



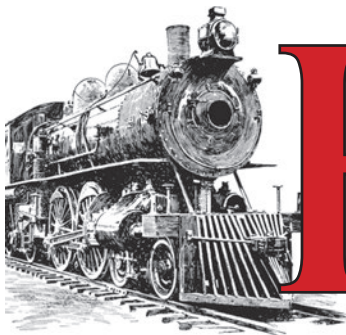
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WINTER'S WARNING SHOT



KIM TIMLIN OF HEAD START makes her way across Pine St. last Friday afternoon after checking on a Tracy Area High School student who had slid off the road and part way into the ditch. Last week's storm featured a bit of snow and a lot of very strong winds, causing icy roads and low visibility all over the area. Photos / Per Peterson

Bus drivers don't miss a beat during season's first winter storm



LEFT: JOHN BRANDT, THE TRANSPORTATION MANAGER FOR 4.0 SCHOOL SERVICES, left the warmth of the bus garage Friday morning to help a Tracy Area High School student out of the ditch. **RIGHT: A student rushes onto the school bus in downtown Tracy on Friday.**

BY PER PETERSON
EDITOR

Last Friday's winter storm was a headache for Tracy Area School District bus drivers, but the morning went off without a hitch.

Well, almost.

"The only mishap was a dog getting on my bus," said driver Liz Polkow. "It was a puppy, and the guy was chasing him all around my bus, so I eventually opened my door and let him on because he wanted to follow the kid anyway. I figured it was better than having him keep chasing the dog around the bus."

This is Polkow's first year of driving bus, and she was proud to have completed her route on time.

"I'm really excited about that," said Polkow, whose route goes all the way to about 7 miles north of Slayton. "It was a



challenge, but I felt more stable compared to driving in my car. It stopped a lot easier and had a little more traction. I have other training that kind of factored in."

Polkow said she didn't feel nervous hitting the icy roads for the first time.

"These guys were very encouraging, gave me a lot of good advice beforehand," she said. "They've always been very supportive, so I felt they'd be there for me if I had to holler for help."

John Brandt, the transportation manager for 4.0 School Services, which serves the Tracy School District, endured his

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TRACY AREA HIGH SCHOOL WALL OF FAME



DR. JAMES DRACKLEY



GLADYS GILPIN

Drackley, Gilpin to be honored

BY PER PETERSON
EDITOR

This year's inductees into the Tracy Area High School Wall of Fame are Dr. James Drackley (Class of 1978) and Gladys Gilpin (Class of 1925). The pair will be honored at this year's American Education Banquet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at The Caboose.

DR. JAMES K. DRACKLEY

Dr. Drackley is Professor of Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Following graduation from Tracy High School in 1978, he received his BS degree in Dairy Science from South Dakota State University and continued on to earn an MS degree in Dairy Science there. Drackley then completed his PhD in Nutritional Physiology from Iowa State University in 1989. He joined the faculty of the University of Illinois the same year.

Dr. Drackley has had a highly productive career at Illinois. He has trained more than 45 MS and PhD students, who have gone on to become successful professionals in the dairy industry or in higher education. He has consistently been on the University of Illinois' List of Excellent Teachers, while teaching courses in animal nutrition and metabolism. Drackley has procured more than \$7.3 million in research funding to support his research program. His research deals with nutrition and metabolism of dairy cows during the transition from pregnancy to lactation, calf nutrition and management, and fat feeding to dairy cows. He has published more than 200 articles in refereed scientific journals, as well as 1 book, 15 book chapters, and numerous abstracts, bulletins and popular press articles.

Dr. Drackley has received a number of awards from the University of Illinois and the American Dairy Science Association for research excellence, including being named a Fellow of the American Dairy Science Association. He has been active in his professional association, the American Dairy

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EDUCATION BANQUET

This year's Tracy Area High School American Education Banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at The Caboose.

ACADEMIC HONORS

The 2021 TAHS academic star and letter winners are featured on **Pages 10-11**

School board given heads-up on possible mandate

BY PER PETERSON
EDITOR

While nothing is close to being set in stone yet, the District No. 2904 School Board on Monday was briefed on the COVID-19 Vaccination Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) that might come into effect next year.

Minnesota is one of 21 states with its own State Occupational Safety and Health Administration Plans that cover both the private sector, as well as state

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VETERANS DAY

TRIO HONORED AT THIS YEAR'S VETERANS DAY PROGRAM IN TRACY

BY PER PETERSON
EDITOR

Melvin Klein, Shirley Anderson and Randy Hohler were the distinguished guests at the 2021 program, which was followed by the annual Turkey Feed at the Tracy American Legion Post 173 building.

Following the presentation of the colors, the National Anthem was played by the TAHS band, the pledge of allegiance and the invocation was given by Chaplin Darrel Janssen, and Tracy Mayor Pam Cooreman provided the welcome speech, thanking those who have served the United State over the years.

"These men and women were ordinary people until they heard the call of duty and answered it," Cooreman said. "They left their family, their homes and their lives, not for recognition or fame or even the honor we bestow upon them today — they fought and continue to fight to protect our country and maintain our way of life. Now it is time to not only honor those that have fought and are fighting for our freedom, but also time for each of us to take part in protecting it."

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Veterans remembered at Milroy Public School

BY TARA BRANDL
PUBLISHER

The gym at Milroy Public School was back open to the public for its annual Veterans Day program this year, its first event since COVID-19 began.

After creating an online program last year, the students were happy to be back performing in person for the veterans.

Milroy Supt. John Willey was also happy to welcome back the public to the school and remind both the audience and the students the importance of Veterans Day.

"On Veterans Day we remember

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KHYLE RADKE AND DAVE KOSSE salute the American flag during the presentation of the colors at last Thursday's Veterans Day event at Tracy Area High School. Photo / Per Peterson

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