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SB-L Graduation Set for May 17

(SBA) - Family, friends and community members are invited to come together and celebrate a major milestone as the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Graduation Ceremonies take place on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 2 to 3 p.m. The ceremony will be held outdoors at the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Senior High School FB Field/Track, providing a memorable setting to honor the Class

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WEEKLY FUEL REPORT



Gas prices jump in 39 states with signals of more ahead

(SBA) - The nation's average price of gasoline has risen 7.0 cents over the last week and stands at \$4.04 per gallon, according to GasBuddy® data compiled from more than 12 million individual price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. The national average is up 5.7

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5 DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

May 7, 2026	(2%)
PARTLY CLOUDY	HIGH: 72° LOW: 40°
May 8, 2026	(1%)
PARTLY CLOUDY	HIGH: 71° LOW: 42°
May 9, 2026	(27%)
PARTLY CLOUDY	HIGH: 75° LOW: 45°
May 10, 2026	(13%)
PARTLY CLOUDY	HIGH: 73° LOW: 45°
May 11, 2026	(27%)
PARTLY CLOUDY	HIGH: 78° LOW: 50°

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SBL Management Team Gains National Experience at ProStart Invitational

(SBA) BALTIMORE — Facing off against some of the largest and best resourced high schools in the country, the Sergeant Bluff-Luton High School ProStart management team proved it belongs on the national stage with a strong performance at the 2026 National ProStart Invitational, held April 24–26 at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront.

The team finished 35th nationally in the highly competitive restaurant management division, earning its spot at the invitational after capturing the Iowa ProStart Management championship in March.

The National ProStart In-

vitational (NPSI) is the premier high school culinary arts and restaurant management competition in the United States. Each year, more than 400 students from nearly every state advance to the national event after winning their respective state competitions.

At nationals, students compete in two primary categories: Culinary and Management. SBL's Management team was required to develop a fully realized restaurant concept and present it to a panel of industry judges. Teams are evaluated on concept development, menu design, operations, marketing

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Andrea Kuhl, SBL-FCS teacher; Gabe Hernandez, Amber Sweum, Ayson Galinsky, Alan Cunningham, and Ryleigh Hansen (Photo submitted).

SBL Quiz Bowl Team Tests Skills on National Stage

(SBA) - Competing on the national stage is an accomplishment very few high school academic teams ever achieve, and this year's Sergeant Bluff-Luton Quiz Bowl team earned that opportunity by qualifying for the April 24, 2026 National Quiz Bowl Championships. Facing some of the best small-school academic teams from across the country, the Warriors competed against 90 qualifying schools from throughout the United States in an environment far more intense and demanding than anything they had previously experienced at the state level.

While Sergeant Bluff-Luton officially finished 80th in the Small School division, the final ranking does not fully reflect how competitive the team truly was throughout



(L-R) Tyler Guthmiller, Kaylynn Preston, Max Kranig, Clayton Dunn, Chloe Barragan, Coach Julie Lovig

the tournament. Several matches came down to just a handful of questions and could have easily swung in the Warriors' favor. One contest even went into sudden death before SBL narrowly fell in a heartbreaking finish. The team also found itself placed in one of the toughest brackets in

the tournament, with multiple opponents eventually advancing into the championship playoff rounds.

The national competition moved at a significantly faster pace than Iowa tournaments, requiring rapid recall, quick teamwork, and the ability to perform un-

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SBL-CSD Honors School Board Members During School Board Recognition Month

(SBA) - May is School Board Recognition Month, a time to honor the dedicated leaders whose service makes a lasting difference for students, schools, and communities. This year's theme, "Because of You," highlights the impact of school board members across Iowa. The Iowa Association of School Boards designates this month to recognize the critical role school board members play in shaping the future of education.

As citizen leaders, Sergeant Bluff-Luton School board members take on complex challenges and make decisions that affect every student, staff member, and family in the district. Because of their leadership, students have access to opportunities that support learning, growth, and success.

School board members come from all walks of life, serving their communities while balancing careers. Yet, when they come together as a board, they share a common purpose: to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed. Because of their service, our schools continue to grow stronger.

The Sergeant Bluff-Luton School board consists of five dedicated members who set the vision for education, establish policies, oversee the budget, and champion continuous improvement in student learning. They devote countless hours each year to meetings, preparation, and community engagement. Because of their commitment, our district is able to focus on what matters most—student success.

"Because of our school board mem-

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Sergeant Bluff POPPY DAY May 11 and 16, 2026

The Auxiliary ladies wish to thank all the businesses and people for their generosity.

The local American Legion Post 662 Auxiliary, will be at the Sergeant Bluff Post Office, Monday, May 11, and Fareway Store, Saturday, May 16, after 11 a.m. to accept donations for a poppy to help our veterans.

The SB Legion Auxiliary assists military veterans in many ways, from providing Service Dogs to assisting at Christmas and a host of needs throughout the year.