

TURN BACK TIME...



MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME - With sunny skies for the first time in about a month, Ida County farmers are going down to dusk in an effort to catch up on field work. Enoch Johnson, of Arthur, is shown with a new machine that picks up the hay after rain has flattened the crop, after it has been cut. After using this machine, the hay is baled as usual. **1965**

IDA ITEMS

5 years ago

As a precautionary measure related to COVID-19, Ridge View school officials postponed a portion of the school’s scheduled homecoming activities last week. The homecoming parade, coronation, and other homecoming activities scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 17, were postponed. A new date for the activities has not been determined. The football game Friday, Sept. 18, against Logan-Magnolia was canceled. There has been no decision on any other football games.

OABCIG’s Cooper DeJean returned the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, and the Falcons never looked back in defeating district foe East Sac County 55-7 on Friday night in Ida Grove. Wide receiver Cameron Sharkey caught two passes for 115 yards and two touchdowns. The victory marked 17th consecutive win for OABCIG, ranked first in the state in Class 1A, dating back to last year’s 13-0 state championship season.

10 years ago

Ridge View scored the final 28 points of the game, all in the second half, to defeat O-A/BC-IG 42-10 in the Raptors’ homecoming contest Friday. The non-district contest marked the fourth consecutive year that Ridge View has beaten O-A/BC-IG.

Joe Kenny and Afton Wulf were crowned Ridge View homecoming king and queen during Thurs-

day’s pep rally and coronation ceremony. Joe is the son of Keith Kenny and Mary Hamilton. Afton is the daughter of Kelby and Joy Wulf.

15 years ago

The Holstein City Council accepted the low bid of \$166,052 from Godbersen-Smith Construction of Ida Grove to construct the city’s trail. Work should begin in the next few weeks.

Assembly work began last weekend on the new dual pool slide on the northwest corner of the Ida Grove outdoor swimming pool. The installation is expected to take about 10 days.

The Great Annual Model A Ride Around Iowa was overnight in Ida Grove last week. More than 40 Model A Ford cars were part of this year’s tour.

The Ida Grove Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for H&R Block, owned by Joan Bengford, as part of a celebration of H&R’s move to a new location on Second Street.

Brianna Butcher, of Butcher Farms in Holstein, showed the grand champion Yorkshire female and the grand champion Yorkshire market hog at the Clay County Fair in Spencer last week.

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Taking the department through an accreditation process was tossed around during the Ida County Public Safety and Communications Commission meeting on Sept. 20. Sheriff Wade

Harriman said the accreditation would decrease liability insurance costs for the department by \$5,000 and greatly increase the department’s chances of getting grants.

The Ida County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution amending a previous resolution that set the tax exemption schedule for Quad County Corn Processors ethanol plant. The new resolution amends the tax exemption rate to 100 percent for 10 years.

25 years ago

The drought is responsible for an earlier-than-usual harvest season. Iowa State University Crop Specialist Tony Weiss said the fall harvest season began with early chopping of silage. Weiss said chopping for silage doesn’t normally begin until mid-September, but he heard reports of chopping in the Holstein area in mid-August. Elvin Schimmer, of Galva, who has been farming since 1962, said this year’s crop is the worst he has had. A crop adjuster estimates Schimmer’s cornfields will yield about 65 bushels per acre.

At the request of the Ida County Board of Supervisors, the State Fire Marshal’s Office has prohibited open burning in Ida County. The ban, put in place because of dry conditions in the county, began Sept. 15 and will last until the fire marshal lifts the ban.

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The Galva City Council decided to conduct a city-

wide income survey in an effort to receive a community development block grant. The survey will show how many residents earn low-to-moderate incomes.

Like school districts searching for a way to better serve their residents by combining forces, the Catholic Diocese of Sioux City has come up with a plan to merge several parishes in northwest Iowa, including Ida Grove and Holstein.

35 years ago

The Arthur City Council approved plans from Steve King Construction for conducting dirt work on the city’s new ball field. The council requested the work be completed this fall. On a related item, council member Marge Lippincott will organize volunteers to draft plans for a playground to be located across the street from the ball field.

Ray Drey was elected president of the Ida Grove School Board. Roger Jepsen was elected vice president. Mason Fleenor and Randy Miller were sworn in as new members.

The Anthon First Trust and Savings Bank and Alta First Trust and Savings Bank have entered into an agreement to merge with Heritage Bank of Holstein. The acquisition of the banks in Anthon and Alta will take place subject to approval by regulatory agencies.

Randy Hustedt met with the Galva-Holstein School (continued on page A5)

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week’s trivia questions:

What nickname was given to a group of A-list singers and actors, in the late 1950s and early 1960s, including Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr.? Answer: the Rat Pack.

What nickname was given to a group of A-list actors in the 1980s, including Rob Lowe, Demi Moore, Emilio Estevez, and Molly Ringwald? Answer: the Brat Pack.

This week’s trivia questions:

What 1969 movie stars Robert Redford and Paul Newman as a pair of outlaws, on the run after pulling off a string of train robberies?

What 1976 movie stars Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman as Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, two journalists investigating the Watergate scandal that ended the presidency of Richard Nixon?

Sept. 24 is National Women’s Health and Fitness Day; Sept. 25 is National Cooking Day, National Daughters Day, and World Pharmacist Day; Sept. 26 is National Pancake Day, and National Key Lime Pie Day; Sept. 27 is National Hunting & Fishing Day, World Tourism Day, and International Rabbit Day; Sept. 28 is National Sons Day, and World Rivers Day; Sept. 29 is National Coffee Day, and World Heart Day; Sept. 30 is Orange Shirt Day, and National Love People Day.

This week is National Farm Safety & Health Week.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

– Proverbs 3:5-6

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

– Ephesians 2:10

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

– John 14:6

Funny quotes from the world of sports:

“I resigned as a football coach because of illness and fatigue. The fans were sick and tired of me.”

– John Ralston

“Everything in our favor was against us.”

– Danny Blanchflower

“They are the second best team in the world, there’s no higher praise than that.”

– Kevin Keegan

“When you’ve got a mountain to climb, you may as well throw everything into the kitchen sink”

– David Pleat

“I think they’ll win by at least one point.”

– Kenny Sansom

“I don’t make predictions, and I never will”

– Paul Gascoigne

“I told my kid, ‘Don’t worry about your grades. You just have to win the game!’”

– Bill Murray

The Greenland shark is the longest-living vertebrate on Earth, with a lifespan of between 300-500 years. (These sharks are slow-moving and sluggish, and have few predators due to their thick skin and large size.)

The Mayfly, an aquatic insect, has a lifespan of about 24 hours. (In this short amount of time, the female will usually undergo mating to lay eggs.)



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