

Hickory Grove

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Cricket Waske went to the elementary spring concert on Tuesday. Joshua and Emerie Waske, Jo Kaye Shields and Cricket Waske had supper together at Rumors on Wednesday evening. Jake Dailey, Diane Wood, Jeff and Brenda Woody, Joshua, Emerie and Cricket Waske and Jo Kaye had supper at Rumors on Thursday evening. Ally Waske and her friend, Nate, spent Sunday with Jo Kaye and Cricket.

Jane and Rick Dierenfeldt were visitors with Vickie Jeanes on Wednesday. Lizzie Jeanes, Kayla and Tyler, Kurtis and Larry Kimble and Charlie and Vickie Jeanes enjoyed supper at B&B Barbeque on Wednesday evening to celebrate Lizzie's birthday.

Coffee With The Girls

Linda Bell

News from Clearfield



Well, I had another birthday, the same day as Willie Nelson. But his birthday is still under question, some said the 29th and some said the 30th, I guess he was born around midnight, and they didn't keep close records then.

I got lots of cards and some flowers, had a good day again.

It was friendship meal day and we had more than usual, a real fun group. The menu was liver and onions, and we were surprised at how many ordered it, only had one piece left. Also had ham and cheese sandwiches as second choice. I guess you either like it or you don't.

The garage sale is out yet and we have shoppers in every once and a while. Saturday morning was the last day. We were open from 8-10:30 a.m. and had a few shoppers. The weather didn't cooperate, it was cold, windy and rainy. We packed everything up, it took an hour. It is always amazing how quickly we can get that done but we had good workers, get it done. Monday we will load it in a trailer and take it to the Neighborhood Center.

May is such a busy month; graduation, prom, and parties. I went to a granddaughter's bridal shower Saturday. Also have a wedding in a couple weeks. Also don't forget to make your reservation for the Alumni Banquet, coming up on the 25th.

Closing with: Contentment isn't getting what we want, but being satisfied with what we have.

Linda Bell.


Talking newspapers

"I have always taken great comfort in newspapers. No matter how horrid an event, there is something in seeing it described in black and white that makes it somehow bearable."

— Susan Higginbotham

Library Leafings

Mary Kathryn Gepner



Meet the Mount Ayr Public Library's Kid Librarian for the month of May: June Scott. June is the daughter of Steffen and Cammi Scott. She is 8 years old and in the second grade. She comes from a family of readers, and she loves to read.

If you are a reader like June, you can understand when she says she can get lost in a book and feel like she is there on the adventure. As a reader, June likes to challenge herself. For example, in Junior Fiction, she has been reading "The Pictorial Life Story of Misty," the true story of Misty of Chin-coteague, a survivor of the Ash Wednesday storm of 1962.

June looks forward to going to the library because new books mean new adventures. She reads to her younger siblings every day and they absolutely adore story time. June loves to draw and she is a talented young artist.

Two nonfiction books on art that she has checked out are "How to Draw," a Dorling Kindersley Book and "Children's Book of Art," by Rosie Dickins. June's favorite genres are nonfiction as well as fiction. Her favorite

nonfiction author James Herriot, the true-life Yorkshire Vet whose books for young readers include, "Only One Woof," "The Christmas Day Kitten," "Moses the Kitten," and "The Market Square Dog," are among June's favorites and are on display at the library.

Her favorite fiction author is Patricia Polacco. We have "Mrs. Mack," "Mr. Lincoln's Way," and "Thank you, Mr. Falker," and these are on display. She listed as favorites "Junkyard Wonders," and "Babushka's Doll," but we do not have those. June loves to read both non-fiction and fiction stories of horses and lists "Summer Pony," and "Winter Pony," by Jean Slaughter Doty but we do not have those.

Her love of horses is shown in her drawings. Her latest drawing on display in the library is that of a horse. We invite you to come to the library to try one of June's favorite books and authors to see if you enjoy them as much as she does! Just a reminder if we don't have the book, we can borrow from another library, a service that is free to all of our patrons.

Hemp plantings in Iowa decline

Iowa hemp growers planted 67.0 acres of hemp in open fields in 2023, down 48 acres from 2022, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – National Hemp Report.

Public Notice

Diagonal Community School District Board of Education Board Meeting April 29, 2024

Board President Kelly Allee called the meeting to order promptly at 5:31 p.m.. Present were Pam Grace, Jeff Doolittle and JP Whittington. Absent was Becky Stamps. Also present were Superintendent Larry McNutt and Secondary Principal Gary Clark.

Vision: Empower students in achieving their educational and personal goals leading to a fulfilling future in the greater community.

Mission: The Diagonal community school believes in successful cooperative relationships between students, staff, parents, and community members to prepare responsible citizens to navigate all life settings, through a quality comprehensive education.

Whittington motioned to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Doolittle. The motion carried unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

No one was in attendance as a visitor.

Whittington motioned to approve the sharing agreement with Lenox CSD for Softball for the 23/24 season, which was seconded by Doolittle. The motion carried unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

Upcoming Board Meetings: Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office. Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday June 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office.

At 5:42 p.m., Doolittle motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Whittington. The motion carried unanimously with a vote of 4-0. KELLY ALLEE Board President RHIANNON TESSUM School Business Official

Did you know?

Cows moo with regional accents.

Ringgold County

Supervisors Proceedings

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes April 29, 2024

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, April 29, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. with the following members present: Colby Holmes, Randy Taylor. Absent: Steve Knapp.

A motion was made by Taylor, second by Holmes to approve the agenda.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None.

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to discuss secondary roads updates. The sign truck was out working to repair downed, damaged, and/or deteriorated signs.

Spot rock was hauled to the northeast and north central maintainer districts.

The crew was called in Friday night to help block off, close roadways, and assist where needed after the tornadoes went through the county.

Work order update: W.O. 1208: Roadway patching on J23 between Clearfield and Diagonal. Last week the crew worked to break and remove existing concrete from the site. All existing pavement was removed by the end of the week. It is planned to break the pour into 3-600 ft sections. The crew worked to over excavate the 1st section and place subbase material. Excavated material was hauled off site. Holes for dowel bars were drilled for the 1st section and edge forms placed. Rain and rain chances at the end of the week postponed the scheduled pour of the 1st section. The crew worked on over excavating the second section. (In Progress).

W.O. 1202: Clear brush and re-shape roadside for approximately 0.5 miles. Located along 310th Street and P64, north and

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Music by Roger Burger

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- Travis and Holly, Robert and Marlene

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