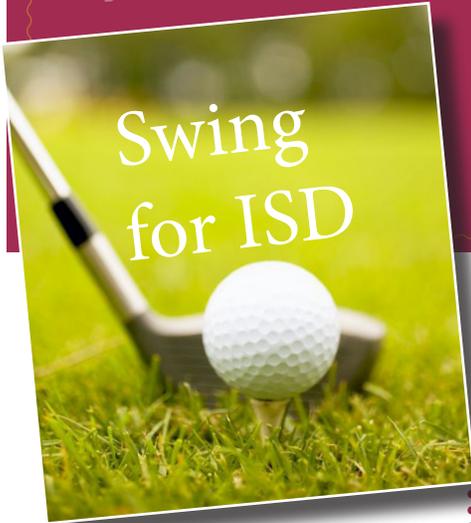


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The annual ISD Athletic Booster Club golf tournament is June 16, 9 a.m. at Fox Run Golf Course in Council Bluffs. Registration fee per foursome is \$280. Not a player? Come out and support the crew or consider a sponsorship! More details [here](#) or contact bwelsch@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org.

You're looking at a winner.

The *ISD Bobcat* newsletter is an engaging publication that draws readers in through its design, headlines and lead sentences, according to judges who worked on evaluating contest entries for the 2018 Iowa Schools Public Relations Association (ISPRA).

The *Bobcat*, along with 11 other entries representing ISD and IESBVI's communication efforts,

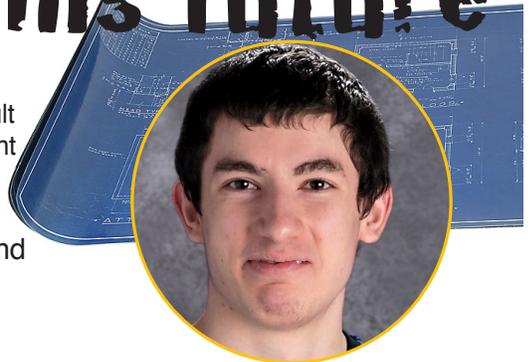
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ISD student places at architecture contest **building his future**

If building a dream house is in your future, you just might want to consult ISD junior Cory Jacobson, a resident of Fort Dodge.

Jacobson is enrolled in his second trimester at Lewis Central High School's architectural drafting class, where his work earned him a spot at the Iowa Industrial Technology Exposition in Des Moines May 11.

His teacher, Aaron Nickman, chose four students from first trimester with the highest grades to participate. Jacobson's project was a one-story, two bedroom, one-bath house of 1,000 sq. ft. He created the floor plan, foundation



plan, elevation views and wall sections. He is currently working on a multi-story house, and although in progress, this project was also entered for judging.

Jacobson placed second in division III (beginner class; with his one-story home plans) and 3rd in division 4 (advanced class; with his current multi-story house plans). ■

It's one day of giving for ISD. Wednesday, May 23, the metro area will launch the annual Omaha Gives! Pottawattamie Gives! day of online giving. Iowa School for the Deaf Foundation will be participating. You can preschedule your donation, or donate online May 23 to help ISD receive more incentives. Last year, your generous gifts brought in \$2,400. Click [HERE](#) for giving details. Thank you for considering a gift to the ISD foundation.



Join us in sending off our seniors as they graduate Friday, May 25 at 10.30 a.m. Ceremonies and reception be held in the Lied Multipurpose Complex.

Student's reflections earn honors

Junior Shayla Dobias is about to be published. Her poem, *Flashbacks*, was submitted by ISD teacher Megan Minatra into the annual Iowa Poetry Association contest. Dobias earned 2nd place honorable mention, as well as publication into *Lyrical Iowa 2018*, the annual publication of the Iowa Poetry Association.

Flashbacks

Tree branches danced in the sky,
Wild grass moved like a rocking chair.
Dust swept behind us as we go.
Our hair strands flirted with the wind.

The familiar scent surrounded me.
Home

Small acres of country farm,
With barns and ranch houses.

Flashed back to my childhood home
Memories filled my mind, and I
try not to forget.
My tears threaten to spill.
My heart aches as I think about it.

Why did we have to move away?
Why can't we just get our own?
Why can't they give us a loan?
Why can't they help us?

I felt pain as I watched my
parents struggle.
My family did everything as
they promised.
Their hard-earned sweat wiped away
like it meant nothing
Searching for someone to give us hope
to find our own home.

No, I have to be strong for my parents.
But the feelings are overwhelming
my being.

A house and a barn are just things.
My family is more than a house.

What is taking so long?
We stood by you for a year and a half.
What were you doing this whole time?
You don't think we are capable of finding
a home?

Is it because we are deaf?
Malarkey.
Stop focusing on your irrelevant
office assistant
Move your pathetic self and
do something to help us.

Shayla Dobias of Creighton, Neb. penned a poem that will be published in an Iowa literary magazine.



Winner, continued from front page

received 9 Awards of Excellence and 2 Awards of Merit in this year's contest. Submissions from ISD/IESBVI ranged from recruitment posters, feature writing, flyers and legislative presentations and collateral. ISD/IESBVI was one of four school communication departments in the state to be nominated as "Best," based on the department's variety of entries and points. ■

Staff news



■ **Bethany Rice** began working as a cook May 1.

■ We offer our sympathy to **Kathy Churchill** (cook) whose brother passed away in late April.

■ **Brooke Elliff** (elementary secretary), married Andrew O'Reilly on May 12. Brooke has changed her last name to O'Reilly.

End-of-year events

■ May 21 & 22

Senior final exams

■ May 23

ISD-sponsored senior outing

■ May 24, 10 a.m.

High school athletic awards

■ May 24, 1 p.m.

High school honors program

■ May 25, 8:30 a.m.

Senior breakfast, ISD Cafeteria
Invited guests only

■ May 25, 10:30 a.m.

Graduation, LMC Gym
Reserved parent seating available)

■ May 28 & 29

No School

■ May 30

Elementary/middle school track & field day. **Rain date: May 31**

■ May 30 & 31

Final exams for 9th-11th grade
(make-up exams on June 1)

■ June 1, 8 a.m.

8th grade parent orientation,
high school conference room

■ June 1, 10 a.m.

Preschool – 8th grade honors
program & 8th grade graduation,
LMC Gym

■ June 1, 11:30 a.m.

All students dismissed
for the summer

Have you seen this point of view?

Sarah Wiberg’s art students are looking at things a little differently these days.

Using blue painter’s tape, students learned about perspective and created art on the elementary building walls just outside the north stairwell.

One-point perspectives were used for most of the work. Wiberg said 7th grader Holly Schroeder tackled the most difficult approach – a 3-point perspective and created the-Eiffel Tower.

The students learned how to create boxes in 1-point perspective from a bird’s-eye

view, worm’s-eye view, and street view. Then, they created a street and buildings with the 1-point perspective.

Having mastered the streets, students then researched their own chosen project, and began their tape murals with just a horizon line and vanishing point to start.

Extra amazing? The quick turnaround. “All of this took about one week,” said Wiberg. Factoring in some Bobcat time, she estimates the group completed all these projects in 7 hours, and Schroeder’s work took about 4 hours with help cutting the tape.



Wiberg estimates it took Holly Schroeder about 4 hours to build this 5’5” Eiffel Tower.

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Northeast Regional Academy to close

The close of the school year will also mark the closing of the pilot regional academy project, located in Charles City.

The Northeast Regional Academy (NERA) was established during the 2015-2016 academic year utilizing a three-year start-up grant from the Iowa Department of Education. The grant expires at the end of the 2017-2018 academic year, and will not be renewed. The Leadership Team for Statewide Services was unable to secure an alternative source of funding to support the program and determined that discontinuation of the program is necessary.

The academy was developed out of the 2012 Feasibility and

Planning study which evaluated effectiveness and efficiency of Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Iowa School for the Deaf. Some offerings of the academy to area families included traditional classroom environments, distance learning, summer programs and sign language classes. Additionally, the NERA initiated a professional learning community where several northeast Iowa teachers of the deaf met regularly to discuss best practices and challenges in deaf education.

At one point as many as 9 deaf or hard of hearing students were receiving instructional services and classroom support from the NERA

teachers and staff. The Leadership Team will continue to evaluate the statewide system of educational services and opportunities for deaf and blind children.



NERA offered learning in traditional and non-traditional settings.



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**Vicki Prigeon,
Teacher · Start
date: Sept., 1997**

**Jane Sorenson,
Cook · Start
date: April, 1988**



**Ann Thiessen,
Speech Language
Pathologist · Start
date: Jan., 1986**

**Susan Wallace,
Secretary · Start
date: August, 2016**

