



I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend! We had Mariah’s birthday, attended a soccer meet in Spirit Lake for Maverick, and had Henry and Lydia. We were busy but had a wonderful time.

Carole Kettwick sent in a book review:

“A short time ago, I finished a book entitled ‘The Berry Pickers’ by Amanda

Peters. This is the debut novel by this author. She lives in Nova Scotia and teaches in the English and Theatre department at Acadia University. This novel has been recommended many times on the book sites that I follow and also, once again, when I saw the cover, it drew me in. I really enjoy picking up little bits of history when I read. This one could be considered a bit more ‘story’ than history, but I felt good about the broader understanding I now

have of the difficulties some cultures have faced over the years.

“The story is primarily about Ruthie and Joe. They are siblings in a family of Indigenous workers from Nova Scotia, a Mi’kmaq family. Every summer, they would leave Nova Scotia for Maine to pick blueberries. They would stay in simple cabins or tents, and even though it was difficult work, there were good times but

some unpleasant memories, as well.

“In addition to being about Joe and the family, this story is a mystery that has to do with Ruthie. And the way this author weaves the story back and forth between 1962 and many years into the future makes for some great reading. If you enjoy historical fiction but you feel you have read enough about World War One and Two, you might enjoy this book, as it is a

totally different topic. I really appreciated her writing and enjoyed broadening my horizons a bit. I would highly recommend this book! Enjoy!”

Be watching for summer program details from the local libraries. Make sure and attend the magician in Lakota on June 9th. It sounds like it will be a great show.

Have a great week, enjoy the weather, and grab that unforgettable book!

North Iowa Commencement Address



Alyssa Olson

By Alyssa Olson

Graduation is filled with countless thank yous, and that most definitely applies to my speech. Throughout our years at North Iowa, we have been blessed with amazing teachers and amazing memories alike. We would like to extend our gratitude to our teachers and staff by highlighting a few here today.

To our favorite math teacher, Mrs. Accola-Sa-

bin. Thank you for staying that extra year – none of us wanted to try and learn the square root of a function from anyone else. My personal favorite memory of class with Mrs. Accola was every time Brendan tried juggling, and Mrs. Accola hassled him, he would drop the balls. I’ve missed our conversations about life, college, and memories this year. Through the easy problems to comprehend

and the difficult ones (where we all definitely got scolded for not understanding), Mrs. Accola got us through them all. I am definitely still terrified of the haunted places on Simpson campus because of her. Thank you for everything Mrs. Accola-Sabin, and I hope you never lose your tenacious spirit.

Mr. Wilderman is up next. We all have many memories with Wilderman

in both the classroom and in a coaching setting. Some of my favorites have been Wilderman doing pushups after we won the girls home track meet and when Aisha and I were doing a lab and almost set the lab station on fire. First hour chemistry was something else, I’m sure all of us who were there still remember, “KING”. Thank you

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Keeping wild babies wild

WELCOME TO YOUR OUTDOORS by Lisa Ralls, Wilderness Group Naturalist



Every year, especially in the spring and early summer, we get calls from well-meaning people wanting to know what they should do with the little “orphaned” bird or mammal they have just

found. Many people are surprised by our usual answer. We usually tell them to leave it just where it belongs—in the wild.

That’s because young animals are rarely abandoned by their parents. In almost all cases, when you see a baby animal alone, the mother is nearby. In nature, parents need to leave their young occasionally to find food. And when they do, unlike humans, they usually leave their babies alone. But, the young animals are usually well-camouflaged for protection and instinctively know to remain quiet and still while their parents are gone.

Often, it also appears to many people that a young bird has fallen out of its nest. But, most young birds that people come across are simply learning how to fly, under

the watchful eye of a nearby parent. No young bird can learn how to fly by sitting in its nest; that is something it learns quickly after hopping out of the nest for the first time. Unfortunately, many well-meaning people take these birds and either put them back in the nest or take them home “to save them.” In most cases, though, the mother is nearby watching over the young bird and, in too many cases, watching people carry off her offspring.

So, when should you step in? Very tiny birds whose eyes are still closed, or that have no feathers, obviously are not learning to fly yet and probably did fall out of their nest. Those birds can be gently returned to their nest. Otherwise, most wildlife experts recommend that you only step in when it is

obvious that an animal is injured or in imminent danger. And, simply being “alone” does not qualify. If an animal is injured or in danger, it is best to contact a wildlife professional to come retrieve the animal.

Also, it is never recommended that you try to raise a young animal on your own. Not only is it illegal to do so, but only licensed rehabilitators know the proper nutritional needs of various wildlife species and know how to raise them. In addition, young animals often require feeding every 2-4 hours, both day and night—a schedule that few people are willing to keep up for long! Unfortunately, most young animals usually die under the care of considerate people who assume they know what’s best for a baby animal. Finally, it

is important to remember that many wild animals do carry diseases and even the cutest babies will bite or scratch if they feel threatened.

The fact is that wild animals, even baby animals, belong in the wild. The parents of these young animals know much better how to take care of their young than we do and are better equipped to do so. It is true that many young animals do die before they reach maturity, and many people feel bad about that. But, as cruel as that may seem to us, it is Mother Nature’s way of ensuring that the strongest and healthiest young survive to produce strong and healthy offspring of their own. So, one of the best ways we can help Mother Nature out is to watch her with wonder—and not interfere.

Future of property rights in governor’s hands



The future of every Iowan’s right to own private property rests in the hands of Governor Kim Reynolds. At question is wheth-

er the Governor will sign HF639 into law to curtail the use of eminent domain for CO2 pipelines by private companies for profit without public necessity. Hundreds of impacted Iowa landowners anxiously await her decision.

Summit Carbon Solutions has conditional approval to exercise eminent domain to take our land for its Midwest

Carbon Express under the authority of the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC). Landowners have pushed back against Summit’s plan since 2021 when we first received certified letters and realized this isn’t “just another pipeline.”

It will not transport oil, natural gas, water, or any other substance needed for public comfort and convenience. Summit’s

CO2 pipeline is a private project aimed at reaping hundreds of billions of dollars in taxpayer-funded 45Q carbon credits for every metric ton of CO2 captured and sequestered in the caverns of western North Dakota.

The bill on Governor Reynold’s desk will not stop the construction of Summit’s pipeline. It will, however, curb the use of eminent do-

main by requiring the company to build its pipeline solely with voluntary easements. Those who do not want a hazardous CO2 pipeline on their property will not be forced to do so. HF639 will also protect landowners from catastrophic monetary loss by requiring pipeline companies to carry liability insurance or pay increased premiums on

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Way back when

10 Years Ago Tribune Files of June 3, 2015

LeeAnn Reddel, bride-to-be of Mitch Mastin, will be the guest of honor at an open house bridal shower on June 6.

Connor Smith leads North Iowa with two medals at the State Track meet.

Troy Kettwick pitches for the ISU Cyclones during the regional club baseball tournament in Topeka, Kansas. ISU won the tournament to advance to the club baseball World Series.

20 Years Ago

Tribune Files of June 2, 2005

Kelly Smith reigns as the King for the North Iowa Band Festival 2005.

Top scholars for the Class of 2005 are Rachel Hanson, Micah Johnson and Kelly Smith.

Leon Anderson, Diane Matthias, Rod Hansen and Phil Oftedahl were guests of honor for a retirement reception at the NI Schools.

30 Years Ago Tribune Files of June 1, 1995

A farewell/thank you reception was held for Claire

Rustemier in the lunch room at BCRLT. She is retiring after 34 years as an educator.

Tyler Alan Roth, son of Michael and Diane Roth, was born April 26. He has an older brother, Michael Jr., 2.

Rick and Barb Hofbauer rejoice in the birth of their son, Joshua Robert, born May 19.

40 Years Ago Tribune Files of June 6, 1985

The Buffalo Center Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Todd Kiewiet farm after a bearing on a corn dryer stirrator overheated.

The Buffalo Center Jaycees recently elected officers for 1985-1986: Mike Hassebroek, President; Ron Ennen

and Doug Sunde, Co-Membership-Vice-Presidents; Bart Winter, State Director; Jon Steinfeldt, Secretary; Jim Engle, Treasurer; Rod Wubben, Vice-President.

James T. Murray recently accepted a position as chef at the Pheasant Run in Mason City.

50 Years Ago Tribune Files of June 5, 1975

Killer dogs raided the used machinery lot belonging to Jensvold’s Inc. Thursday night or early Friday morning and all but destroyed a flock of 30 sheep.

35 truckloads of refuse and assorted materials were cleaned out of Buffalo Center

during the annual clean up week.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hardy announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda, to Gary Friesenborg of Buffalo Center.

60 Years Ago Tribune Files of June 3, 1965

Michael Heitland and Mark Edwards will be attending Hawkeye Boys State.

Creed speaking winner – Joan Smith and Debbie Ennen were the local winners in the Country Girls Creed Speaking Contest. One of them will be selected to represent the Buffalo township clubs in the creed contest to be held at Rally Day.

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