



# East Sac County

# RAIDER REVIEW



The Raiders Athletic Booster club presented the East Sac Dance Corps members who performed for the All Iowa Drill Team at the state basketball tournament with a monogrammed blanket. Pictured are the All Iowa members Lauren Grindle, Lillian Lode, Paige Polzien, Katelyn Schmitt, Sophia Villegas and Libbie Veit, with Raiders Athletic Booster Club secretary Dale Wegner.

Photo courtesy of John Smith



## Shrine Bowl Media Day

East Sac County Raiders' cheerleaders Paris McCrea (left) and Jillian Pope (right) attended the Shrine Bowl Media Day on March 10 in Sioux City. They had the opportunity to meet other participants in this year's Shrine Bowl, scheduled for July 26 at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls. The cheerleaders will be working hard to raise money for Shriners Children's Hospitals, contacting local businesses and organizations for their support.

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## All Star Game

Sarah Bontrager was chosen to represent and play for the 2A Team in the Larry Niemeyer All Star Game sponsored by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association. Many of the top players in the State of Iowa participated in the games held at Cedar Falls High School on Saturday, March 14th.

Sarah was chosen on the merits of her play throughout the season as one of the top perimeter shooters in class 2A. Sarah was 9th in 3 point shots made with 63. Her 3 point shooting percentage among all the top shooters was the best in class 2A at 40.1%. Sarah averaged 13 ppg on the season to end her ESC basketball career.

## ESC Board approves Resignations & Contracts

Several personnel items were dealt with during the March 16 East Sac County School Board meeting.

Two secretaries for the district resigned. Brianna Pierce, high school secretary, resigned, effective March 13. Lisa Phillips, activities director secretary, has her resignation effective at the end of the school year.

Several contracts were approved by the school board. Paige Lubbert will be a math teacher for the district, starting in the 2026-27 school year. Joselyn Ayala will be a fourth grade teacher starting in the 2026-27 school year.

Other contracts include: Jodi Reese, high school musical; Susan Groth, middle school student council; Josie Morris, high school play; and Sasha Bumsted, associate.

The district approved a new contract with the teachers. Contracts were then offered to the staff, to be accepted or refused.

In the new contract, teachers will receive a total increase of 4.6 percent including retention bonuses; 4.0 percent without bonuses (sal-

ary, insurance premium increases; 2.5 percent minimum salary increase for each staff member from current salary, maintaining current educational lane salary, and will cover the estimated 9.99 percent health insurance increase in premium; and a signing bonus of \$250 plus \$25 for each year of service, to be paid in November for any returning teacher who turns their contract in within five days of issuance.

Classified staff will receive a total increase of 4.9 percent including retention bonuses. That's a 4.1 percent average salary increase to those who do not receive health insurance benefits (going from \$15.10 to \$15.70 per hour). The proposed new starting wage for classified positions is \$15.50 per hour next school year. For those who do receive health insurance benefits, it's a 2.7 percent average salary increase. There is a signing bonus of \$100 plus \$25 for each year service. Administrative staff will receive a total increase of 3.8 percent, including retention bonuses (3.5 percent without bonuses). That's a 1.7 percent average salary increase for administrators from current salary, and will cover the estimated 9.99 percent health insurance increase in premiums. There's a signing bonus of \$250 plus \$25 for each year of service.

Coaches in the district will receive a total increase of 7.0 percent.

Sharing contracts for East Sac County were also approved. Teaching positions: Teresa Bettin, librarian, is shared 10 percent with Ar-We-Va; Kathy Schmitt, English Language Learner, is shared 10 percent with Ar-We-Va. Administrative contracts: Nathan Hemiller, superintendent, is shared 25 percent with Ar-We-Va; Tyler Ruse, human resources, is shared 20 percent with Ar-We-Va. Support staff: Steve Nuetzman, maintenance director, is shared 50 percent with Ar-We-Va; George Athan, school resource officer, is shared 20 percent with the City of Lake View.



## ESC Students chosen for All-State

Two East Sac County speech contestants have been selected to participate in All-State. This marks the first time in school history that two East Sac students were chosen. Emma Carico (left) is going for Musical Theatre, performing, "I dreamed a dream" from Les Miserables. Paige Hout (center) is going for Interpretative Poetry, performing poems she wrote herself. They are pictured with their coach, Cassondra Schachtner.

Photo by Dale Wegner, The Sac Sun

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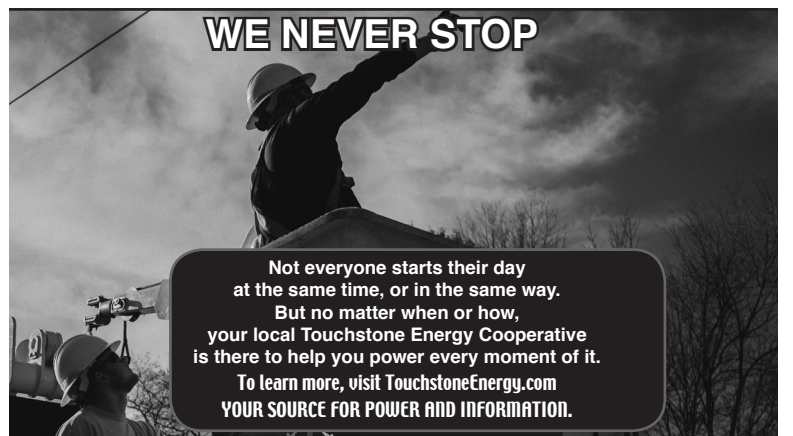
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