

Chapter T of TTT meeting

Chapter T of TTT met Feb. 19 following concession stand duties at the L-M Elementary cafeteria. Six members were present.

President Jill Hoben called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. January minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

The budget committee reported Feb. 23

will be the final game before profits are totaled.

In new business, members will decide convention delegates and monetary gifts at the March meeting.

Karen Schaapveld will provide a hard copy of the by-laws for review and submit a memorial photo for Judy Carlson.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 19, at 5:30 p.m. at Letts United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Karen Schaapveld, recording secretary.

Louisa County readies 250th anniversary celebrations

Louisa County Conservation and Louisa County Libraries are inviting residents to participate in a yearlong celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary.

Residents may pick up a "passport to Louisa County" at local libraries, featuring attraction checklists, challenges and upcoming programs.

The first event will be held Sunday, March 8, at 1 p.m. at the Columbus Junction Public Library.

Historian Laura Keyes will present "The Founding Mothers," highlighting women who helped shape the nation. The event is free and open to the public.

Faulkner *From page 1B*

all-district in football as a wide receiver, and he runs track as well.

Coach's Impact

Faulkner may have developed skills through AAU and auxiliary programs. But his high school coach, Wapello grad Andy Rohr, had a bigger impact.

"My coach also played a really big part" in his success, Faulkner said. "I played under a lot of coaches, and he was the best one I played for."

"He trusted me; he valued me as a player. I feel like he never gave wrong advice."

But, just as importantly, "He listened; he heard my opinion. It wasn't just what he wanted. I really enjoyed

playing for him."

The feeling was mutual. "First and foremost, he is a great young man," Rohr said. "It goes beyond just basketball. My three kids have grown up in the gym and have been around Justyn since he got here. They love him."

"To me, how you treat kids and the people who look up to you tells a lot about a person and how far they'll go in life."

Rohr said Faulkner isn't just athletic. "He has book smarts and street intelligence. That comes in big on the court."

Rohr said Faulkner is a true point guard, which led to the high assist total. "If he needs to score, he will get to the rim," Rohr said. "If someone is having a (good) night, he makes sure they get the ball."

Faulkner may have credited Lanz for improving his leadership skills, but Rohr said that Faulkner "was a huge piece in Jackson Lanz scoring 40-plus four times and breaking our single record with 47."

Next up for Faulkner is college. He's not sure where, but he's looking at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. He hopes to play basketball there and get a degree in athletic training or sports medicine.

Wapello students earn top honors at district speech

Wapello students competed at the IHSSA District Speech contest in Fairfield.

Jay Henshaw received a Division II rating in Solo Musical Theatre for "Little Girls" from Annie.

Students earning Division I ratings and advancing to the state contest in Vinton-Shellsburg are: Lexi Brown (Storytelling and Solo Musical Theatre), Emma Holmes (Prose), Haleigh Laud (Radio News Announcing), Lily Spencer (Poetry) and Zoe Spencer (Poetry).

Faulkner offered this advice for younger Wapello athletes: "Continue to work hard and don't give your-

self a reason to regret in the future so you don't have any regrets later."

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