Building Bluebird Houses at Lake Meyer

A group of 43 dairy producers participated in a California Dairy Tour organized by the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation from March 5-10 to learn more about dairy operations in California, which is currently the number one dairy production state in the U.S. Members of the tour group – who collectively manage 4,314 milk cows in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois – met with representatives of the Western United Dairymen, toured dairies in Escalon, Oakdale and Hill, CA., and observed the many environmental challenges facing the state, particularly with severe drought conditions and water restrictions.

The California Dairy Tour is a way for our Dairy Foundation to give back to our membership and offer more opportunities for our dairy producers,” according to Megan Kuegel, Iowa’s Dairy Center coordinator and the lead organizer of the trip. “We were able to see how the

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The Beautiful Waucoma Event Center is a Perfect Match

Perfect Match

Cory Wenthold and Rebecca Dunson were married September 27, 2014 at St. Mary’s Church in Waucoma.

JOYCE MEYER FEATURE WRITER

Cory Wenthold from Waucoma and Rebecca Dunson of Aplington met online after they had moved from their small towns in Des Moines. For their first date they met at a restaurant in Ankeny. They soon discovered that they were a perfect match. So, in September of 2013 after dinner at the restaurant where they had their first date Cory very tentatively got down on one knee and proposed. Rebecca said accepted.

“I knew we were going to propose because he had me pick a ring out. I just didn’t know when he was going to officially do it. It was three weeks after we picked out the ring. We had dinner at the Waterfront in Ankeny which was where he had his first date. Afterwards, we took a walk by a pond. He must have been nervous because we had walked a while and he was hand-holding before he got down on one knee and proposed. It was totally romantic and I was actually surprised since I didn’t know the ring was done,” smiled Rebecca.

First wedding at event center

Cory and Rebecca Wenthold felt everything turned out wonderful for the first wedding held at the Waucoma Event Center.
Engagement day is full of excitement for Karli Miller as her fiancé Jason Schmelzer adds many special surprises.

Karli Miller, who grew up in Postville and Jason Schmelzer, a graduate of South Winneshiek High School, were engaged last April after having dated since 2009.

In spite of having been together over four years, Jason was determined to make their engagement and his proposal a day full of surprises as well as a meaningful expression of their love for each other.

The couple leading up to their engagement also played a role in helping Karli and Jason’s relationship develop successfully. While describing how their relationship began, Karli, a 2009 graduate of Postville High and the daughter of Don and Judy Miller, said, “Although our meeting wasn’t necessarily ‘love at first site’ I certainly believe in fate.” We spent the next three months together our photographer Joel Martin, said, “Although our meeting wasn’t necessarily ‘love at first site’ I certainly believe in fate.” We spent the next three months together our photographer Joel Martin, said, “Although our meeting wasn’t necessarily ‘love at first site’ I certainly believe in fate.”

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Meyer and Guilliams share their love story

JOYCE MAYER
FEATURE WRITER

Scott Meyer, originally from Spitville, and his fiancée, Kendra Guilliams, at a weekly pogo of Sand Volleyball where they live in Des Moines. They played for Sand Volleyball where they live.

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how the haircut looked and luckily Kendra asked to send a photo of her haircut appointment during the day. It seemed like a regular Friday for Kendra that morning, she had no clue what surprises lay ahead. She went to work and halfway through the day she remembered wanting to talk about plans for that evening.

The outdoorsy couple enjoy walking in September of 2013. He went for their first date and that the next day they were going to Kansas City. Kendra said it was a beautiful bouquet of a dozen red roses, and a gift waiting for her. She had not seen the surprise engagement ring Scott had designed for her until then. It was the most wonderful thing she had to get to know her better. She thought of the surprise engagement ring Scott had in mind, but the jeweler made it for her that was by surprise. That is not something you can do anymore. She had to do all of this without knowing and just a second for minute. Scott scheduled time to meet with the jeweler and when Kendra was there, she was surprised by the ring. At work or out of town.

KARLI & JASON CONTINUED

Karli and Matthew - Congratulations on your recent engagement. I had a few rings he liked. Then some of the details he liked such as silver and ‘sparkles’ and I’d say ‘yes’. Some of our parents in the process, this couple has big surprises on their wedding day.

The celebration, which will be a very special occasion. The couple will be at home in the couple will be at home in the house they purchased this past Fall in Cedar Falls as they start their lives together as Jason and Karli Tenhula.

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BIRD HOUSES from front page

Tom Murray gets some help holding the boards from Jeff Tomlinson.

Gavin Thuente shows off his bird box with Naturalist Larry Reis.

Father and son Joel and Chase Jermeland.

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Howard Ov Wongsness

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work. As the time for your scheduled volunteer time nears, I would love to have an

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campus so that we can put your time
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I work the Farm Rescue as a Volunteer Coordinator full time, so feel free to email or call anyone.

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Turkey Valley upcoming events
March 30-31, 31st State Jazz Champi-

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April 16, Farm Music Festival

April 21, 25, April 29, @1 pm;
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South Winneshiek upcoming events
March 26, 27, 5th grade one-act play

School play at 7:30 p.m.;

April 2, 1 pm, discount

April 17, Spring College Concert

April 11, State Solo Ensemble

FMCA District # 6 - April 18, 2015; April 25, Friday

Dairy Industry Foundation from front page

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Iowa Developmental Disabilities/Awareness Month: Words Matter – Eliminate Labels
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Chickasaw farmer wins $2,500 for New Hampton Firefighters Association through America's Farmers Grow Communities

Mrs. Laura Reicks of Chickasaw County has been selected as a winner in America’s Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. These monetary awards are in support of $2,500 and are designated to the farmer’s nonprofit of choice. Laura selected New Hampton Firefighters Association to receive the monetary award. The check presentation, which will include New Hampton Firefighters Association representatives, Laura Reicks and a Monsanto representative, will be held on Saturday, March 28th, at 6:00 pm at the New Hampton Lions Club. The presentation will happen during the Lions’ annual chicken dinner.

The Community Foundation of Winneshiek County has approved $105,000 in grant funding based on recommendations made by the Community Foundation of Winneshiek County (CFWC). The 2015 years will be awarded to 20 new nonprofit agencies and organizations. Awards will be reviewed by the CFWC for potential funding.

The following is a list of the 2015 grant recipients including the name of the organization, the non-profit organization’s mission statement, and a brief description of the grant:

**Winneshiek County Conservation Board**
- To provide stewardship and habitat enhancement projects in the local landscape.

**Community Center Project**
- To support the renovation of the Community Center.

**Ossian Senior Housing**
- To support the stabilization and continued operation of the Senior Housing.

**Central Iowa Community Action**
- To support the expansion of their housing program.

**Winneshiek County Conservation**
- To support the continued maintenance of the conservation projects.

**Winneshiek County Community Foundation**
- To support the operation of the Community Foundation.

**Winneshiek County Hospital**
- To support the continued operation of the hospital.

**Elliott Hendrickson Inc.**
- To support the expansion of their business operations.

**Winneshiek County Housing Authority**
- To support the continued operation of the Housing Authority.

**Cedar Valley Friends of the Family**
- To support the continued operation of the Family Service Agency.

**Decorah Public Library**
- To support the continued operation of the library.

**Cedar Valley Community Foundation**
- To support the continued operation of the Community Foundation.

**Eunice Veeder**
- To support the continued operation of the Community Foundation.

**Team Rehab**
- To support the continued operation of the rehabilitation center.

**Local Library**
- To support the continued operation of the library.

**Winneshiek County Conservation Board**
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Funding for these awards was made possible by the Community Foundation of Winneshiek County (CFWC) and the Winneshiek County Conservation Board. These awards will be used to support the continued operation of the Conservation District, as well as the support of local nonprofits in promoting the conservation of natural resources and the quality of life in Winneshiek County.
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No "Thank You" would be complete without extending a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Dan Winton and the staff at Gundersen Clinic and Winneshiek Medical Center, and to the profes-
sional and caring funeral services involved.

There are no words to express how much your love, concern and sympathy meant to all of us at this heart-wrenching time. Thank you, Diane Wilgen, Chad and Karen, Mason and Carter Wilgen, Chris & Nicki, Chloë and Angie Wilgen, Casey and Matt Wilgen.
**Turkey Valley High School**

The Turkey Valley High School Band will be performing at the Iowa Jazz Championship.

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South Winn results

The Lady Warriors had a great showing at the UC meet over the weekend by placing all the way down to 9th place. On Tuesday, March 18, at our day's meet at Luther.

The Lady Warriors placed in the top ten events place in the top ten events.

**Waukon results are not shown by heat, not overall)**

**Team Results**

1. Lady Warrior girls
2. Iowa City West
3. North Linn
4. Clear Creek-Amana
5. Prairie
6. Lady Warrior boys
7. Washington
8. Cedar Rapids Prairie
9. North Linn
10. Clear Creek-Amana

**Waukon girls**

**200m:** Becca Hertges placed 4th in 25.04; Tiana Bullerman placed 5th in 25.20

**400m:** Treyton Jacobsen, 9.93, 14th; Ling, 10.89, 1st

**100m:** Luke Meng, 11.40, 15th; Zach Bunch, 11.41, 14th

**200m:** Treyton Jacobsen, 23.09, 1st; Blazek, 23.11, 2nd

**400m:** Becca Hertges, 1:03.03, 1st

**100m:** **Becca Franzen, 10.95, 1st**

**800m:** Krieger, 2:13.60, 3rd; Warth, 2:13.60, 3rd

**1500m:** Labrador, 4:34.62, 1st

**55m Hurdles:** Jacob Kuhn, 11.7

**300m:** Isiah Drilling, 39.09; Kel-

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