



Of course we joined in on the eclipse hype! See back page for more.

## Yays and nays of new food

Tracy Watsabaugh, who became ISD's food services director last fall, worked with ISD dean of students Dolly Murray to introduce new foods on the ISD menu throughout the year.



Judy Jetnil, 5th grade, said Pizza Hut pizza is her favorite.

Nathan Stacey, 5th grade, expresses his dislike of fish tacos.



**Biggest new menu hits:** calzones, barbecue pork and homemade meatballs, Pizza Hut pizza.

**Biggest new menu misses:** chicken cordon bleu casserole, pork carnitas rice bowl, fish tacos.



Goodbye, paper, clipboard and pen.

What was once a standard feature in the ISD cafeteria to record students' attendance at meals and ensure they had a variety of foods on their trays has been modernized.

Beginning in August, ISD's food services started using a hand-held scanner to track each student coming through the line. ISD's system is called Total K-12.

Tracy Watsabaugh, who serves as director of food services for both ISD and Lewis Central schools, ushered the system aboard.

"This system means there won't be any monthly or end-of-year tallying—just printing the reports, as required by the state," she said. "We can quickly generate reports for daily counts, daily deposits and end-of-year accounting."

Most schools have updated to this system. The reports are necessary for meal cost reimbursement from the federal and state governments.

ISD does not claim reimbursements for evening meals, so the system is only used for breakfast and lunch.

**How it works:** After students get their trays of food, they stop at a table where a food service employee ensures it is a reimbursable meal (see next page).

Older students key in their student numbers to indicate they participated in the meal. Printed student number bar codes are located for each younger student coming through the

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Tracy Watsabaugh, food services director, has implemented the Total K-12 system as an efficiency measure for mealtime accounting.

## Efficiency

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line and then scanned by the food service employee. The system also accounts for adult meals as well, may they be paid staff, staff who are required to supervise the lunchroom, or visitors. ■



### What is a 'reimbursable meal'?

Like it or not, students eating ISD meals need to leave the trayline with certain food so that the meal qualifies for reimbursement from the state.

Students must have 3 out of these 5 categories of food on their trays:

- meat
- bread
- fruit
- vegetable
- milk

## Upcoming events

Athletic and other school events can be found on the ISD website calendar or by clicking [HERE](#).

## ISD staff years of service

The following employees received recognition for their years of ISD service at the all-staff meeting held in late August.

### 30 years

**Dave Slaughter**, Facilities

### 25 years

**Monica Dixon**, Deaf Resource Center

### 20 years

**Liz Gates**, Transportation

**Kristi Wills**, 4PLUS

**Denise Ryan**, Business Office

### 15 years

**Laura Dorman**, Housekeeping

*Congratulations to **Kathy Oder**, food services, who retired in July. Among the departments Oder worked in included the off-campus program and food service. She was hired at ISD in the fall, 1994.*

### 10 years

**Katrina Landolt**, Elementary

**Nina Ellison**, Boys Dorm

**Heidi Winger**, Girls Dorm

**Deb Landolt**, Elementary

### 5 years

**Jon Simmons**, Elementary & High School

**Kristina Borgaila**, Deaf Resource Center

**Stephanie Mumm**, Health Center

**Julie Baker**, Girls Dorm

**Mallory Lawrence**, Elementary

**Dusty Charvat**, Information

Technology

**Scott Mauch**, Facilities/grounds/ housekeeping

**Rhonda Grebert**, Health Center

**Jim Finn**, Groundskeeping

**Meredith Sulentic**, Elementary

## Attention vendors and shoppers!

# Iowa School for the Deaf's Bobcat Boutique

A unique shopping experience! \$1.00 Admission

Saturday, Nov. 11

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ISD's

Lied Multipurpose

Complex at

Iowa School for the Deaf

Vendors should contact Jen Herzog at 712.366.0571 or [jherzog@iowaschoolforthedeaf.org](mailto:jherzog@iowaschoolforthedeaf.org)

Items for sale in the past have included jewelry, pottery, bags, home decor, ASL art, accessories, arts & crafts, baked goods, candles and a variety of unique items as well as those offered by independent consultants.

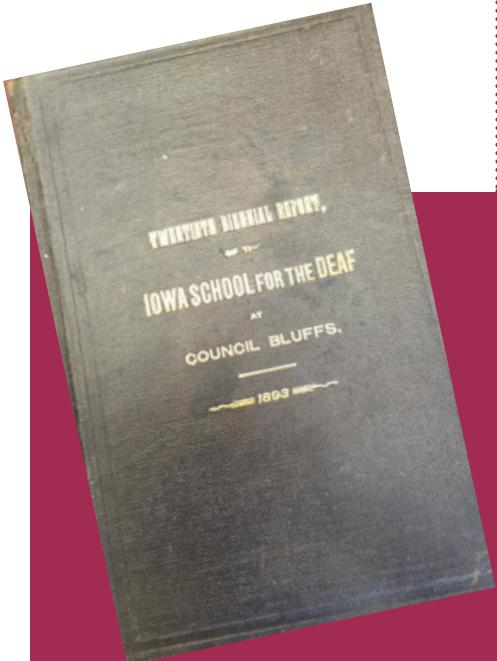
Profits benefit ISD students and charities associated with children who are deaf.

# Swingin' time at annual golf outing

The annual athletic golf tournament fundraiser was held June 24 at Fox Run Golf Course in Council Bluffs. "We had excellent support from the community as well as ISD staff," said Nyle Smith, ISD athletic director.

Smith said there were 55 golfers, which helped raise \$3,800 at the event. He said it was an increase of about \$1,500 from the previous year.

The four-person winning team members were: Steve Gettel, ISD superintendent; John Cool, ISD assistant to the superintendent; Scott Mauch, director of facilities; and Jacob Cool, John's son.



## In the classrooms

## Welcome back, Bobcat-style

Megan Jones and students (left to right) Lizbet Vaca, Kaitlyn Johns, Levi Kruse, Cristian Lopez, Ethan Vetick and September Eisenauer (front) visit with the ISD mascot. The mascot welcomed back students and encouraged them to have good attendance and perform their best on assessments.

## When hard rock makes for an easy day

Megan Rang's special needs classroom learned about the Kindness Rocks Project. Anyone can decorate a





rock that carries a positive message or a picture of hope and hide it where it can be found by a random person. Her class has hidden such rocks around campus and encourages them to be found and rehidden (in areas where the groundskeepers' machinery won't be damaged).

## ISD continues participation in national study

Last year, ISD's kindergarten - second grades participated in a national study called, "Fingerspelling Our Way to Reading." The study's purpose is to learn more about teaching and improving early literacy skills with children who are deaf or hard of hearing using a special curriculum. Eighteen schools are participating. ISD will continue its participation this year with 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students. All ISD students are active in the study this year (no control group).





# Did a student lose hearing when frightened by a dog?

Thanks to auction-goer Karen Miller from Red Oak, Iowa, ISD recently received a donation of an ISD biennial report from 1893. Every student and staff is listed, as well as causes of each student's hearing loss.

Some of those causes of deafness were cited as: scared by a dog, lightning, consuming spoiled milk, a tornado and falling down. Yes, thankfully, research has come a long way in 100+ years!

# Welcome new neighbors

The American Printing House (APH) & Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (IESBVI) Professional Library, previously housed on the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton, Iowa, has moved to a newly remodeled area (think former auto body repair area) of the careers building on the ISD campus.

**They invite all ISD staff  
to their open house:**

**Tuesday, Oct. 3  
2 - 4 p.m.  
in their new location.**

*Refreshments provided.*



During school year 2016/2017, the APH & IESBVI Professional Library facilitated

**1,899 APH checkouts**

**3,840 Library  
checkouts**



## Program is all dried up

Students in Megan Jones' elementary class will again learn how a little effort can make a big difference. They have distributed collection stations throughout campus to recycle dried markers of all brands, which are then turned into the Crayola ColorCycle Program. You can send dried markers to school with a student!

**826** markers were recycled from ISD through this service project of Jones' class last year.

## New faces at ISD



Welcome new staff! Left to right: **Trevor Ettleman**, groundskeeper; **Sarah Wiberg**, art teacher; **Hannah Ginther**, teacher at the Northeast Regional Academy; **Maurice Abenchuchan, Jr.**, residential counselor; **Stacey Telgren**, 4PLUS teacher for IESBVI; **Megan Minatra**, high school teacher; **Erin Huntrods**, residential counselor.

More new staff, left to right:

**Rachel Koneck**, school assistant

**Emily Fitterer**, Northeast

Regional Center  
interpreter; and **Ryan  
Globe**, custodian.



### Staff changes

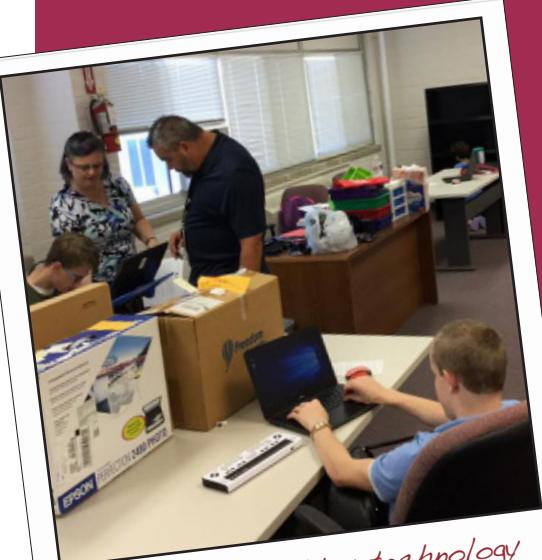
#### **Mallory Lawrence**

(below), formerly a residential counselor, is now an elementary teacher.

**LeeAnn Bradley** is part-time reading specialist and part-time special needs middle school/high school teacher. **Kate Kasal** is returning as librarian, technology class teacher in elementary and middle school, and technology coach.



## IESBVI 4PLUS expands on ISD campus



Kris Maxwell provides technology assistance at the IESBVI 4PLUS program.

With a successful pilot program at Iowa School for the Deaf last year, the Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (IESBVI) is expanding.

The first student, Aaron Mulvaney, now has a full-time job and is living independently. Three other IESBVI students have enrolled into 4PLUS this fall and are working with new IESBVI teacher Stacey Telgren. They now have their own classroom and will share ISD's 4PLUS kitchen, and use ISD's transportation services. The three students are staying in the ISD dorms.

ISD welcomes James Cheek, from Nevada; Thomas Rinabarger from Council Bluffs; and Aubree Dunn from Iowa City.

The IESBVI students will focus on independent living skills, job shadowing, internships and career interests.

## Coaches comment on fall athletics

### Football

ISD football coach Brent Welsch is focusing on teaching new Bobcats the basics of football and playing in different 6-man formations this year. "I'm hoping this gives us a chance to play more people and develop them, especially younger players, for the future," Welsch said of this strategy in an article with the *Daily Nonpareil*.

Graduation and students who didn't return to ISD this fall means Welsch and assistant football coach Danny Case are changing around their rosters and counting on returning players Layne Guerrero, Jayden Kohl, Cory Jacobson and Brendan Vinsonhaler to lead the team and help shape newcomers along the way. Of the nine returning players, only four were starters last year. There are an additional five new players on the team.

The team's first game is at New Mexico School for the Deaf Sept. 16. Seven games are scheduled; with three home games in a row: Oct. 7, Oct. 14 (homecoming) and Oct. 19.



### Volleyball

Karen Lechner has begun her 23rd season as volleyball coach at ISD, this time assisted by Katrina Landolt, who played for the Bobcats as a student. According to an article in the *Daily Nonpareil*, Lechner stated she is looking forward to working with Landolt because she knows Lechner's system and Landolt will "bring out the best in a group that has a strong work ethic and good attitude."

Nine players- one freshman, and the rest juniors and seniors- make up this year's team. The highlight of the season is always the Great Plains Schools for the Deaf tournament, hosted by Minnesota this year. There are lots of opportunities to catch the Lady Cats at home this year.



Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) for athletic game schedules.

# SAVE THE DATE

Friday & Saturday ■ Oct. 13 & 14, 2017  
**ISD homecoming weekend**

Details & registration  
available soon!

CAN'T  
WAIT  
that  
long?

We're excited,  
too!

We are busy  
prepping  
activities,  
ordering food  
and getting  
sleeping and  
transportation  
details finalized for  
you! In the meantime,  
you can call 712.366.3237  
for general information  
about the weekend.

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others who will benefit!



**Iowa School for the Deaf's  
jam-packed-you-can't-  
miss-it weekend  
extravaganza!**  
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with us!**

For high schoolers who:

Are deaf or hard of hearing

Want to meet other  
students just like them

Speak, use sign language,  
or a combination of both

Are curious about Deaf  
Culture

# Employee news

■ We express our condolences to **Monica Dixon**, interpreter whose mother, Liz Doyle, passed away this summer. Dixon said her mother died July 30, just four days after turning 94.

## Nightmares at the taco bar —

Tacos might be a delight for typical students, but with its variety of selection, could be “a worst nightmare” for students who are blind or visually impaired, said Gwen Woodward. Woodward is the Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired regional director for western Iowa.

With three more students enrolling into the IESBVI 4PLUS program on the campus of Iowa School for the Deaf, ISD’s staff needed a few pointers on how to best assist these newcomers.



At the end of a morning training, Woodward passed out sleeping masks and

had participants pair themselves with someone not wearing the mask. Pairs then navigated through the lunch line, experiencing both guiding someone through complicated menu offerings, as well as better comprehending the challenges IESBVI students endure just to get a tasty meal.

*Above: Diane Knigge and Rhonda Grebert of the health center and Kristi Wills and Jan Loverin of 4PLUS use the buddy system to fill their lunch trays.*

**Kindness in our community** — Frontier Savings Bank of Council Bluffs spearheaded a community school supply drive for area students this fall and remembered ISD, as well.

**Surrounding Larry Winum, and Mariel Wagner of Frontier Savings Bank are Kaitlyn Johns, Neil Metteer, Judy Jetnil and Kynnedi Anderson.**



*A new backpack can go a long way toward creating school-year excitement!*

## Be a part of something smart!

**Editor’s note:** The event below is addition to the Nov. 3/4 Great Plains Schools for the Deaf Academic Triathlon, also held at ISD.

A very smart event is coming to Iowa School for the Deaf in February, 2018! Get ready for 300 guests from 20 schools to visit our campus, competing in the Midwest Regional Gallaudet Academic Bowl (MWAB) Feb. 16 – 18, 2018.

A huge event needs a huge amount of help. Will you help make our event a success?

### Help before the event

- Asking grocery stores and retail stores to donate snacks and drinks for the two hospitality rooms during the competition
- Asking restaurants to donate pizzas, wings and desserts for the farewell party
- Donating money to help with purchasing above items

To help with food requests and funding, please contact Cindie Angeroth: [cangeroth@iowaschoolforthedeaf.org](mailto:cangeroth@iowaschoolforthedeaf.org) or 712.366.3213

**Please donate money or volunteer time to make our academic competition a success!**

### Help during the event

- Work a shift on Friday, Feb. 16 (you choose between 8 a.m. and about 6 p.m.)
- Work a shift on Saturday, Feb. 17 (you choose between 8 a.m. and about 8 p.m.)
- There are at least four competition rooms, and 8-9 volunteers are needed in each room for:
  - Doorkeeping
  - Timekeeping
  - Running PowerPoints
  - Team proctors
  - Moderators
  - Help in housing
  - Help in transportation
  - Help in food services
  - Many other tasks not yet specified

To help during the event weekend, please contact Jerry Siders: [jsiders@aol.com](mailto:jsiders@aol.com).

**2 days ■ 20 schools**  
**■ 300 bodies on campus**  
**■ 60+ volunteers needed**



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**Never before.** And likely, never again, will this particular group of ISD students gather at the location in front of the administration building to view a solar eclipse. Dormitory students arrived two days before ISD began on Aug. 23. This photo, arranged and snapped by lead dormitory staff Taryn Peterson, is sure to be a classic in our archives from the Aug. 21 event. Whaddya say, group? Meet the same place, same time in April, 2024? ■