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Former Audubon resident donates \$80,000 to area causes

AUDUBON - Before her passing last year, former Audubon resident, Sheri Clemmensen, designated \$80,000 to be donated to local organizations and her brothers made the presentations earlier this month in Audubon.

Her brothers, Rex and Kirk Clemmensen, explained Sheri donated \$20,000 to Our Savior's Lutheran Church \$20,000 to the Audubon Fire and Rescue, \$20,000 to the Good Neighbor Service Council, \$10,000 to the Friendship Home and \$10,000 to the Foundations of Southwest Iowa, which includes Audubon County.

Kirk said Sheri was known as someone who was \$80,000......See page A2



Pictured during the presentation of the donations are (front row, left to right) Sunni Kamp, Southwest Iowa Foundations Director; Amy Madsen, Friendship Home; Patty Umland, Good Neighbor Service Council; Chris Schmidt, Good Neighbor Service Council; Dave Witt, Audubon Fire & Rescue; and Cass Muzney, Audubon Fire and Rescue; and (back row) Bruce Christensen, Audubon Fire & Rescue; Kirk Clemmensen, Rex Clemmensen, Dan Schmidt, Good Neighbor Service Council; Pastor Sean Dougherty, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church; and Tyler Thygesen, Audubon Fire & Rescue.

### **Our Town**

## AHS Prom

## Audubon hosts "A Night in Paradise" for prom

Audubon students and staff held their 2025 prom on Saturday with the theme "A Night in Paradise." The event included a Grand March where students got a chance to show off their attire and family and friends had a lots of photo opportunities!

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Students participated in the Grand March during the 2025 Prom.

#### **Local News**

## State auditor asking for updated VBP funding information

By Jennifer Nichols AJ Staff Writer

**AUDUBON COUNTY - The dis**cussion at the Audubon County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday involving the Valley Business Park funding related to officials from the state auditor's asking for updated information on when and how the funds were spent.

Audubon County Auditor Lisa Frederiksen said the county had information about the funding, but it was from several years ago, and officials from the state auditor's office were

asking for more updated information, such as what transactions involving the county were made and when they were made.

"(State auditor officials) like to see what day the money went out, who it

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## Working Women celebrated

Audubon County Newspapers and local advertisers celebrated the working women around the area during the week of April 21st. In addition to ads with pictures or names listed of the ladies from their businesses, a drawing was held for prizes. Ladies from the following businesses were winners: Community Insurance, Darcy Williamson Daycare, Exchange

State Bank, Heather Chambers, Cookbook Specialists, Stick It, PLLC; Southwest Iowa Real Estate, Children's Nest, Madsen, Groteluschen and Tinker Law Office and Audubon County Abstract.

Gift Certificates were delivered to the lucky winners! Thanks for the great participation again this year!

#### **Local News**

## Audubon School Board Wrap Up

#### By Bennett Blake

The FY26 Budget has been approved by the Audubon School Board. Superintendent Trevor Miller reports the tax levy rate will remain at \$11.32 per thousand dollars of valuation.

The Board also approved staff raises at their April meeting. Classified staff received a \$1 per hour pay increase. Miller says Supplemental Wages are going up too.

"This is a multi year process to work on Head Coaches, Junior High Coaches, and Sponsors to be closer in line with the Western Iowa Conference. The Board approved the first year changes which will cost the District \$8,500 before IPERS etc." Other pay increases include 2% for administration.

Sharing agreements for School Business Official, Human Resources, and Superintendent have been approved.

Miller reports, "The board approved my contract and wanted to add one more year to the sharing agreement to go until June 30, 2027. Salaries are negotiable every year." Sharing agreements for SBO and HR are also through 2027.

### Audubon Rec Center to hold member appreciation night

#### By Bennett Blake

The Audubon Rec Center has planned a Member Appreciation Night for June 28.

Officials with the Rec Center say, "It is for our members and donors. An event to say thank you for supporting us and here is what we are working on next."

The featured entertainment for the night will be live music from Addison Johnson. The event is free for members. It goes from 5 to 9 p.m. on June 28 at the Rec Center. The kids zone will have a bounce house, face painting, water balloons and other fun activities. The night also includes a free meal with burgers, hot dogs, and sides.

#### **Weekend Weather**

SaturdayShowers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8am and 2pm, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Saturday NightShowers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8pm, then a chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

SundayA 30 percent chance of showers after 2pm. Sunny, with a high near 86.

Sunday NightA 30 percent chance of showers before 8pm. Mostly clear, with a low around 62.

