisor Solberg moved and Supervisor Wirtz seconded a motion to approve the Homestead and Military applications. It passed unanimously.

Auditor Carmen Moser pointed out to the Board that when HF 718 was passed in the legislative session, it was no longer the state that would reimburse the counties for the credits and exemptions. For FY24, the Palo Alto County value will be \$2million. In the second year of the legislation the value will be \$4,362,000.

Engineer Walter Davis-Oeth asked approval to purchase three new pickups. He will acquire three Ford F150s at \$49,500 each from the Ford dealership in Emmetsburg. He reminded the Board that his equipment budget for the year was \$690,000. Craig Merrill made a motion to proceed with the purchase of 3 pickups for Secondary Roads in the amount of \$148,500. It was seconded by Keith Wirtz and the vote was unanimous. He updated the Board about the dump trucks. The chassis should be delivered sometime in the fourth quarter of this year. When delivered it will be another 2-3 months for fabrication.

Iowa State Senator Dave Rowley visited with the Board about HF 718. He claimed that the intent of the bill was to provide more transparency regarding property tax values. Auditor Moser said that the mandatory letter to every property owner each year was going to confuse the public about what their property tax would actually be. "This penalizes

some people and unfortunately the bill puts all 99 counties in the same bucket," said Moser.

Rowley did offer that some changes will be made. To date he did not have a list of all of the items that were being considered. Supervisor Faulstick voiced his opinion by stating, "The state is dumping on the counties and leaving us to raise taxes." Supervisor Graettinger offered, "We try to be conservative but it might come back to bite us."

Kayla Hagen, Emergency Management Coordinator updated the Board about her work. She explained that the Hazardous Mitigation Plan was outdated as of 2018. These plans need to be current every five years. She will apply for a grant to help pay for the cost of a new Plan. It may also cover the purchase of such items as generators, safe rooms in schools and flood mitigation. She will continue to keep the Board apprised of her work.

Aletha King, representing the Zoning Commission told the

Board that they approved the request for two animal confinements. One was for Clear Creek Layers LLC in Section 25 of Fern Valley Township. The South Dakota company passed the matrix with 460 points. The two existing buildings and another building to be added would hold 600,000 three pounds or more chickens. Supervisor Solberg moved to approve the confinement and supervisor Wirtz seconded the motion. There was unanimous consent.

The request from William Brown Jr. to construct a hog confinement in Section 1 of Walnut Township was considered. When built it would hold 2,499 hogs. Supervisor Solberg moved to approve. Supervisor Wirtz seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Aletha asked the Board for approval to order the compactor for the new Transfer Station along with the hydraulic attachment. Supervisor Solberg made the motion to approve the purchase and Supervisor Faulstick seconded it. All voted in favor.

Attorney Gary Armstrong met with the Board via phone. They discussed a proposed resolution concerning the carbon pipeline. He stated that the ordinance should not go before the Board of Adjustment. It needed to be reviewed by the Zoning Commission. He expressed concern for the explosive capacity of these pipelines. Armstrong also inquired about the status of the Shelby County ordinance. The Board informed him that it went to the Supreme Court and the preliminary judgement was against the ordinance. The discussion concerning the resolution will continue.

The Board voted to change the Jt63 Completion Hearing Date from August 15 to August 22 at 1p.m.

During the public comment segment, Carla Larson asked if any of the Supervisors have talked with constituents about the wind turbines, the carbon pipeline or solar panels. She told them that the group that is working against the wind turbines receive thanks from people for the work they are doing.



RADAR SPEED SIGN HELPS MOTORISTS - Driver Safety is the reason for another Radar Speed Sign in Emmetsburg. Standing by the newly installed sign for drivers headed east on Hwy 18 are L-R Abby Burns, Mayor Pat Degen, City Administrator Kim Kibbie, Marketing and Retail Coordinator Gretchen Reichter, Council Member Pat Martini and policeman Adam Williams.

City of Emmetsburg Improves Speed Safety

By Diane Weiland

The City of Emmetsburg's Police Department have had another radar speed sign installed. The new one is near the Farm Credit Services building for drivers headed east on Hwy 18. These devices display a vehicle's speed as a motorist approaches. The signs make drivers aware of their speed.

Police Chief Ryan Veldboom stated, "Since these have been installed there has been a big improvement in the speed of drivers. That means safety for everyone." He also pointed out that the device provides feedback for his department. It provides a vehicle count, the speeds and the amount of traffic at various times during the day.

That helps the Department determine where officers need to be located or patrolling. "It is a very effective piece of equipment," said Veldboom.

Cost for the speed sign was covered by the Palo Alto Gaming Development Corporation Grant that the Police Department received last March. The grant was for \$3,527.00.

Palo Alto County Tax Dollars Comparison

Column1	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Area Colleges	\$ 828,635.00	\$ 861,515.14	\$ 894,604.22
Bruc. & TB	\$ 1,987.72	\$ 1,832.64	\$ 1,404.33
County	\$ 7,756,699.48	\$ 8,259,824.44	\$ 7,624,457.65
Assessor	\$ 268,208.44	\$ 267,678.03	\$ 283,118.72
All Corporations	\$ 2,899,902.65	\$ 2,988,314.11	\$ 3,065,420.39
All Townships	\$ 159,672.94	\$ 221,354.82	\$ 239,234.66
Hospital	\$ 1,513,746.99	\$ 1,511,917.08	\$ 1,544,794.69
Special:Fire, L.I. Se	\$ 62,737.53	\$ 63,031.57	\$ 63,285.69
All Schools	\$ 9,177,439.05	\$ 9,100,248.62	\$ 9,418,468.76
Ag. Extension	\$ 233,178.29	\$ 232,888.70	\$ 237,874.93
Total	\$ 22,902,208.09	\$ 23,508,605.15	\$ 23,372,664.04

Ordinances a priority at the Emmetsburg City Council Meeting

By Diane Weiland

The order of business for the City Council Monday moved right along. Two public hearings were on the agenda. It was announced that no public comments were received for either.

The first was a first reading of Ordinance No. 592 Establishing an Easement Agreement for Fire Safety Escape and Access Exit at 2117 Main Street. There was unanimous approval by the Council to approve the first reading. Since

two council members were not present the second and third reading could not be waived. These were postponed until the next council meeting.

The second public hearing was for Ordinance No. 593 - To Amend Section 106-06 of

the City Code of Emmetsburg, Relating to Solid Waste Collection Fees. The first reading was approved by the Council. The second and third readings were postponed until the next council meeting.

Approval was given to sell

the 1997 Ford F361 Fire Truck to the Mallard Fire Department.

Two new hires were approved. Mike Farris and Richard Ayers will be the newest Public Property Employees. The search to fill the

position took two months. There were eight applications.

Two Class C Retail Alcohol Licenses were permitted. One was for Shamrock Lanes, LLC and the second one was for the Palo Alto County Fair Association.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

The family of C. Richard "Dick" Thiel would like to thank everyone for their support, help, and expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. The cards, memorials, flowers, plants, and gifts, are much appreciated.

The memorial money received in dad's honor has been donated to Hospice of Palo Alto County. The family gives special thanks to: Pastor Jamie Negus, Grace Fellowship Church, Hartley, IA, for the heart-felt eulogy and funeral service, Randy Swanson for sharing his musical talents, Alan and Tracey Mattice, Martin-Mattice Funeral Home, Emmetsburg, for their care and professional guidance, Kirby's for catering the funeral lunch and members of Bethany Lutheran Church for assisting with the funeral lunch. The family would like to thank the Palo Alto County Hospital for the emergency care dad received at the time of his stroke. A very special thank you goes to Palo Alto County Hospice, whose medical staff members exemplified compassion, professional expertise and support for dad and his family as he transitioned from his life on earth, the soil of which he loved to till, plant and harvest.

Dad will forever remain in our hearts. With gratitude, Jean and Dan Reinders and family, Cindy Gould and P.S. Rathore and family, Connie and Mark Cody and family, Ruth and Rob Harlicker and family, Sharrie and Tim Girres and family, The late James Thiel (Julie) and family, Betty Leners and family.

Ayrshire Community Breakfast
SUNDAY, JULY 30
 Pancakes • Omelets • Sausage
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 Ayrshire Community Center
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50 Years Dan and Jeannie Reinders
 will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary August 4th.
 Cards and memories can be sent to them at:
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Thanks for Being There for Us!
 We would like to thank everyone who helped make our 60th Wedding Anniversary such a wonderful occasion.
 Thank you for all the nice cards, gifts, Facebook posts, and kind words you shared with us. Thank you, also to our children and grandchildren for the nice dinner, cake and for arranging the beautiful venue to help us celebrate. Here's to 60 Years!
Tim and Bev Jackson

National Day of August 1st

- National Wellness Month**
In August, we celebrate National Wellness Month, prioritizing your self-care, managing stress, and promoting healthy routines. Create wholesome habits in your lifestyle and focus on...
- Homemade Pie Day**
Put on your oven mitts as we prepare to bake it out on Homemade Pie Day.
- National Promise to Care Day**
Learn how you can honor urgent care workers and everything they do.
- Play Ball Day**
Get your gloves out, grab your bats, and rally the kids. It's time to play ball!
- Start Up Day Across America**
Startup Day Across America aims to help us understand entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Woman Astronomers Day**
Honor women's under-appreciated achievements in science by learning about Woman Astronomers Day.
- World Lung Cancer Day**
Here's a quick guide to observing World Lung Cancer Day and staying well.
- World Wide Web Day**
Without the World Wide Web, the world as we know it would not be the same.

The Week Ahead • Community Calendar

- THURSDAY July 27**
1 p.m. Summer Merchant Movie at the Riviera Theatre.
2 p.m. Tea Time Cinema at Public Library
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting at 711 Broadway
- FRIDAY July 28**
11 a.m. Emmetsburg Public Library Toddler Playtime
3:45 - 5 p.m. Pokemon Club at Emmetsburg Public Library, Room 14, Ages 10 & up.
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Paddleboarding at Lost Island Lake. This is a come and go event and best suited for ages 12 and up.
St Pat's Summer Bash & BBQ
- SATURDAY July 29**
St Pat's Summer Bash & BBQ
Men's Open Golf Tournament at Five Island Golf
- SUNDAY July 30**
- MONDAY July 31**
1:30 p.m. Family Life Center bingo with Horizons members
5 p.m. Bingo at the VFW. Doors open at 5 p.m. with a light meal followed by early bird bingo at 6:30 p.m. Regular bingo begins at 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY August 1**
1 - 3 p.m. Popcorn-Time Movie at Emmetsburg Public Library, Room 17: Join us for movie and popcorn. No need to sign up in advance. Call library or visit website for title info.
5 - 6:30 p.m. Grace Church food pantry
- WEDNESDAY August 2**
10-10:30 a.m. Emmetsburg Public Library: Babytime for infants 0-12 months. Parents or caregivers required to attend.
10:30-11 a.m. Emmetsburg Public Library: Toddlertime for toddlers ages 13-36 months.
3:45 - 5 p.m. Emmetsburg Public Library - Lego Club
4:30 p.m. TOPS Weigh-In & 5 to 5:30 p.m. TOPS Meeting at Chamber Office
- THURSDAY August 3**
10 - 11 a.m. Nature Center - Little Explorers for kids ages 3 - 5. Pre-registration is required by called 712-837-4866
2 p.m. Tea Time Cinema at Public Library
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting at 711 Broadway

Feenstra Helps Introduce Legislation to Construct More Affordable Housing

Last month, U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull) helped introduce – alongside Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA) – the *Neighborhood Homes Investment Act*, which will mobilize private investment in rural communities to construct new, affordable homes and revitalize existing homes to attract and keep families and businesses in rural America. This legislation would support the construction or rehabilitation of 500,000 homes for middle- and low-income families.

“Between labor shortages and record inflation to depressed inventory and budgetary restrictions, the cost of building a home has skyrocketed and the price tag of buying a home is out of reach for too many Americans – especially young families in rural communities. This is a serious problem that requires thoughtful solutions to ensure that families who want to buy a home in rural areas can do so,” said Rep. Feenstra. “To keep our families and businesses in rural Iowa, we need to incentivize the construction of new homes and the rehabilitation of older structures, which in turn promotes population growth, generates economic development,

and supports our thriving main streets. I’m glad to work with my colleagues on the House Ways and Means Committee to introduce the *Neighborhood Homes Investment Act* to lower the cost of building new homes, support housing revitalization, and make the dream of homeownership attainable and affordable for our families in rural America.”

More specifically, the *Neighborhood Homes Investment Act* establishes a federal tax credit that developers can claim to construct new housing or substantially rehabilitate existing homes in rural communities. This tax credit seeks to close the “value gap” – which occurs when the cost to build a home exceeds the price at which it is expected to sell – by covering up to 35% of development expenses for new construction.

The Neighborhood Homes Coalition estimates that this legislation would spur \$125 billion in total construction and development activity, support 861,000 jobs in construction and adjacent industries, generate \$56 billion in wages, and produce \$26 billion in federal and \$12 billion in state and local tax revenues.

Treasurer Smith Encourages Iowans to Take Action on Inactive Assets

State Treasurer Roby Smith explains businesses will soon be doing their due diligence to inform Iowans they may have unclaimed assets. “Before an inactive bank account, uncashed check or other form of unclaimed property is sent to my office, the business holding the asset must perform their due diligence,” said Smith. “This is usually done by a letter to the last known address of the owner and gives a deadline for the owner to contact the business.”

Property that remains unclaimed after a specific period of time is sent to the State Treasurer’s Office for safekeeping. The Treasurer then works to reunite the owner or rightful heir with their property through the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt. “If you receive a due diligence let-

ter, I encourage you to reach out to the business and take action,” continued Smith. “However, if your assets are turned over, it’s important to know you can always make a claim for them at GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov.”

The Great Iowa Treasure Hunt is Iowa’s only legitimate source of unclaimed property. Over \$485 million in forgotten checking and savings accounts, stocks, uncashed checks, life insurance policies, utility refunds, safe deposit box contents and other forms of unclaimed property are waiting to be claimed at GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov. The website is free and secure, and allows you to search for your name or for businesses and people you know.

United States Chickens & Eggs

United States egg production totaled 9.08 billion during June 2023, up 4 percent from last year. Production included 7.78 billion table eggs, and 1.30 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.20 billion were broiler-type and 95.8 million were egg-type.

The average number of layers during June 2023 totaled 387 million, up 5 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,348 eggs, down 1 percent from June 2022.

Total layers in the United States on July 1, 2023, totaled 386 million, up 5 percent from last year. The 386 million layers consisted of 317 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 65.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.69 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2023, averaged

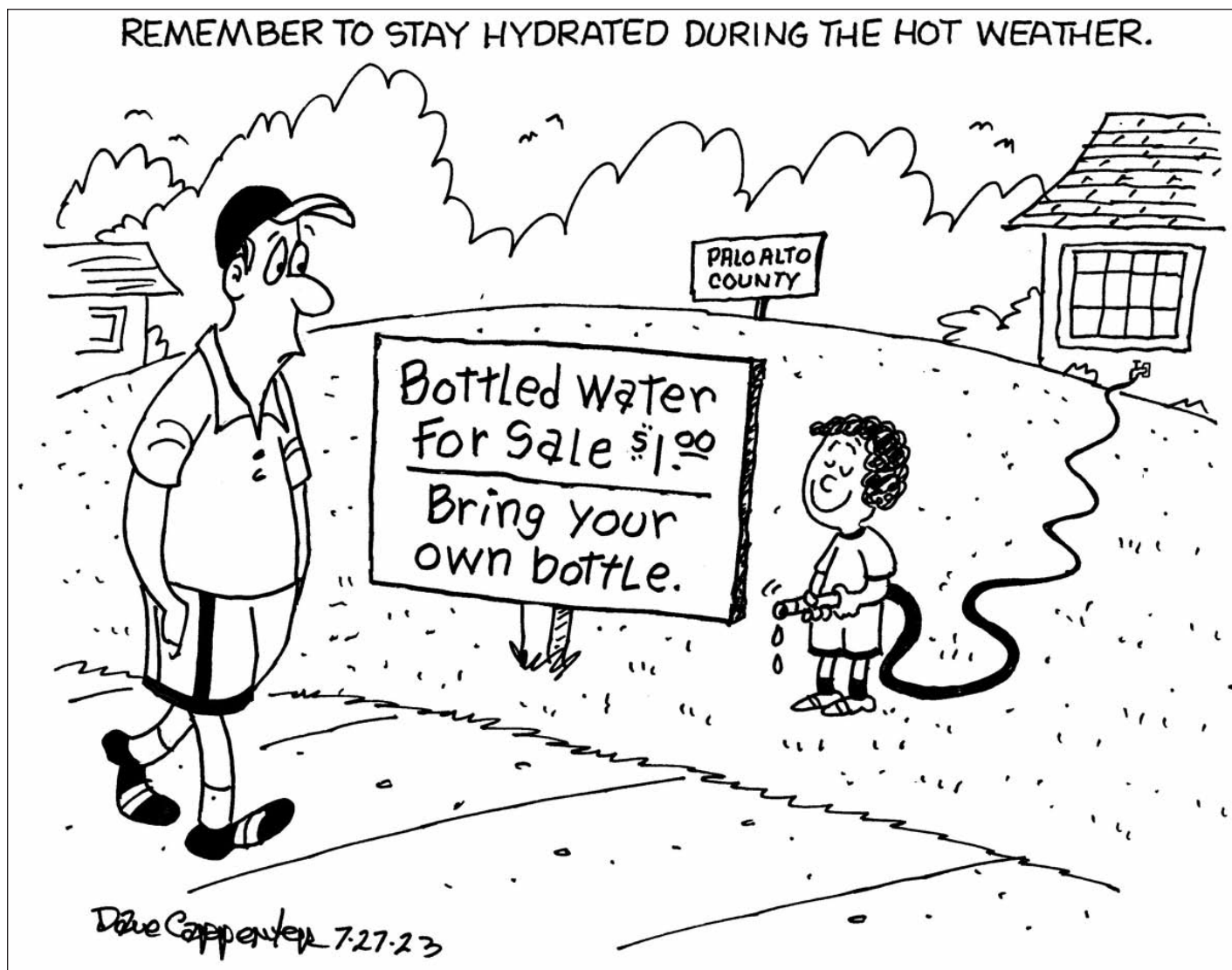
78.5 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from July 1, 2022.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2023 totaled 57.4 million, up 1 percent from June 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.1 million on July 1, 2023, up 8 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 199 thousand during June 2023, down 9 percent from June 2022.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2023 totaled 830 million, down 1 percent from June 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 726 million on July 1, 2023, up slightly from a year ago.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.



Treasurer Smith Announces \$235 Million Earned for the State

State Treasurer Roby Smith reports over \$235 million in interest was earned on the Pooled Money Fund for the State’s 2023 fiscal year, which runs from July to June. “The State of Iowa earned a striking amount of interest in the last year, mainly due to the Pool’s high balance and the increase in interest rates,” said Smith. “This

is not only a win for the state, but also for Iowans.”

As Treasurer, Smith is the State’s banker and chief financial officer. One of his responsibilities is to invest funds in a combined short-term investment pool, known as the Pooled Money Fund. The Pool includes the State’s general fund, the road use tax fund, the

State’s two reserve funds and a number of smaller State funds. Any funds not currently in use are invested until needed for payments.

“Any income reduces the burden on Iowa taxpayers, but one of this magnitude is impressive,” said Smith. “Each dollar earned is one less we need to collect from additional sources,

and ultimately helps keep Iowans’ hard-earned money in their pockets.”

To learn more about Smith’s responsibilities as Treasurer and the duties of his office, visit IowaTreasurer.gov. Stay informed on the office and his consumer programs by following Iowa Treasurer on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

Iowa Learning Farms Webinar Adapting Agricultural Management in a Changing Climate

The Iowa Learning Farms conservation webinar taking place July 26 at noon will feature Dennis Todey, Ph.D. Director, USDA Midwest Climate Hub.

Todey works at the boundary of agriculture and climate helping develop new information and sharing that information to improve decision making throughout the region.

In the webinar, “Agriculture and Climate Change in Iowa and the Midwest – Adapting, Mitigation and Decision Making,” Todey will provide an overview of several major climate change issues impacting agriculture in the region.

He will also introduce some

lesser-known issues and discuss the breadth of climate change impacts. Todey will provide guidance on strategies farmers could utilize to address these issues in their planning and management decisions to help ensure future success.

Todey stated, “The changes impacting agriculture are complex and difficult to fully grasp, yet we are already making changes and must continue to adapt to a changing climate.” As impacts continue to occur, achieving a better understanding of the path for agriculture in dealing with the wide range of climate issues is critical.

However, strategies to mitigate potential risks ad-

ready complicated decision making in agricultural management.

It is not a simple topic, but one that is important.

Todey hopes to offer insights that will get more people throughout the agriculture landscape thinking about ways to respond to a changing climate.

Those participating in the webinar are encouraged to ask questions. People from all backgrounds and areas of interest are encouraged to join.

Shortly before 12:00p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, people who want to participate need to click on the link <https://iastate.zoom.us/j/364284172> or type this web address

into your internet browser. Participants can also join via phone at 312-626-6799. The meeting ID is 364 284 172.

The webinar will also be recorded and archived. All archived webinars are available on the ILF website, so that they can be watched at any time.

Established in 2004, Iowa Learning Farms is building a Culture of Conservation by encouraging adoption of conservation practices.

Farmers, researchers and ILF team members are working together to identify and implement the best management practices that improve water quality and soil health while remaining profitable.

Sustainable Intensification – Five Years Later

Mark Licht | Iowa State University Associate Professor and Extension Cropping Systems Specialist

In November of 2018 I wrote an article about sustainable intensification. Sustainable intensification is a systems approach to improving yields without expanding land in production or increasing negative environmental effects. Historically, intensification often led to more marginal land in production, or caused

losses of soil and nutrients resulting in the degradation of soil health at the expense of wildlife and future fertility. My intent is not to place blame, but rather provide information and research to help farmers make sound agronomic decisions that balance productivity and profitability with environmental impacts.

In 2018 I made the argument for taking the 4R approach to nitrogen management, reducing tillage intensity, and implementing cover crops as ways to protect soil and reduce nutrient

losses. I still believe these are the effective strategies to redesign and reinvigorate our corn and soybean centric production systems. I applaud the increasing number of innovative farmers who are adopting these practices and continue to push the conservation needle on their farms and talk to other farmers about what they are doing and how they found success.

Continue reading on our blog for the next steps toward sustainable intensification through innovative projects ex-

ploring the redesigning our production systems and growing different crops.

If interested in building a culture of conservation, several events are planned. The event titles are as follows: Saturated Buffer and Cover Crops, Prairie and RForresty Field Day, Establishing and Managing Perennial Vegetation and CRP, Honoring Leopold’s Legacy, Grazing Field Day and Conservation on Tap. Call to RSVP at 515-294-5429 or email, ilf@iastate.edu

Moving Forward by Katie Nelson

As some of you may know, my name is Katie Nelson. For the last seven months, I have been working at the Emmetsburg Reporter-Democrat. During this time, I wrote articles, took pictures, and wrote short stories for the newspaper. My time here has been wonderful, and I love the experiences I’ve had during my time in the newsroom. All things eventually come to an end, though. This is my final week working for the Emmetsburg Reporter-Democrat before I go to college this fall.

While I worked here, I learned a lot about the different things the newspaper staff does to get the paper out for readers. Everyone has a specific role to fulfill, and they’re all equally essential for getting quality news and advertising out for readers every week. Some weeks, the paper needs more news, and some weeks, there is too much news for the paper. Usually, the newspaper isn’t the only thing the news staff is working on during the week. Supplemental material about specific things in the area, like the Palo Alto County Fair, have to be done while working on the main paper for each week. The workload changes, but the deadline never does.

I had low expectations for myself when I applied to work at the newspaper. I was here for job experience, and everything I had heard about being an intern meant I wouldn’t be doing too much actual writing for the paper until later. I certainly didn’t anticipate my sample writing being published in the paper later that week. It was an exhilarating experience, and as a matter of fact, it still is. Every time someone compliments my writing, it continues to catch me off-guard.

Maybe that’s a result of keeping my writing to myself for so long, convincing myself that I could do far better. I still can, but I’ve since learned that having room for improvement does not mean the writing is poor. That doesn’t mean I won’t stress over my writing, but it does serve as a reassurance before I submit it for print each week.

Every time I feared that I had done terribly, I was proved wrong by the support from the rest of the newsroom. I avoided sharing many of the things I didn’t like about my work because I wanted honest feedback, but I have been completely blown away by the response both in and out of the newspaper office. I know I’ll miss this job, and I’ll treasure my time here, but I also know I still have a lot to learn.

I may be leaving for college, but that doesn’t mean I intend to put my pencil down. I hope to continue providing stories for the Reporter-Democrat when I have the opportunity to write them.

I sincerely hope you continue to enjoy my stories when they appear every so often. I cannot promise to write for the Reporter-Democrat forever. I don’t fully know where my life will lead after this, but I do know I want to keep writing.

It is hard saying goodbye. I knew this was coming way back in January, when I first got my job here. I’m still not prepared to do so. Instead, I’ll just say thanks.

Thank you all for taking the time to be my first readers. Thank you for all the support you’ve given me these last seven months. Thank you for giving me the chance to share my thoughts with the world. And thank you for showing me what a supportive audience looks like.

I’m going to miss you.

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Grace Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

Bethany Lutheran Church Summer Bible School



LOVING GOD AND OTHERS -- To round out last Wednesday's Vacation Bible School day at Grace Baptist Church, the students played outdoor games, blew bubbles, and created art with sidewalk chalk. -- Natalie Henriksen photo



SKITS AND CRAFTS -- This week the Bethany Lutheran Church held their Summer Bible School week at Bethany/Lost Island Parish. The children learned through skits/plays, crafts and other activities. -- submitted photos



Know the Truth

When Jesus was on trial before Pontius Pilate He said, "For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." And then Pilate ask a question that many people have been asking since, "What is truth?" People have asked, "what is truth?" and "can a person know the truth?" and "is truth absolute?"

It is said that for something to be declared true it must be discoverable, transcultural, unchanging, unaffected by attitude, absolute and knowable. A simple example of this is 1+1=2.

God certainly fits this requirement. He has made Himself discoverable through His creation, throughout history, and in His written revelation, the Bible. He has made Himself known in every culture, and His word transcends culture in its relevant truth and princi-

ples. His existence is never affected by the feelings of people or their attitudes. He is as unchanging as the faithful sunrise that occurs each day.

Truth is certainly knowable or Jesus would not have declared that the reason He came into the world was to testify to it. The ultimate revelation of God, and truth, is Jesus Christ. "He is the image of the invisible God." (Colossians 1:15) Jesus said, "anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14:9)

In John 14:6, Jesus, the Son of God, exclaimed that truth is an essential element of his being - "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." So, if you want to know the truth, find it in Jesus!

Pastor Curtis DeFord
Grace Church, Emmetsburg

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Fall Soccer Registration

The Palo Alto County Soccer Club will hold Fall Registration on Tuesday, August 8 from 5-7p.m. at the Emmetsburg Pizza Hut. Kids ranging from four years old up to 8th grade are eligible to play soccer. Registration is for the Fall Season of soccer. For any further information or if there are questions contact Jen Bauer at 712-363-0942. Her email is pascocerclub@gmail.com.

Palmer College of Chiropractic Spring Dean's List

Kiersten Polaschek of Emmetsburg, IA has been named to the spring 2023 Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa. Parker Traub of Rolfe, IA also was named to the spring 2023 Dean's List. Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, California; and Port Orange, Florida.

Iowa Lakes welcomes new head swim coach

Samantha Nelson joins the Iowa Lakes Community College Athletic Department as the new Head Swimming and Diving Coach. With 15 years of swimming experience and four years of club and collegiate swim coaching experience, Nelson brings a strong passion for the sport, the determination to succeed, and the love of supporting student-athletes to achieve their academic, athletic, and life goals. "I am very excited to welcome Samantha to Iowa Lakes as our head swimming and diving coach and enrollment coach with the Admissions Department. She brings great enthusiasm and passion for swimming and has very good experience in coaching the sport. Samantha will be able to coach our swimmers up, and I'm looking forward to the growth within our program," said Troy Larson, Executive Dean of Students and Athletic Director. Nelson previously coached on the South

Dakota State University (SDSU) Men's and Women's Swim Team as a volunteer coach for two years, on the Brookings Swim Club in Brookings, South Dakota, as an assistant coach for four years, and helped coach the Pool and Yacht team in her hometown of Eagan, Minnesota. "I am beyond excited for the opportunity Iowa Lakes has granted me. I would like to thank Larson and President Stokes for their trust and support in my vision for Iowa Lakes Swimming and Diving. I am overjoyed to coach this awesome group of men and women and look forward to continuing a legacy of excellence at Iowa Lakes," shared Nelson. Before coaching, Nelson swam for the varsity team at Henry Sibley High School in West St. Paul, Minnesota, for four years and earned Team Captain her senior year. She also swam for the Pool and Yacht team.

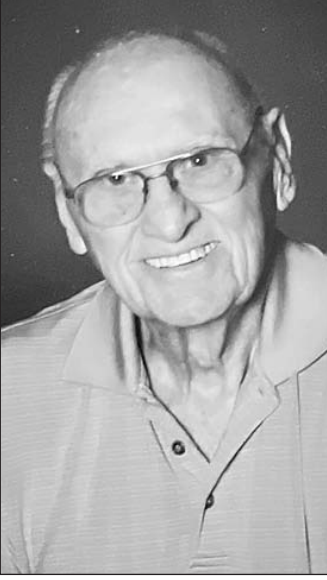
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee Reports Out Legislation to Codify Community Advantage Program, Strengthen SBA Lending Programs, and Address Urgent Needs of America's Small Businesses

By a vote of 18-1, the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship today reported out eleven bills that legislate important improvements across the Small Business Administration (SBA). Bipartisan legislation in the package builds on the Biden-Harris small business agenda to expand access to capital for underserved communities and increase small dollar loans. After more than ten years, Congress is legislating to make permanent the Community Advantage Pilot Program, which is SBA's only lending program with an explicit focus on reaching underserved borrowers. In addition, this will mark the first increase in the number of SBLC licenses in 40 years. Legislation reported out makes significant changes to SBA's lending programs by responsibly enlarging the SBLC program and codifying sensible underwriting and affiliation standards. Chair Cardin applauded the bipartisan work and cooperation needed to move this legislation forward. "Today, we took significant, historic strides to help address some of the most pressing needs for small business owners across the country. This includes legislating to make the Community Advantage Program permanent, something I have long fought for to meet the capital needs of underserved borrowers. The eleven bills reported out reflect the bipartisan spirit of our committee and our goal to remain laser-focused on codifying, modernizing and streamlining the Small Business Administration's programs," said Chair Cardin. "For the SBLC program, we ensured that there's adequate oversight for SBA while responsibly enlarging the SBLC program, codifying sensible underwriting and affiliation standards, and incentivizing small dollar lending. I am committed to continue working in partnership with the Biden-Harris Administration to ensure that the needs of underserved small businesses are met. Alongside Ranking Member Ernst, I look forward to considering additional, bipartisan legislation that we were unable to consider in this markup to help entrepreneurs and small businesses thrive." The SBLC and Community Advantage legislation was endorsed by the Mission Lenders Working Group, African American Alliance of CDFI CEOs, and Opportunity Finance Network. "The bill recognizes the critical role of mission lenders as specialized institutions providing responsible capital to small businesses that cannot access traditional financing. OFN is pleased to support this important bill that would make permanent the Community Advantage program and enable lenders to provide the capital needed to address market," said Dafina Williams, Executive Vice President of External Affairs at Opportunity Finance Network. The bills reported out also extend capital to childcare businesses to help them get off the ground and expand; codify SBA's program to help service members transition into civilian life as small business owners; encourage the commercialization of technology developed

through the SBIR and STTR programs; make SBA's disaster program fairer; and direct SBA to work in tandem with Community Development Financial Institutions and to meet the unique needs of Native American small businesses. By a vote of 18-1, the following legislation was approved en bloc: S. 1396 - The Research Advancing to Market Production (RAMP) for Innovators Act speeds up commercialization of technology developed by small businesses. Lead sponsors include Senators Coons and Rubio. S. 1352 - The 504 Modernization and Small Manufacturer Enhancement Act of 2023 improves SBA's 504 loan program and raises the loan limit for small manufacturers. Lead sponsors include Senators Klobuchar and Young. Cosponsors include Senators Booker and Rubio. S. 1345 - The 504 Credit Risk Management Improvement Act of 2023 streamlines oversight and increases transparency and reporting for the 504 program. Lead sponsors include Senators Young and Klobuchar. Senator Booker is a cosponsor for this bill. S. 673 - The Small Business Childcare Investment Act makes non-profit childcare businesses eligible for SBA loans. Lead sponsors for this bill include Senator Rosen and Ranking Member Ernst. Cosponsors include Senators Duckworth, Rubio, and Risch. S. 2099 - The Supporting Community Lenders Act establishes a coordinator for Community Development Financial Institutions within the SBA to help ad-

vocate for community lenders. Lead sponsors for this bill include Senators Hickenlooper, Hyde-Smith, Warner, and Braun. S. 936 - The Supporting Small Business and Career and Technical Education Act helps technical education program graduates connect with and learn how to start small businesses. Lead sponsors for this bill include Senators Marshall and Coons and Chair Cardin. S. 38 - The Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act codifies the Boots to Business program for the first time and helps members transition into civilian life as small business owners. Lead sponsors of this bill include Senators Duckworth and Ernst. S. 2212 - The SBIC Advisory Committee Act of 2023 establishes an advisory committee to increase diversity among SBIC participants. S. 1156 - The Native American Entrepreneurial and Opportunity Act creates an Associate Administrator at the Office of Native American Affairs within the SBA. Lead sponsors include Senators Hickenlooper and Lummis. Cosponsors include Senators Hirono and Mullen. S. 943 - The Small Business Disaster Damage Fairness Act makes collateral requirements for SBA disaster loans equivalent for all disaster types. Senator Kennedy is the lead sponsor for this bill. S. ___ - The historic bill Chair Cardin and Ranking Member Ernst worked so hard to craft that codifies the Community Advantage Loan Program and establishes sensible guardrails for Small Business Lending Companies.

Gordon Allen Nichols



Gordon Allen Nichols

Gordon Allen Nichols passed away quietly at home early Friday morning, June 2, 2023 with his family by his side. He had a wonderfully full life and experiences that people can only dream of.

He was born December 18, 1930, married his high school sweetheart Peggy Lou Parish on May 14, 1951. After serving in the Air Force as a radio communications specialist, Gordon and Peggy started a family in the small town of Markleeville, California and had 2 boys.

After attending the Chicago Institute of Technology, they relocated to Renton Washington to work for Boeing, made many lifelong friends, and were blessed with a 3rd boy. After few years, they moved to Bellevue Washington, had another boy and proceeded to raise their 4 boys spanning 13 years apart in age.

Gordon, an Electrical Engineer, was a co-founder of the company Data I/O in the early 70's and created many of their first products. Some of the production was a family affair as he'd often bring PC board designs home for Peggy and the boys to work on.

Although having a busy work and homelife, Gordon still had time to show the family how to enjoy life to the fullest with boating, fishing, hunting, shooting, sports, camping, skiing, R/C airplanes, SCUBA diving, golfing, car repair, and even a short stint with motorcycles. In the 1976 he took flying lessons with his 3rd son, and both earned pilot's licenses. He bought his first airplane and after earning his instrument rating, he traded up and enjoyed flying all over the western United States. Gordon and Peggy even flew the plane to Baja California a couple of times.

Gordon was able to retire at the age of 50, achieving 44 years of retirement. With a combination of motorhome or airplane, they were able to follow their 4th son Rob throughout his college baseball career. They had 7 motorhomes over the years, then purchased a park model in Yuma Arizona for a winter home and officially became "Snowbirds" in 1990. Gordon and Peggy were avid

Bridge players and after attaining their "Life Master" ratings, they began teaching Bridge and organizing tournaments on cruise ships, allowing them to go on 27 cruises to destinations all over the world.

After Peggy suffered a stroke, Gordon's life took a turn as he devoted his life to becoming her full-time care giver for her last 8 years. Even as her memory was fading with Dementia, he stood by her side to provide her with a comfortable, loving life. Peggy passed away on October 14, 2021.

His last year presented a new challenge as he was afflicted with Guillain-Barre Syndrome and lost the ability to walk or stand. He took this affliction in stride, never complained, and was focused on working to recover. His mind still sharp to the end, Gordon always seemed younger than his age.

Gordon is welcomed in the afterlife by his Wife, Peggy Nichols, his mother (Pearl Nichols), father (Owen Nichols), brother (Owen Nichols), and sister (Dorothy Petermeyer).

Gordon is survived by 4 sons and daughters-in-law, Steve (Sue) Nichols, Ric (Joey) Nichols, Greg (Patty) Nichols and Rob (Heather) Nichols. Gordon has 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Atonement Free Lutheran Church, 6905 172nd St NE, Arlington, WA 98223 at 11am on August 26, 2023.

Iowa Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

Another dry, but relatively cool week left Iowa farmers with 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending July 23, 2023, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Field activities included cutting hay and harvesting oats.

Some reports were received of farmers applying insecticides and fungicides. Persistent dry weather has raised concerns regarding crop conditions.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 13 percent very short, 42 percent short, 43 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 17 percent very short, 46 percent short, 36 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Corn silking hit 79 percent this week, 6 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of normal. Nineteen percent of the corn crop has reached the dough stage, 5 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the 5-year average. Some reports were received of corn starting to dent. Corn condition rated 63 percent good to excellent.

Eighty-one percent of soybeans were blooming, 1 week ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average. Soybeans setting pods reached 35 percent, 2 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the 5-year average. Soybean condition remained steady at 58 percent good to excellent. Ninety-three percent of oats were turning color, 11 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of normal. Oats harvested for grain reached 36 percent, 1 day ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the five-year average. Oat condition remained 51 percent good to excellent.

The State's second cutting of alfalfa hay reached 86 percent complete, 6 days ahead of both last year and the average. The State's third cutting of alfalfa hay reached 20 percent complete, 12 days ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the 5-year average. Hay condition dropped to 37 percent good to excellent. Pasture condition fell to 24 percent good to excellent. Pasture and hay growth remain slow and below average, resulting in supplemental feeding of livestock.

FSA County Committees – FSA Update

Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA and allow grassroots input and local administration of federal farm programs. Farmers who are elected to serve on FSA county committees apply using their judgment and knowledge to help with the decisions necessary to administer FSA programs in their counties, ensuring the needs of local producers are met. FSA county committees operate within official federal regulations and provide local input on: Income safety-net loans and payments, including setting county average yields for commodities; Conservation programs; Incen-

tive, indemnity, and disaster payments for some commodities; Emergency programs; and Payment eligibility.

Every eligible agricultural producer should participate in FSA county committee elections—whether a beginning or established producer, historically underserved producer (minority and women), or whether a large or small operation—because FSA county committees are producers' link with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

A county jurisdiction served by an FSA county committee is divided into 3 local administrative areas (LAA). Each LAA is represented by one member on the FSA county committee. A

person may only vote in one LAA (the LAA in which he or she participates or cooperates in FSA programs or programs administered by FSA). This year the election will be held for producers in LAA-1 which includes the townships of Nevada, Fern Valley, West Bend, Ellington, Rush Lake, and Booth.

To hold office as an FSA COC member, a person must be eligible to vote in a FSA County election, reside in the LAA that is up for election, and there are a few items that could disqualify you, such as removed from FSA employment, public office, convicted of a felony or dishonorably discharged from any branch of

armed services.

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign nomination form FSA-669A. The form includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. Nomination forms are filed in the FSA office that administers a producer's farm records and is available at the FSA county office or online at fsa.usda.gov/election.

All nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local FSA county office by the August 1 deadline. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Palo Alto County FSA Office at 712-852-3386.

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FARMER NORM - This lucky participant experienced the thrill of magic by having a pen pulled out of her ear. -- Diane Weiland photo



DOG AGILITY - The dog's owner could hardly keep up with the enthusiasm of her black lab. -- Katie Nelson photo



START THE FAIR WITH A MEAL AND A SMILE - Kat, Molly and Roberta started the Palo Alto County Fair with a grilled burger, chips, water and big smiles for all fair goers. These ladies are part of the Iowa State Extension. -- Marsha Paulson photo



RETIRING - Olivia Lace and Katie Nelson, along with a third member Claire Kassell (not available), were honored as the retiring County Council Members. -- Marsha Paulson photo



SUPREME SHOWMAN - The competition consisted of showing sheep, goats, cattle and swine. Here the 4-H participants position their beef for judging. -- Diane Weiland photo

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8 AM - 4 PM
* EMS Bake Sale & Raffle (SE corner of park)
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1-4 PM: Fenton Library Selling Baked Goods, Books and DVDs

5:00 PM KIDDIE PARADE
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* Root Beer Floats & prize drawing by library
* National Guard Climbing Wall (5-8 pm) near North Star Lounge

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11:30 AM - 1 PM: SWEET CORN MEAL - in the park
* Ribeye Steak Sandwich or hamburger, Sweet Corn, Chips, Cookies, Lemonade

1 PM:
* KIDS GAMES - Fenton Forwards 4-H
* HAPPY TRAIN RIDES - West Iowa Bank
* INFLATABLES - Fenton Fire Dept.

* HOT WHEELS RACES - Andrea Clausen.
* FREE WATERMELON - StateLine Coop.
* FACE PAINTING - Fenton Community Club
* CAR SHOW - Al Thalges & Mark Olson line up by 10 am west of park

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8:30 am
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GARAGE SALES:

City wide garage sale 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

6:00 pm
Meal at Ayrshire Community Center - Free Will Donation
BBA/Smoker Cookoff Contest - Pre-registration \$10.00

7:00 pm-11:00 pm Street Dance - Scott Schram Band
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Sunday, July 30th

8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Pancake Breakfast - Free Will Donation
Omelets, sausage, and drink

GARAGE SALES:

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Free Watermelon - Cow Pie Bingo

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IT'S NOT HALLOWEEN - Some of the kids showing their calves and sheep had a chance to dress them in costume; Everything from Beauty & the Beast to a fork and lamb chop. -- Marsha Paulson photo



SUPREME SHOWMAN - The competition consisted of showing sheep, goats, cattle and swine. In the photo above, the sheep are led around the arena and then positioned in a stance to show their form for the judges. -- Diane Weiland photo



BACON BUDDIES - A very unique and special opportunity for some of the Horizons clients as they had the chance to show a pig with the help of the 4-H members. -- Marsha Paulson photo



Rylee Jergens was getting ready to show the judges just what she and her horse could do during the Palo Alto County Fair. -- Marsha Paulson photo



2023 Palo Alto County Fair Grand Champion Breeding and Market Beef was Zoey Higgins -- Diane Weiland photo



2023 Palo Alto County Fair Reserve Champion Breeding and Market Beef was Leah Hoffman -- Diane Weiland photo

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SECTION B

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WATERMELON EATING CONTEST - It's a messy job but someone needs to do it.
-- Katie Nelson photo



WATERMELON RULES - The contestants for the boys division line up and listen to the rules before beginning the watermelon eating contest.
-- Katie Nelson photo



OPEN AIR PAVILLION- An excited crowd enjoyed the Extensions BBQ meal and all the stage events Thursday night, July 20th.
-- Marsha Paulson photo



RODEO COMES TO THE FAIR - Bull Riding was one of the many events Saturday night, July 22, at the Rodeo
-- Diane Weiland photo

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THURSDAY DAYTIME JULY 27, 2023. Grid of TV channels and programs from 7 AM to 5:30 PM.

THURSDAY EVENING JULY 27, 2023. Grid of TV channels and programs from 6 PM to 11 PM.

FRIDAY DAYTIME JULY 28, 2023. Grid of TV channels and programs from 7 AM to 5:30 PM.

FRIDAY EVENING JULY 28, 2023. Grid of TV channels and programs from 6 PM to 11 PM.

LAWYERS LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF MALLARD. City of Mallard, Council Meeting July 17th, 2023. Notice of Intent to Fill City Council Vacancy by Appointment.

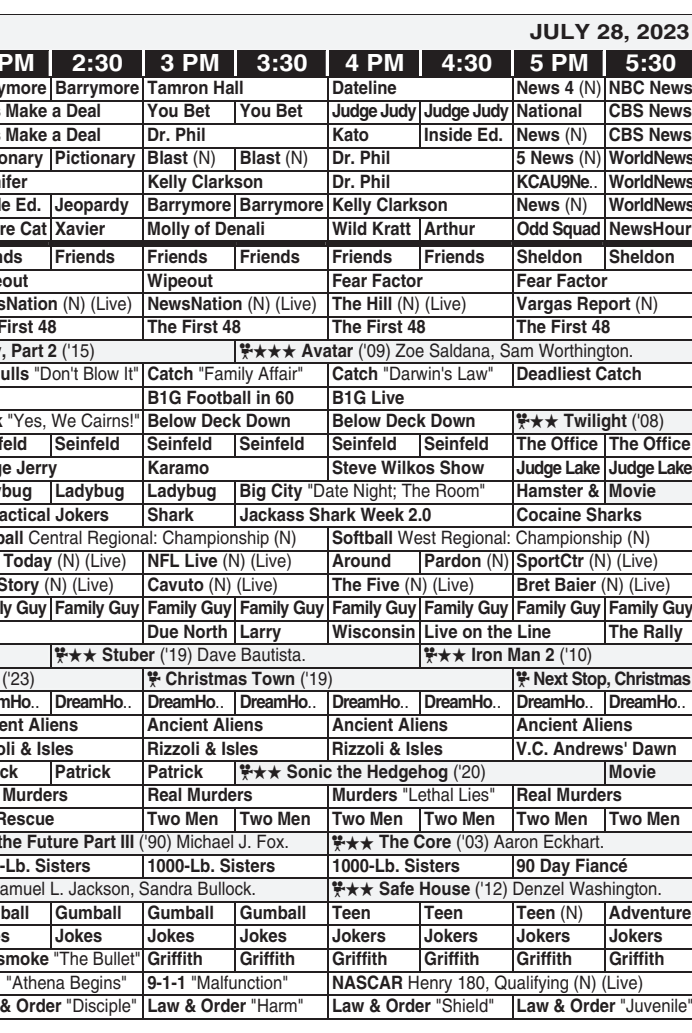
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Thursday Movies

Blind Side, The (09) *** A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen. (PG13) (2:30) TNT Thu. 5 p.m. Cast Away *** A courier company executive is marooned on a remote island. (PG13) (3:00) TNT Thu. 2 p.m., Thu. 11 p.m.



Friday Movies

Avatar (09) *** A former Marine loves a native of a lush alien world. (PG13) (3:30) AMC Fri. 3:30 p.m. Lake Placid 3 (10) Baby crocodiles become monstrous man-eaters. (R) (2:00) SYFY Fri. 2:01 a.m.

Dinner Date

Dinner Date Menu at the Multipurpose Senior Center in Emmetsburg: Wednesday, August 2 Ham Loaf, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Lettuce/Spinach Salad, Banana, Tapioca Pudding, Thursday, August 3 Tuna Noodle Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Breadstick, Friday, July 28 Cheeseburger, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Classic Apricots, Monday, July 31 Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Whole Wheat Roll, Tuesday, August 1 Mushroom & Swiss Burger on WW Bun, Potato Wedges, Broccoli, Watermelon. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. Call the Multipurpose Senior Center at 852-3350 for next day reservations between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily. No one will be served without a reservation. People under age 60 and not married to someone 60 years of age or older must pay full fee.

MONDAY DAYTIME TV schedule table with columns for time slots from 7 AM to 5:30 PM and rows for various channels like NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, TBS, etc.

MONDAY EVENING TV schedule table with columns for time slots from 6 PM to 11 PM and rows for various channels like NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, TBS, etc.

Monday Movies

Ant-Man (15) Ant-Man uses his shrinking skills to battle Yellowjacket. (PG13) (2:30) TNT Mon. 4 p.m.
Cinderella (15) A young woman tries not to lose hope in the face of cruelty. (PG) (2:30) FREEFRM Mon. 6:30 p.m.
Departed, The (06) An undercover cop and a criminal lead double lives. (R) (3:00) PAR Mon. 9:30 p.m.
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (07) Harry prepares a group of students to fight Voldemort. (PG13) (2:59) SYFY Mon. 6:04 p.m.
Italian Job, The (03) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold. (PG13) (2:30) PAR Mon. 7 p.m.
Little Mermaid, The (89) Disney's Oscar-winning version of the fairy tale. (G) (2:00) FREEFRM Mon. 4:30 p.m.

This Week at Emmetsburg Community Schools featuring a cartoon mascot character.

No School Activities School starts August 23rd

King Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

TUESDAY DAYTIME TV schedule table with columns for time slots from 7 AM to 5:30 PM and rows for various channels like NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, TBS, etc.

Tuesday Movies

Avengers: Age of Ultron (15) The Avengers reassemble to battle a technological villain. (PG13) (2:45) TNT Tue. 7 p.m.
Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (89) Does time-travel to fetch celebrities for a school project. (PG) (2:00) USA Tue. 9:08 p.m.
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part 1 (10) Harry sets out to destroy the secrets to Voldemort's power. (PG13) (3:05) SYFY Tue. 4:56 p.m.
Incredible Hulk, The (08) Bruce Banner faces an enemy known as the Abomination. (PG13) (2:30) FX Tue. 2:30 p.m.
Love on Harbor Island (20) Sparks fly between a woman and a pilot who rescues dogs. (2:00) HALL Tue. 3 p.m.
Monsters University (13) At first rivals, Mike and Sulley became the best of pals. (G) (2:30) FREEFRM Tue. 7:30 p.m.
Pretty Woman (90) An executive plays Pygmalion to a young streetwalker. (R) (3:00) PAR Tue. 7 p.m., Tue. 10 p.m.
Queen & Slim (19) A couple go on the run after one shoots a police officer. (R) (3:00) FX Tue. 7 a.m.
Sing (16) Animals gather at a theater for a singing competition. (PG) (2:30) FREEFRM Tue. 3 p.m.
Taking a Shot at Love (21) Sparks fly between a ballet instructor and a hockey player. (2:00) HALL Tue. 5 p.m.

Weekly SUDOKU

Weekly Sudoku puzzle by Linda Histle, including a 9x9 grid and difficulty level: Moderate Challenging HOO BOY!

Thin skin plagues some officials in Iowa

By Randy Evans, Freedom of Information Council

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

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

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

Some local government officials in Iowa show signs of needing thicker skins, too, because they have tried to silence critics at meetings of city councils and school boards by making comments that he or she is defamatory toward city employees or officials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table with columns for time slots (7 AM to 5:30 PM) and rows for various TV channels (NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, TBS, etc.) listing programs and their descriptions.

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and rows for various TV channels (NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, TBS, etc.) listing programs and their descriptions.

Wednesday Movies

- List of movie titles and descriptions for Wednesday, including 'Avengers: Endgame', 'Matching Hearts', 'Fast Times at Ridgemont High', 'One Perfect Wedding', 'Joe Dirt 2: Beautiful Loser', 'Sing', 'Love at the Shore', and 'You Had Me at Aloha'.

Sports AUTO RACING

- Thursday: 8 p.m. ESPN Auto Racing Superstar Racing Experience.
Friday: 6:25 a.m. ESPN2 Formula 1 Racing Belgium Grand Prix, Practice 1.
9:55 a.m. ESPN2 Formula 1 Racing Belgium Grand Prix, Qualifying.

- Saturday: 9:25 a.m. ESPN2 Formula 1 Racing Belgium Grand Prix, Sprint.
11 a.m. KEYC KPTH3 FIA Formula E Racing Hankook London E-Prix.
2 p.m. KTIV NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Henry 180.
Sunday: 7:55 a.m. ESPN Formula 1 Racing Belgium Grand Prix.
2 p.m. USA NASCAR Cup Series Cook Out 400.

- BASEBALL: Friday, 10 a.m. ESPN Little League Softball Southeast Regional: Championship.
12 p.m. ESPN Little League Softball New England Regional: Championship.
2 p.m. ESPN Little League Softball Central Regional: Championship.
4 p.m. ESPN Little League Softball West Regional: Championship.
6 p.m. ESPN Little League Softball Mid-Atlantic Regional: Championship.
7 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Kansas City Royals.
8 p.m. ESPN Little League Softball Northwest Regional: Championship.

Sports BASKETBALL

- Sunday: 11 a.m. ESPN2 Athletes Unlimited Softball Team Blue vs. Team Purple.
1 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Kansas City Royals.
6 p.m. ESPN MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles.
Tuesday: 6 p.m. TBS MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees.
6:30 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at St. Louis Cardinals.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at St. Louis Cardinals.

- Thursday: 7 p.m. ESPN2 SlamBall Week 2.
10 p.m. ESPN SlamBall Week 2.
Saturday: 11 a.m. ESPN2 The Basketball Tournament Louisville Regional, Third Round: Teams TBA.
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Sunday: 12 p.m. KEYC KPTH3 BIG3 Basketball Week 6.
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8 p.m. ESPN2 The Basketball Tournament Quarterfinal: Teams TBA.
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Weekly SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzle grid with answer key:
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4 1 3 8 2 5 9 6 7
8 5 6 4 7 9 1 2 3
7 4 2 5 9 6 8 3 1
3 9 8 7 4 1 2 5 6
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