

GIRLS GOLF

Girls golf finishes second at regionals; move on to regional final

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The Coon Rapids-Bayard Crusader girls golf team survived the elements on Friday, May 16th, as they traveled to Dunlap for golf regionals. With the windy conditions, the girls stayed focused and played a solid round of 18-holes to earn second place in regionals, moving the entire team on to the next round.

Head coach Ryan Bass was impressed and proud of

how the Crusader golf girls handled themselves under the pressure and weather. Bass said, “With the tough weather conditions, it would have been easy for them to get frustrated if their game wasn’t going as planned. But they all stayed composed throughout the round, even when things weren’t going their way.”

Bass believes that composure helped keep their scores in check, which earned them the second place finish. The Crusaders fell in second

place behind a very talented Earlham team, who carded a 399 overall to the Crusader 458.

Senior Mallory Schroeder had a great 18-holes, finishing as the lone medalist for the Crusaders on the day. Schroeder shot a personal best on the front nine with a 48 and went on to finish with her lowest 18-hole score of 105, earning her 5th place overall.

Along with Schroeder, sophomore Kerra Hart finished in 11th place with a

score of 111, while junior Ella Heithoff finished in 14th with a score of 112. Freshmen Brielle Bass and Sophia Sperry finished 24th and 25th respectively with a 122 and 123. To round out the Crusader golfers was Summer South, finishing in 31st with a score of 133.

The Crusaders girls also played in a dual and meet leading up to the regional match-up, as they edged ACGC on Monday, May 12th 228-232 and placed second at the IKM-Manning invite

on Thursday, May 15th.

On the 12th, Hart led all golfers, finishing in first place with a score of 52, followed by Schroeder’s 3rd place finish with a 54. Bass and Heithoff tied for 7th, each with a 61. South ended the day with a 62, while sophomore Lydia McAlister added a 68.

At the IKM-Manning invite, the Crusaders went up against some tough, new competition with IKM-Manning and Harlan. Hart once again led the way for the Cru-

saders with a 54 for fourth place. Sperry had a strong showing with a 58, along with South who carded a 59. Bass and Schroeder ended with a 61, and Heithoff added a 65.

The Crusader girls will now travel to Anita at the Crestwood Hills Golf Course for the regional finals before state. They will go up against some of the top competition in 1A on Wednesday, May 21st. The top two teams will make an appearance at the state golf tournament, along with the top six individuals.

Taylor Nelson Receives First MRHC Impact Award

BY MANNING REGIONAL HEALTHCARE CENTER

Manning Regional Healthcare Center (MRHC) is proud to announce that Physical Therapist and Therapy Director Taylor Nelson, PT, DPT, is the first recipient of the newly established Impact Award. This honor recognizes outstanding non-nursing employees whose care and dedication have left a meaningful and lasting impression on patients. Nominations come directly from patients

who felt personally impacted by the care they received.

As the inaugural recipient, Taylor Nelson has set a high standard. He has made a profound impression on patients with his knowledge, compassion, and sincere commitment to helping others heal. One patient shared, “My back improved so much following Taylor’s instructions. I’m so grateful for his help.” Another wrote, “Taylor did a great job explaining what was going on as well as helping with

my pain.”

His kindness and dedication were echoed in additional testimonials:

“Taylor was so sincere and caring. I was really impressed with how much time he took to explain to me what was going on. I highly recommend Taylor, and I am so grateful for his help!”

“Taylor is the best! He’s kind and helps me do the treatments. I really appreciate the encouragement from him.”

These heartfelt messages reflect the impact Taylor has had on the lives of his patients, not just physically, but emotionally as well. He exemplifies the qualities the Impact Award was created to honor: compassion, excellence, and a patient-first mindset.

MRHC congratulates Taylor Nelson on this well-deserved recognition and thanks him for setting the bar high as the first recipient of the MRHC Impact Award.



PHOTO SUBMITTED  
Taylor Nelson, DPT, receives MRHC Impact Award.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

New Carroll County Attorney speaks on background and role

BY SARAH STORTZ  
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Since taking the oath of office in April, Curt Steger has taken on the role of the new Carroll County Attorney.

At first, Steger intended on becoming a high school teacher as a career, studying history as an undergraduate student. However, his interest in law had led him down another path instead.

“The constitutional law was kind of an interest of mine, just given my historical background, and I like to help people, which I think I do a lot,” Steger said.

After graduating from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City with degrees in history and fine arts, Steger taught for a few years before making a career change.

He then enrolled at Drake University Law School in Des Moines. Because of his background with history, Steger said it helped him with his law school studies.

“Obviously, law has changed over time based on what’s going on in the world, so I thought that that helped me a lot,” Steger said.

Having the teaching experience as well, Steger said his educating skills have helped him provide information in a more digestible manner.

“In trials, a lot of times you’re trying to deliver or present information that sometimes is fairly complicated, and being a teacher, I think it helps me try and present that in a way that most people will be able to consume that information and help them reach a decision,” Steger said.

Steger is originally from Earlville, a small town in Eastern Iowa. Steger’s wife, Lyndi (Behrens) Steger, has family members who live in Carroll County. Because of this, the couple decided to move to Carroll to be closer with her family. Before, Steger practiced law in Sioux City.

In the early 2010s, Steger

joined a law firm with Ron Eich, Jim Van Dyke and the late John Werden, who was the previous Carroll County Attorney until his passing on March 13.

“Shortly after I came here, I started doing some criminal prosecution work,” Steger said. “Primarily, I worked in the juvenile area for many years, and then I kind of started taking on a more active role in other areas of the county attorney position, but then also maintained a private practice.”

Later on, Steger said Aaron Ahrendsen joined the firm. Similar to Steger, Ahrendsen has also done work for the county attorney’s office. In a previous supervisors meeting, Ahrendsen was appointed as the assistant county attorney.

Working alongside Werden for many years, Steger said he’s always gotten along well with him. Looking back at his sudden passing, Steger said it was

“very much a shock.”

The most rewarding part of his work, Steger said, is having the opportunity to help victims.

“When I do the county work, it’s more about helping victims,” Steger said. “My focus is making sure that victims are taken care of and that if something bad happens to them, people that are responsible face the justice system, so I find a lot of reward in just helping.”

Since he was sworn into the role, Steger feels it’s been going well so far. Already being familiar with the county attorney’s office, he said it hasn’t been too difficult to adjust to the role.

“I think it’s an important role in the community, making sure that the legal system operates well,” Steger said. “It’s really a key component of every county to have a good, solid county attorney actively prosecuting cases and making sure that that system is in place and working well.”



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Curt Steger

COON RAPIDS-BAYARD COMMUNITY SCHOOL			
COON RAPIDS-BAYARD BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 - 6:30 PM			
The Coon Rapids-Bayard School District Board of Directors met at 6:30 PM on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Coon Rapids-Bayard School District Library for the FY25 budget amendment hearing. Present – Lee, Esdohr, Gelhaus, McAlister, Cretsinger. South, Leighty arrived at 6:31. Also present – Superintendent Ridder, SBO/Board Secretary P. Lee, Principal Streebin, Principal/Curriculum Director Sigler. P. Lee reviewed the budget amendment for FY25 with the board. No action. Gelhaus moved to adjourn. Second by Esdohr. Carried with seven ayes. Adjourned at 6:32 PM			
The Coon Rapids-Bayard School District met at 6:32 PM on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:32 pm in the Coon Rapids-Bayard School District Library for its regular board meeting. Present – Lee, Esdohr, Gelhaus, McAlister, Cretsinger, South, Leighty. Also present – Superintendent Ridder, SBO/Board Secretary P. Lee, Principal Streebin, Principal/Curriculum Director Sigler. Ridder asked the board to amend the agenda to include hire action item K. TAG/ELL teacher hire. South moved to approve amended agenda. McAlister second. Carried with seven ayes. The board recognized Visitors Charlotte Heck.			
Administrator reports			
Elementary principal – ISASP data			
High School principal – Templeton Center updates			
Superintendent – Buildings and grounds committee will be meeting. Look at possibly replacing the roof soon			
Consent agenda – Esdohr moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Second by McAlister. Carried with seven ayes. South and Gelhaus moved to approve bills and financial statements. Second by Gelhaus. Carried with seven ayes.			
Action items			
Gelhaus moved to approve the following a and b. Second by Cretsinger. Carried with seven ayes.			
a. JH girls’ coach resignation – Duane Esdohr			
b. HS Guidance Counselor Resignation – Ashlyn Birks			
McAlister moved to approve the following c and d. Second by Esdohr. Carried with seven ayes			
c. Head boys’ basketball coach recommendation – Seth Streebin			
d. SPED teacher recommendations (2) – Alexis Shupe, Lisa Wolterman.			
e. Business manager contract – 3% - Cretsinger moved to approve. Second by Gelhaus. Carried with seven ayes.			
f. Paraeducator recommendation – Samantha Hinners – Cretsinger moved to approve. Second by Gelhaus. Carried with seven ayes			
g. Technology contract – Michael Lewis – McAlister moved to approve. Second by Cretsinger. Carried with seven ayes			
h. IASB policy manual subscription – South moved to approve. Second by McAlister. Carried with seven ayes.			
i. Vista contract – McAlister moved to approve. Second by South. Carried with seven ayes			
j. Breakdown insurance – McAlister moved to approve. Second by Leighty. Carried with seven ayes.			
k. TAG/ELL teacher recommendation – Julie Parker – will be shared with EEHG, South moved to approve. Second by Leighty. Carried with seven ayes.			
B. Approve FY25 budget amendment. McAlister moved to approve. Second by McAlister. Carried with seven ayes.			
C. Student fees approval FY26 – McAlister moved to approve. Second by Gelhaus. Carried with seven ayes.			
D. Approve 2025 graduation list – South moved to approve. Second by Cretsinger. Carried with seven ayes.			
Cretsinger moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Carried with seven ayes. Adjourned at 7:28 pm.			
Activity 04/12/2025 - 05/09/2025			
4 Seasons Fund Raising	FFA	53.83	
Guthrie Center School	fee	400.00	
Burkhart Baseball, LLC	supplies	777.00	
Cabbage Rose Restaurant	supplies	1,488.00	
Des Moines Christian School	fee	120.00	
Game One	uniform	1,775.76	
Greenhouse Megastore	FFA	212.01	
Howie’s Athletic Tape	supplies	78.51	
Instrumentalist Awards	supplies	160.00	
J.W. Pepper & Son, INC.	musical co	24.99	
Jostens	graduation	319.64	
Chris Mohr	referee	75.00	
Mount Ayr Community School	FFA	240.00	
Newell-Fonda School District	fee	240.00	
Next level Sports	sil[oes	1,175.00	
Outlaw Signs	supplies	304.00	
Panorama Community School Distri	fee	120.00	
Party Productions	musical co	989.90	
Shootaway	basketball	3,950.00	
Village Hobby House	supplies	16.00	
Visa	yearbook	10.59	
John Waddle	supply reimbursement	219.99	
Activity	** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL **	12,550.22	
Capital Proj 04/12/2025 - 05/09/2025			
Beyerink Construction	cabinets a	24,000.00	
Debt Service Fund	monthly transfer	20,000.00	
Capital Proj	** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL **	44,000.00	
General 04/12/2025 - 05/09/2025			
Apple Financial Services	laptops	3,000.00	
Bayard News Gazette	publications	502.76	
Sandle Cady	physical reimbursement	80.00	
Carroll Refuse Service	refuse	724.52	
Central Iowa Distributing	supplies	228.00	
Collin’s Pest Control	pest control	230.00	
Coon Rapids Library	lamination	35.63	
D/R Electric	repairs	2,602.04	
Des Moines Area Community College	tuition	33,990.00	
Feld Equipment	quarterly monitoring	120.00	
Gehling Welding and Repair	supplies	52.85	
Heartland AEA 11	check stock	75.00	
IA Public Employees Retirement	IPERS	48,432.25	
IASBO	conference	300.00	
Federal	Fica	67,179.82	
J.W. Pepper & Son, INC.	music supplies	787.99	
LS Garage Doors	repairs	130.00	
Mercer H&B Admin-Iowa Fiduciary	Medical insurance	42,592.30	
Midwest Bus Parts	transportation	2,685.03	
Mohr Lumber	supplies	86.80	
Municipal Utilities	utilities	12,822.76	
Onesource	background	89.00	
Brinna Jo Quillen	mileage	105.00	
Read Naturally	subscription	1,040.00	
Reis Lawn Care	ground work	2,092.00	
Science Center of Iowa	field trip	346.00	
South Station	fuel	571.70	
Spanish Cuentos	supplies	49.00	
Timberline Billing Service	medicaid	22.91	
Treasurer State Of Iowa	state income tax	6,778.00	
United Art and Education	steps	271.20	
David Van Ahn	fuel reimbursement	68.00	
Van Wal Equipment	mower main	487.52	
Wex Bank	fuel	2,667.60	
General	** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL **	231,245.68	
Nutrition 04/12/2025 - 05/09/2025			
Culligan of Carroll	Water softener	172.00	
Martin Brothers	supplies	9,161.98	
Nutrition	** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL **	9,333.98	
School House 04/12/2025 - 05/09/2025			
Access Systems Leasing	printer lease	2,019.81	
Apple Financial Services	apple lease	21,250.44	
Debt Service Fund	monthly transfer	6,571.00	
Des Moines Area Community College	rent	3,500.00	
Des Moines Steel Fence	fence	13,165.00	
	** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL **	46,506.25	
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CARROLL COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Carroll County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing to consider a request from Justin Schoeder to construct a bulk liquid fertilizer tank on his property located at 19793 Delta Ave., Arcadia, IA. The property is currently used an Agricultural Related Business and requires Board of Adjustment Approval for expansion of current buildings or additional structures.

The Carroll County Board of Adjustment will hold a **Public Hearing to consider the request on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** in the ground floor Board of Supervisors meeting room in the Carroll County Courthouse.

Comments may be sent to the Zoning Administrator at 114 East 6th St., Carroll, Iowa, or by e-mail to [shaberl@carrollcountyia.org](mailto:shaberl@carrollcountyia.org). The public will have opportunity to comment at the meeting. Take notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

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