

HISTORY

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5 YEARS AGO APRIL 3, 2020

While the message remains the same, the delivery system used by area ministers to reach members of their congregation with inspirational messages has been drastically altered by the COVID-19 pandemic sweeping the globe.

Weekly messages are now being recorded and shared through on-line church pages, cable TV systems, and social media sources like Facebook.

The Avoca Municipal Golf Course is open, with state directed guidelines to be used on the course to help slow down the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus during the currant global pandemic.

The clubhouse will be open for the public to use restroom facilities (only) but it is officially closed to “inside” beverage and food service until further notice.

The Avoca American Legion recently recognized the winners of this year’s Fifth Grade Flag Essay Contest at AHSTW.

- Winners include::
- * First Place - Cole Geraghty.
 - * Second Place - Rebecka Stearns.
 - * Third Place - Maeleigh Rold and Macey Goshorn (tie).

10 YEARS AGO APRIL 2, 2015

A-H-S-T and Walnut school officials said on Wednesday that they were close to filing a petition to bring to a public vote in September the possible reorganization of the two neighboring districts into the AHSTW Community School District.

Once school officials have at least 300 signatures from eligible voters in the A-H-S-T district and at least 178 signatures from the Walnut district documents will be filed with the Green Hills Area Education Agency.

The Green Hills AEA Board will then schedule public hearings on the proposal to bring to a vote by patrons the merger proposal.

“Feed love and watch love grow” seemed to be the theme for the 50-plus community volunteers who showed up on Saturday in Avoca to help stuff 15,500 bags of food that will be shipped to Africa to feed a starving population there.

The local organizer was Catholic Father Thomas Doolley from St. Mary’s in Avoca and St. Patrick’s in Walnut.

Fr. Dooley “put out the call” to the church congregations in the Avoca and Walnut communities earlier in the week, asking for at least 50 individuals to step forward and be part of a special Outreach Kids’ Meal Program to provide meals for third world residents who might otherwise go hungry.

15 YEARS AGO APRIL 8, 2010

Scoutmaster Bruce Holtz of Troop 97 of Avoca has been recognized by the Scouting community for having led an amazing total of 50 Scouts to attain their Eagle Scout Rank.

Holtz is one of only two Scoutmasters in the entire Boy Scout district to have reached the 50 Eagle Scout level.

Holtz was presented a plaque for his accomplishment at a Court of Honor held on March 28 at the Avoca Legion Hall.

A-H-S-T Viking head football coach Cory Faust has been awarded the Iowa Football Coaches Association’s Class A



The 1992 A-S-T girls' track team included, Front Row (l. to r.): Mandy Blakestad, Staci Bruck, Emily Johnson, Heather Haseltine, Mandi True. Middle Row: Robyn Wahling, Charissa Kiesel, Mary Renfeld, Krista Graybill, Ann Russmann. Back Row: Marcy Rau, Alicia Goshorn, Amy Towne, Laurie Christian, and Sheri Woltmann.

Coach of the Year Award.

The award is given to just one coach from each of the five classes.

Coach Faust received the award on April 2 at the Iowa State University Football Coaches Clinic held at Ames, and was presented the coaching award by Iowa State head football coach Paul Rhoads.

Hail estimated as large as 1 1/2" in size peppered the Avoca community just after midnight on Monday, with reports of 2-3" of rain falling in a relatively short amount of time.

20 YEARS AGO APRIL 7, 2005

The Avoca City Council is considering the hiring of a city planner to take care of areas of government where the elected officials don't have the time or expense to handle themselves.

The idea was floated again at the Council's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday.

Some members of the Council feel that a city planner could provide the expertise, knowledge, and time needed to promote growth in the community.

The Accelerated Reader Program at A-H-S-T is really starting to show positive results.

Increasing reading comprehension has been chosen as a federal goal as well as a local goal for the A-H-S-T district.

On March 12, 33 sixth, seventh and eighth grade Band members traveled to Creston to participate in solo contest.

Of the 33 performances, 18 students were given a 1- (excellent) or better; there were six 1-, eleven 1 (superior) and one 1+.

Creative Writing students Amber Piccirilli and Amanda Engman traveled to the ISU campus in Ames with Mr. Hardisty recently to present their award-winning papers.

25 YEARS AGO APRIL 7, 2000

Bids are expected to be accepted soon by the Iowa Department of Transportation on a Highway 59 resurfacing project from south of Harlan north to the Crawford County line.

The DOT plans to complete the project this summer, at a cost of nearly \$3.4 million.

Included in the project is pavement rehabilitation, guardrails and bridge rail retrofits.

The A-H-S-T School Board adopted its fiscal year 20002001 Budget during its monthly management team

meeting on April 3 with a property tax rate of \$10,975 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

Total financial resources for the A-H-S-T district next year are projected at \$6,565,195. Total requirements for 20002001 are listed at \$6,565,195.

The Avoca City Council has awarded a \$259,770.60 contract to Weber Construction of Omaha, Ne., for the Willow Street Improvement Project slated to get underway this summer in the northeast part of town.

Weber's bid was the lowest of three submitted for the work to be done, which will include grading, roadway reconstruction, paving, the addition of curb and guttering (which storm sewers), and the installation of a sidewalk through the neighborhood on the east side of Willow Street.

65 YEARS AGO APRIL 8, 1960

Erwin J.J. Koos was presented a Master Farmer Exceptional Service Award by Wallace Farmer at a lunch in Des Moines.

A report by the state tax commission shows that farmers paid the most individual income tax for the fiscal year ended last June 30 than of any other occupational group.

The high school faculty nominated three junior boys from whom the local American Legion post will select one to attend Hawkeye Boys' State this summer at Camp Dodge, Des Moines.

The three nominated by the faculty were Donald Peters, David Cohrs, and Larry Howlett.

Two 4-H Clubs in this area, the Knox 4-H Club and the Botna Valley Blue Belles will present a "trunk opening" program at the First Lutheran Church on Sunday.

Trunks throughout the Avoca community have been opened and attics scoured to provide the gowns, hats, and shoes which the girls will model.

Mrs. Manning Walker and Mrs. Joe Davis will provide the commentary for the program aiding the club members with their show will be leaders including Mrs. Orvie Fischer, Mrs. Leonard Rold, Mrs. Edwin Doll, Mrs. Creighton Kaven and Mrs. Joe Davis.

125 YEARS AGO APRIL 5, 1900

Miss Margery Hipsley is teaching the spring term of No. 4 Belknap township. Contractor Marxen will

soon be building a brick on the vacant lot north of Peter Wisch's billiard hall.

Ex-mayor Barton was presented with a gold-headed cane Wednesday night by the members of the old council as a token of friendship after his three years' service as mayor of Avoca.

Councilman Brown made the presentation speech.

Charlie Wendt visited Des Moines this week.

Misses Clara and Martha Niemann of Shelby visited their aunts, Mrs. Ed and Marie Schmidt, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Linda Sanders and daughter departed Monday evening for South Bend, Ind.

Ted Sievers and Chub Norton were over "doing" Omaha the first of the week. Mrs. E. Cook and Mrs. W.A. Maxwell went to Omaha Saturday to see O'Neil in Monte Cristo.

140 YEARS AGO APRIL 8, 1885

Mr. Chas. Carruthers, who had been in Harlan for several months, in the interest of the Southwestern Mutual Benefit Association of Marshalltown, came to Avoca where he hoped to organize a board of members as in Harlan.

He had been very successful here and had secured a large number of risks among our best people, and had won the reputation of being a number one young man.

Someone broke into S. Hardesty's blacksmith shop on last Friday night and stole a new stirring plow, the property of A.A. Johnson.

Tool thieves made a pretty good haul during the past week, in Avoca.

The tool chest left in the new house just west of E.W. Davis, was broken into and some saws, planes, and other carpenter tools were stolen, and the wagon shop in the west part of town was broken into and a lot of tools stolen from there.

Public Notice Of Storm Water Discharge

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE
LCOSD Tian Hill Intermediate School plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 - Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities
The storm water discharge will be from construction activity located in 4125 Harry Langdon Blvd, Council Bluffs IA 51503 located in SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 74N, Range 43W of Pottawattamie County
Storm water will be discharged from 1 point source(s) and will be discharged to the following streams: Mosquito Creek
Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Services Division, 502 E 9th St, Des Moines IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

Iowa Educators ‘Relieved’ At Latest Court Block On School Book Ban

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“Given the number of injunctions and appeals, Southeast Polk is not taking any additional action with books at this time,” Jeannie Christenson, community relations coordinator at Southeast Polk Community School District, said. “We have not yet returned any of the removed titles to shelves, and we will continue to monitor legal developments.”

Federal District Judge Stephen Locher, in the Southern District of Iowa, had placed an injunction on SF 496 before, but the State of Iowa appealed to the Court of Appeals for the Eight Circuit. The appeals court ruled Locher had not performed the correct “analysis” on the case and sent it back to Locher’s court. This time, Locher’s analysis weighed the unconstitutional applications of the law

against the constitutional ones, which in his ruling he admitted is “hard to do” for this case. Still, Locher ruled “the law has been unconstitutionally applied in dozens (if not hundreds) of situations and constitutionally applied in one.” Locher wrote in his ruling that the law “places the burden on local school districts and school officials to determine whether a book is permitted”

and that “this is the whole point of the law’s penalty provisions: local officials and districts are subject to punishment if they get it wrong.” The law put educators in a “precarious state ... by passing this bill and not giving them a lot of direction about how to carry it out,” Hickman said. “I don’t even know where I would start to explain the heaviness of that.”

Notice: County Supervisors Minutes

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
March 18, 2025
MET IN REGULAR SESSION
The Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 10:00 A.M. All members present. Chairman Belt presiding.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chairman Belt read the Public Comment Policy statement.
1. CONSENT AGENDA
After discussion, was held by the Board, a Motion was made by Miller, and seconded by Shea, to approve:
A. March 11, 2025, Minutes as read.
B. Renewal of Class C Retail Liquor License, granting privileges of Class C Liquor License/Outdoor Service for BT Links LLC 4/b/a Bent Tree Golf Club, Council Bluffs.
C. Jail - Employment of Aliza Coursey and Daniel Stout as Detention Officers.
D. Jail - Employment of John Perez as a Registered Nurse.
E. Secondary Roads - Employment of Chase Rea as a Bridge Technician I.
UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion Carried.
2. SCHEDULED SESSIONS
Introduce New Hires to Board
• Chase Rea/Secondary Roads
Motion by Miller, second by Shea, to grant permission for Director of Community Services to sign Disability Access Point contract with Iowa Department of Health and Human Services.
UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion Carried.
Motion by Shea, second by Jorgensen, to approve the following job descriptions: Assistant Project Manager and Project Manager.
AYES: Belt, Miller, Shea, Jorgensen.

NAYS: Wichman. Motion Carried.
Motion by Miller, second by Shea, to approve and sign the Health Services Building Change Order #01.
UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion Carried.
Motion by Jorgensen, second by Shea, to approve and authorize the Board to sign Resolution No. 12-2025; entitled: A Resolution in of the Proposed Annexation of 473 Acres (M/L) of Land, Legally described as Betng Part of Sections 29-74-43 and 32-74-43, Pottawattamie County, Iowa and Part of Sections 5-73-43 and 6-73-43, Mills County, Iowa, as Shown in Exhibits "A" and "B" and presented to the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Utilizing the 80/20 Voluntary Annexation Including Land without the Consent of the Land Owners in a Non-Urbanized Area.
RESOLUTION 12-2025
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 473 ACRES (M/L) OF LAND, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING PART OF SECTIONS 29-74-43 AND 32-74-43, POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, IOWA AND PART OF SECTIONS 5-73-43 AND 6-73-43, MILLS COUNTY, IOWA, AS SHOWN IN EXHIBITS 'A' AND 'B' AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, UTILIZING THE 80/20 VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION INCLUDING LAND WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE LAND OWNERS IN A NON- URBANIZED AREA.
WHEREAS, the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa ("City") has presented Pottawattamie County ("County") with an Application for Voluntary Annexation to the City from five property owners wishing to be annexed into the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and
WHEREAS, the Iowa Code §368.7(1) (a) allows for the City to receive up to 20%

additional territory without the consent of the property owners to create uniform boundaries; and
WHEREAS, the City wishes to annex the real estate legally described in Exhibit A as shown on the map described in Exhibit B and is within two miles of the City corporate limits; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code §368.71(1)(b)(2), a resolution is required from the Board of Supervisors of the County for which proposed real estate is to be annexed; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors support the proposed annexation as outlined in Exhibits A and B to be incorporated into the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa.
BE IT RESOLVED
The Board of Supervisors of Pottawattamie County, Iowa, that the attached Application for Annexation of the real estate described in Exhibit A to the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa, be found to conform to Iowa Code §368.71(a), as voluntary annexation of territory.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED
The Board of Supervisors hereby support the attached Application for Annexation to the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa which would incorporate the area legally described in Exhibit A into the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa.
ADOPTED AND APPROVED: March 18, 2025.
ROLL CALL VOTE
Scott Belt, Chairman
Tim Wichman
Susan Miller
Brian Shea
Jeff Jorgensen
ATTEST: Mary Ann Hanusa, County Auditor

Roll Call Vote: **AYES:** Wichman, Miller, Shea, Jorgensen. **NAYS:** Belt. Motion Carried.
3. OTHER BUSINESS
Motion by Wichman, second by Shea, to deny the Western Iowa Tourism annual county membership dues for FY 2025/26.
UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion Carried.
Motion by Wichman, second by Shea, to approve the following process as stated in the letter written by Matt Wilber for IOAP.
UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion Carried.
4. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
Update from Board members on Committee meetings from the past week.
5. RECEIVED/FILED
A. Out of State Travel Notification(s):
1) Conservation - Out of State Travel Notification for Daniel Borgalla.
2) Public Health - Out of State Travel Notification for Akem Banister.
B. Report(s):
1) Auditor - Arbitrage Rebate Report through February 28, 2025.
2) Sheriff Report of Fees Disbursed and Collected for February 2025.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comment.
7. STUDY SESSION
Peggy Becker, Administrator, Veteran Services appeared before the Board to discuss the Veteran Services.
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
8. ADJOURN
Motion by Shea, second by Miller, to adjourn meeting.
UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion Carried.
THE BOARD ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO CALL AT 11:54 P. M.
Scott Belt, Chairman
ATTEST: Mary Ann Hanusa, Auditor

Notice: AHSTW Board Proceedings

AHSTW COMMUNITY SCHOOL
March 13, 2025
Elementary Media Center
Special Meeting
The AHSTW Community School Board of Directors met March 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the AHSTW Elementary Media Center for their special meeting. President Long called the meeting to order with Cordes, Mitchell, Rosemann, Krohn, Kock, and Grote answering roll call Superintendent Jones, and High School Principal Pattee, represented the Administration. Board Secretary Cook was also present. Five guests were present.
Approval of Agenda
A motion was made by Krohn, seconded by Cordes, that the AHSTW Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried: seven votes – yes.
Closed Session authorized by

Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) & 21.5(1) (e) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential and to conduct a hearing todetermine whether to suspend or expel a student.
A motion was made by Rosemann, seconded by Mitchell, that the AHSTW Board of Directors enter closed session. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mitchell, Rosemann, Grote, Krohn, Cordes, Kock and Long. Neyes: none. Motion carried: seven votes – yes. Entered closed session at 5:01 p.m.
Board entered Executive Session at 5:26 PM
Closed Session authorized by Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) & 21.5(1) (e) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential and to conduct a hearing todetermine whether to suspend or expel a student.

A motion was made by Krohn, seconded by Cordes, that the AHSTW Board of Directors enter closed session. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mitchell, Rosemann, Grote, Krohn, Cordes, Kock and Long. Neyes: none.
Motion carried: seven votes – yes. Entered closed session at 5:52 p.m.
Board entered Executive Session at 6:12 PM
Action Items
Action regarding recommended discipline of a student.
A motion was made by Rosemann, seconded by Kock, that the student who was the subject of the disciplinary hearing be allowed to graduate since the requirements for graduation have been met through AHSTW CSD's Excel Program, but will not be allowed to return to AHSTW Community School District's school campus for the school activities, including any additional coursework

and events/activities for one calendar including graduation ceremonies, beginning on Friday, March 14, 2025 and ending on March 14, 2026. Motion carried: seven votes – yes.
Action regarding recommended discipline of a student.
A motion was made by Krohn, seconded by Cordes, that the student who was the subject of the disciplinary hearing be expelled from attendance in the AHSTW Community School District and any school activities beginning on Friday, March 14, 2025 and ending with the conclusion of first semester of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried: seven votes – yes.
Adjournment
There being no further business to conduct, President Long adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.
Board Secretary
Adam Long
Alisha Cook

BELGIAN HILL FARM Retirement AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025 10:30 AM

ONLINE ITEMS START AT 12:00 PM

46228 Hackberry Road • Oakland, Iowa 51560

All items to be picked up by May 1, 2025. Major items will be posted on EQUIPMENT FACTS with online bidding
~ LUNCH AND RESTROOMS AVAILABLE ON SITE ~

TRACTORS & MACHINERY

Oliver 1755 wide front w/ cab, 2 hydraulics, 540 PTO, 3 PT, w/ 310 Koyker Loader & 7' bucket, 18-4-34, 4255 original hrs, serial # 234056676
Oliver 1955 wide front with cab, 2 hydraulics, 1000 PTO, 3 PT, 18-4-34, 4490 original hrs, serial # 2326287692
Oliver 1855, wide front, no cab, 2 hydraulics, 540 PTO, 3 PT, 18-4-38, 5303 original hrs, serial # 2430765
2022 Kuhn 10 wheel rake with center wheel
John Deere 24T square baler
1999 Featherlite 24x7 8 ft tail with ramps and 5 slant head gates
8 bale inline side dump bale trailer
New Holland 195 tandem mature spreader
5 bottom Oliver plow
3PT post hole digger
Hay rack with 8 ton gear
Parker 2500 (150 bushel) gravity flow wagon with John Deere running gear.
White 15' disk
White 20' 271 disk
White 14' 271 disk
Bobcat 463, 1039 hrs 43" bucket diesel
2 row Oliver corn picker
Oliver 14' drill
Pull type road grader
Pull type stalk chopper
Tarter 3 Pt spreader/seedier
1992 Chevy Silverado 5 speed, 200,000 miles, 15,000 miles on new motor, w/ western snow plow.
3 Pt bale Spear
110 gallon Pickup fuel tank with electric pump
Pickup toolbox
Skid steer Attachments
Hydraulics post hole digger
Bucket
2 bale hay spear
1973 3150 Caterpillar diesel inline, 6 cyl. engine block with pan heads, complete motor
Oliver 2255, 4335 hrs., serial #239419213
Rebuilt 3150 Injector Pump

HORSE/LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

Kryncos model 45 semen tank
Taylor-Wharton semen tank
MVE YC 20 semen tank
Approx: 25 gale all sizes
Approx: 200 steel posts 6'
Draft Horse Blankets
Draft Horseshoes
Leather Pad Cutter
Fan on stand
Draft horse work harness & bridles - many
Wheel barrow
Anvil
Draft Horse Shoeing stock w/vet door
Tack box
Albany Cutter Sleigh
(4) Bale rings for horses

ANTIQUE

Livingston hog oiler
Oliver horse sickle bar mower with steel wheels
Corn shredder Patent #2 1935- good shape and works
Horse drawn binder McCormick Deering
John Deere power binder
1 bottom walk behind plow
(11) barn trolleys-good shape Meyers & Potter
Buggy running gear
(2) hand planters- Steel sets
Walking plow
Oliver dump rake
Ox Plow
Wire winder
Oliver manuals
Hay twine
Oliver belt pulley
(2) Hitching Posts from Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha
Murray pedal tractor
Oliver pedal tractor
2 chain hoist
(2) Oliver sulky plows
6 fish tanks
Oliver weighs
Child's dresser
China cabinet
Carpenter's Chest with tools
(3) Horse hair carriage blankets
Cocks of all sizes

SIGNS

Steckley Hybrid seed corn
Gentle Giant
Gamble Hardware
Many smaller signs

TOOLS/SHOP EQUIPMENT

(2) bolt bins
(2) torches with tanks
3PT links
Tool box
LB white heater
Vise on stand
Many tires and rims
(2) tire racks
True value edger
Electric tools
Large variety of Oliver parts
Dewalt scroll saw
Belt sander

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