

# THE BURLINGTON BARK

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Members of the Burlington High School Class of 2023 smile Saturday, June 3, 2023, after turning their tassels during the commencement ceremony at Bracewell Stadium.

## VICTORY FOR CLASS OF '23

At about 7:30 p.m., the Victory Bell rang out at Bracewell Stadium, each of its clangs symbolic of a struggle overcome, a goal met, a skill learned, the start of life's next chapter ahead.

It rang for the 186 Burlington High School seniors seated in rows along the football field, anxious to walk across the stage and get their diplomas.

"Each of you are victorious for your personal accomplishments," BHS Principal Monica Myers said. "Some of you have excelled on the ball field, the basketball court, the golf course, others in band, choir and on the stage for drama, speech and debate. You are victorious.

"Some have managed to attend school while caring for family members and working full- or part-time jobs. There are others who have overcome physical challenges or health issues while completing high school. You are victorious."

Myers went on to list the winners of academic scholarships and awards, and noted the BHS Class of 2023's shortened freshman year due to the pandemic.

### QUICK SIX

- 1. June 1**  
Last day of school for students
- 2. June 2**  
Last day of school for staff
- 3. June 3**  
High school graduation at 7 p.m. at Bracewell Stadium
- 4. June 5**  
First day of summer school, Camp Journey and Safety Town
- 5. June 12**  
Burlington School Board meets at 6 p.m.
- 6. June 17**  
Juneteenth

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THIS IS BURLINGTON



**Members of the Burlington High School Class of 2023 wave to family and friends sitting in the stands Saturday, June 3, 2023, during their commencement ceremony at Bracewell Stadium.**

"No matter what your obstacles or hurdles you experienced, you're sitting in these chairs in front of your family and friends," she said. "You are victorious."

Though unspoken, the bell also rang for the many teachers, staff, family members and friends who over the past 13 years have played some part in a student's life to help them get to the commencement ceremony that day.

"We were lucky enough to have some great staff throughout our 13 years of schooling that helped shape our young minds and make us contributing members of society," valedictorian Caroline Strawhacker said.

From Ryan Osborn, Strawhacker said, she and her peers learned the importance of voting and how to understand others with differing opinions. She credited Jessica King for teaching students how to write the perfect essay, and Derrick Murphy for teaching them how to be on time. Through activities like sports and dragon boats, she said, they learned to work as a team, while student council taught them how to organize and run events.

"Even though many of us might not need to know how to find the volume of a cylinder in the future, our teachers were able to leave a lasting impression on us and were part of some of our favorite high school memories," Strawhacker said. "Our teachers encouraged us to pursue our goals we have for the future and were able to reassure us when we worried about what comes next."

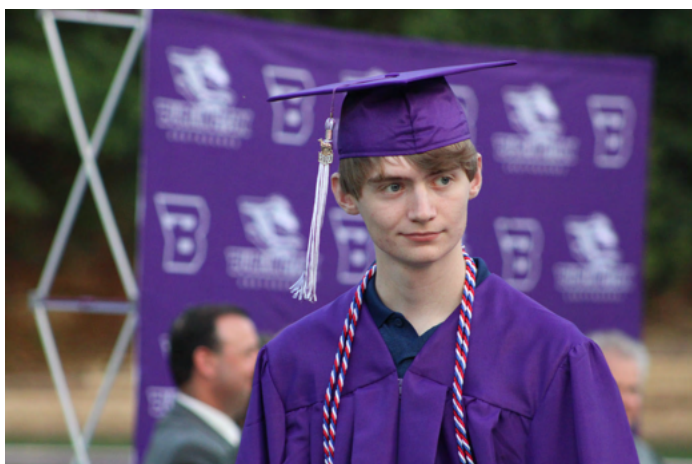
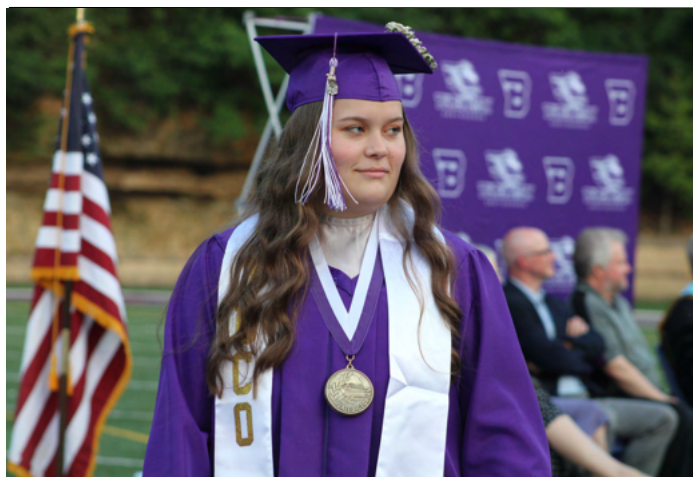


**Purple smoke billows out of a cannon Saturday, June 3, 2023, during the Burlington High School Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony at Bracewell Stadium.**

The past four years have gone by quickly, Strawhacker and salutatorian Katherine Taylor said.

Taylor broke down that time with numbers: 180 days of school each year times about six hours per day times four years makes 4,320 hours — hours that seem to have passed in the blink of an eye.

"I don't think any of us were prepared for time to move as fast as it did. We have been told for years that high school goes by fast,"



Members of the Burlington High School Class of 2023 are shown Saturday, June 1, 2023, during their commencement ceremony at Bracewell Stadium. For more graduation photos, visit the BHS and BCSD Facebook and Instagram pages.

Taylor said, “You arrive at the high school as a freshman, you blink, and suddenly you are walking across the stage shaking hands with Mrs. Myers and you’re done.”

Taylor recalled the uncertainty she felt after her eighth grade year. She didn’t know what her teachers or her classes would be like or who she would sit with at lunch. She didn’t know that COVID-19 would shorten her first year of high school or that it would drastically alter her second, but looking back, she realizes she has made some of the greatest friends, connected with amazing teachers, and that she and her peers have become “role models for younger students and pass on that BHS spirit that we have so closely cherished for the past four years of our lives.”

Much like that summer before their freshman year of high school, she said, the graduating seniors now face new unknowns.

“We have grown up and are heading off to new places that precludes us in ways we could never imagine, whether we are going to college, entering the workforce, enlisting in the military, or traveling the world, we are all at a point in our lives where we are unsure what’s coming next,” she said. “You can’t tell me what your life will be like, and I can’t tell you what my life has in store for me, but there’s something great in store for each of us.”

Samuel Morehead, class speaker and president of the BHS chapter of National Honor Society who was tasked with speaking about leadership, encouraged his peers to use their gifts to lift up and

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those around them to make the world a better place.

“Yes, there are assigned leadership roles, such as president of a club or a team captain, but that’s not true leadership,” Morehead said. “Real, genuine leadership is being an inspiration to those around you. True leadership is using the gifts and circumstances you have been given to help everyone you can.”

Superintendent Robert Scott thanked the students and their families for choosing Burlington High School and extended his gratitude to teachers, staff and administrators, as well as public safety professionals and servicemen and women, before returning his address to the graduates.

“Today, students, you are graduating seniors, confident, prepared, excited, and you are ready for the next phase in your life,” Scott said. “There will be many opportunities for you in the workforce, military, college campuses, within your family, or maybe even as a teacher or principal in Burlington, we can hope. ... Please remember you will always be a Grayhound.”



Burlington High School Industrial Technology teachers Tom Buckman (left) and Scott Thorne pose in front of Case New Holland Thursday, July 18, 2013, in Burlington. The teachers were involved in a summer program that allowed them to work in the profession they teach, and give students the first-hand knowledge of what they learned. [Brenna Norman/The Hawk Eye]

# SCHOOL'S OUT FOR BUCKMAN

## Long-time industrial tech teacher leaves lasting legacy.

On the evening of June 3, as the Burlington High School class of 2023, diplomas in hand and hats in the air, looked toward their family and friends in the bleachers, a loud boom reverberated through Bracewell Stadium.

Standing behind the cloud of purple smoke billowing from the cannon was Tom Buckman. Though he couldn't be seen by those below, one can safely assume that Buckman grinned, perhaps even laughed at the unsuspecting crowd's startled reaction.

"He's widely known as the guy who makes the loud boom at home football games and enjoys watching the opposing teams duck and cover," BHS Monica Myers said of Buckman during Burlington Community School District's 44th annual Staff Retirement Banquet

at The Drake, where Buckman, a Diet Coke in hand, sat alongside his wife, Lori.

But Buckman is perhaps more widely known for his ability to empower the students in his classroom.

At another graduation ceremony in 2016, class valedictorian Bobby Kemp described the now-retired teacher as "the man, the myth, the legend," before recalling his experience in his class as one that encouraged him to teach himself, and one that made him want to learn.

Hunter Craig, now a BHS graduate, who has taken Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Precision Machining and Manufacturing Production, Machining and Manufacturing, and Engineering Design and Development with Buckman, said Buckman's style of teaching has encouraged him to think for



**Industrial Technology teachers Sara Parris and Tom Buckman pose for a photo Thursday, May 11, 2023, in Buckman's classroom at Burlington High School. Parris went from being his student in high school to his mentee as a teacher.**

himself.

"Unlike many other teachers who provide a single correct answer or a prescribed path to follow, Buckman encourages independent thinking and self-discovery," Craig said. "He empowers his students to explore and find information on their own, fostering a sense of autonomy and confidence. This approach has taught me the importance of being resourceful, adaptable, and capable of solving problems through my own efforts. It has been a transformative lesson that will undoubtedly serve me well in all aspects of life."

Buckman said the subject matter he has taught helps motivate students to want to learn, as does respect.

"I treat all of my students like the adults they think they are and I made sure that I walked the walk and talked the talk so they wanted to learn what I know and what I possess, so they were hungry or thirsty for what I had, not be just lecturing and expecting them to sit there and absorb what I'm spitting out," Buckman said in mid-May during one of his planning periods, the lines of awards and stacks papers lining the desk and filing cabinet behind his desk shorter than they had been weeks earlier as he worked to clear out his things. "I make them want to be in here. The worst thing I could do is not teach."

As Buckman spoke, Sara Parris had come down the hallway from her CAD class to sub for welding teacher Pat Pickford in the shop area connected to Buckman's classroom.



**Tom Buckman holds up a photo of himself with former TSA students, including Sara Parris, who now teaches CAD at BHS. Parris student taught under Buckman before becoming his mentee.**

### ENCOURAGING THE NEXT GENERATION

Parris was a student of Buckman's in high school, first as a freshman in Metals I.

"Being a freshman, of course, is terrifying, but (Buckman) had one of those presences that's like 'welcome to the class; you're going to love it,'" Parris recalled before holding up the speedhound keychain that she made in Buckman's class during the 2009-'10 school year.



**Tom Buckman stands next to a CNC machine in his classroom. Buckman has retired after a more than 30-year teaching career that began in Chicago.**

She would continue to learn from Buckman over the following three years, both through the Student Technology Association, of which Buckman was an advisor, and in her senior year when she took Metals II.

“I did all the coding and stuff that you don’t think you can do and then he’s kind of like, well, you can do it.’ He’s definitely like anybody can do this, anybody can come in and learn. You don’t have to be a shop kid,” said Parris, who described herself instead as having been a choir kid.

Buckman’s encouragement and her new-found abilities in the shop kept Parris wanting to take industrial tech classes. In college, she was a math major. Then she ran into Buckman.

“I ran into him somewhere or I had a phone call with him or something and I was like, you know, I think I want to be a shop teacher,” Parris said. “And it was kind of one of those things where he said go for it.”

Parris student-taught under Buckman before becoming a teacher, at which point he became her mentor.

“We kind of went full circle from student to mentee” she said. “He’s definitely helped make me a better teacher in a sense, so I don’t want to say inspiration to getting into it, but definitely wanting to stay. He’s also really good at pushing me to make everything better. We would have conversations like this is why I want to teach and he would be like, ‘how do you make it better?’ ”



**Burlington High School freshman Brenden Walter, 15, gets some help from his Precision Machining Manufacturing teacher Tom Buckman in their Metals II class while writing g-code on a computer in order to build a mill plate on a CNC machine, Tuesday, March 26, 2019, in BHS’s machine shop. [John Lovretta/The Hawk Eye]**

It’s a question Buckman’s asked of himself time and time again throughout his teaching career.

“Since I started here, if I had to go back and watch myself teach my first year at BHS, it would be painful because I would be embarrassed by what I was teaching and how I was teaching, because every year for 36 years, I have raised that bar and raised



**Burlington High School machine shop teacher Tom Buckman takes a spin on the quadracycle Thursday, May 20, 2004, at the high school before giving rides to visitors during the BHS Industrial Technology and Art Expo. [John Gaines/The Hawk Eye]**

those expectations and raised the amount of knowledge that they need to learn to keep up with technology and keep up with things going on, and I would say that to any beginning teacher," Buckman said. "If you are not constantly raising that bar, raising those expectations, you're doing your students a disservice when they graduate because our job is to prepare them for today's world, and if you're not going back to school, taking classes, keeping up with new technology, keeping pace of technology that's emerging, then you're not doing your job."

#### FROM BPD TO BHS

A native of South Holland, Illinois, Buckman first came to Burlington in May of 1986, not as a teacher, but as an intern for the Burlington Police Department after double majoring in law enforcement administration and industrial education at Western Illinois University.

"I had wanted to be kind of like the (school resource officer), but they didn't have an SRO program at Burlington," Buckman recalled.

So he spent the summer of '86 alongside officer Tom Walz before returning to Chicago that fall to student-teach for a semester at Thornridge High School. In January 1987, he took a job at the PACE Alternative School, which at the time serviced 10 school districts in Chicago's southern suburbs.

In his second year there, he helped to organize and form a union, an effort that ultimately resulted in significant pay hikes for him and his colleagues. Still, the cost of living in the downtown Chicago area was high, so Buckman got a second job. His days were spent at school, and his nights were spent as a suit and tie house detective officer at the Fairmont Hotel.

It was while he was working at the hotel that he received a phone call informing him that Officer Walz had been shot while responding to a burglary. The news brought Buckman back to Burlington to visit his mentor.

"It was at that time he kind of tried to convince me to come back and quit working 16 hours a day just to pay rent," Buckman said. "Strangely enough, in *The Hawk Eye*, there was a job listing for industrial ed here at BHS. I don't know if you'd call that fate or what."

He got the job and worked in that position for a year before he was laid off due to a reduction in force, then long-term subbed for a year before being recalled back to a full-time position in 1992, this time as a special education teacher.

After two years in that role, he moved back into industrial ed. He's been in the machine shop at BHS ever since, attending the International Manufacturing and Technology Show in Chicago every other year to keep up with emerging technology and working

to modernize the shop at BHS to prepare his students for the workforce.

## EQUIPMENT UPGRADES GIVE STUDENTS A LEG UP

Buckman estimates his now former classroom holds upwards of \$1 million worth of digital precision machining equipment, but that wasn't always the case.

"When I got here, the machine shop had leftover machinery from the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, so everything was surplus 1930s, 1940s, and even said 'U.S. War Department' on some of them," Buckman said.

Buckman began partnering with local companies to get new machinery, and when one of those partners, Murray Turbo, left town, it donated a surface grinder, a vertical mill, and other machinery used to upgrade the shop. Further aiding the effort to better prepare students for the workforce with up-to-date machinery were Carl Perkins grant funds.

In 2000, the decision was made to go all digital in an effort to keep up with industry standards. The purchase of a Cincinnati machine in 2000 was followed by a Flow 40,000 PSI water jet in 2002, then a Haas vertical milling center in 2015, then a 400-watt laser in 2018.

"Now, 16 machines in the shop are all digital," Buckman said. "That helped bridge kids from mechanical running a plain machine to a digital machine. Now students are leaving here fully digital. Everything's a dial caliper, everything's digital, so when students walk into industry, they are off and running, which is good. I've had a lot of students be able to get some really good jobs because they were up to speed and knew what they were doing."

But BHS industrial tech students are showing their know-how before they leave high school.

BHS junior Adam Johnson recently earned a perfect score on his final exam assessment for Project Lead The Way's Computer Integrated Engineering Program, placing him in the 99th percentile nationally, and Craig has completed an impressive number of challenges put out by the Titans of Machining Academy.

"Buckman has played a crucial role in preparing me for life after high school," Craig said. "His guidance and expertise have equipped me with practical skills that are applicable not only in the fields he teaches but also in various aspects of life. His classes have instilled in me a strong work ethic, problem-solving abilities, and critical thinking skills that will benefit me in any future endeavors, including college and beyond."

## A RESONATING MESSAGE

Buckman sees his former students on the job when he visits places like Case New Holland and frequently runs into BHS graduates who are more than happy to tell him about their lucrative careers in industrial tech.

"They get that self worth," Buckman said of his students. "I think the biggest thing I've been able to teach the kids is what I'm teaching you, you can go make money, so learn what I'm teaching you, learn these skills, and you can find somebody who will pay you for what



**Tom Buckman picks up mortar tubes for J and M Displays, out of Yarmouth, Sunday, July 5, 2009, at the Burlington Golf Club in Burlington. Buckman and fellow crew members had six area fireworks displays to pick up Sunday morning. [Matt Ryerson/The Hawk Eye]**

you know and the skills you have. I think that's probably one of the best quotes that I've said to students over the years is when you graduate high school, you have to find somebody to pay you for what you know and the skills you have, so if you have no skills and don't know anything, you better think long and hard about what you're doing here in high school to invest in yourself, because no one else is going to invest in you when you graduate."

It's something he's told hundreds of classrooms.

## OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Outside of teaching, Buckman has been a TSA advisor for nine years, once being named the TSA Advisor of the Year during a trip to Baltimore. He also has been a sophomore basketball coach for 10 seasons and has been a longtime member of the Burlington Education Association, having served as president, vice president and chief negotiator.

He was heavily involved in negotiations over the most recent BEA contract and has served as the district's unofficial historian.

He also has been a strong advocate for Career and Technical Education programming and served as the CTE chair when



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ONE OF THREE BC2M ADVISORS ”**

industrial arts merged with business, home ec, and health professions programs.

He was heavily involved in implementing the ProStart program, along with internships and job shadowing for the business department, DECA and HOSA.

In his retirement, he plans to do model trains with his dad, Charles Buckman, who himself was an industrial tech teacher, do some traveling, and continue working as a fireworks technician for J and M Displays.

He had planned to let his teaching license expire, but Gov. Kim Reynolds recently signed into law House File 672, effectively eliminating renewal requirements for teachers who have been employed for at least 10 years and for those who possess masters or doctoral degrees.

“I was deliberately allowing it to expire. Deliberately, and she’s going to sign a bill that says well you’ve got a master’s teaching certificate, so it’s good forever. You don’t have to renew it anymore,” Buckman said. “The train was rolling into the station and I was all ready to get off and all of a sudden it’s going to speed back and pick up again and not stop. I’m going to have to make a jump for it and roll.”

While Buckman may be ready to roll, Parris thinks of it a little differently.

“He can’t officially leave because I’m going to call him.” she said. “Once a shop teacher, always a shop teacher.”



**Lori Buckman pins a boutonniere to Tom Buckman's shirt Wednesday, May 24, 2023, during the Burlington Community School District's 44th annual Retirement Banquet at The Drake in Burlington.**

# THANK YOU, BCSD RETIREEES OF 2023

Denise Michelson, 34 years, Black Hawk

Tom Buckman, 31 years, BHS

Ann Carl, 31 years, Sunnyside

Kelly Brice, 27 years, Sunnyside

Elizabeth Sanning, 27 years, district

Lynette Heckenberg, 24 years, Black Hawk

Ellen Humiston, 22 years, Grimes

Diana Martin, 21 years, BHS

Nancy Cloke, 16 years, BHS

Mary Larson, 14 years, Corse

Richard Link, 11 years, Transportation

(Years of service shown are for number of consecutive years at BCSD.)



**The Paddling Princesses celebrate Sunday, May 5, 2023, after besting their opponents during Dragon Boat Races at Big Hollow Recreation Area.**

# DRAAGON BOATS | 33 YEARS OF A BHS TRADITION

On May 5, hundreds of people gathered at the beach of Big Hollow Recreation Area for a day of fun and competition.

Teams convened in groups — their matching t-shirts displaying team names like Sailor Swift, Paddling Princesses, and BOAT — and played volleyball to pass the time between races.

As their time drew nearer, teams were called to the swimming area where dragon boats manned by American Dragon Boat Association sternsmen waited in the water.

After rowers took their seats came the drummer, whose responsibility was to keep the rowers on pace. Nearest the dragon head sat the flag catcher, a role that carries both great responsibility and great discomfort.

“It’s very uncomfortable and then it’s quite boring,” BHS senior turned graduate Sam Moorehead recalled at a recent student council meeting following the annual event. “But it’s a really nice feeling when you grab the flag and win.”

It was Burlington’s 33rd documented year of hosting Dragon Boat Races.

## HISTORY OF DRAGON BOAT RACES

Burlington’s dragon boat races are rooted in a canoe club brought to Burlington from Dubuque by Susan Smith, who was looking for a committee to take it over. She found that committee in the Optimist Club.

According to Carlos Capdevilla, a former Optimist Club member, the



**A Dragon Boat team makes their way through the water Sunday, May 5, 2023, at Big Hollow Recreation Area.**

first official dragon boat races took place in 1990 along the Mississippi River. They were moved to Lake Geode the following year. Seven Ponds also became a host site, and Lake Geode also remained as such until it was drained in 2017. Now, the dragon boat races alternate between Geode and Big Hollow.

The Burlington Optimist Dragon Boat Festival became an annual and highly anticipated event, and in 1999, Burlington became a host site for an international race in 1999, drawing visitors and rowers from New Zealand, Australia, Canada, and China, the sport's country of origin.

Dragon boat racing originated in southern central China more than 2,500 years ago in Dongting Lake and along the banks of what now is called the Yangtze River. The races were held on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month of the Chinese calendar as a rite to awaken the hibernating Heavenly Dragon, as well as to avert misfortune and encourage prosperous rains.

Now, they are held in Burlington the first Sunday of May rain or shine and are only canceled in the event of lightning.

"Last year it was freezing and it was miserable. It was so bad," BHS senior Brenna Remele said. "This year it was a lot of fun because it was nice outside."

Burlington dragon boat teams have gone on to race throughout the country, including in New York's Hudson River. The last race



**A flag-catcher positions herself to grab the flag Sunday, May 5, 2023, during the Dragon Boat Races at Big Hollow Recreation Area.**

hosted by the Optimist Club was in 2005.

"It's like with everything, you need new blood," Capdevilla said.

BHS has kept the tradition going, though on an admittedly smaller scale.

## **A FUN DAY ON THE BEACH**

Each year, BHS invites schools from the surrounding area to participate in dragon boat races.



“We invite anywhere from West Central, New London, Fort Madison, Mount Pleasant, Notre Dame,” Parris said. “The students council representatives from those schools then send out information to those kids.”

Preparations begin months in advance as captains organize teams and seek sponsors to cover the cost of t-shirts and supplies for their camp.

“In my group, we went downtown to local businesses,” BHS junior Zyana Bradford said.

Each team can have up to 30 members, but only 20 are on a boat at a time — 18 rowers, at least eight of whom must be girls, one flag catcher and a drummer. The remaining 10 are alternates.

“It’s double elimination, so every team gets to row at least twice,” Parris said.

Teams can be of all grade levels, and school staff can also get in on the fun with building teams.

The day before the event is spent practicing. On race day, teams gather at the beach in camps and play volleyball and listen to music to pass the time between heats.

“It’s just fun to be on the beach away from school,” said BHS junior Alana Yaeger.

Parris said in the future, the races may be opened up to parents of seniors to compete.



**Top: A Dragon Boat team celebrates after winning their race Sunday, May 5, 2023, at Big Hollow Recreation Area.**

**Middle: A Dragon Boat team is greeted by teammates after winning their race.**

**Bottom: Teams gather for Dragon Boat Races.**

# SAME FACES, NEW PLACES



**Nathan Marting and Beth Shurtleff will be the principal and vice principal, respectively, of Edward Stone Middle School.**



**Vida Long will be the principal of Aldo Leopold Intermediate School, while Tim Cradic will be the principal of Grimes Elementary School.**



**Brandon Kurovski will be an assistant principal at Burlington High School, and Nick Hauenstein will be a dean of students at BHS.**



**Wes White, the current principal of Grimes Elementary School, will be leaving the district for a position with the Great Prairie Area Education Agency.**

## Here's a look at who's going where for the 2023-24 school year.

There will be some familiar faces in different buildings for the coming school year.

Beginning July 1, Nathan Marting, who currently serves as an associate principal at Burlington High School, will become the principal of Edward Stone Middle School.

Vida Long, who currently serves as principal of Ed Stone, will take over the helm at Aldo Leopold Intermediate School.

Tim Cradic, the current principal of Aldo, will become the principal of Grimes Elementary School. Wesley White, the current principal of Grimes, is taking a position with the Great Prairie Area Education Agency.

Taking Marting's place as assistant principal of BHS will be Brandon Kurovski, who currently serves there as dean of students.

Taking Kurovski's place as the dean of students will be Nick Hauenstein, the current assistant principal at Ed Stone.

Beth Shurtleff, the current principal of our VIBE Virtual Learning Program, will become the assistant principal at Ed Stone. She also will continue to serve as supervisor of technology for the district. The new VIBE principal will be announced after a hire has been made.

Marting first joined BCSD this past year, but he has been working in education for nearly 23 years. His previous roles have included high school agriculture teacher, FFA advisor, football coach, and a principal for grades six through 12. Prior to coming to Burlington, he was superintendent of the Jesup Community School District.

"While it has been an honor and privilege to serve the high school this past year with a wonderful team of staff, administrators and student body, I am eager to join the Ed Stone family for the 2023-24 school year," Marting said. "I am excited to work with the students, staff, and parents/guardians in providing the highest quality education, rich in experiences in and out of the classroom."

Long's career in education spans two decades. About half of that time has been spent working in Burlington schools with middle and intermediate-school-aged children. Prior to becoming the principal of Ed Stone, she was an associate principal at BHS.

"I absolutely love this age group and I feel very fortunate to be a part of a school district that works so hard for the community's students," Long said. "I can't wait to be a part of the Aldo team!"

Cradic has been working in Burlington schools for 24 years, with his most recent year as a teacher having been spent at Grimes, where he taught fifth grade for nearly two years before becoming the assistant principal at Aldo back when it was still a middle school. After two years there, he became the principal of North Hill Elementary School, where he remained for three years before returning to Aldo, this time as its principal.

"It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve the students and families of Aldo Leopold Intermediate School these past four years," Cradic said. "I love our district and our schools, and I look forward to getting to know Grimes families and students and working together to promote and inspire their passion for lifelong learning."



Lend A Paw Pantry is shown Wednesday, May 31, at James Madison Education Center. The pantry is open from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Individuals may access the pantry twice per month.

# BCSD TO OFFER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Burlington Community School District will provide free meals to those under the age of 18 on a first-come, first-serve basis via the Summer Food Service Program in June and July.

The Summer Food Service Program coincides with the district's summer school programs and is not limited to Burlington students.

"If Grandma has little Johnny and little Mary visiting from North Carolina, they can come eat for free," BCSD District Services Director Brian Johnson said. "If you see some place have (the Summer Food Service Program), you can pull in and your kids can eat for free. I wouldn't plan your trip around it. I'm just saying you don't have to be a Burlington resident, you don't have to go to school here." Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Here's where and when to get meals:

- Edward Stone Middle School, 3000 Mason Road
  - Monday through Thursday June 5-29
  - Breakfast: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
  - Lunch: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- North Hill Elementary School, 825 N. Ninth St.
  - Monday through Thursday June 20-29 and July 10-27
  - Breakfast: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
  - Lunch: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Meals must be eaten on site.

Need a ride? Burlington Urban Service is offering free rides to students under the age of 18 beginning Monday, June 5, through the end of summer.

### LEND A PAW PANTRY

Lend A Paw Pantry, located at James Madison Education Center, located at 2132 Madison Ave., will continue to be open from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout the summer.

Individuals may use the pantry up to two times per month.

The pantry currently serves about 240 households – or 780 individuals – per month.

Those wishing to utilize the pantry must fill out a The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) form once a year stating their income and the number of people in their household. Proof of income is not required.

The number of food items for which a person is eligible is dependent upon the number of people in their household. Once that paperwork

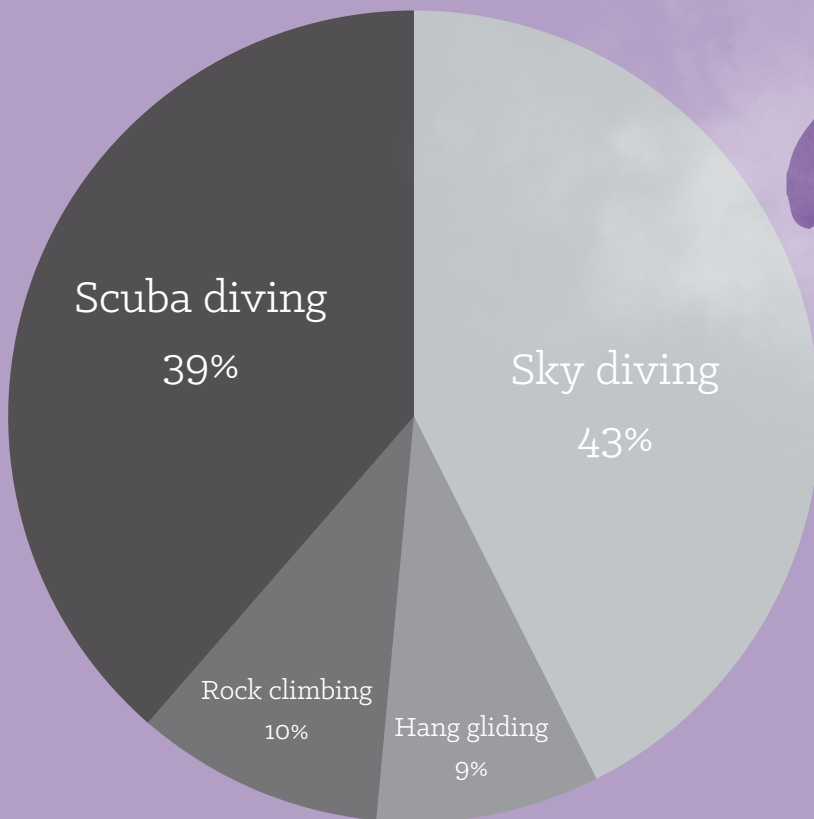


is complete, a volunteer will lead pantry-goers through the aisles to select the items they want from the shelves.

Pam Farr, who oversees much of the pantry's operations, said food boxes can be made available for curbside pick-up for those who are unable to visit the pantry in person.

The pantry receives food items through the Food Bank of Iowa as well as through local food drives and donations. Items that are frequently needed include non-perishables, pastas and personal hygiene items such as shampoo and toilet paper.

## INSTAGRAM POLL RESULTS WHICH EXTREME SPORT WOULD YOU TRY FIRST?



TOTAL VOTES: 103



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Quashonn Manning, Rogan Francis, Ryder Douglas, Aubrey Mason and Zoey Kantzavelos are shown in this still taken from Aldo Leopold Intermediate School's DON'T QUIT Fitness Center application video. Also in the video are student Ray'Meari Fredricks, Aldo Principal Tim Cradic, Grants and Community Outreach Supervisor Cassie Gerst, and Aldo PE teacher Rachel Cameron.

# ALIS WINS \$100K FITNESS CENTER

Aldo Leopold Intermediate School is one of three schools in the state selected to receive a state-of-the-art \$100,000 DON'T QUIT! Fitness Center.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds and fitness icon Jake (Body by Jake) Steinfeld, chairman of the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils (NFGFC), announced the receiving schools Thursday, May 31, in recognition of their demonstrated leadership in getting and keeping their students fit. Others are Boone Middle School in Boone and Susan Clark Junior High School in Muscatine.

"Congratulations to the winners and their communities on being selected," Reynolds said. "Schools can provide a vital space for students to not only learn in the classroom, but to discover a passion for being active in hobbies or physical competition."

"We had a tremendous response from schools throughout the great state of Iowa. None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of Governor Kim Reynolds who helped make this campaign a huge success by putting the health and well-being of

children first," Steinfeld said. "Three schools really embodied our mission of building a nation of the fittest, healthiest kids in the world. I'm thrilled to announce that Aldo Leopold Intermediate School, Boone Middle School and Susan Clark Junior High School are all being awarded a brand new \$100,000 DON'T QUIT! Fitness Centers. Congratulations to all, we look forward to visiting these three schools during our ribbon cutting ceremonies this fall!"

Each fitness center is financed through public/private partnerships and does not rely on taxpayer dollars or state funding. Fit Supply provides the fitness equipment. The fitness center will be installed in Aldo's former industrial arts classroom.

Aldo students Quashonn Manning, Rogan Francis, Ryder Douglas, Aubrey Mason, Zoey Kantzavelos and Ray'Meari Fredricks worked with district staff and administrators to come up with the concept for and film the video that was submitted as part of the DON'T QUIT application.

To watch the video, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LY31fyB3Dm0>.



# BURLINGTON ACTIVITIES DEPT.

To view the Activities schedule [click here!](#)

## THE RECAP





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## BURLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- June 5 - Camp Journey begins
- June 5 - BHS summer school begins at Edward Stone Middle School due to construction work at the high school
- June 12 - School board meeting at 6 p.m.
- June 29 - Last day of middle and high school summer programs
- July 5 - Registration opens for the 2023-24 school year
- July 10 - School board meeting at 6 p.m.
- July 20 - BCSD Job Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 25 - Registration Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Aldo Leopold Intermediate School
- July 31 - Registration closes for the 2023-24 school year
- July 31-Aug. 4 - BHS Musical Audition Prep Camp from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Aldo Leopold Intermediate School for incoming ninth- through 12th-graders.
- Aug. 14 - School board meeting at 6 p.m.
- Aug. 23 - First day of school for kindergarten through 12th grade
- Aug. 30 - First day of preschool

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There will be no July edition of The Burlington Bark.

Have a great summer!



## 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR TIMES

	ARRIVAL TIME	START TIME	DISMISSAL
BLACK HAWK ELEMENTARY	8:35 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
GRIMES ELEMENTARY	8:25 a.m.	8:35 a.m.	3:35 p.m.
NORTH HILL ELEMENTARY	8:25 a.m.	8:35 a.m.	3:35 p.m.
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY	8:35 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
ALDO LEOPOLD INTERMEDIATE		8:15 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
EDWARD STONE MIDDLE		7:50 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL		8:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.

## CORSE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY	START TIME	DISMISSAL
A.M. PRESCHOOL	8:40 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
P.M. PRESCHOOL	12:55 p.m.	3:55 p.m.

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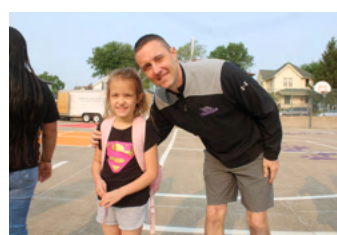


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