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Community State Bank makes \$25,000 Donation for Soper Park Splash Pad



CHECK PRESENTATION- Community State Bank made a \$25,000 donation to the Splash Pad. From L-R are Gretchen Reichter, Megan Jones, Clark Cunningham, Corey Gramowski, Kim Kibbie, Tony Brugman, Pat Martini, and Brian Malm. -Drew Hansen Photo

The City of Emmetsburg has officially launched fundraising efforts for the Emmetsburg splash pad, to be constructed at Soper Park this summer. Community State Bank has made a splash in Emmetsburg by jumpstarting the fundraising campaign with a generous \$25,000 donation. "The City is very grateful Community State Bank chose to support the splash pad project," said City Administrator Kim Kibbie.

After exploring multiple site options, the City of Emmetsburg has selected Soper Park as the official location of the splash pad. The splash pad will be approximately 2,500 square feet, plus overflow and seating areas. It will include a larger 1,800 SF family-friendly splash zone and a smaller 700 SF toddler-friendly splash zone. In addition to in-ground spray components, the Soper Park splash pad will have ten interactive above-ground water features. These include rotating turtles, a gentle fish, shooting seaweed, spraying cattails, twirling sales, a streaming leaf, and an "Astra" raining overhead feature sponsored by Community State Bank.

The splash pad project is estimated to cost \$585,000, including all above-ground water features, site amenities, and landscaping. The City has set aside approximately \$350,000 in grant funds from Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation and aims to raise \$200,000 locally to complete the project. The City plans to approve bid specs and accept bids this spring. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer and be completed in late summer or fall.

The City of Emmetsburg has partnered with Emmetsburg Community Development Corporation to raise funds for the splash pad project. We need your help to make this project a reality. The City would love to

put a permanent stamp on this project with your company or family name to recognize your financial support. Every contribution counts whether big or small. Tax-deductible donations may be dropped off at Emmetsburg City Hall, 2021 Main Street, or mailed to ECDC, Attn: Splash Pad, PO Box 417, Emmetsburg, IA 50536. Checks may be payable to ECDC.

Additional information about the splash pad project may be found at www.emmetsburg.com/splash-pad. For in-kind donation inquiries or corporate sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kim Kibbie, City Administrator at 712-852-4030.

Scenes from the 2024 Easter Egg Hunt



SACKS READY - These youngsters had fun finding Easter eggs and also the candy strewn on the lawn. Iowa Lakes Community College once again hosted the Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday which was well attended. -Diane Weiland photo



EASTER EGG HUNT AGE CATEGORIES - In order to make sure all of the kids find candy and eggs, ILCC has everyone wait in their kids' age category. The lines are sent out in various directions to accommodate all of the children. -Diane Weiland photo

Palo Alto County Pony Express Riders Raise over 8,000

by Diane Weiland
On Good Friday the Palo Alto County Pony Express Riders made a stop in eight area communities to raise dollars for Easterseals' Camp Sunnyside. Each year this ride is a fundraiser that provides opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to experience the fun and joy of camp life. There are day camps and the traditional overnight camping event. Around noon last Friday, the horse trailers and support vehicles could be seen entering Emmetsburg from the west.

Traffic came to a halt until trailers were in place, some of the horses were disembarked by their owners and the stop in the middle of the road between 10th and 11th Streets was set to receive donations from drivers passing by. The total raised locally by the Ride was \$8,551.76. The following are the community totals: Ayrshire, \$172.12 - Curlew, \$140.00 - Emmetsburg, \$913.00 - Graettinger, \$460.80 - Mallard, \$161.00 - Ruthven, \$514.00 - West Bend, \$712.82 and Whittemore, \$219.03.



PONY EXPRESS FUNDRAISER - Numerous youth and parents rode their horses during the Pony Express fundraiser. Pictured at right is Brandi Allen and at left is her daughter. The support for Easterseals Camp Sunnyside is extraordinary. -Diane Weiland photo



MOMS, DADS & GRANDPARENTS - These family members are helpful in pointing out where the eggs and candy are located for the little ones. The ILCC Easter Egg Hunt is a very friendly family event. -Diane Weiland photo



TRANSFER STATION BUILDING PROGRESS - Work on the new Transfer Station continues. The new bay for trailers was framed at the end of last week. The ground to the left shows the imprint of the previous bay. -Drew Hansen photo



HORSE TRAILERS LINE-UP - The Palo Alto County Pony Express came to town on Good Friday for their annual fundraiser. The trailers formed a line down Broadway to remind drivers to consider a donation. -Diane Weiland photo



THIRD GRADE CLASS SHOWS OFF THEIR STILL LIFE ART WORK - The paintings were on display as part of the Second-Fourth Grades Spring Concert last Thursday. The art work was a great accompaniment to the Concert. -Diane Weiland photo

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Emmetsburg Arts Council Activities

The Emmetsburg Arts Council is honored to again host The Many Voices Choir. Many people have been looking forward to hearing the Choir again since last year's concert. The Choir will be performing at the United Methodist Church in Emmetsburg on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:30 pm. The public is invited to attend.

Many Voices Choir is a volunteer choir comprised of approximately 40-60 singers from Northwest Iowa with Tim Schumacher, Conductor and DJ Gommels, Accompanist.

The Spring Concert will be providing a mixture of songs, including Broadway hits, gospel, jazz, and patriotic numbers. There will be a free-will offering.

Many Voices Choir will also be providing three other concerts. Two concerts will be in Estherville at the Janice Lund Auditorium on the ILCC campus. The April 19, 7:30 pm concert will feature the ILCC choir, the Estherville HS choir, and the Many Voices Choir together. The April 27, 7:30 pm concert will be the Many Voices Choir alone. The concert at Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church will be on April 26, 7:30 pm.

Through the years, the Choir has grown in artistic quality and has earned the accolades of audiences everywhere. Currently, Emmetsburg citizens Steve and Mary Lou Morrison and Diane Geerts are members.

The Arts Council will be changing the Art Wall at the Shores on Five Island Lake on Thursday, April 4, 2024, from 10 am to

12 noon to a new theme called "Bring Your Best". Artists are invited to bring their works of art for display. If you are interested, please contact The Shores (712-852-3422) or Lou Ann Huberty (712-852-2334) for the specifications of the artwork.

The Palo Alto Arts Council has enjoyed showing classic films at the Riviera Theatre in Emmetsburg over the past 7 years. We thank both Greg and Steve Hoyman for understanding the value of keeping a theater open in town. However, across the nation, small theaters are struggling and losing money due to Covid, the writers' strike, streaming services, and a smaller number of big box office films. The loss has become substantial.

The Riviera Theatre is no different. A Friends of the Riviera Fund has been established at the Emmetsburg Development Corporation so the community can support this effort. Here's how YOU can help the Theater: Make a contribution to the Friends of the Riviera Fund. All donations of \$250 or more will be recognized on the screen at the theater.

• Leave a free-will donation or check at the theater box office of any amount.

• Or, for tax-deductible donations of \$250 or more, write a check to the Emmetsburg Community

Development Corporation, designating the Riviera Theatre on the check. Mail the check to Emmetsburg City Hall, 2021 Main Street, Emmetsburg, 50536.

Palo Alto County Extension and Outreach Office Offering Books



by Katie Nelson

The Iowa State Extension and Outreach's mission is to build a strong Iowa by engaging all Iowans in research, education, and extension experiences to address current and emerging real-life challenges. The vision of ISU Extension and Outreach is to advance land-grant values by engaging all Iowans in solving today's problems and preparing for a thriving future.

The Palo Alto County Extension and Outreach will be celebrating Iowa State Extension and Outreach Week during April 15-19. The community is invited to stop by the Extension Office Tuesday-Thursday April 16-18 from 9-4 for coffee and refreshments. Extension is also offering a selection of older books for free will donation, as well as old Historian books from 4-H clubs around the county.

A sample of titles was revealed in an earlier article. The following are additional titles.

The older books include the Iowa Book of Agriculture 1952-1953 (1954) by the Iowa State Department of Agriculture; the National 4-H Song Book (1954) by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club; Our Soils and their Management (1955) by Roy L.

Donahue; Wate – The Yearbook of Agriculture 1955 (1955) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; Animal Diseases – The Yearbook of Agriculture 1956 (1956) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; The Operation, Care and Repair of Farm Machinery – 28th Addition (1957) by John Deere Moline, ILL; Soil – 1957 Yearbook of Agriculture (1957) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; Land – The 1958 Yearbook of Agriculture (1958) by the U.S. Government Printing Office (two copies); Food – The Yearbook of Agriculture 1959 (1959) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; Power to Produce – The Yearbook of Agriculture 1960 (1960) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; Seeds – The Yearbook of Agriculture 1961 (1961) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; The Effects of Nuclear Weapons (1962) by the Dept. of the Army; Structure and Properties of Organic Compounds (1962) by Noller; After a Hundred Years – The Yearbook of Agriculture 1962 (1962) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; A Place to Live – The Yearbook of Agriculture 1963 (1963) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; Farmer's World – The Year of Agriculture 1964 (1964) by the U.S.

Government Printing Office; Plant and the Ecosystem – Fundamentals of Botany Series (1964) by W. D. Billings; Consumers All – The Yearbook of Agriculture 1965 (1965) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; Poultry Production (1966) by Leslie E. Card and Malden C. Nesheim; Protecting Our Food – The Year of Agriculture 1966 (1966) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; Outdoors – U.S.A. The Yearbook of Agriculture 1967 (1967) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; Science for Better Living – The Yearbook of Agriculture 1968 (1968) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; Miss Patch's Learn-to-Sew Book (1969) by Carolyn Meyer; Boundary, Controls and Legal Principles (1969) by Curtis M. Brown, H. Frederick Landgraf and Francois Uzes; Contours of Change – The Yearbook of Agriculture 1970 (1970) by the U.S. Government Printing Office; Wyman's Gardening Encyclopedia (1971) by Donald Wyman; New Edition Wiring Simplified (1971) by H.P. Richter; and A Good Life for More People – The Yearbook of Agriculture 1971 (1971) by the U.S. Government Printing Office. Another sample of titles will be featured next week.

The Palo Alto County Extension Office can be found at 2008 10 St. in Emmetsburg.

Deb Kibbie's Retirement After Four Decades of Hairstyling



DEB KIBBIE RETIRES – Pictured is the 2-person team at Ken's Hairstyling. At left is Deb Kibbie who is retiring after 41 years taking care of customers. At right is Ken Lang who will continue to keep his shop open on a part-time basis. The come and go retirement party for Deb was well attended.

by Diane Weiland
Deb Kibbie recently made the decision to retire from her occupation as hair dresser for many in Emmetsburg and the area. Last Friday, despite the rain numerous clients, friends and family members stopped at Ken's Hair Styling to wish Deb well as she enters a new stage of her life.

It was four decades ago that Deb graduated from La James Beauty School in Mason City. It was there that she learned the principles of Cutting, Coloring and Styling hair. Upon completing the program, she returned to Emmetsburg. Deb recalls it was about one week

later that a friend told her that Ken Lang was seeking another hairdresser. She went for an interview and was hired. She shared that growing up her haircuts, etc were always at Ken's. It was where she always wanted to work. Ken clearly remembers hiring Deb because it was the same day that his wife Jane gave birth to their son Mike.

Deb has enjoyed her work over the years. She always kept up with trends and maintained her license through continuing education. She stated that it seems hair trends resurface about every ten years. She had a number of loyal customers that now have to seek another

stylist. Deb stated, "People like to find a hair dresser that they are comfortable with and will keep their hair looking nice." She added, "I think they study hair dressers more than they would a heart surgeon."

Through the last 41 years there have been additional hair dressers that she worked with in the shop. She named Dorothy Graff and Laurie Forry. Sometimes others had to quit because of sore hands and/or feet.

Deb has enjoyed working with Ken. She considers him her friend not just her boss. She has had a very good career in a place that she wanted to be.

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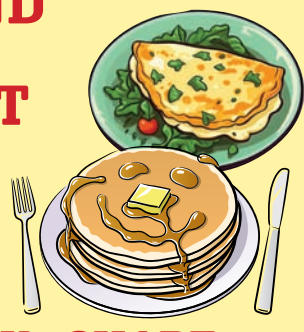
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A Look at Local Government

City Council Holds Public Hearing Auditor for Property Tax Levy

The City Council held their regularly scheduled meeting at The Shores Monday evening to accommodate members of the public. No one was present for the Public Hearing pertaining to the new property tax levy. The Council followed the 2023 Legislator's requirements concerning the public hearing. This included the Palo Alto County Auditor's office notifying all property owners by mailing a statement of the proposed property tax changes and of the public hearing date. This also required a separate Council meeting.

After 15 minutes passed between the Public Hearing and the regular Council meeting the Council was called to order at

6p.m. The Council passed a motion regarding an Ordinance to Amend Section 106.06 of the City Code Relating to Solid Waste Collection fees on May 13, 2024. During the budget planning session there was discussion about a 3% rate increase to cover increased costs of supplies and the county transfer fees. A public hearing on the increase will be held. An increase could go into effect by July 1, 2024.

The Council approved setting a public hearing for the adoption of the FY 2024-25 budget. This will consist of a joint meeting with EMU on April 22, 2024.

Matt Pugh was approved for hire as a Public Properties

Crewman. Approval was also made to appoint Dave Wiley to the Airport Commission.

With summer months approaching City Administrator Kim Kibbie asked the Council to consider changing the City Council meeting time to 5:00p.m. She added that it could be on a trial basis. The Council unanimously voted to proceed with the recommendation. The 5:00 meeting time will begin with the next Council meeting.

Two Class C Retail Alcohol Licenses were approved. One was for the Wild Rose Casino & Resort-Casino Floor and the second one was for Outdoor Service for Wild Rose.

Supervisors Address Issues Ranging from Committee Reports & Public Health to Assistant County Attorney Hire

by Diane Weiland

In addition to the Supervisors present, Supervisor Faulstick and several Vestas Wind representatives were available by phone.

Committee Reports was first on the agenda Tuesday. Supervisor Wirtz reported on the Iowa Drainage Ditch Association meeting held last week in the Board's meeting room. Most of the agenda items were generic. He stated that a Senator proposed a bill in the Legislature that would have changed the drainage code. It did not make the legislative funnel.

Supervisor Solberg told the Board that Clint Young had contacted him about a soft spot on the chip seal on 450th Street. Walter Davis-Oeth will assess the spot. Supervisor Graettinger reported that Upper Des Moines in Estherville was approached by a Day Care Center that wanted to purchase a parcel of land 175'x8' to provide a play ground for kids. Upper Des Moines was going to check into a lease option.

Board Chairperson Merrill shared that he and Auditor Moser took part in a Zoom meeting for Care Connections. Their fund balance is \$342,000. The law enforcement liaison with Kossuth County has had good success. There have been 759 interactions in 150 days. This saved 790 sheriff department hours. 50% of the calls were mental health related.

During Public Comment Mark Weisbrod reported that the Cylinder Creek had been dammed up and now there is water running into his fields. The Supervisors decided to refer him to Jim Hudson for ad-

vice.

Leon Wojahn was at the meeting to express his concerns about whether a windmill on his property will adversely affect his son's sheep operation.

Sharon Neighbor asked why there were only transmission maps located throughout the county towns. There were no setback maps in Graettinger, Ruthven, Curlew and Ayshire. Aletha King stated that she took the Emmetsburg one to give to the engineer. Jim Neighbor pointed out that there were several new Met Towers on the maps. "Will these be permanent he asked." A Vestas representative answered that they would be permanent. He indicated that only two or three would actually be built. They are used to make sure they are in compliance of all code wind data. It helps them verify that the wind information is turning out accurate readings.

Sharon then asked the Board if they had read the health concern packets that were given to each of the Supervisors in an early meeting of the project. She implored the Board to read it before they make their final approval for the wind project.

Neil Dahlquist reminded the Supervisors that at one of the last CO2 meetings the Supervisors had there were two women who threatened the Board. He applauded Supervisor Solberg for his response that evening in favor of the landowners. He went on to say that there should not be eminent domain for a private company. He also pointed to three years ago at a meeting where it was stated that there was no justification for wrecking the land. He contin-

ued, "As Friends of the Court you can say we don't want this." He went on to say that there could be more setbacks. He wanted to know how using 58million gallons of water each year was going to affect the local water sources. "No one has brought that up and you as a Board need to condemn that water use," Dahlquist stated.

In other business, Roberta Hersom, representing Extension Council attended to renew the Extension lease. Her only change was for the lease to be for five years instead of three. Supervisor Solberg moved to approve the lease as stated. It was seconded by Supervisor Faulstick. All voted in favor. Hersom said that she would get a copy of the building insurance coverage to the Board. Hersom also told the Board that they were getting ready for the remodeling project. Telephone lines have had to be moved downstairs.

She was followed by Sarah Strohmman from Public Health. She asked the Board to sign the proclamation stating that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Palo Alto County.

Before a motion was made, she quoted that 71 reports were made in the county. 24 of them were forwarded and it was determined that 38 children were being abused.

She went on to say that Mental Health was the culprit in most of the cases. "Those abusing probably experienced abuse in their youth," she said. She reminded the Board that Public Health's Growing Healthy Program works with families to raise healthy children. Super-

visor Solberg made a motion to proclaim April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It was seconded by Supervisor Wirtz and passed unanimously. Board Chairperson signed the proclamation.

Walter Davis-Oeth asked for approval of changes made to the Personnel Policy Manual. Auditor Moser added that these changes had to do with military leave and vacation leave. Supervisor Graettinger made the motion to approve the changes. It was seconded by Supervisor Wirtz and all voted in favor.

Before he exited the meeting Walter informed the Board that this week secondary roads were doing motor grader training. He thought it was helpful last year and he wanted to do a follow-up. A pre-construction meeting for the five-mile Fenton Road project will be held on April 16. He assured the Board that his department can fix the 350th Street chip seal soft spot. He pointed out that overall the chip seal is holding up well.

Sheriff John King updated the Board on the Law Enforcement Center. Currently meals are being provided by PACHS at a cost of \$5 each. The kitchen will soon be hooked up with all appliances and meals will then be made on site.

There are a few other items that have had to be redone but all is being taken care of.

The jail is averaging seven inmates per day. An inmate from Pocahontas was held for 35 days, another one was held for 20 days and one from Webster County was held 17 days. Those stays cost the other counties \$40 - \$50 per day.

County Attorney Anne Quail

asked the board to approve her request to Advertise, Hire and Appoint an Assistant County Attorney. This was brought up at last week's meeting. After some discussion Supervisor Graettinger moved to introduce a resolution to advertise for an assistant county attorney. Supervisor Solberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The final agenda item involved attorney Bill Hannegan. His first comment to the Board was that he remembered the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors at the Supreme Court five years ago. He stated, "I want to keep you out of the courts." He is in the process of preparing a letter for the Board's approval that will eventually be forwarded to the Lost Island Wind Project regarding their application. He mentioned that the parcels that already have been signed with an easement have to be individually read and reviewed. Aletha King has been doing that as part of the Zoning Board. She commented that she has seen some incongruity in the easements and that the list she has doesn't match all of the filings."

Hannegan brought up that a decision had to be made regarding the decommissioning of the wind turbines. Either a bond or a letter of credit will be needed. He also commented that there should be some sort of periodic review of the costs.

On Friday of this week Hannegan will deliver the letter for the Board and give further directions to Aletha.

Ensure Your Farm Meets Conservation Compliance

FSA Update by Lisa Forburger

The term "sodbusting" is used to identify the conversion of land from native vegetation to commodity crop production after December 23, 1985. As part of the conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, if you're proposing to produce agricultural commodities (crops that require annual tillage including one pass planting operations) on land that has been determined highly erodible and that has no crop history prior to December 23, 1985, that land must be farmed in accordance with a conservation plan or system that ensures no substantial increase in soil erosion.

Eligibility for many USDA programs requires compliance with a conservation plan or system on highly erodible land (HEL) used for the production of agricultural commodities. This includes Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan, disaster assistance, safety net, price support, and conservation programs; Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conservation programs; and Risk Management Agency (RMA) Federal crop insurance.

Before you clear or prepare areas not presently under production for crops that require annual tillage, you are required to file Form AD-1026

"Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification," with FSA indicating the area to be brought into production. The notification will be referred to NRCS to determine if the field is considered highly erodible land. If the field is considered HEL, you are required to implement a conservation plan or system that limits the erosion to the tolerable soil loss (T) for the predominant HEL soil on those fields.

In addition, prior to removing trees or conducting any other land manipulations that may affect wetlands, remember to update form AD-1026, to ensure you remain in compliance with the wetland conservation provisions.

Prior to purchasing or renting new cropland acres, it is recommended that you check with your local USDA Service Center to ensure your activities will be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the Palo Alto County FSA Office at 712-852-3386 or the Emmet County FSA Office at 712-262-7221.

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Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Levy for FY25

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors convened for a second meeting on Tuesday of this week. They met at 1:00p.m. for the Public Hearing on the proposed Tax Levy for FY25. Four Supervisors, Chairperson Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz and Ron Graettinger were present. Absent was Roger Faulstick.

Citizens present included Kent Banwart, Randy Loomis, Kirby Sampson and Mike Orton. Board Chairperson Merrill called the meeting to order and opened the hearing. Auditor Moser along with the Board explained the new budget statement required by HouseFile718. Copies of the proposed tax levy were pro-

vided. Those present were asked to comment. Some proceeded to do that.

At 1:31p.m. Supervisor Graettinger made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. It was seconded by Supervisor Wirtz. All voted in favor.

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The Week Ahead • Community Calendar

THURSDAY April 4	FRIDAY April 5	SATURDAY April 6	SUNDAY April 7	MONDAY April 8	TUESDAY April 9	WEDNESDAY April 10	THURSDAY April 11
<p>2 p.m. Tea-Time Cinema at the Emmetsburg Public Library.</p>	<p>3:45 - 5 p.m. Pokémon Club meets at the Emmetsburg Public Library, Room 14</p> <p>5 - 6:30 p.m. "TCG Mania" at the Emmetsburg Public Library</p>	<p>5 p.m. Benefit Auction and meal for Shona Huntley at the VFW in Emmetsburg. Shona has worked as a nurse at PACHS. She has suffered several strokes, most recently February 16th. She has been unable to work since October, 2023. An account has been opened in Shona Huntley's name at Iowa Trust & Savings Bank. For more information, contact Joe Horst at 712-298-8450.</p>	<p>10:30 a.m. Emmetsburg Movie Emmetsburg Preschool Storytime</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Games with the Horizons Members at the Family Life Center 711 Broadway</p> <p>3:45 - 5:00 p.m. Emmetsburg Public Library "Creative Writing Club" Come enjoy writing prompts and tips for becoming a better writer! For 5th grade and up.</p> <p>5 p.m. VFW Bingo begins again. Light supper available at 6:20. Early bird begins at 6:30 with regular bingo at 7P</p>	<p>10:30 a.m. Popcorn-Time Movie Emmetsburg Public Library, Room 17.</p> <p>7 p.m. Emmetsburg Public Library Hedda! A Musical Conversation. Join us for a one-woman musical on the iconic, Hollywood gossip columnist, actress, and political pundit starring Jillann Gabrielle! This performance is free and open to the public.</p>	<p>11:00 a.m. Emmetsburg Public Library Toddler-time</p> <p>2 p.m. Emmetsburg Public Library Let's Chat: Mental Health and Substance Abuse</p> <p>3:45 - 5 p.m. Emmetsburg Public Library "LEGO Club"</p> <p>Tops Club is held at the Emmetsburg Chamber of Commerce. Weigh in @ 4:30. Meeting from 5:00-5:30P.</p>	<p>2 p.m. Tea-Time Cinema at the Emmetsburg Public Library.</p> <p>5 p.m. Emmetsburg Public Library Babytime!</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Emmetsburg Public Library Toddler-time!</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Emmetsburg Public Library Albert Einstein</p> <p>Duffy Hudson is back with his one-man show of Albert Einstein! Imagine Albert Einstein explains the Theory of Relativity, in a FUN, EXCITING way, without mathematics or a knowledge of physics required. This program is free and open to the public.</p>	

National Day of April 4

National Burrito Day - Can you imagine a time where burritos didn't exist? Celebrate today's holiday with us by eating as many burritos as you want. We're not here to judge.

National Hug a Newspaper Day - Warm up those hugging muscles because we're showing our appreciation for newspeople in a big way.

International Carrot Day - Shake off the dirt and wear your best orange on this International Carrot Day.

Jeep 4x4 Day - Rev those engines and hit an off-road trail, it's National Jeep 4x4 Day.

National Alcohol Screening Day - Let's say no to alcohol, and yes to a healthy body and mind. Let's take action!

National Cordon Bleu Day - This dish comes conferred with the highest honor, join us in paying homage!

National Walk Around Things Day - Vague but also compelling, right? We circle back to how this day may have started.

School Librarian Day - School librarians are invaluable as they inculcate the habit of reading and lifelong learning.

Tell a Lie Day - There are certain times when lying is acceptable, Tell A Lie Day is one of those times.

Vitamin C Day - Vitamin C is good for us. But how, exactly? Read on to learn more.

This is Your Page

From The Sports Desk

Drew Hansen



John Fisher vs the City of Oakland: Oakland's (Potentially) Final Stand Against Greed

Major League Baseball is back and it has been an eventful opening week. The Houston Astros (at the time of me writing this) are sitting at a winless 0-4 record. The Arizona Diamondbacks scored 14 runs in their third inning of their opening day game and clobbered the Colorado Rockies 16-1. The Minnesota Twins' ace Pablo Lopez picked up right where he left off and dominated the Royals on opening day. One story from opening week that was like a gold mine for me was the organized protest put on by the fans in Oakland.

wanted to move the team to Las Vegas. Fans in Oakland aren't happy about it and they showed on opening day. The announced crowd at the Coliseum was 13,522 (which is an absolutely abysmal number on opening day in and of itself), but there were not that many people inside. A's fans instead had a parking lot party. Many wore shirts that said simply "Sell" in reference to their want of John Fisher to sell the team. Reports said the fans were throwing things at pictures of Fisher. It was just another beautiful act of protest by the Oakland Faithful. Their next three games saw no more than 6,000 fans in the stadium, a clear indicator that attendance will once again drop

this year. The fans are done with the corrupt, money-hungry loser. But for whatever reason, the City of Oakland isn't done with that same corrupt, money-hungry loser. We know that as of right now, the A's are homeless after the 2024 season due to the fact that their contract with the Coliseum is up. On Sunday, news broke that the City of Oakland and the Coliseum has extended an offer to keep the A's in Oakland until the stadium in Las Vegas is complete. In the document obtained by ESPN and KGO-TV in San Francisco, it stated that the new contract would be a five-year deal with an opt-out after three

years. It would cost the A's 97 million dollars. The city is also calling for John Fisher to drop the Athletics name and colors when the move to Vegas is complete, as well as calling on the MLB to guarantee them an expansion team in the future. These guys are trying to deal with the devil, and I respect them for it. Evidently the A's have been in talks with both Sacramento and Salt Lake City about a three year stint to hold them over until their new home is built, and the way I understand it, Sacramento is the front runner to land this mess of an organization for those three years.

WE'RE INTO APRIL AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?



Letter to the Editor

The Annual Meeting of Palo Alto County Council on Aging will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 12:20 p.m. at the Multipurpose Center at 2008 11th St, Emmetsburg, Iowa. We would love to see interested members of the Palo Alto County community at the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to become a director, just call 712-852-3350 and we will get information from you to become a director in May.

I would like to invite the citizens of Palo Alto County to an opportunity to help support the Multipurpose Center. We are in need of persons willing to donate time to a worthwhile organization by becoming a director of the Palo Alto County Council on Aging Board. The Council's only purpose is to support the Multipurpose (Senior) Center.

The Board meets once a month for approximately one hour to discuss center news, plans for the future, improvements for the Multipurpose Center, and upcoming fundraisers. We would like to have a representative from all towns in Palo Alto County.

Contact our Center Manager, Connie Schubert, at 712-852-3350 or Diana Elbert at 712-852-2659 if you are interested in joining us. You can become part of a group that enjoys working together to make the Center a better place for members of the Palo Alto County Community.

If you are 18 years old or older, we encourage you to become a member of Palo Alto County Council on Aging and join us in supporting the Multipurpose Center.

Diana Elbert, President
Palo Alto County Council on Aging
852-2659

ABI's Quarterly Survey Unveils Shifting Landscape in Q2 2024

The results of the latest Quarterly Survey from the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) shed light on the strategies and priorities of industry leaders amidst a fluctuating business environment in the second quarter of 2024. The survey was sent to the ABI board of directors in early March.

Key highlights include:
• Sales Projections: A significant portion of respondents (50%) anticipate stability in sales.

• Employment Outlook: Most respondents (53%) expect to maintain their current number of employees, while others anticipate being able to add to their workforce. Attracting talent, as well as retaining and upskilling current employees will remain a priority.

• Capital Expenditures: More than 50% of respondents intend

to make capital expenditures in the upcoming quarter, demonstrating a continued focus towards investment in infrastructure, technology, and other strategic assets.

Respondents also shared insight on areas from federal regulations to supply chain reorganization.

"The findings from ABI's latest Quarterly Survey provide valuable insights into the views of Iowa business leaders," said Mike Ralston, ABI President. "As businesses of all sizes navigate through the challenges and opportunities, the state's continued measured approach to tax and regulatory reform will help provide certainty to Iowa employers."

For previous survey results, resources for manufacturers and events, including an upcoming automation summit, visit www.iowaabi.org.

The Rowley Report as the Legislature Finishes Business

by Senator Dave Rowley
Last week was extremely busy with debate as well as advancing the Governor's appointees out of standing committees. I am also in the process of reviewing the appropriation budget bills that relate to the total state budget, and more specifically, the Administration and Regulations appropriations for state departments and agencies. These bills are being worked on and will be going to the floor soon for debate and passage. The legislature's goal is to conclude sine die on April 16th, which is our 100th day. On Thursday Senate Republicans released their total general fund spending goal for next FY 2025. The general fund target is \$8.872 billion. This is a 3.74% increase over FY 2024. The budget includes an increase of \$223.2 million dollars in new money for K-12 education. This is nearly a quarter of a billion dollars of new money including \$172 million in funding for K-12 schools as a result of the 2.5% State Supplemental Aid. It also includes a new minimum starting teacher pay approved earlier this week in HF 2612. There is also an additional \$51.25 million in new money for ESAs (Education Savings Account) for the total of \$223.2 million. Let's breakdown the bill, House File 2612, that the Republican majority passed and was signed into law by Governor Reynolds. Under the bill, the minimum teacher salary is raised to \$47,500 in the first year. Then next year the minimum teacher salary will be increased to \$50,000. For teachers who have 12 years of experience the minimum salary is \$60,000 in the first year and \$62,000 in the following years. For education this boost in salaries is the largest increase for teachers in the history of Iowa. This increase in pay

positions Iowa as the fifth highest in the nation for teacher salaries. While in debate Senate Republicans were accused once again of "underfunding" education but I would argue that the facts clearly get in the way. This year our state spending on education will be approximately \$3.8 billion for Iowa's public schools. AEA reform was also a part of the final version of HF 2612. The AEA portion of this bill empowers local schools with new options, and a significant increase in local control over funding for special education, media, and education services. It was a compromise between the Senate, the House, and Governor Reynolds and it was heavily debated. Throughout the debate no one questioned the AEA's expertise and professionalism in providing vital services for Iowa students needing special education. This coming year AEAs will retain full flow-through funding amounts for special education support services as they have for the last several decades. AEAs will receive 40% of the funding for media and educational services in the first year. In year two, 100% of media and educational services funding will stay with the local school districts. However, school districts have the option to continue using AEAs for those services. School districts also have the opportunity to consider other options, to provide the best services for their teachers and students. In year two school districts will receive all of the special education funds but be required to spend at least 90% with the AEA. The goal of reform in this area is to get more out of the services provided to those students who need it. To build on these services in a more collaborative manner by improving accountability and transparency.

Treasurer Smith Encourages Iowans to Search Their Name and Find Green this Spring

State Treasurer Roby Smith is springing into April by encouraging Iowans to search for their name in the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt, Iowa's only legitimate unclaimed property source. "New properties are always being added to our database and in the past six months we've added \$50.7 million and 380,377 names," stated Smith. "The goal of Great Iowa Treasure Hunt is to get that money back into the hands of rightful owners. By searching your

name, you could be seeing green this spring." Each year, millions of dollars are turned over after financial institutions and businesses lose contact with the owner. The State Treasurer's Office safeguards these assets through the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt program until they are reunited with their rightful owner. "You can search any time to see if you or someone you know has cash to claim," Smith added. "Even if you've searched and

claimed in the past, check our website again. It's more prevalent than one may think to lose track of your money or assets. Spring is the start of new beginnings and connecting Iowans with their unclaimed property is always our goal. Currently, my office is holding more than \$532 million in unclaimed funds for past and present Iowans to claim."

Common examples of unclaimed property include dormant checking and savings accounts, uncashed checks, utility refunds, lost stocks, life insurance policies and contents from abandoned safe deposit boxes. To date, Great Iowa Treasure Hunt has returned over \$363 million to more than one million individuals. To see if you have unclaimed property in Iowa, visit GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov. Connect with the Treasurer on Facebook, Instagram and X to stay up-to-date on all areas of the office.

HF2664 Regarding Eminent Domain Passes in the House of Representatives

Sierra Club Iowa Chapter applauds Iowa Representatives for amending and passing HF2664 last week. The bill levels the playing field for landowners throughout the eminent domain process by creating a declaratory order process and removing bonding requirements for appeals of the IUB final order.

The bill now heads to the Senate for consideration. Sierra Club Iowa Chapter and landowners impacted by the carbon pipelines called on Senator Whitver and Senator Brown to stand with 78% of Iowans who oppose eminent domain for carbon pipelines and pass the bill. HF2664 would allow landowners who are subject to eminent domain requests by carbon dioxide pipeline companies to challenge the legitimacy of those requests in court earlier in the permit proceedings. The bill was approved by a bipartisan, 86-7 vote.

Representative Steven Holt, R-Denison said the following about the vote. "This legislation simply allows both

landowners and companies the opportunity to have declaratory judgment up front on the constitutionality of an eminent domain request, before precious time and money are wasted. It would allow landowners a little peace of mind, getting to know up front the validity of an eminent domain request so that they would plan accordingly, as opposed to waiting and fighting for years, their land in limbo, their futures in doubt, their lives full of tension and fear, while they plead with their elected officials to hear them."

The legislation was opposed by Summit, the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association and several biofuel companies.

The scope of Summit's project has expanded in recent months after another company, Navigator CO2, abandoned a similar proposal. That has led Summit to have agreements signed by most of the ethanol plants that had intended to connect to the Navigator system.

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Opinions in the form of Letters to the Editor are welcomed from readers of The Reporter - Democrat.

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OBITUARY

James "Jim" Manwarren

Funeral services for 74 year old James "Jim" Manwarren of Emmetsburg were held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at First United Methodist Church in Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Burial took place at Evergreen Cemetery in Emmetsburg, Iowa.

James Nicholas Manwarren, son of Robert and Ella (Gillman) Manwarren, was born August 28, 1949 in Emmetsburg, Iowa. He received his education at Emmetsburg Community School.

On December 12, 1970 Jim was united in marriage to Connie Hamrick at the Grace United Methodist Church in Spencer, Iowa. They were blessed with a daughter, Nicole.

Jim worked as a meat cutter for several years before earning his C.N.A. certification. He then went to work at Kathleen's Residential Care facility where he was employed for many years. He later began working at Emerald Oaks and continued his employment there until his retirement a year ago. Jim enjoyed his work very much and was a devoted and conscientious care taker. He was also very active in delivering Meals on Wheels for several years.

Jim enjoyed watching dog and bird shows, going to coffee with the guys and taking rides throughout the countryside. Jim was an avid reader and frequently went to the library. He also enjoyed watching the Vikings and Hawkeye games. Jim loved spending time with his family, especially his granddaughter, Destiny.

What Jim's family will remember is that Jim was a master storyteller, his tales

weaving laughter into every corner of their hearts. He held dear the simplest joys of life, finding richness in cherished memories and the beauty of everyday moments, valuing them far above material possessions.

His carefree spirit, always radiating happiness, showed the true value of living in the moment. Quality time was his currency, investing it generously in those he loved, without concern for the opinions of others. He embraced his authentic self and was always genuine.

In times of need, Jim was a pillar of support, dropping everything to lend a helping hand, especially to his beloved daughter and granddaughter. His empathy knew no bounds, his kindness and patience endless.

With a heart filled with love, he dedicated himself to the service of others, finding joy in both work and caring for those around him. He made everyone feel safe in his presence, a guardian whose warmth and humor lit up every room.

Jim will forever be remembered for his unwavering dependability, his readiness to lend an ear or share a story, his protective embrace, and his infectious sense of humor that brought light to even the darkest of days.

Jim passed away Thursday, March 28, 2024 at his home in Emmetsburg, Iowa, at the age of 74. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ella Manwarren; his brother, Paul Manwarren; brothers-in-law, Bruce Schneider and Harold Piercy; sister-in-law, Nancy Manwarren; and father-in-law and mother-in-law,



James Manwarren Harley and Velma Hamrick.

He is survived by his wife, Connie of Emmetsburg, Iowa; his daughter, Nicole Manwarren (Craig Duhn) of Mason City, Iowa; granddaughter, Destiny Kinyaiya of Mason City, Iowa; brothers, Jerry Manwarren of Flandreau, South Dakota, Bob Manwarren (Peg) of Armstrong, Iowa, and Tom Manwarren of Emmetsburg, Iowa; sisters, Evelyn Schneider of Mallard, Iowa, Barb Schneider (Tony) of Havelock, Iowa, Laura Nelson (Randy) of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Bonnie VanLenning (Hank) of Spirit Lake, Iowa; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Alice Manwarren of Emmetsburg, Iowa, Art Hamrick (Mary) of Spencer, Iowa, Georgia Piercy of Spencer, Iowa and Julie Tuttle (Maynard) of Spencer, Iowa; several nieces and nephews; as well as many other relatives and friends.

"As we bid farewell to Jim, let us carry forward the lessons he taught us through his remarkable life - a life lived with purpose, laughter, and boundless love."

Arrangements by Martin-Mattice Funeral Home martinmatticefuneralhome.com

Kentucky Derby – AuctionFest 2024

by Diane Weiland
The annual Auction Fest that raises funds for the Emmetsburg Catholic School is only one week away. While the Committee has been working hard for the event, the behind the scenes is not as hectic this year. That is due to the event being moved to The Shores. It will save work, time and money. The Ballroom and other spaces will be used for the event.

Val Borman, Chairperson hinted at some of the items that will be available for auction. There are handmade items such as quilts, woodwork and baked goods. Bids for the Silent Auction will be on line. The night of the event bid sheets will be available. The students are involved throughout the set up and auction. The Fifth Grade through

Eighth Grade will move the auction items from the storage at the school to The Shores next week. The Seventh and Eighth Grade classes will set up all of the items for display. Beginning at 7p.m. next Friday a Preview Party will be held and include wine and snacks. On Saturday doors will open at 5p.m.

This year's speaker is Jessica Gappa a graduate of ECS. She lives in Maryland and works globally with people regarding their finances. Auctioneer Joe Gavles will travel from Decora for the event and MOJO will take care of the sound. This year's theme is the Kentucky Derby. Games and the food will reflect that. The Caterer from HillCrest is serving chicken and roast beef and also bourbon meatballs and bourbon shrimp.

April 7-13 is National Library Week & Emmetsburg Public Library will Hold a Celebration Each Day

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. This year National Library Week will be April 7-13. The Emmetsburg Public Library will be celebrating National Library Week with a week full of scheduled events. These are posted as follows.

Monday, April 8: National Library Week will kick off at 9:30 a.m. on Monday morning with sign-ups for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. This program is the library's newest initiative to give our tiniest readers a head start on early literacy. This is an ongoing program, so sign-ups will continue for the life of the program. Every child that signs up on Monday will receive a special welcome kit to get them started on their read-

ing journey.
At 10:30 a.m. there will be the weekly Preschool Storytime. Come enjoy a story, song, and craft with the storytime leader. This is also a great time to sign up your little one for 1,000 Books!

At 6:00 p.m.- Maureen Horsley will be leading a walk and talk tour of the Vandervelede Primitive Cultures Collection. This collection includes artifacts and writings from Marge Vandervelede's time with the Kuna Indians of Panama.

Tuesday, April 9: Popcorn Movie Time occurs every Tuesday at 1 p.m. This week we will be showing Back to the Future. Bring a friend and we'll supply the movie and the popcorn!

At 7 p.m., the library will be hosting Jillann Gabrielle's one-woman show Hedda! A Musical focuses on Hedda Hopper, the

"Plants and Things" New 4-H Club



FROM CUTTINGS TO CROPS – Diane Nelson, the leader of the new 4-H club "Plants and Things," is shown giving a presentation about celery to her club at an organizational meeting. The meeting was held last Wednesday on March 27 in the Palo Alto County Extension Office basement to give members the opportunity to learn more about the content of each meeting. "Plants and Things" aims to help teach members more about plants in a fun and unique way. 4- Hers are still welcome to come to the meeting next month to see if they think the club is a suitable fit for them. The next "Plants and Things" meeting will be held in the Extension Office basement on April 17 at 1:30 p.m. for those interested in attending.

Thursday, April 11:
One of the Emmetsburg Public Library's longest running programs happens on Thursdays at 2 p.m. Tea-Time Cinema presents classic movies with a side of tea! This week's movie will be Amadeus starring F. Murray Abraham and Tom Hulce. 2024 marks the 40th anniversary of this film depicting the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart through the eyes of Antonio Salieri.

At 6:30 p.m., Duffy Hudson is back with his performance of Albert Einstein! Duffy is another familiar face around the library. In the past he has performed as Edgar Allan Poe, Harry Houdini, and Nicola Tesla. All of Duffy's shows are written by Duffy himself. He will be back later in the week to perform a children's magic show.

Friday, April 12:
At 3:45 on Friday, April 12, the Emmetsburg Public Library will hold a Pokemon Tournament. This program is for ages 8 and up. Participants must sign up ahead of time. Decks will be provided.

Saturday April 13:
At 1 p.m.- Duffy Hudson is back with his Children's Magic Show! Duffy's alter ego, Alfredo the Magnificent, will astound you, while YOU are the magician! This program is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome.

The Library hopes to see everyone sometime during National Library Week to celebrate and support the Emmetsburg Public Library. Please call 712-852-4009 with any questions.

John 16:22 "So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy."

Attend The Church of Your Choice This Sabbath

Emmetsburg
NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHAPEL
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Cell 298-0704

Sunday: Family Worship 9:30 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Kollen Queener
Eighth and Broadway
Phone 852-2154
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
No Sunday School in Summer
Wednesday Night Worship:
Small Groups 5:30 p.m.
Supper 6:30 p.m.
Worship 7 p.m.

High School Youth Group 7:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
Pastor John Koopman
Main and Harrison
Phone 852-2367
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
Bible Study: Monday 10 a.m.
Mid-Week Classes (K-8th):
Wednesday after school
Swaddling Clothes:
Second Saturday 9 - 10 a.m.

BETHANY LUTHERAN
Rev. Peter Morlock
7th and Broadway
Office phone 852-4450
Worship 10:30 a.m.
No Sunday School
Holy Communion, first and third
Sunday of Each Month

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN
1304 Main Street
Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study
7 p.m. Thursday

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2219 Main Street
Phone 712-852-2072
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC
Father Paul Kelly, Pastor
Deacon John Rudd
Phone 852-3187
Reconciliation Saturday 3:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass 4 p.m.
Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.
Weekdays -
Wednesday 12:15 p.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.

GRACE CHURCH
Rev. Curtis DeFord
2801 - 17th Street
Office: 852-3933
Sunday: Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Word of Life - Kids Club
(4 years to 6th grade) 6-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Youth Group
(7th through 12th grades) 6 p.m.
Food Pantry First and Third Tuesday
5-6:30 p.m.
Mobile Food Pantry second
Thursday 5-7 p.m. April-Nov.

Depew
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Rev. Duane Miesner
Phone 515-889-2769
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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Ruthven
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1402 Rolling St.
Church 712-837-4623
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Check Facebook: ruthvenumc
for online services

LOST ISLAND LUTHERAN
Rev. Peter Morlock
Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Office: 852-4450

SACRED HEART RUTHVEN
Father Paul Kelly, Pastor
Deacon John Rudd
Reconciliation Sunday 8 a.m.
Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.
(Ends Labor Day)

ZION LUTHERAN
Office: 837-5531
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
No Sunday School

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Rev. Zach Jones
Algona Parish Office: 515-295-3435
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Thursday Mass: 5:30 p.m.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN
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Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study 6:30 a.m.

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Mid-Week Classes (K-8th):
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Worship 10 a.m.

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Friday Mass: 8:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study 6 p.m.
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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Iscariot (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? *Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples*
 3. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? *Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers*
 4. From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? *Peter; Andrew; Thomas; Thaddeus*
 5. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? *Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days*
 6. According to the apostle Paul, more than what number of people saw the risen Christ at one time? *100, 300, 500, 1,000*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) An angel, 3) Disciples, 3) Thomas (called Didymus), 4) 40 days (Acts 1:3), 5) 500 (1 Cor 15:3-8)

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Baby Girl Tinley
 Tinley Helen Thilges arrived at 7:02p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at the Palo Alto County Hospital Birth Center. She weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and measured 19.5 inches long. Baby Tinley is the daughter of Ashley Higgins and Travis Thilges of Fenton, Iowa.

Iowa Ag News

Hogs & Pigs

On March 1, 2024, there were 25.2 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Hogs and Pigs report. Inventory was unchanged from the previous quarter but up 6 percent from the previous year.

The December 2023-February 2024 quarterly pig crop was 5.25 million head, down 3 percent from the previous quarter and down 4 percent from last year. A total of 445,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.80 for the quarter.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 465,000 sows and gilts in the March-May 2024 quarter and 470,000 head during the June- August 2024 quarter.

Monthly Prices

The average price received by farmers for corn during February 2024 in Iowa was \$4.39 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Agricultural Prices report. This was 45 cents below the January price and \$2.44 below February 2023.

The February 2024 average price received by farmers for soybeans, at \$11.70 per bushel, was 90 cents below the January price and \$3.30 below the February 2023 price.

All hay prices in Iowa averaged \$169.00 per ton in February. This was \$7.00 above the January price but \$4.00 below the February 2023 price. The February 2024 alfalfa hay price, at \$175.00, was \$3.00 above the previous month but \$4.00 below February 2023.

The average price received for other hay during February was \$149.00 per ton. This was \$5.00 above the January price but \$3.00 below February last year.

The average price for milk was \$19.00 per cwt, 70 cents above the January price but 60 cents below February 2023.

Grain Stocks

Corn stored in all positions in Iowa on March 1, 2024, totaled 1.42 billion bushels, up 8 percent from March 1, 2023, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Grain Stocks report.

Of the total stocks, 63 percent were stored on-farm. The December 2023 - February 2024 indicated disappearance totaled 667 million bushels, 7 percent below the 719 million bushels from the same quarter the previous year.

Soybeans stored in all positions in Iowa on March 1, 2024, totaled 313 million bushels, up 4 percent from March 1, 2023. Of the total stocks, 46 percent were stored on-farm. Indicated disappearance for December 2023-February 2024 was 147 million bushels, 18 percent below the 180 million bushels from the same quarter the previous year.

Prospective Plantings

Iowa farmers intend to plant 12.8 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2024 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Prospective Plantings Report. This is down 300,000 acres from 2023.

Producers intend to plant 10.2 million acres of soybeans in Iowa this year. This is up 250,000 acres from 2023.

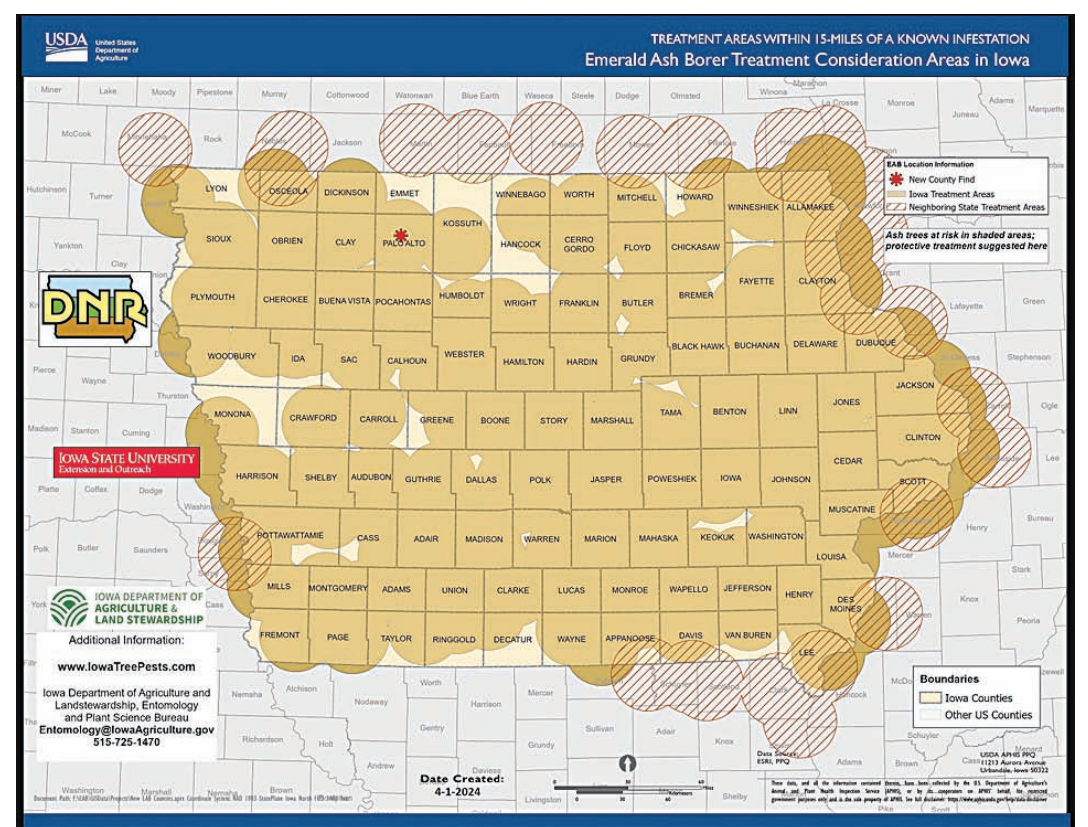
Iowa farmers intend to plant 145,000 acres of oats for all purposes. This is down 45,000 acres from last year.

Farmers in Iowa expect to harvest 1.0 million acres of all dry hay for the 2024 crop year. This is 10,000 acres below last year.

The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2024 planting intentions. NASS's acreage estimates are based primarily on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 71,800 farm operators across the United States with more than 2,600 from Iowa. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers make their final planting decisions.

Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Palo Alto County

Ash tree-killing insect now confirmed in all of Iowa's counties except Emmet



DES MOINES, Iowa (April 1, 2024) – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has confirmed the presence of the emerald ash borer (EAB) in Palo Alto County for the first time. Insect samples were collected in March from an ash tree in Basswood Recreation Area outside of Emmetsburg. Department staff noticed woodpecker damage in an ash tree, which is a symptom of an EAB infestation. The sample was then submitted to USDA for analysis and test results confirmed the presence of EAB.

EAB is a non-native, wood-boring insect threatening all species of ash trees. The adult EAB beetle is approximately one-half inch long and metallic green. The larval stage of this insect tunnels through the wood just beneath the bark of ash trees, cutting off the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. The cumulative damage typically kills a tree within two to four years after becoming infested. Indicators of an infestation may include canopy thinning, leafy sprouts shooting from the trunk or main branches, serpentine ("S"-shaped) galleries under the bark, bark splitting, woodpecker damage, and 1/8-inch D-shaped exit holes.

EAB was unknown to North America until its discovery in southeast Michigan in 2002. The invasive, ash tree-killing insect from Asia has now been found in 36 states. In 2010, EAB was first discovered in Iowa in Allamakee County. Emmet County is now the only remaining county in Iowa without a detection.

Landowners with ash trees on their property should begin to consider a course of action for at risk trees, which are generally those within a 15-mile radius of a known infestation. Landowners and managers can wait and see what happens, remove declining ash trees and replace them with other species, or use preventive insecticide treatments to preserve and protect valuable and healthy ash trees. The best time to treat for EAB is in the spring, from mid-April to mid-May. Insecticides are most effective when the ash tree is actively growing, and uptake is at its peak. Tree service companies can apply insecticide trunk injections through the summer if soil moisture is available.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has produced a publication about EAB treatments. For more information, download .

While EAB travels only short distances on its own, people aid in its long-distance movement. Since this insect can unknowingly hitchhike in firewood, people are reminded to use locally-sourced firewood where it will be burned to keep it from being transported to new areas.

The State of Iowa continues to track the spread of EAB on a county-by-county basis. Before a county can be declared positive, a life stage of the insect must be collected and confirmed. Anyone who suspects an infested ash tree in Emmet County is encouraged to contact one of the following:

- Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, State Entomologist Office, 515-725-1470
- Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Entomology, 515-294-1101
- Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515-725-8200

More information about EAB, including detection maps, is available at iowatreepests.com

Archives: Emmetsburg Democrat – Mar. 28 1974 researched by Kathy Heng

Palo Alto County sheriff's officers say that a camper trailer was stolen at Wally's DX service station in Cylinder sometime between 12:30 and 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

A new physician will soon be joining doctors practicing in Emmetsburg. The following announcement was made this week. "Doctors Carlyle Moore and Lowell O'Connor are pleased to announce the addition of Donald W. Hurlbut M.D. to their firm."

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Birthdays Tidbits:

Your birthday numbers 3, 28 and 1974 reveal that your life path number is 7. Your zodiac sign is Aries with a ruling planet Mars, your birthstone is the Aquamarine, and your birth flower is the Daffodil. Did you know you have taken approximately 368,242,560 breaths since your birth?

Moreover, using 80 beats per minute as average, your heart has beaten over 2,104,243,200 times.

You have also blinked over 447,151,680 times in your lifetime. The number one song in the US on the day of your birth was "Sunshine on My Shoulders" by John Denver. The number one song on your 14th birthday was "Man in the Mirror" by Michael Jackson. Happenings:

Paris is sacked by Viking raiders, probably under Ragnar Lodbrok, who collects a huge ransom in exchange for leaving. Spanish Civil War ends, Madrid falls to Francisco Franco. Cold War: The United States State Department releases the Acheson-Lilienthal Report, outlining

a plan for the international control of nuclear power. Life path number 7 represents analysis, awareness and understanding. You are the searcher and the seeker of the truth. Aries' life pursuit is the thrill of the moment and a secret desire to lead the way for others. People of this zodiac sign like taking on leadership roles, physical challenges, individual sports and dislike inactivity, delays, and work that does not use one's talents. The strengths of this sign are: courageous, determined, confident, enthusiastic, optimistic, honest, passionate, while weaknesses can be to be impatient, moody, short-tempered, impulsive and aggressive. The greatest overall compatibility with Aries are Libra and Leo. The ruling planet of Aries is Mars. This planet symbolizes the principle of assertive drive and energy. People who are born with Mars as the ruling planet have a huge drive, aggression, and competitiveness.

Prairie Burn Near Cylinder



In March, the DNR put out a warning to halt any prairie burns. Last week the weather conditions and moisture were such that a burn was possible. Clint Young took advantage of that window. He worked with the Cylinder Fire Department to burn 40 acres of his prairie near Cylinder Creek. Forty acres were burned in 15 minutes. The smoke could be seen as far away as Emmetsburg. Burns rejuvenate the land and spur more prairie flowers and grasses.

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Renderings for Soper Park Splash Pad



Splash Pad Fundraiser Kicks Off- Community Bank in Emmetsburg has contributed \$25,000 for the Soper Park Splash Pad project. This is a rendering of the Splash Pad. The following is a quote regarding the donation. "Community Bank is pleased to be a major sponsor of the Soper Park Splash Pad" said Clark Cunningham, CEO of Community State Bank. "We strive to support our communities and feel this a great project for Emmetsburg, and we are glad to be a part of it"

Iowa Lakes Lakers Baseball is Underway

Iowa Lakes is looking to flip the script under new head Baseball Coach Chris Witzke. He replaces Danny Acosta who, after three seasons, got the head job at NCAA Division I Maryland Eastern Shore. History has not bode well for Iowa Lakes. The Lakers won just one conference

game during the 2023 season and won just four total games. Additionally, the Lakers didn't make the postseason again last year and haven't won a regional tournament game since 2014.

Headed into the new season, they will turn to Ty Thomson, Jacob Trusner and Brenden

McKelvey. The three are newcomers to the squad this season. According to Chris Witzke these three guys are the key pieces for the Lakers this season.

Ty Thomson is from Council Bluffs, Iowa. He will step in as a left-handed pitcher. Jacob

Trusner comes from Monticello, IL and plays in fielder. Brenden McKelvey will be at first base. He is from Blaine, MN. Iowa Lakers baseball games are scheduled through the first part of May.

Register Today for the Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference

The Iowa State University Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship and America's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Iowa invites veterans, active duty, reserve military, National Guard, military families, and their business partners to join us for the Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference on May 3-4, 2024. Proudly sponsored by Iowa State University Debbie and Jerry Ivy College of Business and the Bergstrom Foundation, this conference provides a supportive environment for exploring entrepreneurship.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in tailored workshops, networking

sessions, and gain access to invaluable resources. Whether you are looking to start your own business, or are already pursuing a business venture, this conference offers something for everyone.

The Center is honored to announce Allen Lazard, NFL player and founder of At the Top for Vets, as the keynote speaker. Lazard's foundation has generously sponsored attendance for veterans, military personnel, their families, and business partners, making this event completely free to attend. Limited spots are available, so don't wait to register!

The conference includes an optional virtual pitch workshop

on April 24, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., in preparation for the two pitch competitions that will take place during the conference on May 3, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

A welcome reception for all attendees will be held on May 3, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. with the main conference taking place on May 4, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Attendees will have the chance to connect with small business resources, on-site advisors, peers, and experts in various fields, ensuring entrepreneurship education and networking opportunities.

Organizations or companies serving veterans that are interested in sponsoring the

conference or want to book an exhibitor table may visit the conference website for information.

For more information regarding the conference for both attendees and sponsors/exhibitors and to register for the event, go to Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference (isupjcenter.org).

Please contact Jean Walsh, Iowa State Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship, 515-294-2776 or info@isupjcenter.org, with further questions.

Those involved look forward to seeing numerous Vets at the Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference!

Treasurer Smith Kicks Off Financial Literacy Month with Fun Resources for All Ages

DES MOINES, Iowa - April is Financial Literacy Month, and State Treasurer Roby Smith is encouraging all Iowans to strengthen their financial education skills.

"There's always something to learn to enhance our financial well-being. This year, my office has been working hard to find resources that are educational

and engaging for Iowans from ages 3 to 103," Smith said. "From book lists to lesson plans to financial calculators to games, there's something for everyone."

As part of the month's celebration, Smith is encouraging parents, guardians and educators to check out the on his website. "I am committed to

providing Iowans with financial information and educational tools," added Smith. "Learning financial skills is for everyone, no matter your age. With lots of fresh activities and resources, we have you covered with topics including saving goals, earnings, borrowing, credit and more. My hope is these resources will help Iowans incor-

porate financial education conversations and skills in a fun and engaging manner."

Join the Treasurer on , and for information about various financial education topics and to stay up-to-date with all areas of the Treasurer's Office.

Men's Final Four

4-6 #1 Purdue vs #11 North Carolina State
4-6 #1 UConn vs #4 Alabama

Women's Final Four

4-5 #1 South Carolina vs #3 North Carolina State
4-5 #1 Iowa vs #3 UConn

Track Meet at Okoboji Cancelled

The E-Hawks first outdoor track meet of the season scheduled for April 2 at Okoboji High School was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Black and Gold Boys will hit the track Friday at Humboldt and the Girls will be in action at Cherokee on Friday. Full list of upcoming E-Hawks events below.

E-Hawk Events

Upcoming Track Meets Upcoming Golf Meets

Friday 4-5 B/V/JV @ Humboldt
Friday 4-5 G/V/JV @ Cherokee
Tuesday 4-9 G/B/V/JV @ Spirit Lake
Thursday 4-11 G/V/JV @ Spencer

Thursday 4-4 B/V/JV @ Five Island GC
Monday 4-8 G/V/JV @ Hillcrest CC
Monday 4-8 B/V/JV @ Five Island GC
Tuesday 4-9 G/V/JV @ Five Island GC
Thursday 4-11 B/G/V.JV @ Newell-Fonda



THE PONY EXPRESS- Horses could be seen throughout Emmetsburg's downtown last Friday at noon. Riders of all ages took part in the annual event to raise dollars for Camp Sunnyside

-Diane Weiland Photo

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RECORDERS AT THE READY- The 4th Graders perform with their recorders at the concert. It was the final number of the show for the 4th Graders

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2024 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade Spring Concert



4TH GRADE— Row 4 Payton Poepe, Hank Rouse, Willow-Mae Burse, Max Smolik, Taci Igou, Liam Jackson, Preslie Malm, Jaden Ward, Aryanna Lewis and Otis Segebarth. Row 3 Landry Joynt, Caitlin Cole, Harper Nelson, Noah Soenen, Aryanna Hedden, Celeste Soenen, Luke Henningsen, Hadley Luchsinger, Gavin Leman, Ava Hagen and Riley Cartee. Row 2 Camden Powell, Emma Miller, Griffin Wilson, John Henningsen, Lilly Wojahn, Gia Curbelo-Ortiz, Johnny Cook, Madison Burns, Owen Thoren and Kathryn Reese. Row 1 Ava Watts, Cash Bay, Eva Kienol, Hype Thornbury, Evelyn Rouse, Jameson Fehr, Ariana Peacock-Schany, Loki Millican, Nora Hokinson and Jayce Ayers.



3rd Grade — Row 3 Eldon King, Max Hamell, Janessa Manwarren, JJ MacRunnel, Noah Haffner, Cenek Hoch, Brielle Luiken, Emma Hansen, Lawton Bohl, Alex Smolik, Asa Rodemeyer, Cora Kilgore, Mason Shirk, Talon Igou, Tinley Howard, Norah Bleuer, Zander Miller, Bennett Mehan, Archer Woodford and Callen Larsen-Wood. Row 2 L-R Kadence Christensen, June Cook, Cole Trick, Oliver Quindel, Aubrey Lampe, Staussi Luiken, Case Montag, Knox Akridge, Conner Shirk, Ty Olson, Ellie Walters, Wrigley Wirtz, Payson Mortenson, Macoy Sidles, Reuben DeSmidt, Nathaniel Helle, Amelia Grethen, Dean Frederick, Shaun Cummings Jr., Alexis Johnson. Row 1 L-R Levi Shirk, Lyric Schneider-Prentice, Abigail Babb-Sandison, Sophia Enderson, Colten Swalve, Aiden Moe, Kennedy Martini, Avery Beenken, Bruce Thilges, Axel Grimm, Lola Caven, Jalee Bauer, Hudson Higgins, Jace Thomsen, Aryah Schoen, Savannah Strohm, Marshall Kathman, Jaxon Graham, Kree Crawford and Sydney Theesfeld.

Second Through Fourth Grade's Spring Concert was Great Entertainment

by Diane Weiland
Last Thursday evening the high school parking lot was full and drivers had to find other spots to park. Hundreds came to see the second, third and fourth graders entertain at their Spring Concert.
This year's Concert was diverse, colorful and some of the numbers required movement. K-8 Music Instructor Laura Gustafson interspersed a variety of genres throughout the recital. Each group performed

five songs.
The second graders were the first ones on stage. They sang four songs which included one that had students stating their favorite animal in Spanish. Their last piece was "Crusher of Things" played on Kazoos.
The third-grade students also had four numbers that they sang. Their fifth one involved a light stick. Each student picked up their stick and the lights in the auditorium dimmed. The colors and swirls

were perfect for "Meteor Showers."
During the fourth graders performance science was demonstrated. "Force and Motion" was accompanied by paper boats that were moved along the stage with fans. All the students played a Recorder for the rendition of Hot Cross Buns, Gently Sleep and Merryly We Roll Along.
The students are to be commended for their composer, attention and excellent

performances. Mrs. Gustafson thanked the second, third and fourth grade teachers Anna Finne, Kari Menefee, Hailey Hoyman, Katie Schmitt, Bill Geelan, Jeremy Zeigler and Tim Swanson along with Whitney Bjstrom, Elementary Art, Tyler Bjstrom, Elementary Principal, Supt. Cory Jenness, Custodial Staff, Sarah Frederick, West Elementary office staff and Brandt Roskens, Eric Flynn and Hannah Jacobsma, Music Department Staff.



2ND GRADE — Row 4 L-R Braxton Hurley, Brayli Benge, Luke Jensen, Aby Lewis, Dwain Clipperton, Addison Nelson, Para VanDyk, Charlie Millican, Addy Hagen, Madison Manwarren and Aileanna Yates. Row 3 L-R Kiera Fox, Caden VerMeer, Avery Newkirk, Liam McClellan, Rubi Villalva, Jorja Dietrich, Logan Thompson, Bianca Helle, Brandyn Botcher, Evelyn Bird and Cerenady Hoch. Row 2 L-R Emmet Brady, Braylee Kollasch, Michael Pham, Raynie Burse, Emmett Frederick, Annalee Hanson, Danny Smith, Shelbie Malm, Brianna Coffey, Calvin Frederick and Jillian Chapman. Row 1 L-R Ayane Alcalá, Kooper Nelson, Payton Evans, Dean Rooney, Althea Henry, Liam Cartee, Nora Brown, Crosby Schrieber, Rory Williamson, Langston Priest and Alaina Mortenson.



PSYCHEDELIC COLORS & SHAPES — As the Third Grade Class sang Meteor Showers each of the students waved and moved around the light stick that they were holding. It created a myriad of colors and shapes.

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This Week at Emmetsburg Community Schools. Includes a mascot logo and the text 'This Week at Emmetsburg Community Schools'.

School Activities

- Thursday, April 4
• Golf: Boys Varsity/JV vs. Sioux Central (Home) 4 p.m.
• Golf: Girls Varsity/JV vs. Sioux Central (Home) 4 p.m.
Friday, April 5
• Track: Boys Varsity/JV vs. Humboldt (Away) 5 p.m.
• Track: Girls Varsity/JV vs. Cherokee (Away) 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 6
• HS Band/Choir Solo/Ensemble (Home) All Day
Monday, April 8
• Golf: Boys Varsity/JV Quad vs. Multiple Schools (Home) 4 p.m.
• Golf: Girls Varsity/JV Quad vs. Multiple Schools vs. GTRA (Away) 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9
• E-Sports: Varsity/JV vs. Multiple Schools vs. Lone Tree (Away) 4 p.m.
• Track: Boys Varsity/JV Meet vs. Spirit Lake Community Schools (Away) 4:30 p.m.
• Track: Girls Varsity/JV Invitational vs. Spirit Lake Community Schools (Away) 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY DAYTIME TV schedule grid. Columns: Channel, Time, Program Name, Description. Rows: NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, TBS, MNT/TBD, WGN-A, A&E, AMC, ANPL, BIG 10, BRAVO, COM, CW, DISN, DSC, ESPN, ESPN2, FNC, FREE, FX, FSX, HGTV, HNTV, HIST, LIFE, NICK, OXY, PARM, SYFY, TNT, TOON, TRUTV, TVLND, USA, WE TV.

THURSDAY EVENING TV schedule grid. Columns: Channel, Time, Program Name, Description. Rows: NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, TBS, MNT/TBD, WGN-A, A&E, AMC, ANPL, BIG 10, BRAVO, COM, CW, DISN, DSC, ESPN, ESPN2, FNC, FREE, FX, FSX, HGTV, HNTV, HIST, LIFE, NICK, OXY, PARM, SYFY, TNT, TOON, TRUTV, TVLND, USA, WE TV.

Thursday Movies

Aladdin (92) A genie helps Baghdad thief and princess. (G) (2:00) FREEFRM Thu. 6 p.m.
Men in Black (97) Secret agents monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth. (PG13) (2:02) WE Thu. 3:55 p.m., Thu. 7:58 p.m.
Brave (12) A Scottish princess must undo a beastly curse. (PG) (2:00) FREEFRM Thu. 8 p.m.
Deadpool 2 (18) Deadpool joins forces with a team of mutants to fight Cable. (R) (2:30) FX Thu. 4:30 p.m.
Ferdinand (17) A giant but gentle bull tries to escape from his captors. (PG) (2:30) FREEFRM Thu. 11 a.m.
Fighting With My Family (19) British wrestler Paige gets to try out for the WWE. (PG13) (2:30) USA Thu. 8:30 p.m.
Logan (17) Logan must protect a young mutant girl from dark forces. (R) (3:00) FX Thu. 1:30 p.m.
Secret Life of Pets, The (16) Two dogs encounter a bunny and his gang of abandoned pets. (PG) (2:00) FREEFRM Thu. 1:30 p.m.
Twister (96) Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. (PG13) (2:30) AMC Thu. 2 p.m.
X2 (03) A power-mad militarist pursues the mutants. (PG13) (3:00) FX Thu. 8:30 a.m.
X-Men (00) Two groups of mutated humans square off against each other. (PG13) (2:30) FX Thu. 6 a.m.



FRIDAY DAYTIME TV schedule grid. Columns: Channel, Time, Program Name, Description. Rows: NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, TBS, MNT/TBD, WGN-A, A&E, AMC, ANPL, BIG 10, BRAVO, COM, CW, DISN, DSC, ESPN, ESPN2, FNC, FREE, FX, FSX, HGTV, HNTV, HIST, LIFE, NICK, OXY, PARM, SYFY, TNT, TOON, TRUTV, TVLND, USA, WE TV.

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Friday Movies

Black Panther (18) Black Panther springs into action when an old enemy returns. (PG13) (2:55) TBS Fri. 9:30 p.m.
Creed II (18) Boxer Adonis Johnson trains to fight Ivan Drago's son. (PG13) (2:30) TBS Fri. 7 p.m.
Dora and the Lost City of Gold (19) Dora investigates the mystery behind a lost civilization. (PG) (2:30) KICK Fri. 1 p.m.
Fighting With My Family (19) British wrestler Paige gets to try out for the WWE. (PG13) (2:30) USA Fri. 5 p.m.
Goodfellas (90) An account of a hood's tenure in a mob crime family. (R) (2:54) PAR Fri. 10:06 p.m.
Monsters University (13) At first rivals, Mike and Sulley became the best of pals. (G) (1:20) DISN Fri. 5:10 p.m.
Pitch Perfect (12) College students enter in a cappella competition. (PG13) (2:30) BRAVO Fri. 6 p.m., Fri. 8:30 p.m.
Rise of the Planet of the Apes (11) A medical experiment results in a superintelligent chimp. (PG13) (2:30) FX Fri. 8:30 a.m.
Sing (16) Animals gather at a theater for a singing competition. (PG) (2:30) FREEFRM Fri. 9:30 a.m.
Wedding Singer, The (98) A 1980s wedding crooner attempts to find true love. (PG13) (2:00) COMEDY Fri. 10 p.m.

Lunch Menus

- Thursday, April 4
Br. Chicken Patty/Bun
Potato Wedges
Peas
Applesauce
Friday, April 5
Chili/Crackers
Cheddar Cheese
Cinnamon Roll
Pineapple/Orange Mix
Monday, April 8
Br. Pork Chop
Scalloped Potatoes
Carrots
Peas
Tuesday, April 9
Cheese Quesadilla
Potato Oles
Corn
Peaches
Wednesday, April 10
Hot Dog/Bun
French Fries
Baked Beans
Mixed Fruit
Thursday, April 11
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes
Peas & Carrots
Applesauce

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Find at least six differences in details between panels. Includes two panels of a cartoon scene with a house under construction and a man in a suit.

Emmetsburg Catholic School logo and name.

Lunch Menus

Menu may change due to shortages or delays in shipments. Milk choices: 8 oz. 1%, Skim and Chocolate Skim served daily.

Table with 2 columns: Day (Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday) and Menu items (e.g., Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Peaches).

Table with 2 columns: Day (Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday) and Menu items (e.g., Taco in a Bag, Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese, Refried Beans).

Dinner Date

Dinner Date Menu at the Multipurpose Senior Center in Emmetsburg.

Table with 2 columns: Day (Friday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and Menu items (e.g., Chicken Broccoli Pasta, Casserole, Bread Stick).

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.

Table with 2 columns: Day (Tuesday, Wednesday, Monday, Tuesday) and Menu items (e.g., Cheeseburger, Potato Wedges, Carrots).

People under age 60 and not married to someone 60 years of age or older must pay full fee.

Sheriff's Report

Friday, March 22, 2024. At 11:00 AM, the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office arrested Kleg Dietrich (37) of Graettinger, on a valid Palo Alto County Arrest warrant for Domestic Abuse 2nd offense, an Aggravated Misdemeanor.

Saturday, March 23, 2024. At 09:15 AM, the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office arrested Kevin Rodriguez Ocotlan (22) of Estherville, on a valid Palo Alto County Arrest warrant for Failure to Appear stemming from an original charge of driving while license revoked.

Monday, March 25, 2024. At 1:22 PM, the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office charged Kami Lynn Hilton, age 29 of Fort Dodge, on the charges of Assault on a person in certain Occupations-Bodily Injury.

Wednesday, March 27, 2024. At 10:07 PM, the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office arrested Kleg Dietrich (37) of Graettinger on charges of Violation of a No-Contact Order, a Simple Misdemeanor.

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Contact the Reporter-Democrat. Phone: 712-852-2323. Email: dhansen@emmetsburgnews.com, weilanddiane90@gmail.com

SATURDAY DAYTIME TV schedule grid from 7 AM to 5:30 PM across various channels.

SATURDAY EVENING TV schedule grid from 6 PM to 11 PM across various channels.

Saturday Movies section featuring movie titles, descriptions, and showtimes (e.g., Ant-Man and The Wasp, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade).

SUNDAY DAYTIME TV schedule grid from 7 AM to 5:30 PM across various channels.

SUNDAY EVENING TV schedule grid from 6 PM to 11 PM across various channels.

Sunday Movies section featuring movie titles, descriptions, and showtimes (e.g., 13 Going on 30, Hangover, Iron Man).

MONDAY DAYTIME TV schedule for April 8, 2024. Columns include time slots from 7 AM to 5:30 PM and various channel listings with program titles.

FEAR KNIGHT logo with a cartoon character. Below it is a crossword puzzle grid with letters O, L, T, Y, A, H, N, E, R, D, M, O, P, A, R, O, S, E, R, Y, P, H, E, O, C, V, O, R, T, E, P, M, A, M, O, Y, D, L, E, E, A, C, P, A, O, M, R, O. A short paragraph of text follows.

MONDAY EVENING TV schedule for April 8, 2024. Columns include time slots from 6 PM to 11 PM and various channel listings with program titles.

Monday Movies section featuring a large title and descriptions for several films: Avengers: Infinity War, Green Mile, Captain Phillips, Drag Me to Hell, Few Good Men, Ford v Ferrari, and Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory.

MAGIC MAZE OVER section featuring a grid of letters and a list of words to find: E D B Y W T R P M K I F A D B, Y W U S Q O M K I F D L B T Z, R A P O W T H X Y W L U G E S, Q C D A O N E S L W J H O Y H, M O O N M I A M I F T D B T C, A M A Y W E D T P I E C I O V, V E G T D N H I W S Q P G N N, L H A E E K E T S I F D N A H, I E I D H F E E L E C B Z Y W, V R N U S G L G R L Q P N M L, F E Y S A E S G G E A J I H F. Includes a small image of a man.

TUESDAY DAYTIME TV schedule for April 9, 2024. Columns include time slots from 7 AM to 5:30 PM and various channel listings with program titles.

Tuesday Movies section featuring a large title and descriptions for several films: Captain America: The First Avenger, Parent Trap, Freaky Friday, Green Mile, Open Range, and Spider-Man: No Way Home.

King Crossword section featuring a crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-61 and a list of clues for each square.

TUESDAY EVENING TV schedule for April 9, 2024. Columns include time slots from 6 PM to 11 PM and various channel listings with program titles.

Weekly SUDOKU section featuring a 9x9 grid and a list of numbers to place in the empty cells. Includes a difficulty level indicator and a small image of a man.

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The Garden Bug Light needs for plants. Table with columns for Low light, Medium light, and High light plants like Peace lily, Asparagus fern, and Cactus.

WEDNESDAY DAYTIME TV schedule table with columns for time slots (7 AM to 5:30 PM) and program titles.

FEAR KNOT answer crossword puzzle grid with the word 'MOROSE' and 'ELECTION' partially filled.

WEDNESDAY EVENING TV schedule table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and program titles.

Wednesday Movies

- Ad Astra (19) ★★★ An astronaut embarks on a daring mission to Neptune. (PG13) (2:30) FX Wed. 7 a.m.
Casino (95) ★★★ A mob employee makes a play for power in 1970s Las Vegas. (R) (4:00) AMC Wed. 7 p.m.
Guardians of the Galaxy (14) ★★★ A man must unite a team of aliens against a cosmic threat. (PG13) (2:25) SYFY Wed. 6:35 p.m.

King Crossword - Answers section showing a crossword puzzle grid with words like 'MOONMIAAMI' and 'SHAW SIP ARID' filled in.

Sports AUTO RACING Thursday section with text: 12:55 a.m. ESPN2 Formula 1 Racing Japanese Grand Prix, Practice 2.

Sports AUTO RACING Friday section with text: 12:55 a.m. ESPN2 Formula 1 Racing Japanese Grand Prix, Qualifying.

Sports BASEBALL Thursday section with text: 3 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball Cleveland Guardians at Minnesota Twins.

Sports BASEBALL Saturday section with text: 9 a.m. ESPN Girls High School Basketball Chipotle Nationals, Championship: Teams TBA.

Sports BASEBALL Saturday section with text: 11 a.m. BIGIOWA College Softball Wisconsin at Rutgers.

Sports BASEBALL Sunday section with text: 10 a.m. ESPN2 College Softball Georgia at Tennessee.

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

Weekly SUDOKU Answer grid showing the solution to the puzzle with numbers 1-9.



Casino

1:30 p.m. KTIV PGA Tour Golf Valero Texas Open, Final Round. From TPC San Antonio in San Antonio.

2 p.m. ESPN 2024 Masters Tournament Par 3 Contest. From Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.

7 p.m. BIGIOWA Men's College Gymnastics Big Ten Championship: Teams TBA.

7 p.m. BSNOR NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at Minnesota Wild. From the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn.

12 p.m. KCAU KSFY WOI NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at Pittsburgh Penguins.

2:30 p.m. KCAU KSFY WOI NHL Hockey Florida Panthers at Boston Bruins.

3 p.m. BSNOR NHL Hockey Winnipeg Jets at Minnesota Wild. From the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn.

12 p.m. TNT NHL Hockey Buffalo Sabres at Detroit Red Wings. From Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, Mich.

9 p.m. ESPN NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Colorado Avalanche. From Ball Arena in Denver.

6 p.m. ESPN NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Detroit Red Wings. From Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, Mich.

8:30 p.m. ESPN NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Colorado Avalanche. From Ball Arena in Denver.

2:15 p.m. USA Premier League Soccer Chelsea vs. Manchester United.

6:30 a.m. USA Premier League Soccer Crystal Palace vs. Manchester City.

11:30 a.m. TNT TRUTV SheBelieves Cup Semifinal: United States vs. Japan.

11:30 a.m. KTIV Premier League Soccer Sheffield United vs. Chelsea.

11:55 p.m. ESPN2 English Championship Soccer Leeds United vs. Sunderland.

3 p.m. TBS SheBelieves Cup Third-Place Game: Teams TBA. From Lower.com Field in Columbus, Ohio.

6 p.m. TBS SheBelieves Cup Final: Teams TBA. From Lower.com Field in Columbus, Ohio.

2 p.m. KEYC KPTH3 UEFA Champions League Soccer Paris Saint-Germain vs. Barcelona.

12 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Minnesota Twins.

3 p.m. BIGIOWA College Softball Rutgers at Maryland.

5:30 p.m. BIGIOWA College Softball Rutgers at Maryland.

12 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Minnesota Twins. From Target Field in Minneapolis.

6 p.m. ESPN 2024 NIT Basketball Tournament Championship: Teams TBA.

6:30 p.m. TNT NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at New York Knicks.

8 p.m. ESPN College Basketball State Farm College Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships.

9 p.m. TNT NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Clippers.

1:30 p.m. ESPN2 Boys High School Basketball Chipotle Nationals, First Semifinal: Teams TBA.

5:30 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball Cleveland Guardians at Minnesota Twins.

6 p.m. ESPN 2024 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Semifinal: Teams TBA.

8:30 p.m. ESPN 2024 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Semifinal: Teams TBA.

9 p.m. BSNOR NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Phoenix Suns.

9 a.m. ESPN Girls High School Basketball Chipotle Nationals, Championship: Teams TBA.

11 a.m. ESPN2 Boys High School Basketball Chipotle Nationals, Championship: Teams TBA.

2:30 p.m. ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Postseason All-Star Game.

5 p.m. TBS TNT TRUTV 2024 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament First Semifinal: Teams TBA.

7:30 p.m. TBS TNT TRUTV 2024 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Semifinal: Teams TBA.

2 p.m. ESPN 2024 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament The Bird and Taurasi Show, Championship: Teams TBA.

8 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Minnesota Twins.

8 p.m. TBS TNT TRUTV 2024 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Championship: Teams TBA.

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12 p.m. KTIV2 LIV Golf League Miami, Day 3.

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Address of 305 South Street, Mallard, IA 50562. Sealed bids will be accepted until 3pm, Monday, April 8th, and will be presented to the council at 7pm during the regular council meeting. Once the bids are opened, the property will go into auction status to allow people to raise bids. The council has the right to accept or deny any and all bids.

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