

Humboldt girls in 4-1 triumph at Hampton

Elsie Hubbell scores 3 goals for Wildcats

Elsie Hubbell scored three goals to lead the Humboldt girls' soccer team to a 4-1 victory over the Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs in a North Central Conference match in Hampton on Monday night, April 14.

The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 2-2 overall, 2-1 in the NCC. HDC fell to 0-4-1 overall.

Hubbell scored the first goal just six minutes into the game and her younger sister, Sadie, scored the second goal seven minutes later for a 2-0 Wildcat lead which stood at halftime.

Elsie scored 10 minutes into the second half to make it 3-0 Wildcats. Mallory Rieken of HDC scored with 13:00 left in the contest. Elsie Hubbell then tallied the final goal with six minutes left.

HHS 4, Broncos 1

Humboldt scored three goals in the first half and went on to down Wright County, 4-1 in a girls' North Central Conference soccer match in Humboldt on April 10.

The Wildcats 1-2 on the season, 1-1 in conference play, got goals from Elsie Hubbell (21st minute), Sadie Hubbell (23rd minute) and Lily Allison (38th minute) for a 3-0 halftime lead. Aranza Gonzalez-Garcia



Aranza Gonzalez-Garcia kicks the ball away from an opponent last week in varsity girls soccer action in Humboldt. The Wildcats host Clear Lake on April 17 and Webster City on April 21 in key conference matchups. Independent photo by Phil Monson. To buy this photo and more from our gallery, visit our website at www.humboldtnews.com.

scored in the 75th minute for a 4-1 lead after Mejia Morales of Wright County (0-2-1) scored 10 minutes into the second half.

Humboldt also won the junior varsity match, 1-0.

"I thought the girls did a good job tonight of taking control of the game. That started on the defensive end and was finished on the offensive end," Humboldt head coach Rodd Mooney said. "The defense did a great job of limiting Wright County's offensive attacks and getting the ball back to our offense, which was able to score three goals in the first half."

"Offensively we were able to string together consecutive

passes much more than in the first two games of the season, which resulted in our most offensive production all year so far," Mooney said.

Ava Girres had the lone assist on the night. Elsie Hubbell had five shots on goal to lead the Wildcats. Lily Allison had three, Gonzalez-Garcia two and Sadie Hubbell one. HHS goalie Laina Dettmann made one save.

IFA 3, HHS 1

Iowa Falls-Alden scored two goals in the second half to pull away to a 3-1 victory over Humboldt in a North Central Conference opener at Iowa Falls on April 7.

Elsie Hubbell scored the

only goal for the Wildcats. She had six shots altogether with two on goal. The host Cadets (2-0) got goals from Kylie Koenigsfeld, Adessa Gillespie and Grace Hartford.

Humboldt goalie Laina Dettmann made 14 saves.

Humboldt's starters were Gracie Lyon, Sadie Hubbell, Olivia Harklau, Ava Girres, Elsie Hubbell, Aranza Gonzalez-Garcia, Elyse Olson, Brogan Lennon-Meyer, Hayden Smith, Adelyn Vinsand and Dettmann. Also playing was Zoey Montag and Catalina Elizondo.

The Wildcats host Clear Lake on April 17. Webster City visits on April 21. The Wildcats are at Garner on April 24.

Wildcat girls 6th at Hampton

4x800 relay takes 1st place

Humboldt's 4x800 relay finished first in leading the Wildcats in the Lady Bulldog Relays in Hampton on April 10.

The winning relay, which finished in 10:32.73, was comprised of Avery Fisher, Meg Zweibohmer, Aubry Fisher and Brynn Malo.

Malo was third in the 800-meters in 2:29 and Aubry Fisher third in the 1,500-meters in 5:23.

Adalee Nolting threw the shot over 33-8, which is a new personal record for her. The 4x800 relay of Audrey Collins, Letty Jensen, Kimber Watts and Landry Lash cut three seconds off of their previous time. The 4x100 relay of Collins, Watts, Gracey May and Jensen cut over a second off of their time.

"Being our second meet in

three days, our main focus was to come in and treat this like an extra training opportunity. With very little recovery in between meets and the brisk temperatures as the night went along, we knew that we weren't likely going to set any records or anything. Instead, we wanted the girls to go out and compete in each event," Wildcat head coach Spencer Ross said.

"After reflecting on our Tuesday meet at Clear Lake, we had a lot of little things that we wanted to clean up. We addressed those things in a team meeting before practice on Wednesday and then went out and got some good work in to prepare both mentally and physically," Ross said.

"Our baton exchange was much better tonight compared to Tuesday. We got back to the basics and made a few adjustments and I was proud to see those things carry over

to tonight's competition," Ross said.

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TEAM SCORING

Denver 77, Charles City 63, Humboldt 58, West Fork 51, 12 other schools followed.

JV TEAM SCORING

Clear Lake 88, Humboldt 74, Algona 68, Forest City 37, Iowa Falls-Alden 33, Bishop Garrigan Algona 29, Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 27, Hampton-Dumont-CAL 1.

HUMBOLDT RESULTS

100-meter: Audrey Collins 15th, 14.82. Lexi Groat 18th, 14.91.

200-meters: Hayden Graaf 16th, 36.46. Morgan Townsend 17th, 36.66. **JV:** Meg Zweibohmer 2nd, 1:14.71.

400-meters: Kate Sievers 4th, 1:07.0. Payton Elman 10th, 1:09.29. **JV:** Meg Zweibohmer 2nd, 1:14.29.

800-meters: Brynn Malo 3rd, 2:29.92. Avery Fisher 5th, 2:40.04. **JV:** Elsie Stattelmann 1st, 3:00.78. Alexis Hotovec 5th, 3:15.39.

1,500-meters: Aubry Fisher 3rd, 5:23.84. Macey Rodgers 7th, 6:10.72.

3,000-meters: Macey Rodgers 6th, 13:05.01.

100-meter hurdles: Alivia Goodelli 12th, 19:25. Claire Dieleman 13th, 19:28. **JV:** Mattison Powers 8th, 22:05.

400-meter hurdles: Claire Dieleman 13th, 1:27.04. Kate Sievers 15th, 1:30.46.

4x100 relay: Humboldt 7th, 57.21 (Audry Collins, Kimber Watts, Gracey May, Letty Jensen). **JV:** Humboldt 7th, 1:01.39 (Kylie Anderson, Lexi Groat, Mattison Powers, Hayden Graaf).

4x200 relay: Humboldt 7th, 2:00.58 (Landry Lash, Letty Jensen, Kimber Watts, Audrey Collins). **JV:** Humboldt 4th, 2:11.15 (Kylie Anderson, Claire Olson, Lexi Groat, Hayden Graaf).

4x400 relay: Humboldt 4th, 4:36.85 (Bella Metli, Landry Lash, Avery Fisher, Brynn Malo).

4x800 relay: Humboldt 1st, 10:32.73 (Avery Fisher, Meg Zweibohmer, Aubry Fisher, Brynn Malo).

800-meter medley relay: Humboldt 6th, 2:04.97 (Alivia Goodelli, Payton Elman, Gracey, Brooklyn Sernett).

1,600-meter medley relay: Humboldt 4th, 4:51.67 (Brooklyn Sernett, Landry Lash, Gracey May, Bella Metli).

Shuttle hurdle relay (4x100): Humboldt DC.

Shot put: Adalee Nolting 5th, 33-8.5. Ava Newton 11th, 29-7. **JV:** Jerzie Wempen 2nd, 29-10.5. Danica Diedrick 4th, 28-6.

Discus: Danica Diedrick 17th, 69-1. Jerzie Wempen 18th, 67-5. **JV:** Adalee Nolting 7th, 66-9. Ava Newton 8th, 63-4.

Long jump: Landry Lash 9th, 12-10.5. Gracey May 15th, 11-8.25.



Morgan Mayall

shot 72, while Sophomore Julian Cooke shot 75. Freshmen Shayla Berte scored 79 and Morgan Dickey scored 81.

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SCORING

Bishop Garrigan: Hanna Meron 43, Gabriella Buscher 50, Reece Kemna 56, Ava Snider 56, Addison Kuper 57, Hailee Reutzel 62.

Spencer: Morgan Irvine 45, Gretchen Haak 51, Kelsi Hansen 54, Hallie Brown 55, Isla Ward 55, Averie Nelson 59.

Humboldt: Sophia List 55, Macy Berte 61, Asja Anderson 61, Morgan Mayall 66, Mya Essing 68, Shelby Wood 68.



Livermore Controlled Burn

The Livermore Fire Department performed a controlled burn last Sunday afternoon, by burning the old Wilson Foods Livestock buying station. The First Livestock business was started by Oren Jennings and in 1925 Chas Jennings took over the business. Mr. Jennings bought hogs and cattle for Wilson Packing Company of Cedar Rapids Iowa at the Rock Island Stock Yards. His sons Ted and Clayton Jennings took over their father's business when he became ill. They operated the business until 1940 when they moved to Miller, SD. Guy Risty, a livestock buyer for Wilson Foods came to Livermore in February 1974 from Garretson, South Dakota and ran the buying station for several years. Guy and Becky had two sons Tad and T.J. Photo by Kirk Hundertmark

LIVERMORE NEWS

Livermore City Council

Mayor Billie Scott called the 2025-2026 Tax Levy public hearing to order on April 8 at 5:45 p.m. with Dean Thompson, Paul Brown, Todd Russell, Jason McKibban and Ben Stalzer present. There were no verbal or written objections. Motion by Paul Brown, second by Todd Russell to approve 2025/2026 Tax Levy by Resolution #2025-4, with all members voting aye by a roll call vote.

Mayor Billie Scott adjourned the Public Hearing meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Mayor Billie Scott called the regular city council meeting to order at 6 p.m. Motion by Paul Brown, second by Todd Russell to approve Clerk, Payroll, Treasurer, Library, Mayor, Maintenance and Fire Dept. reports, with all members voting aye.

Maintenance superintendent gave a report on the garbage and recycling last month. They made two garbage truck trips to the landfill, two trips with cardboard trailer totaling 1740 pounds and one trip with the mixed recycling trailer with 1580 pounds. He also attended the annual landfill board meeting last month and they will be increasing the fees from \$43.50 to \$44.50 per ton. Nick with ISG has been working on the water main replacement along the north side of 3rd Ave. between 4th Street and 3rd Street. Nick says the final plans are supposed to be completed April 21st. They are expecting the bids to be sent out May 13 and have the project completed by November 1st. John Curry, Lonnie Lawman and Nathan Hosford attended the Tree City meeting in Des Moines. One of the main topics for discussions was the Emerald Ash Bore.

AGENDA REQUEST: Mike Crahan, President of the Livermore Firefighters Association was on hand requesting to close 4th Street for the Livermore DAZE truck pulls. Motion by Paul Brown, second by Todd Russell to approve the 4th Street closure for the truck pulls, with all members voting aye.

Ryan Malek, owner of Router12 Networks, LLC, from Mason City, and Mark Steil with V.S. Enterprises, Ltd., were in attendance to introduce Router12 Network as the new internet and cable TV provider for the City of Livermore and also Bode. Router12 Networks has been providing reliable high-speed internet to North Central Iowa and Southern Minnesota since 2012 and has grown to provide services to over 3,000 square miles. They serve more than nine counties in north Iowa and southern Minnesota. They offer internet, phone communications and video communications.

BUILDING PERMITS: Motion by Todd Russell, second by Jason McKibban to approve building permit at 103 4th Ave. for a 1,440 square foot garage, with all members voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Livermore Municipal Swimming Pool Repair Project, ACCO says that they have all of the new equipment sitting in Johnston and ready

to install. So far, the State of Iowa office is reviewing the plans and pending approval. The City of Livermore will be undergoing a gWorks software upgrade - gWorks will start the software upgrade April 28, 2025. They will provide the city with a reliable, easy-to-use, integrated software to help municipal governments, act decisively, and deliver benefits to the community - all with confidence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing - Motion by Paul Brown, second by Todd Russell to set Public Hearing and Budget Adoption on April 22, 2025 at 6 p.m., with all members voting aye.

The city will be flushing hydrants on April 23 and 24, motion by Dean Thompson, second by Ben Stalzer to approve, with all members voting aye.

The Livermore entrance signs were discussed and the council decided to get quotes for either replacement or repair of the signs along the road entering Livermore. It was also discussed that at the Livermore Municipal Swimming Pool Park, the basketball nets need to be replaced and about 17 or so Ash trees need to be taken down to avoid damage.

Livermore Fire Call

The Livermore Fire Department was paged out last week on Wednesday, evening at 5:43 p.m. by the Humboldt County Law Enforcement Center, they were dispatched to 2750 140th St. Livermore, where a burn pit fire got out of control when hot embers escaped, igniting the dry vegetation then spreading to an old shed. Sixteen Livermore firefighters responded with five fire apparatus. The Lu Verne Fire Department was also called for mutual aid and asked to respond with two water tankers. All Livermore fire trucks returned back to the

fire station about 8:15 p.m.

Livermore Power Outage

On Thursday afternoon, March 13, there was a large boom in Livermore. It was a squirrel that got caught up in the primary power lines behind the Livermore Municipal Water Plant, causing the main primary line fuse to blow. The Midland Power Cooperative crew in Humboldt was dispatched to come up and replace the primary line fuse.

Livermore Easter Egg Hunt

As Easter approaches, the Livermore United Methodist Church is holding an Easter Egg Hunt to celebrate the holiday this Saturday, April 19. Kids will meet first at the Livermore Library at 9 a.m. for a program and then will hop along the bunny trail to the Livermore Municipal Swimming Pool Park, for the Easter Egg Hunt that will be conducted by the Livermore United Methodist Church bunnies. In Christianity, Easter eggs symbolize new life and resurrection, reflecting the core beliefs surrounding the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They serve as a reminder of the hope and renewal associated with Easter, as well as the new life that comes through Christ's resurrection. The Easter Bunny is a folkloric figure and symbol of Easter, depicted as a rabbit—but in Livermore sometimes the bunnies are dressed with clothes as they hide all the plastic Easter eggs that are stuffed with candy.

Library Gnomes

Gnomes have taken over the Livermore Library to help strengthen the community bonds through painting. In these moments, gnomes share stories, laughter, and wisdom, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie that uplifts their spirits and strengthens their resolve. A

gnome is a mythical creature from European folklore, often depicted as a small, elderly man with a beard and a pointed hat. They are considered supernatural spirits that live underground or in hidden places, guarding treasures and possessing magical abilities. Gnomes symbolize a connection to nature and are commonly associated with earth and mining. Gnomes are truly fascinating creatures, as they embody curiosity in its purest form, continuously seeking knowledge and embracing the wonders of exploration. Gnomes serve as a reminder to us all to never stop questioning, learning and unraveling the mysteries that surround us.

The Livermore library adult book club will be held Monday, April 19 from 5 to 6 p.m., this month's book is "there was an old woman" by Hallie Ephron. Other all month-long events: Wednesdays Outreach Storytime at the Livermore Daycare from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Technology Help Hour from 1 to 2 p.m. The Kids Club Activities will run from 3:30 to 5 p.m. On Thursday there will be Yoga for Adults from 3 to 4 p.m.

Librarian, Austina, has started a free monthly newsletter that will be sent out monthly to subscribers. This will include monthly events, QR code for the library calendar, and the new library phone number 515-565-0079.

Livermore Upcoming Events

- Livermore UWF Supper Thursday, April 17, 2025 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Livermore Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19, Swimming Pool Park at 10 a.m.
- Livermore Fire Hydrant Flushing April 23 and 24.
- Livermore Clean Up Day June 5, 12 to 6 p.m.
- Livermore Clean Up Day June 7, 8 a.m. to noon.

Humboldt falls in golf dual to Pocahontas

Humboldt fell to Pocahontas in a girls' non-conference dual meet on April 11.

The Humboldt girls' golf team is still getting its footing at the start of this season, finishing the second meet of the season with 237 strokes. Pocahontas finished with 205. Medalists from Pocahontas were Delaney Jansen and Alayna Kakacek, each with a 49.

Freshman Sophia List led the team with 54. Senior Shelby Wood shot 58, Macy Berte 60, Asja Anderson and Morgan Mayall both shot a 65 and Mya Essing shot 67.

For the JV portion of the meet Jada VanDeWalle shot 62, Livia Stewart 63, Salem Bonnstetter 69, Morgan Dickey 70, Ellie Lemmenes 76 and Julian Cooke 77.

The team looks ahead to the first NCC triangular at Webster City Lynx Golf Course against the Clear Lake Lions and the Webster City Lynx on Tuesday, April 22. The Wildcats host Fort Dodge St. Edmond and Iowa Falls-Alden on Friday, April 25.

Coach Jess Harklau said, "I like to take one meet at a

time because every course is so different, and you want to prepare for that specific course that you're going to, and you know get the girls through that and then build off of that. So that's kind of how we approach things and keep on working on things to improve."

Girls fall short in first two meets; look forward to the NCC meet next week

The Humboldt varsity girls' golf team had a decent start to the season, participating in the first meet of the year at Spring Valley.

It was a chilly and windy afternoon on April 7 when Humboldt faced Bishop Garrigan and Spencer in a triangular at Spring Valley Golf Course. The Wildcats finished with 243 strokes at the meet, falling to Garrigan and Spencer who both shot a 205 overall.

According to Coach Jess Harklau, there were some nerves going into the first meet of the season, with it being the first meet for some of the teammates.

"I just told them, 'Just go

out and play, use the skills that we've been working on in practice,' and just do the best they can. Spring Valley is a lot different than Humboldt. It's elevation changes and bigger greens, water (hazards) on a lot of the holes. Humboldt is pretty flat and there's no water, so it's a lot different."

Freshman Sophia List was the one to watch, playing for the varsity team for her first meet and scoring a nice 55 on the challenging course.

Harklau said, "She did really good. She was really nervous; it was her first golf meet ever as a freshman. So that's expected, just because you don't know what it's like until you've played a golf meet. And at a different course and playing with people you don't know."

The next lowest scores came from seniors Asja Anderson and Macy Berte who each shot a 61. Senior Morgan Mayall shot a 66.

Seniors Mya Essing and Shelby Wood each shot a 68.

JV finished with 277 strokes. Sophomores Jada VanDeWalle and Livia Stewart shot a 65. Freshman Salem Bonnstetter



Pictured in the back row, from the left: Faith Betts, Seana Bolen, Linda Scott. Front row Georgia Bolen and librarian Austina Scott. These little mythological bearded creatures continue to be popular decorations for gardens, holiday decorations and make a great subject matter for painting! Gnome paintings can be customized for each of the seasons and holidays. Submitted Photo