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Words of Wisdom

“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.”
— Mother Theresa

School Lunch

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Breakfast: Cereal, pop tart, fruit and juice

Lunch: Teriyaki chicken-rice, steamed broccoli, cherry tomatoes, pears, blueberries, fortune cookie and bug bites

Thursday, Sept. 15

Breakfast: Sausage, egg and Cheese McMuffin, fruit and juice

Lunch: BBQ rib-bun, Chicken burger, French Fries, broccoli/cauliflower, Mandarin oranges and grapes

Today's Weather

Wednesday Sunny, with a high near 89. South wind 6 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph.

Wednesday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South southeast wind 9 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph.

Thursday Partly sunny, with a high near 86. Breezy, with a south wind 9 to 14 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night A 20 percent chance of showers after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Friday A 20 percent chance of showers before 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. Breezy.



Board tables hiring Auditor's replacement

By Jeff Lundquist
NT Publisher

CASS COUNTY — The Cass County Board of Supervisors decided not to accept the resignation of Cass County Auditor Sara Harris — at least not until details can be worked out for appointing her replacement.

Harris submitted her resignation earlier this month after Republican party officials failed to nominate her to the party's slate of candidates for the General Election in November.

Harris was appointed to the seat in

April following the resignation of Dale Sunderman who held the job for 37 years. She was selected by the Board of Supervisors after interviewing for the job with two other candidates, including former Atlantic City Councilperson Kathy Somers — who ultimately received the Republican party nomination — and is running unopposed.

On Tuesday, the board discussed appointing Somers to the position, but she due to her responsibilities at her current job, would not be able to take over the position full-time. Board members said Somers has offered to work part-time during lunch and

in the evening, but it wasn't clear if that arrangement would work.

Until those details could be worked out, the board tabled a decision until at least next week. While no decision was made board members noted that it would be beneficial to appoint the person likely to win in the November election in order to avoid having to duplicate paperwork, registering of signatures that would be required by appointing someone else to serve for just over a month.

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Reynolds calls for Biden to withdraw student loan forgiveness program

Gov. Kim Reynolds joined 22 GOP governors calling on President Joe Biden to cancel his plan for student loan debt forgiveness. (Photo by Catherine Lane/Getty Images)

By Robin Opsahl
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Gov. Kim Reynolds joined a group of 22 Republican governors Monday opposing President Joe Biden's plan to forgive student loan debt.

In a letter sent to Biden, the governors called for the administration to withdraw the program announced Aug. 24, which cancels \$10,000 in student loan debt for people with an income of less than \$125,000 individually and \$250,000 for a household. Pell Grant recipients will have the chance to remove \$20,000 in debt.

The message comes as Republicans discuss potential actions to stop Biden's proposal from moving forward. Some GOP attorneys general, as well as conservative think tanks, may bring forward lawsuits against the plan, according to the Washington Post.

This forgiveness program forces taxpayers to

take on the burden of others' student loan debt, the governors wrote, costing an estimated \$16 billion in total. That money, which the governors said comes out to more than \$2,000 per taxpayer, will only help 16% to 17% of Americans, many of whom have higher salaries than people who do not attend college.

“Borrowers with the most debt, such as \$50,000 or more, almost exclusively have graduate degrees, meaning hourly workers will pay off the master's and doctorate degrees of high salaried lawyers, doctors, and professors,” the governors said in the letter. “... Simply put, your plan rewards the rich and punishes the poor.”

The Biden administration argued the program will overwhelmingly help low- and middle-class Americans. A White House chart of U.S. Department of Education data showed 87% of the debt cancellation benefits would go to those

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Local News

Iowa school district promises to end seclusion rooms use

By DAVID PITT
Associated Press

DES MOINES (AP) — The second largest school district in Iowa improperly and repeatedly shut students with disabilities in seclusion rooms and restrained them in violation of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, federal authorities said Monday.

The U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and the federal prosecutor for the Northern District of Iowa announced a settlement with the Cedar Rapids Community School District in which school officials have agreed to end the use of seclusion rooms and reform its restraint practices.

The district based in Cedar Rapids, about 120 miles (193.1 kilometers) east of Des Moines, also promised in the settlement agreement to improve staff training on how to address and de-escalate students' disability-related behavior through appropriate measures.

A justice department investigation found that the district subdued students with disabilities through unnecessary restraints and improper confinement in small seclusion rooms, sometimes multiple times in a day and often for excessive periods of time.

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On The Docket Updates

By Laura Bacon
NT Staff Writer

State of Iowa versus Chad Richard Faaborg: A doctor at an Anita chiropractic office, charged with sexual abuse, third degree, will now go to trial on Dec. 20, after the trial and pretrial conference were continued earlier this month. A written arraignment and plea of not guilty were filed on Aug. 26.

The criminal complaint, filed by the Cass County Sheriff's Office reported that a victim had come forward saying while she was at an appointment at Simply Chiropractic in Anita. She said Faaborg went under her clothing, fondled her and performed a sexual act on her without her permission.

A \$10,000 surety bond was posted in June.

State of Iowa versus Cristian Alexander Mata: Charged with burglary third degree (a class D felony) and theft second degree (a class D felony) Mata allegedly broke into an occupied structure on Willow Street, taking firearms, a gun cabinet, a set of Texas longhorns and more, with Corbin Logemann, and after search warrants were issued, a search of Mata's and Logemann's

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Chamber to host Drive-In Movie Experience with "Remember the Titans"

The Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Meyer & Gross Real Estate & Roland Funeral Home, will be hosting a Drive-In Movie experience Saturday, Oct. 1.

“Drive-In Movie Night has become an annual tradition that I look forward to every year. We are excited to bring a football themed movie to the big screen this fall,” Kelsey Beschoner, Programs Director at the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce said.

“The Drive-In is a fun, nostalgic experience for community members and those in the surrounding area to enjoy. This also gives us the opportunity to show off our town and encourage people to shop and eat before coming to the movie,” mentioned Beschoner.

The Drive-In Movie will be at the Atlantic High School parking lot beginning around 8:30 p.m. with a showing of “Remember the Titans.” Cars may begin parking at 7 p.m. The screen is 60 feet long with a high definition projector. Speakers will be available next to the screen for people to utilize. A transmitter will be provided for those enjoying the movie from their car. Attendees will turn their radio to a certain station and the

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