

The OABCIG Falcon Frontline



OABCIG Middle School Wrestling

OABCIG middle school wrestling: Front from left to right: Elcie Bengford, Bentlie Wilcox, Noah Curiel, Kuper Case, Darrel Bobzien, James Bergman, Joseph Bergman. Back row from left to right: Juliet Bergman, Kymbler Jepsen, Makayla Ulrich, Colt Blackmore, Kruz Case, Jaxon Raasch, Kirk Harman, Kaidyn Henningsen. Not pictured: Jaxson Weitl, Natalie Siegner, Lexi Barbeau.

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Left to right: Miss Rehse, Mrs. Ladwig, Mrs. Duff and Mrs. Masters.



Left to right: Mr. Mogensen, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Hemer and Mr. Dougherty.

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Odebolt Elementary First Spelling Bee

On Friday, March 6 the Odebolt Elementary hosted its very first Spelling Bee for students in grades 1-5.

During the second week of February, classroom teachers held written spelling tests featuring 25 words from the Scripps National Spelling Bee study lists. From those tests, the top two spellers in each classroom advanced to represent their class in the Spelling Bee.

To prepare for the big competition, students studied an impressive list of 450 words in hopes of spelling their way to the top! Their dedication and hard work were truly impressive. Congratulations to all of the contestants for earning a spot in the school competition.

The students from each grade are as follows: 1st Lainey Weber and Kreed Schultz. 2nd Chloe Lampman and Jude Lindgren, 3rd Evelyn Larson and Ella Roeder. 4th Audrie Down and Larson Weber. 5th Blaire Thies and Harlow Youngren.

The first-ever overall Odebolt Spelling Bee Champion is Harlow Youngren! Harlow now has the opportunity to advance and participate in the Regional Spelling Bee Saturday, March 7 at Living History Farms in Urbandale, Iowa.

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2026 Hike-Bike-A-Thon Planned

The Whitey Thompson Hike-Bike-A-Thon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6. The event will start and end downtown Ida Grove in the United Bank of Iowa parking lot. Participants will walk or bike on the Pleasant Valley trail and enjoy activities along the route. All proceeds of the event will go to OABCIG Dollars for Scholars to fund scholarships for OABCIG students.

United Bank of Iowa, the event sponsor, kicked off Hike Bike at the schools on Feb. 26 by providing a video for the teachers to share with the students explaining the event and encouraging students to participate. Each student in the elementary and middle schools has been given a packet of sponsor letters. High school students can pick up Hike Bike packets in the office. Packets are also available at the United Bank of Iowa offices in Ida Grove, Arthur, and Odebolt.

Each packet contains 16 pre-written letters. Students can participate in the event by simply completing the sponsor letters and returning their completed packet to United Bank of Iowa or the school by the March 20 deadline. Since the letters are already written, all students need to do is sign their name on the letters and address them to fam-

ily and friends. United Bank of Iowa will send all the letters in one mass mailing. Students who complete 15 letters get a free event T-Shirt. Students can also submit a design for the Hike Bike T-shirt. Additional information on safety, transportation, and more prizes is included in the packet. For more information, contact Taylor Hemer at United Bank of Iowa.

In 2025, 577 participants of the Whitey Thompson Hike-Bike-A-Thon raised \$88,421.81 in donations, a new record! Over the past 31 years, Hike-Bike has donated \$1,327,698.06 toward scholarships.

OABCIG Dollars for Scholars awarded \$336,825 in scholarships to 52 seniors in 2025. The scholarship foundation has awarded \$4,709,822 in scholarships to 1,697 graduates since it was established in 1994.

Northwest Iowa League of Cities Scholarship

The Northwest Iowa League of Cities is offering a 2026 Regional Scholarship to High School Seniors.

Supporting the next generation of leaders is key to strong communities! The Northwest Iowa League of Cities is proud to announce our High School Senior Scholarship Program.

Who can apply?

High school seniors in Northwest Iowa League member communities pursuing post-secondary education or training in fields that may lead to city government careers—like public administration, water/wastewater, law enforcement, firefighting, EMS, city planning, public engineering, and more.

How to apply:

Contact your City Hall for an application

Or email Angela Duitsman at angela@fondaiowa.com

Deadline: April 15, 2026

Scholarships: Up to five awards of \$1,000 each! (Funded entirely through private & commercial fundraising)

The Northwest Iowa League of Cities brings together leaders from over 100 cities across 27 counties to improve public services through education, networking, and shared experience.

OABCIG FFA Banquet

The OABCIG FFA Banquet has been set for Tuesday, March 24th with the meal starting at 6pm in the Cafeteria and awards starting at 7pm in the auditorium. The school encourages all members to come out and celebrate all of their successes this past year! The meal this year is to be free will donation.

Proud to support OABCIG students!

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