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RO's Knaus cards stellar week

Charm Carpenter
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak girls golfers traveled to Shenandoah to compete in the triangular with Harlan and Shenandoah, coming home just one point shy of second place.

Girls team scoring: 1- Harlan 209; 2- Shenandoah 219; 3- Red Oak 220.

According to Red Oak head girls coach Patty Henke, Emily Sebeniecher totaled a personal best 54.

Brynn Knaus earned medalist honors on the night for the Tigers, carding 49, and Shenandoah's Hannah Stearns earned runner-up honors with 51.

Other RO girls results: Sebeniecher 54; Addey Lydon 57; Ellison Johnson 60; Nellie Blaine 60; Steph Medina 61.

The Red Oak boys dropped the meet with the Mustangs, 174-196.

"The weather was very favorable for spring golf in Iowa, Partly cloudy with temps in the low 60s which is great for this time of year," Red Oak head boys golf coach Bob Boeeye said. "Unfortunately for the Tigers, too many penalties

and putts led to a non-productive day. With only two weeks left in the season, its time to make a push towards conference and the Class 2A sectionals."

Shenandoah golfers earned medalist and runner-up honors: Jade Spangler 37, and Logan Twyman 41, respectively.

RO boys: Tyler Beeson 48; Sam Fields 49; Cyrus Mensen 49; Hunter Jarrett 50.

Clarinda

Red Oak boys hosted Clarinda on Tuesday, April 25, and the girls traveled to Clarinda, both teams falling to the conference foes.

Red Oak boys dropped the contest 195-169.

"Clarinda came in in good form, and the Tigers continued to have some problems with penalties," Boeeye said. "We will continue to work on that as we head into the final weeks. With only four players on the team now, everyone has to use their score; no days off. Hopefully next year we can get more boys involved in representing our school in golf. I hope they realize that most will play this game for the rest of their lives."

Clarinda boys earned medalist and runner-up honors as Caden Butt and Kort Neal carded 41 and 42, respectively.

RO scores: Fields 46; Mensen 46; Jarrett 50; Beeson 53.

Tiger girls fell 218-192, but Knaus finished as runner up, carding a 46.

Other RO scores: Johnson 51 (PR); Sebeniecher 56; Medina 65; Blaine 70.

Atlantic

Red Oak boys finished their busy week with a triangular meet at Atlantic on Thursday, April 27.

Atlantic won the meet, with a score of 155, while Red Oak and Shenandoah each finished with 193 for a team score.

RO boys scores: Beeson 45; Mensen 48; Jarrett 49; Fields 51.

The Tigers enter into their final week with a dual meet at home on Monday, May 1, followed by a meet on Tuesday, May 2, and the Hawkeye 10 Conference meet on Thursday, May 4.

"We are looking forward to a strong finish to



Red Oak junior Cyrus Mensen tees off in the meet with Clarinda on Tuesday, April 25. (Bob Boeeye)

the season," Boeeye said.

Fox Run

Red Oak girls competed at Fox Run in a quad with Atlantic, Lewis Central, and Shenandoah. Atlantic won with 189 while Shenandoah and Red Oak finished with 203 each, and Lewis Central 217. The Red Oak team lost to Shenandoah in the card off to determine second place.

Knaus finished as runner-up with a 46. This is the fourth meet in a row where Knaus has earned medal honors.

Atlantic's McKenna Sonntag earned medalist honors with 45.

Other RO girls scores: Lydon 51; Johnson 51; Sebeniecher 55; Blaine 63; Medina 64.



Red Oak's Brynn Knaus (front) with her third medal of the week. Back row, from left: Steph Medina, Ellison Johnson, Nellie Blaine, Addey Lydon, and Emily Sebeniecher. (Patty Henke)

Drake Relays

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The Red Oak's 4X200 relay team of Landon Couse, Riley Fouts, Jack Kling, and Brayden Sifford competed in the Drake Relays on Saturday, April 29, finishing 35th out of 96 teams in the state. The Tigers ran 44.20.

Southwest Valley's Marshall Knapp capped off his Drake Relays with a 17th place finish in the high jump, clearing 6-3, on Thursday, April 27.

Emily Williams, a senior at East Mills, placed third in her heat and 31st overall in the 100m hurdles on Friday, April 28, with a time of 17.12.



SWV's Marshall Knapp clears 6'3" in front of the home crowd the week before Drake. (Charm Carpenter/The Red Oak Express)



East Mills senior Emily Williams checks her time after winning the 100m hurdles in Griswold the night before competing at Drake. (Charm Carpenter/The Red Oak Express)



Red Oak's 4X200 team from left: Jack Kling, Landon Couse, Riley Fouts, and Brayden Sifford finished in 35th place at the Drake Relays. (Sueann French)



RO tennis preps for postseason

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The Red Oak tennis teams split with Clarinda to open the week on Tuesday, April 25.

The Tiger boys swept Clarinda 9-0 in front of a home crowd.

Boys results: Max DeVries (RO) over Drake Riddle (C) 8-3; Brett Erickson (RO) over Grant Barr (C) 8-0; Joshua LeRette (RO) over Ben Miller (C) 8-2; Braden Woods (RO) over Brady Cox (C) 8-3; Jonah Wemhoff (RO) over Dillon Hunter (C) 8-4; James Gass (RO) over Ian Smith (C) 8-2; DeVries/Erickson over Riddle/Barr 8-1; Woods Wemhoff over Miller/Cox 8-4; LeRette/Gass over Hunter/Smith 9-3.

Griffin Eubank went 1-1 in JV action for the Tigers, falling to Paxton Tomkinson 9-7 and defeating Matt Marsh 8-3.

Tiger girls fell in Clarinda 8-1 with the number three doubles earning the lone win for Red Oak.

Girls results: Taylor Cole (C) over Merced Ramirez (RO) 8-2; Mayson Hartley (C) over Tessa Rolenc (RO) 8-2; Avery Walter (C) over Grace Wingfield (RO) 8-2; Riley Nothwehr (C) over Kayden Wingfield (RO) 8-1; Brooke Brown (C) over Danique Dobbe (RO) 8-1; Emma Stogdill (C) over Abigail Johnson (RO) 8-4; Cole/Hartley over Rolenc/Ramirez 8-6; Walter/Brown over G. Wingfield/K. Wingfield 8-6; Dobbe/Johnson over Nothwehr/Stogdill 9-7.

Atlantic

The Tigers split with conference rival Atlantic on

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Right: RO's number five Jonah Wemhoff with the backhand in his match with Dillon Hunter of Clarinda, Tuesday, April 25. (Charm Carpenter/The Red Oak Express)

Tiger soccer falls on road

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The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak JV boys soccer team traveled to Glenwood on Friday, April 28, to compete in their third game of the season, as the tournament for the previous weekend was canceled due to weather.

The Tigers fell 9-0 in a game where Red Oak played well, but it didn't show on the scoreboard.

"We struggled defensively with a few unlucky bounces of the ball that we couldn't overcome, but the score

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Right: Red Oak soccer boys (in black uniforms) play defense and try to get the ball away from the St. Albert player. Kayden Riibe (left) and Heath Jackson (right) close in on the St. Albert opponent to get the ball away and protect the goal area. (Tess Nelson/The Red Oak Express)



Red Oak boys earn 5 golds at home meet

Charm Carpenter
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak Tigers hosted a six-field boys meet on Friday, April 28, finishing third at home in both varsity and JV.

Varsity team scoring: 1- Atlantic 193; 2- Glenwood 133; 3- Red Oak 101; 4- Tri-Center 48; 5- Lewis Central 43; 6- Shenandoah 10.

JV team scoring: 1- Atlantic 162; 2- Glenwood 104; 3- Red Oak 45; 4- Tri-Center 41; 5- Shenandoah 12.

RO varsity: 100m: 1- Brayden Sifford 11.43; 3- Landon Couse 11.83. 200m: 1- Jack Kling 22.74; 3- Aiden Bruce 23.58. 400m: 1- Kling 54.02. 800m: 6- Bryton Bergren 2:27.18. 1600m: 4- Bryce Williams 6:08.84. 3200m: 4- Williams 12:52.25. 4X200: 1- Cale Hall, Bruce, Sifford, Riley Fouts 1:36.96. Sprint medley: 1- Couse, R. Fouts, Sifford, Kling 1:38.30. Distance medley: 4- Hall, Kayden Bozwell, Anderson Ruhl, Bergren 4:19.73. High jump: 3- Cyrus Mensen 5-8; 5- Bergren 5-6. Long jump: 2- Bruce 19-04.25; 3- Hall 18-04.75. Shot put: 7- Eli Vukonich 35-03.5; 10- Jacob Patterson 28. Discus: 4- Caleb Ransom 117-06; 8- Vukonich 90.

JV: 100m R. Fouts 11.82; 2- Bruce 12.01; 5- Marcus Torres 13.03. 200m: 6- Dayton Gusman 27.49. 800m: 4- Jacob Brower 2:41.01; 5- Williams 2:44.99. 4X200: 3- Bozwell, Torres, Gusman, Ethan Fouts 1:48.43. Sprint medley: 3- Bozwell, E. Fouts, Torres, Ruhl 1:51.84. Shot put: 5- Caleb Ransom 31-06.5. Discus: 3- Patterson 92-08.

"I am very happy with how we are running heading into the conference meet and state qualifying meet," Red Oak boys head track coach Sueann French said.

Glenwood

Both track teams began the week in Glenwood where both teams brought home new PRs.

On the girls side, the distance medley relay ran a PR as a team with Iris Ogden and Michelle Grass running PRs in the 400m leg and 800m leg, respectively. Ogden also ran a PR in the open 800m and Hope Schmadeke achieved her PR in the 200m. Brinkley Sallach set a new PR in the 400m hurdles, taking two seconds off of her season best time.

"I am very proud of the great effort all our girls put in today," Red Oak head girls track coach Curt Adams said.

Girls team scoring: 1- Glenwood 156; 2- Lewis Central 100.33; 3- Atlantic 98; 4- Abraham Lincoln 93; 5- Underwood 64; 6- St. Albert 61; 7- Shenandoah 54; 8- Sioux City North 52; 9- Creston 30; 10- Thomas Jefferson 12.33; 11- Red Oak 5.33.

RO girls: 200m- Schmadeke 30.97. 400m: 18- Laine Klepinger 1:15.02. 800m: 11- Ogden 2:49.60; 17- Grass 3:02.12. 100m hurdles: 20- Sallach 19.70. 400m hurdles: Sallach 1:21.75. 4X100: 10- Tori Wendt, Marley Gray, Laine Klepinger, Ogden 57.01. 4X200: 8- Wendt, Gray, Schmadeke, Klepinger 2:04.86. Sprint medley: 11- Wendt, Gray, Klepinger, Sallach 2:15.10. Distance medley: 5- Wendt, Gray, Ogden, Grass 5:06.19. High jump: 8- Schmadeke 4-06.

Tiger boys finished sixth of 11 teams. "We had a great meet with two big PRs," French said. "We are peaking heading into the

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Cable Companies THURSDAY EVENING MAY 4, 2023. Grid showing channels A-D and times 7 PM to 10:30 PM with program listings.

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Cable Companies WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 10, 2023. Grid showing channels A-D and times 7 PM to 10:30 PM with program listings.

ACORN acres advertisement for Red Oak's Elderly Housing. Includes logo, address (1805 N 8th St.), phone number (712 623 4558), and details about one-bedroom apartments, utilities, and laundry facilities.

RED OAK SCHOOLS D

Red Oak Community School District Report for Paper March 2023. Vendor Name, Vendor Description, Amount, SERVICES/SUPPLIES, 3,775.00, PLUMB SUPPLY/RIBACK SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, 341.77, PREMIER TECH INC, SERVICES, 194.00, REI INC, SERVICES, 276.65, RAY MARTIN COMPANY, SERVICES, 178,070.00, RED OAK CHRYSLER, INC., SERVICES/SUPPLIES, 120.75, RED OAK FABRICATION INC., SUPPLIES, 140.00, RED OAK HARDWARE HANK, SUPPLIES, 2,122.51, RED OAK PUBLISHING LLC, SERVICES, 190.68, RIEMAN MUSIC, INC., SUPPLIES/SERVICES, 6.02, RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, SERVICES, 3,788.04, RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC, SERVICES, 1,400.00, ROGERS PLUMBING & HEATING, SERVICES/SUPPLIES, 278.25, SCHMITT MUSIC, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES, 32.00, SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS-8, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES, 748.20, SIDNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, SERVICES, 8,271.66, SOFTWARE UNLIMITED, SUPPLIES/SERVICES, 3,100.00, SPECIALTY UNDERWRITERS LLC, SERVICES, 24,105.75, STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY, THE, SERVICES, 303.70, STERLING COMPUTERS, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES, 89,746.00, TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE LLC, SERVICES, 127.60, TITLEWAVE, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES, 98.17, UNITED FARMERS COOPERATIVE, SUPPLIES, 5,382.66, UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, SERVICES, 16.00, UPPER EDGE TECHNOLOGIES INC, SUPPLIES, 2,655.00, US CELLULAR, SERVICES, 753.97, VISUAL EDGE IT dba COUNSEL, SERVICES/SUPPLIES, 671.37, WELLS FARGO LEASING, SERVICES, 1,215.50, WHY'S CHOICE FUNDRAISING, SERVICES, 1,458.50, WILLIAMS SCOTSMAN INC, SUPPLIER, 2,968.20, YOUNG AUTO PARTS INC., SUPPLIES, 26.64, ZIEGLER INC, SUPPLIES, 555.75, Total for March 2023, \$609,371.49 (Published in the Red Oak Express Wednesday, May 3, 2023.)

ESSEX SCHOOLS

ESSEX COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 6:00 PM. 1. CALL TO ORDER: President Meredith Baker called the regular board meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. 2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Present were Meredith Baker, Becki Franks, Brian Johnson, Doug Ohnmacht, Cole Thornton, and Board Secretary/Treasurer, Melissa Chamber and Superintendent Mike Wells. Quorum was determined. 3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND OPEN FORUM: 6 in-person visitors were present and recognized. 4. PUBLIC PRESENTERS: None. 5. BOARD/STUDENT LEARNING: None. 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion B. Johnson, second by B. Franks, unanimously carried to approve the agenda with amendment to table F under New Business. 7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: A. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes (March 15, 2023 Regular and Public Hearing (Budget)), Motion to be D. Ohnmacht, second by C. Thornton. Carried unanimously to approve minutes. B. Approval of Bills for Payment - Motion by B. Franks, second by B. Johnson to approve payment of bills. Carried unanimously. C. Financial Reports - presented D. Open Enrollments: 2 open enroll in; 3 open enroll out. Motion by D. Ohnmacht, second by B. Franks. Carried unanimously to accept open enrollments. E. Approval of Fundraisers - None F. Approval of Use of Facilities Applications - 3 use of facility applications presented. 1) Use of Trojan Hall by Sandra Correll for meeting. Motion by B. Franks, second C. Thornton. Carried unanimously to allow use of Trojan Hall. 2) Trojan Hall/Allen Stuart Gymnasium for 7-12 cheer camp. Motion by B. Franks, second B. Johnson. Carried unanimously to approve. 3) Trojan Hall for Miss Essex Contest. Motion by B. Johnson, second by B. Franks. Carried unanimously to allow. 8. PERSONNEL: A. Resignations: Steve Schuster resigned as JH boys/girls track coach effective 2023-2024. Resignation accepted with thanks. Motion by D. Ohnmacht, second by B. Johnson. Carried unanimously. Kerry McBride resigned from position as Data Elementary Coordinator. Resignation accepted with thanks. Motion by B. Franks, second by C. Thornton. Carried unanimously. 9. OLD BUSINESS: None. 10. NEW BUSINESS: A. Approval of Pay Application for Part #1 of the Elementary Roof \$279,300. The roof will be paid for with loans from Bank Iowa and Tri-Valley Bank, in equitable amounts. Motion by C. Thornton, second by B. Johnson. Carried unanimously. B. Discussion of a Board Work Session. C. Approval of the Senior Trip to Branson, Missouri May 5-May 9, 2023. Motion by B. Franks, second by B. Johnson. Carried unanimously. D. Approval of 2020 Chevrolet 12 passenger van from Red Oak Chrysler for \$37,800. Motion by B. Franks, second D. Ohnmacht. Carried unanimously. E. Approval of 2023-2024 Head Start Agreement. Motion by C. Thornton, second by B. Johnson. Carried unanimously. F. Approval of 28E Agreement with the City to Share Community Relations Position. Tabled until future meeting. G. Approval of Change Order #1 Roofing Project. Motion by D. Ohnmacht, second by C. Thornton. Carried unanimously. 11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: A. Superintendent Report - Dr Mike Wells presented a report on the gardening shed, teacher contracts, summer cleaning plans/timeline, grounds/athletic fields, roofing project update. B. Principal - Principal Rob Brecht presented a report on recent Community Service day and ongoing staff wellness challenge. Prom, upcoming ISASPs testing and track meets. 12. Communication/Information - the board received a thank you from a group of community members who utilize the East Gym for our recent addition of a light switch for ease of use. 13. Calendar Review - Next board meeting will be May 9, 2023, at 5:30 followed by a Board Work Session until 7:30 p.m. Next regular board meeting will be May 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. 14. Good News- Baker reported that all went great with After Prom. The board spoke highly of prom meal and the Opera House location. 15. Adjournment - Motion by B. Johnson, second B. Franks, carried unanimously to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Meredith Baker PRESIDENT Melissa Chambers BOARD SECRETARY (Published in the Red Oak Express Wednesday, May 3, 2023.)

CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA AT RED OAK JUVENILE NO: JVVJ002919, JVVJ002920, JVVJ002921 NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE INTEREST OF B.M., R.M., L.M. MINOR CHILDREN TO: Zachary Miller Of children born on the 25th day of December, 2020, 26th day of December, 2018 and 7th day of December, 2021 all in Shenandoah, IA. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is presently on file in the office of the clerk of Court of Montgomery County, a Petition in Case Number JVVJ002919, JVVJ002920 and JVVJ002921, which alleges a child in need of assistance to children born on the 25th day of December 2020, 26th day of December, 2018 and 7th day of December, 2021, all in Shenandoah, IA. For further details contact the clerk's office. The Petitioner's attorney is Drew B. Swanson, 209 E. Coolbaugh, Red Oak, Iowa 51566. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that there will be a hearing on the petition for child in need of assistance before the Iowa District Court for Montgomery County, at the Court-house in Red Oak, Iowa, at 1:30 p.m. on the 25th day of May, 2023. You must file your Appearance and Answer on the Iowa Judicial Branch eFile System, unless the attached Petition and Original Notice contains a hearing date for your appearance, or unless the court has excused you from filing electronically (see Iowa Court Rule 16.302). Register for the eFile System at www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/eFile to file and view documents in your case and to receive notices from the court. For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure in chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules at www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/CourtRulesChapter16.pdf. Court filings are public documents and may contain personal information that should always be kept confidential. For the rules on protecting personal information, refer to Division VI of chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules and to the Iowa Judicial Branch website at www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/representing-yourself/protect-personal-information/. If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability access coordinator at 712-328-4793. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). For more information, see www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/ada/. Disability access coordinators cannot provide legal advice. District Clerk of Court or by Clerk's Designee of Montgomery County /s/ Heather Seberger (Published in The Red Oak Express Wednesday, April 26, 2023, Wednesday, May 3, 2023, and Wednesday, May 10, 2023.)

ANSWER - PUZZLE ON PAGE

Word puzzle grid with letters: E L V N E, D V B, E T V S, D E L A V R, W V H V, C E d S, Y B V G, S V T V L, N V W O, H V J V R V H V W, H E K V L, E D I N S, G E L, P S, D E M, F H E, S E R I S, E K U N, S T N E W E N E L, R E B A S, T V L, S E T V L, D E G V T, O B V S, P V E R, S I N V T, H O N, P M V, M V, W U R, S E H O S, E C V R B, S E O V F, E d A L, N V K V, I V K V S, B W O L, I B V L, S P V L, D V E H V, S V A T, P S P, T E T V M

CROSSWORD - ANSWER ON PAGE

Crossword puzzle grid with 68 numbered squares. CLUES ACROSS: 1. Dull and flat (abbr.), 6. Baking measurement (abbr.), 9. Education-based groups (abbr.), 13. Not behind, 14. Runners run them, 15. Japanese ankle sock, 16. Grave, 17. Japanese industrial city, 18. People of southern Ghana, 19. Particular designs, 21. Device fitted to something, 22. Infections, 23. Pirates' preferred alcohol, 24. Expression of sympathy, 25. Rock guitarist's tool, 28. Neither, 29. Ancient city of Egypt, 31. You __ what you sow, 33. Ruined, 36. Narrations, 38. Body art (slang), 39. Fencing sword, 41. Apartment buildings, 44. Type of missile, 45. Fathers, 46. Extremely high frequency, 48. Type of school, 49. Incorrect letters, 51. Two-year-old sheep, 52. Nasty manner, 54. One who accepts a bet, 56. Indian prince, 60. Asian country, 61. Rhythmic patterns in Indian music, 62. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann, 63. Detailed criteria, 64. Son of Shem, 65. Talked wildly, 66. Discount, 67. Not good, 68. Growing out, CLUES DOWN: 1. Actor Damon, 2. A call used to greet someone, 3. Part-time employee, 4. Emaciation, 5. "Westworld" actor Harris, 6. Gains possession of, 7. Relaxing spaces, 8. 23rd star in a constellation, 9. Northern grouse, 10. Monetary unit of Bangladesh, 11. Manila hemp, 12. Unites muscle to bone, 14. Makes deep cuts in, 17. 18-year period between eclipses, 20. Member of a people inhabiting southern Benin, 21. Synthetic rubbers, 23. Unwelcome rodent, 25. Expression of creative skill, 26. Some is red, 27. Seems less in impressive, 29. Harry Kane's team, 30. Gland secretion, 32. Action of feeling sorrow, 34. Disallow, 35. Deceptive movement, 37. More dried-up, 40. Crimson, 42. Actress Ryan, 43. Adherents of a main branch of Islam, 47. Accomplished American president, 49. Side of a landform facing an advancing glacier, 50. Sheep breed, 52. Appetizer, 53. Broadway actress Daisy, 55. Influential film critic, 56. NY Giants ownership family, 57. Type of script, 58. Assist, 59. London park, 61. Bar bill, 65. In reply indicator

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...?

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RO Weather Monday, April 24: High 54, Low 29, Precip: None Tuesday, April 25: High 69, Low 38, Precip: None Wednesday, April 26: High 64, Low 39, Precip: None Thursday, April 27: High 66, Low 41, Precip: None Friday, April 28: High 69, Low 41, Precip: None Saturday, April 29: High 62, Low 37, Precip: None Sunday, April 30: High 70, Low 40, Precip: None Weekly Total Precipitation: None

6 Years Ago Joshua LeRette, a sixth grader at Red Oak Middle School was honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award, which recognized Americans of all ages that volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities. The award was granted by the Prudential Spirit of Community awards program. LeRette was specifically recognized for his contribution to Christ's Cupboard Food Pantry. Over the past two years, LeRette raised \$4,887 through a lemonade stand. The Red Oak girls tennis team bested Clarinda 7-2. Sophie Walker, Haley Plambeck, Syd Streicher, Perla Hernandez, and Kaylee Philby all had singles wins. Walker and Hernandez also had wins in doubles.

10 Years Ago In the coming months, a whole different kind of shot was to be supplied at 406 N. 3rd St. in Red Oak. What was once Hope's Bar was to be the site of the Southwest Iowa Free Medical Clinic, a volunteer-operated clinic that was the dream of First Baptist Church Rev. Len Taylor. The idea for the clinic came to mind in the fall of 2011 when an uninsured member of his congregation was diagnosed with cancer and passed away when a routine exam would likely have saved her. Thoren spent much of her time in high school driving every day to Council Bluffs to attend swim practice, which allowed her to sign a letter of intent with the University of Northern Iowa swim team next season.

25 Years Ago Red Oak Express sports editor Vern Olson, who had been with the Express since 1983, announced his retirement at the end of the month. Olson had an extensive history in sports coverage in both the print and broadcast mediums. He started as a general assignment and sports reporter in January 1983 before being named sports editor in March of the same year. Red Oak High School senior-to-be Kara Paul was one of 12 girls cagers chosen by the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association to the junior select team for the southern half of the state. Paul was a two time all-state, all Southwest Iowa, and all-Hawkeye 10 conference choice. A three bedroom home in the 700 block of East Valley St. was listed for \$45,000.

50 Years Ago It was still too early to tell what effect gasoline shortages would have on gas stations around the Red Oak community. Some however, were beginning to feel the pinch as supplies became tighter, according to 13 service station managers in the city. The seriousness of the problem varied from station to station. Half of the stations said their supply was on allotment, limited to a percentage of what the station used in the same month the year prior. The Red Oak Tiger high school golf team remained undefeated in golf dual competition after a 158-193 victory over Farragut. John Anderson scored a 1 over par 35 to cinch the win. Boswell's Bake Shop in Red Oak was offering six apple twists or cinnamon rolls for 49 cents.

Farm Environmental Award deadline extended

The deadline to nominate individuals or families for the 2023 Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award has been extended to May 15.

Farmers and landowners who invest in conservation practices, such as cover crops, wetlands and edge-of-field practices and incorporate best management practices into their operations to improve and protect the state's natural resources are eligible for the award. Successful nominees must also actively serve as leaders in the agriculture community.

An appointed committee representing conservation and agricultural groups will review the nominations and select the winners.

The recipients will be recognized by Gov. Kim Reynolds, Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig and Department of Natural Resources Director Kayla Lyon at a ceremony at the Iowa State Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023.

Seven hundred thirty-eight farm families have been recognized since the creation of the award in 2012. The nomination form and a list of previous awardees can be found on the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's website.

Nominations for the 2023 awards will now be accepted through Monday, May 15.

Springtime optimism

Mike Naig
Iowa Secretary of Agriculture

Spring is an exciting time of year. As the days get longer and warmer, we feel a sense of renewal and revitalization. Our students are anticipating the end of the school year, outdoor activities are in full swing, the smell of freshly mowed grass and backyard grills begin to permeate the air, and our communities will soon gather for annual celebrations.

For our hardworking farm families, spring is also the start of another busy growing season. Whether it's the birth of a new calf or the emergence of the first seedlings popping through the soil, spring brings a feeling of optimism.

And each year, our farmers are continually innovating and using the latest technology and practices to be more sustainable and efficient while also increasing productivity. We stand on the strong foundation of the generations who farmed before us, and we also pair that rich heritage with an expectation of constant improvement – better genetics, better tools, better equipment and better practices.

And because of our valuable natural resources and our talented farmers and ag professionals, we've managed to remain highly productive despite three years of widespread drought. Iowa leads the nation in the production of corn, pork, eggs, ethanol and biodiesel. We also rank very highly in soybeans, beef, dairy, turkey and many more products. We are experiencing heightened interest in specialty crops and increased opportunities in local foods, driven by consumer demand.

Fortunately, growing conditions are looking more promising this year.

For as far back as Iowa's records go, 2022 was the 25th driest year on record. However, precipitation for the winter months of December, January and February was more than two inches above normal. Last year at this time, we were entering the third straight year of La Nina for only the third time since 1950. This year, we are in an "El Nino Watch" for the May-July timeframe, which typically means cooler temperatures along with closer to normal or even above-average precipitation. While we still have significant soil moisture deficits to make up, the above-normal precipitation since the start of 2023 has helped.

But of course, the weather is just one of many possible challenges on the horizon. From high inflation to supply chain disruptions, there's no shortage of uncertainty involved with providing the food, feed, fuel and fiber on which our local communities and global consumers rely.

While farmers have recently enjoyed prices that reflect strong demand, that's only half the story. The costs to grow crops and livestock are also continuing to climb higher. Farming is capital intensive and rising interest rates and sky-high input costs are squeezing margins. Even as we continue to battle supply chain disruptions, the seed, feed, rent, fertilizer, crop protection products, labor, fuel, equipment and many other inputs remain expensive.

Because farmers continue to manage a high level of financial risk, it's critical that Congress pass a new Farm Bill with important protections like crop insurance. We also need clear and workable definitions of Waters of the United States (WOTUS) so farmers can freely operate using modern farming practices, and water quality and conservation work can continue to accelerate. Washington must also get more engaged in trade and the Biden Administration must start negotiating new and expansive free-trade agreements. At a time when there is so much instability in the world, American agriculture offers our trading partners an abundant, safe, reliable and dependable source of products.

While we cannot predict all the challenges that we will face in the weeks and months ahead, this time of year brings with it a renewed sense of hope and optimism. Because agriculture continues to drive the Iowa economy, we should all have reason to hope for a bountiful year ahead.

Gift ideas for high school graduates

The class of 2023 soon will be donning their caps and gowns and receiving their diplomas. After commencement ceremonies, graduation parties will soon follow. For party guests, that means finding the right gifts for grads.

Some high school graduates will continue their studies at colleges and universities. Others may pursue careers in various trades. Still, some graduates may be ready to enter the workforce right away. No matter the direction, these gifts can treat graduates to something special.

Travel accessories

Graduates may want to go on a trip before they take the next step in their lives. Quality travel gear is a worthy investment. Select luggage that won't exceed airport carry-on limits so grads can cut the baggage check lines when they dart away to locales near or far. Carry-on bags also fit easily in bus cargo areas or in the trunks of cars. Pair the gifts with standard or digital luggage tags.

Streaming TV device

While it's certainly possible to watch favorite shows or films on mobile devices, viewing is that much clearer on televisions. Rather than graduates having to invest in cable television wherever they go, streaming devices like AppleTV or Roku are portable, which means they can be used at home, in a dorm room or on vacation.

Secured credit card

Individuals typically are eligible to apply for credit cards once they reach age 18, which is the age most students are when they

graduate high school. Credit cards are one method of establishing solid credit, so it can be beneficial for a teen to have one. But it can be challenging for individuals with no credit histories to get approval. A secured card, according to CapitalOne, is a credit card that requires money deposited with the credit card issuer in order to open the account. This security deposit is held by the issuer as long as the account is open. Often the security deposit is the same as the credit limit. Gift-givers can help establish secured cards for grads by providing the funds for the security deposits.

Wireless earbuds or headphones

Upgrade grads' audio with the newest wireless earbuds or headphones. This way they can take them to the gym or use them to listen to shows or music while sharing spaces with others, including college roommates.

Smartphone wallet case

Teenagers are seldom without their phones. A smartphone wallet case enables graduates to stash IDs, credit or debit cards and some cash into specially designed pockets built into the phone cases. This keeps all essentials in one spot.

Framed memorabilia

Whether a graduate was a star athlete or a premier member of the marching band, gift-givers can provide special memories of time spent in school. Frame ticket stubs, sports jerseys, show programs, or other memorabilia that commemorates a graduate's glory days at their alma mater.

March ag prices in Iowa



The average price received by farmers for corn during March 2023 in Iowa was \$6.70 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Agricultural Prices report. This was 13 cents below the February price but 11 cents above March 2022.

The March 2023 average price received by farmers for soybeans, at \$14.90 per bushel, was 10 cents below the February price and 10 cents below the March 2022 price.

All hay prices in Iowa averaged \$183 per ton in March. This was \$10 above the February price and \$24 above the March 2022 price. The March 2023 alfalfa hay price, at \$189, was \$10 above the previous month and \$24 above March 2022. The average price received for other hay during March was \$162.00 per ton. This was \$10 above the February price and \$27 above March last year.

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