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Full day of Pridefest activities planned

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From storytime and panel discussions to stage performances and evening celebrations, Ames Pridefest offers a wide range of events across the city. The annual festival returns Saturday, Oct. 10, with a full day of family activities, educational programs, live entertainment and community celebrations. The day begins with family-focused events at Ames Public Library, including a panel discussion on supporting LGBTQ+ children at 10 a.m. and a Rainbow Storytime and Kids' Crafting session at 10:30 a.m.

At 11 a.m., author L.T. Thompson will discuss queer authorship in Iowa, followed by Crafting & Candy for Teens at noon. A Kid & Teen parade will begin at noon, traveling from Ames Public Library to the Ames Pride Stage. **Ames Pridefest features an afternoon of entertainment** Festival activities continue throughout the afternoon at 5th Street and Douglas Avenue, where a vendor fair is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Ames Pride Stage opens with a **See PRIDEFEST, Page 4A**



Hannah Hoffman from Ames Roller Derby Association skates at the annual Pridefest in downtown Ames on Oct. 11, 2025.
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Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton speaks to the crowd before an Oct. 7 NBA preseason game against Minnesota at Hilton Coliseum in Ames. NIRMALENDU MAJUMDAR/AMES TRIBUNE

Tyrese Haliburton finds a new beginning at his second home



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AMES – The first time Tyrese Haliburton's season ended with an on-court injury, he refused to relent to reality. Instead of surrendering to the cracked bone in his wrist, Haliburton insisted on playing. For six minutes – the last six minutes of his Iowa State career – he denied the truth of his situation. He winced, shook out the wrist and dealt with the pain. Rather than succumb to the facts of his situation, he played one-handed. Until, eventually, begrudgingly, the farce – and his collegiate career – ended. The last time Haliburton's season ended with an on-court injury, the truth of the moment was inescapable. On the precipice of immortality, after one of the great individual play-off runs in NBA history, Haliburton laid on the floor of Oklahoma City's Paycom Center and his fists crashed into the hardwood in fury and despair. It was as though he was trying to make the basketball gods feel his pain as he endured their indifference. Seven minutes into the biggest game of his life, Game 7 of the 2025 NBA Finals, Haliburton's hopes for a **See HALIBURTON, Page 3A**

ELECTION 2026

Lahn, Sand feisty in first debate

Early voting to begin on Oct. 14, 3 more events scheduled

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Iowa's first gubernatorial debate of the general election was full of heated exchanges as Democrat Rob Sand and Republican Zach Lahn sparred over education funding, tax policy and more. KWQC in Davenport hosted the Tuesday, Oct. 6, debate at St. Ambrose University — the first in a series of four debates scheduled during October. The debates come as the start of early voting nears on Oct. 14 and as Iowa voters prepare to lock in their choices for the open governor's seat. Sand leads by about 8 percentage points in a Real Clear Politics rolling average of polls. But registered Republicans outnumber registered Democrats by about 180,000 people, according to October data from the Iowa Secretary of State's office, giving Republicans a clear structural advantage in Iowa. Here's a look at what the candidates had to say on key issues.

Governor candidates outline affordability plans Debate moderators asked the candidates how they would immediately begin taking action to help lower **See DEBATE, Page 2A**



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