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Pilcher Hardware 1920-1930. Second Street, Ida Grove.

IDA ITEMS

5 years ago

Mark Leonard of Holstein addressed Ida County Republicans prior to the official start of the party's caucus in Holstein on Feb. 3. According to the Iowa Republican Party website, Ida Republicans cast 133 votes for President Donald Trump, one vote for William Weld and one vote was listed in the other candidate's category. Ida County Democrats gathered in two locations, Holstein and Ida Grove, for their presidential year caucus on Feb. 3. Caucus goes at the Ida Grove location listened to a speaker prior to selecting their favorite candidates. According to the Iowa Democratic Party website, Ida County Democrats favored Pete Buttigieg with 58 votes. He was followed by Joe Biden, 48; Amy Klobuchar, 25; Bernie Sanders, 12; Elizabeth Warren, one; and uncommitted, one.

10 years ago

The Ridge View boys' basketball team won two of its three games last week to close out the regular season with a 17-4 record. The 17 wins marked the first winning season for Ridge View since Galva-Holstein and Schaller-Crestland began sharing boys' basketball during the 2009-10 season. Ridge View bounced back from its loss to MV-A-O in the championship game of the WVC tournament with a 66-53 win over Storm Lake St. Mary's in Schaller on Feb. 9.

Jackson Graff led the way with 22 points. Ryan Currie had a nice game inside with 10 points, and Buddy Lamp hit three threes for nine points. Logan Richard had six points and Zach Tokheim had five points and eight rebounds.

15 years ago

The Galva-Holstein dance team earned the first-place small school hoopla trophy, second-place small school novelty trophy, and a Division I rating in small school prop at the 2010 Iowa Dance/Drill Team Association Championships.

Due to heavy snowfall this winter, a large herd of deer has been making its way from Moorehead Park along the Maple River to the Farmer's Co-op Elevator corn pile each evening. The herd has been estimated at around 200 head.

The Galva-Holstein School Board formally accepted the resignation of Dr. Harold Post. His resignation is effective June 30. He was thanked for his 36 years of service to the district.

The Cinnamon Stone coffee house, located at 103 Washington St. in Ida Grove, is open for business. The business features specialty coffees and teas, homemade sandwiches, soup and baked goods. Owners are Jennifer Gaskins and Erin James.

20 years ago

The Galva-Holstein Education Association presented its contract proposal to the school board on Feb. 14, asking for a \$950 increase in the base salary. The pro-

posed increase would raise the base salary to \$23,650, a 5 percent increase.

The Odebolt-Arthur Education Association presented its contract proposal to the school board on Feb. 8, asking for a \$1,300 increase in the base salary. The proposed increase would raise the base salary to \$25,250.

25 years ago

The Battle Creek City Council voted against re-entering countywide law during a special meeting. The city's share of countywide law, if it re-entered, would be \$49,096. Battle Creek Police Chief Brian Thompson's proposed budget for the next fiscal year is \$51,270 plus additional costs for insurance.

The Ida Grove City Council instructed Kuehl and Payer Engineering to put together a proposal for an exploratory well drilling program along the Maple River near town, in an effort to find another, high-producing water well to replace the city's contaminated well number three. The estimate to find a new well and run piping three miles is \$300,000.

Holstein City Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Shropshire has resigned. City Clerk Dave Ehler said the city hopes to have a new director hired by March 15.

30 years ago

The Ida Grove Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for Family Drug during the grand opening of its new store in Oak Grove Plaza.

The Battle Creek-Ida

Grove School District presented its contract counter-proposal to the BC-IG Education Association on Feb. 8, requesting base salaries remain at \$19,650. The education association had requested a \$400 increase in base salary.

35 years ago

Kurt Duitsman and his father, Robert Duitsman, both of Arthur, were tapped state champion conservation tillage corn growers during the Iowa Crop Improvement Association's annual banquet.

The Ida County Conservation Board is accepting applications for a new full-time position of naturalist. The duties of the naturalist will include developing environmental education programs within the county.

The Battle Creek Commercial Club has started making plans for the community's 125th birthday celebration this summer. The event will be observed during the community's annual Fourth of July celebration July 3-4.

Bob Paulsrud, Ida County Extension agriculturist, has been appointed acting Ida County Extension director. He will serve as acting director until a new director is hired. Former director Roger Jensen resigned, effective Jan. 31, to take over as Sac County Extension director.

40 years ago

GOMACO unveils plans for a new facility on a tract of land just east of Ida Grove along Highway 59/175. The proposed new building, (continued on page A5)

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

Which two pro football quarterbacks have won Super Bowls with two different teams? Answer: Peyton Manning and Tom Brady.

Manning won a Super Bowl with the Indianapolis Colts and the Denver Broncos. Brady won Super Bowls with the New England Patriots and one with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

(Kurt Warner won a Super Bowl with the St. Louis Rams and lost one with the Arizona Cardinals. Craig Morton led the Dallas Cowboys and the Denver Broncos to a Super Bowl, losing both times.)

Which two pro football teams have been to the Super Bowl four times, and lost all four? Answer: The Minnesota Vikings and Buffalo Bills. (The Vikings lost the Super Bowl in 1970, 1974, 1975, and 1977. Buffalo is the only team to appear in four consecutive Super Bowls, but lost all four, from 1991 to 1994).

This week's trivia questions:

What popular website made its debut on Valentine's Day in 2005?

What state produces most of America's red roses?

Feb. 12 is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday; Feb. 13 is Galentine's Day, and National Cheddar Day; Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day, Library Lover's Day, and Organ Donor Day; Feb. 15 is International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day; Feb. 16 is National Almond Day, and World Whale Day; Feb. 17 is Presidents' Day, and National Tennis Pro Day; Feb. 18 is Pluto Day, and Drink Wine Day.

"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

— 1 Samuel 16:7

"Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own troubles be sufficient for the day."

— Jesus

"We love because He first loved us."

— 1 John 4:19

My new girlfriend works at the zoo. She's a keeper.

Just went on a date with a welder. Man, were the sparks flying.

Did you hear about the banker who broke up with his girlfriend? He was losing interest.

You should never date a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.

I used to date a weather forecaster. We had a stormy relationship.

Two territories became U.S. states on Valentine's Day. Oregon became the 33rd state on Feb. 14, 1859, even if its residents didn't know it right away. (It took a full month for the news to travel across the country via a combination of telegraph, stagecoach, and steamship). Exactly 53 years later on Feb. 14, 1912, Arizona became the 48th state.

In 1929, the Saint Valentine's Day Massacre happened in Chicago. Seven members of Chicago's North Side Gang were gathered at a garage on Feb. 14, 1929. They were shot by four unknown assailants, two of whom were disguised as police officers.

The murders resulted from the competition for control of organized crime in the city, during Prohibition. The largely Irish North Siders were headed by George "Bugs" Moran, and their largely Italian Chicago Outfit rivals were led by Al Capone.

The perpetrators have never been conclusively identified, but former members of a gang working for Capone are suspected of involvement.

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