



More from the Audubon Early Birds

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Top row, from left: Audubon's Karsen Juelsgaard (left photo), Exira-EHK's Rye Butler (center photo) and Kesarina Esa, all in the 100-meter dash.

Bottom left: Kadence Brannan-Sporrer to Celine Owens to begin the final lap of the sprint medley relay for Audubon.

Bottom right: Hayden Larsen in the shot put for Audubon.

PGA

Woods steps away from golf to get healthy

Turns down Ryder Cup captain's job

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Tiger Woods formally turned down the Ryder Cup captaincy Wednesday as he steps away from golf activities, and a Florida judge approved his motion to leave the country to seek treatment.

The developments come one day after Woods entered a not guilty plea to suspicion of driving under the influence when his SUV clipped the back of a trailer and flipped on its side last week on a residential road near his home on Jupiter Island, Florida.

Woods posted a statement Tuesday night saying that he was stepping away indefinitely "to seek treatment and focus on my health."

A motion filed Wednesday by his attorney, Douglas Duncan, asked a judge that Woods be allowed to travel outside the country to begin "comprehensive inpatient treatment."

Duncan said the recommendation from Woods' doctor was based on the golfer's "complex clinical presentation and the urgent need for a level of care that cannot safely or effectively be done within the United States as his privacy has been repeatedly compromised.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kyle Green's fourth stint at Northern Iowa comes with top job, 5-year contract

CEDAR FALLS (AP)

— Kyle Green, who has had three stints as an assistant at Northern Iowa, will return to the Panthers as the head men's basketball coach after spending the past five years on Iowa State's staff.

The school on Wednesday announced Green as the successor to longtime coach Ben Jacobson, who left to take the Utah State job.

UNI athletic director Megan Franklin said Green, whose college coaching career spans more than 30 years across multiple NCAA divisions, agreed to a five-year contract. Terms were not disclosed.

Green was an assistant at UNI under Greg McDermott from 2001-03 and from 2006-11 and 2012-21 under Jacobson. He was head coach at Division III Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 2011-12.



Bonnie Ryan/AP file

FILE — Iowa State assistant coach Kyle Green watches from the bench during the second half of an NCAA college basketball exhibition game against Creighton, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, in Omaha, Neb.

UNI won four Missouri Valley Conference tournaments and three regular-season championships with Green on the staff. He was with the Panthers dur-

ing their 2010 NCAA Sweet 16 run that included upset wins over UNLV and top-seeded Kansas.

"This is more than just a school or job to me and

my family," Green said. "It is a home. A place that has given so much more to our family than we could ever give back. A school with unparalleled history in men's basketball. A tradition built by hall of fame coaches in Eldon Miller, Greg McDermott and Ben Jacobson. Coaches who I am fortunate to say are also mentors of mine. I don't take the honor of carrying the torch forward lightly and cannot wait to get started."

In addition to Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Green has been a head coach at Division II schools Lewis University and Western Colorado.

UNI was 23-13 this past season, won the Missouri Valley tournament and lost to St. John's in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Duke's late-game collapse ends season for team that was good enough to win it all

WASHINGTON (AP)

— Cayden Boozer tried to make one more pass that would seal the win for Duke.

It turned out to be a mistake that cost the Blue Devils their season.

Boozer's turnover in the final seconds led to Braylon Mullins' 3-pointer that gave UConn a 73-72 win over the top-seeded Blue Devils on Sunday. Duke had led by 19 points late in the first half, but it was another excruciating ending. Last year, the Blue Devils lost in the Final Four to Houston after lead-

ing by 14 in the second half and by six with 1:14 to play.

"It's easy to look at that play. I look at every play that happened, especially in that second half. This is not about one play," Duke coach Jon Scheyer said. "It's about every play that put us in that position, and that's what you don't want to do, where one play something could happen."

Duke went 35-3 this season and wasn't that far from being undefeated. The three losses came by a combined five points. The others were 82-81 to Texas Tech

at Madison Square Garden on Dec. 20, when the Blue Devils had led by 17 in the second half, and 71-68 at North Carolina on Feb. 7 on Seth Trimble's 3-pointer with 0.4 seconds left.

The same amount of time left after Mullins' shot Sunday.

Duke was up two when Boozer, being pressured near midcourt, tried to pass to one of two teammates who were open deep. The ball was deflected, and Mullins retrieved it seconds before making the winning

shot.

No. 1 seeds entered Sunday 134-0 when leading by at least 15 points at the half. That number is now 134-1 after Duke was up 44-29 at the break.

Scheyer, who is 124-25 in four seasons since replacing Mike Krzyzewski, has the unfortunate habit of making his losses more and more memorable as time goes by. The former Duke guard, who won the 2010 national championship as a player, was at a bit of a loss for words following this defeat.

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AUDUBON SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Event Date/Time Mar 26, 2026 5:45 PM Location City Hall
OPENING BUSINESS

Agenda Item: Call meeting to order
Minutes: Mayor Lansman called the meeting to order at 5:12pm. Members in attendance were Benton, Christensen, and Wegner. Grabill and Meyer were absent. Others in attendance were Janell Remsburg.

Agenda Item: Approval of agenda
Minutes: Benton motioned Wegner seconded to approve the agenda. ALL AYED.

NEW BUSINESS
Agenda Item: Approve Resolution 2026-15 to accept and publish the revised "Notice to Bidders" for the new fire station
Minutes: Christensen motioned Wegner seconded to approve Resolution 2026-15 to accept and publish the revised "Notice to Bidders" for the new fire station. ALL AYED.

Agenda Item: Approve the letter to IEDA requesting single source procurement for Upper Story Project at 226 Broadway St.
Minutes: Wegner motioned Benton seconded to approve the letter to IEDA requesting single source procurement for Upper Story Project at 226 Broadway St. ALL AYED.

Agenda Item: Discuss Cell Tower lease with Array (formerly US Cellular) with possible action
Minutes: Christensen motioned Wegner seconded to table this until the next regular meeting. ALL AYED. We need to investigate further what happens if tower is abandoned before August 31, 2065, before approving lease agreement.

ADJOURNMENT
Agenda Item: Adjourn
Minutes: Wegner motioned Benton seconded to adjourn at 5:31pm. ALL AYED.
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