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## Ridge View girl wrestlers capture first place at Super Regional tournament

Six wrestlers qualify for state wrestling tournament

by BRENT HARM  
THE HOLSTEIN ADVANCE

The Ridge View girls wrestling squad traveled to Sioux City on Saturday, for the Super Regional state qualifying tournament at the Tyson Events Center. The Raptors captured first place in the 25-team tournament with 224 team points, narrowly defeating Algona with 220 points.

Ridge View had six wrestlers qualify for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament, including Lauren Siegner (26-16) at 100 pounds; Tegan Robertson (34-10) at 120 pounds; Destiny Brown (37-2) at 125 pounds; Tatum Shepherd (37-2) at 130 pounds; Izzy Deeds (41-3) at 135 pounds; and Daynia Werner (28-8) at 170 pounds.

Brown, Shepherd, and Deeds all captured first place in their division,

while Siegner, Robertson, and Werner each captured third place in their divisions.

At 100 pounds, Lauren Siegner won by pin in the quarterfinals, lost in the semi-finals, then won an 11-2 major decision and a 12-0 major decision to capture third place. Lynsee Ockerman (105 pounds) won by fall, lost in the quarterfinals, won by fall again, then lost in the next round. Jadya Friedrichsen (110) pinned her first opponent, lost in the quarterfinals, pinned another opponent, then lost in the next round. At 115 pounds, Bryli Blunk lost an 8-2 decision, pinned her next opponent, then lost in the following round.

Tegan Robertson (120) pinned two opponents, lost an 8-4 decision in the semi-finals, then pinned



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**100 victories!** Izzy Deeds of RidgeView earned her 100th career win, with this match at the Super Regional wrestling tournament at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City on Saturday. Deeds won a 3-2 decision in the first place match to win the 135-pound division and qualify for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament.

two more opponents to capture third place. Destiny Brown (125) pinned four consecutive opponents to capture first place in her division. Tatum Shepherd (130) also

pinned four straight opponents to capture first place. Izzy Deeds (135) pinned three opponents, then won a 3-2 decision in the championship match to capture first place in her division.

Kiara Luscombe (140) won by fall, lost in the next round, pinned another opponent, then lost a 13-6 decision. Lea Johnson (145) pinned her first opponent, lost in the quarterfinals,

then pinned three straight opponents, before losing in the third and fourth place matches. Alexis Meyer (155) pinned her first opponent, before coming up (continued on page 2)



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**Destined to win:** Destiny Brown of Ridge View pins her opponent's shoulders to the floor. Brown pinned four consecutive opponents at the Super Regional in Sioux City on Saturday, to capture first place in the 125-pound division and qualify for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament.



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**Siegner in command:** Lauren Siegner of the Ridge View girls wrestling squad is firmly in control of her match at the Super Regional wrestling tournament in Sioux City on Saturday. Siegner won three matches to capture third place in the 100-pound class and qualify for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament.

## Jacobson enjoys the smiles and hugs at Little Raptors Daycare

by BRENT HARM  
THE HOLSTEIN ADVANCE

Nicki Jacobson, director of Little Raptors Daycare in Holstein, has her hands full with taking care of little ones. Jacobson explained what goes on at the daycare center, which is on the north end of the Ridge View school building.

"We take care of kids aged six weeks to third grade," said Jacobson. "We used to be in classrooms down the hallway, and when the school added on, they built the daycare rooms so we could be a little more separate. After

the expansion, it was two years ago in August that we opened here."

The daycare center operates year-round, not just during the school year. While Ridge View is affiliated with the daycare and oversees it, most of the daily operations of the daycare center are separate from the school activities. Nicki, a Schaller native, gave a brief history of and reason for the center.

"They've had the daycare for about five years in this school," she stated. "They decided there was a need for it. A lot of these kids go to school here for

a half-day in the building. So they just walk down the hallway to their classrooms. They don't have to get bused here, and their parents don't have to find transportation for them. They can just come here in the morning, go to school, and come back here in the afternoon to get picked up."

Jacobson discussed the ages and numbers of kids they take care of.

"We have a four-year-old preschool, and a five-year-old transitional kindergarten, that are half-days. Some are in the morning; some are in the after- (continued on page 3)



Photo submitted

**Reading to the littles:** Nicki Jacobson, director of Little Raptors Daycare in Holstein, spends some quality time with a few of the children under her care.

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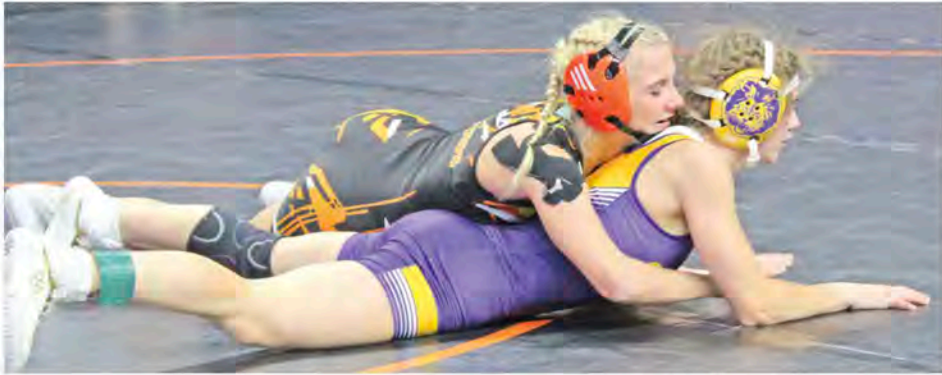


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**Jadyn with the takedown:** Jadyn Friedrichsen of the Ridge View girls wrestling squad takes her opponent to the mat, and works to keep control, at the Super Regional tournament in Sioux City on Saturday. Friedrichsen pinned two opponents in the 110-pound division at the tournament.

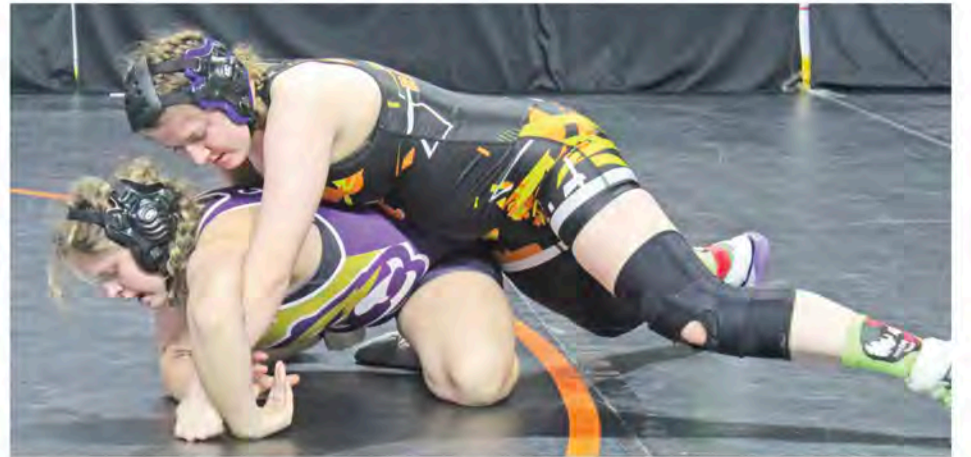


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**Werner works for position:** Daynia Werner of Ridge View gets a takedown and works for a pin, at the Super Regional wrestling tournament in Sioux City on Saturday. Werner captured third place at 170 pounds to qualify for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament.



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**Tegan takes down her opponent:** Tegan Robertson of Ridge View takes her opponent to the mat, during the Super Regional wrestling tournament at the Tyson Events Center on Saturday. Tegan pinned four opponents on her way to capturing third place in the 120-pound class, and qualifying for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament.

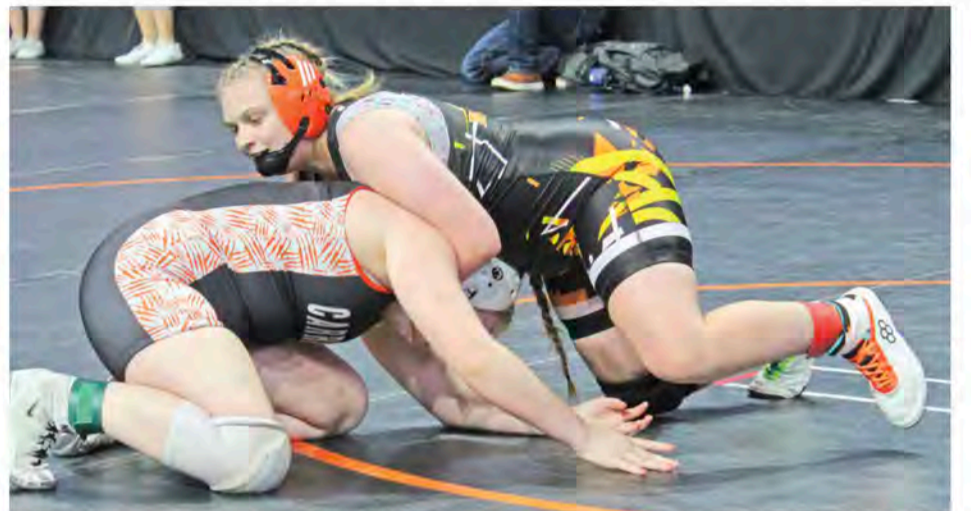


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**Meyer makes her move:** Alexis Meyer of Ridge View gets the upper hand on her opponent, during the Super Regional wrestling tournament at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City on Saturday.

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... Super Regional

(continued from page 1) short in the quarterfinals and consolation round.

Daynia Werner (170) pinned her first opponent, lost a 10-0 major decision in the semi-finals, then pinned her next two opponents to capture third place. Ashlee Sandoval (235) lost in the quarterfinals, then

pinned her next two opponents, before coming up short in the consolation rounds.

Other teams at the tournament included Spencer, Missouri Valley, Sergeant Bluff-Luton, Central Lyon/George-Little Rock, Carroll, Fort Dodge, Manson-Northwest Webster,

Western Iowa, Sioux City North, Spirit Lake Park, Sioux Central, Sioux City West, Glenwood Emmetsburg, Sheldon/Sibley-Ocheyedan, East Sac County, West Central Valley, Sioux Center, Woodbine, Hull Western Christian, Shenandoah, East Mills, and Harlan.

## Ridge View Large Group Speech Results

**District Speech results:** Receiving 1 ratings and advancing to the State Speech Competition Feb. 4.  
 Improv - Tatum Shepherd, Noah Shepherd, Sophia Keleher.  
 Improv - Tess Pacza, Kinzie Hagen, Daniel Najera.  
 Musical Theatre - "Nobody's Perfect" Tess Pacza, Brody Bisenius.  
 Musical Theatre - "Step-sister's Lament" Kinzie Hagen, Leanna Vincent, Sophia Keleher.  
 Reader's Theatre - "Ri-

dicrous Red Riding Hood" Gillian Chance, Corvin Griffin, Maddy Horan, Taylor Vincent, Sarai Cervantes.  
 Reader's Theatre - "Group Therapy": Brody Bisenius, Addy Tesch, Valeria Najera, Jordan Kluever, Brooklynn Cudabeck, Emma Mentzer.  
 Choral Reading - Leanna Vincent, Katie Lara, Molly Reiss, Jayley Endrulat, Jaycie Vohs.  
 Short Film - "The Real Housewives of Small Town U.S.A."

Short Film - "The Homecoming Cult" (mocumentary).  
 Receiving a 2 Rating - Improv - Owen Barry, Antone Carlson, Evan Ramirez, Odin Hansen.

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# ... Raptors Daycare

(continued from page 1) noon, they come back and forth. We have three different rooms. Our zero to 18-month-old room has 15 babies. Our toddler room has 19, and our school-age room has 37 kids."

The children at Little Raptors Daycare are not just from Holstein.

"We have some from Schaller, Ida Grove, Anthon, and Correctionville. Some come here because they don't have enough daycare, or the parents are coming to work in town, so they just bring their kids here."

Nicki mentioned the help she has working with her.

"We have eight full-time employees and about 10 part-time employees."

There are ways for people to contribute to Little



Photo by Brent Harm • The Holstein Advance

**Too cute!** A Little Raptor Daycare resident has a heart-melting quizzical look on her face.

Raptors Daycare if they want to help.

"People can donate money or supplies," said Jacobson. "They can donate their time to come in and rock and hold babies."

Nicki also talked about

her training and experience.

"There's classes you have to take, and so many hours of training," she explained. "I've done daycare for about 17 years. I worked at another daycare center, and I've done in-home daycare too."

Keeping staff is definitely the biggest challenge, according to Jacobson.

"I feel like the need for workers has increased. It's become extremely harder to find daycare than it used to be. There's just less and less people doing daycare."

Finally, Nicki shared her favorite aspect of the job.

"When the kids come in smiling and give you a big hug, that's the best part," she said. "I like seeing what they've accomplished and watching them grow."



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**Here I come!** One of the toddlers at Little Raptors Daycare heads for the door, as others check out the books and toys.

## AEA eyes education bill

by MICHAEL HOHENBRINK  
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING

A proposed education reform bill has area educators cautiously looking at what the results might be.

During its Jan. 22 meeting, the Northwest AEA heard an update on HSB 542.

Pete Iversen, who serves as coordinator for communications as well as creative services, said members of the statewide communica-

tions team have been meeting daily or even multiple times per day in an effort to stay abreast of developments.

Gov. Kim Reynolds has scaled back some of the proposals to allow AEAs to continue to offer special education, but the proposed bill could still see some major developments.

Also during the meeting, board members heard a new face would be at one

area district.

Mike Mulder will serve as superintendent at MOC Floyd-Valley.

The board also looked at sign language interpretative services.

Approval was given to an agreement between Northwest AEA and Sioux City Community School District for Sign Language Interpreter Service.

The board will next meet Feb. 19 in Sioux City.

## UNI releases Fall 2023 dean's lists

UNI releases Fall 2023 dean's lists. These students are on the Dean's list from the following areas:

Ida Grove: Abby Alexander, Ryder Cranston, Elijah Gebel.

Holstein: Todd Morgan.

Battle Creek: Jake Nieman, Brandon Schmidt, Autumn Schreiber, Anna Winterrowd.

Galva: Caden Shea.

## Iowa United Methodist Foundation's Scholarship Program open now

Applications are open online through March 1 for Iowa United Methodist Foundations' Scholarship Program. See Website: <https://iumf.org/scholarships>.

Read the criteria for

scholarships that pertain to you. There are sections for high school seniors, students going to non-Methodist colleges, students attending Methodist colleges, and students going to seminary. Take the time

to write a thoughtful essay. Oftentimes, it is more about what you write than how well it is written.

Submit all applications on or before March 1, 2024.

If you need any help, please contact Pastor Betty.



Photo submitted

The Holstein Kiwanis club was proud to make their annual Festival of Trees Food Donation to the Ida County Community Basket. (Left to Right) Sherry Gebers-President, Kyle Chance-Treasurer, Susan Endrulat-Secretary.



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**Stubbs Memorial Library Board members:** (left to right) Emily Todd (Director), Brock Boling (trustee), Kathy Breyfogle (trustee), Gary Jensen (President), Heather Langschwager (trustee), Linda Mentzer (trustee). Not pictured: Kathy Wulf (trustee), Kim Gerristen (trustee).

## Number of donors to the Chickadee Tax Check-off continues to decline

Last year, more than 5,800 Iowa taxpayers helped boost wildlife conservation with donations to the Fish and Wildlife Fund on their state tax form.

While that may sound like a lot, over the last 20 years, the number of donors has declined by 50 percent and represents only about 0.4 percent of the total taxpayers in Iowa.

This year, the decline in donors signaled a slight decline in donations as well, which totaled a little under \$147,000, a decrease of roughly \$8,000 from the previous year.

"We are extremely thankful for those who donate to wildlife conservation with their tax refunds! The funds are vital to our work on habitat development and restoration programs for some of Iowa's most vulnerable animal species. We would love to see the number of people donating increase, but it is hard to get the word out about this obscure line on the state tax form," said Stephanie Shepherd, wildlife biologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Diversity program.

The Fish and Wildlife Fund, commonly known as the "Chickadee Check-off," is a mechanism the Iowa Legislature created in the 1980s for Iowans to donate to wildlife conservation on the Iowa state income tax form. Before this time, so-called "non-game" wildlife had no dedicated funding.

Non-game wildlife are the 1,000-plus species such as songbirds, bald eagles, salamanders, turtles, monarchs, bees and more that make up the majority of wildlife in Iowa. The Chickadee Check-off



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Don Poggensee with the very first Chickadee Tax Check-off poster that he did for the DNR in the 1980's

is one of the only funding sources for the Iowa DNR's Wildlife Diversity program, which is responsible for these species.

Funding helps to improve wildlife habitat, restore native wildlife, provide opportunities for citizens to learn about Iowa's natural resources and much more. Recent projects that have been supported by the check-off investigating the nesting success of bald eagles and determining the status of the endangered Poweshiek skipperling butterfly.

"One thing to be aware of, if you're interested in donating, is that the tax check-off line is pretty inconspicuous and can be easily missed. Be sure to remind your tax preparer that they have a client

that wants to donate," said Shepherd.

Once located, donating is easy: simply write the amount to donate next to Fish/Wildlife, which is line 21 on Form 1040, and the sum is either automatically deducted from the refund or added to the amount owed.

"If every Iowa taxpayer donated just \$1, it would mean \$1.6 million for wildlife and nature conservation," Shepherd said.

New this year, if hopeful donors miss donating on the tax form, they can still make a donation to the Wildlife Diversity program on the web at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/donations>.

DNR CONTACT: Stephanie Shepherd at 515-230-6599 or [stephanie.shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:stephanie.shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov)

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
 So, I have put quite a few opinions into the paper over the last 6 months. It has been a fun ride to hear all of the opinions people have and to hear what people truly want. The problem is, I don't talk to enough people to get a common consensus on what truly the most popular belief is. I have even contradicted myself in these letters, so for once and all, here is my final opinion. I believe that Galva-Holstein went down the wrong path, and 20 years ago before BCIG went with OA, and G-H with Schaller-Crestland, we should have come together. I do sincerely believe that G-H going south to join with OABCIG as a whole, is not as crazy as people

make it out to be or think. Holstein and Ida Grove are the population centers of each of the districts. Holstein currently has 310 kids living in or around it, which is about 70% of the Galva-Holstein district and Ida Gove has 422 kids in or around it, which is about 48% of their district. Battle Creek is also located nearby at just 7 miles from Ida Grove and 14 miles from Holstein. Their 149 students make up 16% of the OABCIG district, meaning that if everything were to go together, 881 kids of a 1,312 kids or 67.2% of the new district. This means most of the kids are all together. Also imagine the cost that could be saved by slowly consolidating down to a K-12 building. This is a

conversation I think needs to be had with more public input. With that being said, Galva-Holstein voters, you can contact the board President Jamie Whitmer at jwhitmer@rvraptors.org with your support and for OABCIG voters, you can contact your board President Jeff Rasmussen at jeffr@gomaco.com.  
 Fair disclaimer, I have no power over what either board does, nor do I have the support of either board in the countywide school idea. If you have an opinion to share, please email your representatives on the school board and/or attend the school board meetings and sign up for public comment.

Corvin Griffin  
 Holstein

## Holstein Good Samaritan Society Schedule

**Wednesday, Jan. 31**  
 9:30 a.m. Exercises (LCL); 10 a.m. Care Plans; 2 p.m. Spiritual Time with Lisa; Daily Chronicles.  
**Thursday, Feb. 1**  
 9:30 a.m. Sing-A-Long (Dementia Unit); 2 p.m. Star of the Month; Daily Chronicles.  
**Friday, Feb 2**  
 9:30 a.m. Exercises (Dementia Unit); 10:30

a.m. Resident Council; 2 p.m. Wheel of Fortune Bingo; Daily Chronicles; Wear Red; Groundhog Day.  
**Saturday, Feb. 3**  
 10 a.m. Church with Pastor Davis; 2 p.m. Bingo; Daily Chronicles.  
**Sunday, Feb. 4**  
 10:30 Catholic Communion; 1:30 p.m. Church with Pastor Kiboko; 6

p.m. Game Night; Daily Chronicles.  
**Monday, Feb. 5**  
 9:30 a.m. Exercises (Dementia Unit); 2 p.m. High/Low; Daily Chronicles.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 6**  
 9:30 a.m. Manicures (Dementia Unit); 10:30 a.m. Manicures (Chapel); 2 p.m. One & Done; Daily Chronicles.

## PROCEEDINGS: IDA COUNTY BOS • JAN. 23 MINUTES

Ida Grove, Iowa  
 Jan. 23, 2024  
 The Board of Supervisors convened in adjourned session, members present Chair Creston Schubert, Devlun Whiteing, and Raymond Drey. NOTICE: Due to not having the meeting room available because of Court conflict, the meeting was postponed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., within 24 hours of the original posted meeting time. The minutes of the meeting held Jan. 9, 2024, were read and approved.  
 Jeff Williams, County Engineer was present to discuss snow removal on county roads. District 1 & 3 Supervisors reported that they hadn't received any complaints in the last two weeks about the snow removal on their district's roads. Ray Drey, Supervisor District 2 had received multiple complaints about the roads being skimmered over and leaving 4 to 5" of snow on the roadway. Williams explained that when they first go out after a large storm the drivers are attempting to get all roads opened. Then, they come back through and remove the snow from the traveled portion of the roadway.  
 Williams presented a Frontier request for under-ground placement of fiber optic cable in the right of way at PED boring 270th to address 5000-270th St. Maple Twp. Whiteing moved and Drey second the motion to approve the placement. Motion carried all voting Aye.  
 L&L Builders presented change orders: #29 for adding outlets in the Treasurer's office counter and #30 for changing the front door closure for the new atrium/entrance. Change order #29 was moved by Whiteing and second by Drey to approve and for the Chair to sign. Motion carried all voting Aye. Change

order #30 was moved by Drey and second by Whiteing, motion carried all voting Aye.  
 Continental Fire Sprinkler system bid for the 5-year annual inspection for \$1,350.00 was moved by Drey and Whiteing seconded the motion to approve the bid. Motion carried, all voting Aye.  
 The Wellness PTO Policy for 2024 was approved on a motion by Whiteing and Drey seconded the motion. Motion carried all voting Aye.  
 SIMPCO FY24-25 budget membership request for \$2,291.20 was discussed. Whiteing moved and Drey second the motion to approve. Motion carried all voting Aye.  
 A Credit Card Use Policy was discussed for Ida County employees. After a few additional corrections/changes Drey moved and Whiteing seconded the motion to approve the Credit Card policy and approve both the Assessor and the Auditor to get credit cards for use per the policy. Motion carried all voting Aye.  
 Payments in the amount of \$380.85 and \$267.22 to Benefits, Inc. and approved payroll dated 1/12/2024 was approved and moved by Whiteing with Drey seconding the motion. Motion was approved, all voting Aye.  
 Auditor Folk gave each of the Supervisors a copy of the Statewide Supervisors meeting information, to be held Feb. 8, 2024, in Des Moines.  
 The Ida County Library representatives were then present to address the Board. Members represented Ida Grove-Angela Scales, Galva-Brenda Naberhaus, and Arthur-Carol Johnson. They began by sharing that they appreciated the current years funding. They presented a contract, which they wanted the Board to review

and consider signing. The Board asked questions and the librarians shared that with a contract they would have more definitive information regarding the funding that the Board would be giving. They requested an increase in the total amount of the funding and shared that they would like to have the additional increase added to the second half of the payments when the split is based on census. They commented that with the contract planning and budgeting would help them to know what they could budget. The Supervisors told them that they would consider this as they worked on budget for FY25.  
 Items reviewed: Ida County Emergency Services quarterly report for Oct. - Dec. 2023, Ida County Sheriff's report for the quarter ending Dec. 2023, Clerk of Courts December 2023 report, Manure Management Plan for Facilities Ehrp's #87047 owner D. Rose LLC and Webbs-#87048, 1702 Orchard Ave. Also reviewed were the SIMPCO FY24 membership letter and the Assessor Comstock's letter regarding the updating of rural homes that are not part of the farm that is tillable around it that they would now be classed as residential instead of Agricultural.  
 There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet again at 10 a.m., on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, and Monday, Feb. 5, 2024 for budget workshops or on call of the Chair.  
 /s/ Charlys A. Folk  
 Auditor  
 /s/ Creston Schubert  
 Chair  
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## Galva Library News

by BRENDA NABERHAUS  
 GALVA LIBRARIAN  
**Coffee:** Feb. 6 at 1:30 p.m. Come join me for a sweet treat and good conversation.  
**Kids Crafts:** Feb. 13 at 4:15 p.m. We will be making something related to Valentine's Day.  
**Book Club:** Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. We are reading The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict.  
 Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's

side and understood more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star. But, she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: she was a scientist. And she had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis and revolutionize modern communication...if anyone would listen to her.  
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 Please check Facebook and 92.9, The Moose, for weather related closings. I discovered they are not super punctual about posting on the weekend on the radio, so if in doubt, please call ahead. Sorry for any inconvenience, just want everyone to stay safe!

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 The Holstein Advance strives for accurate and complete news reporting but, occasionally, we get it wrong. In cases where an error has been made, we will run a correction, clarification, retraction or editor's note in the next edition. Our goal, in any event, is to inform readers of corrections clearly and quickly, citing the incorrect information and updating with the correct information.  
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# Obituary

## Steven W. Nobles

1955 – 2024



**HOLSTEIN** - Steven Wilbur Nobles, 68, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, at his home in Holstein, with family by his side. A visitation will be held on Friday, Feb. 9, 2024 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., with a funeral service immediately following at the Nicklas

D. Jensen Funeral Home in Holstein. All are invited to gather at one of Steve's favorite spots, the Holstein Country Club, following the service to share a toast and celebrate Steve's life. A burial will be held at a later date at the Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Nicklas D Jensen Funeral Home of Holstein is in charge of the arrangements.

Steve was born on Aug. 23, 1955 to Wilbur and Barbara (Brooke) Nobles in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He graduated from Robbinsdale High School in 1973, where he excelled as a "Robbinsdale Robin" in

soccer and downhill slalom skiing. After high school, Steve attended North Hennepin Community College. He made the move from the big city to Holstein in 1975 to begin working at Holstein Lumber and Structural Designs in the drafting/design department. His parents thought he would only last two months when they found out the population of Holstein, but he ended up calling it home and stayed for 48 years.

Steve married Terri Meyer in 1979. They had two sons, Matthew Steven and Grant Michael. He enjoyed following their sporting events and was proud of

all their accomplishments through the years.

Steve had a love and keen eye for design. He was always proud of the part he played in the design world and the construction of numerous homes and commercial projects in the Iowa and Nebraska area. Over the years, he worked for several construction companies, but most recently, Burke Engineering in Sioux City. Steve loved socializing with his friends and playing golf.

He supported his numerous Minnesota sports teams, including the Gophers, the Vikings, the Wild, and the Iowa Hawkeyes. He especially loved relaxing time at the Verlo cabin "Up Norte" in Minnesota where he was always on "Lake Time."

Steve is survived by his sons Matthew (Amanda) Nobles of Holstein, Grant Nobles and fiancé Becky Elming of Johnston; grandchildren, Aubrey and Dane Nobles of Hol-

stein; brother, Jeff Nobles of Golden Valley, Minnesota; sister, Julie Steffens of Albertville, Minnesota; nieces and nephews, Rachel, Clint, Whitney, Brooke and Dustin; and his lifelong best friend, Rick (Jennifer) Verlo of Maple Grove, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Barbara (Nobles) Rice.

Online condolences can be made at [nicklasdjensenfh.com](http://nicklasdjensenfh.com).

**Services:** Feb. 9, Nicklas D. Jensen Funeral Home, Holstein  
**Burial:** Later date, Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
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## 'Farmers' share perspectives on climate change, land rents, conservation in latest Iowa Farm Poll

The latest Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll is now available

■ by J. GORDON ARBUCKLE JR.  
 Although they wear many hats, perform many jobs and are referred to using many terms, it turns out the people who grow Iowa's crops and livestock prefer to be called "farmers."

The 2023 Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll was released this winter and asked those surveyed what they preferred to be called. Some 75% said they prefer to be called a "farmer." The term "farm operator" was a distant second, at only 10%, followed by even less popular names like "producer, grower and rancher."

While the name may not seem like that big of a deal, it's actually an important part of communicating with "farmers."

"I work with a lot of people who work with farmers, and I hear them use different terms like 'grower' and 'producer' to refer to farmers. So I decided to ask farmers what they prefer to be called," said J. Arbuckle, rural sociologist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and lead author for the poll.

"Turns out, they prefer to be called farmers, by a long shot. That's important to know, because to communicate effectively with audiences, we need to use terms that resonate with them."

Some of the issues this year's poll examines include climate change, soil and water conservation, rented land, woodland ownership and management, and markets for non-GMO corn.

This year's survey is based on responses from 972 farmers. Nearly all (90%) plant corn or soybeans, and about half (47%) raise livestock.

New this year, is a series of questions related to woodland ownership and management.

"Many farms have at least some woodland area, so we wanted to gain a better understanding of how that is being managed and the types of resources landowners are using," said Billy Beck, forestry specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "These results will help us improve how we work with farmers who have woodlands."

Also new – the poll examines markets for non-GMO corn, in response to countries that have banned the import of GMO corn. Nineteen percent of farmers reported they were interested in contracting to grow non-GMO corn for export, while 54% said they were not and 27% said they were unsure.

Arbuckle said the Farm Poll is a great way for farmers to make their voices heard, while helping to contribute to a better understanding of challenges and opportunities in Iowa agriculture.

"The benefit is that farmers can confidentially share their perspectives on issues that impact their livelihoods, and the results help guide policy and program decisions that keep agriculture vibrant into the future," he said.

Detailed results from the poll will be examined in future news releases from ISU Extension and Outreach. The full report is available from your ISU Extension and Outreach county office, the ISU Extension Store, the Extension Sociology website or from the authors.

## Pork Regional Conferences to offer updates on economics, markets, swine health and disease

Swine research and education to be presented at conferences

■ by SHERRY HOYER  
 The annual series of Iowa Pork Regional Conferences will be offered Feb. 19-22 at four different locations, all starting at 1 p.m. The conferences remain a long-standing partnership of the Iowa Pork Producers Association, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and the Iowa Pork Industry Center.

The shared goal of bringing research and education to producers continues with this year's program, topics and speakers. There are four sessions, one each day. All sessions are free to attend.

Extension swine specialists will offer a Pork Quality Assurance Plus certification session from 9 a.m. to noon at each day's regional conference site. These training sessions are sponsored by the Iowa Pork Producers Association and are free to those who pre-register. Attendees are responsible for their own lunch. Lunch will not be served at the conference sites.

**Topics and presenters:**  
 • **National Pork Board Updates by Brett Kaysen, senior vice president of**

**producer and state engagement.** He'll share program updates regarding the organization's work in domestic and international markets, and its success in foreign animal disease prevention and preparedness.

• **Pork Market Outlook by Lee Schulz, livestock economist with ISU Extension and Outreach.** He'll summarize the current supply and demand situation, draw implications for hog and pork markets, and outline a series of broader issues shaping the marketplace.

• **Hot Topics in Swine Health, by Chris Rademacher, Iowa State swine extension veterinarian.** He'll explain new disease surveillance tools available to producers and what's new with diseases such as PRRS, PED and E. coli, as well as some emerging diseases. Also, attendees will get tips on preparing the farm for a foreign animal disease outbreak.

• **More tools for your toolbox.** The ISU Extension and Outreach swine specialist for each respective area will provide updates on various top-

ics, and discuss a variety of information and decision-making resources available for producers.

**Conference dates and locations**

• Monday, Feb. 19 – **Orange City**, at the ISU Extension and Outreach Sioux County office, 400 Central Ave. NW, Suite 700.

• Tuesday, Feb. 20 – **Webster City**, Briggs Woods Conference Center, 2501 Briggs Woods Trail.

• Wednesday, Feb. 21 – **Nashua**, Borlaug Learning Center, 3327 290th St.

• Thursday, Feb. 22 – **Washington**, ISU Extension and Outreach Washington County office, 2223 250th St.

Conference details and the link to the online registration form are available on the Iowa Pork Producers Association website. Attendees also can preregister by contacting the association by phone at 800-372-7675 or email [bsmcbey@iowapork.org](mailto:bsmcbey@iowapork.org).

The Thursday sessions will be recorded and made available on the association website after the conference series is complete.

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Ridge View senior Tess Pacza, shown here with her parents Katie Pacza and Brian Pacza, has accepted a scholarship to attend Marshalltown Community College and play e-sports for their 2023 national championship MarioCart team.

## Supervisors approve financial requests

By BRENT HARM  
THE HOLSTEIN ADVANCE

The Ida County Board of Supervisors met on Jan. 23, with board members Creston Schubert, Devlun Whiteing, and Raymond Drey in attendance. Due to the meeting room being unavailable because of Court conflict, the meeting was postponed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., within 24 hours of the original posted meeting time.

Jeff Williams, County Engineer was present to discuss snow removal on county roads. District 1 & 3 Supervisors reported that they hadn't received any complaints in the last two weeks about the snow removal on their district's roads.

Raymond Drey, Supervisor District 2 had received multiple complaints about the roads being skimmed over and leaving 4 to 5 inches of snow on the roadway. Williams explained that when they first go out after a large storm, the drivers are attempting to get all roads opened. Then, they come back through and remove the snow from the traveled portion of the roadway.

Williams presented a Frontier request for under-ground placement of fiber optic cable in the right of way at PED boring 270th to address 5000-270th St. Maple Twp. The supervisors approved the request.

L&L Builders presented

change orders: #29 for adding outlets in the Treasurer's office counter and #30 for changing the front door closure for the new atrium/entrance. The board approved the change orders.

The Continental Fire Sprinkler system bid for the 5-year annual inspection for \$1,350 was also approved. The supervisors then approved the Wellness PTO Policy for 2024.

The SIMPCO Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget membership request for \$2,291.20 was discussed and approved.

A Credit Card Use Policy was discussed for Ida County employees. After a few additional corrections/changes, the supervisors approved the Credit Card policy, and approved both the Assessor and the Auditor to get credit cards for use per the policy.

Payments in the amount of \$380.85 and \$267.22 to Benefits, Inc. and approved payroll dated 1-12-24 were approved.

Auditor Folk gave each of the Supervisors a copy of the Statewide Supervisors meeting information, to be conducted on Feb. 8, in Des Moines.

The Ida County Library representatives were on hand to address the Board. Members represented were Ida Grove-Angela Scales, Galva-Brenda Naberhaus, and Arthur-Carol Johnson. They began by sharing that they appreciated

the current year's funding. They presented a contract, which they wanted the Board to review and consider signing. The Board asked questions and the librarians shared that with a contract they would have more definitive information regarding the funding that the Board would be giving. They requested an increase in the total amount of the funding, and shared that they would like to have the additional increase added to the second half of the payments when the split is based on census. They commented that with the contract, planning and budgeting would help them to know what they could budget. The Supervisors told them that they would consider this as they worked on the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

The board reviewed Manure Management Plan for Facilities Elhrp's #67047 owner D. Rose LLC. and Webbs-#67048, 1702 Orchard Ave. Also reviewed were the SIMPCO FY24 membership letter, and Assessor Comstock's letter regarding the updating of rural homes that are not part of the farm that is tillable around it, that they would now be classed as residential instead of Agricultural.

The Board of Supervisors will meet again at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25 and Monday, Feb. 5 for budget workshops.



Playing at the State Feb. 2-5: **The Boys In The Boat** (PG-13, Sport/Drama, 2h 3m).

Synopsis: During the height of the Great Depression, members of the rowing team at the University of Washington get thrust into the spotlight as they compete for gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Up next: **Mean Girls, Turning Red, Ordinary Angels.** Tickets and showtimes: [holsteinstatetheatre.com](http://holsteinstatetheatre.com), 712-368-6226.



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Current Ida County 4-H Foundation members include: Front: Ron Rice, Linda Burk, and Paige Whitney. Back: Mary Dreeszen, Leanne Hammer, Lori Forneris, Bob Paulsrud, Jeana Todd, and Alex Conover.

## Ida County 4-H Foundation celebrates 20th anniversary

The Ida County 4-H Foundation will be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and was established in 2004 to provide funds and support for the Ida County Extension 4-H program. Our mission is to support a strong and vital 4-H program in Ida County.

The mission of the 4-H Foundation is to provide the necessary resources to help offset costs and make it possible for local 4-H youth to take advantage of educational workshops and materials for Ida County youth members and adult volunteers, grants to Ida County 4-H Clubs for special projects or educational trips, financial assistance for Ida County youth participation in summer camps, conferences, and

leadership training and recognition trips.

Ida County 4-H Foundation supports scholarships for Ida County 4-Her's to attend college or vocational school. To date, \$65,250 has been awarded to Ida County students to attend further education. The foundation also provides support for the membership fee and recognition for Ida County 4-Her's, leaders, and volunteers. The Ida County 4-H Foundation has also given close to \$5,000 for special club projects. Many of those projects were making improvements to or adding to the Ida County Fairgrounds by the various clubs.

The Foundation's work relies on donations from

area businesses and individuals. The donations create an expanding pool of essential funds that are used to address the greatest financial needs determined by the foundation members to accomplish their mission. Their fundraising efforts have included auctions, pancake brunches, fruit sales, 4-H club sponsored basket auctions at the fair, and a raffle.

Foundation members can also be seen volunteering for various duties during 4-H activities.

If you would like to support 4-H in Ida County through the Ida County 4-H Foundation, donations can be made to the Ida County 4-H Foundation Treasurer, Leanne Hammer, 803 Kastner Dr., Holstein, IA 51025.

## Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to host Farm Succession Workshop Feb. 15 and 22 in Holstein

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach of Buena Vista, Cherokee and Ida Counties will host a two-day farm succession workshop on Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cobblestone Inn and Conference Center in Holstein.

The workshop is designed to provide an overview of farm estate planning, including legal and realistic guidance for creating your own unique farm succession plan. It will be led by ISU Extension and Outreach Farm Management Specialist and Certified Farm Transition Coordinator Alexis Stevens and ISU Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation Staff Attorney Jennifer Harrington.

"Every farm will have a unique estate plan," Stevens said. "Changes in the farm can be stressful. You will leave this workshop with tools and resources to make informed decisions that are right for your family and farm."

Topics include estate planning, setting goals, implementing your plan, gift and estate taxes, and

having the succession conversation with your family. The workshop will provide resources that the participants can use for future planning.

"Many families struggle with succession plans," Stevens said. "Families say they don't know how to start talking about farm estate planning. We ask them, 'What do you have now?'

and 'Where do you want to go?' to get them started."

Registration fee for the program is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. Refreshments will be provided, and space is limited so registration is required.

To register or ask questions, call the Ida County Extension Office at 712-364-3003. Registration deadline is Feb. 10.



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2024 Ida County Extension Council: Front row – Teresa Sohm-McMillen, Barb Knudsen, June Knop (Secretary), and Val Georg (Treasurer). Back row – Layne Todd, Kyle McBride (Vice Chair), Kyle Rohlk – (Chair), and Alan Friedrichsen.

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## Scholarship opportunity for Iowa High School Juniors

The Hoover Presidential Foundation will award over \$60,000 in scholarships to Iowa students this year. This is the 27th year of the annual Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award, a scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors. The deadline to submit an application is April 1, 2024.

As many as 15 students will be chosen for the program with each receiving a \$1,500 scholarship. In addition, four \$10,000 scholarships are awarded for study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university anywhere in the United States. The award program seeks to identify uncommon students during their junior year in high school. Applicants submit a proposal for a project they want to accomplish, which relates to Herbert Hoover. Hoover was known as a great humanitarian, entrepreneur, engineer, and loved technology and the environment. Students are not evaluated on the basis of grades, test scores, essays, or financial need. Students are selected each year based on their

stated project goal and detailed plans to reach that goal. Finalists spend a required expense-paid weekend in West Branch (just east of Iowa City) during the summer between their junior and senior year. During the weekend, they receive mentoring and assistance developing their projects to aid in their success.

Time is also spent behind the scenes at the Hoover Presidential Library and Museum to help students become more familiar with President Hoover's ideals regarding humanitarianism and public service. In November of their senior year, finalists make presentations about their projects at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum. At that time, each student receives the \$1,500 scholarship, and four are chosen to receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

Herbert Hoover, Iowa native and the nation's 31st president, is the inspiration for the award. He noted, "We believe in equal opportunity for all, but we know that this in-

cludes the opportunity to rise to leadership... to be uncommon." The award, funded entirely by private donations, is sponsored by the Hoover Presidential Foundation, a nonprofit support group for the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and Herbert Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch. Information and applications may be found at [www.UncommonStudent.org](http://www.UncommonStudent.org).

**About the Foundation**  
The Hoover Presidential Foundation promotes and supports the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, the National Historic Site, and other programs that enhance the understanding of Herbert Hoover as president and humanitarian.

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Photo courtesy of Ridge View

**Letter of Intent:** Shae Dutler signed her National Letter of Intent to play basketball at Grand View University next year

## Pilot Rock DAR Chapter invites the public to our Awards Program

Pilot Rock DAR Chapter invites the public to our Awards Program on Sunday, Feb. 4 at Sanford Museum. The museum is located at 117 E. Willow in Cherokee. The program starts at 1:30 p.m. and will spotlight area youth and adults.

Pilot Rock Chapter will be presenting a National Community Service Award to Elizabeth Johnson. Elizabeth served our country in the medical field, retiring as a Colonel in the Army. She has been very active in her retirement spreading awareness for Veteran health service. She is a Cherokee Regional Hospice Volunteer and the only Vet to Vet volunteer. Elizabeth is active in the American Legion and VFW organizations. She can be seen carrying a flag in many area parades. Pi-

lot Rock Chapter is very proud to present Elizabeth with this award.

A chapter Historic Preservation Award will be presented to the Cherokee County Fair Association for their efforts during the 2023 Centennial Fair to preserve our county's rich agricultural history. Many special events were held to honor the past during last year's fair. The Oak Hill Cemetery Caretakers and Duane Mummert will receive Chapter Conservation Awards for helping with the planting and care of trees donated by the Mary Potter CAR Society. The Sidney Reimenschneider and the Farm Bureau Organization and will be recognized with a Chapter Literacy Award for their implementation of Ag in the Classroom program to area schools.

Pilot Rock DAR Chapter will be presenting Good Citizen Awards to area high school seniors. The DAR Good Citizen program and Scholarship Contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the following qualities: Dependability, Service to others, Leadership, and Patriotism. The students will be recognized from Alta-Aurelia, MMCURU, River Valley, Sioux Central, Cherokee and Ridge View.

The Pilot Rock DAR Chapter hopes that you will come and join us for this special program honoring local youth and adults. For more information, please contact Regent Peggy Corrington 712-221-0018.

## Apply for Scholarships at Iowa Central today

Iowa Central Community College has one common goal for its students: to have them complete their degrees or certifications in the shortest amount of time possible, with the least amount of student loan debt, so that they can have a better life.

Along with more than 100 degrees and certifications to choose from, Iowa Central offers multiple scholarship opportunities to assist students in meeting the financial needs of attending college.

The Iowa Central Community College Foundation oversees nearly 100 scholarships to financially assist students. These scholarships are made possible by donations from various businesses, organizations, and individuals. Foundation scholarships may be based on need or specified donor criteria. For more information on Iowa Central Foundation Scholarships or to apply online see <https://www.iowacentral.edu/foundation/scholarships.asp> on the Iowa Central website. To be considered for Founda-

tion Scholarships, applications must be received by March 31, 2024.

A wide variety of general scholarships are available to both traditional and non-traditional students attending Iowa Central. These include academic, housing, departmental and activity scholarships.

Various academic scholarships are available through the Admissions Department. Valedictorians from Iowa high schools who attend Iowa Central are awarded a full-tuition scholarship with proof of class rank and grade point average (GPA). Salutatorians are awarded \$3,000 and academic scholarships of \$800 are awarded to high school graduates with a 3.75 or above GPA and \$600 for graduates who attained a 3.74-3.25 GPA. Housing scholarships are available to resident students from Iowa in the amount of \$1,000 for valedictorians, \$800 for salutatorians, \$400 for students with a 3.75 or above GPA and \$300 for students with a GPA of

3.74-3.25. Housing and academic scholarships are renewable for a second year if students meet the requirements.

Departmental Scholarships are available to traditional and non-traditional students enrolled in business, education, psychology, health sciences, industrial technology, language arts and humanities, math, science and social sciences. Departmental scholarship amounts may be determined by a student's academic adviser.

Academic Foundation Industrial Technology Scholarships are available in the amount of \$250 for students enrolled in Iowa Central Industrial Technology programs maintaining a GPA of 2.5-3.24

Activity scholarships are available for art, dance, newspaper, vocal and instrumental music, drama/theater, student ambassador/student government and athletics. Activity scholarship amounts may vary based on program and department.

A large variety of external scholarships are also available for traditional and non-traditional students. Links to the scholarships with application requirements and application forms can be found on under the scholarships tab on Financial Aid Department website at [https://www.iowacentral.edu/financial\\_aid/external\\_scholarships.asp](https://www.iowacentral.edu/financial_aid/external_scholarships.asp)

For more information on Iowa Central, enrollment, to apply or schedule a campus visit contact the Iowa Central Admissions Department by phone at 1-800-362-2793 or schedule a visit online via the Iowa Central Admissions website at <https://www.iowacentral.edu/admissions/visit.asp>

## Health Care Worker Scholarship offered

Ida Area for Life is accepting applications for a \$1,000 scholarship for any Ida or Sac County student going into a medical field such as nursing and who is also a pro-life supporter.

Applicants will make a YouTube video or a written essay that will be made public. The video (or essay) will be a ten minute maximum speech answer-

ing the question: *Why does the life of the unborn matter?* The winning video or essay will be presented at a Pro Life event. Payment will be made directly to the school. Payment of \$500 will be made after completion of one semester. If GPA is not at least 2.0 out of 4.0 the second payment will not be made. Judging will be done by a

board.

Application deadline is April 1. Ask for an application from Pastor Mark Kluzek at [Godcares1000@gmail.com](mailto:Godcares1000@gmail.com). For an example, watch "Why the Unborn Matter" and "Let me open up my eyes" on Mark Kluzek's Defend the Unborn Youtube channel: <https://youtu.be/z8Lx-OTJ-Zs8>.

## Gov. Reynolds & 24 Republican Governors Joint Statement Supporting State of Texas' Constitutional Right to Self-Defense

Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a joint statement with 24 Republican governors in support of Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Texas' constitutional right to self-defense:

"President Biden and his Administration have left Americans and our country completely vulnerable to unprecedented illegal immigration pouring across the Southern border. Instead of upholding the rule of law and securing the border, the Biden Administration has attacked and sued Texas for stepping up to protect American citizens from historic levels of illegal immigrants, deadly drugs like fentanyl, and terrorists entering our country.

"We stand in solidarity with our fellow Governor, Greg Abbott, and the State of Texas in utilizing every

tool and strategy, including razor wire fences, to secure the border. We do it in part because the Biden Administration is refusing to enforce immigration laws already on the books and is illegally allowing mass parole across America of migrants who entered our country illegally.

"The authors of the U.S. Constitution made clear that in times like this, states have a right of self-defense, under Article 4, Section 4 and Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution. Because the Biden Administration has abdicated its constitutional compact duties to the states, Texas has every legal justification to protect the sovereignty of our states and our nation."

Other signatories include: Governor Kay Ivey

(AL), Governor Mike Dunleavy (AK), Governor Sarah Sanders (AR), Governor Ron DeSantis (FL), Governor Brian Kemp (GA), Governor Brad Little (ID), Governor Eric Holcomb (IN), Governor Jeff Landry (LA), Governor Tate Reeves (MS), Governor Mike Parson (MO), Governor Greg Gianforte (MT), Governor Jim Pille (NE), Governor Joe Lombardo (NV), Governor Chris Sununu (NH), Governor Doug Burgum (ND), Governor Mike DeWine (OH), Governor Kevin Stitt (OK), Governor Henry McMaster (SC), Governor Kristi Noem (SD), Governor Bill Lee (TN), Governor Spencer Cox (UT), Governor Glenn Youngkin (VA), Governor Jim Justice (WV), and Governor Mark Gordon (WY).

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# Sports



Photo by Lisa Shepherd

**Shepherd works for a pin:** Noah Shepherd of Ridge View twists his West Monona opponent onto his shoulders, during Western Valley Conference wrestling action.



Photo by Lisa Shepherd

**Conner controls his opponent:** Conner Jacobson of Ridge View has his opponent in a precarious position, during Western Valley Conference wrestling action. Jacobson won the 150-pound division at the conference tournament.

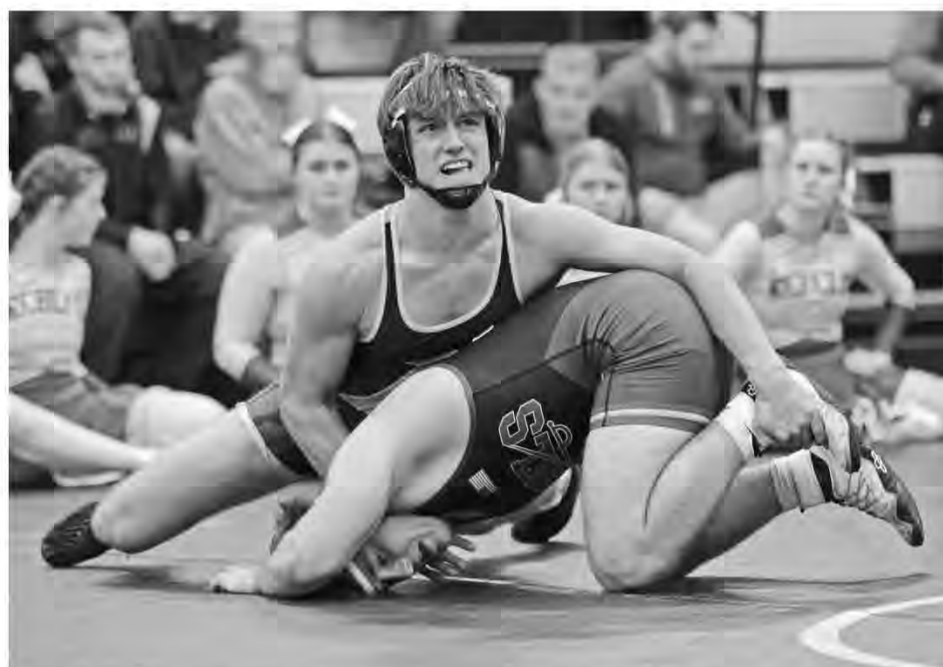


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**Wood with the takedown:** Austin Wood of Ridge View gets a takedown of his Westwood opponent and works for a better position, during Western Valley Conference wrestling action.



Photo by Lisa Shepherd

**Blake with the takedown:** Blake Myrtue of Ridge View takes down his opponent from Kingsley-Pierson, on his way to winning the 190-pound division of the Western Valley Conference tournament.

## West Monona girls defeat Ridge View 61-40

by BRENT HARM  
THE HOLSTEIN ADVANCE

The Ridge View girls basketball squad traveled to Onawa on Thursday night, to take on the West Monona Spartans in a first-round Western Valley Conference tournament game. A hard-fought first quarter ended with West Monona holding a slight 13-11 edge. The Spartans put together a solid second quarter, outscoring the Raptors 15-8 to build a 28-19 lead at halftime.

The Ridge View offense had a better third quarter, but West Monona still managed to out-point them 16-14 to extend the lead slightly at 44-33 heading into the final period of play. The Spartans then dominated the action in the fourth quarter, putting up 17 points to the Raptors' 7 points and earning a 61-40 win.

Ridge View was led by Madison Stowater, who had a "double double" with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Claire Wandrey scored eight points and pulled down eight rebounds, while Mya Henningson and Zoey Aschinger both contributed four points. Faith Freese chipped in with three points, while Reese Hawthorne and Alyssa Biede both added two points. Freese also garnered six rebounds, and Aschinger pulled down three boards.

Ridge View slipped to 6-9 on the season, while West Monona improved to 11-3.

## Shania Graybill places third at A-R-C Tournament

Buena Vista University first-year women's wrestler, Shania Graybill, placed third for the Beavers at the first-ever American Rivers Conference (A-R-C) Tournament on Jan. 20, hosted by Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.

Graybill, a native of Holstein, picked up a pair of pins during the tournament, including a 28-second fall to wrap up her day and earn a top-3 finish overall. She began the day with her third fall of the year, which came midway through the final

period.

The Ridge View High School graduate is currently 7-13 overall this season.

Buena Vista returns to the mat on Jan. 23 when it travels to Dakota Wesleyan University for a 7 p.m. non-conference dual.

## Ridge View girls win ESC wrestling tournament

by BRENT HARM  
THE HOLSTEIN ADVANCE

The Ridge View girls wrestling squad captured first place at yet another tournament, this time being named champions of the 11-team East Sac County tourney on Jan. 22. The Raptors scored 207 team points, compared to second-place Carroll with 154 points.

In individual results, Lauren Siegner (100 lbs) won by pin, then lost a 6-2 decision in the first-place match. At 105 lbs. Lynsee Ockerman lost in the quarterfinals, then pinned her opponent in the fifth-place match. 110-pounder Jady Friedrichsen lost in the semi-finals then won by pin in the third-place

match. Bryli Blunk (115) pinned her opponent in the quarterfinals, before losing a 7-3 decision in the third-place match.

Tegan Robertson (120) won her first match by pin, won a 7-4 decision in the semi-finals, then pinned her opponent in the first-place match. Destiny Brown pinned all three of her opponents on her way to capturing first place in the 125-pound division. At 130 pounds, Tatum Shepherd won by fall in both matches to capture first place. Izzy Deeds (135) pinned her first two opponents, then won a 1-0 decision in the first-place match.

At 140 pounds, Kiara Luscombe won her first match in a 14-12 sudden

victory, lost in the semi-finals, then pinned her opponent in the third-place match. Lea Johnson (145) pinned her opponent in the quarterfinals, lost in the semi-finals, then won by pin in the third-place match. Alexis Meyer (155) won by pin in the quarterfinals, lost in the semi-finals, then pinned her opponent in the third-place match.

Daynia Werner (170) pinned both of her opponents, while Ashlee Sandoval (235) earned one pin.

Other teams at the tournament were Okoboji/HMS, Sioux Central, Spirit Lake Park, Manson-Northwest Webster, Emmetsburg, Audubon, East Sac County, AC/GC, and West Bend-Mallard.

## Fishing Report

**Black Hawk Lake**  
Ice thickness is 8 inches near the Ice House Point boat ramp, with several inches of snow and slush on top. Conditions are variable; use caution. There is open water in Town Bay. The area around the fish house in Town bay is kept ice-free with a water agitator to provide open water fishing opportunities. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Use waxworms or crawlers on a jig. **Walleye** - Fair: Try minnows or crawlers on jigging spoons. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Use waxworms or small minnows.

**Brushy Creek Lake**  
Ice conditions are variable throughout the lake. Ice thickness is 8-10 inches on the North end, but only 4 inches near the NW corner of Taylor's Island. Use caution and check ice thickness often. ATVs are not recommended around Taylor's Island and other variable areas. Warmer temperatures throughout the week may further weaken ice. **Bluegill** - Fair. **Yellow Perch** - Fair. **Storm Lake (including Little Storm Lake)**  
There is open water by the big island. Ice thickness

is 6 to 10 inches off the Casino Point area. Other areas may have thinner ice conditions, but it is difficult to see with the snow and slush cover. Warmer weather may deteriorate conditions; use caution and check ice thickness often. Ice thickness is 3 to 11 inches in the district. Conditions will become more variable with the warmer temperatures throughout the week. Ice will likely soften along the shoreline. For more information, contact the Black Hawk District office at 712-657-2638.

## RIDGE VIEW ACTIVITY Calendar

**Wednesday, Jan. 31**  
1-Hour Late Start-Professional Development.  
**Thursday, Feb. 1**  
Wrestling: Girls Varsity State vs TBD at Coralville.  
6 p.m. Basketball: Girls Varsity conference tournament vs multiple school vs Western Valley at Western Valley.  
6 p.m. Wrestling: Boys Varsity Meet vs multiple schools at RV HS North Gym.  
**Friday, Feb. 2**  
Honor Band at Iowa State University.  
Wrestling: Girls Varsity State vs TBD at Coralville.  
6 p.m. Basketball: Boys Varsity conference tournament vs multiple

schools at Western Valley.  
**Saturday, Feb. 3**  
Archery at Siouxland Christian.  
Honor Band at Iowa State University.  
State Speech Contest, Large Group TBD.  
1 p.m. MS Archery at Spencer.  
5 p.m. Basketball: Girls Varsity conference tournament vs multiple schools vs Western Valley at OABCIG HS.  
7 p.m. Basketball: Boys Varsity conference tournament vs multiple schools vs Western Valley at Ida Grove.  
**Sunday, Feb. 4**  
Orchestra Festival at Luther College.  
**Monday, Feb. 5**

Orchestra Festival at Luther College.  
4 p.m. Basketball: Girls JV Game vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's Storm Lake.  
4 p.m. Wrestling: Jr. H. Meet vs East Sac County at Sac City.  
4:45 p.m. Basketball: Boys JV Game vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's Storm Lake.  
6 p.m. Basketball: Girls Varsity Non-conference Game vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's Storm Lake.  
7:30 p.m. Basketball: Boys Varsity Non-conference Game vs St. Mary's at St. Mary's Storm Lake.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 6**  
7 p.m. Speech Night at Rosemary Clausen Center for Performing Arts.

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# Sports

## Ridge View girls fall to #10-rated MVAO/COU 73-36

■ by BRENT HARM  
THE HOLSTEIN ADVANCE

The #10-rated MVAO/COU girls basketball squad traveled to Holstein last Monday, to take on the home team Raptors. In a hard-fought first quarter, Ridge View had a 10-9 lead when the Rams went on a 7-0 run to end the period ahead 16-10.

MVAO/COU started the second quarter with a 6-0 run to build the advantage to 22-10, then gradually pushed the margin to 40-20 at half-time. A hotly contested third quarter ended with the Rams building their lead slightly at 57-32. MVAO/COU coasted to a 73-36 victory from there.

The Raptors were led by Madison Stowater with 21 points. Reese Hawthorne contributed seven points, while Claire Wandrey added six points and Faith Freese chipped in with two points. Stowater also led the team in rebounds with eight, while Wandrey garnered six boards and Alyssa Biede pulled down three rebounds. Freese and Zoey Aschinger both came up with two steals.

Ridge View slipped to 6-8 with the loss, while MVAO/COU improved to 12-2.



Photo by Brent Harm • The Holstein Advance

**Chance eyes the basket:** Gillian Chance of Ridge View goes up for a basket as an MVAO/COU defender attempts to stop her, during last week's contest in Holstein.



Photo by Brent Harm • The Holstein Advance

**Wandrey with the layup:** Claire Wandrey of Ridge View gets ahead of the MVAO/COU defense, and puts in two of her six points against the Rams. Wandrey also grabbed six rebounds to aid the Raptor cause.



Photo by Brent Harm • The Holstein Advance

**Stowater races to the rim:** Madison Stowater of Ridge View zooms past an MVAO/COU defender on her way to the basket. Stowater led the Raptors with 21 points and eight rebounds.



Photo by Brent Harm • The Holstein Advance

**Carter cuts through traffic:** Carter Todd of Ridge View makes his way through the MVAO/COU defense. Carter had nine points and eight rebounds to help the Raptors defeat the Rams 59-47.

## Ridge View boys hold off MVAO/COU 59-47

■ by BRENT HARM  
THE HOLSTEIN ADVANCE

The Ridge View boys basketball squad picked up another Western Valley Conference win on Monday night, defeating MVAO/COU by 12 points in Holstein. The Rams put up a good fight despite having a less than stellar record, as the Raptors led 10-8 after the first quarter.

Ridge View was clinging to a 15-14 lead in the second quarter, but reeled off nine straight points to push the advantage to 24-14, and went into the halftime break leading 24-16.

MVAO/COU battled back to within four points at 29-25 in the second half, but the Raptors hit some key three-pointers to build the margin back to 42-33 after three quarters of play.

The Rams wouldn't go away quietly, pulling back to within four points again in the fourth quarter at 47-43. Ridge View once again hit a few key three-pointers, however, and made their free throws at the end to come up with a 59-47 victory.

The Raptors were led by Kellen Jensen with 18 points and 14 rebounds. Joining him in double figure scoring was Zach Kolpin with 16 points. Carter Todd poured in nine points, while Carson Harriman contributed six points. Kinnick Jensen chipped in with four points, and Drew Burk knocked down a three-pointer. Gabe Chance added two points, while Cayden Clausen swished a free throw.

Carter Todd grabbed eight rebounds, while Cayden Clausen gamered six boards. Carson Harriman led the team by dishing out six assists.

Ridge View coach Alex Wamke commented on the win.

"We knew our opponent tonight was going to compete hard all night, and we had to earn this win. MVAO/COU plays a unique zone, and does a nice job rotating and playing the passing lanes. Their defense caused some issues for us early on, but Carson (Harriman) and



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**Kolpin with a contested shot:** Zach Kolpin of Ridge View jumps up to lay in a basket, as an MVAO/COU defender attempts to stop him. Kolpin scored 16 points to help the Raptors defeat the Rams by 12 last week in Holstein.



Photo by Brent Harm • The Holstein Advance

**Burk sinks a basket:** Drew Burk of Ridge View puts up a short jumper, during the Raptors' 59-47 victory over MVAO/COU last week in Holstein.

Carter (Todd) did a nice job penetrating the zone, and finding open guys in scoring position. Kellen (Jensen) and Zach (Kolpin) hit some big shots throughout the game, especially from the outside. Our big advantage was rebounding the basketball tonight (39-24). We needed to rebound well, because we struggled to get shots to fall, especially around the rim.

Fortunately, we got to the free throw line for 29 free throws, and found a way to score when we needed to. The key during this next stretch of tournament play will be finding a way to win, and I am proud of our guys for doing that tonight."

Ridge View improved to 9-6 with the victory, while MVAO/COU slipped to 2-10.



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**Clausen looks for a teammate:** Cayden Clausen of Ridge View looks to pass the ball, after driving past an MVAO/COU defender. The Raptors beat the Rams 59-47 last week in Holstein.

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# Sports

## Raptor boys race past Rams, earns conference tourney win, 71-35

by BRENT HARM  
THE HOLSTEIN ADVANCE

For the second time in a week, the Ridge View boys basketball squad defeated MVAO/COU in Holstein. The Raptors had beaten the Rams 59-47 in a regular season contest on Monday. This time around, the two squads were clashing in a first round Western Valley Conference tournament game, and while Ridge View came out on top again, the outcome was much different.

Whereas on Monday night, the Rams hung around until the very end, this time the Raptors put them away early, jumping out to quick leads of 6-0 and 13-2, before taking a 17-4 advantage after the first quarter. A high-scoring second quarter saw Ridge View outscore MVAO/COU 21-14 to push the margin to 38-18 at halftime.

The Raptors came out strong again in the second half, winning the third quarter by a 20-5 margin to see the lead swell to 58-23 heading into the final quarter. Ridge View was able to coast to a 71-35 victory from there.

The Raptors featured a balanced scoring attack, with four players in double figures led by Kellen Jensen with 17 points. Joining him were Cayden Clausen with 15 points, Zach Kolpin with 11 points, and Carson Harriman with 10 points. Kinnick Jensen contributed four points, and Brayden Blumm knocked down a three-pointer. Kyle Burk, Cole Jochims, Carter Todd, and Raif Jensen all found their way into the scoring column with two points. Kinnick Jensen and Cayden Clausen led Ridge View in rebounds with eight apiece, while Kellen Jensen and Car-



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**Kellen goes up for two points!** Kellen of Jensen jumps up to lay in two of his game-high 17 points against MVAO/COU on Friday night. The Raptors defeated the Rams 71-35 in an opening round Western Valley Conference tournament matchup.

ter Todd both ripped down five boards. Zach Kolpin came up with three steals, and Carter Todd dished out seven assists.

Ridge View coach Alex Warnke commented on the win.

“This was a good start to the conference tournament for us,” he said. “We played one of our most complete games of the season, on both ends of the floor. We shared the basketball on offense, and had 22 assists while only turning the ball over 8 times. Our players are doing a nice job moving without the basketball, and getting shots that are in the flow of the offense. When their defense can’t focus on one or two specific

players, it really spreads out their zone. Defensively, we were able to force MVAO/COU to where we wanted them on the court, by staying low and beating them to their spots they wanted to get to. We limited them to only two second chance points, and then turned those defensive rebounds into some transition baskets on offense. We will face a quality Lawton-Bronson team in the next round of the tournament, who plays an opposite style of basketball as MVAO/COU, so we will need to adjust and come ready to play on Tuesday.”

Ridge View improved to 10-6 with the win, while MVAO/COU slipped to 4-11.



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**Harriman with the floater:** Carson Harriman of Ridge View dribbles in and puts up a jumper against MVAO/COU on Friday night. Harriman scored 10 points in the Raptors’ conference tournament win over the Rams.

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**Kinnick drives to the basket:** Kinnick Jensen of Ridge View drives between a pair of MVAO/COU defenders, before dishing the ball to an open teammate. Jensen had four points and eight rebounds to help lead the Raptors over the Rams.



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**Clausen goes up strong:** Cayden Clausen of Ridge View goes strong to the hoop with the ball, during the Raptors’ conference tournament victory over MVAO/COU. Clausen scored 15 points and garnered eight rebounds in the win.

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