Today, Sunday, with a high near 78 F, sunny with a northwesterly wind. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

By JACK SWANSON

Saturday: 80, low: 59
Sunday: 76, low: 55
Monday: 75, low: 51

Student Council President Barb Elbers gave an alumni address. At the awards assembly Tuesday, her class had presented over $5,000 in scholarships allocated among 10 members of the Class of 2022, she said. As a metaphorical door to her life, opportunity knocked, and Elbers said she had to decide whether to answer this door. She said her decision was to teach children to read. She became a media specialist, and eventually, an associate professor of early education at Upper Iowa University, where she recently retired.

In her speech, Elbers remembered deceased members of the

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Iowa's representatives in the nation's capital also condemned protests outside of Supreme Court justices' houses, introduced legislation to address supply chain issues for rural police departments, thank law enforcement officers for their service, and propose additional federal funding for rural police that would target states with fewer than 200 officers.

Delegation reacts to police week with proposal, criticism of Dems

By KATIE AKIN

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Joni Ernst lambasted Democrats for "anti-law enforcement rhetoric." There's no better way to honor National Police Week than passing my Invest to Protect Act, a bipartisan bill that will help equip small police units with the resources they need for de-escalation training, retention efforts, and mental health support," Ernst tweeted. "Let's get it done.

Republican representatives tweeted their support for police officers. Meanwhile, Sen. Chuck Grassley and Sen. Joni Ernst lambasted Democrats for "anti-law enforcement rhetoric" at a Thursday press conference. Grassley said there was an increase in violent crime in Democrat-led cities due to "de-escalation, progressive prosecution, and failed bail reforms."

"The data show that blue cities in (Republi)can states cause the crime, as opposed to blue cities, and blue states are much, much safer," Grassley said.

USA Today fact checkers found that although homicide rates did rise in some major cities, it was too soon to determine if an increase in crime caused by policies