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Members of the community band and student guests are, from left: Chris Nelson, Susan Isaacson, Dylan McCollum, Marcia Lantz, Nancy Cheney, Victoria Miner, Zooley Allen, and director Leland Lantz. Not pictured: Charles Davis, Jen Davis, Grace Roberts, Will Roberts, Barb Nelson, Charm Carpenter, Cheryl Case, Laura Olson, and Shawna Olson. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Strike up the band

Stanton Alumni Band is hitting all the right notes

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Stanton Community Band and the district's band members will be helping area residents ring in the Christmas season this week.

The district's high school and junior high band and choir will perform in a Christmas concert at the Stanton Gymnasium at 7 p.m. on Dec. 15, and the community band will perform at the Stanton Old Lumberyard from 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 17.

The choir and bands are led by Stanton's new music and band instructor, Leland Lantz, who took over duties at the beginning of the school year. Lantz, who taught and later served as a pastor at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Laguna Woods, Calif., has deep ties to the Stanton community.

"I grew up in a farmhouse just three miles south of Stanton, and my brother, Kirk Lantz, still lives there to this day. I'd been at the same church for over two decades, and I felt it was a good time for me to transition back to the Stanton area. I served at the church until the very last Sunday of June of this year, and we moved back in July," Lantz said.

Lantz felt at this time in his life, he was called more to serve the school, and the kids, and he's always loved music, and he said he was contacted by principal Katie Elwood after Kelsie Schmidt took a position in Red Oak.

"This is a major program, and I'm kindergarten through senior band and choir. Elwood said there were no applicants out there, and she feared they would have to do some sort of sharing through another school. The numbers of the program were low also, there were only five kids in high school band at the time, so I said I'd give it a try, and I knew it would be a challenge, and



Leland Lantz accompanies the community band during practice. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

here we are," said Lantz.

Since he started, Lantz has gone recruiting and has boosted the high school choir from 11 students to 32 students since the start of school, and while some of them have difficulties reading music, they all have good pitch. Also around that time, Lantz had the idea to start up a community band.

"I suggested it in mid to late September, and we only had around five people initially. We started with pep band songs, but they were really difficult for people who haven't played music in awhile. So we went back to the basics and started with the school song and the National Anthem, and they joined us at football games. Part of my goal was to send a message to the kids that music is something they can participate in for their whole lives, and some of them can help the younger kids with learning how to play their instruments. Also, it helps boost the numbers of people we have in the

high school band," stated Lantz.

At the high school Christmas concert, Lantz said he hopes to have as many members of the community band as possible attend and join the kids in performing "Jingle Bell Rock" during the concert. The community band will later perform, with any available kids who wish to be present, at the Stanton Old Lumberyard event on Dec. 17.

"They'll be playing secular songs, such as 'Frosty the Snowman,' and 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer,' and we'll probably have time to play through the songs at least twice at the lumberyard event," explained Lantz.

Lantz praised the members of the community band. He said they have been doing very well since many haven't played in a long time, and mistakes are limited to a missed note, or being a bit off rhythm. Lantz said the most important factor is that everyone is having fun, and

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Vacanti to move city forward as interim city administrator

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The City of Red Oak's temporary city administrator and city clerk has hit the ground running.

The Red Oak City Council approved a professional service agreement with Al Vacanti of Vacanti Municipal Services on a three month interim basis at its Dec. 5 meeting. Vacanti started in the position on Dec. 6.

Vacanti has served as a city administrator, as well as a city clerk/administrator for roughly 14 years in Nebraska before retiring in 2019 and creating his consulting services. Vacanti said he met Mayor Shawna Silvius during training in Lincoln a couple of months ago for certification for community development block grant administration, which led to the offer to come to Red Oak.

"We talked a little bit at that time, and then the events took place here, and evidently she knew some people in Nebraska I was not aware of. They must have said something nice about me, because the next thing I knew Councilperson Tim Fridolph reached out to me and asked if I was available. I said yes, and we worked things out, so that's how I'm here," Vacanti said.

Vacanti added that things have been good so far as he settles into the temporary positions.

"I feel welcomed, and the office staff here has been very helpful and patient. They've asked me to do some things that I've been willing to do, and they've allowed me to go through some of the information that former city administrator Brad Wright left. I very much appreciated that, because it's shown me some of the things I need to know early on. It's a different process between Nebraska and Iowa, but ultimately, it's still numbers," Vacanti explained.

Vacanti said he's also been contacted



Al Vacanti has been hired by the City of Red Oak for three months as the interim city administrator. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

by some city administrators in other parts of the state that have offered to assist him in the process, and he wants to have things put in good order before his time ends with the city.

"I'm going to be gone in March, and I don't want to leave anything messed up. I want to make sure it's done right, because they have trust in me, and I want to reward that," Vacanti commented.

Now that his first foray into city administration in Iowa is underway, Vacanti said he may be interested in other work in Iowa, should his goal to serve Red Oak well is realized.

"Then I've got a mayor and some council people and some citizens who have connections in other cities that may know another town up the road that is in need of something or needs some help for a few months or whatever the case may be. Plus, I'll have the experience of going through an Iowa budget once, and while I may not have all the answers, I'll have gone through it," stated Vacanti.



Hark! how the bells

Red Oak third through sixth grade students held their annual holiday concert Thursday, Dec. 8, in the Red Oak Junior/Senior High School Auditorium. (Charm Carpenter/Red Oak Express)



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Supervisors agree to upgrade Level B road

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has chosen to proceed with a resolution for an update on 222nd St. from a Level B to Level A road.

The dirt road is located just north of the county farm. Plans are to upgrade approximately 600 feet of that road for access to the north driveway of the county farm.

Jeremy Clark, the county farm tenant, said he was interested in upgrading the rest of the road all the way to Hickory Avenue, and had petitioned the county to do so. The road reportedly didn't need any grading work other than a quick touch-up, and crews would lay a mix of limestone and red rock on it.

Clark, who was present at the Dec. 6 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, said he was looking forward to working with the county.

"I don't see any downside to it, I'm going to pay for it, and it should be a good deal for the county, the taxpayers, and the school bus uses that road every day, so getting it graveled will be a major improvement," Clark said.

The supervisors unanimously approved the resolution.

The supervisors also finalized a date for a budget workshop. After

ruling out December 13, County auditor Jill Ozuna said that having the meeting Dec. 12 would be an acceptable date.

"I should have a lot of information available by the time the Dec. 12 meeting comes along," commented Ozuna.

While the supervisors would not have the recommendations from the County Compensation Board at that time, Ozuna expected the information on valuations to have been received from the County Assessor's Office.

Supervisor Donna Robinson suggested the county's department heads be contacted and given the option to sit in on the workshop and allow them to choose to attend.

In other business, the supervisors:

- Approved an alcohol license renewal for Cubby's, Inc.
- Set a public hearing date of Dec. 20 to approve a budget amendment.
- Moved discussion of appointments to county boards and commissions to a future meeting.
- Approved the sheriff's report of fees for November, 2022, in the amount of \$14,178.
- Approved the recorder's report of fees for November, 2022, in the amount of \$23,230.

Beware of Publishers Clearing House scam

Southwest Iowa residents have been issued a warning after a man lost hundreds to a scam impersonating Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes.

According to the Better Business Bureau, the victim received an email indicating he had won the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes.

After responding to the email, the man received numerous phone calls and was asked to pay taxes to unlock the prize. As instructed, the man made several payments with MoneyPak cards. When the requests continued, the man called the Better Business Bureau to report the scam.

Publishers Clearing House is one of the largest sweepstakes offered, and there is no cost to participate.

Sweepstakes and lottery scams resulted in higher financial losses during the COVID-19 pandemic compared to the previous three years, particularly for older people, according to new research from Better Business Bureau® (BBB).

BBB warns consumers never to pay money to claim a prize. If anyone asks for money before delivering a prize, it is likely a scam.

If you think you have been a target of lottery/sweepstakes fraud, call 877-FTC-Help.

BAND

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in the case of band member Charm Carpenter, has inspired one of the younger kids to try something new.

"She plays bass clarinet, and she calls it 'Bernie,'" and the cool thing is that she inspired one of our sixth grade girls to switch from trombone to bass clarinet, and she's picked it up very well. For all of the adult members, I think they feel like it's a trip down memory lane, and I'm hoping they'll keep getting better and better so we can do harder music, and play during basketball games and all that kind of stuff," Lantz said.

Lantz himself is also enjoying the experience, saying he loves people, and loves being able to draw them together to perform.

"I want to bring the heart of music out into the community, and I want the community people that played instruments in the past to come back out again, because it's fun. Music is enjoyable, and whatever you put into it, you get back 10 fold," Lantz commented.

Everyone is welcome to play in the band, whether or not they graduated from Stanton. The band meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays for rehearsal in the high school music room. Lantz added the public is welcome to attend one or both of the upcoming Christmas events.



Members of Miller Financial Group are, from left, front row:

Miller Financial Group sets new milestone

To mark the firm's 60th Anniversary, Miller Financial Group, Inc. is excited to announce that as of Jan. 1, 2023, MFG will be marking a new "Milestone" in the life of the firm.

Owners Dan and Denise Miller, and the staff, are excited to announce that the name of the firm will be changing to Milestone Financial Group, Inc.

With the new name and expanded services, Milestone Financial Group remains committed to providing retirement and financial planning, and investment management throughout the Midwest, and the entire country.

So why the name change? And why now? When asked, Dan Miller replied, "Over the past decade, we have been fortunate enough to be able to grow our team, our client base, and the services we offer.

By using a true team approach, we have been able to leverage the talents and strengths of each person on our team to work together. This has allowed us to grow well beyond what myself, or any one advisor would be able to do on their own."

"The ability to operate as a true firm marks a significant "Milestone" in the growth of any business. Having a team allows us to now function at scale, without Denise or I needing to be involved in every detail. Because of this, we felt that it was time to reflect this "Milestone" by changing the name," added Miller

Dan and Denise, along with Kaleb Robuck, will continue to lead the firm, and Dan and Denise will continue to own the firm as before and have no plans of retiring anytime soon. Milestone Financial Group remains dedicated to providing the same professional level of service that our clients have relied on for the last 60 years.

The firm was founded in Montgomery County, by Mildred Parker in 1963 as Parker Insurance Agency. In 1994, James and Jan Norris purchased the firm, at which time they joined with Mildred to form Parker Norris Financial, Inc.

It was at this time the firm expanded into a full-service Investment and Financial Services firm. In 2004, Dan Miller joined the firm as an Investment Advisor Representative.

In 2008, Dan furthered his professional training and joined the ranks of CFP® James Norris and CFP® Donna Carlson by also obtaining his Certified Financial Planner Professional designation.

In 2013, Dan and Denise Miller purchased the firm from James and Jan Norris, at which time the firm was renamed Parker Norris Miller, Inc. At this time Dan became the President and senior advisor for the firm. Denise was appointed as Vice President and later joined the firm full-time in 2014 after a successful 26-year career with the federal government. In 2015, the firm name was changed to Miller Financial Group, Inc.

The MFG team is very proud of their heritage. This will serve as another Milestone which reflects the hard work their predecessors put into building a strong foundation which they continue to build on.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT “BOB” SYATA

Robert M. “Bob” Syata was born in St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 16, 1946, to George and Marie Syata. He graduated from Christian Brothers High School and began his college career at Drake University. After a four-year delay while serving his country with the U.S. Navy, Bob graduated from Missouri Western University with a degree in business administration/marketing.

Bob married the love of his life, Barbara Sifford, in May of 1971. They had one son, Dan, in December of 1972. The couple lived in Red Oak and Bob worked for 30 years in the medical equipment field as a manager of Apria Healthcare. Bob retired in November 2012. After retirement, Bob and Barb moved to Ankeny to spend more time with their family, Dan and Rhonda and two grandchildren, Josi and Brady.

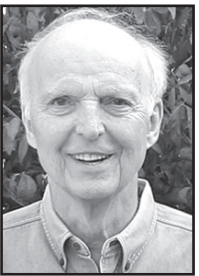
Bob’s greatest accomplishment in his life was watching their son grow up to be an outstanding and successful individual with a great attitude and excellent work ethic. Bob was a devoted Elvis fan, with numerous Elvis memorabilia items in his collection.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother-in-law, Jim Sifford.

Bob is survived by his wife, Barb; their son, Dan (Rhonda) Syata; grandchildren, Josilyn and Braden; brother, George (Patsy) Syata; sisters-in-law, Sandra Sifford and Diane Sifford; and many nieces and nephews and close friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, at Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart Church, with burial at a later date at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to The Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Inc. Attn: Donations, 5452 NE 22nd Street, Des Moines, IA 50313-2528.



ANNETTE PAUL, 59

Annette Lee Paul, 59, Red Oak, passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at CHI Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, Neb.

Annette was born Jan. 1, 1963, in Red Oak, the first baby in Montgomery County that year, the daughter of Don and Anne (Hultquist) Herring. She was raised in Red Oak, graduating from Red Oak High School in 1981.

She was united in marriage to Darren Paul on May 21, 1983, in Red Oak. They lived all of their married life in Red Oak. Over the years, Annette worked for Hy-Vee, CDS for many years, and most recently, Hy-Vee again, working in the produce department.

Annette loved cooking, baking, spending time with her grandkids, camping, road trip adventures, going on walks with Jason and the dogs, going to Broadway shows with Susan, concerts, spending time on the boat fishing, playing scrabble with her mom, working in her flower garden, feeding the birds, and she was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan. In a final act of kindness, Annette was able to participate in the tissue donation process and will hopefully make several people’s Christmas brighter.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and brother-in-law, Doug Bond.

Survivors include her husband, Darren Paul of Red Oak; daughter, Susan Niswander of Ankeny; son, Jason Paul of Red Oak; grandchildren, Madison, Olivia, and Lillian Niswander of Ankeny; sisters, Donna Roby and husband Mike of Red Oak, and Kelly Lorimor and husband Mark of Shenandoah; brothers-in-law, Jerry Paul and wife Deb of Colorado; Dave Paul and wife Mindy of Peoria, Ariz.; Dick Paul and wife Marilyn of Red Oak; Dirk Paul and wife Judy of Stanton; and Delaine Paul and Deb Lewis of Red Oak; sister-in-law, Darla Schaffer and husband Mike of Woodbury, Minn.; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, at Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel. A private family interment service will be held at Mamre Cemetery in Stanton. Memorials are suggested to the family.

Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



CHARLES “CHUCK” EKLOF, 89

Charles “Chuck” Eklof, 89, Stanton, passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at Accura Healthcare of Stanton, Stanton.

Charles “Chuck” Albert Eklof, the son of Russell and Alva Johnson Eklof, was born Nov. 4, 1933, on a farm northeast of Stanton. Charles (Chuck) attended Maplehurst country school. The family later moved to Stanton, where he completed elementary and secondary school at Stanton Community School, graduating in 1951. He participated in sports and especially enjoyed basketball. Chuck joined the U.S. Navy in 1952 and served almost four years, getting out two weeks early to go to college. He attended Wichita State University and earned a BA in Education degree. On June 4, 1961, Chuck was united in marriage to Patricia Elder. David was their only child.

Chuck taught high school English for 32 years and served as librarian at the Stanton and South Page schools. He retired in 1995. Chuck taught one year in East Union Community Schools in Afton, then returned to Stanton to teach for 18 years, and then finished his teaching career at the South Page Community School. Each summer he was busy painting houses, the ideal summer job for a male teacher.

Chuck was a lifelong member of Mamrelund Lutheran Church. He served on Mamrelund’s church board several times, serving a term as vice president, and was active when the elevator was installed. He spent a lot of time landscaping around the church and working on various landscaping projects around Stanton. He was in charge of Mamrelund’s food pantry for 11 years. He was also the director of the Stanton Senior Center for a year and a half.

Chuck was preceded in death by his wife, Pat on Dec. 29, 2020; son, David, in 1978; his parents; and brother, Willis Dean.

Chuck is survived by his sister, Ardythe Salerno; a niece; two nephews and their families; other relatives and many friends.

May God bless his memory and give strength to those who mourn.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Mamrelund Lutheran Church, Stanton. Inurnment and military rites will take place prior to the service at Mamre Cemetery, Stanton, at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to your local church, school or organization in Chuck’s name.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at sldfuneralhome.com.

Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home is in charge of Chuck’s arrangements and serving his family.



LINDA DUNN, 70

Linda Lou Dunn, 70, Red Oak, passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at the Red Oak Rehab and Care Center.

Linda was born Nov. 14, 1952, in Leon, the daughter of Doyle and Joan (Grannaman) Konopasek. She was later joined by brother, Glen, and sisters, Jeannie and Betty. Linda went to school in Eagleville, Mo., through her junior year. The family moved to Kellerton, where she graduated in 1970.

Linda attended and taught at the American Beauty School in Des Moines and was united in marriage to David Dunn on May 28, 1972, in Indianola. They moved to Red Oak in 1972, where Linda worked for Betty Sapp and later owned her own shop in Stanton for 16 years. She then worked with Rosalie Hansen at the Hair Corner in Red Oak until retiring in 2005.

Linda was a member of the First Covenant Church in Red Oak and was currently living at Regency Retirement Residence. Her hobbies included reading and having coffee and visiting with her friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, David Dunn on Dec. 16, 2014; and brother, Glen Konopasek.

Survivors include her son, David “DJ” Dunn and wife Sandy of Norwalk; daughter, Candy Romero of Council Bluffs; grandchildren, Kaitlyn Dunn and Jaden Dunn of Norwalk, and Francisco Romero and Antonio Romero of Council Bluffs; sisters, Jeannie Hultquist and husband Marvin of Venita, Okla.; and Betty Gage and fiancé LeRoy Lee of Ottawa, Kan.; several nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

A celebration of life service was held Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, at Evergreen Cemetery in Red Oak.

Memorials are suggested to the Regency Retirement Center or the American Diabetes Association.

Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



BROOKE SAMMS, 24

Brooke Nichole Samms, 24, Malvern, formerly of Red Oak, passed away Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Brooke was born June 20, 1998, the daughter of Chris and Susan (Nelsen) Samms. She was raised most of her life in Red Oak, graduating from Red Oak Community High School in 2016.

She worked several different jobs throughout the area and became interested in the health care industry. Currently, Brooke was working at Homestead Assisted Living in Shenandoah. She was very creative and enjoyed doing crafts, drawing, and painting. Brooke also loved camping and fishing.

Preceding her in death were grandparents, Virgie and Henry Stamps, Betty and DuWayne Niklasson, Ray and Berniece Baucom, and Earl and Kathleen Samms.

Survivors include her fiancé, Ryan Nelson of Malvern; son, Henry Nelson of Malvern; parents, Susan and Steven Baucom of Red Oak, and Chris Samms of Washington; siblings, Katie Baucom, Tyler Baucom, and Cody Baucom of Hector, Ark.; Donovan Baucom and Isaiah Baucom of Colfax; and Seth Baucom and Olivia Baucom of Red Oak; in-laws, Will and Sherri Nelson of Sidney; sister-in-law, Ashley Duvall of Lakeville, Minn.; grandparents, Debbie and Dennis Van Scoy of Red Oak; Patty Stamps of Omaha, Neb.; Steve and Donella Baucom of Emerson; and Rose Dery of Sidney; aunts and uncles, Shelle and Greg Brower of Red Oak; Krystalle and Tim Fada of Red Oak; Holly and Trevor Skalberg of Attleboro, Mass.; Paul and Christina Baucom of Red Oak; Roxanne Baucom and Allan James of Shenandoah; Curtis Baucom of Red Oak; Missy and Aaron Herman of Omaha, Neb.; Lisa Green of Randolph; Laura Gilbert and husband Steve of Elkhorn, Neb.; Jeff Van Scoy and wife Laurie of Elliott; and Dennis Van Scoy, Jr. of Papillion, Neb.; and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life service was held Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, at Faith Community Church.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



MARLENE TAYLOR, 64

Marlene M. Taylor, 64, passed away Friday Dec. 2, 2022, after a long courageous battle with multiple sclerosis.

Marlene was born Nov. 27, 1958, in Red Oak. Marlene was the daughter of Devon “Jeep” Archer and wife Helen (Bradway) Archer.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Devon and Helen Archer.

Survivors include her husband, Greg D. Taylor of Morton’s Mill: children, Travis Taylor of Stanton; Tony Taylor of Minneapolis, Minn.; Tiffany Becker of Jefferson, S.D.; and her eight grandchildren.

A celebration of life was held at The Hayloft in Grant on Dec. 10, 2022. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Hospice of the Midwest in honor of Marlene.

Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



Law and Order

The following events were filed with the Red Oak, Montgomery County, State of Iowa, or other government offices. In regard to law enforcement and judicial activities, all parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty, and other details may be available at iowacourts.state.ia.us.

REAL ESTATE

WARRANTY DEED

- Curtis Peterson and Curtis L. Peterson, Jr. to Edward Manzer, Jr., Elliott 3rd Addition Blk 2 Lts 13-15, Ling Cadwell Hully Replat, Ling SD Lt 2, Mercer SD Lts 2-3.
- Jerry Daffer, Member, and J&R Daffer LLC to Michell Woodhull, Red Oak Orchard Hill SD 1 Lt 2.
- First National Bank of America to M. Consier, Trustee, and Red Oak Downtown 305 Land Trust, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 28 Lt 8.
- Scott and Kandi Turner to Terri Turner and Betty Jones, 22-73-39 Lts 9-10.
- TGW LLC and Thomas Wortmann, Sole Member, to Larry McMahan and Steven Ray, 21-72-38 SLT 11 SD Lts 1,4.
- Travis King to Brent Davis Construction LLC, Villisca N. Villisca Lts 7-8 SLT 1.
- Randy and Denise Goddard to CircleK LLC, 22-71-37.
- Dwayne Adams, Member and DC LLC to Darrell and Marlene Hamby, 12-71-37 Viking Village Lts 24-26, 30.
- Macayla Stoaks to Drew and Lizzete Nolting, Red Oak Alix Addition Blk 8 Lt 3.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

- Neal Curry, Neal F. Curry, and Karen McCord to Neal Curry, Trustee, and Neal Fredrick Curry Revocable Trust, 11-73-36, 14-73-36, Red Oak Pactolus Park Addition Blk 2 Lt 10.
- Jason Dumler and Sandra Taylor to Bruce Reich, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 71, Lts 1-2.
- Peggy Vermillion and Jeffrey Brown to Gregory and Debra Fran-son, Villisca N. Villisca Lt 49.

COURT OFFICER’S DEED

- Sandra Helmer Estate and John Carlson, Executor, to Kristine Mason, Red Oak Western Addition Blk 8 Lt 2.
- Theresa and Ronald Limbrick to Hunter Day, 21-72-38 Lt 2.
- Gayle Heard Estate, Staci Sunderman, Executor, to James Ham-merstrom, Villisca Original Plat Lt 230.

MORTGAGE

- Edward and Kelsey Manzer to Celebrity Home Loans LLC, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, and MERS, Elliott 3rd Addition Blk 2 Lts 13-15, Ling Cadwell Hully Replat, Ling SD Lt 2, Mercer SD Lts 2-3.
- Michell Woodhull to United States Department of Agriculture, and Rural Housing Service, Red Oak Orchard Hill SD 1 Lt 5.
- Larry McMahan and Steven Ray to American National Bank, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, and MERS, 21-72-38 SLT 11 SD Lts 1,4.
- Thomas and Abigail Shipp to

Tri Valley Bank, Mortgage Elec-tronic Registration Systems Inc, and MERS, Red Oak Oak Addition Blk 1 Lts 11-12.

- Amy Dilocker to Bank Iowa, Red Oak Oakview SD Lt 25
- Hunter Day to Bank Iowa, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, and MERS, 21-72-38 Lt 2.

• Drew and Lizzete Nolting to Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corpora-tion, Mortgage Electronic Registra-tion Systems Inc. and MERS, Red Oak Alix Addition Blk 8 Lt 3.

MOD/AMENDMENT OF MORTGAGE

- Craig and Carmen Archer to Bank Iowa, modification.
- David Hammer to First Inter-state Bank, Red Oak Thompson’s Addition Lts 4, 13, 23.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Credit Bureau Services of Iowa Inc. vs. Katherine Briggs, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,276.12 with 6.76% interest from Dec. 6, plus costs.
- General Collection Co. vs. For-est Greenwood, Stanton, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$111.95 with 6.76% interest from Dec. 8, plus costs.
- LNNV Funding LLC vs. Cynthia Jensen, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$661.79 with 6.76% interest from Dec. 8, plus costs.
- Credit Bureau Services of Iowa Inc vs. Cassandra Decker, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$2,224.31 with 6.76% interest from Dec. 6, plus costs.
- Montgomery County Sheriff

vs. Jamie Neville, Red Oak, judg-ment default in favor of the plain-tiff, \$45 with 6.76% interest from Dec. 6, plus costs.

- Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Rebecca Tullis, Villisca, dis-missed with prejudice.

ARRESTS

- File Dec. 6, James Otte, 56, Red Oak, public intoxication, \$300 bond.
- Filed Dec. 6, James Otte, 56, Red Oak, ublic intoxication, dis-orderly conduct - loud or raucous noise, \$300 bond.
- Filed Dec. 8, Samantha Wheat-ley, 35, Shenandoah, driving while suspended, \$491.25 bond.

CRIMINAL

- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. James Bahensky, 34, Council Bluffs, driving while barred, \$855 fine.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Dylan Hanson, 26, Shenandoah, controlled substance violation, pled guilty, 10 years prison, suspended, \$1,370 fine, suspended, three years proba-tion, DNA requirement.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Jesse Schleip, 30, Council Bluffs, con-tempt - resist order or process of district court. residential facility, remain in Montgomery County Jail pending bed space.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Aidan Lowry, 29, Red Oak, probation viola-tion.
- Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Dylan Hanson, 26, Shenandoah, interference with offi-cial acts, pled guilty, \$105 fine.
- Simple Misdemeanor, State

of Iowa vs. Crystal Algeciras, 42, Stanton, interference with official acts.

- Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. James Otte, 56, Red Oak, public intoxication, two counts, disorderly conduct - loud/raucous noise.
- Serious Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Chloe Coburn, 32, Red Oak, assault, pled guilty, \$105 fine.
- Serious Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Tracy Craven, Sr., 60, Red Oak, harrassment second degree, \$430 fine.

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- State of Iowa vs. Lucas Bogart, 35, Red Oak, contempt, resist order or process of district court, two days jail, time served.
- State of Iowa vs. Jacob Cashatt, 22, Red Oak, first offense.

TRAFFIC

- Todd McGowan, Summerville, Ga., maximum group axle weight violation, 12,001-13,000 pounds, 14,001-15,000 pounds, 18,001-19,000 pounds.
- Braxton Van Gelder, Lenox, maximum gross weight violation, 9,001-10,000 pounds, no valid driver’s license, fraudulent use of regis-tration, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance.
- Paul Shimer, Creston, speed-ing.
- Matthew Eichelberger, Elliott, no valid driver’s license.
- Julian Lee, Atlantic, fail to use seat belt - minor.
- Samantha Lawton, Des Moines, fail to use seat belt - minor.
- Jadon Ayres, Villisca, fail to

pay wildlife habitat fee.

- Athea Hamilton, Coin, regis-tration violation, no valid driver’s license.
- Henrey Gudiel Estrada, Des Moines, speeding.
- Terry Aherns, Red Oak, failure to provide proof of financial liabil-ity insurance.
- Todd Konz, Red Oak, registra-tion violation.
- Megan Neal, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Kyle Nichols, Monroe City, Mo., speeding.
- Philip Ranney, Red Oak, fail-ure to maintain or use safety belts.
- Mataias Francisco, Osceola, no valid driver’s license.
- Ruben Garcia Sanchez, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Robert Coberly, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Alexandria Johnson, Red Oak, speeding.
- Tucker Darrah, Redding, speeding.
- Steven Barrett II, Malvern, operating non-registered vehicle.
- Tamara Dine, Red Oak, regis-tration violation.
- Jordan Huff, Red Oak, speed-ing.
- Ean Johnson, Des Moines, abandonment of dead or injured animal, no deer license or tag.
- Carey Johnson, Council Bluffs, no deer license or tag.
- Lisa Bailey, Red Oak, speed-ing.
- Chad Hill, Red Oak, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.

RO music department performs 'Matilda, Jr.'



Members of the Red Oak High School music department recently staged "Matilda, Jr." The show took place the first weekend in December. Cast members were, front row, from left: Dystiney Pruett, Arete Blystone, Letty Leuschen, and Katelynn Griffen. Second row, from left: Aulina Bueno, Sophia Sapp, Audrie Troxell, Gillian Heim, Gavin Lindsay, Elaina Kuipers, Kenadee Beacham, Kennady Adams, Niveya Armstrong, Leya Walker, and Eliana Stickland. Back row, from left: Az Jackson, Masen Jackson, Liah Wemhoff, Cate Horn, Elizabeth Fowler, Anna Butz, Caitlin Britten, Sawyer Bruce, Rowyn Rigby, Ethan Horn, Will Pollock, and Gabby Smith (Photo submitted)

New FFA chapter charter at Essex school

The Iowa FFA Association would like to congratulate Essex Community School on the recent approval of a new FFA Chapter Charter.

Rebekah Sampers, agriculture instructor at Essex Community School, is working with 15 students pursuing coursework in General Agriculture, Animal Systems.

The association is pleased to welcome the Essex FFA Chapter to the Iowa FFA Association and the National FFA Organization.

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 18,500 student members as part of 252 local FFA chapters across Iowa.

The FFA mission is to make a positive dif-

ference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929, and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs.

For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, and Twitter.

Stanton students attend AIM career fair at IWCC



A group of Stanton students attended the 2022 AIM Career Fair Dec. 2 at Iowa Western Community College. The AIM Career Fair is sponsored by area business and industry for Southwest Iowa High School students promoting careers in Agriculture, Industry and Manufacturing. Pictured are, from left: Ethyn Jordan, Wyatt Roberts, Caden Sallach, Andrew Johnson, Clayton Culver, Jayden Schwery and Logan McQueen. (Photo submitted)

Mediacom offering scholarships for seniors

Mediacom Communications is offering \$60,000 in scholarship support for high school seniors who plan to obtain further education. The scholarship program is in its 22nd consecutive year, and Mediacom's investment will award \$1,000 World Class Scholarships to 60 high school seniors.

Scholarship recipients are given the flexibility to use the financial awards to support post-secondary college costs or vocational training from an accredited institution starting in the fall of 2023. Award selection is based on academic achieve-

ment and leadership accomplishments.

Applications for Mediacom's World Class Scholarships are available online: mediacom-worldclass.com. Information is being sent to all high schools in areas where Mediacom delivers its high-speed internet services. School officials are asked to encourage seniors to submit applications on or before the Jan. 30, 2023, deadline.

"Our company makes it a priority to give back to communities in which we do business, and we believe one of the best ways is to invest in promising

young students who will be our future leaders," said Mediacom Regional Vice President Steve Purcell.

Applicants do not have to be Mediacom customers but must live in areas where Mediacom's fiber-rich broadband network delivers Gigabit-speed internet service. Recipients will be selected from the 22 states where Mediacom's residential customers reside. A complete list of communities in Mediacom service areas is included with the online application. Inquiries may be sent to scholarship@mediacomcc.com.

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An orphanage Christmas

Now marked by just a leaning road sign at the entrance to a bare farm field a mile south of Stanton, the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Home for Children was a busy place as Christmas of 1932 approached.

An active campus included a two-story girl's dormitory that mirrored the one occupied by boys. Each dorm slept 30 and featured a marble floor in the entry/parlor.

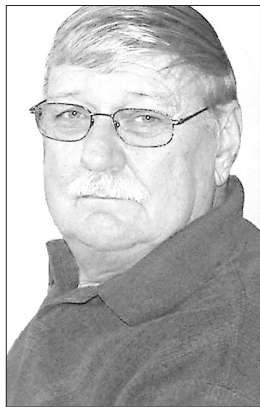
Nearby was the superintendent's home (referred to as a "cottage," although it was a quite nice two-story house with wrap-around front porch). To the east was the main building, a spacious brick structure with kitchen and dining facilities that seated 60 three times a day and expanded to 100 and more for special occasions. The superintendent's office was just inside the main entry, classrooms were on the floor above. In the basement was an inclement-weather play room and, behind a fire-rated enclosure, a furnace and boiler installed by Kerrihard of Red Oak.

There were shade trees, flowers, orchard, 15-acre vegetable garden, a friendly dog and several cats.

South of the driveway farm buildings included a horse barn plus one built and equipped for a fine herd of Holstein dairy cows.

There was a hog house, chicken house, feedlots, hay storage, corn cribs, machine shed, workshop and so on, but no tractors. Horses, orphans and a farm manager did the labor—not gasoline powered machines.

At the time the orphanage had 26 boys ranging in age from three to 18 years of age. The 18-year-old was Clark Ford. Rules established by the Lutheran Synod, which owned the orphan farm, stipulated that children were to be gone by their



18th birthday. Clark had issues, no one was found to take him, and he was allowed to stay.

There were 21 girls, all between two and 15.

Supt. August J. Johnson, 56, increased his fund-raising efforts during the time of year when people were most generous.

He provided the Stanton newspaper with a list of names and ages of orphans, and also printed the list in "Our Children's Home Messenger," the orphanage newsletter.

Supt. Johnson's stated purpose in publishing names was that readers might identify with a certain orphan and give a gift for a specific child, rather than the "grab-bag" system that was the norm. (The absence of individual attention is illustrated by a newsletter item naming children who visited or were visited by relatives during the season. Only seven of the 47 saw family.)

The mood of Thanksgiving was dampened that year by the late November auction of 25 fine Holsteins. Eight mature cows, all top producers, were sold, as were seven heifers and 10 young purebred bulls.

All were gentle, halter broke to lead, and kid safe. Kids, in fact, bucket-fed calves and hand-milked cows twice a day. The herd had been expanding and making a profit until the Depression settled in. Enough cows were retained to provide for the orphanage, but there was no longer a market

for dairy products previously sold.

Although the auction was a sad day, when it ended the countdown to Christmas began.

Christmas trees went up, lights were strung, girls used needle and thread to make popcorn strands that joined tinsel and hand-made ornaments on donated pine trees.

On evenings when snow covered the ground the "horse boys" (those charged with tending the horses), fetched a team from the barn, harnesses adorned with sleigh bells, hitched them to a sleigh and took youngsters for rides across moonlit pastures.

Guests bringing gifts arrived almost daily. When visitors dropped by as the noon hour approached they were invited to stay, often did, and children loved guests.

The overworked cook expected extras, and she was perhaps not as overworked as it might seem as she had at her disposal orphan girls who knew their jobs.

The gift list was published along with names of organizations and individual donors. It was noted that Dr. L.M. Morrow, local dentist, did not charge for children unable to pay for his services (which, of course, was all of them).

Dr. and Mrs. F.A. Hanson of Stanton were thanked for all the times they came to the home to give medical services without charge, and there was Ivan Lundgren, who clerked the dairy cow sale and charged not a dime.

Mr. Honette came calling with a bag of potatoes, Mrs. Dahlstrom, two quarts of peaches. Mrs. Larson donated two towels. Mrs. Merrill brought a large sack of turnips, Mrs. Rudolph Peterson a quart of sauce.

Mrs. Frank Peterson gave 50 cents, Art Magnuson a bushel of potatoes. Area residents named Nimrod, Palmquist, Wendstrand, Vanderholm, Olson and dozens of others called on the orphanage bringing bushels of corn, oats, stacks of hand-me-down clothing and whatever they had to spare.

The list goes on, column after column, with blankets, food, clothing and special offerings from churches near and far.

Orphans wrote notes of appreciation, but bags of turnips, jars of beets and free visits to the dentist are not what children go to bed dreaming about.

As the big day grew closer the gifts got better. Mittens and stocking hats were welcome, all appreciated overshoes and long underwear and if much of the clothing was used, it was new to them.

On Christmas Eve the American Legion and Santa Claus came with a Merry Christmas of gifts and candy, and the next day brought representatives of the Red Oak Elks Club with a toy for every child.

Christmas of '32 was a fine day for the orphans of Stanton's Home for Children. The fact is, however, that the Lutheran Synod had decided the orphanage system must end and be replaced by foster care.

Children were destined to be sent to county poor farms or any home that would take them, doors closed, and fine buildings only 20 years old were left to decay.

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also available from a coin rack in front of the Red Oak Express.

Community Calendar

15 December

11 a.m.-6 p.m., Christmas Market, White Fair Building, 1813 N. 4th St. Numerous food and crafted gift items available. 12:30 p.m., Bingo, Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn at 402-926-8683 for more information.

4 p.m., Community Prayer Time, Fountain Square Park. Call Bonnie at 623-4759.

5-7 p.m., Fall E Sports, Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St.

7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

7 p.m., Special free showing "The Preacher's Wife," theatre #1; sponsored by Mark Jackson's Red Oak Hardware Hank and Hallmark Gold Crown Store.

16 December

11 a.m.-6 p.m., Christmas Market, White Fair Building, 1813 N. 4th St.

5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

7 p.m., "Fred Claus," theatre #1; "Devotion," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

17 December

8 a.m.-10 a.m., Breakfast with Santa at the Red Oak Hy-vee, 1605 N. Broadway, free pancakes for kids 12 and under.

10 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Market, White Fair Building, 1813 N. 4th St.

5-7 p.m., Legion Santa at the Stanton Old Lumberyard, 227 Thorn St., Stanton.

7 p.m., "Fred Claus," theatre #1; "Devotion," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

7 p.m., "A Broadway Christmas," with Kelli James and Steven Applegate, Wilson Performing Arts Center, 300 Commerce Dr. Tickets \$30 for adults, \$20 for students

18 December

11 a.m.-noon, Holiday giveaway, Red Oak square, must be present to win prizes.

1:30 p.m., Special free showing "Fred Claus," theatre #1; sponsored by the Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association.

2 and 7 p.m., "Fred Claus," theatre #1; "Devotion," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

19 December

12:30 p.m. Bingo, Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn 402-926-8683 for more information.

5:30 p.m., Red Oak City Council meeting, Red Oak Fire Station, or via Zoom.

5:30 p.m., Red Oak School Board meeting, Red Oak Jr./Sr. High School, or via Zoom.

5-7 p.m., Fall E Sports, Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St.

7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

20 December

8:30 a.m., Montgomery County Supervisors, North Meeting Room in courthouse basement, open to public.

Noon, Rotary Club meeting. For location, go to rotarydistrict5650.org/clubinfo/red-oak.

1 p.m., Card games (pitch and/or cribbage) Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn 402-926-8683 for more information.

5-7 p.m., Fall E Sports, Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St.

21 December

1:30-5 p.m., Christ's Cupboard Food Pantry and Clothing Cupboard, 206 E. Coolbaugh St. Donations accepted 1-5 p.m. at back door.

5-7 p.m., Fall E Sports, Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St.

Stanton holds Santa Lucia festival

For the 71st year, Stanton held its traditional Swedish Santa Lucia Festival of Lights on Dec. 10 in the Stanton High School gym.

The Santa Lucia story begins in Italy when Christians were being persecuted by the Romans because of their faith. Lucia, a Christian maiden, brought food and medicine to the Christians hiding in the secret underground passages known as the catacombs. She wore candles on her head to light her way in the darkness. Lucia's parents arranged for her to marry a pagan nobleman. She refused and thus was tortured. The story of Lucia's martyrdom and sainthood spread north to Scandinavia by the missionaries. She became the patron saint of all maidens.

The all-community project has been growing each year to give towns people and children of the community an understanding and appreciation of their Swedish heritage. Newcomers of the community with no Swedish background are encouraged to join in on the fun. Newcomers enter into the project, which began early in the morning and lasted throughout the day until after the coronation of the queen in the evening.

The festival included a skit, Swedish dances and songs by the elementary students led by



Abby Burke, pictured center, was crowned the 2022 Santa Lucia Queen. (Photo submitted)

Leland Lantz, the Skona Maj singers, and the recognition of native Swedes and past Santa Lucia Queens. Highlighting the festival was the crowning of the 2022 Santa Lucia Queen, Abby Burke, by last year's queen, Allie Sandin.

Former Queens are Mary Palmquist Haubold, 1952; Roberta Nord Summers, 1953; Mary Schield DeBolt, 1954; Kathleen Ossian Means, 1955; Joann Peterson English, 1956; Harriet Ossian Olson, 1957; Rosanne Johnson Williams, 1958; Betty Platt Lantz, 1959; Faith Nimrod Sherman, 1960; Marlene Johnson Peterson, 1961; Bonnie Johnson Pershin, 1962; Annette Selligren Billings, 1963; Robin Swanson Caesaretti, 1964; Frances Benedict Olson, 1965; Barbara Johnson Frank, 1966; Marilyn Sunberg Andriga, 1967; Mary Schenk

Coulman, 1968; Ruth Hallquist Williams, 1969; Suzanne Vennerberg Caquelin, 1970; Renee Hanson Rhamy, 1971; Denise Peterson Hallquist, 1972; Annis Jane Nelson Williams, 1973; Denise Isaacson Goddard, 1974; Kim Stone Sieck, 1975; Sheila Johnson Mainquist, 1976; Julie Lundgren Kixmiller, 1977; Lori Requist, 1978; Linda Peterson Snyder, 1979; Diane Isaacson Peterson, 1980; Kathy Schultz Johnson, 1981; Kris Honette Lindgren, 1982; Darla Isaacson Baudler, 1983; Sara Peterson, 1984; Sherri Burke Eiting, 1985; Marta Clark-Moffett, 1986; Kim Mead Thomas, 1987; Carrie Larson Koelker, 1988; Traci Gilliland Yeager, 1989; Angie Larson Babe, 1990; Diana Peterson Mandernach, 1991; Ingrid Newman Perkins, 1992; Jill Lundgren Sanchez, 1993; Lindsay Brun- ing Paulson, 1994; Amy Brun-

ing Sallach, 1995; Allison Hallquist Newman, 1996; Jennifer Boyer Schlomer, 1997; Sheila Allen Williams, 1998; Michelle Boyer Doyle, 1999; Jodi Brun- ing Allen, 2000; Nichole Hallquist Hines, 2001; Jenna Hart Ramsey, 2002; Carrie Hallquist Moline, 2003; Cassie Gilliland Williams, 2004; Emily Peterson, 2005; Cyndi Johnson O'Rourke, 2006; Christine Lundgren Wil- liams, 2007; Taylor Wagg, 2008; Lauren Burke Daugherty, 2009; Alexa Anderson Mendenhall, 2010; Paige Peterson Pruss, 2011; Rochelle Sink Cerven, 2012; Madison Wookey Akers, 2013; Heidi Vanderholm, 2014; Marcel Confer, 2015; Elizabeth Ernst Maier, 2016; Waverly Brown, 2017; Mallorie Wookey, 2018; Devin Isaacson, 2019; Tara Peterson, 2020; Allie San- din, 2021.

Card Showers



BRADWAY 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Lawrence and Joyce Nadine Bradley, formerly of Red Oak, celebrated their 70th anniversary on Dec. 7.

In honor of the occasion, a

card shower is requested.

Send cards to the couple at 13923 F.M. 2710. Apt. #423 Lindale, Tx 75771.

REQUIST 80TH BIRTHDAY

Garnet Requist will celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday, Dec. 17.

The family has requested a card shower

Cards may be sent to Garnet at P.O. Box 70, Stanton, IA 51573.



Kids enjoy Cocoa and meet Santa



On Dec. 10, kids were invited to Val's Sugar Shack for the special event, "Hot Chocolate with a Cop and Fire-fighter." Around 50 kids attended. . Pictured are, from left: Tim Erton, Josh Roberts, Santa Claus, Amber Jennings, Justin Rhamy, and Val Glenn. (Photo submitted)

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays are:

Anna Mardesen – Dec. 15
Pat Dunn Blume – Dec. 15
Carolyn Davis – Dec. 17
Jeanne Peterson – Dec. 20
Donna Jenkins – Dec. 20
Casey Johnson – Dec. 21

To be included on the free "Happy Birthday" list, e-mail your birthday (and those of your friends and family) to news@redoakexpress.com, mail to P.O. Box 377, Red Oak, IA 51566, or drop by our office at 2012 Commerce Dr.

Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating their anniversaries this week are:

Randy and Carolyn Vanderhoof – Dec. 15
Brent and Laura Schrader – Dec. 17
Ron, Sr. and Judy Schooling – Dec. 17
Garth and Shirley Haer – Dec. 19

Congratulations and happy anniversary to you!

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Advent Christian

300 S. 2nd Ave., Villisca, Rev. Jeff Eason, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Celebrate Recovery, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Assembly Of God

1005 Senate, Red Oak, 623-2174, Services, 10:30 a.m.

Baptist

The Bridge (First Baptist Church), 406 N. 3rd St., Red Oak, Rev. Len Taylor, Worship, 11 a.m.

Grace Baptist, 1510 N. 6th St., Red Oak, Gary D. Walters, Bible class, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 a.m., Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer, 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, 525 Main St., Griswold, Victor Maxson, Bible study, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 a.m. **Online:** 11 a.m. livestream.

Southern Baptist

Crossroads Community Church, 303 E. Oak St., use the alley entrance, Rev. Ricky Rohrig, Sr., Celebration Services with Kids' Church, 9:23 a.m., Wednesdays in the Word, live on Facebook, 6:30 p.m. 712-357-1060, crossroadsredoak.com. **Online:** 9:45 a.m. approx. live on Facebook.

Catholic

St. Joseph's, 131 W. High, Villisca, Father Sylvester Okoh, Sunday

Mass, 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's, 1510 Highland Ave., Red Oak, Father Lazarus Kirigia, Saturdays, 5 p.m. (1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday); Sunday, 10:30 a.m., in Spanish, 1 p.m.

Christian

First Christian, 1909 Summit St., Red Oak, Pastor AJ Baratta, PreKindergarten - Sunday School, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Fellowship, 10 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. **Online:** 10:30 a.m. live on Facebook.

Christian & Missionary Alliance

Citylight Southwest Iowa, 705 Bradford, Emerson. Co-lead pastors Matt Keller, Tyler Mass. Worship with children's church, 10 a.m. in-person gathering. **Online:** 10 a.m. live on Facebook.

Faith Community, 2701 N. 8th St., Red Oak, Pastor Dan Wetzel, Associate Pastor Stephen Beaulier, Worship, 9:30 a.m. Connection Classes for pre-kindergarten-adults, 11 a.m., Wednesday activities: Faith Kids, Pre-K grade 4, 6-7:30 p.m. Faith Midpoint, grades 5-6, 6-7:30 p.m. Faith Youth, grades 7-12, 7-8:30 p.m. **Online:** 9:30 a.m. on KCSI, 9:30 a.m. on Facebook.

Church Of Christ

Church Of Christ, Elliott, Sunday Bible School, 9 a.m., Worship, 10 a.m., Men's and Women's Bible study and breakfast, first Sunday of the month at 7:30 a.m.

River of Life Church, Hwy. 48 North, Red Oak, Interim Minister Kevin Berry, Sunday School 9 a.m., Worship, 10 a.m.

Church Of the Nazarene

Red Oak, 401 E. Prospect St., Rev. Lori Lathrop. Radio ministry, 8:30 a.m., worship with children's church at 10:30 a.m.

Covenant

Evangelical, Rev. Matt King, 308 Eastern, Stanton, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m. **Online:** 10:45 a.m. live on Facebook and later on Youtube.

Faith Covenant Church, 212 Alice St., Essex, Pastor Gordon Scott, Pastor Staci Shearer, Worship, 8:30 a.m.

First Covenant, Rev. Alan Dean, pastor, 3rd & Hammond, Red Oak, Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Jehovah's Witness

210 Argus Road, Shenandoah, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m., public Bible discourse.

Lutheran

Bethesda Lutheran, Rural Clarinda. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, 1101 Summit St., Red Oak, Rev. Jennifer Yeske-Drown, Sunday worship, 11 a.m. Strand Evangelical, Rural Villisca, Rev. Marietta Nelson-Bittle, Worship, 9:45 a.m.

Fremont Lutheran (Nyman), 1147 Ironwood Ave, Red Oak, Pastor Ann Albert, Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Mamrelund Lutheran, 410 Eastern Ave., Stanton. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. **Online:** 10:30 a.m. FMTC Cable Channel 1, also live on Facebook.

Mt. Calvary, 107 S. 5th, Villisca, Jerome Wagoner, Worship, 9:00 a.m. Tabor Lutheran, 1711 Q Ave., Stanton, Worship, 8:15 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. Peace Lutheran, (A WELS Congregation), 411 Church St., Shenandoah, Saturday Worship, 5:30 p.m.; Bible and Sunday School, 6:30 p.m.

Non-Denominational

Oaks Community Church, 41310 Ellington Rd., Emerson, Rev. Ron Perry, 712-824-7218, Sunday School, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 a.m.

Presbyterian

Center Ridge, 1546 N. 110th St., Red Oak, Caryn Pedersen, Worship 1 p.m., two times a month. Call 623-9023 for more information.

First Presbyterian, 109 S. 3rd Ave., Villisca, Rev. Sandra Wainwright, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Red Oak Presbyterian, 511 E. Coolbaugh, PO Box 402, Red Oak, Caryn Pedersen, redoakpresbyterianchurch.com, Service, 10:30 a.m. **Online:** 10:30 a.m. live on Facebook/Red Oak Presbyterian Church

Reformed Evangelical

Heartland Sovereign Grace Church, new church plant. Bible study Sunday, 5 p.m., www.swiacrec.com, contact@swiacrec.com.

United Methodist

First United Methodist, 600 E. Hammond, Red Oak, Rev. Jennifer Van Nostrand, Worship, Sunday, 9 a.m.; Youth group Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m., grades 6-12, snack is served. **Online:** 9 a.m. fumcro.org; click on the media tab to see previously recorded services.

Wesley Chapel UMC, Rev. Carl Phillips, Worship, 8:45 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Red Oak Circuit, Linda Westerhold; Hawthorne, 1248 210th St., Red

Oak, Worship, 10 a.m.; Stratton, 1695 150th St., Red Oak, Worship, 11:15 a.m. **Online:** 11:15 a.m. live on Facebook.

Elliott United Methodist, Rev. Terry McClain, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Worship, 10 a.m. **Online:** 10 a.m. live on Facebook.

Emerson United Methodist Church, Rev. Denise Stevens, 801 Bradford Ave., Emerson, (712) 824-7368, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Grant United Methodist, Pastor Casey Pelzer, Worship services, 8:30 a.m. **Online:** 8:30 a.m. live on Facebook

United Methodist, 203 S. 3rd Ave., Villisca, Pastor Casey Pelzer, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 8:30 a.m. **Online:** 10:30 a.m. live on Facebook.

Strahan United Methodist, Hastings, Rev. David Kwangki Kim, Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

United Church Of Christ

First Congregational, 608 Reed St., Red Oak, Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary with fellowship prior to the service at 10:30 a.m.. Rev. Holly Scherff, interim pastor.

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A	B	C	D	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
3	3	3	3	KMTV (3)	Ghosts (N)	So Help Me Todd (N)	CSI: Vegas (N)	3 News Now	Late-Colbert		
4	4	4	4	KPTM (42)	HouseBroken	Welcome to	Call Me Kat	News at Nine	iCRIME	iCRIME	
6	6	6	6	WOWT (6)	Baking II-Holiday Special	"Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors"		WOWT 6	J. Fallon		
7	7	7	7	KETV (7)	Beauty and the Beast: A 30th Celebration (N)		The Parent Test	News	J. Kimmel		
8			8	KCCI (8)	Ghosts (N)	So Help Me Todd (N)	CSI: Vegas (N)	News	Late-Colbert		
15	5	15	9	KXVO (15)	Wipeout (In Stereo)	Fear Factor	Fear Factor	Dumbest	Dumbest		
10	11	10	11	IPTV	Father Brown	Death in Paradise	Midsomer Murders	Shakespeare			
17			12	KDSM (17)	HouseBroken	Welcome to	Call Me Kat	13 News at 9 on Fox 17	National	National	
9	9	9	16	NWSN	Cuomo (N)	Dan Abrams Live (N)	Banfield (N)	Cuomo			
			19	ION	Chicago P.D. "Closure"	Chicago P.D. "Rage"	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)			
		28	21	CSPAN	(6:30) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)						
25			5	WOI (5)	Beauty and the Beast: A 30th Celebration (N)		The Parent Test	5 News	J. Kimmel		
12	2	12	24	ESPN	Wm. Volleyball	Update	Women's College Volleyball: Cardinals vs Panthers	SportsC.			
11	28	13	25	ESPN2	Wm. Basketball	Cave of Adullam		SportCtr	UFC Event		
36			26	FX	Movie: *** "Avatar" (2009) Sam Worthington, Voice of Zoe Saldana. (In Stereo)						
	10	16	27	PARMT	Movie: **** "Goodfellas" (1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. (In Stereo)						
40	36	28	LIFE	Movie: "Record Breaking Christmas" (2022)			Movie: "Merry Swissmas" (2022) Jodie Sweetin.				
29	20	19	29	FREE	Home Alone	Movie: ** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992)					
18	13	11	30	USA	Movie: **** "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart. (V)		Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946)				
8	8	31	TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Movie: "Ocean's Eleven"		
23	14	18	32	TNT	Movie: ** "A Christmas Carol" (1999)		Movie: ** "A Christmas Carol" (1999)				
25	22	33	AMC	(5:45) Elf (V)	Movie: *** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989)		Movie: *** "Elf"				
29	25	34	HGTV	Christina on the Coast (N)	Luxe for Less (N)	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Hunters	Hunters Int'l		
33	24	30	HIST	Swamp People: Serpent	Swamp People: Serpent	Swamp People: Serpent	Swamp People: Serpent				
19	15	26	37	A&E	The First 48	Critical Minutes	Interrogation Raw (N)	The First 48			
34	18		38	DISC	Mysteries of	Brink of Disaster "West Coast Superquakes" (N)		Mysteries of			
35	31	31	39	TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	Awake Surgery (N)	Stuck (In Stereo)			
39	27	40	A/P	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters				
30	26	23	41	NICK	Lay Lay	Slimetime	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
31	21	24	43	DISN	Big City	Big City	Raven	Hamster & Big City	Ladybug	Ladybug	
21	16	20	45	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)			
37	34	35	65	HALL	Movie: "Christmas Class Reunion" (2022)			Movie: "The Most Colorful Time of the Year" (2022)			
		21	72	SYFY	Journey 2	Movie: ** "Ghostbusters" (2016) Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig.					
39	36		73	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	
			74	WE	(6:47) Hip Hop Homicides	Hip Hop Homicides (N)	Hip Hop Homicides	Love After Lockup			
				A-Elliott B-Stanton C-Emerson D-Red Oak, Villisca, Glenwood							

Cable Companies				SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 17, 2022							
A	B	C	D	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
3	3	3	3	KMTV (3)	Fire Country	48 Hours		48 Hours		Giving	Holidays
4	4	4	4	KPTM (42)	Gordon Ramsay's	Hell's Kitchen (In Stereo)		Access Hollywood (N)		Hell's Kitchen (In Stereo)	
6	6	6	6	WOWT (6)	Password	Dateline NBC		Saturday Night Live (N)		News	SNL
7	7	7	7	KETV (7)	(6:30) College Football: New Mexico Bowl: SMU vs BYU. (N)			(N)		News	The Rookie
8			8	KCCI (8)	Forecasting Our Future	48 Hours		48 Hours		News	Matter
15	5	15	9	KXVO (15)	Wipeout (In Stereo)	Fear Factor		Fear Factor		Dumbest	Dumbest
10	11	10	11	IPTV	As Time ...	Keep Up		Hope Street		Broadcastchurch	
17			12	KDSM (17)	Gordon Ramsay's	Hell's Kitchen (In Stereo)		News	Chiefs	Hell's Kitchen (In Stereo)	
9	9	9	16	NWSN	NewsNation Prime (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)		NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime	
			19	ION	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
		28	21	CSPAN	Washington This Week	Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)					
25			5	WOI (5)	(6:30) College Football: New Mexico Bowl: SMU vs BYU. (N)					5 News	9-1-1
12	2	12	24	ESPN	College Football	College Football: Frisco Bowl: North Texas vs Boise State. (N) (Live)					
11	28	13	25	ESPN2	Women's College Volleyball			ISC Featured College Basketball			
36			26	FX	The Santa Claus	Movie: ** "Daddy's Home 2" (2017) Will Ferrell. (V)				Daddy 2	
10	16	27	PARMT	(5:00) "Spider-Man 2" (2004) Tobey Maguire. (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "Spider-Man 2" (2004) Tobey Maguire. (In Stereo)				Yellowstone	
40	36	28	LIFE	Movie: "The Holiday Dating Guide" (2022) Premiere.		Movie: "Scentational Christmas" (2022)					
29	20	19	29	FREE	"Dr. Seuss' The Grinch"	Movie: *** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin.				Home 2	
18	13	11	30	USA	Movie: *** "Shrek 2" (2004) Eddie Murphy		Movie: *** "Shrek" (2001) Eddie Murphy				
8	8	31	TBS	Mummy	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Movie: "The Mummy" (V)		
23	14	18	32	TNT	Movie: *** "Doctor Strange" (2016) Benedict Cumberbatch. (V)		Movie: *** "Ant-Man" (2015, Action)				
25	22	33	AMC	(6:00) Movie: *** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell.		Movie: *** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell.				"The Polar Express"	
29	25	34	HGTV	Home Town	Home Town	Home Town		Home Town		Home Town	
33	24	30	36	HIST	Ancient Aliens Special Presentation		Ancient Aliens Special Presentation				
19	15	26	37	A&E	The First 48	The First 48: Room Full	Killer Cases (N)		The First 48		
34	18		38	DISC	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	"Opposites Don't Attract"			
35	31	31	39	TLC	My 600-lb Life: Biggest Transformations (In Stereo)		My 600-lb Life: Biggest Transformations (In Stereo)				
39	27	40	A/P	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV			
30	26	23	41	NICK	Movie: ** "Shrek Forever After" (2010)			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
31	21	24	43	DISN	Toy Story	Movie: "The Proud Family Movie"		Big City	Big City	Big City	Ladybug
21	16	20	45	CNN	CNN Newsroom	"Tis The Season: The Holidays On Screen				Very Scary People (N)	
37	34	35	65	HALL	Movie: "Twins the Night Before Christmas" (2022)		Movie: "The Holiday Sitter" (2012) Jonathan Bennett.				
		21	72	SYFY	Movie: *** "Everest" (2015, Adventure) Jason Clarke, Josh Brolin.						
39	36		73	TVL	Mom	Mom	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
			74	WE	NCIS "Shalom"	NCIS "Escaped"	NCIS "Sungled Out"	NCIS "Faking It"			
				A-Elliott B-Stanton C-Emerson D-Red Oak, Villisca, Glenwood							

Cable Companies				MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 19, 2022							
A	B	C	D	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
3	3	3	3	KMTV (3)	Neighbor	Bob Heart	NCIS "Face the Stranger"	NCIS: Hawaii! "Impostor"	3 News Now	Late-Colbert	
4	4	4	4	KPTM (42)	LEGO Masters (N)		9-1-1	News at Nine	iCRIME	iCRIME	
6	6	6	6	WOWT (6)	Movie: *** "Shrek 2" (2004) (In Stereo) (V)		The Wheel		WOWT 6	J. Fallon	
7	7	7	7	KETV (7)	NFL Football: Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay Packers. (N)				News	J. Kimmel	
8			8	KCCI (8)	Neighbor	Bob Heart	NCIS "Face the Stranger"	NCIS: Hawaii! "Impostor"	News	Late-Colbert	
15	5	15	9	KXVO (15)	Wipeout (In Stereo)	Fear Factor		Fear Factor		Dumbest	Dumbest
10	11	10	11	IPTV	Antiques Roadshow	Mary-Christmas	Home for Christmas With	Home for Christmas With	Mary Berry's	National	National
17			12	KDSM (17)	LEGO Masters (N)		9-1-1	13 News at 9 on Fox 17	National		
9	9	9	16	NWSN	Cuomo (N)	Dan Abrams Live (N)	Banfield (N)	Cuomo			
			19	ION	Criminal Minds (In Stereo)	Criminal Minds (In Stereo)	Criminal Minds (In Stereo)	Criminal Minds (In Stereo)			
		28	21	CSPAN	(4:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)						
25			5	WOI (5)	NFL Football: Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay Packers. (N)				5 News	J. Kimmel	
12	2	12	24	ESPN	NFL Football: Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay Packers. (N) (Live)				Postgame	SportsC.	
11	28	13	25	ESPN2	NFL Football: Rams at Packers				Postgame	30 for 30	
36			26	FX	Movie: ** "Daddy's Home 2" (2017) Will Ferrell. (V)		Movie: ** "Daddy's Home 2" (2017) Will Ferrell. (V)				
	10	16	27	PARMT	Grown Ups	Movie: * "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler. (In Stereo)		Movie: "The Longest Yard"			
40	36	28	LIFE	Movie: "Santa Bootcamp" (2022) Emily Kinney.		Movie: "Reindeer Games Homecoming" (2022)					
29	20	19	29	FREE	Santa	Movie: ** "The Santa Clause 2" (2002, Comedy) Tim Allen.				The 700 Club	
18	13	11	30	USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo) Live					Barmageddon (N)	
8	8	31	TBS	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American
23	14	18	32	TNT	Movie: *** "Captain America: Civil War" (2016) Chris Evans.		Movie: *** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell.				
25	22	33	AMC	Movie: *** "The Polar Express" (2004)							
29	25	34	HGTV	Fixer Upper: Welcome	Celebrity IOU (N)		House Hunters (N)		Hunters	Hunters Int'l	
33	24	30	36	HIST	Ancient Aliens (In Stereo)	Ancient Aliens Special Presentation (N) (In Stereo)		Ancient Aliens (N)		Ancient Aliens (N)	
19	15	26	37	A&E	The First 48	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48 "Last Rap"	
34	18		38	DISC	Street Outlaws (N) (In Stereo)						
35	31	31	39	TLC	Love in Paradise: The Caribbean, A 90 Day Story (N)		90 Days	90 Days	Love in Paradise		
39	27	40	A/P	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		
30	26	23	41	NICK	Movie: "Stuart Little" (V)	Movie: "Stuart Little" (V)		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
31	21	24	43	DISN	Una. Minors	"Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas!"		Good Luck Jessie: NYC	Jessie (In Stereo)		
21	16	20	45	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360		
37	34	35	65	HALL	Movie: "A Christmas Cookie Catastrophe" (2022)			Movie: "Hanukkah on Rye" (2022) Yael Grobglas.			
		21	72	SYFY	(6:05) Movie: *** "Fast Five" (2011) Vin Diesel.			Movie: *** "Furious 7" (2015) Vin Diesel.			
39	36		73	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	
			74	WE	Bones (In Stereo)	Bones (In Stereo)	Bones (In Stereo)	Bones (In Stereo)	Bones (In Stereo)		
				A-Elliott B-Stanton C-Emerson D-Red Oak, Villisca, Glenwood							

Cable Companies				WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 21, 2022							
A	B	C	D	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
3	3	3	3	KMTV (3)	Price Is Right	Homeward Bound: A Grammy Salute-Paul Simon		3 News Now	Late-Colbert		
4	4	4	4	KPTM (42)	LEGO Masters "Celebrity Holiday Bricktacular: Finale"		News at Nine	iCRIME	iCRIME		
6	6	6	6	WOWT (6)	Movie: "Dolly Parton's Mountain Magic Christmas"		The Wheel (N) ⌘	WOWT 6	J. Fallon		
7	7	7	7	KETV (7)	Conners	Goldbergs	Abbott Elem / Abbott Elem	The \$100,000 Pyramid	News	J. Kimmel	
8			8	KCCI (8)	Price Is Right	Homeward Bound: A Grammy Salute-Paul Simon		News	Late-Colbert		
15	5	15	9	XKVO (15)	Wipeout (In Stereo) ⌘		Fear Factor ⌘	Fear Factor ⌘	Dumbest	Dumbest	
10	11	10	11	IPTV	The Letter: A Message for Our Earth	Greta Thunberg-Year	Greta Thunberg-Year				
17			12	KDSM (47)	LEGO Masters "Celebrity Holiday Bricktacular: Finale"		13 News at 9 on Fox 17	National	National		
9	9	9	16	NWSN	Cuomo (N) ⌘	Dan Abrams Live (N)		Banfield (N) ⌘	Cuomo ⌘		
			19	ION	NCIS "House Rules"	NCIS "Spinning Wheel"		NCIS ⌘ (DVS)	NCIS "Double Down"		
			28	CSPAN	(4:00) Public Affairs Events	(In Stereo) ⌘					
25			5	WOI (5)	Conners	Goldbergs	Abbott Elem / Abbott Elem	The \$100,000 Pyramid	5 News	J. Kimmel	
12	2	12	24	ESPN	College Basketball	College Football: R&L Carners New Orleans Bowl					
11	28	13	25	ESPN2	College Basketball	Women's College Basketball: Florida vs Oklahoma				SportCtr	
36			26	FX	Movie: ★★ "The Grinch" (2018) (In Stereo) ⌘	Movie: ★★ "The Grinch" (2018) (In Stereo) ⌘					
	10	16	27	PARMT	(4:00) Movie: "Titanic" (V)	Movie: ★★ "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock. (In Stereo) ⌘					
	40	36	28	LIFE	Movie: "Single and Ready to Jingle" (2022) ⌘	Movie: "The Holiday Fix Up" (2021) Jana Kramer.					
29	20	19	29	FREE	Olaf's	Frosty	"Rudolph"	Santa Is Comin' 'n Town	The 700 Club ⌘		
18	13	11	30	USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		
	8	8	31	TBS	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ⌘			Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon
23	14	18	32	TNT	NHL Hockey: Devils at Panthers	NHL Hockey:		Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars. (N) (Live) ⌘			
	25	22	33	AMC	Movie: ★★ "Four Christmases" (2008) (V) (In Stereo) ⌘			Movie: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (V)			
	29	25	34	HGTV	Property Brothers	Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
33	24	30	36	HIST	Pawn Stars Do America "Lone Star Stakes" (N)			Secret Restoration (N)	Pawn Stars ⌘		
19	15	26	37	A&E	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam: Top	Road Wars	Christmas	Christmas	Court Cam
34	18		38	DISC	Moonshiners "Overhaul in Overalls" (N) (In Stereo)			Diesel Brothers (N) ⌘	Moonshiners ⌘		
35	31	31	39	TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: Where Are They Now? (N) (DVS)			Awake Surgery (N)	Save My Skin (N)		
	39	27	40	A/P	The Zoo (In Stereo)	The Zoo (In Stereo)		The Zoo (In Stereo)	The Zoo "Great Snakes!"		
30	26	23	41	NICK	Movie: ★★ "Madagascar" (2005) (In Stereo) ⌘			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
31	21	24	43	DISN	Holiday Magic Quest	Disney's Magic Bake-Off		Disney Channel's Epic	★★ "Full-Court Miracle"		
21	16	20	45	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight (N) ⌘		CNN Tonight (N) ⌘	Anderson Cooper 360		
37	34	35	65	HALL	Movie: "A Very Merry Bridesmaid" (2021) ⌘ (DVS)			Movie: "Christmas in Tahoe" (2021) Laura Osnes.			
			21	SYFY	(6:00) Movie: "The Legend of Tarzan" (V)	Movie: ★★ "Kingsman: The Secret Service" (2014) Colin Firth.				King	King
39	36		73	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
			74	WE	NCIS (In Stereo) ⌘	NCIS "Skeletons" ⌘		NCIS "Iceman" ⌘	NCIS "Grace Period"		
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Supervisors approve zoning change in Villisca

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has agreed to proceed with an ordinance amendment changing a Villisca property from residential to commercial zoning.

At the regular meeting Nov. 15, the supervisors received a petition for rezoning filed by Joshua Kendrick for property at 2663 U Ave., near Villisca, specifically, lots 15 and 16 in south Villisca in the NE-NE of section 28-71-36. The request was to change the zoning designation from residential to commercial.

Plans were to construct an outdoor storage area for boats, RVs, and other types of large equipment, as well as construct a fence with a lockbox entry. However, there were no plans to construct additional buildings on the site for storage.

A public hearing took place at the Board of Supervisors meeting December 6, with Josh Kendrick in attendance. Also present was adjacent property owner Larry Abraham. Abraham said he had multiple questions regarding the project that he was hoping to be addressed. Abraham said the first involved whether or not the existing trees would be left along the north property line to make way for the new fence. Kendrick responded the existing trees would remain.

"We don't have an exact line or a marking for a fence there, but it would be inside of those north line trees," Kendrick said. "We've discussed adding more trees or bushes to the north side trees to make it look nicer and block light and noise."

Abraham also asked whether or not there would be anything to help obscure headlights from shining on his property.

"I'm curious to know if they will be putting any sort of tarp along that fence to block out vehicle lights coming and going in and out of the storage area," commented Abraham.

Kendrick admitted that was not a scenario he had thought of, but he was open to anything that would help make the project more favorable to the adjacent property owners.

"We don't have a specific bid for a fence just yet, and we've contacted companies in the area that we would like to have come out and measure and discuss those options. If that's a concern of anybody around there, then that's something we can definitely look at doing."

We are definitely looking to be good neighbors, and if that's a concern of anybody, I don't think adding that expense to a fence would be that drastic of a change," advised Kendrick.

The waterline to Kendrick's property traveled underneath Abraham's property, and was disconnected upon Kendrick's request. Abraham asked if there was a need to reconnect that water line, but Kendrick reiterated they had no need or desire for water on that property, and the water line could remain capped.



Josh Kendrick, left, and Larry Abraham during discussion on the proposed rezoning ordinance at the Dec. 6 supervisors meeting. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Abraham also requested that any special lighting be turned in a way it was not shining on his property. Kendrick said that would be easy to accommodate.

"Any lights are mainly for security reasons, like any other farm light you'd have next to a barn to give people peace of mind that their property is relatively secured. That's another reason why we want restricted access to the gate to give an extra layer of security," explained Kendrick.

Kendrick said at this point, they were merely going through some of the formal processes and making sure they had proper permission. "We haven't started any sort of building or secured specific financing or set any dates for fencing to be constructed. The only activity has been clearing out some old trees and buildings that were very run-down. I don't have a specific open date for anything, we just want to make sure everyone is on board," said Kendrick.

Zoning administrator Barry Byers said a public hearing was held Nov. 3 with the planning and zoning commission. During discussion, there were a few items that Byers thought could be included as restrictions on the property as conditions of the rezoning request. "One of the items noted was use of downcast lighting, to make sure they're not casting light onto neighboring properties, and privacy screening for the fence. It was discussed they would have a security gate with a keypad and limited hours of access, as well as the possibility of security cameras," Byers commented.

According to Byers, the project was approved for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for approval, and Byers felt the Kendricks were more than willing to meet any demands that the supervisors put on the rezoning ordinance to make sure everyone was happy.

The zoning ordinance would take up to three hearings for approval. Byers said the intent of the Dec. 6 public hearing was to determine what special conditions the supervisors wanted to put on the ordinance, and then revise the ordinance for later discussion and approval.

The supervisors agreed to update the zoning ordinance to include specifics for downcast lighting, screening for the fence, and a security lock box for the gate. Approval of the zoning ordinance will take place at a future meeting of the supervisors.

Spotlight: Animal Health

Winter

Dr. Kate Fridolph
DVM

Now that we've moved into colder weather, it is time to start thinking about how it will affect our animals. Both the large animals and small animals have some things to take into consideration when preparing for winter - shelter/protection from weather, food and water sources, and ice/slippping.

One of the most important requirements for any animal is shelter. For many of our cats and dogs, that would be our house! When it comes to outdoor pets - cattle, horses, and other large animals - that shelter can vary a bit more.

With any species, especially during the winter, it is important to have a solid structure that the animal can get into to get away from wind and snow. Cats and dogs need a small, insulated house where they can get in and get warmed up. Cattle typically have a thick enough winter coat, so it's best practice to provide at least a three-sided structure to get in out of the wind and away from the snow (when they want to anyway).

When it comes to horses, having a sufficient shelter is more than enough protection from the cold and snow; typically no extra blanketing is needed unless they have underlying health problems.

Sometimes a bit of additional winter protection is necessary. When salt and other de-icing products are being used due to weather, use a pet-safe formula in instances that you can control.

Although we can't control what is used everywhere, there are some easy precautions to help ensure that your pet does not get a burn from the salt or upset stomach licking the salt from their paws. Winter dog boots are a great option - these can protect from both the cold and the salt.

Other alternatives include avoiding areas that are salted, or if the pet is only exposed to a small amount of salt, washing paws as soon as they come back inside. When we get some of those bitterly cold, snowy days, remember to add some extra protection to feet, such as the winter dog boots or other covering - paws, especially small ones, can get too cold in a hurry.

Food and water is another big item to take into consideration for winter.

Our indoor pets aren't really going to be affected, but any outdoor animals can be. First and foremost, a consistent water source is very important.

Tank heaters for large animals and heated water bowls are life savers during the winter, both for the animal and the human taking care of them. Even when there is snow on the ground, animals can become dehydrated quite easily. Most animals are going to use snow as a last resort for a water supply - eating/melting snow uses a lot of energy and body heat.

Lack of a water source can result in dehydration and death. As far as food goes, there are not necessarily a lot of changes that need to be made other than making sure that it is still easy to access (not covered in snow or ice) and when it is extremely cold, an increase in forage for the large animals to help them keep warm can be beneficial.

Most small animals with adequate shelter don't need any food changes, but if it is extremely cold for prolonged times, they may need an increase in calories, but this will be different between individual pets.

Ice and slipping hazards are always a problem at some point during the winter. For our pets especially, it is important to protect those pads as it is easy for them to get cuts on pads from ice and melted snow that has re-frozen.

Good footing for any species is a must - with our large animals, this is a lot harder to achieve and the best solution will depend upon the housing of the animal. Breaking large ice chunks up, animal-safe ice melt, and keeping them away from slick areas when possible are all good options.

In conclusion, this winter make sure you are prepared for bad weather. Whether you have large animals, small animals, or both, there are many different things to consider and prepare for.

Please take a minute and make sure you are ready for the ice and snow before it gets here.

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Council okays health insurance renewals

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The city of Red Oak is gearing up for a hefty price increase for its insurance health benefits.

At the regular meeting of the Red Oak City Council on Dec. 5, the council heard from council persons Jeanice Lester and Tim Fridolph, who advised they had spoken with the city's insurance representative, who advised that the total percentage change in the monthly premium was 16.99 percent, which Lester said was a significant increase due to a lot of claims.

Approval of the new insurance term took place at a special meeting of the council on Dec. 8.

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