



Blue & White

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Family Farm and Vet Clinic

A spotlight on the clinic serving Montzuma for over a decade.

By Brayden Stockman

Whether it be a dog, cat, or any other animal, many people love their pets, and they want them to be well cared for. Of course, they can feed them, water them, and give them shelter, but there isn't much most people can do to take care of surgeries or other health complications. That is where the veterinarians come into the picture.

Of course, Montezuma is home to its own vet clinic, namely the Farm and Family Vet Clinic. Established in 2003, it consists of four veterinarians who work on rotation of the two other Farm and Family Vet Clinics in Brooklyn and Victor, as well as the Office Manager Lisa Gabriel.

Doctor Brian Stockman is a veterinarian at the Farm and Family Vet

Clinics and the co-owner and senior partner of Farmer and Family Vet Clinics, co-owning with Drs. Jeff Cheney and Eric Smith. Graduating high school from Clear Creek in 1986, he attended college and vet school at Iowa State University. Here, he graduated in the year 1994 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

Stockman has worked as a veterinarian in Montezuma since 1997, moving from Osceola. Here, he worked at the previous vet clinic until 2003. In 2003, Brooklyn, Montezuma, and Victor, who were already existing clinics, merged to create Farm and Family Vet Clinics, as they believed that their veterinarians could specialize

if they had more freedom when there were more doc-

tors around to finish tasks. Stockman believes that many things have changed in the Montezuma Farm and Family Vet Clinic since its establishment, especially in the field of technology. "X-ray machines and ultrasound devices have become more affordable, so we can buy them. Also, Google exists now. If we need to know something, we can just Google it."

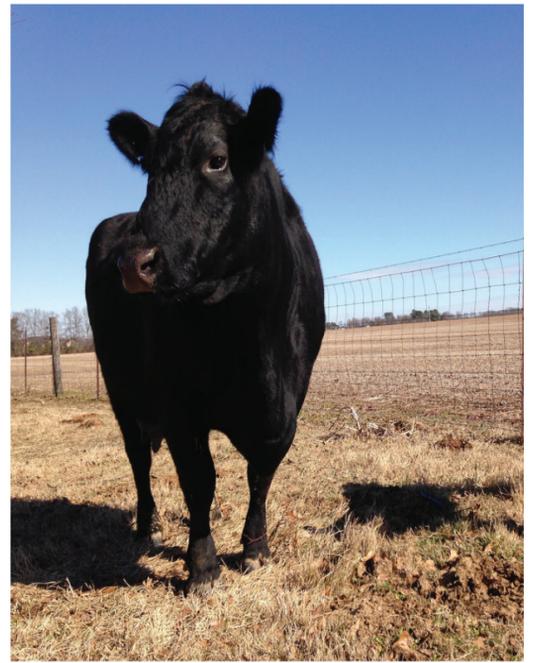
Stockman currently focuses on farm animal business, but will occasionally do surgeries on small animals, such as cats or dogs. He typically works 40 hours in the day during the week, but receive emergency calls at night for special emergencies..

Stockman enjoys his work as a vet, stating, "I think it is a rewarding career, and you feel

like you're helping people and animals." He also enjoys not answering to a boss, stating, "I enjoy the freedom it gives. You don't have to answer to a boss. I'm my own boss."

While Stockman believes that being a veterinarian is physically demanding and requires long work hours, he enjoys his work as a vet. "Even after 23 years, there's something new that arises. It seems like there's a new challenge every week. There's always something different, so I enjoy that."

Stockman would also like to thank the members of the community, saying, "I thank them for their loyalty and their willingness to provide them with our service."



ANIMALS ARE ALWAYS well cared for in the hands of Farm and Family Vet Clinic. Cows such as these and all other types of animals can find quality care with Dr. Stockman and his staff at the clinic.

From Science Guy to Literary Guy, A book review

By Chase Talbert

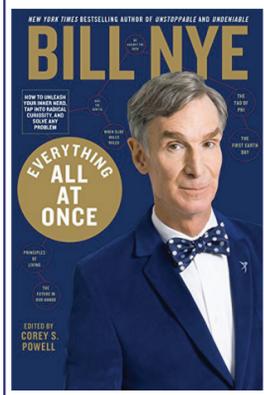
Bill Nye's "Everything All at Once: How to Unleash Your Inner Nerd, Tap into Radical Curiosity, and Solve Any Problem," is a great book that combines an autobiography of William Sanford Nye, a scientific roadmap for where the human race as a species may be heading and a self-help book all-in-one. "Everything All at Once," was released on July 11, 2017 and is available on-

look, on the surface, like a typical self-help book, "read this and you can do anything!" But as you read about Mr. Nye's life, he takes little pit stops here and there to relate a problem he once faced that you may have or will one day face. He then talks about how he solved the problem and how you can apply that to your own problems.

Mixed in with Mr. Nye's valuable life lessons are little pieces of scientific trivia that keep you interested, but also serve to break up the main topic while your reading, so you don't lose interest of the subject.

Overall, this book is a great read for anyone who enjoys science, Bill Nye, or improving their critical thinking and problem solving skills. "Everything All at Once," also features easily relatable topics, discussion on current events, and the iconic Bill Nye sense of humor and irony his fans will recognize instantly.

Whether you're a dedicated fan of his, or this is your first time even hearing of Bill Nye, this book is sure to make you think about, question, possibly solve problems in your own life, and "Dare I say it? - Change the world!"



line and in bookstores.

This book would be great for anyone who is a fan of Mr. Nye, whether you know him from the TV show "Bill Nye the Science Guy," or from "Almost Live!," no matter your age or even if you haven't ever heard of him, if science is of interest to you, it's likely you'll enjoy this book.

The book's cover may

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New Teacher Spotlight: Janel Burgess

By Carrie Jennings

Janel Burgess is the new head girls' basketball coach as well as a teaching aid. While she is new to most of the students, she is not new to the Montezuma community.

Burgess was a student here at Montezuma High School who graduated in 1994. Some of her fondest memories of Monte was being able to play basketball, a sport she has a passion for.

After graduating, she attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa since it was close to home. She played basketball all four years of attending the university.

She pursued a degree in education there because she also has a passion for teaching. "It's a great thing to leave an impact on people's lives," she states, and teaching does just that.

However, she also "chose to take [her] teaching passion to the court" by coaching her favorite sports.

After graduating from Iowa State, she began coaching at Williamsburg High School. There, she coached boys' basketball, softball, and volleyball.

She coached there for two years and then went on to coach girls' basketball at a college level for 16

years at different universities and colleges, including Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. Eight years were spent as an assistant coach while the other eight were spent as a head coach.

Burgess returned back home to Montezuma, though, to take the position of head girls' basketball coach. She says that she is glad to be back; "It's a lot like being back on the old bicycle again."

She wanted to continue coaching girls' basketball because "the game gave me good experience and memories" that she wanted to share with students.

Her favorite aspect of being a coach is "seeing players grow as a family and show great team camaraderie" as well as seeing some strategies succeed even if others do not.

Burgess believes that there is no difference between teaching and coaching. "The only thing that isn't the same," she says, "is the content area and location. Sometimes, I have to deliver messages differently, too; sometimes I talk to kids one on one in class, and other times, I'm shouting to a team in a gym. Those are the only differences."

When she isn't teach-

ing or coaching, Burgess enjoys staying active by running, helping out on her family farm, and being her kids'-Eddie, 8th grade, and Sydnee, 3rd grade-biggest fan at their events and activities.

To the Montezuma community, Burgess would like to say this: "The pride and passion this community has is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing everyone in the stands at all of the girls' games. I believe that we will reach our fullest potential together as a community."



JANEL BURGESS, teaching aid and new head girls' basketball coach, returned to MHS this year after graduating in 1994. Burgess has been a coach in Williamsburg as well as Grand Valley State University in Michigan

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Calendar of Events

Thursday
Cross Country
State Qualifier -
3:00 pm

Friday
Varsity Football
vs Lynnville-Sully:
Here - 7:00 pm
Sunday-Friday
National FFA Con-
vention @ India-
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Monday
Varsity Volleyball
Regionals @ TBA

Tuesday
No Activities

Wednesday
No Activities

Thursday
Varsity Volleyball
Regional Semi-Fi-
nals @ TBA