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School News

Board looks at options for possible facility renovations

By JENNIFER NICHOLS

NT Staff Writer

ATLANTIC – The Atlantic School Board discussed options for possible renovations for facilities - both instructional and athletic during its meeting this week.

According to other reports, Jerry Purdy, Design Alliance architect, said there are three options for instructional needs: leave everything as it is currently, put additions on all the buildings, or build a new middle school next to the high school. Estimated cost for additions on all the buildings is \$9.5 million, and estimated cost for a new middle school is \$19 million.

Representatives from Snyder and Associates discussed the athletic facility needs. One topic was the Trojan Bowl, and whether to renovate it (estimated cost \$5.5 million) or move it to the high school, and make that area a multiple-purpose facility (for football, soccer and track). The estimated cost was would \$2.5 million.

There was also discussion about the baseball and softball complex, and how moving it to a different area could be one option. There was also discussion about building an additional competition gym at the high school, including additional locker room space and a training area, and upgrading the bleachers at the middle school.

The next step is for board members to make a plan for the possible renovations, and figure out a way to pay for them.

Area News

Audubon seeks public works director again

By LAURA BACON

NT Staff Writer

AUDUBON - The city of Audubon is seeking a Public Works Director again, after the new Public Works Director, Ed Mahlstadt, hired in June, gave notice last week.

Audubon City Clerk Joe Foran said that Mahlstadt gave notice on Friday, Oct. 21. Mahlstadt said that he had been in the process of closing down his winery business and was going to lease the land, and purchase a home in Audubon, when the lease agreement fell through.

Foran said Mahlstadt indicated he wouldn't be able to move to Audubon soon, because of that, and thought it would be best if he quit.

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Area News

What's next for Audubon County?

Steps to fill Audubon County Attorney vacancy

By JILL CHRISTENSEN

Special to the NT

The Audubon County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Thursday, Oct. 27 to determine what their next steps will be in filling the vacancy in the County Attorney's Office.

The board declared the vacancy effective Oct. 25, after determining elected County Attorney Francine O'Brien Andersen was not qualified to perform the statutory duties of the office. Cass County Attorney David Wiederstein was then appointed to serve as acting County Attorney.

So what comes next for Audubon County?

As they have already named an acting County Attorney, step one is complete, however, according to Patrick

Smith, the board's legal counsel, Wiederstein's appointment only covers the next 90 days, but, that time frame could be extended.

"Per code requirements, first, you must appoint an acting County Attorney. Then the board has 40 days to appoint a county attorney to fill the rest of Francine's term," Smith stated. "If after 40 days, no eligible county resident is

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AHS holds haunted house fund-raiser

By JENNIFER NICHOLS

NT Staff Writer

ATLANTIC – Atlantic School District Hunter Oliver heard about students from another school holding a unique event.

"A group of friends from Nodaway did a haunted house for their school," Oliver said, "(I thought, 'that's a really cool idea.'")

He originally thought holding a haunted house at Atlantic would make a great fund-raiser for prom activities, but then considered, "it's really early for that. So I came to (AHS Vocal Director Jennifer) Gaesser and brought the idea up to her, and she said 'Why don't you do it (as a fund-raiser) for the musical?' (I thought) That sounds like a great idea, let's do it."

On Friday afternoon, students and volunteers

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Hunter Oliver is dressed in costume for the AHS Haunted House, which was held last night, and will be held again tonight. He will be featured in the doll room.

Photo by Jennifer Nichols

Area News

Memories of summers in Iowa

Playwright in New York writes novel about life in Iowa

By LAURA BACON

NT Staff Writer

Today, Stuart M. Harris lives in Brooklyn, N. Y., a far cry from south-west Iowa, but the author and playwright has ties to Iowa - he spent summers in Audubon, where his mother grew up - and he has just completed a book, "The Northeast Quarter," follow-

ing generations of Iowans, and a young girl growing up in a small town.

Stuart's family did more than visit Audubon - he's the great-great-grandson of Captain Charles Stuart, the founder of Audubon, and his family has had property there since the Civil War.

Of about 20 farms that the family once owned, one remains, and still belongs to Stuart, all because of a promise that he made to his mother.

His mother told him, "Don't ever sell Section 10, keep it for yourself and your

family," he said, and "I kept the property, and that provided the springboard for my novel."

Stuart was born in California, and grew up in Los Angeles, but later moved to New York, to pursue his career writing plays.

He's had several plays produced Off Broadway - and at almost 70 years of age, Stuart set out to write his first novel. The story actually began as a full length play, but he thought it would work better as a novel. Re-

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S.M. Harris

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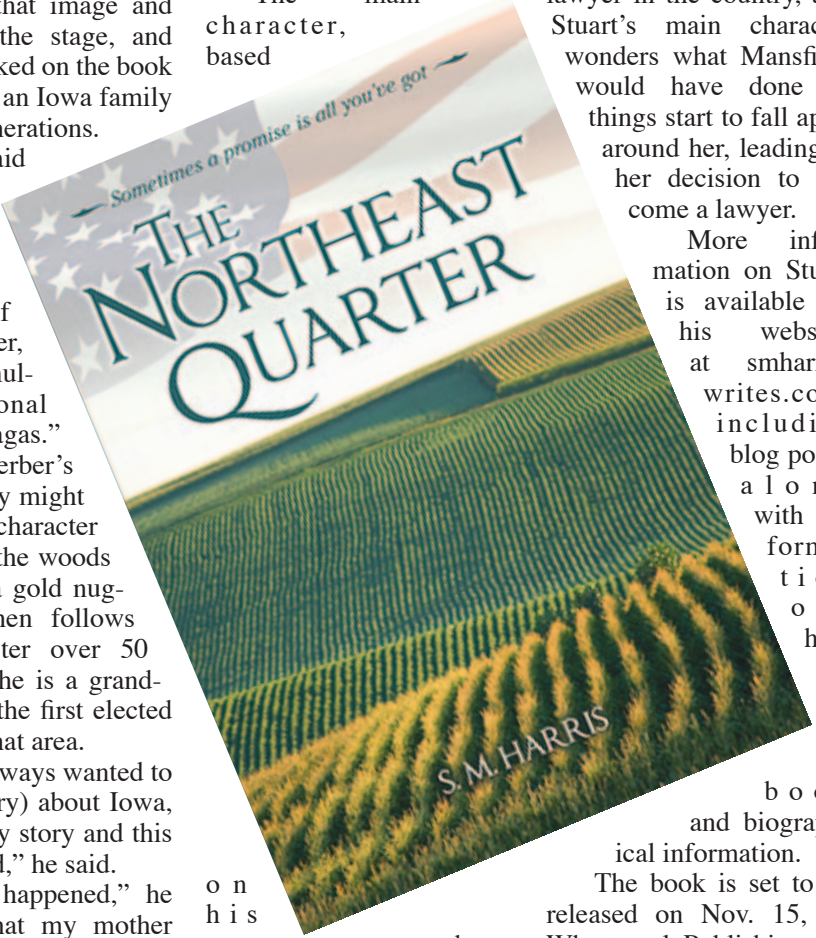
Book: Mother’s stories inspire

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membering the rolling fields of Iowa, he wasn’t sure there was a way to really bring that image and feeling to the stage, and instead worked on the book as a saga of an Iowa family over the generations. He said he’s always “really admired the books of Edna Ferber, the big, multi-generational family sagas.” He said Ferber’s kind of story might start with a character walking in the woods who finds a gold nugget, and then follows that character over 50 years until he is a grandfather, and the first elected senator in that area. “I’ve always wanted to write (a story) about Iowa, a big, family story and this is what I did,” he said. “What happened,” he said, “Is that my mother and dad grew up during the time I set this novel,” between about 1918-1929, in the time of the Great Depression. His mother, “saw the Great Depression pretty much close up,” and farmers were having a rough time of it. As a young

woman, his mother worried about what might happen to her family if something like the Great Depression happened again. The main character, based on his mother, and stories she told, and the promise she asked him to make. The story talks about what Ann has to face, with a theme of justice and revenge, it is about perseverance, and staying true to yourself, and his main

character decides to become a lawyer, an unusual thing, in that time period. Iowan Arabella Mansfield was the first female lawyer in the country, and Stuart’s main character wonders what Mansfield would have done as things start to fall apart around her, leading to her decision to become a lawyer. More information on Stuart is available on his website, at smharris-writes.com, including blog posts, along with information on his book and biographical information. The book is set to be released on Nov. 15, by Wheatmark Publishing, but is available for pre-order on Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com It will also be available in e-book form for Kindle, Apple iPad, Barnes and Noble Nook, Kobo and Google Play.



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Calendar

What’s Happening In Your Hometown

Sat., Oct. 29
McCurdy’s Pumpkin Patch open 10 a.m to 6 p.m. Pumpkins, family and kids activities and more.

Atlantic Farmer’s Market at the Orscheln’s parking lot. from 9 a.m. – noon

Griswold MS/HS Musical: Into the Woods; Saturday performance at 7 p.m. in Griswold auditorium, tickets \$7 available at Griswold HS office and at the door.

Pumpkin Festival – at 3 Bee Farms west of Griswold; Halloween Costume Parade hayride around the orchard at 2 p.m., pick out a pumpkin, carve it or paint it at the orchard, enter the pumpkin decorating contest, make the best pumpkin dessert or enter the costume contest. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pheasant Hunter’s Breakfast from 6-10 a.m. at the Audubon Fire Station, 113 Market St. Serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, cinnamon rolls, OJ, hot chocolate and coffee. Everyone welcome!

Harlan Harvest Fest in downtown Harlan, parade at 10 a.m. lots of other fall/ Halloween activities planned

Bridgewater Trinity Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale from 9-11:30 a.m. Coffee and rolls served at 9 a.m. plus mincemeat, crafts, baked goods, canned beef and handcrafted rugs.

Child ID Safety Day from 8:30-11 a.m. at 223 Broadway St.in Audubon. Audubon Police Department will assist. Every child recieves a free child ID. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial, any questions call 712-563-2586.

Sun., Oct. 30
Griswold MS/HS Musical: Into the

Halloween Happenings

Sat., Oct. 29
Lighted Halloween Campground at Cold Springs Park in Lewis, 7-9 p.m. non-scary, family friendly, drive into the night, refreshments, s’mores, bonfire at shelter, cancelled if weather is inclement.

Cumberland Halloween Party 2-4 p.m. at Cumberland Community Building, food, games, and more for a free will donation.

Sun., Oct. 30
Casey Trick-or-Treating from 5-7 p.m. Trunk or Treating is from 4-6 p.m. on Main Street. Halloween Party from 4-6 p.m. at the Casey Visitor Center.

Audubon: Trick or Treat Citywide 5-7 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 31
Atlantic News Telegraph Costume Contest - Registration 3:30 p.m. Judging 3:50 p.m. Awards 4:15 p.m.

Atlantic: Downtown Trick or Treat from 3-5 p.m. Citywide, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Atlantic Zion Lutheran Church – Halloween Trunk or Treat at the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot, 9th and Linn streets,

Woods; Sunday performance at 2 p.m. in Griswold auditorium, tickets \$7 available at Griswold HS office and at the door.

McCurdy’s Pumpkin Patch open 12- 6 p.m. Pumpkins, family and kids activities and more.

Pumpkin Festival – at 3 Bee Farms west of Griswold; Halloween Costume Parade hayride around the orchard at 2 p.m., pick out a pumpkin, carve it or paint it at the orchard, enter the pumpkin decorating contest, make the best pumpkin dessert or enter the costume contest 1-5 p.m.

Griswold Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Soup Luncheon from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. serving home made chicken noodle, chili and vegetable beef for a free will offering. A silent auction will also be held.

Mon., Oct. 31
Atlantic News Telegraph’s Halloween Costume Contest at City Park in Atlantic- Registration 3:15 p.m. Judging begins at 3:50 p.m. Winners announced 4:15 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 1
Atlantic Public Library Magic the Gatherings game day from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Meeting Room A. For ages 10 and up. Bring your own dice, counters, and cards for this program Must register at the library, by calling 243-5466 ext. 1, online at atlantic.lib.ia.us/ or by email at kmudd@atlantic.lib.ia.us.

Fri., Nov. 4
Malvern Country Music Gathering at the Liberty Memorial Building in Malvern. On Friday doors open at 5 p.m., 5:30 potluck (bring 1 main dish and 1 dessert or salad), 7-11 p.m. Open Stage Jam Show (Acoustic & Electric). Donations Friday night/\$3 children under 6 are free. All proceeds go to the Liberty Building Fund. No

from 5-6:30 p.m. Popcorn and chocolate for everyone!

Adair: Trick-or-Treating from 6-7:30 p.m.

Anita: Trick-or-Treating 5-6:30 p.m. The Anita Town & Country Club annual soup supper and hot dog meal at the Anita Fire Station from 4:30 p.m. Costume judging at 7 p.m.

Avoca: Trick or Treat in downtown, 4-6 p.m.

Cumberland :Trick or Treat 5-7 p.m.

Exira: Trick or Treat 5-7 p.m.

Griswold: Optimist Beggar’s Night will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the Griswold City Park. Hot dogs and hot chocolate for all “trick or treaters.” Sponsored by the Griswold Optimist Club. (regular trick or treat hours are 5-7 p.m. as well)

Kimballton: Trick or Treat starts at 5 p.m.

Lewis: Trick or Treat 5-8 p.m.

Massena: Trick or Treat 5-7 p.m.

Walnut: Trick or Treat 5-7 p.m.



School Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 31
Breakfast: assorted cereal, toast, fruit and juice; Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, glazed carrots, cauliflower/broccoli, 100 percent juice and fresh grapes

School Calendar

Saturday, Oct. 29
• **TBD - Cross Country: Girls Varsity State Meet** at IGHSAU

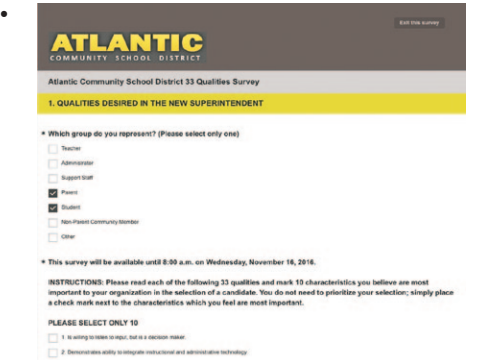
• **TBD - Cross Country: Boys Varsity State Meet** at IHSAA

• **12 p.m. - Swimming:Girls Varsity Regionals** at Southeast Polk HS

Sunday, Oct. 30
• **IASC Student Council Conference**

• **5 p.m. - Football: Varsity Banquet** at Atlantic HS Commons

Monday, Oct. 31
• **TBD - Basketball: Boys 8th Practice** Starts at Atlantic CSD



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