

# LIVERMORE NEWS

by Kirk Hundertmark

## Livermore Arbor Day Program

The City of Livermore was recently honored with the 2024 Tree City USA Award at the 34th Annual Community Forestry Awards Luncheon in Ankeny. The award was presented by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources April 3rd at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny.

“The Tree City USA award is a symbol for communities who have made a commitment to the management of public trees,” says state forester Jeff Goerndt. “Your community has provided an outstanding example for other Iowa communities by enhancing our forest resources and demonstrating the great value of trees in providing multiple benefits for future generations.”

Livermore was one of 73 Iowa communities to qualify for Tree City USA status. To receive the award, a city must, at a minimum, have either a city forester or an active city tree board; have a tree ordinance; spend at least \$2 per capita annually for its community forestry program; and have a tree planting and maintenance plan.

Last Friday the Livermore

Library hosted the City of Livermore Arbor Day Program. It is a day which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees. As part of its commitment to the management of public trees, all Livermore area patrons were invited to the library for the presentation, however the presenter from Algona was unable to attend. The Livermore Mayor Billie Scott read the Tree City proclamation and thanked everyone who attended!

A drawing was held and the winners were: Laura Buckroyd-Oak Tree, McKennan Russell-Elm Tree, Todd Russell-Maple Tree, Jeanne Baugous-Lilac Bush, Linda Scott-Lilac Bush, Lisa Houg and Kirk Hundertmark each won a \$25.00 gift certificate from Glen's Green Thumb, 1309 N Main Street Algona IA 50511. Glen's Green Thumb was opened in April 2020, operating a greenhouse and nursery along with a giftware shop.

## Livermore Special Council Meeting

The Livermore City Budget Public Hearing and Special Council meeting was held on April 22, 2025. Mayor Billie Scott called the 2025-2026 City budget public hearing to order at 6 p.m., with Dean Thompson, Paul Brown, Todd

Russell, Jason McKibban and Ben Stalzer present. There were no verbal or written objections. Mayor Billie Scott closed public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Motion by Todd Russell, second by Ben Stalzer to approve 2025/2026 Budget by Resolution #2025-5, with all members voting aye by roll call vote. Mayor Billie Scott then called the Special Council meeting to order at 6:11 pm. Motion by Dean Thompson, second by Ben Stalzer to approve a building permit to build a 672 square foot shed in the back yard of 13 8th Avenue with all members present voting aye. Mayor Billie Scott adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Special Note: All public swimming pools and spas in Iowa must be designed by licensed engineers and architects to comply with 641 IAC Chapter 15, Swimming Pools and Spas. The City of Livermore has finally been approved by the State of Iowa to replace the filtering tank and systems at the Livermore Municipal Swimming Pool. The City of Livermore is hoping that now all the repairs can be done in time to open the pool on June 7.

The City of Livermore says they are proactively trying to attract Certified Lifeguards or students looking to get certified, so as to open up and operate the Livermore Municipal Swimming Pool for the 2025 season. Anyone interested in applying can do so by picking up a physical application at Livermore City Hall, or E-mail livermore@trvnet.net.

## Livermore Clean Up Days

Livermore Clean Up Days will be held on June 5, 12 to 6 p.m. and then again on June 7, 8 a.m. to noon. You may bring your items to the City Maintenance shop at 701 4th Street, where a city employee will be available to help you unload your one pickup load limit. \$15.00 per TV or appliance will apply. Please help keep the city looking nice!

## Livermore Man Attends Muskie Tournament

Duane Reineke of Livermore participated in the 25th Annual Stan Harrison Memorial Spring Tune-Up, Muskie Tournament Fundraiser that was held last Saturday at Clear Lake.

The Heartland Chapter of Muskies Inc. was founded in 1995. It started at a poolside seminar put on by Bob Jensen in 1994/95 at the Hanford Inn with a muskie fishing demo. After the event, the first Heartland Chapter meeting was held at the Colony Inn in Ventura.

After a couple of meetings, officers were elected and the

Heartland Chapter became a member of the national Muskies Inc. organization. Instrumental people in founding the Chapter were Stan and Virg Harrison, Larry Luker, Dale Arendt, Larry Svoboda, Fred Vinci, Keith Minkle, Brian Buehler, Jim Donelson, Joel Becker, Scott Yaeger, Chris McCabe, Ron Lafrenz, and Bob Staska.

The local chapter of Muskies Inc. was started in 1995 and is known as Chapter #10; the Heartland Chapter of Muskies Inc. Muskies Inc. has over 6,000 Members and 56 independent Local Chapters throughout the country. They have become a national voice of the protection of the Muskie species. Muskies Inc. is widely recognized as the first organized group of anglers to espouse the “Catch and Release” practice now embraced by many conservation-minded groups throughout North America. Muskies, Inc. focuses on three critical areas: Youth, Fisheries, And Research.

## Livermore Promotes Beef Month

The Livermore area cattlemen want to remind everyone that May is Beef Month! The Humboldt County Cattlemen's Association is sponsoring a sign-up at HyVee and Fareway meat counters to win one of the eight \$20.00 beef certificates. What a better way to celebrate Beef Month than a chance to win free beef.

The Humboldt County Cattlemen's Association is a non-profit organization which focuses on promoting the beef industry in and around Humboldt County, Iowa. If you would like to join or for more information you may check out the web site at <https://www.ia-cattlemen.org/>

## Livermore Concert Goes

Ginger Hundertmark and Carolyn Mahon, attended the “Land of Hope and Dreams



## Mallory Scott Confirmation

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Livermore celebrated confirmation on Palm Sunday, April 13. Mallory Scott was the only confirmand. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Steve Struecker. Mallory is the daughter of Dustin and Andrea Scott. Her sponsors were Kayla (Anderson) Simons and Bryson Scott. A taco bar with cake and ice cream following church service was held in her honor at her parent's home with church members, friends and relatives in attendance. Submitted Photo



Pictured above from left, Kayla Lyon-Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Lonnie Lawman-City of Livermore Maintenance, John Curry-City of Livermore Treasurer, Nathan Hosford- Livermore Maintenance Supervisor, and Jeff Goerndt, State of Iowa Forester and Director. The City of Livermore is a “2024 Tree City USA Recipient”. Submitted Photo

– Ernie Haase and Signature Sound” which is a quartet led by Ernie Hasse, a veteran of the Gaithers and features a blend of Americana, Patriotic and Gospel music show, presented by Kossuth County Concert Association last Sunday afternoon at the Wilcox Performing Arts Center.

Ernie is a veteran of the Gaithers and leads an exceptionally strong quartet of singers accompanied by live pianist, bassist and drummer, with tracks to flesh out the sound. Ernie knows how to create and present among the highest quality shows you will see—they are polished from beginning to end.

## Library Arbor Day Program for Kids

The Livermore Library also hosted the City of Livermore Arbor Day Program last Friday afternoon. 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. The Librarian Austina has started a free monthly newsletter that will be sent out monthly to subscribers. This will in-



Thank You to Twin Rivers Elementary School for allowing the Livermore Library to provide an Arbor Day Program for the kids! Children made leaf rubbings, stamped with leaf stamps, decorated wood rounds, decorated cups, and planted some flowers! The Livermore Library is looking forward to partnering with school again next year! Special Thanks to Lori Lee, Jon Curry, and Nathan Hosford for all their helping hands to make this possible!!! Submitted Photo

clude monthly events, QR code for the library calendar, and the new library phone number 515-565-0079.

## Livermore Upcoming Events

• Livermore Legion Breakfast Sunday, May 11, 8:30

to 11:30 a.m.  
• Livermore (UWF) Thursday Supper May 15, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

• Livermore Legion Memorial Day Program, Monday, May 26, at Freedom

Rock, 11 a.m.  
• Livermore Clean Up Day June 5, 12 to 6 p.m.  
• Livermore Clean Up Day June 7, 8 a.m. to noon.  
• Livermore Mobile Food Pantry June 12 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

# Federal postal cuts impacting delivery of newspaper, Reminder

Federal government cuts to the United States Postal Service, which took effect three weeks ago all across the United States, have greatly impacted timely delivery Humboldt County Newspapers, which publishes the Humboldt Independent Newspaper and the Humboldt Reminder.

We have learned that cuts have impacted our readers, particularly those that live in the surrounding rural communities in our coverage area, where instead of receiving their Reminder in the mail on Wednesdays and the Independent on Thursdays, customers have complained they have received their newspaper and shopper one to four days later than the listed published date.

We have learned that a Tuesday overnight delivery route that took bundles of papers and Reminders to Des Moines and back for processing, which allowed for their return in time to be delivered on the Wednesday and Thursday

publish dates, has been permanently eliminated as a result of the cuts directed from Washington, D.C.

We feel our customers' pain and frustration. We pay the United States Postal Service to deliver our product in a timely manner. It is very unfortunate and we understand this is a result of a decision made by the United States government and not by local postal employees, who faithfully perform their jobs day after day.

When contacted by the Independent, a local regional manager offered no comment. Inquiries made to Mark Inglett, manager of strategic communications for the central area, out of Kansas City, MO, received no response before our deadline.

Issue your complaints and concerns to the following listed below:

–Mark Inglett, manager strategic communications central area, 300 West Pershing Road Room 112, Kansas City, MO 64108. Email: [mark.m.inglett@usps.gov](mailto:mark.m.inglett@usps.gov)

usps.gov or phone 816-374-9111.

–Bobbie from the United States Postal Service Select

Business Support Team at 888-707-7226 or email [USPSSelect@USPS.gov](mailto:USPSSelect@USPS.gov) avail-

able Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

# Middle School Visit Day brings over 700 future Tritons to Iowa Central

Iowa Central Community College was buzzing with excitement as over 700 middle school students and staff from across the region visited campus for Middle School Visit Day on Thursday, April 17.

Held twice a year, this spring's visit welcomed enthusiastic groups from Fort Dodge, Humboldt, Southeast Valley, Perry, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, Greene County, East Sac County, and Paton Churdan.

The energy was high as students filled the halls, classrooms, and activity spaces across campus, engaging in hands-on experiences and interactive presentations led by Iowa Central faculty, staff, and student ambassadors.

From STEM and health sciences to the arts and career tech programs, students had the opportunity to explore a variety of academic pathways through engaging activities. Many tried out welding, explored health labs, or even caught a behind-the-scenes look at broadcasting and digital media production. The visit was designed not only to showcase the college's facilities and programs, but to help young

students visualize their futures in education and beyond.

“This day is all about planting the seed,” said Shelby Illg, Assistant Director of Admissions. “By giving middle schoolers a chance to experience college in a fun and interactive way, we're helping them see that higher education is within reach, right here in their home community”.

In addition to the academic exploration, students enjoyed

lunch, campus tours, and had plenty of time to ask questions about college life. Many left with smiles and a new sense of excitement for their educational journeys ahead.

As Iowa Central continues to invest in its communities, Middle School Visit Day remains a key part of our mission to build connections and provide a pathway to a better life for the next generation of learners.

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY COURTHOUSE - Seeks Qualified Applicants for Full-Time Maintenance/Custodian**

Individual will be responsible for the maintenance, cleaning, and grounds work of the courthouse including but not limited to lawn mowing, snow removal, minor plumbing, heating, and cooling maintenance, regular cleaning, safety inspections, and other duties as deemed necessary. Successful candidates must have a high school diploma or a GED. Previous custodial/maintenance experience is required, and Boiler System knowledge and experience is preferred but not required.

**This is a full-time position with a competitive pay and benefits package. Application and full job description can be picked up from the Humboldt County Auditor's Office located at 203 Main St Dakota City, IA 50529 or online at [www.humboldtcounty.iowa.gov](http://www.humboldtcounty.iowa.gov). Applications must be received by the Humboldt County Auditor's Office by 4:30 p.m. on May 7, 2025. Post job offer pre-employment drug test and background check required.**

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or Chief Deputy Lampe  
([clampe@sheriff.humboldtcounty.iowa.gov](mailto:clampe@sheriff.humboldtcounty.iowa.gov))  
for an emailed application.

**Applications due May 16, at Noon with testing on May 31.**

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