

Maroons open track season at East Union

The Diagonal boy's track team traveled to Afton on Monday, April 8 to compete in the annual East Union co-ed. There, the Maroons scored 24 team points and placed eighth out of nine scoring teams. Three Pride of Iowa Conference teams took the top-3 spots in the team race. Lenox won the meet with 139 points while Bedford was the runner-up with 110 points and East Union was third with 81 points.

Five schools were out of the Bluegrass Conference, making the meet a mini-conference event. Moravia was the top Bluegrass Conference team finishing with a fourth-place

finish with 60 points. Four Diagonal athletes competed at the meet. The Maroons top finishes came in the distance events. Both Carter Lumbar and Owen Whittington each had a pair of top-5 finishes in the 1,600-meter and 3,000-meter events.

Lumbar was the runner-up in the 3,200-meter event with a time of 12:17.70 and third in the 1,600-meter event finishing with a time of 5:25.41. Whittington was third in the 3,200-meter run in 12:18.30 and fourth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:33.77.

In field events, EJ Allee was ninth in the discus with a throw of 91-feet,

1-inch. Allee placed 11th in the shot put. Allee also placed 19th in the 100-meter dash. Garrett Stephens also collected a top-10 finish in the 800-meter run with an 8th place finish.

Diagonal ran at Moravia on Monday, April 15, and was scheduled to run at Melcher-Dallas the following night, but the meet was canceled due to the weather. The next track meet will be on Monday, April 22nd at Essex.

East Union, Afton Monday, April 8
Boys Team Scores:
1. Lenox 139,
2. Bedford 110,
3. East Union 81,
4. Moravia 60,
5. CAM 56,

6. Melcher-Dallas 38,
6. Murray 38,
8. Diagonal 24,
9. Mormon Trail 16.

Field Event Results:
Shot Put: EJ Allee 31-0, 11th place finish.
Discus: EJ Allee 91-01, 9th place finish.

Individual Event Results:
100-meter dash: EJ Allee 15.63.
800-meter run: Garrett Stephens 2:36.48.
1,600-meter run: Carter Lumbar 5:25.41.
Owen Whittington 5:33.77.
3,200-meter run: Carter Lumbar 12:17.70.
Owen Whittington 12:18.30.

School Menus

Wednesday, April 17
B - Scrambled eggs/ bacon/ queso, flatbread, fresh fruit, milk/ juice
L - Sloppy Joes, green bean casserole, grapes, milk

Thursday, April 18
B - French toast bake, fresh fruit, milk/ juice
L - Pizza crunches, peas, oranges, milk

Friday, April 19
B - Sausage/ham breakfast bar, fresh fruit, milk/ juice
L - Chicken bacon ranch quesadilla, broccoli salad, pears, milk

Monday, April 22
B - Apple or cherry turnovers, fresh fruit, milk/ juice
L - Chicken strips, mac and cheese, strawberry applesauce, green beans, milk

Tuesday, April 23
B - Pancake wrap, fresh fruit, milk/ juice
L - Philly cheese sandwich, peppers, apricots, pudding, milk

Wednesday, April 24
B - Donuts, fresh fruit, milk/ juice
L - Beef nachos, black beans, pineapple, milk

Allee finishes 3rd at East Union

The Diagonal girl's track and field team began their 2024 outdoor track meet last Monday, April 8 at the East Union co-ed meet. There, the Maroonettes placed 10th. Wayne won the meet with 112 points followed by CAM with 95 points and Bedford with 86 points.

Ashlynn Allee led Diagonal with a pair of top-10 finishes. Allee placed third in the long jump with a best jump of 13-feet, 1.5 inches. Allee also placed sixth in the 800-meter run in a time of 3:00.10.

In field events, Diago-

nal also had Halle White who placed 13th in the shot put with a best throw of 25-02.5 and 15th in the discus with a best throw of 68-06. Other Diagonal athletes competing at the meet included Kylie Hubbard, Micki Birkenholz, Rebecca Hoffman, and Lydia Hoffman.

This week, Diagonal ran at the Moravia Invitational on Monday, April 15, and ran at Melcher-Dallas the next night on April 16. The Maroonettes will be back on the track on Monday, April 22 at Essex.

East Union, Afton Monday, April 8
Girls Team Scores:
1. Wayne 112,
2. CAM 95,
3. Bedford 86,
4. East Union 52,
5. Lenox 50,
6. Murray 46,
7. Moravia 45,
8. Orient-Macksburg 41,
9. Melcher-Dallas 37,
10. Diagonal 8,
11. Mormon Trail 4.

Field Event Results:
Shot Put: 13. Halle White 25-02.5, 15. Kylie Hubbard 24-04.5, 22.

Micki Birkenholz 19-04.25.
Discus: 15. Halle White 68-06.
Long Jump: 3. Ashlynn Allee 13-01.50.

Individual Results:
100-meter dash: 20. Kylie Hubbard 16.63, 22. Rebecca Hoffman 16.82, 23. Lydia Hoffman 16.95.
200-meter dash: 19. Kylie Hubbard 33.98, 24. Rebecca Hoffman 34.80, 25. Lydia Hoffman 35.38.
800-meter run: 6. Ashlynn Allee 3:00.10.

Local Food For Schools

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service established the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS) and awarded funding to the state of Iowa for food assistance purchases of domestic local foods for distribution to schools.


Diagonal Community School participates in the program to procure local and regional foods and beverages that are healthy, nutritious and unique to the geographic area. Through this program, producers can sell to K-12 schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

Sudoku Solution from page 2

3	6	2	8	4	5	7	9	1
7	8	9	1	2	6	5	3	4
5	4	1	7	3	9	6	8	2
6	9	8	5	7	1	4	2	3
4	1	7	2	9	3	8	6	5
2	5	3	4	6	8	9	1	7
1	3	4	6	8	7	2	5	9
9	7	6	3	5	2	1	4	8
8	2	5	9	1	4	3	7	6

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FY24-25 Budget Appropriations

Department, Fund And Appropriated Amount Of Expenditures For FY24-25

Department/Totals	
Supervisors.....	\$207,194.00
Auditor.....	\$193,080.00
Treasurer.....	\$219,096.00
Attorney.....	\$157,470.00
Sheriff.....	\$1,334,970.00
Clerk of Court.....	\$4,750.00
Recorder.....	\$148,623.00
Jail.....	\$582,076.00
Environ. Health.....	\$24,704.00
Secondary Rds.....	\$5,451,399.00
Veterans Affairs.....	\$59,769.00
Conservation.....	\$332,303.00
Public Health.....	\$469,394.00
Weed Commissioner.....	\$5,527.00
Social Services.....	\$9,300.00
General Assistance.....	\$13,625.00
Medical Examiner.....	\$15,000.00
Libraries.....	\$24,130.00
Historical Society.....	\$5,000.00
RC Supportive Srv.....	\$428,342.00
Pioneer Cemetery.....	\$16,000.00
Insurance.....	\$371,000.00
General Service.....	\$134,394.00
Data Processing.....	\$346,027.00
Fair.....	\$15,000.00
Mental Health.....	\$20,363.00
Juvenile Services.....	\$7,000.00
Solid Waste.....	\$24,000.00
Non Depart.....	\$1,126,558.00
TOTAL.....	\$11,746,094.00

RCH gets internship grant

The Ringgold County Hospital in Mount Ayr has been awarded \$30,657 to serve six participants with a Hospital Healthcare Internship over a 17-week period.

Participants will have direct exposure/on-the-job training in healthcare careers including clinical laboratory, radiology, and physical therapy.

Participants will also receive training on employability skills, hard/soft skills, interviewing skills and resume writing, and financial literacy training, culminating with a mock-interview.


Ringgold County Hospital will partner with the TRIO program from Graceland University and Mount Ayr Community School District to provide skill training in these areas.

Student and recent graduate participants will be recruited through Mount Ayr Community School and Diagonal Community School in partnership with the Iowa Plains WIOA Title I office.

The grant comes from the Future Ready Iowa's Summer Youth Internship Program to help youth gain access to meaningful work experience while exploring and preparing for high-demand careers.

Kick-Off Event For ACTS Youth Ministry

Grades: K-12th, Friday, May 10th



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Ringgold Foundation grant opportunity

The Ringgold Foundation is making grant funds available to 501(c)(3) organizations and government entities serving Ringgold County.

Online grant applications will be accepted from April 15 until May 15, 2024.

Please visit <https://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/affiliates/ringgold-county> to access and complete the on-line grant application.

Grants will be awarded at the Ringgold County Fair on July 10, 2024. Questions: foundationringgold@gmail.com.



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