



Permission granted for well use in Audubon County

By Jennifer Nichols
AJ Staff Writer

AUDUBON COUNTY — Several residents are able to use wells on their property in Audubon County after Environmental Health Executive Director Jotham Arber told the Audubon County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday that

he met with representatives from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and officials with rural water to make sure residents in the county could hook existing wells in the water system or just hook that well up to their residence to use as a water source.

Residents in Brayton, Exira and portions of rural Audubon County remain under a boil order and the highest level of water conservation. However, a post from the Avoca IA Community Facebook page said “pressure was steady throughout the weekend” and water testing started on Tuesday. The post said while mandatory water restriction

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Local News

Bottled water advisory lifted for City of Kimballton

KIMBALLTON — The bottled water advisory issued on May 7 for the City of Kimballton in Audubon County has been lifted. The advisory was issued following a pressure loss due to the system’s wells failing to come online, resulting in the water tower being depleted of water.

During the effort to refill the water tower, sodium permanganate was overfed, resulting in pink water throughout the distribution system. Sodium permanganate is used as an oxidizing agent in drinking water and wastewater treatment to help with iron and manganese removal.

The city issued a public notice for manganese health advisory level exceedance on April 11, but the overfeed required a new public notice to be issued on May 9 for adolescents and adults.

All manganese sample results are now below the health advisory level (HAL), and the bottled water advisory has been lifted.

Our Town

Tivoli Fest 2025



Tivoli Fest draws big crowd

By Jeff Lundquist
NT Publisher

A big crowd turned out last weekend for the annual Tivoli Fest in Elk Horn and Kimballton.

The event featured a parade, Viking battles, live music, crafts, food and of course aebleskiver and medisterpølse, where the line stretched out the door and down the block.

Tivoli Fest is an annual ethnic celebration in the Danish Villages of Elk Horn and Kimballton in the largest rural Danish settlement in the United States. Tours of an authentic Danish windmill were available along with demonstrations of traditional folk dancing.



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Local News



Miles Walked: Troy Hagedorn retired from the Audubon Post Office

By Jeremy Nuttall
Employee of the Audubon Post Office

AUDUBON — It is estimated that Troy Hagedorn has walked 100,000 miles, that’s more than 4 times around the earth, during his 30-year career at the Audubon Post Office. When stamps were 32 cents, Troy was working as a Meat Cutter at

Troy Hagedorn, long time Postal Carrier, gets set to retire from his 30-year career.

Ken’s Market in Audubon and expecting twins with his wife Monica Hagedorn. “With twins on the way, we needed extra money.” He was hired part-time at the post office and would travel to work in Manning, Carroll, and Coon Rapids. “Early on we cancelled and sorted mail by hand, mail volumes were much greater then.” Troy recalls receiving an award for delivering 26 feet of mail in one day (roughly 6,500 letters). In 1997, Monica went into labor while Troy was walking the delivery

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Audubon Community School District Audit report released

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, P.C. recently released an audit report on Audubon Community School District in Audubon.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The District’s revenues totaled \$11,007,971 for the year ended June 30, 2024 a 0.40% increase from the prior year. Expenses for District operations for the year ended June 30, 2024, totaled \$9,923,547, a 17.93% increase from the prior year. The primary reason for the increase in total revenues was an increase in revenues from charges for service. The increase in total expenses occurred primarily in the instruction function.

AUDIT FINDINGS:

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, P.C., reported two findings found on pages 67 through 69 of this report. The finding address issue related to segregation of duties and certified enrollment. Nolte, Cornman & Johnson provided the District with recommendations to address each of the findings.

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Weekend Weather

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

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

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

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