



Central Springs FFA Officers at the Capitol-Emma Molstad, Zaila Dahlstrom, Emma Nachazel, Charlene Prazak, Cordell Hoeft, Khloe Kruger, Claire Rye and Ady Petersen..

FFA officers visit the Iowa Capitol for symposium

FFA members from across Iowa converged on the Iowa State Capitol to build character and promote citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.

More than 700 high school students wearing blue corduroy from 120

schools visited the Iowa State Capitol Building in Des Moines on January 22.

The students visited with legislators, exhibited skills learned in the agriculture classroom and learned the importance of citizenship. This all part of

the 40th Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol.

During the morning, FFA members gathered at the Downtown Embassy Suites for a brief greeting and tutorial. The program provided opportunities for

FFA members to hear from Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, about the importance of agriculture in Iowa and abroad.

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Vice President, Brian Feldpausch, then delivered a message about

the importance young agriculturalists can play in the agriculture industry. Jake Swanson from High Yield Strategies then spoke about the importance of advocating for the agricultural industry.

The 40th Annual Iowa

FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol was made possible with support from Iowa Farm Bureau Federation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.



Rockford FFA members Maryssa Walker and Maggie Buseman are pictured here with Senator Sandy Salmon.

FFA members spotlight Khloe Kruge

By Emma Nachazel

This month, we're excited to spotlight Khloe Kruger, an outstanding FFA member and president of our chapter. At 17, Khloe is a senior with a passion for agriculture and leadership.

Her favorite event is the National FFA Convention, where she enjoys spending time with fellow members, learning more about agriculture, and deepening her connection with the chapter.

Khloe's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) involves showing pigs at the fair, a hands-on experience that has helped her grow as a leader and advocate for agriculture.

She loves being part of FFA because of the endless opportunities it offers for personal growth, learning, and leadership. Khloe is



Central Springs FFA Advisor Derek Straube and FFA President Khloe Kruger.

a shining example of how FFA helps students develop skills that will last a lifetime!

Central Springs School Board Minutes

Unapproved CENTRAL SPRINGS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES January 15, 2025

The Special Board meeting for the Central Springs Community School Board was held in the Board Room at Nora Springs on January 15, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Jean Schilling. Other Board members present were Josh Berman, Joe Rowe, Sean Arthur and Ashley Kohler. Also present were Board Secretary Jackie Dalluge and Communication/HR Director Anna Blair. Chris Arians and Bill Shafer joined via Google Meet at 6:10 p.m.

Motion was made by Kohler and seconded by Berman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Trent Grundmeyer from Grundmeyer Leader Services was present at the meeting to discuss the Superintendent Search schedule for January 23rd and February 3rd. He pre-

sented a slideshow which gave a broad overview of the 9 applicants that applied to our superintendent search that closed on January 5th. He also talked about the schedule for candidate interviews on February 3, 2025.

Motion was made by Rowe and seconded by Arthur to move into closed session to review the Superintendent Candidates according to Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(i). Motion carried unanimously.

The board entered closed session at 6:25 p.m.

Motion was made by Kohler and seconded by Berman to come out of closed session at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kohler and seconded by Rowe to adjourn the Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. President Schilling adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Jean Schilling
Board President
Danielle Dalluge
Board Secretary



Rugby clinic

Eight River City Rugby Football Club alumni/social members attended the Iowa State Men's Rugby Coaching Clinic on Saturday, January 18, which was sponsored by BBP Sport and B-Side Bois Rugby Podcast. Five of the men in attendance coach Central Springs Rugby and won a set of jerseys from BBP Sport. Pictured from left is Marc Blong, Coach Mark Nel, Coach Bill Shafer, Coach Marty Coleman, Coach Kevin Moorehead, Coach Bill Dahlstrom, Rugby Sliger and Travis Puentes.



Gaining skills in programming

The RRMR 2025 Girls Who Code Club model their new apparel in this photo. The club provides activities to encourage middle school students to gain skills in programming. Those pictured are, front row from left, Makenna Godderz, Natalie McIntire, Callie Ginther, Elizabeth Bayim, Grace Marth, back row Elizabeth Bly, Aubree Bridges, Mattie Borchardt, Lexi Steere, Elizabeth Tegtmeier.

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ital divide allowing rural communities to compete with larger urban areas in today's digital economy. Key community benefits of OmniTel Multi-Gig Internet:

Economic development:

- Improving existing businesses: Local businesses can utilize Multi-Gig Internet for fast reliable internet access that allows businesses to leverage AI tools to increase operations, productivity, and revenue.
- Attracting new businesses.

Education benefits and opportunities:

- Remote learning: Students can access high-quality online education with no disruption, including live

streaming classes and large file transfers.

- Digital learning tools: Teachers can utilize advanced educational software and online resources more effectively.

Healthcare access:

- Telemedicine: Multi-Gig Internet facilitates remote healthcare consultations with specialists, improving access to quality medical care in rural communities.

Community engagement:

- Online collaboration: Residents can participate in virtual meetings, online forums, and community projects more readily.

Improved quality of life:

- Remote work flexibility: Individuals can work from home with reliable in-

ternet connection, offering more career options.

- Enhanced connectivity: Easier access to online services, social media, and communication tools.

- Streaming entertainment: Access to high-quality streaming services for entertainment and leisure.

This project provides Multi-Gig Internet to the following communities and surrounding areas in northern Iowa: Carpenter, Chester, Clarksville, Cowell, Floyd, Greene, Hastings, Lime Springs, Little Cedar, Manly, Marble Rock, Mason City, McIntire, Nora Springs, Orchard, Osage, Plymouth, Riceville, Rock Falls, Rockford, Rudd, St. Ansgar, Stacyville and Terverville.