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Annual Celebration of Community Members who go Above and Beyond

By Diane Weiland
It is the time of year that the Emmetsburg Chamber of Commerce has determined this year's Citizen of the Year and other standouts who have contributed greatly to the betterment of Emmetsburg. In order for family members and friends to take part in celebrating these individuals those who have been named are as follows.
The Mid-American Catalyst Award goes to Lance and Carey Clark who have created the Invest in Emmetsburg project. They are responsible for filling

some of the vacant buildings within the community and taken on other developments.
This year's Citizen of the Year is Kathy Merrill. She garnered several nominations for her work to save the Riviera Theatre.
Three Young Leaders were named as outstanding. Amy Harris organized a donation drive before Christmas. Many contributions both monetary and household items, kids toys, etc. were donated. Families and individuals could shop for what they needed for the holidays. There were over

277 kids who benefited from the shopping spree.
Josh Quindell was instrumental in assisting with Brew Fest last summer and partnered with the Chamber for the Grocery Grab. He also does much more to support the community.
Mike Soenen took on the project for Emmetsburg Softball and Baseball Academy. There was space in the upper level of Corrigan Hall that he renovated and made room for batting cages and a pitching machine. The kids will have an indoor space to practice

until the fields are ready for the summer.
All of these individuals deserve the community's recognition and appreciation.
Everyone is invited to attend the celebration scheduled for Friday, February 21 at the Wild Rose Casino. It will include a banquet, celebration, fellowship and the evening's entertainment will be dueling pianos. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at the Chamber office until the end of day on Wednesday February 19th.



Celia Lowman Receives Scholastic Art and Writing Award

By Diane Weiland
Celia Lowman, a senior at Emmetsburg High School has been selected for this year's Scholastic Art and Writing Award. This prestigious recognition is a first step in competing nationally for the Gold Key which will come with a cash prize of \$12,000.
Celia is in Dan Hewitt's Studio Art Class. She entered her art work that consisted of a six-piece themed presentation entitled, "Echoes of Earth Humanities Touch." She stated that she wanted to capture the human interaction with nature in a positive way. She chose to use watercolors, acrylic paints, chalk pastels and a graphite pencil. One of the pieces is a striking portrayal of flowers. Another piece is 4'x1' drawing

of the Chicago Skyline. Last year on a music trip to Chicago she took a photo of the skyline of tall buildings. From that photo she used a graphite pencil to draw each building for the four-foot by one foot canvas.
The next step for Celia is submitting her "Echoes of Earth Humanities Touch" for the national competition. If she is successful the artwork will be on display at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C for one year. Results of the national competition will be released on March 26.
Celia has her future planned. After graduating from high school, she plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa to major in Art Education.

Celia Lowman Earned Scholastic Art & Writing Award - Celia Lowman was recently recognized for her outstanding creative art that will now be entered in the national competition. Celia is a student in Dan Hewitt's HS/MS Art Class. He is also Girls Wrestling Coach and Activities Director.
-Diane Weiland photo

Vera Wins 6th Place in PowerPoint State Fall Qualifier

The winners of the 2024 Fall Qualifier Microsoft Office Specialist were recently announced by Certiport, the leading provider of performance-based IT certification exams that accelerate academic and career opportunities for learners.
Winning 6th place in the Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint (Office 2019), category was Neveah Vera! Neveah competed against students from across Iowa to earn this coveted placement.
Neveah is the daughter of Shad and Tara Helle and is a sophomore at Emmetsburg High School.
She earned her certification by taking Ms. Herrig's Computer Business Applications class, where students certify in MS Word, PowerPoint and Excel.
Neveah took Kelly Herrig's high school class to improve her computer skills and to better prepare herself for college. She is a sophomore and is already prepping to attend medical school.
To compete in the Fall Qualifier, students aged 13 to 22 were eligible to participate in one of six competition tracks by submitting a qualified, passing score on the Microsoft Office Specialist Word, Excel®, or PowerPoint® certification



6th Place in Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint - Pictured L-R are Ms. Herrig, Computer Business Applications Class and Neveah Vera who placed 6th in the Microsoft Competition.
-Diane Weiland photo
700 out of 1,000.
Certiport's Microsoft Office Specialist, backed by Microsoft, is an industry-recognized certification program that assesses students' Microsoft Office skills and prepares them for real-world application



Life Saving Award - Pictured L-R are Chief of Police Ryan Veldboom and Deputy Ben Morey. Both are heroes that were recognized with the Life-Saving Award at Monday's City Council Meeting.
- Submitted Photo

Mike Hermansen

Our community suffered a great loss on February 5th with the passing of Mike Hermansen.
For more than 11 years, Mike tirelessly championed the needs of Emmetsburg while serving on the City Council and several other community boards.
His unwavering commitment to the welfare of others was a glowing testament to his strong character and principled Christian values.
Mike was always ready to listen to both sides of any story before forming an opinion and he always put his community first when conducting City Council business. He was a dedicated, loyal leader and a true gentleman.
We'll miss Mike, his work ethic and his wonderful sense of humor. Nancy and I offer our prayers and send our sincerest condolences to Mike's family.
Mayor Pat Degen

Celebrations from Community Blood Drive

Life Serve Blood Drive results from the February 5, 2025 visit are as follows.
There were 35 registered donors and of those, thirty-one were eligible donors.
Two of the donors were first timers.
Thirty-four units were collected. That means that up to 102 lives can be saved or sustained.
Three individuals were milestone donors. Both Chaad Miller and Gerald Theesfeld met the one-gallon mark. James Batchelor is now at 6 gallons.

First Legislative Chamber Coffee

By Diane Weiland
State Senator Dave Rowley and House Representative John Wills updated those at the Legislative Coffee last Saturday about the work that has been done in the Iowa General Assembly.
Senator Rowley opened the Chamber Coffee by thanking those who were in attendance. He then reminded the audience that the Senate is responsible for the Judiciary, Health and Human Services, Appropriations, Ways and Means and the Ethics Committee.
The Senator said that the Governor has proposed a 2% raise in public school funding. The Senate is reviewing that number and will likely propose something closer to 2.5%. The Hands Free While Driving bill is moving forward. Drivers could be fined if a cell phone is in use while they are driving. The Senators are also reforming vehicle liability insurance costs. Currently the liability limits are \$20,000 per vehicle, \$40,000 every person in the vehicle, \$15,000 in property damages. Rowley stated that new vehicles are around \$40K-50K so it is time to increase coverage. In subcommittees there

has been discussions about Medicare coverage and the enrollment period being from October to December. The Senate is considering a bill that would have enrollment be within 30 days of a person's birthday. He also brought up the Cancer rates in Iowa. He acknowledged the work being done by the Iowa Cancer Registry at the University of Iowa and The Iowa Cancer Consortium making visits to every county in the state to provide cancer profiles and information. He was appreciative of the visits to every county by the Consortium. He was reminded that Palo Alto County was the first to host a consortium visit.
Representative John Wills also talked about the State supplemental income for schools. The House is considering proposing 2.25% along with \$5million for a one-time transportation influx. He again brought up his Pre-Birth Support for pregnant women. He stated, "Fathers must pay support not only after the birth of the child but during the pregnancy. This will reduce the mother's stress. A healthy pregnancy means a healthy child."
The two legislators then

opened it up for questions. A member of the audience brought up that schools often teach to a test rather than learning. Test scores are revealing that in some schools. The two main areas of concern were reading and math. There was a short exchange about the linkage of the Iowa Department of Education vs Washington's Department of Education. Taking care of things locally always seems better. The Federal Department of Education does a lot for special needs students. This could hardly be repeated at the local level because of funding. There has been some consideration that Block Grants would be a better way to fund schools. John stated that superintendents are anxious to know what the funding for the coming school year will be so they can plan budgets accordingly.
John reminded everyone that Iowa's flat tax of 3.8% is in effect for this year. The legislature is working on reducing property taxes but no bills have come before either chamber. He also stated that revenues are coming in higher than anticipated. That could lead to a decision of further tax relief. He again said that

property taxes will take some time.
A representative from Iowa Lakes Electric asked to speak to the group. She wanted to applaud Governor Reynolds for listening to Iowa Lakes Electric and removing some items in the energy bill. Lastly there was a question posed about whether or not eminent domain was going to be revisited as it relates to Summit Carbon Solutions CO2 project. Rep. Wills said that the project is not a utility and the Iowa Utility Board should not have said yes to Eminent Domain. He also said that the IUB should not use climate change for the common good. Senator Rowley added that the Senate has signed on to the bills regarding Eminent Domain.
The legislators will return to Emmetsburg in March for another Legislative Coffee.



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PACHS Announces Appointment of Sara Boysen

Palo Alto County Health Systems is a leading healthcare provider in Emmetsburg and in the surrounding communities. We are delighted to announce the appointment of Sara Boysen, ARNP, as the newest member of our esteemed medical team.

Sara graduated high school from Manson Northwest Webster, Manson, Iowa. She continued her education for nursing at Frontier Nursing University in Versailles, KY and received her degree in August of 2016.

She served 8 years in the Navy and has been in healthcare since 1988. With Sara's outstanding qualifications and dedication to patient-centered care, we are confident that she will make a significant contribution to our mission of serving your wellness and Lifecare needs with compassion & respect.

Sara is a board-certified family nurse practitioner and is continuing her education to become certified as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP).

She is passionate about women's health care and health care for families. She is able to offer a multitude of services that will best fit the needs of our patients.

Sara believes the best care involves a collaborative relationship between her patients and understanding their decisions in an informed and empowered way.

Sara is married to Chad Boysen. They live in Pocahontas, Iowa where they share eight children. She enjoys gardening, canning and spending time with her family.

Patients can schedule appointments with Sara Boysen, ARNP, by calling Palo Alto County Health Systems at 712-852-5500.

Future Subscriber Baby Girl Lily

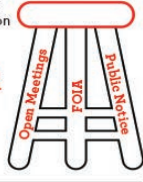
Lily Faye Shannon arrived at 4:54p.m. on Thursday, February 6 at Palo Alto County Hospital Birth Center. She weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches long. Baby Lily is the daughter of Wyatt Shannon and Kylie Shannon of Emmetsburg.

Afterschool Grub Club

Kathy Davis, Program Coordinator at ISU Extension has a new workshop opportunity for youth in grades 4-12. It is an Afterschool Grub Club. This is a 6-week workshop that will meet afterschool on Mondays from 4-5:30p.m. starting on February 17 and ending on March 31. The group will not meet during the spring break week. Kids do not need to be a 4H member to attend. There is a cost but Davis wants to make sure that cost isn't a barrier for any youth. There are scholarship funds that can be used to help families afford to send their children.

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Secretary of State Paul Pate invited Iowans to the Iowa State Capitol Rotunda on February 12, 2025, at 3:15 PM for the unveiling of a new, state-of-the-art case for the 1857 Iowa Constitution. The previous case, built in the 1980s, has served the state well, but it was time to give this historic document the update it deserves.

Secretary of State Pate stated, "We've worked with Iowa-based vendors to design a case that enhances UV protection and climate control monitoring, ensuring the Constitution is preserved for future generations. All Iowans should celebrate this important milestone in preserving our state's history."

The Secretary of State's office now proudly displays the Iowa Constitution and Iowans are encouraged to visit Secretary of State's office at the state capitol. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00-4:30 PM.

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 - 2/19/25 - Ag Pest Control and Seed Treatment
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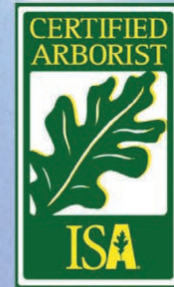
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A Look at Local Government

Supervisors Considered Wage Increases and Shared Committee Reports

By Diane Weiland
The two and a half hour meeting was underway following the Board's agenda approval. Treasurer Robin Jamison and Auditor Carmen Moser each wanted to elevate staff members to Deputy status. Robin was there to advocate for three of her staff to move to deputy. She stated that each of the deputies were already trained to oversee specific services such as collecting fees for state, county, city, school districts and property taxes, vehicle renewals and driver licenses, etc. She requested that three of her employees be moved to deputy status.

Some of the Board members were not in favor of having deputies in each of the courthouse offices. For them it was a matter of money. The maximum salary for a deputy would be calculated at 85% of the Treasurer's Salary. That was the cap. The elected official could choose to have the deputy salary at 80% or lower of their annual salary.

Auditor Moser was also asking for three deputies for her office. Their duties would cover elections, budgets and payroll. She added that all of her employees are cross trained.

Supervisor Graettinger introduced a motion to have both the Treasurer and Auditor offices each have one deputy with their salary increasing to 78% of the elected officials' salary. Supervisor Wirtz seconded the motion. He also stated that he trusted Robin and Carmen not to go to the 85% of their salaries but someday there might be a time that another person elected would decide to ask for the 85%. County Attorney Anne Quail was at the meeting and she stated, "Once deputized, the elected official sets the salary

of the deputy. That could be 80% or the cap at 85%.

Auditor Moser told the Board that she needed three deputies to assist with the duties of the Auditor.

The Supervisors voted as follows regarding deputies. Supervisor Graettinger moved to approve Resolution No. 2-6-2025 appointing one deputy to the Auditor at 78% of the Officers salary. The Motion was seconded by Supervisor Wirtz. Those voting in favor were Supervisors Graettinger, Wirtz and Faulstick. The nays were Supervisors Merrill and Solberg. The Resolution passed.

Next was Resolution No. 2-6-2025 introduced by Supervisor Wirtz and seconded by Supervisor Graettinger for appointing one Deputy Treasurer at 78% of the Officer's Salary. Those voting aye were Supervisors Graettinger, Wirtz and Faulstick. Voting nay were Supervisor Merrill and Supervisor Solberg. The Resolution passed.

Sheriff John King then came before the Board to ask for approval of moving Deputy Kyle Hagen to Lieutenant. He stated that the salary would be 82% of King's wages and Hagen would not be paid overtime. Supervisor Graettinger moved to approve Kyle Hagen to Lieutenant at 82% of the Sheriff's salary with no overtime. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wirtz. All voted in favor of the motion. This will take effect January 16, 2025.

The next order of business was consideration of other wage increases for FY26. Supervisor Graettinger moved to approve wage increases for the following elected officials for FY26 - County Attorney 3%, Sheriff 2% and Recorder, Treasurer

and Auditor 4%. Supervisor Merrill seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Supervisor Merrill and seconded by Supervisor Wirtz to approve a 4% increase for all county employees for FY26. It was approved.

Supervisor Merrill then made a motion to approve a 2% wage increase for the supervisors for FY26. It was seconded by Supervisor Solberg. All supervisors voted to approve the increase except for Supervisor Graettinger.

Engineer Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard was on a conference call to update the Board on the FEMA work. He started out by assuring the Board that the FEMA project manager assigned to the river will be around for another three months. Collin said that he is somewhat better at understanding the drainage ditches in Iowa. Leon Freeman's input has been valuable to complete the cost estimates for the project to remove trees, etc. Leon had also reached out to the Army Corps regarding work on the river. It was stated that no permit is needed to take out the trees.

Rob Allen, County Conservation Director has identified a few sites where the infrastructure needs riprap. Before he left the conversation Collin proposed that an informal meeting with petitioners regarding DD62 would be helpful. He offered to notify them that the meeting would be on February 18 at 9a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom.

City Council Meeting Included a Tribute and a Special Award

By Diane Weiland
Monday's Council meeting was somewhat somber because of longtime Council Member Mike Hermansen's passing. The Council unanimously approved Resolution 25-03, A Resolution of Appreciation to Mike Hermansen for His Dedicated Service as Council Member to the Citizens of Emmetsburg, Iowa.

The Council took the time to also issue a Letter of Commendation Life-Saving Award to Police Chief Ryan Veldboom and Deputy Ben Morey. Mayor Degen read the letter in full. One part stated, "Your quick thinking, decisive intervention, exceptional teamwork and skills helped to save a life." It ended with, "On behalf of the City of Emmetsburg, I commend you both for your exemplary service and congratulate you on this well-deserved recognition.

Your efforts serve as a reminder of the profound impact law enforcement can have on the lives of individuals."

In regular business the Council approved Pay Request #6 to Woodruff Construction for the Soper Splash Pad Project in the amount of \$29,175.87. That consisted of a portion of the retainage fee for the project. There was discussion regarding renewing the 2-year Brown Goods E-Waste contract with Shamrock Recycling. The fee was increasing to \$3.28 per household. No action was taken for this year. In the future it may go to an, every other year contract.

The Council approved the sale of the Golf Course Fertilizer spreader. There is equipment in other departments that can be used when needed. Departments sharing equipment has worked well for the city. Anyone interested in

the spreader should contact the city office.

March 24, 2025 was the date set by the Council for the Public Hearing for the Property Tax Levy. The last order of business was authorizing Advertising and Hiring Seasonal Part-Time Help for Summer 2025.

City Administrator Kim Kibbie informed the Council that they have 60 days to appoint a council member to fill the seat of Council Member Hermansen. There will be an ad in the paper for individuals who would like to submit their name for the Ward 1 Council seat that expires at the end of 2025. Anyone interested can contact Kim Kibbie at the City office. If multiple applicants come forward there will be an interview process to appoint the best qualified individual. The Council hopes to fill the vacancy by April 1.

Palo Alto County Supervisors Have Yearly Review with Farm Bureau

All five Supervisors plus County Attorney Anne Quail and Clerk Jordan Morey met with Farm Bureau representatives on Thursday February 6 at the Farm Bureau office in Emmetsburg. Jordan Morey reported that the Supervisors gave an overview of items and issues that are taking place in county government. They also responded to questions asked of them.

Craig Merrill updated the group on FEMA & drainage facilities. Ron Graettinger discussed the FEMA funds that the county has received from the 2019 floods. Keith Wirtz announced that Secondary Roads had ordered new tractors

and mowers. Linus Solberg introduced County Attorney Anne Quail. She informed those present about work from her office that included current lawsuits/appeals in the County.

Roger Faulstick covered updated FEMA projects and the new jail.

County Engineer Walter Davis/Oeth was absent because of a statewide meeting. He put together information about his department for the representatives to review.

No action was taken at the meeting. The Board left the meeting within an hour.

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Supervisors Tuesday's Meeting was Short

By Diane Weiland
The Supervisors opened their Tuesday 8:00a.m meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. After approving the Agenda, Minutes from the February 6 meeting, County Reports, Claim and Drainage Claims the Supervisors welcomed Conservation Director Ron Allen to the meeting. Allen was present to ask the Board to consider approving an additional Park Technician for July. He stated that any person hired would be on probation for six months and then reviewed for full time. The yearly salary would be \$45,000. Allen said that he checked with surrounding counties regarding Conservation staff numbers and salaries. He also told the Board that Palo Alto County Conservation has the most acres that they oversee and they are the least staffed. Currently Conservation is at three full time workers outside, one part time and three seasonal. In order to make the full time hire more convincing Allen said that he would drop one seasonal worker which would save \$10,000. Allen commented that with a short staff, he asks a lot of his employees. He also added that he has some ideas for raising funds for Conservation. He talked about grazing in some areas. Recently Allen was approached by IDALS to do a biological control study to introduce four new species of wasps to the area. Allen said he declined because he wants to keep conservation native. That was important to him. Nick Frank entered the meeting and had some words about all

of the ash trees that are being killed. "These trees even if they are diseased can come back." He said he has seen it and others say the same thing. Allen said that they are cutting ash trees but only cutting near the trails and campgrounds. Before the vote regarding a full-time employee, Allen stated that he would like to do a chain saw safety training with his employees. Supervisor Merrill made a motion to approve the full time hire for Conservation at a salary of \$45,000. It was seconded by Supervisor Wirtz. All voted in favor except for Supervisor Solberg.

Before Nick Frank left the meeting, he told the Supervisors that DD21 along rendering works road is plugged. After some discussion the Supervisors told Frank that he needed to file a petition and they can then determine what is needed for DD21. The Board asked Frank to attend next week's meeting to further discuss the drainage problem.

Before the Board adjourned Supervisor Wirtz moved to approve the Class B Alcohol License & Outdoor Service for Happy Campers LLC at Lost Island. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Graettinger and all voted in favor. Following this meeting, the Supervisors held a joint meeting with the Emmet County Board of Supervisors in Graettinger at River Valley Telecommunications. That is an annual meeting where both Boards share what they are doing and accomplishing.

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National Day of February 13

GALENTINE'S DAY - February truly is the month of love and Galentine's Day on February 13 fits right in. We're quick to shower our significant others with gifts and treats on February 14, but the day prior was designed to celebrate other equally important relationships in our lives: our girlfriends! Galentine's Day is a time to bring together the ladies in your life you love most.
Black Love Day - Black Love Day is about spreading love and promoting peace in our society.
Desperation Day - Join us as we get into exactly what Desperation Day is all about!
Dream Your Sweet Day - The night before Valentine's Day is the best time to dream about your sweetheart.
Employee Legal Awareness Day - It's time to learn more about your legal rights as an employee.
Get a Different Name Day - This is a day when the famous adage "What's in a name?" matters.
Giving Hearts Day - Giving is something that brings you joy, satisfaction, and fulfillment like nothing else can.
International Condom Day - Check the expiration date on your condom box and get ready for this day!
International Natural Day - Bask in self-love without any guilt, knowing that you deserve it fully.
Kiss Day - Find your worries and anxieties melting away when you tenderly kiss your sweetheart.
Lailatul Barat - It's Lailatul Barat, it's time to forgive and be forgiven. Learn more about it right here!
National Apology Day - A day to commemorate the public presentation of a national apology to the Australian Indigenous peoples!
National Cheddar Day - Bite into the dairy delight of cheddar as we celebrate this cheesy day.
National Crab Rangoon Day - We're dishing out crab rangoon and hanging out with friends on this special holiday!
National Internet Friends Day - Get ready to celebrate the greatness of internet friendships with our tips!
National Tortellini Day - Whether you enjoy them with butter and sage or parmesan, lift a fork to celebrate!
National Wingman Day - Gather your mates and get ready to celebrate this day! Here's everything you need to know!
Self-Love Day - This Self-Love Day, join us in celebrating the amazing power of self-love.
World Radio Day - Celebrate and find out how radio is still changing lives across the globe.

In The Week Ahead

Thursday February 13	Friday February 14	Saturday February 15	Sunday February 16	Monday February 17	Tuesday February 18	Wednesday February 19	Thursday February 20
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Public Health Community Outreach @ the Library	10:30 - 11 a.m. Preschool Storytime @ the Library			1:30 p.m. Horizons Bingo - The community is invited Library "Popcorn" to play bingo with the Time" in Room 17	1 p.m. Emmetsburg Public Library "Popcorn Movie Library	10:30 - 11 a.m. Tummy Time @ the Library	10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Public Health Community Outreach @ the Library
2 p.m. "Tea-Time Cinema" at the Library	1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Emmetsburg Library - Early Out Programs			Horizons Members at the Family Life Center every Monday.	3:30 - 5 p.m. Pokemon TCG Club at the Library - Pokémon Club meets weekly at Emmetsburg Public Library in Room 14.	3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Lego Club at the Library. Come enjoy at the library! Build a fun scene with Lego and Duplo blocks!	2 p.m. "Tea-Time Cinema" at the Library
7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets at the Family Life Center at 711 Broadway every Thursday	5 p.m. Mania" at the Library			3:30 - 5 p.m. Video Game Hangout at the Library - Come to the library for a fun couple there is no cost, and you hours of video games. A do not need to sign up in wide variety of games is advance. Ages 10 & up.	4:30 p.m. - TOPS Club Emmetsburg Chamber of Commerce. Weigh in is at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow from 5 - 5:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets at the Family Life Center every Thursday

Happy VALENTINE'S DAY

A.J. & Chase Gappa

Parents:
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Grandparents:
Marlene & Dan Nitchals;
Joe & Zeline Gappa

Happy Valentine's Day!
We Love You!



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Parents:
Keagan & Moriah Barrett

Grandparents:
Barb & John Barrett

Happy Valentine's Day!
Grammy & Grumpy
Love You!



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Nicki Harrington;
Howard Morey



To the child who brings love and laughter to our lives — have a Valentine's Day as sweet and wonderful as you!

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!



Victoria, Lilliana & Xander

Love,
Grammy Jane



Hank, Knox, Andi & Ford

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Happy Valentine's Day Grandpa Dale & Grandma Jean!

We love you!



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We love you very much!



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LOVE YOU!



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LOVE YOU!



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Grandparents:
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Love you all!!



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All our hugs & kisses!!

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Happy 1st Valentine's Day,
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**Peanut
&
Olive**



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Lowman
Grandchildren**



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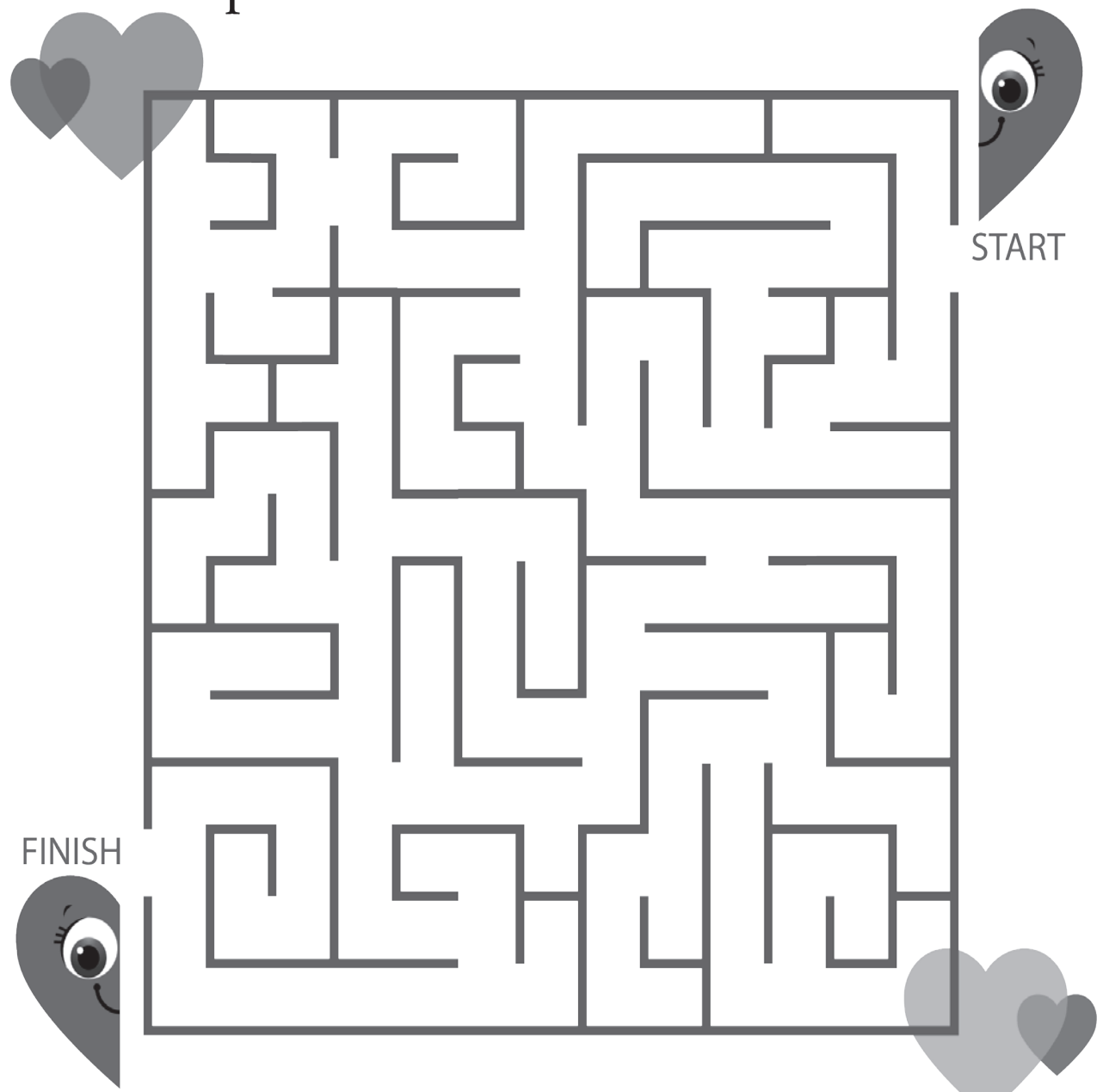


Kenzie, Ava & Livie



Henry & Char

Help this heart find its other half!



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and always!



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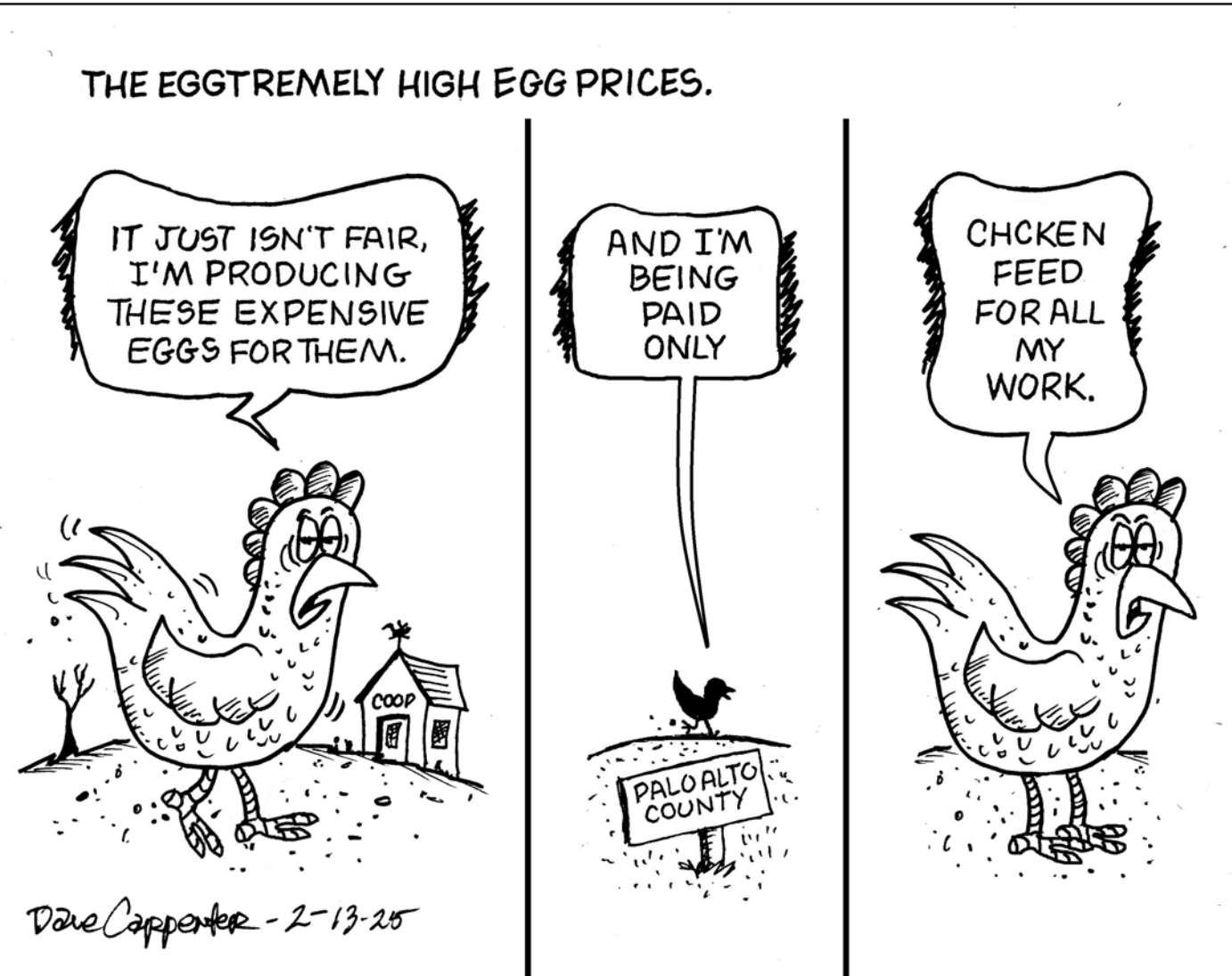
Letter to the Editor

From: Roger Walker
 Where are the brains of this operation?
 I hear the president had the Army Corps of Engineers open up a dam to send water to help with the California fires. The release was 150 miles north of Los Angeles and had no way to get there. Billions of gallons of water from snow melt dumped into fields that are to be used in the summer for growing crops in the San Juan Valley. Now it won't be there when needed. 'My comment: Swift Move Exlax, maybe now you can make it rain this summer when these people need it.
 Also, I watched 75-80 immigrants being run up the ramp of a Military Cargo plane with the cameras rolling. Make sure to get the Ice logo on all of the jackets worn. Just like loading animals for sale, this plane holds 300 tons of cargo and the trip to Guatemala costs about \$800,000 for maybe

80 people. How is this cost effective? It just makes good TV. Then let's have Dr. Phil go on raids with us for more good show. The next day lets have the new Sheriff Kristie in town with her velvet cowboy hat and vest also for show. What a Joke!!!
 Is this what you voted for?? I saw a press conference with a podium and half of a red carpet behind with soldiers in arms at both double doors open for I thought maybe Putin to come out but it was King Donald who came out to tell his lies. One was that the plane and helicopter crash was caused by DEI hire. In other words, only white men are qualified for these jobs. And little compassion for the victims, many still in the river. When asked if he was going to visit the crash site he said, "No, No the water, the water. What you want me to go swimming? Very diplomatic and what empathy.
 Then what about him lying to everyone that he

knew nothing about Project 2025. Now it is becoming our government, a lot of his cabinet picks helped write the 900-page plan or worked at Fox news. I think a lot of them forgot to get in line when the Lord passed out brains. JD Vance has to vote to pass a lot of them. As soon as they start the job, they do just exactly what they told Congress they wouldn't. All to help out Dictator Don. Hope some Congress people get off their knees, stop worrying about a primary and stand up to him NOW. If he gets his way you won't be needed next year. Kash Patel is up for FBI director. Last year he got paid \$25,000 for helping a Russian film maker make a propaganda film about the FBI. He also has an enemy list of 60 people or more to go after once he is put in office and plans to shut down the FBI. This should give us all pause. What a choice for this office. This is also to help the revenge tour.

And then let's get to the heart of this: Elon Musk donated \$240 million dollars to elect Trump. Plus he used X to spill a lot of untruths and is now unselected but digging into personal information of everyone and closing down agencies. Locking doors as he and his group of young hackers dig over personal business that he has no right to and it is against the law. But these people think laws are for everyone else not them!! If this doesn't stop, we are headed for a government just for a few white men and to hell with the rest of us. People need to get their heads out of their hindends and realize we were lied to big time. We don't matter!!
 All that he is interested in is getting even with enemies and making himself rich along with making a TV show. Let's put an end to this terrible movie. Unemployed people pay no taxes and neither do the rich.



Who are the Greatest Athletes of All Time?

by Drew Hansen
 In this day and age in sports, there are tons and tons of conversation about who the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time) is. Most of the time, the conversations stay within a single sport. For example, when you hear folks talk about who the GOAT is in the NFL, it usually boils down to Tom Brady, Joe Montana, and most recently Patrick Mahomes. The NBA's GOAT conversation always boils down to Michael Jordan and LeBron James. The GOAT conversation for the MLB has what I would say is the largest spectrum. You've got Babe Ruth, Barry Bonds, Ted Williams, and loads of other great players who get mentioned.
 Recently on Facebook, I saw a post that was headlined "Top 10 Greatest Athletes of All Time" and the post was made by All Sports Culture.. This list incorporated every sport. From football to soccer to the olympics.

Here is the list: 1) Wayne Gretzky, 2) Tom Brady, 3) Michael Phelps, 4) Lionel Messi, 5) Usain Bolt, 6) LeBron James, 7) Michael Jordan, 8) Muhammad Ali, 9) Tiger Woods, 10) Cristiano Ronaldo.
 Now this list could very possibly be what is called "rage bait". Rage bait is posting or saying something that you know will make people angry in order to gain reactions and interaction. I'm not angry with this list, I just have a few bones to pick with it.
 Did you notice how there were zero baseball players on that list? Like I mentioned before, there are a lot of players who get brought up in MLB's GOAT conversation. However, this list says athletes. And if we're going by that, I would call Rickey Henderson the best athlete to ever play baseball. He was fast, he could hit, he could field. I believe Rickey deserves a spot on this list.

Willie Mays could also make the list, but we've only got ten spots to fill.
 I don't have a problem with Wayne Gretzky being number one on their list. He was a great hockey player, and hockey is a tough, physical sport. But if Gretzky is number one, Alex Ovechkin deserves a spot too. Ovechkin, who is still active, (at the time of writing this) is only 16 goals away from breaking Gretzky's all-time record for goals in an NHL career. The question is, who gets knocked out of the top 10 for Ovechkin? I'll get back to it in a bit.
 One could make an argument that if Tiger Woods made the list, why didn't Jack Nicklaus? Nicklaus has more career wins, more major wins, more runner-up finishes, and more major runner-up finishes than Tiger does. The difference is the competition they played against. Tiger dominated golf against the best players the world has ever seen. Tiger stays, sorry

Jack!
 The same argument could be made with Muhammad Ali getting a spot, but not Floyd Mayweather. Mayweather's record is 53-0 with one no decision. Ali's record is 56-5. The big difference is Ali fought whoever, whenever. The politics of boxing did not matter to Ali. He pioneered the sport. Ali stays, Mayweather goes.
 Now that I've got the bones picked, I'm going to give you my list of the top ten greatest athletes of all time. Here we go. 1) Michael Phelps, 2) LeBron James, 3) Wayne Gretzky, 4) Lionel Messi, 5) Muhammad Ali, 6) Tom Brady, 7) Michael Jordan, 8) Rickey Henderson, 9) Tiger Woods, 10) Alex Ovechkin
 Feel free to tell me how I'm wrong or any bones you have to pick with the list I have presented. I'm open to hearing it!

Update From the Statehouse: Representative John Wills

Iowa Leads the Way on Enforcing Immigration Laws

In 2018, the Governor signed SF 481 to require local entities to follow federal immigration laws. Specifically, the law mandates law enforcement and others to comply with a written federal detainer request for an illegal immigrant in their custody.
 The law was passed to protect Iowa communities by requiring local entities to cooperate with federal immigration authorities. A city, county, city attorney, county attorney, sheriff, or local police department cannot refuse to honor an ICE detainer request on a person in custody. Additionally, local entities cannot adopt or enforce a policy that would prohibit or discourage the enforcement of federal immigration laws. A law enforcement agency who has an illegal immigrant in custody for a crime, is required to hold the person for up to 48 hours for immigration enforcement agents to pick up.
 Since President Trump's inauguration and the significant shift in federal immigration

enforcement, some local law enforcement officials (even in Iowa) have said they will not cooperate with immigration enforcement. In Iowa, any local entity who does not cooperate under SF 481 risks the loss of state funding. Law enforcement officers in Iowa are expected to enforce immigration law.
 As President Trump continues to uphold his promises of enforcing our immigration laws, Iowa stands strong with him and law enforcement officials upholding our state and federal laws.
 Judiciary Committee Works on Bills to Protect Minors
 I sit on the Judiciary Committee and several bills have been brought forward on this committee. One that really stands out to me are several bills that protect minor children. The House Judiciary Committee has begun work on multiple bills to protect children from obscene material both online and in person. These bills focus on the online

world of pornography, AI created images, and strong penalties for those who prey on children.
 House File 62 establishes liability for a commercial entity that publishes or distributes pornography on the internet, if a minor gets access to the material. The bill is not intended to target internet providers, instead it is focused on the websites and companies that produce and distribute the pornographic materials. As of now, 19 states have laws requiring some type of age verification before an individual can view a pornographic site. The language of the bill is being carefully evaluated and will be up for a vote in the Judiciary Committee in the next several weeks.
 HF 62 tackles artificially created pornography. Under current law, pornography featuring someone under the age of 18 is already illegal. But what if the person portrayed wasn't a real person? HF 62 makes it a crime to use AI to

create a child and use that child in a pornographic way. This prevents pornographic companies from trying to avoid the law on child pornography by "creating" the image of a fake child and using the image in obscene ways.
 Representatives are currently working on the language of the bill to prevent loopholes as technology advances. HF 64 increases the penalties for individuals who knowingly share or display obscene material to minors, excluding parents or guardians. Currently this crime classified as a serious misdemeanor, the bill would increase the crime to a class "D" felony. A class "D" felony carries a potential prison sentence of up to five years and requires offenders to register as sex offenders for ten years. The House Judiciary Committee will vote soon on this bill.
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SPORTS

Thursday, February 13, 2025

E-Hawk Girls Match '24 Win Total With Two Wins Last Week

by Drew Hansen
It's about that time for high school girls basketball in Iowa. The postseason begins this weekend and the Emmetsburg E-Hawks righted the ship with a pair of wins over Alta-Aurelia and Storm Lake St. Mary's.

Emmetsburg began the week in Alta last Tuesday. After one quarter of play, the Warriors held a 15-13 lead over the E-Hawks. The E-Hawks and Warriors battled back and forth in the second quarter and Emmetsburg led 30-25 going into the halftime break.

The Warriors cut the lead to just one point going into the fourth quarter, but The Black and Gold kept them at bay, outscoring Alta-Aurelia 19-12 in the final quarter to secure the 59-51 victory.

Rachel Schany went off for 29 points and 9 rebounds, both team-highs in the game. Nora Nelson went 4/8 from three point land and totalled 12 points. Nelson is currently 16th in the State in three-point percentage (minimum 18 shot attempts) with a 44.7% success rate from beyond the arc. Dylan Fiene posted 7 points and 7 rebounds against the Warriors.

Nearly everyone on the roster found a spot on the scoreboard in the E-Hawks' 58-12 victory over the Storm Lake St. Mary's Panthers. 58-12 is not a typo. What the E-Hawks did in Storm Lake was a display of sheer domination. Nothing more, nothing less.

The E-Hawks rattled off 15 points in the first quarter, but it was the defensive effort that completed the dominant display. They limited the Panthers to just 2 points in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Emmetsburg put up 21 points while again limited St. Mary's to just 2 points. The score at halftime was 36-4.

In the third quarter, the defense continued to shine, allowing just 6 points. On offense, they put up 13 points. They shellacking came to an end with the E-Hawks putting up 9 in the fourth while again holding the Panthers to 2 points in the fourth quarter.

Schany again led the E-Hawks with 18 points. Fiene and Kylie Hoffman both added 9 points. Nora Nelson and Shaylynn Montag both totalled 6 points. Calista Joyce, Ingrid Gustafson, and Mya Morton all put up 3 points. Lily Straw added 1 point on a free throw.

The E-Hawks also wrapped up the 2025 regular season on Tuesday night when they hosted the Midgets of Estherville Lincoln Central. The full story and photos will be included in next week's paper.

The postseason begins Saturday night for the E-Hawks when they'll play host to the winless Boyden-Hull Comets. Tip is scheduled for 7:30. The winner earns a matchup with the Central Lyon/George-Little Rock Lions on Tuesday, February 18.



Kylie Hoffman puts up a contested layup in last week's matchup against Alta-Aurelia.

-Drew Hansen Photo



Carson Baak drives into the lane in Tuesday's game against Estherville Lincoln Central.

-Drew Hansen Photo

E-Hawk Boys Improve to 15-4 with W's over Warriors and Panthers

Just one game remains in the regular season for the Emmetsburg E-Hawk Boys Basketball Team. Since their tough 1-3 start in their first four games, the E-Hawks have gone 14-1. Last week, they topped Alta-Aurelia 77-44 and Storm Lake St. Mary's 92-29.

Alta-Aurelia (4-13 entering the game) gave the E-Hawks a run for their money in the first quarter, as they trailed by just 6 points at the end of one. The E-Hawk defense stifled the Warriors in the second quarter, holding them to just 7 points. But the Warrior defense also gave the E-Hawks some trouble. At halftime, the E-Hawks' lead was 34-22.

Emmetsburg busted the game open in the third quarter where they found their rhythm, racking up 23 points while holding the Warriors to 12 points. In the fourth quarter, the E-Hawks closed it out by scoring 20 points and holding Alta-Aurelia to 10 for the 77-44 victory.

Senior Carson Baak paved the way offensively for The Black and Gold. He racked up 21 points, shooting 8/13 from the field. Kale Fank notched 14 points. Cooper Chizek also reached double digits with 10 points.

A scout from the Buena Vista University basketball program made the short trip from Storm Lake to Alta to learn some more about E-Hawk Senior Byron

Maina. Maina, just a few days removed from scoring his 1000th career point, racked up 13 points, 9 rebounds, and 6 assists. The scout was reportedly impressed with the way Maina was rebounding on the offensive side of the ball. Maina also has an offer to play at Iowa Lakes Community College next year.

Against Storm Lake St. Mary's, the E-Hawks held a scoring party. 11 of the 12 players on the roster put at least 1 point on the board.

Byron Maina led the way with 25 points, and we received a preview of his younger brother Marc's basketball career as he put up 11 points off the bench. Carter Tyce and Kale Fank both ended with 8 points. Kyle Europa scored 6 points. Matt Malm ended with 5, Carson Baak and Cooper Chizek both had 4, and Clayton Hoch scored 1 on a free throw.

The E-Hawks also played host to Estherville Lincoln Central on Tuesday night; the full story and stats will be included in next week's paper.

Tonight (Thursday), they made the trip to Spirit Lake to close out the regular season in a non-conference matchup against the Indians.

Information on the postseason will also be included in next week's paper as brackets have not been released yet.

Middle School Winter Sports Reviews



7th Grade Boys Basketball

Coach Ben Thomsen
"The seventh grade boys basketball team finished with a record of two wins and eight losses. We faced some good teams this year and also lost some close games. We gained great experience by playing against good teams and also learned that finishing and competing

in every game is very important. Consistency is something that these boys will continue to work on while continuing to learn more about the game of basketball. Even though we may not have had a lot of success on the court, the boys did grow from the beginning to the end of the season. I'm proud of their efforts and glad I had the opportunity to Coach them this year."



8th Grade Boys Basketball

Coach Ted Riley
"As a team our 8th grade boys basketball team was able to accomplish all of the goals we set forth at the beginning of the season. Each individual improved their skills, grew as a team member, learned life lessons, and had fun doing it. As their coach

I was able to provide an environment where important social and emotional skills such as Responsibility, Goal Setting, Teamwork, and Perseverance were taught. It's been an amazing journey watching these talented individuals come together to form an Undefeated Team. Perfection is rarely achieved in sports. When it does happen it should be recognized and celebrated!"

Middle School Girls Wrestling

Coach Dan Hewitt
The Emmetsburg Middle School Girls Wrestling team amassed an impressive, combined, record of 106-36 for the 2024 season. This group of eleven girls worked hard through their season to get better each time they wrestled. The team was primarily composed of first and second year wrestlers, which makes their season that much more impressive. This was a very fun group to coach and watch compete.

The 8th Grade class consisted of 7 girls that all returned from last season to compete again this year. Abby Biddle is one of the most energetic athletes on the middle school team, and she compiled a record of 10-1 on the season. Ellisyn Kaneer

wrestled her way to a 5-3 record for the season, she is a hard worker and made a lot of gains at practice to get better throughout the season. Jaelyn Hewitt went 8-5 this season and her dad says that he is very proud of her gains and improvement over the past three years. Paytn Haack put together a 14-2 record this season. Paytn is a hard worker and takes advantage of a lot of opportunities to get as much mat time as she can. Miley Albrant made one of the biggest improvements from her previous season, as she wrestled her way to an 11-4 record this year. MaKenna Burns was able to compete in more tournaments this season and put together a really good season, with a record of 11-3. The final 8th grader on the team made the switch from filming matches last year to wrestling matches this season. Solara

Rolon, in her first season of wrestling, willed her way to a 15-0, undefeated season.

Three of the four 7th grade wrestlers were first year wrestlers and each one of them got better every time they suited up for a tournament. Mariah Biddle won 8 of her 12 matches this year and was always accepting of coaching advice. Stella Bay went 8-5 and got more and more excited and confident about her tournaments as the season went on. Mariah Rolon came on strong in the 2nd half of the season winning 5 of her last 8 matches, giving her a season record of 5-9. The final 7th grader on this year's team was Sawyer Hasbrouck, whose physical strength and aggressive style helped her to an 11-0 record on the season. The Managers for this team are also 7th graders familiar with the sport of wrestling, which

made it easy to train them for their job. Finnley Klaus and Harper Higgins traveled with the team to their meets to film matches and keep records for the coaching staff.

One of the most important things to note about this team is that every girl is a multi-sport athlete. You will or have seen them on the volleyball court, softball field, basketball court, on the track, running cross country and even on the football field. These girls will be fun to watch and we will be proud to have them represent Emmetsburg as they get older.

This year's coaches were Head Coach Dan Hewitt who was assisted by Austin Flynn, Cole Johnson, Jess Biddle and former E-Hawk Anika Stearns, who got her coaching license to work directly with our young runners and wrestlers.



LEGAL NOTICES



PALO ALTO COUNTY SUPERVISORS

February 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Emmetsburg, Iowa

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors were invited to meet with Farm Bureau representatives on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Office in Emmetsburg. Members present: Ron Graettinger, Keith Wirtz, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg, Roger Faustick, Anne Quail, County Attorney, Jordan Morey, Clerk.

The Supervisors gave an overview of items and issues that are taking place in county government and answered questions. Craig Merrill gave an update on FEMA & drainage facilities.

Ron Graettinger discussed the FEMA funds that the county has received from the 2019 flooding.

Keith Wirtz gave an update on the new tractors and mowers that the Secondary Roads department has ordered.

Linus Solberg introduced Anne Quail the current Palo Alto County Attorney and also had her give an update on any current lawsuits/appeals in the County.

Roger Faustick updated on FEMA projects and the jail.

Walter Davis-Oeth was absent but had put together information for the representatives to review.

No action was taken. The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Roger Faustick, Chair
Jordan Morey, Clerk 7.1

PROBATE: WILLIAM FRANK ULRICH

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR PALO ALTO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM FRANK ULRICH, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR012592

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: All Persons Interested in the Estate of William Frank Ulrich, Deceased, who died on or about January 28, 2025.

You are hereby notified that on February 6, 2025, the undersigned, Sandra Henderson and Darryl Ulrich were appointed co-administrators of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

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PALO ALTO COUNTY SUPERVISORS

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
February 6, 2025, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Roger Faustick, Chair; Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ronald Graettinger, Craig Merrill. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Anne Quail, County Attorney; Randy Loomis; Jody Jergens, County Assessor; Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Sue Ruppert, County Recorder; Kathy Mortenson, Robin Thomsen, Lindsay Frambach, John King, County Sheriff.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faustick. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Roger Faustick, Chair, called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for February 6, 2025. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for January 28, 2025. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the Recorder's monthly report ending January 31, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Merrill to approve automatic renewal application for liquor license for Lakeland EZ Stop LLC, Ruthven Iowa. Motion Carried.

The Board considered Resolution No. 2-6-2025 A for appointment of Auditor Deputies. Carmen Moser, Auditor, requested 3 Deputy Positions at 78% of the Officer's salary.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to introduce & approve Resolution No. 2-6-2025 A for appointment of one Auditor Deputy at 78% of the Officer's salary. Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Faustick. Nays: Merrill, Solberg. Resolution Passed.

The Board considered Resolution No. 2-6-2025 for appointment of Treasurer Deputies. Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, requested 3 Deputy Positions at 78% of the Officer's salary.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to introduce & approve Resolution No. 2-6-2025 for appointment of one Deputy

Treasurer at 78% of the Officer's salary. Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Faustick. Nays: Merrill, Solberg. Resolution Passed.

The Board considered the elected official wage-increase for FY26.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the following wages increase for elected officials for FY26 as follows: Attorney 3%, Sheriff 2%, Recorder, Treasurer, Auditor 4%. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Solberg to approve a 2% increase for the county supervisors for FY 26. Nays: Graettinger. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a 4% increase for county employees for FY26. Motion Carried. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Randy Loomis was present for public comments and stated we are doing a great job.

John King, County Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss the appointment of Deputy Sheriff Kyle Hagen to Lieutenant. The recommendation is for 82% of the Sheriff's wage which would be \$80,221.00 per year.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the appointment of Kyle Hagen as Lieutenant at 82% of the Sheriff's wage effective February 16, 2025; and to approve a 2% raise for the Sheriff for FY26. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Linus—Care Connections; EMA & E911 meeting; Ron—Upper Des Moines mtg; Keith—IDDA meeting; Roger—statewide supervisors meeting.

The Board held a conference call with Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, for an update on the FEMA work. The next step is to put together table-top information for site reviews and to compile cost estimates.

Collin updated the Board on the work completed on the Drainage District 62 petition. The Board will have an informational meeting on February 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Roger Faustick, Chairman
Carmen Moser, County Auditor 7.1

PROBATE: JOHN C. BONSTEAD

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR PALO ALTO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF John C. Bonstead, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR012587

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of John C. Bonstead, Deceased, who died on or about December 2, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on January 28, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of John C. Bonstead, deceased, bearing date of December 19, 2003, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Margaret A. Bonstead was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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PROBATE: JAMES A. TRAVIS

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR PALO ALTO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF James A. Travis, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR012591

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of James A. Travis, Deceased, who died on or about January 23, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on February 4, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of James A. Travis, deceased, bearing date of April 11, 2005, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Deborah M. Travis was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR PALO ALTO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Kenneth W. Kassel, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR012586

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kenneth W. Kassel, Deceased, who died on or about January 13, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on January 22, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Kenneth W. Kassel, deceased, bearing date of March 12, 1999, and a Codicil dated November 11, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that David K. Kassel and Paul C. Kassel have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Upcoming Events Emmetsburg Community Schools. Logo of a yellow bear mascot.

School Activities

- Thursday, February 13, 2025
4:15pm - BB: Girls 7th Gr vs. Spirit Lake @ West Elementary
4:15pm - BB: Girls 8th Gr vs. Spirit Lake MS @ Spirit Lake MS
4:15pm - WR: Boys MS vs. Multiple Schools @ Emmetsburg MS
7:30pm - BB: Boys V vs. Spirit Lake @ Spirit Lake HS
7:30pm - BB: Boys V vs. Spirit Lake @ Spirit Lake HS

Friday, February 14, 2025
6 pm - Jazz Supper/Concert (MS/HS Band) Emmetsburg HS

Saturday, February 15, 2025
TBD - Archery: MS/HS Tournament vs. Dike-New Hartford @ Dike New Hartford HS
8 am - North Polk Show Choir Competition - Alleman - HS only
10 pm - WR: Boys Varsity District - TBA vs. TBA @ TBA

Monday, February 17, 2025
8 am - NCIBA District Jazz Contest - Fort Dodge
4:15pm - BB: Girls 7th Gr vs. Spencer @ Emmetsburg MS
4:15pm - BB: Girls 8th Gr vs. Spencer MS @ Spencer MS

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
4:15pm - WR: Boys MS Meet vs. Estherville Lincoln Central @ ELC Middle School

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
1:30pm - WR: Boys V State - TBD vs. IHSAA @ Wells Fargo Arena - Des Moines

Thursday, February 20, 2025
1:30pm - WR: Boys V State - TBD vs. IHSAA @ Wells Fargo Arena - Des Moines
4:15pm - BB: Girls 7th Gr vs. Storm Lake MS @ West Elementary
4:15pm - BB: Girls 8th Gr vs. Storm Lake MS @ Storm Lake Middle School

THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 13, 2025. Grid of TV channels and programs (Jeopardy!, News, etc.) with time slots from 6 PM to 11 PM.

Thursday Movies

Black Widow (21) *** A conspiracy forces Black Widow to confront her past. (PG13) (3:00) FX Thu. 10:30 p.m.
Innerspace (87) *** A miniaturized Navy pilot is injected into a clerk's body. (PG) (2:30) SYFY Thu. 9:30 a.m.
Captain America: Civil War (16) *** Captain America (Chris Evans) clashes with Iron Man. (PG13) (3:30) FX Thu. 7 p.m.
Devil Wears Prada, The (06) *** A recent college graduate lands a job at a fashion magazine. (PG13) (2:30) USA Thu. 7 p.m., Thu. 9:30 p.m.
Terminator, The (84) **** A cyborg assassin from the future comes to present-day L.A. (R) (2:30) AMC Thu. 11:30 a.m.
Enchanted (07) *** A princess from a fairy-tale world lands in the Big Apple. (PG) (2:25) FREEFRM Thu. 5:30 p.m.



Black Widow

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FRIDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 14, 2025. Grid of TV channels and programs (Jeopardy!, News, etc.) with time slots from 6 PM to 11 PM.

Friday Movies

Avengers, The (12) *** Superheroes team up to save the world from disaster. (PG13) (3:00) FX Fri. 7 p.m.
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (02) *** A malevolent force threatens the students at Hogwarts. (PG) (3:32) SYFY Fri. 3:35 p.m.
Beauty and the Beast (91) **** A maiden trades places with her captive father. (G) (2:00) FREEFRM Fri. 5 p.m.
Captain America: The First Avenger (11) *** Captain America battles the evil HYDRA organization. (PG13) (2:30) FX Fri. 4:30 p.m.
Devil Wears Prada, The (06) *** A recent college graduate lands a job at a fashion magazine. (PG13) (2:30) BRAVO Fri. 3 p.m., Fri. 8 p.m.
Frozen (13) *** A young queen's icy powers trap a kingdom in eternal winter. (PG) (1:45) DISN Fri. 5:15 p.m.
Ghostbusters (84) *** Four paranormal investigators battle mischievous ghouls. (PG) (2:30) AMC Fri. 8:30 a.m.



The Devil Wears Prada

Lunch MENU

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Thursday, February 13
Waffles/Syrup
Friday, February 14
Breakfast Sausage, Egg, Cheese Biscuit
Monday, February 17
Breakfast Pizza
Tuesday, February 18
Cheese Omelet/Toast
Wednesday, February 19
Biscuit & Gravy
Thursday, February 20
French Toast/Syrup

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Lunch Menus

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

Thursday, February 13 Chicken & Noodle Corn Pineapple/Mandarin Dinner Roll

Friday, February 14 Taco Salad Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese Fritos Cinnamon Puff Applesauce

Monday, February 17 Spaghetti Candied Carrots Mixed Fruit French Bread

Tuesday, February 18 Cowboy Cavatini Baked Broccoli WG Bread Stick Peaches

Wednesday, February 19 Tuna & Noodles Peas/Corn Fruit Cup Johnny Cake

Thursday, February 20 Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun Tater Wedges Apple Cookie

Dinner Date MENU

- Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance No one will be served without a reservation Call the Multipurpose Senior Center at 852-3350 for next day reservations between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily People under 60 years of age and not married to someone 60 years of age or older must pay full fee.

Thursday, February 13 Hamburger/Bun Mashed Potatoes Peas Peaches

Friday, February 14 Chili Crackers Carrots Cinnamon Roll Orange

Monday, February 17 Vegetable Beef Soup Bread Stick Applesauce Jello Salad

Tuesday, February 18 Cheesburger/Bun Potato Salad Baked Beans Orange

Wednesday, February 19 Tater Tot Casserole Corn Bread Banana

Thursday, February 20 Baked Chicken Stuffing Mixed Veggies Bread Pears

SATURDAY DAYTIME TV schedule table with columns for time slots (7 AM to 5:30 PM) and various programs.

SATURDAY EVENING TV schedule table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and various programs.

Saturday Movies

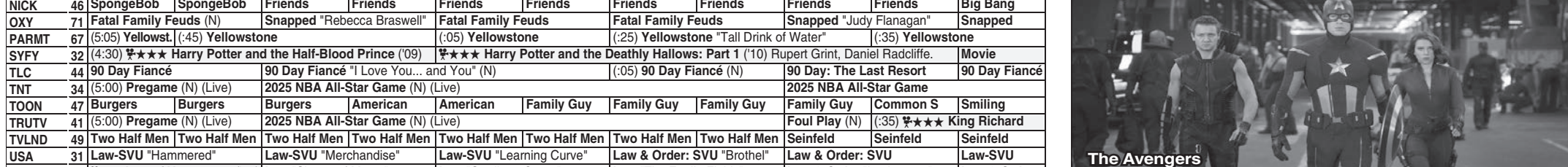
- Ant-Man and The Wasp (PG-13)
Jungle Book: The Jungle Book (PG)
Kid Who Would Be King (PG)
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13)
Captain America: Civil War (PG-13)
Despicable Me 2 (PG)
Groundhog Day (PG)
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG)
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG)
Ant-Man and The Wasp (PG-13)
Jungle Book: The Jungle Book (PG)
Kid Who Would Be King (PG)
League of Their Own (PG)
Monsters University (PG)
Princess and the Frog (PG)
Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings (PG)
True Lies (PG)
Zootopia (PG)

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Sunday Movies

- Avengers: The Avengers (PG)
Captain America: Civil War (PG-13)
Doctor Strange (PG)
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG)
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG)
King Richard (PG)
Men in Black (PG)
Toy Story 3 (G)
The Avengers
King Richard
Men in Black
Toy Story 3



The Avengers

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EMMETSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monday, January 27, 2025 A 2017 GMC Acadia driven by Jessica Emswiler of Altona was heading north on Lawler Street...

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 Following an investigation, EPD arrested 27-year-old Alexander James DeFord of Emmetsburg for domestic abuse assault...

Friday, January 31, 2025 George Burch of Emmetsburg was operating his 2009 Ford F-150 and was waiting at the stop sign of Union St and Main St...

Saturday, February 1, 2025 The EPD received a call regarding a disturbance at a residence in Emmetsburg. After an investigation on scene, EPD arrested Amber Enger...

Sunday, February 2, 2025 A minor collision happened at the 17th Street dump when Timothy Swanson of Emmetsburg backed his 2012 Jeep into Michael Heronimus's 2013 Ford...

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Saturday, February 8, 2025 The EPD responded to a residence in Emmetsburg for a domestic situation that had occurred. When law enforcement arrived, an investigation occurred and Robin Jamison of Emmetsburg was placed under arrest...

MONDAY DAYTIME FEBRUARY 17, 2025. Grid of TV channels (NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, TBS, etc.) and programs (Today, CBS Mornings, Good Morning America, etc.) with time slots from 7 AM to 5:30 PM.

Flashback Trivia by Ryan A. Berenz. Includes 'Sports Quiz' graphic and 'Flashback Trivia' logo with 'Pop Rock & Soul Trivia by Raper'.

1. This relief pitcher won World Series titles with the 1969 New York Mets and the 1980 Philadelphia Phillies. His son is a country music star. Who is he?
2. Who did Muhammad Ali defeat in a hard-fought unanimous decision to retain the undisputed heavyweight championship at New York City's Madison Square Garden on Sept. 29, 1977?
3. Name the motorsports driver, engineer, designer and businessman from New Zealand who was killed in 1970 while testing a new racecar in England.
4. Center Will Perdue won three NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls from 1991-93 and won his fourth title with that team in 1999?
5. Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver Calvin Johnson, who played for the Detroit Lions from 2007-15, was nicknamed after what "Transformers" character?
6. Atlanta Drive GC, Boston Common Golf, Jupiter Links GC and The Bay Golf Club are among the teams with indoor/virtual golf league?
7. Name the Hall of Fame jockey who won the Kentucky Derby riding Sea Hero in 1993 and Grindstone in 1996.

Monday Movies

Amazing Spider-Man, The (12)
Kingsman: The Secret Service (14)
Captain America: Civil War (16)
Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (03)
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (16)
Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (16)
Ghostbusters (84)
State of Liberty, The (85)
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (11)
Trolls (16)

MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 17, 2025. Grid of TV channels and programs (NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, TBS, etc.) with time slots from 6 PM to 11 PM.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. Includes a lightbulb icon and the text 'Now here's a tip!' by Jo Ann Derson.

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest mountain in Canada?
2. TELEVISION: Who is the host of the long-running reality series "Survivor"?
3. LITERATURE: Which animals represent the Communist Party in "Animal Farm"?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state is the birthplace of the singer Elvis?
5. ASTRONOMY: How long does it take the moon to orbit the Earth?
6. MOVIES: What is the score Elle receives on her law school admission test in "Legally Blonde"?
7. AD SLOGANS: Which product's slogan is "Is It In You"?
8. LANGUAGE: What is an eraser called in the United Kingdom?
9. SCIENCE: What are the four primary precious metals?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Valentine's Day arose from which Roman ritual?

TUESDAY DAYTIME FEBRUARY 18, 2025. Grid of TV channels and programs (NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, TBS, etc.) with time slots from 7 AM to 5:30 PM.

Tuesday Movies

American Sniper (14)
Goodfellas (90)
How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (19)
Emperor's New Groove, The
Finding Nemo (03)
Scarface (83)

Salome's Stars. Includes a woman's portrait and text: 'ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Having second thoughts could be a good thing, even if you're determined to go through with your plans. You might find it worthwhile to take a fresh look at how things have been set up. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial matters could continue to be a problem until you're able to straighten out some of the more pesky situations. Once this happens, the rest should be easier to unravel. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters once again take center stage and should be dealt with competently and quickly. Again, insist that others take on their fair share of the responsibilities. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your creative pursuits seem to be running into a roadblock. But rather than blame outside factors, look within to see if you might be holding back your efforts for some reason. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Keep your keen Cat's Eye focused on relevant aspects of this new situation in your life. Don't be distracted by trivial matters. You need the pertinent facts before making a decision. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) As much as you prefer doing things on your own, continue to accept help if you still need to resolve the problem that affects your project. Meanwhile, some cheerful news is about to come your way. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) While you might begrudge the added time it will take to get your project from point A to B to C, etc., you could benefit from the facts that will emerge over this expanded time span. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Regarding your workplace suggestions, be prepared to produce the facts to counter reactions from skeptics who feel like your approach is unreasonable or even impossible. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Savvy Sagittarians will look for work-related answers on their own rather than relying on unproved assumptions. It might take more time to do so, but the payoff is worth it. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects continue to favor family issues, with a special emphasis this week on changes in and around your home. Get everyone to suggest what they would like to see done. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A matter you thought had been settled still might produce surprises. Best advice: Continue to gather facts to bolster your position just in case you need to produce them quickly. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) While your instincts are usually right when discerning 'twixt truth and deception, you could benefit from doing more research on the new "prospect" that you've been pitched. BORN THIS WEEK: Your wisdom is only matched by your generosity, making you the sort of friend everyone hopes to have. © 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

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