

I-Cubs to visit kids at Orient library March 16

Orient Community Library

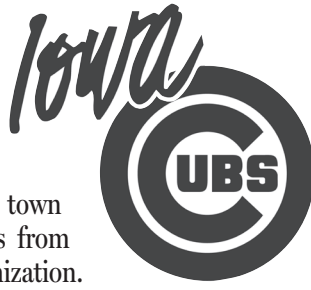
Orient has long been known for its rich baseball tradition. Baseball legend “Dazzy” Vance, also known as “The Orient Express”, started his boyhood here. Well-known for his blazing fastball, Vance played for two major league baseball teams before being inducted into the baseball hall of fame in 1955.

Fast forward to 2011, and success in the sport continued, when Orient-Macksburg’s high school baseball team made its debut appearance in the state baseball tournament in Des Moines. You also can’t drive through Orient without noticing The Dugout Cafe, owned by former Orient-Macksburg baseball coach Louis Cruz — the restaurant is decked out in baseball and softball decor.

Monday, March 16, Orient will host a baseball-themed event as the town welcomes representatives from the Iowa Cubs organization. I-Cubs personnel, along with their famous mascot, Cubbie, will share their love of the sport with children 10 a.m. to noon at the Orient Community Library. I-Cubs staff will read baseball and softball stories and Cubbie will pose for pictures with those in attendance.

Children up to 4 years old are invited to attend for the first hour with older children welcome during the second hour. I-Cubs Director of Communication, Scott Sailor, will be available to visit with middle and high school youth about the wide variety of careers available today in sports.

All area youth are welcome and encouraged to attend



AAU wrestlers flexed muscles at state



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ABOVE: From left, Tyson Hennigar, Bonafacio Rubio and Arik Honnold were middle school wrestlers from Nodaway Valley who also competed at AAU State Wrestling this past weekend at the Casey’s Center. Honnold won the 135-pound state title; other locals did not place.



LEFT: Younger wrestlers who attend Nodaway Valley who also competed at State AAU are from left, Corbin Freese, Declan Johnson and Rayfe Yenzen.

Wrestlers had to qualify for state through placing in the top four a district tournament.

this special story time sports event. The entrance to the library is located on the east side of the O-M elementary school building. The event is free and no pre-registration is required. For more information about the I-Cubs visit, please call the library at 641-745-7441 or e-mail om.community.library@gmail.com.

Following the story time and picture activities, youth are also invited to try out their baseball and softball skills in the school’s gymnasium. There will be hitting, throwing and base running stations set up. All participants must wear clean tennis or sports shoes in order to participate in the skills stations.

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where she could come out and help us on the perimeter, she did.

“Emma was definitely a great addition to the team. She made our jobs as coaches so much easier.”

Other first-team selections were unanimous picks Hailey Randall of Southwest Valley and Izzy Gilbertson of Mount Ayr, along with Rylie Fugate of Martinsdale-St. Marys and Dannie Stewart of Mount Ayr.

Second-team honorees were Ada Lund and Mackenzie Fast of Southwest Valley, Brystal Peck of Wayne, Breegan Lindsey of Central Decatur, Jessica Lillig of Southeast Warren and Jaylee Shaffer of Mount Ayr.

Nelson earns honorable mention

Nelson drew attention in her first season of high school basketball. She ranked third on the team in scoring; second in rebounds and steals; third in blocks, field goals made and field goals attempted; second in field-goal percentage; second in free throws made and attempted; and second in offensive and defensive rebounds.

“Abby’s energy is contagious. She’s just a competitor, a great kid, extremely athletic and she’s got a super bright future ahead of her,” Eischbach said. “It was really good to kind of see her come into her

own. The first couple of games you could see she was maybe nervous or a little hesitant. Then to see her kind of flourish, using her athleticism to cause havoc in our full-court pressure — and she was an animal on the boards offensively and defensively — that was a huge upside to her growth throughout the season.”

Other honorable mentions were Lydia Forsythe of Southwest Valley, Soiyer Smith of Central Decatur, Gwen Nixon of East Union, Reese Reed of Lenox, Carley Franey of Martinsdale-St. Marys, Emma Reynolds of Mount Ayr, Madison Olsasky of Southeast Warren and Ella Whitney of Wayne. Pushing through adversity

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Eischbach said one of the things he was most proud of was how his team battled

Nodaway Valley Girls Basketball (20-3)

Name (grade)	GP	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	Ast	Ste	Blk	Pts	Avg.
Izzy Eischbach (12)	23	270-657	.411	108-128	.844	131	5.7	75	114	27	736	32.0
Emma Boswell (12)	23	118-283	.417	53-101	.525	309	13.4	41	56	41	316	13.7
Abby Nelson (9)	23	74-177	.418	63-104	.606	196	8.5	36	56	23	216	9.4
Ella Boswell (10)	23	26-118	.220	10-69	.263	102	4.4	56	31	2	85	3.7
Sophie Rardin (9)	21	13-51	.255	12-26	.462	31	1.5	7	13	0	46	2.2
Matti Thompson (10)	17	6-35	.171	5-8	.625	6	0.4	5	6	0	21	1.2
Kacie Ford (12)	23	7-40	.175	4-8	.500	93	4.0	6	13	14	21	0.9
Lea Stonebraker (12)	23	6-21	.286	0-0	.000	52	2.3	9	16	0	14	0.6
Mylee Nelson (9)	13	5-11	.455	1-2	.500	7	0.5	3	1	2	12	0.9
Chloe Ohms (9)	18	3-21	.143	0-0	.0-0	33	1.8	5	0	2	7	0.4
Kynnady Van Eaton (12)	11	2-10	.200	0-0	.000	3	0.3	0	1	0	6	0.5
Kaylee Moser (10)	12	1-7	.143	1-2	.500	2	0.2	1	0	0	4	0.3
Caroline Britten (12)	12	1-9	.111	0-2	.000	2	0.2	3	0	0	3	0.3
Alba Gillespie (9)	12	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	5	0.4	0	1	0	2	0.2
Kennedy Darily (9)	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Taryn Gutierrez (10)	7	0-9	.000	0-0	.000	4	0.6	2	2	0	0	0.0
Team Totals		533-1,455	.366	270-417	.647	556	43.6	249	310	111	1,489	64.7

Three-point field goals-made-attempted-percentage (153-for-581, .263) — Izzy Eischbach 88-263, .335; Emma Boswell 27-87, .310; Ella Boswell 10-69, .145; Sofie Rardin 8-34, .235; Abby Nelson 5-31, .161; Matti Thompson 4-29, .138; Kacie Ford 3-16, .212; Lea Stonebraker 2-13, .154; Kynnady Van Eaton 2-5, .400; Caroline Britten 1-6, .167; Kaylee Moser 1-5, .200; Mylee Nelson 1-2, .500; Taryn Gutierrez 0-5, .000; Alba Gillespie 0-3, .000.

through adversity down the stretch. The Wolverines dealt with injuries and illness over the final seven or eight games but continued to compete.

“Emma and Izzy both had their fair share of injuries, and that’s something not everybody takes into account when you lose a game in Earlham,” he said. “But they kept fighting. To watch the growth and confidence from the first game when we lose to Mount Ayr to going down to their place and having a

good-sized lead — then it dwindled — but they didn’t cower. They kept fighting and found a way.

“As an adult working with kids, the winning is a phenomenal feeling, but how all these kids got out of their comfort zone this year, whether they know it or not, [is impressive].”

Eischbach said this senior class was special.

Kynnady Van Eaton and Caroline Britten each overcame at least one “catastrophic” knee injury and still finished their careers, willing to play key junior varsity minutes for the betterment of the team. Lea Stonebraker and Kacie Ford brought a willingness to be physical — Eischbach called Stonebraker the “charge magnet.”

“Every one of those kids did what we needed them to do. They all did their job. They did it to the best of their abilities,” Eischbach said. “As a coach, that’s all you can ask for.”

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Iowa District Court for Adair County

In the Matter of the Estate of Cynthia Lee Baldogo, deceased.

Case No. 05011

Probate No. ESRP009871

Notice of Probate of Will and Appointment of Executor and Notice to Creditors

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Cynthia Lee Baldogo, deceased, who died on or about February 18, 2022.

You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of February, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Cynthia Lee Baldogo, deceased, bearing the date of the 30th day of May, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Alden W. Baldogo was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of the above county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

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Dated this 19th day of February, 2026.

Alden W. Baldogo, Executor

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Date of second publication: March 4, 2026.

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR ADAIR COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DORIS BREWER, Deceased.

CASE NO. ESRP009828

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Doris Brewer, Deceased, who died on or about February 23, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on April 17, 2025, the last will and testament of Doris Brewer, deceased, bearing date of March 6, 1998, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Alan Brewer was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must

be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated February 25, 2026.

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Nodaway Valley Community School District

Regular Board of Directors' Meeting

02/11/2026 05:00 PM

Nodaway Valley Middle School

Media Center

112 1st Street, Fontanelle, IA 50846

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members

Ms. Kristen Jensen, Board President

Ms. Susan Stevens, Board Vice President

Ms. Molly Herrick, Board Member

Mr. Daniel Shilling, Board Member

Mr. Adam Woosley, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Pam Stangeland, Superintendent

Ms. Amanda Cox, Board Secretary

Mr. James Larson, Elementary Principal

Ms. Sara Honnold, MS Principal / Activities Director

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Secretary Cox administered roll call:

Ms. Molly Herrick - here

Mr. Daniel Shilling - here

Mr. Adam Woosley - here

Ms. Susan Stevens - here

Ms. Kristen Jensen - here

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda as posted.

Motion made by: Ms. Susan Stevens

Motion seconded by: Ms. Molly

Herrick

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

IV. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026-27 SCHOOL CALENDAR

President Jensen opened the public hearing on the 2026-27 school calendar at 5:01 pm. Superintendent Stangeland told the board what was changing from 2025-26 to 2026-27. The board asked Superintendent Stangeland any questions that they had. President Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:04 pm.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ON DIRECTOR DISTRICT CHANGE

President Jensen opened the public hearing on the director district change at 5:04 pm. The general consensus of the school board was to go with option #3. President Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:06 pm.

VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

VII. RECEIVE WRITTEN COMMUNICATION AND NOTICE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

VIII. PROGRAMS

A. BOARD LEARNING

Reverend Melinda Stonebraker and Mr. Sam Schwartz talked to the board about the Hope Squad. As part of Brain Health Matters and Adair County Healthy Connections, Reverend Stonebraker and Mr. Schwartz are advocating that NVCS students have access to Hope Squad materials,

resources, and supports.

B. Site LogIQ Presentation

Site LogIQ’s team presented to the school board additional details regarding the proposed facilities upgrade options.

C. FOCUS ON STUDENT/DISABILITY SERVICES

IX. CONSENT AGENDA. APPROVAL OF ...

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by: Ms. Susan Stevens

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

A. BOARD MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8TH AND JANUARY 14TH

B. SUMMARY OF LIST OF BILLS

C. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

D. RESIGNATIONS/HIRES

E. VOLUNTEERS

F. OPEN ENROLLMENTS

G. FUNDRAISERS

X. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVE BOARD POLICIES

A motion was made to approve the board policies presented.

Motion made by: Ms. Susan Stevens

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. APPROVE CHANGE IN CONTRACT LANGUAGE

A motion was made to approve the change in contract language for the SBO position. We believe this was an