

HISTORY

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Student Council members at AvoHa for 1975-76 were, Front (l. to r.): John Pattee, vice-president; Rich Price, senior representative; Kevin Jacobsen, freshman class president; Jay Niemann, freshman representative. Middle: Paul Harder, president; Gary Schultz, junior representative; Peggy Messinger, secretary; Mr. Archer, sponsor; Liz Green, junior class president; Barb Allen, junior representative; Kathy Kardell, freshman representative. Back: Lou Ann Zobrist, sophomore representative; Beth Bornholdt, senior representative; Shelley Ronnfeldt, senior class president; Reno Lippold, sophomore class president; and Diane Harrington, junior class vice-president.

5 YEARS AGO APRIL 17, 2020

The IRS began electronically depositing coronavirus relief checks this week to eligible Americans, with checks also to be placed in the mail soon to those individuals who don't have an electronic bank account set up with the federal government.

Some Avocans report already receiving the money electronically.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has obligated more than \$44 million to the State of Iowa for eligible work in the COVID-19 response.

These funds were obligated earlier this month, under major disaster declaration (FEMA-4483-DR) approved in late March.

Fire Departments from Avoca, Hancock, and Walnut communities responded to a huge prairie fire northeast of Hancock on Saturday, April 11.

Fires are being discouraged with dry conditions continuing and high winds adding to a dangerous situation.

Third year AHSTW Secondary Principal Steven Sauvain has verbally accepted an offer to go to work for the Green Hills Area Education Agency, pending the acceptance of his resignation from by the AHSTW School Board.

10 YEARS AGO APRIL 16, 2015

Walnut PreK-12th grade Principal and Music Instructor Sarah Kock has been hired as PreK-Sixth principal at A-H-S-T for the 2015-16 school year.

Kock will receive a salary of \$80,000 a year.

The A-H-S-T School Board approved Kock's hiring by a 7-0 vote at their April 8 meeting.

Pottawattamie County is forecast to receive an additional \$1.35 million next year, the county's share of the gas tax increase approved earlier this year by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Terry Branstad.

Earlier this year, the Legislature approved a 10-cent hike in the state's gas tax to generate more money to fix the state's aging roads and bridges - the first such increase in nearly two decades.

15 YEARS AGO APRIL 22, 2010

Many service members who work near the flightline take care of various types of

aircraft and other flightline activities and while they work, they often get hungry.

There's a good chance they've sat down to eat in a flight kitchen managed by Tech Sgt. Rusty Zortman, brother of Richard Zortman of Avoca, and son of Richard Zortman of Sioux City.

Tech Sgt. Zortman is the facility manager for Roy's Flight Kitchen and a member of the 380th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron at Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates.

A-H-S-T's Gunner Gilliland has been selected to play in the Iowa Shrine Bowl Game.

The game will be played Saturday, July 24, 2010 at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames.

Gunner, son of Doyle and Julie Gilliland of Shelby, was a First Team All-State wide receiver for A-H-S-T last fall, and will play football at the University of Nebraska-Omaha this fall.

Dillon Kelley of Troop 97 became Avoca's 83rd Eagle Scout in a ceremony held January 2010, receiving his first palm at a Court of Honor that was held March 28 at the Avoca Legion Hall.

Dillon is the son of Bill and Angie Kelley of Avoca.

He is a ninth grader at A-H-S-T and is involved in football, basketball, vocal, and soccer.

20 YEARS AGO APRIL 21, 2005

Avoca has the honor of having another historic property listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Charles and Lottie Norton House, located at 401 North Chestnut St., was recently added to the official registry of America's historic properties.

The present owners, Brian and Sharon McCutchen, were recently notified by the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office and the U.S. Secretary of the Interior that the designation was awarded to their home of four years.

The A-H-S-T School Board has given approval to the start up of the East Pottawattamie County Regional Academy.

The new academy will serve the college level needs for high school students in the A-H-S-T, Walnut, and Riverside districts sharing in the fall of 2005 and it will run for the first two periods of the day on the A-H-S-T high school campus in Avoca.

A-H-S-T senior Eric Maassen recently signed a letter of intent to play college basket-

ball at Dana College in Blair, Ne.

Maassen led his team to a 20-4 record while being named to the Iowa Newspaper Association's third team allstate squad.

Eric's father Dale, his mother Angie, and Dana's basketball coach were present for the signing.

25 YEARS AGO APRIL 21, 2000

Avoca residents will notice two public notices on page 15 of this issue pertaining to public hearings set for the next regular monthly meeting of the Avoca City Council.

One public hearing on May 2 will include action on a proposed revision to the community's zoning regulations to allow nursing homes/care centers to be constructed in a C-1 (Commercial) area.

Another will center on whether the City of Avoca should adopt by ordinance a portion of the Code of Iowa in Chapter 21 pertaining to traffic violations and the punishment of fines.

The A-H-S-T School Board has approved a settlement with the A-H-S-T Education Association for the district's Master Contract for the 2000-01 school year with total package costs increasing by 4.40 percent of \$106,748.

The local district will only receive a 1.30 percent increase in new money through the state's foundation formula for next year which amounts to just \$39,680.

The rest will have to be made up for through additional budgeting maneuvers by the local Board.

65 YEARS AGO APRIL 22, 1960

Edward M. Kennedy was recently elected president of the Avoca Rotary Club for the 1960-61 year.

Petersen Conoco station in Avoca will give a free kite to every youngster in the family when "Pop" drives in for a fill of gas this Saturday.

Carole Anne Doll, a junior in the AvoHa Schools, is a recipient of an all-expense scholarship granted by the National Science Foundation for study at the State University of Iowa this summer.

The State Small Group Music Contest was held at Anita last Friday and Saturday.

In the vocal music department AvoHa received a I, two IIs, and three IIIs.

The double mixed quartet came home with the proud rating of I.

The mixed quartet consisted of Joan Peck, Carol Jacobsen, Carole Doll, Nancy Piittmann, Lee Johnson, Loren Jacobsen, Jim Havick and Allen Scheel.

Avocans attending a Democratic central meeting in Council Bluffs Tuesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sievers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lippold, and Mr. and Mrs. John Dunley.

125 YEARS AGO APRIL 19, 1900

Miss Grout received orders from Des Moines, Neola, Atlantic, Shelby and Minden last week.

A number of young people were entertained at the home of Roy and Miss Ollie Hetzel last Friday evening, the occasion being a farewell party to Carl Johannsen, who departed Saturday for the Old Country to visit his parents, whom he has not seen for several years.

Mrs. Dutin is in the city visiting her daughter, Allie, this week.

Hugh Pritchard attended use Republican convention at the Bluffs yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Diederich departed for Ashard last week for a visit with her parents.

B.F. Sweet is enjoying a visit from his brother, C.E. Sweet of Fremont, Ne.

Mrs. H.V. Battey is enjoying a visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. O.C. Betterman of Carroll.

Miss Luke Consigny returned home Friday evening from a visit with her parents in Nebraska City and friends in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wright visited in Atlantic over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lemon before their departure for Guthrie Center, their future home.

140 YEARS AGO APRIL 19, 1885

One evening that week as R.G. Harlow stepped out of his house to close his binds, he saw the form of a man stretched out on his cellar door, and the man saw him just about the same time and attempted to spring to his feet.

Harlow caught him by the throat and gave him a good squeeze before he discovered that he had one of the south side's big boys in his grasp.

The lad said he was playing and had hidden there.

It was extremely lucky for him that Harlow did not have a club in his hand.

Five Cub Scouts Cross Over To BSA

On March 30, five Cub Scouts from Pack 97 crossed over into Scouts BSA.

The ceremony was held with fellow Scouts, family, and friends in attendance.

Five Cub Scouts completed the required adventures along with two electives in order to earn their Arrow of Light Rank: Cael Berndt, Wyatt Sieh, Jake Goetsch, Braelyn Yochum, and Leo Ringen.

Scouts received a personalized arrow that symbolized their achievements as a Cub Scout.

With this rank advancement the Scouts earned the opportunity to continue their journey with scouting by crossing over into the Troop.

Boys and girls are eligible to be involved in Scouts BSA.

Leaders are actively trying to start a Girls Troop for the AHSTW district.

If interested in joining Scouts, please contact Becky Mahoney at 402-514-3039 or Becky.Mahoney@scouting.org.



Assistant Sr. Patrol Leader, Morgan Sieh, places the Scout bolo around Cael Berndt as a welcome to Troop 97.



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Supervisors Distribute Forgivable Loan Funds To Towns Across County

(Continued From Page 1) dilapidated site, making it a marketable location for new business development in support of our ongoing downtown revitalization efforts."

The City of Neola used its forgivable loan to make several improvements to the Hall Sports Complex.

Tile was installed to improve drainage along the south side of the park, and erosion control measures were added

along the creek next to the ball fields, city officials said.

The city also upgraded the baseball field, doubled the size of the parking lot and repaired the trail around the complex, which was extended to half a mile.

"The impact on the community has been significant," Mayor Karla Pogge said.

"The park is now frequently visited by walkers, children enjoying the playground and individuals

using the soccer and ball fields.

The newly landscaped walking path around the park with added shrubs, grasses and flowers has enhanced the area's beauty and safety. The park is now a more pleasant and secure place for the community to gather."

The City of Oakland used its loan to assemble an amphitheater in Chautauqua Park with a covered platform, concrete base and electrical service, according to City Administrator Marissa Lockwood.

The facility will be used for live performances and community events, she said.

"We are excited to be able to



The new amphitheater in Chautauqua Park in Oakland.

provide this entertainment and gathering space for our community to come together for events in Chautauqua Park," Lockwood said. "We are grateful to Pottawattamie County and the board of supervisors for providing this forgivable loan to complete a 'want' that has been on our list for quite a few years."

Vikes Pick Up Golf Win Over Eagles

The AHSTW Vikings beat Underwood but lost to Treynor in golf action this past week.

AHSTW vs. Underwood
The AHSTW Viking Golf Team won 188-196 over Underwood in home action last Friday, April 11.

Drew Lee was medalist with a 39 and Zachary Nielsen was runner-up with a 44.

Other individual Vike scores include:
Kavin Rold.....52
Tyson Osbahr.....53

Cash Freeman54
Kaden Jorgensen.....55

AHSTW vs. Treynor
The AHSTW Viking Golf Team lost 196-193 to Treynor in home action Monday, April 14.

Individual scores for the Vikes were:

Kaden Jorgensen.....46
Cash Freeman.....48

Drew Lee.....49
Tyson Osbahr.....53

Zachary Nielsen.....56
Kavin Rold.....58

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