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## County finalizes camera plans

**ORDINANCES:** County passes 1st reading of highway camera program ordinance

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber is drawing a line with speeding in the county.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, the board approved the first ordinance allowing Weber to install speed cameras along corridors where speeding and fatalities are more prevalent.

The board also approved how it will allocate the revenue generated from the speed cameras.

The county has been kicking around the idea of bringing in the cameras for most of the year, but board Chairman Garry

Seyb wanted to make sure the revenue was allocated in a manner that didn't just dump the funds into the general fund with no oversight.

Weber told the board people need to stop focusing on the revenue and instead focus on reducing speed.

"I want everyone to focus on the fact that there is large revenue from this because people are not obeying the speed limit which is the cause of the problems we're seeing on that stretch of road and another road where I want to put them," Weber said.

"People need to stop for a second and realize that. This isn't

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison firefighters work to clean up what's left of a car accident in the 1300 block of Avenue G Sunday morning. No one suffered serious injuries as a result of the accident that left one car on its side.

### FMAAA

## June FMAAA exhibit features Muscatine photographer

BY LORI ILLNER GREEN

FORT MADISON - LIGHT photography by Marc Wallace of Muscatine opens June 2nd with a Reception from 5-7pm at the FMAAA Art Center located at 825 Avenue G in Fort Madison.

Please drop by to help make this out of town photographer feel welcome to Fort Madison. Enjoy some snacks and beverages while you take in his ethereal photography. Marc plays with lighting and atmospheric conditions to produce exceptional work. Many pieces, done

in black and white or sepia tones, are highly emotive and quite lovely. The Art Center thanks Lee County Bank for their generous sponsorship of this month's exhibition.

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### EDITORIAL



## Gillett's 100 gives us all a little hope

Courage.

It's hard enough to live in this world for even a couple decades, and right now, it's probably as hard as it's ever been.

Saturday I was doing laundry and packing a bag because I fear at any moment my life will be flipped upside down and I'll have to rush to the hospital to be with my ailing mother. She's a hell of a fighter and I wouldn't be surprised if in another couple of decades I'm writing about this tough time in her life.

Her liver is failing and other conditions prevent doctors from doing the really good stuff to turn that around. She also has a tumor on her liver that's knocking on the portal vein that supplies blood to the liver.

But as much as I want to write in therapy for having to deal with this six months after my wife left and three years after losing my daughter, today we're going to talk about courage and a man named Conrad Gillett.

Connie, as he's known to friends, celebrated his 100th birthday Saturday at the Kensington.

My mission on this was to take a photo, and chat with this man, whose the father of a very good photographer.

Conrad has one of the sharpest minds of anyone I've ever met. And a deduction on my part says that Connie was a member of special forces division of the U.S. Marines called the Raiders.

Conrad simply calls them an "elite" force. Elite indeed.

The Raiders were formed in 1942 and disbanded two years later in 1944 and were lightly armed and specially trained forces in the South Pacific.

Gillett is an extremely quick reference for a 100-year-old man and veteran of World War II. I would have to imagine that he is one of the oldest WWII veterans in Lee County, if not the oldest. He's




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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### DARLENE FREITAG

Darlene Freitag, 68, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 5:48 PM at her home.

She was born on November 18, 1954 in Maryland to Curtis L. and June Hickerson Birley, Sr. After her father passed away she was raised by her Mom and Step Father, John Pollard. On June 6, 2013 she married Stephen Freitag in Ft. Madison. Darlene worked in housekeeping at Great River Medical Center for 19 ½ years. She was a member of Joy Baptist Church and enjoyed fishing



**FREITAG** Survivors include her husband, Stephen Freitag of Ft. Madison; four sons, Del (Brandy) Luedtke of Kanawha, IA, Curtis Luedtke of Ft. Madison, Raymond Freitag of Ft. Madison and David Freitag of Ft. Madison; one daughter, Mary Luedtke of Bettendorf; four grandchildren; one sister, Dana (Frank) Carulli of Arizona; two half brothers, Gene Pollard of Alabama and Ricky Pollard of Massachusetts and one half sister, Lisa Gamble of Alabama; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, step father and two brothers, Butch and Cliff.

The funeral service will be held on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 11 AM at Joy Baptist Church. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11 AM at the Church. Following the service her body will be cremated and burial will be in Gethsemane Cemetery at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## OBITUARIES

### GLENDA L. HARDMAN

Glenda L. Hardman, 83, of Keokuk, passed away on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Glenda was born on September 2, 1939, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Horace F. Mann, Jr., and Pansy (Lanam) Mann. On August 24, 1957, she was united in marriage to Jerry Dean Hardman, Sr., in Keokuk. He survives.



**HARDMAN** Glenda is survived by her husband Jerry Dean Hardman, Sr., of Keokuk; four sons: Jerry Dean (Sherry) Hardman, Jr., of Keokuk, Ricky Hardman of Keokuk, Robert (Tammy) Hardman of Lexington, Kentucky, and Jamie (Angie) Hardman of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; three daughters: Kellie Smith of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, Gina Hardman of Keokuk and Leslie Hardman of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; her sister Judith Grogan of Elvaston, Illinois; her brother Larry (Connie) Mann of North Carolina; her sister-in-law Sharon Mann of Tennessee; twenty-four grandchildren; fifty-two great-grandchildren; eleven great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Glenda is also survived by her constant companion, her dog Schwhite.

Glenda is preceded in death by her parents, eleven siblings, her granddaughter Bobbi Jo Wrieden, her great-granddaughter Jaley Ackers; and her great-great-grandson Mason Hardman. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 31, from 3 to 7 pm, with family meeting friends from 5 to 7 pm at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Jerry Hardman, Sr., for expenses.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

# BACK PAIN?

**Do You Have Hip Pain? Are You As Stiff As a Board When You Try to Get Up From a Chair? Have You Run Out of Hope?**

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Dr. Jason James, D.C.

I'd be stupid to make such a claim if I couldn't back it up. But I am so confident we can help your back, I insist on giving you a 100% SATISFACTION PLEDGE at James Healthcare. I hate empty promises, and I also hate the lies most folks have been told about their backs. That's why it's important I expose these MYTHS about back pain.

**MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!**

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...

The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:



**MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!**

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy?") waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

**MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!**

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

**It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!**

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

**MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"**

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse!"

That's why it's important to examine the spine AT THE SAME TIME as the muscles that control it. It's also why we've had such outrageous success with even the worst backs at James Healthcare. Because we deal with BOTH the spine and muscles at the same time. We have spine doctors (chiropractors), pain doctors (nurse practitioners) and muscle professionals (therapists) and together they deliver an outstanding way to help "bad backs". This ties in to Myth #5 and the diagram:



**MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!**

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

**WOULDN'T YOU RATHER: Turn over in bed without pain waking you up?**

Get up in the morning without being as stiff as a board?

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- Bent—crooked off to one side and can't stand up straight if your life depended on it
- Trigger Point...zinging pain to butt-cheek
- Stiff as a board...creak and groan when you first get out of bed in the morning
- Traitor...can't trust your back and what it's going to do—or when!
- Vice-like...constantly locked down tight!
- Shooting...vicious but short-lived
- Lumbago...hard to pin it down—just seems to hurt all the time, but it's hard to say where
- One-sided...right at that "bone" on one side
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### DONALD J. PETERSCHMIDT

Donald J. "Don" Peterschmidt, 81, of Montrose, Iowa, passed away at 3:50 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2023, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.



Born on November 18, 1941, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Valentine and Nina (Fine) Peterschmidt. On October 1, 1968, in Fort Madison he married Connie Warrington.

He is survived by his wife: Connie of Montrose; sons: Kurt (wife Christine Skow) Peterschmidt of Coralville, Iowa and Greg (wife Leslie) Peterschmidt of Erwin, Tennessee. He is also survived by a granddaughter, grandson, step grandson, and step granddaughters.



He was preceded in death by his parents.

Don graduated from Fort Madison High School and the University of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in science. He was a United States Army veteran serving during the Vietnam Era. Don retired from Monsanto as an analytical chemist. He enjoyed the outdoors, being in nature, gardening and his yard.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in his memory.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

### MARY H. BRADLEY

On Monday, May 22, 2023, Mary Helen Bradley, of Milliken, CO, loving wife & mother of four children passed away at age 80.

Mary was born August 7, 1942 in Keokuk, IA, to Delbert & Juanita Kemper. She graduated high school in Argyle, IA, in 1960, and married David Bradley on November 29, 1967. They were happily married for 55 years, setting a great example for their four children, Denise Ransom, Orkie Bradley, Debbie Augustine & Perry Bradley. Mary loved her family and even though most lived miles away, she was able to keep them all close. She loved going up to the mountains. She was a good friend, offering help whenever she saw a need.

Mary is survived by her husband, Dave; children, Denise Ransom, Orkie Bradley & Debbie Augustine; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; along with brothers & sisters.

She was preceded in death by a son, Perry Bradley; two grandsons, Richard Bradley & Matthew Cramer; a daughter and a grandson, both at birth.

Visitation will be held from 1:30-2:30 PM on Friday, June 2, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will follow in Charleston Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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### BRENDAN P. SANDERS

Brendan P. Sanders, 51, passed away at 9:30 PM on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at The West Point Care Center.

He was born on January 4, 1972 in Ft. Madison to John and Mary Kroning Sanders. Brendan married Cathy Riley and they later divorced. Brendan was a graduate of Ft. Madison and worked at Merschman Seeds for over twenty years. He enjoyed pool, wrestling and playing softball. He was an avid bowler and won the Iowa State Mexican Bowling Doubles Championship in 1994. When he was younger, he participated in JUDO and won three state championships. Brendan loved the Hawkeyes, Vikings and Cubs. He was a talented at photographer, especially of race cars and his photos were published in several magazines.



SANDERS

Survivors include one brother Daniel (Kathy) Sanders of Burlington; two sisters, Shelly Wagoner of Ft. Madison and Jaime Sonnenberg of Riviera, TX; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, Michael Wagoner.

The memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Friday, June 2, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Jon Heyland officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11 AM. Those who are attending on Friday are encouraged to wear one of Brendan's favorite teams apparel. Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for the Bloodhound Boosters and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## Obituaries/From the Front

# Lunch ala art set for June 30th for photog exhibit

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The Art Center also welcomes back the lively and entertaining piano player, Vince Garza for FINALE on Saturday, June 24 from 7 to 9pm

Then, Marc Wallace will be back at the end of the month for Lunch ala Art on Friday, June 30th at noon. The luncheon costs \$10 and the artist talk follows. Please reserve your space in advance by contacting the Art Center at 319-372-3996 or signing up online via the Events Calendar at [fortmadisonart.com](http://fortmadisonart.com).

Wallace strives in his work, "to accentuate light, the intrinsic qualities and character of God." He further states, "Our world is an incredible place that we get to live in. Everywhere we look, we can find astounding beauty. It is my hope to help people see the incredible beauty of God's creation..." Marc first learned photography from his father, and purchased his own first camera while in high school. Later serving in the Marines he was stationed at the Headquarters Battalion for the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Camp Courtney, complete with a photo lab and a knowledgeable photo tech. Marc used the opportunity to really explore this media thoroughly. He states, "Having full use of this valuable resource changed my perspective about photography and I fell in love with this very challenging medium, Black & White Photography... my preferred medium for taking Pictures... My wife [Debbie] and my friends who know me accuse me of seeing in Black and White."

This exhibition is available for viewing until after Artist Gallery Talk at Lunch ala Art on June 30th.

The Art Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am until 5pm to view exhibitions, browse member artwork for sale, or to do self-guided ceramics glazing.

### OBITUARIES

## CYNTHIA L. YAEGER

Cynthia L. "Cindy" Yaeger, 80, of West Point, IA, passed away peacefully at 1:38 p.m. on Monday, May 29, 2023 at River Valley Place in Fort Madison. She was born on February 24, 1943 to Douglas & Wanda Bonar Riddle. She was a production supervisor at Champi-on Spark Plug in Burlington with 47 years of service, retiring in 2013. Cindy was a lover of life. Her smile and laugh was contagious. She lived for her two beautiful granddaughters, travelling anywhere she could to watch them barrel race. She spent countless hours planting flowers and perfecting an already perfect yard. She was truly talented. Finally, everyone knew Cindy was a dog lover! She never went far without her best friends.



YAEGER

"Grandma Zip" is truly going to be missed.

Cindy is survived by: 1-son: Ron "Stubby" Stevenson of West Point, IA; 2-granddaughters: Scout (Mitch Coffey) Stevenson of West Point, IA & Bailey (Tanner) Kelch of Phoenix, AZ; 1-brother: Mark (Bonnie) Riddle of Burlington, IA & 1-sister: Jennifer (George) Cooper of Midland, TX. She was preceded in death by: her parents and 2-sons: Rick Stevenson & Mark Klock.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A gathering will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Wever Fire Department. Burial will be at a later date in the Denmark Cemetery with her two sons. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for the Wever Fire Department and contributions may be left at the fire department during the gathering or mailed to: Ron Stevenson, 1293 295th Avenue, West Point, IA 52656. Online condolences to the Yaeger family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## PERRY L. BRADLEY

On Sunday, May 21, 2023, Perry Lee Bradley of Greeley, CO, loving father, son & brother, passed away at the age of 58.

Perry was born December 2, 1964, in Stella, MO, to Mary & David Bradley. Perry was a filmmaker at Kodak for 20 years. He was a faithful member of the La'Salle Eagles Club, and would give the shirt off his back for anyone, even when he was battling cancer.



BRADLEY

Perry is survived by his father, David Bradley; one brother, Orkie Bradley; two sisters, Denise Ransom & Debbie Augustine, as well as one daughter, Letha Arthur; and three grandchildren, David, Matthew & Emaleigh Arthur. Perry was preceded in death by one son, David R.

Bradley; one nephew, Matthew Cramer; and his mother, Mary Bradley, one day after his death.

Visitation will be held from 1:30-2:30 PM on Friday, June 2, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will follow in Charleston Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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**GILLETT** - Continued from Page 1

certainly one of the oldest in the state.

But this man dressed in spiffy birthday attire, walked briskly into the dining hall at The Kensington in Fort Madison Saturday and took a quick seat at a table adorned with cards, a special lit Boat in a Bottle and a piece of carrot cake.

This gentle man with a vicious past would be a page turning reference on WWII specific to U.S. operations on islands in the south pacific including Guadalcanal, New Georgia, and Guam.

I gave myself 15 minutes to honor this man and his son Keith. Thirty minutes after my self-imposed deadline, I'm still leaning my head in my hand riveted to this man's power of recollection.

He talked in great detail and with candor about his role with the Raiders. He also asked me several times to leave details out of my publication. Glad to oblige that request. This story was too good. While he revealed the Raiders' job description in great detail he reached the point where the war was coming to an end and B29 bombers were seen flying in to the forward operation on a clear night with a big moon.

"It was one of the most beautiful things I saw in my four years of service," he told me.

Tears filled his eyes and he stopped to wipe his face. "Excuse me".

He talked about Fort Madison and how it's changed and one of the great things he's seen in this town is the "rehabilitation" of the harbor - or marina.

"That's a very good thing for this town," he said.

The marina holds a special place for this avid fisherman, whose health issues have blocked him from going further down the Mississippi in a flat bottom john boat. He stopped just two years earlier.

"One of the first things to go is the legs", he said. "And I have a kidney problem so I can't get too far away before I have to pee." 100 years old and he thinks he needs to explain why he can't get in a boat.

Charming beyond any expectation. This man deserves a sit down with anyone who'd like to do it. He'd welcome it.

His four decades as a man who worked his way from the bottom to a high level at Sheaffer Pen, said work ethics are failing this area, and this country. He said people need to have pride in their work and they need to get back to work. Conrad said people who work need to have a desire, once again, to be the best at what they do.

"That's what my father taught me."

Conrad, I think your father taught you more than that. He taught you courage and bravery, and kindness and passion. He taught you that giving a complete stranger 45 minutes to talk about your service to this country and how Fort Madison is changing, is strong character and a love of people.

I don't wanna diminish the service of others that live here and have stories to tell, but I do wanna try to convey clearly, how well this man recalls his days in the Raiders and fishing off the Mississippi shore.

It would not surprise me to be chatting with Mr. Gillett as well in the next decade. It helps to restore my faith in humanity, which has been challenged over and over the past two decades. But he's still a rock and an encyclopedia of knowledge that he can tap almost at the mere request.

Connie Gillett, you're a real American hero and someone I will brag on sitting down with close to an hour. I hope you enjoyed the carrot cake and company - But that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at [Charles.V@pencitycurrent.com](mailto:Charles.V@pencitycurrent.com).

# Weber after speeders, not revenue

**CAMERAS** - Continued from Page 1

road piracy. When I entered into this program, we had no idea how much money they brought in. We had no idea how many people actually were speeding and we looked at the state numbers and did our own speed study.

"People traveling through our good county are not obeying the speed limit. There aren't stopping at Casey's - there's only one in Donnellson. Other than that they're not stopping. They're driving through at 20 plus miles per hour over the speed limit."

The county's ordinance spells out civil fines for speeding starting at 12 mph over the speed limit, but Weber said that doesn't mean that deputies won't pull you over for doing less than that.

Motorists traveling from 12 to 15 mph over the speed limit could face a \$100 fine; 16-20 mph would be \$150; 21-25 mph over the speed limit will result in a \$200 fine and anything over 26 mph over the speed limit is \$250. Fines are doubled if the cameras are in construction zones.

Revenue from citations less the vendor's fee will be deposited in a separate interest-bearing account. At the end of the 3rd quarter of each fiscal year, the county will deposit at least 25% into a County Reserve/Emergency Fund. After that deposit, any overtime expenses incurred by the sheriff's department for expert testimony/witness will be paid. Also 1% of the fees collected annually will go to Crimestoppers, 1% to the Lee County K9 Association, 1% to Lee County Narcotics Task Force; 1% to Lee County Attorney's Office, 1% to Lee County Auditor's office; 1% to Lee County EMS Ambulance, 1% to Lee County Secondary Roads, 5% to Lee County Sheriff's Office. Additional funds may be used at the discretion of the board of supervisors.

"This is a countermeasure that we worked collaboratively on with our secondary roads, our county engi-

neer, and the DOT. Again, we're knee-deep in fatalities. We're second in the entire state," Weber said.

He said there is no upfront cost to the taxpayers, but a portion of the revenue comes off the top for the vendor to operate and monitor the cameras.

Lee County Attorney Ross Braden, who helped draw up the ordinance, said the company that the county uses to install and monitor the cameras will take their share of revenue off the top before funds are sent to the county. The company absorbs the costs of installation and signage for the equipment.

Seyb said people blow by him when he travels Hwy. 27, one of the stretches of highway planned for the cameras, where he works.

"It reminds me of the Autobahn in Germany when I was a young man over there. You're looking in the rearview mirror and you say, 'That dude's cooking.' These guys are literally doing 85, 90, 95 miles per hour," Seyb said.

Seyb said the focus should not be the money, but as a board member it will generate money and he wants to make sure the money goes to good use in the county.

"I don't want it to get ground up in the budget so to speak," Seyb said.

He said he also didn't want it to blow a hole in the budget if they put it in the general fund. There, if the state could make it illegal, or even take a cut of the revenue it would leave the county without projected funds.

"The reason I have repeatedly said no no no is that we talked about possibly putting them into a resolution or a standard operating procedure, but I held fast that it be an ordinance, because ordinance is law.

"It stands to be a large chunk of money and it's good we are making our intentions clear and we took time to pause."

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GREEN BAY LEVEE &  
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APRIL 27, 2023**

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District met at the regular meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heartland Co-Op, Wever.

Present were trustees Rick Kuntz, Mike Walker and Brandon Bonar and clerk, Kimberly Spear. Also present were other members of the community.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Spear read the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 30, 2023. Moved by Walker, seconded by Bonar, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat Kaltefleiter gave the Pump Master report. River stage was 18.20. Moved by Bonar, seconded by Kuntz, to accept the Pump Master Report as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding CRP contracts. Reseeding will need to wait until approval, probably next spring. The other contracts can renew and are awaiting paperwork.

Discussion was had regarding the mowing contracts. 3 bids were received and opened. Moved by Walker, seconded by Kuntz to give Danny Smith the contract to mow the dirt levee for 1 year at \$120/hour. Motion carried.

The IFC barge loading project is moving ahead. Plans will be sent to the district with 2024 an estimate to break ground.

IFC is also having a brand name change to OCI Nitrogen North America Iowa.

Walker led a discussion on the USACE 408 permit. It has advanced to the next level. Rock Island is still preparing to send to Washington DC.

An application has been sent to World Insurance, but nothing has been heard back.

Moved by Kuntz,

seconded by Bonar to appoint Mike Walker the flood fight manager. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding steps that would need to be taken regarding the flood.

Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Walker to approve the Clerk's Report. Motion carried. Current balances are \$658,262.31 in the Operating Fund.

At 7:40 p.m. Kuntz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bonar. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Drainage District will be Thursday, May 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Spear, Lee County Auditor's Office.

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# Reynolds gives OK to deployment of Iowa troops

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The announcement comes one week after Gov. Reynolds and fellow Republican Governors received a security briefing from Texas Governor Greg Abbott and a request to support Operation Lone Star to help secure the border following the end of Title 42.

“The crisis we are experiencing is a direct result of a dereliction of duty by President Biden. The consequences of an open border can be felt across the country as fentanyl and the cartels threaten our communities,” said Governor Kim Reynolds. “While the White House chooses to do nothing, Republican Governors stand ready to protect our states’ interests.”

The approximately 100 Iowa National Guard troops will deploy for 30 days in August. The 30 Department of Public Safety personnel will deploy for 30 days in September.

In June 2021, Gov. Reynolds approved sending nearly 30 Iowa State Patrol troopers to Texas as part of Operation Lone Star. During the first deployment, Iowa troopers assisted with 240 criminal arrests, 51 vehicle pursuits and seizures of 948 pounds of marijuana, 37 pounds of cocaine and methamphetamine, 18 firearms, and \$1.7 million dollars.

“Two years ago, the Iowa Department of Public Safety provided humanitarian aid and public safety assistance along our nation’s southern border. Our officers experienced first-hand the challenges of a chaotic border and provided much needed aid and assistance to our colleagues at the Texas Department of Public Safety,” said Iowa Department of Public Safety Commissioner Stephan K. Bayens. “Their need for help is even greater today, and we stand ready to support them without compromising our duties to our home state.”

“The Iowa National Guard is trained, prepared and Always Ready to aid in protecting Iowans, our communities, and nation,” said Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, Major General, Stephen Osborn. “Our units stand ready to deploy and conduct missions that are needed to secure our border and safeguard the American people.”



Former U.S. Marine Raider Conrad “Connie” Gillette celebrated his 100th birthday this past weekend at The Kensington. Gillette is one of the longest living WWII veterans in the state of Iowa, but can recall his four years in the military like someone half his age.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

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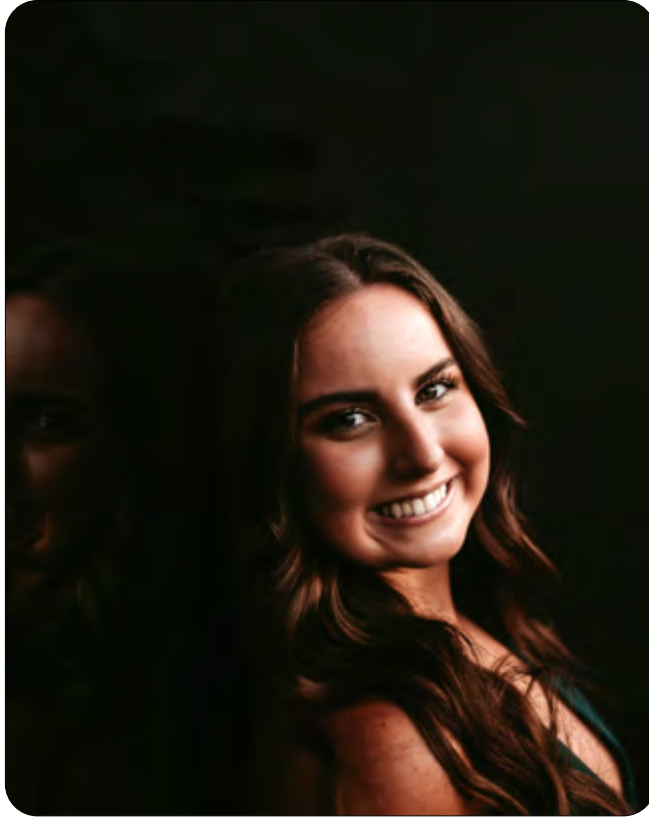
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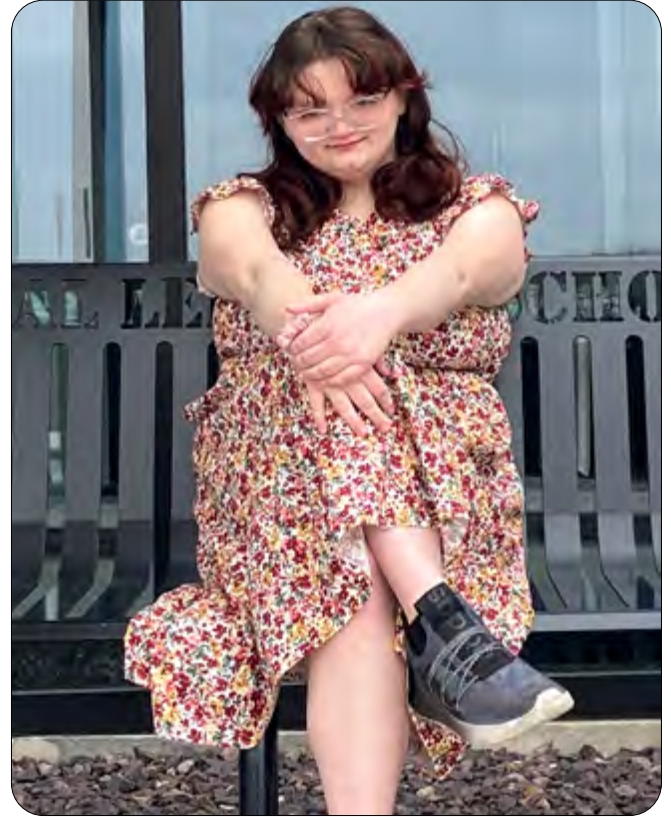
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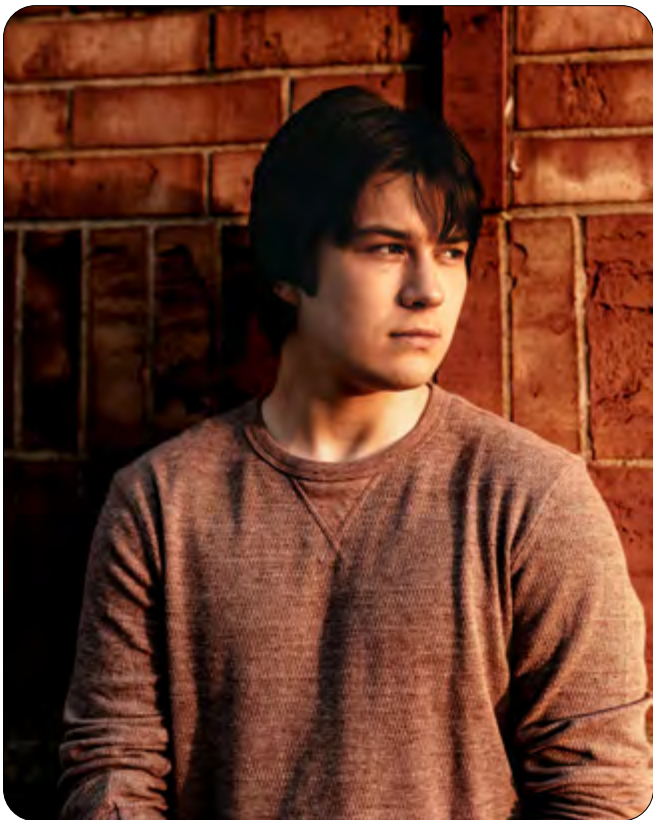
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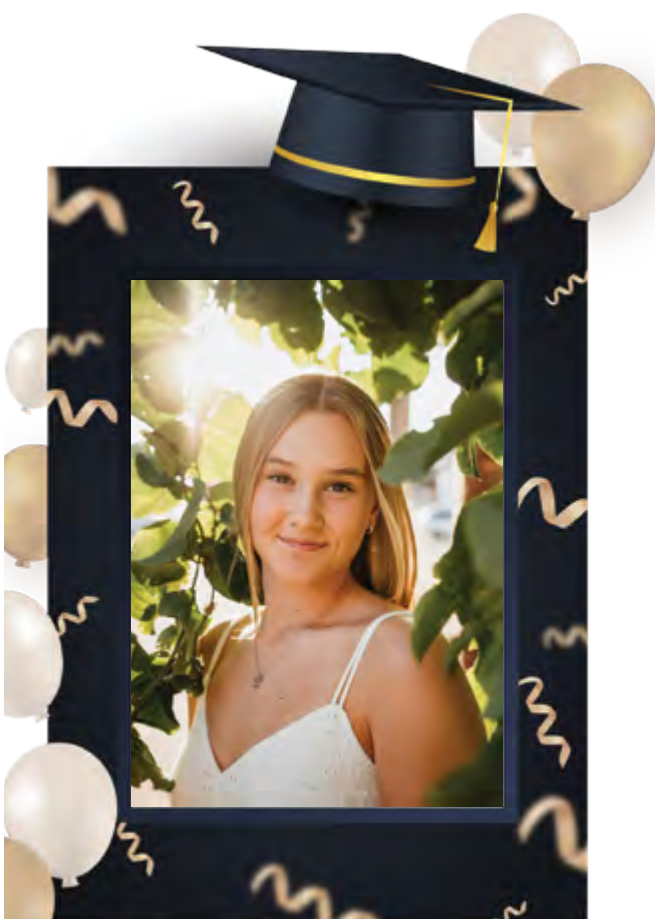
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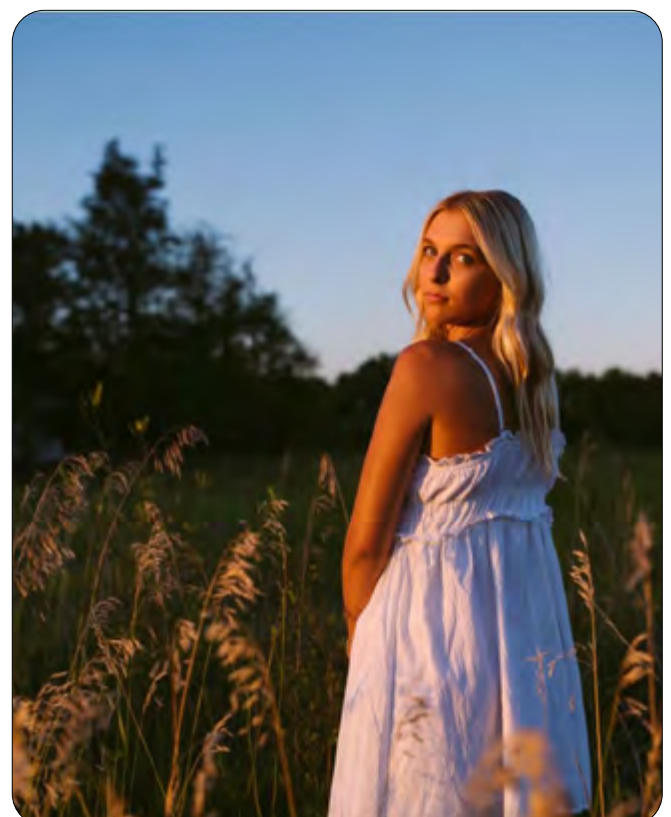
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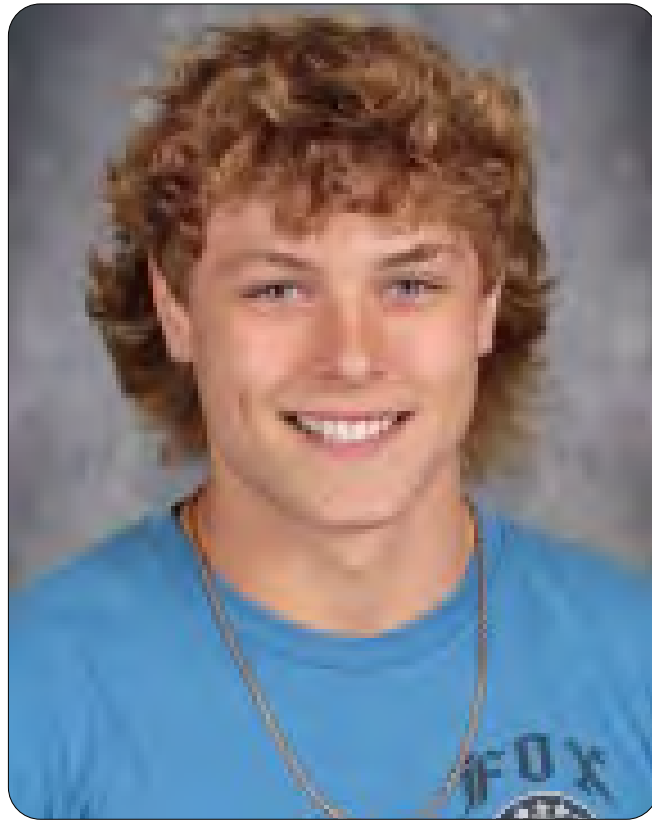
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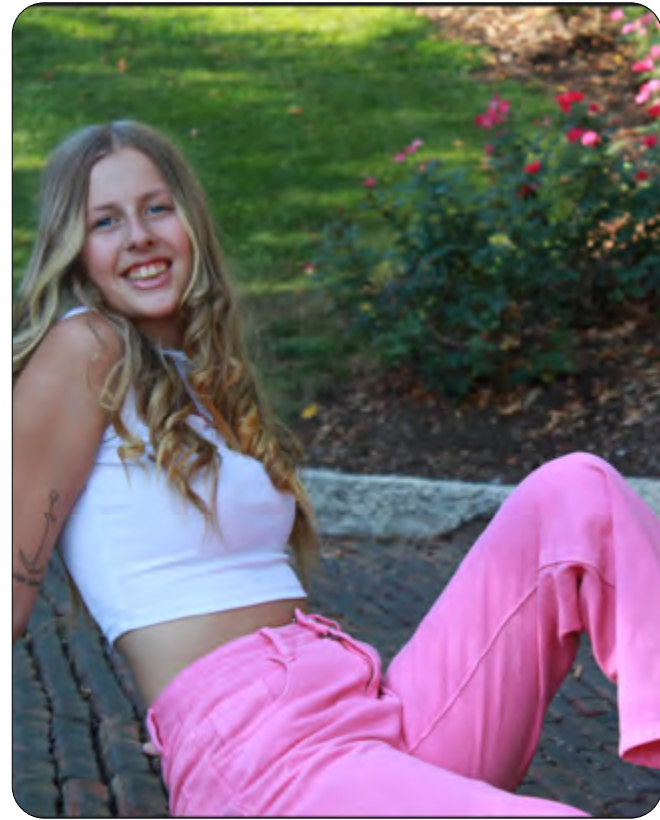
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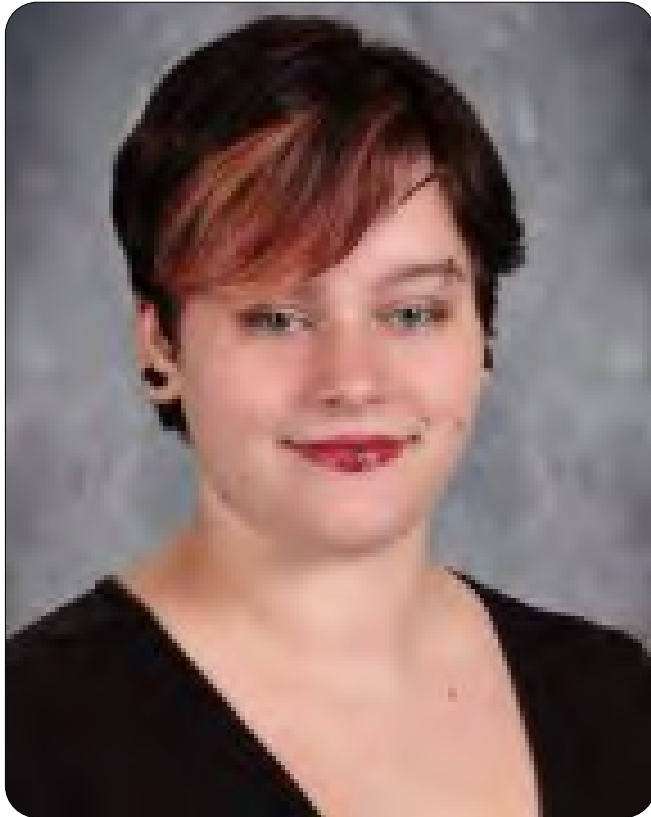
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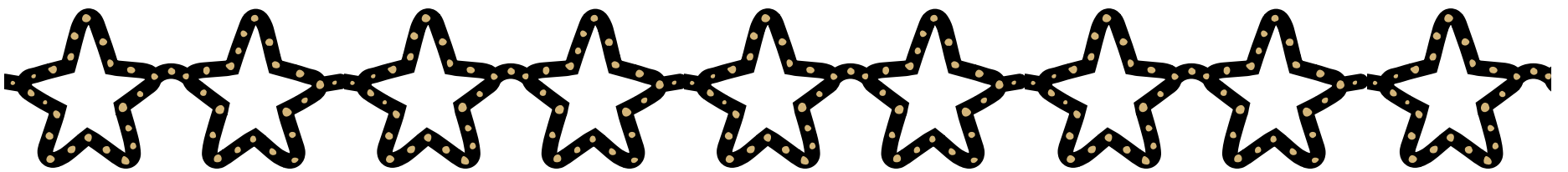
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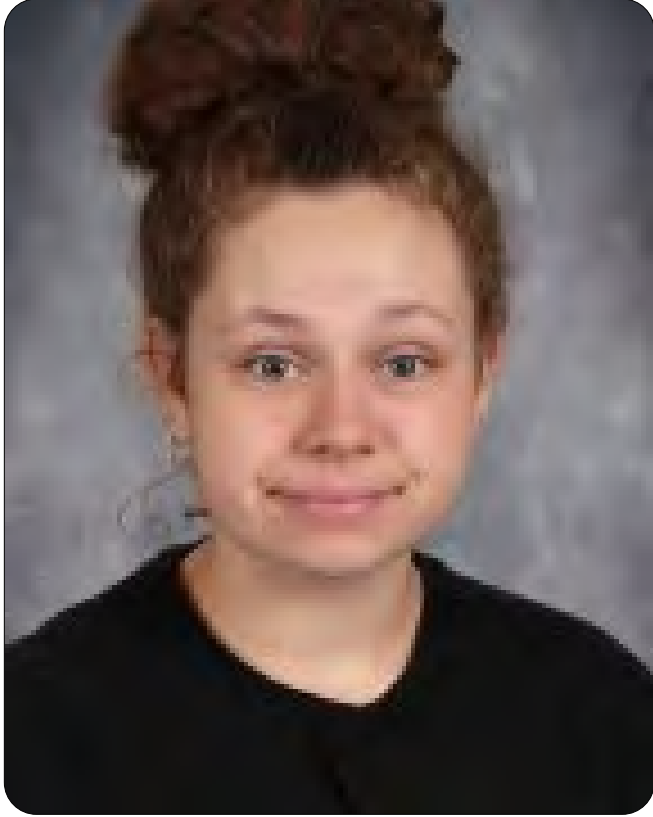


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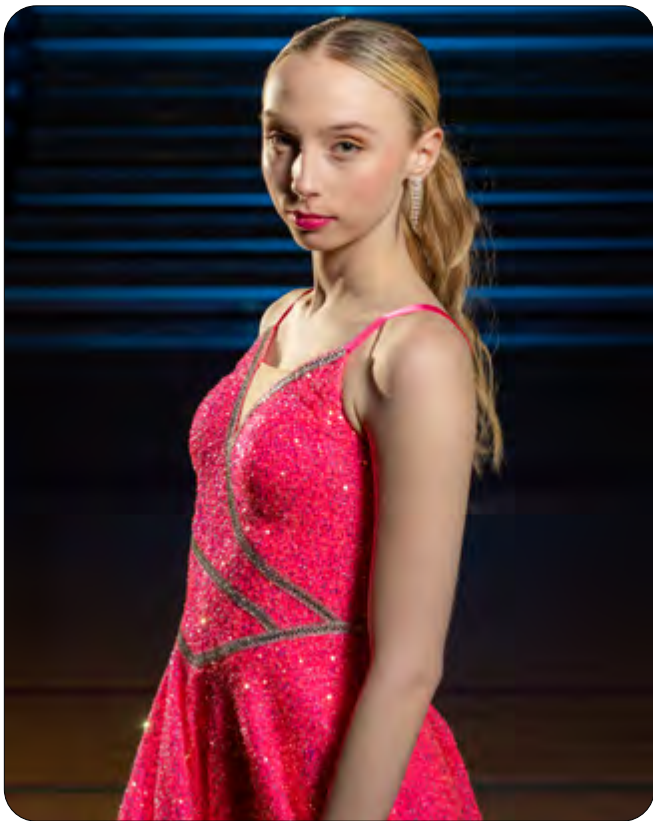
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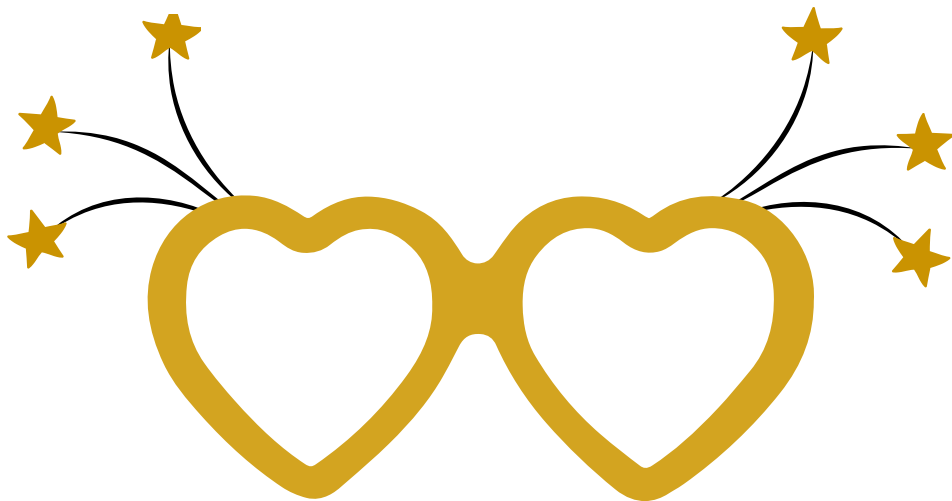
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# The Adventure Begins!



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**Michael Long**



**Mateo Lozano**



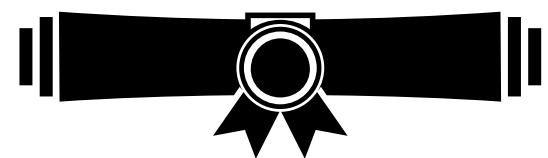
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## Now What?



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**Lauren Otte**



**Cade Packard**



**Aidan Pennock**



**Jillian Perry**



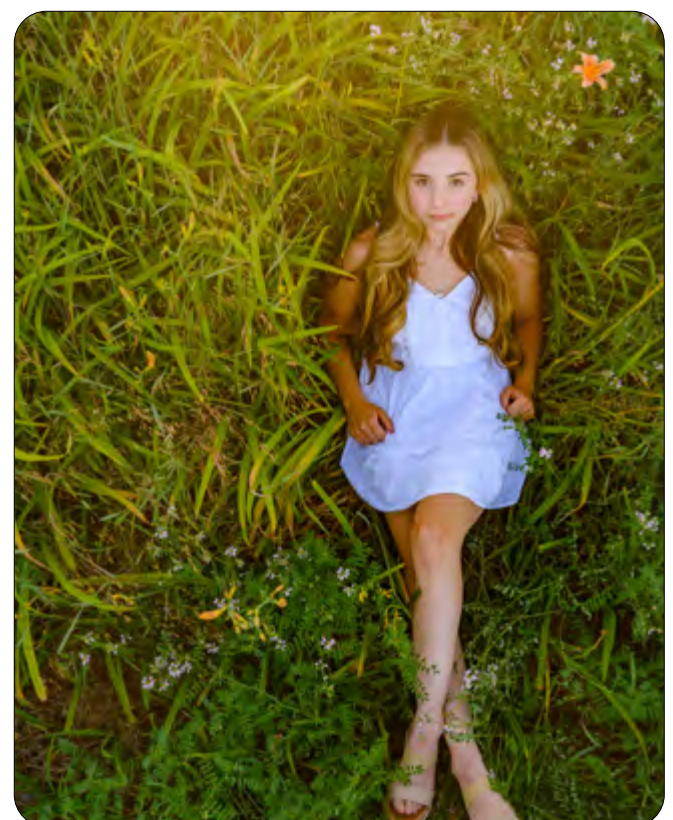
**Shawn Peters**



**Trinity Piles**



**Makenna Pixler**



**Kay Quittem**



# The World is Waiting!



**Brandon Ralph**



**Neosha Rehm**



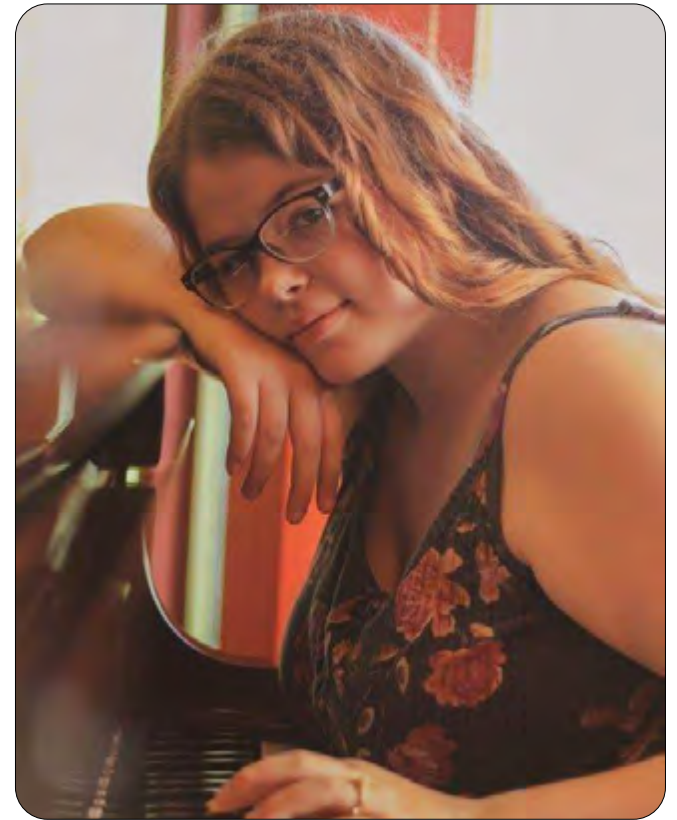
**Marie Resseguier**



**Hope Ridgway**



**Paula Ruiz-Zupater**



**Piper Schafer**



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#GradVibes



**Tauren Settles**



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**Cameron Shutwell**



**Jordan Simpson**



**Matthew Smith**



**Edlicia Smutney**



**Eveonna Smutney**



**Daniel Sokolik**



**Jasmine Sorrentino**



## Well Done!



**Zander Speer**



**Emily Steffensmeier**



**Abigail Stockwell**



**Tanner Stoermer**



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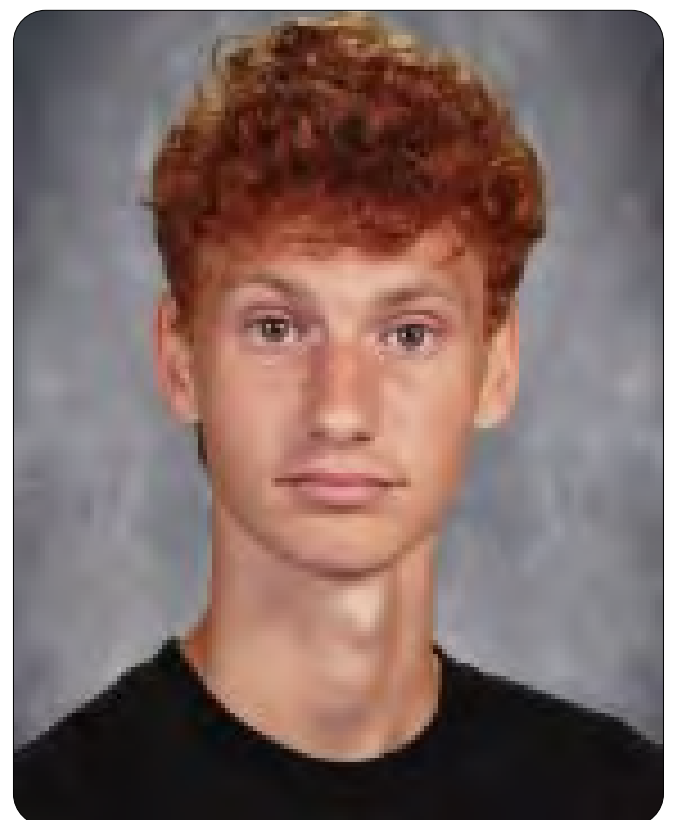
**Kailey Sutak**



**Payton Sutcliffe**



**Nathaniel Swigart**



**Benjamin Thele**



## Hats Off to You!



**Brennen Ulik**



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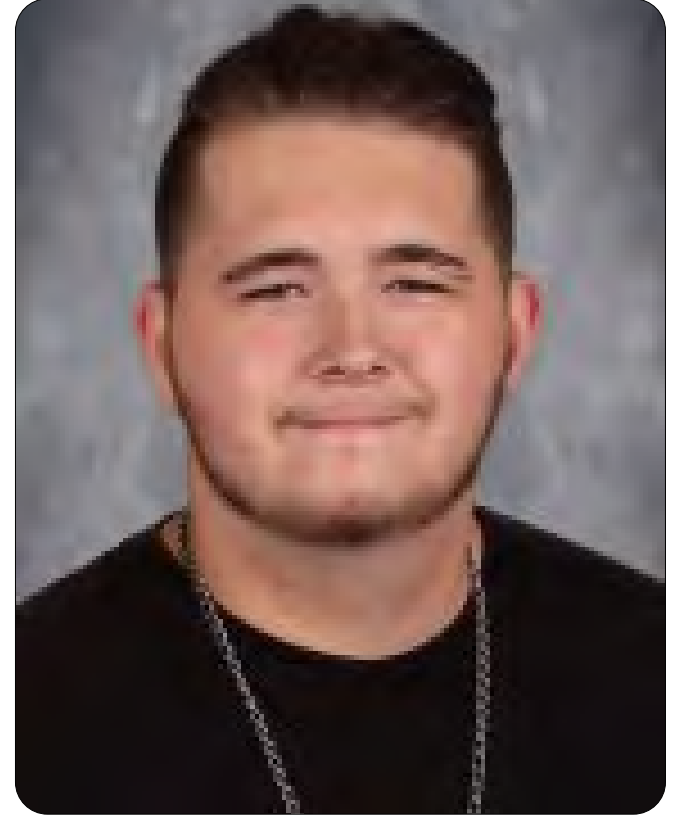
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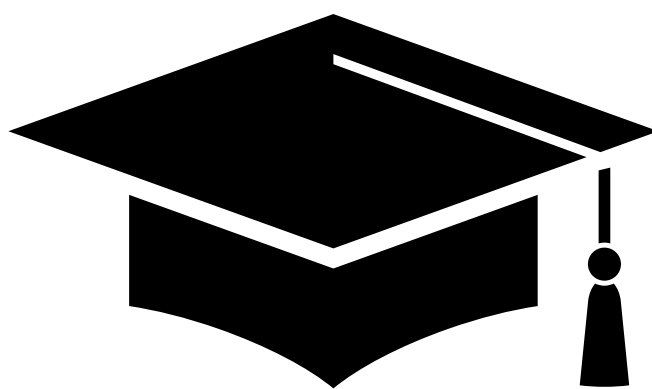
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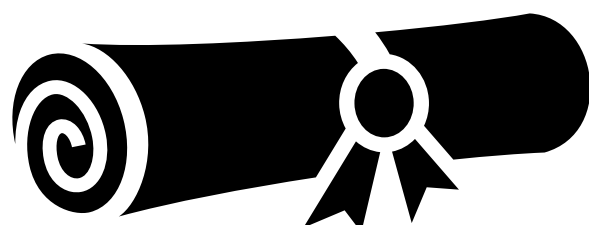
**Hayden Woolever**



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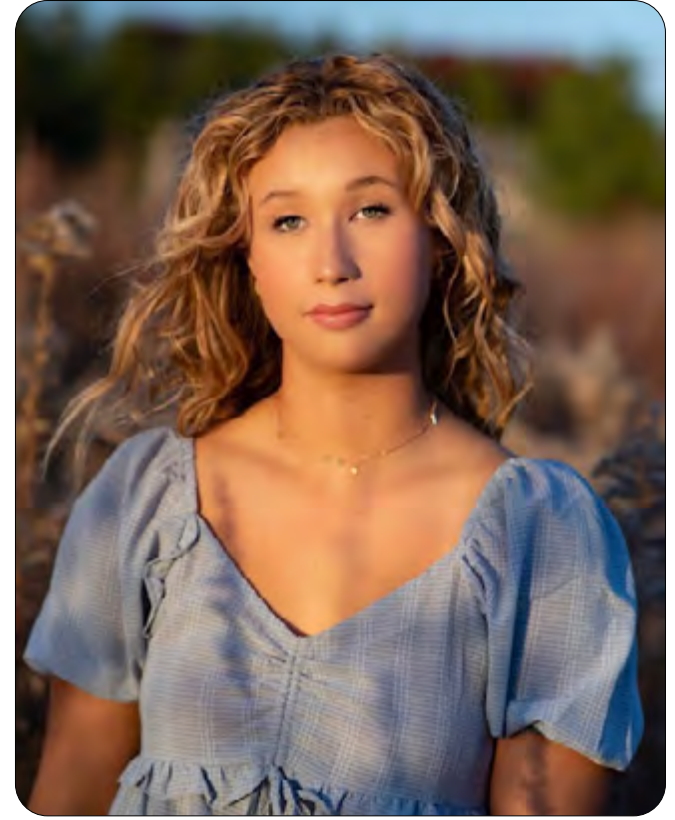
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