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## Local News

May 10, 2011

# Aviation book signing draws crowd

## Attendees discuss saving U.S. Naval Air Station administration building

**MARK NEWMAN**  
Courier Staff Writer

OTTUMWA — Aviation enthusiasts, pilots and history buffs met at Ottumwa Regional Airport for a book signing over the weekend.

"Eastern Iowa's Aviation Heritage" by Scott M. Fisher talks about early barn stormers, hot air balloons in 1880s Iowa and the ways in which communities like Ottumwa helped operate military flight training sites.

The author was on hand, as were several well-known pilots. Some visitors spent time learning a little about what pilots like Sid Yahn had been up to. Fisher said there were about six photos of Yahn in the book.

Though he has since he moved to California, Yahn still gets home to Ottumwa on occasion. A 1944 Ottumwa High School graduate, Yahn flew in both Vietnam and Korea. He flew 236 combat missions, was the first pilot to land a jet aircraft in Ottumwa and taught Chinese Air Force personnel how to fly. Over the weekend, it seemed like he was asked to sign as many books as the author was signing.

"I still fly gliders," said Yahn, now 85.

One resident getting a book signed was Rusty Orman, an Ottumwa business operator.

"I have an interest in history and in aviation," he said.

In fact, several people at the book signing talked about how they wanted to save one of the last remaining parts of Ottumwa's World War II aviation heritage: the U.S. Naval Air Station administration building.

"That was the nerve center of the whole operation," said visitor Steve Black of Urbandale.

He was speaking to other fans of the book as well as the visiting pilots. It would be a shame to see all of those historical buildings disappear, he said.


"I agree," said Orman. "I hadn't heard of that [preservation effort] ... but I'd be in favor of that."

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Author Scott Fisher, left, and decorated combat pilot Sid Yahn sign Fisher's book "Eastern Iowa's Aviation Heritage" for readers at the Ottumwa Regional Airport on Saturday.

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### Slideshow: Oktoberfest parade

Photos from the Oktoberfest parade.



October 1, 2011

### A crisp fall treat for the senses

It'd be hard to choose which sense is catered to more during Oktoberfest's parade. Visitors can see colorful floats, feel the chill in the October air, taste the candy handed out along the route and, as the day moves forward, smell the roasting brats. Also, Bob Riley, the Oktoberfest parade chair, said the band competition held every year draws several schools.



1 Photo

October 3, 2011 | Photo 1 Slideshow

### Oktoberfest long, fun day for out-of-town schools

For about 1,000 band kids, parents and teachers, the day of the Oktoberfest parade always starts long before the first march plays.



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### A walk down memory lane

Around 200 Ottumwans wound their way through downtown Ottumwa Saturday night to learn about the community's history. Cindy Woodbury, executive director of Main Street Ottumwa, said the event was a huge success and hopes it will become an annual event.



October 3, 2011 | Photo

### A peek inside an active Job Corps center

Job Corps operators say no two centers are exactly alike. But visiting the campus in Denison may possibly give some insight into what Ottumwans can expect starting later this month.



October 1, 2011 | 2 Photos

### Winds punch trees and cars

The powers of air were strong in the Ottumwa area Thursday and delivered fatal punches to several trees in the city. More windy mischief included two vehicles that were in the parking lot of a car repair business.



October 1, 2011 | Photo

### More improvements planned, from streets to sewers

The Department of Planning and Development will present a proposal for the Hospital District/Pennsylvania Avenue Corridor Urban Renewal Plan at Tuesday's City Council meeting. Also, the CCTV Camera System Project installed downtown needs an additional three days to finish the project, marking Oct. 13 as its new completion date.

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### Jack Mosher, 76, Ottumwa



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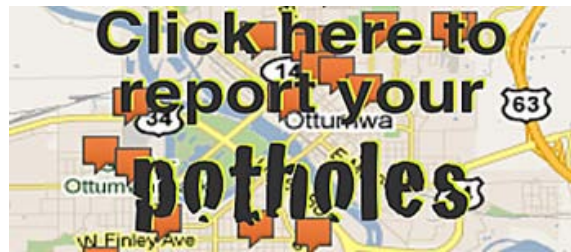
### Leo Vandello, 67, Ottumwa



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### Wapello County Supervisors plan closed meeting Tuesday

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### New school takes another step forward



New building will house grades 2-5 or K-5 off of Mary Street on the south side. It will house 750 students and cost around \$15 million.

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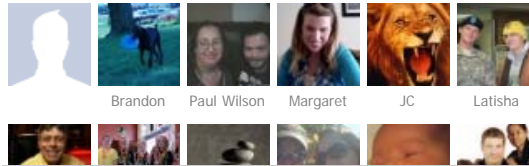


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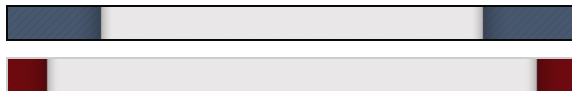
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