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The cast and crew of "Boeing Boeing" includes, from left: Ciara Schierkolk, Tommy Hanna, Laura Kelly, Leann Nelson, John Henderson, Stanna Wellauer, Brigitte Chizek, and Kristi Hardwick. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

'Boeing Boeing' takes flight this weekend at the WPAC

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The play "Boeing Boeing" will be taking flight this weekend at the Wilson Performing Arts Center.

This is the first play directed for the WPAC stage by Kristi Hardwick. The farce, set in the 1960s, centers on an American in Paris who thinks he can have it all and then some, by having three airline hostess fiancées and hiding them all from each other. Eventually, his visiting friend from America even gets in on the plot. However, things don't quite work out as expected.

While "Boeing Boeing" is Hardwick's first time in the director's chair, she's been involved in productions with the WPAC for the past seven years, beginning with a role in "Steel Magnolias." She said she took on the new off-stage role to have a new experience.

"I wanted to learn more. I didn't go to school for this stuff, it was just a hobby. And it's sticking around considering I'm involved in four shows a year for the past seven years, except when we were closed for COVID. If I wasn't on stage, I was helping back stage," Hardwick said.

Hardwick also serves on the Wilson's Theatre Committee, which determines what shows the WPAC will do each year. Directing "Boeing Boeing," was an opportunity for Hardwick to help fill a void.

"We're always looking for more volunteers and people to learn. We're willing to teach people, and we knew we needed more directors for the Wilson productions," commented Hardwick. "Becca Jackson-York recently taught a directors master class that I took along with

"We are totally open to people coming in and saying they want to try something. We want people to come in and learn, and be more involved with everyone in the community."

'Boeing Boeing' Co-director
Kristi Hardwick

my mom to learn the ins and outs, and we also sat down for a day with Laura Laprell, who has been directing for years, and she said she was going to give us all the tips that she knew, that she wished she herself had known when she started directing."

"Boeing Boeing" is the first play Hardwick is directing for the WPAC stage, and said the time period of the show was a big draw in leading her to choose to direct it.

"I loved the era and the retro feel about it. When I first heard of it and found out it was about a guy with three fiancées, I wasn't sure about it. But after learning he spends the entire time freaking out because all three end up there at the same time and he's trying to hide them from each other, that's when I realized the show would be hilarious and I decided to choose it," explained Hardwick. "It's been fun learning all the ins and outs and finding our own voices in directing people, and I also told my cast that this was my first show."

Another benefit to the choice was the fact that it has a smaller core cast, and one set.

"We don't have to do a bunch of set changes, and there's six people in the cast, and ironically, when I did "Steel Magnolias," there were six actors and we also had a first-time director. I had an amazing experience with that cast and having that director, and so this spoke to me, because it

was the same size of the cast," explained Hardwick. "I even have two people in my cast that are pretty new to acting. One has never been in any shows before, and she's my favorite character. The other has been in shows, but as an ensemble; she's never had a speaking role before. It's so amazing to see her character come to life every time she comes onstage."

Having the experience being directed by others over the years, Hardwick said, has allowed her to be a director that can listen to her cast.

"They're learning who they are. They're making up in their heads their own back stories beyond what the script tells them, so I told them in advance if they felt their character should do something, or feel something, I want to know, because that's how we're going to get the best shows, by bringing all of our ideas together," Hardwick said.

When it comes to directing another show, Hardwick said there are several things she's learned from this experience that she'll apply in the future.

"I think it's important to communicate and be open with everyone. We usually start every rehearsal with a truth about the day, and it can be about anything. That's helped us really bond together a lot faster. Getting that friendship and camaraderie is important, because then we

BOEING, Page 8A

Council picks Vanderholm as new Red Oak City Clerk

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak City Council has unanimously selected a new city clerk.

At the regular meeting Feb. 6, the council heard a recommendation from the City of Red Oak hiring committee and Mayor Shawna Silvius to hire Christie Vanderholm as Red Oak City Clerk.

Longtime city clerk Mary Bolton retired from the post at the beginning of the year. Vanderholm has worked for the City of Red Oak for more than eight years.

Red Oak Mayor Shawna Silvius praised Vanderholm, saying she conducted three interviews for the position, which went very well.

"I've watched her blossom the last month and a half. She's taken a lot of responsibilities and she has handled it very well. I'm very glad she was interested in the position," Silvius said.

Councilman Brian Bills, who served on the hiring committee, also praised Vanderholm.

"We interviewed some other highly-qualified people, and Vanderholm rose to the top," commented Bills. "I thank you for your continued diligence."

Following her selection, the council unanimously approved a resolution setting Vanderholm's salary at \$52,000 annually, and her starting date of Feb. 6.

Vanderholm said she was excited for the new role, but knew it would be a lot of work.

"Until we get someone for my present job as accounts payable/accounts receivable, I'll be doing both. When we hire my replacement, I have to train that person," said Vanderholm. "I also want to learn about the budget, because that's part of my new job as well. I knew going in that this was going to be a lot of work, but I can handle it, and I have a lot of people who give me a lot of support. If I don't know something, I ask questions until I get the answer."

The council also discussed a resolution setting City of Red Oak employee wage adjustments. Silvius said that after attending budget meetings, and meeting with Vacanti and other staff, she felt there was an immediate need for adjustments to five positions, with a potential increase for more positions.

"There are other positions that warrant increases, but in speaking with these individuals, they understand that we will address this issue further into the year, once we've identified the budget ending balance and potential financial sources," explained Silvius.

In the summer of 2022, Silvius said she requested several compensation comparison reports for similar size communities with popu-



Christie Vanderholm was named the new city clerk at the Feb. 6 meeting. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

lations between 5,000-9,000. One report was conducted professionally by Hilton Consulting in 2019.

"That report compared 13 cities. Another report was compiled for fiscal year 2021-22, gathering information from 33 cities. Each report compares wages and salaries based on job titles, including levels of certification required, and tenure," Silvius stated.

The current salary structure for each superintendent/director was set at the same amount: \$65,812. Silvius said that amount was regardless of job tasks, responsibilities,

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Sen. Tom Shipley, left, and Rep. Tom Moore at the legislative briefing Feb. 4. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Area lawmakers hold legislative briefing

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

Montgomery County's first legislative coffee of the year was held at the Montgomery County Family YMCA Feb. 4.

Attendees heard comments from new county representatives Sen. Tom Shipley of Nodaway, who is beginning his ninth year in the legislature, and Rep. Tom Moore of Griswold, who is beginning his eighth year in the legislature. The lawmakers replaced Sen. Mark Costello, and Rep. David Sieck and Rep. Cecil Dolecheck in representing Montgomery County due to redistricting.

At the Iowa House of Representatives, Moore said one of the constitutional amendments he's working on would change the house of representatives to four-year terms, referencing the fact that Shipley has only had three elections to run for office, while Moore has won five.

"We're just starting the conversation. I think it's an interesting one to have, and I understand the positives and the negatives. But when we look at politics, and the time and money spent on elections, maybe it's time to do things a little differently. It's just food for thought," Moore explained.

Among the questions asked during the

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Provider Spotlight:

DR. GARY KOENIG, MD

Pulmonology Specialist



OBITUARIES

EVELYN “EVIE” SOWERS, 97

Evelyn (Evie) Sowers, 97, formerly of Emerson, passed away Jan. 23, 2023, at the Avalon Care Home in Fairfield, Calif.

Evie was born Jan. 18, 1926, in Fremont County, the youngest child of David and Althea Norton.

Evie is survived by her daughters, Marilyn Schreiner and Barbara Rebhan; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Merrill Sowers. A celebration of life service was held at Oaks Community Church on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Oaks Community Church, 41310 Ellington Ave., Henderson, IA 51541.

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



Gregory Freeman, 64, Cape Coral, Fla., passed away from a rare aggressive cancer on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at the Gulf Coast Medical Center, Fort Myers, Fla.

Gregory Joel Freeman, the son of Joel and Patricia (Halbert) Freeman, was born Jan. 4, 1959, in Coming. Greg was raised in Red Oak and graduated from Red Oak High School in 1977. He attended Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, for heating and air. Greg’s career in the HVAC field began with Bradway Heating & Cooling in Red Oak.

On Oct. 18, 1980, Greg was united in marriage to Sharon Quist in Stanton. Over his career, they lived and he worked in Omaha, the Chicagoland area and north central Illinois. In 2019, Greg sold his business in DeKalb, Ill., and he and Sharon moved to Cape Coral, Fla., to enjoy retirement. Greg then began working in Florida for LCEC, Lee County Electrical Coop.

Greg enjoyed boating, traveling, and racing. He was a part of multiple racing teams, locally and nationally. Greg loved his ’57 Chevy and ’69 Plymouth Roadrunner, which he loved to show off at many classic car shows. As all of his friends know, Greg was an avid fan of KISS. He attended over 20 concerts in his lifetime and went all out when dressing up as lead singer, Paul Stanley. Greg had fun entertaining and always had stories to tell. He loved his dog “Hans” and his baby granddaughter, Presley, born April of 2022. He leaves behind so many wonderful friends.

Greg was patient, generous, loving, fun, competitive, a wonderful handyman, and always found a solution to a problem.

Greg was preceded in death by his father, Joel Freeman; mother, Patricia Hanscom; brother, Todd Wagaman; and father-in-law, Harlan Quist.

Greg is survived by his wife, Sharon Freeman of Cape Coral, Fla.; daughter, Andrea Freeman and fiancé, Chris Hyle of South Beloit, Ill.; brother, Leonard Freeman of Denver, Colo.; mother-in-law, Carolyn Quist of Red Oak; brother-in-law, Dennis Quist of Stanton; sisters-in-law, Sandra Quist and Steve Underwood of Council Bluffs, and Nancy and Lynn Mulherin of Naperville, Ill.; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and so many friends.

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

Visitation and viewing with family present will be on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home from 4 to 8 p.m.


A private family graveside service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery, Red Oak.

Memorials may be directed to the family for future designation. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at sldfuneralhome.com.

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



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

- Holly Kesselring to Mahogany Properties LLC, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 10 Lt 9.
- Jonette Otte and Davidson Farms LLC to Jason and Karen Moss, 15-73-39.
- Cynthia Bangston, President, and Periwinkle Investments Inc. to Sloppy Joe LLC, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 44 Lts 4-5.
- Bill and Sherry Bourlon to William Griffey, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 23 Lt 2.
- William Griffey to Robert and Michele McMann, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 23 Lt 2.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

- Felix Gonzalez Torres to

Reyna Ramirez, Red Oak Railroad Addition Blk 27 Lt 6.

COURT OFFICER'S DEED

- Rina Menjivar to City of Red Oak, Red Oak Alix Addition Blk 27 Lt 6.
- Gayle Heard Estate and Staci Sunderman, Executor, to Andrew and Renee Mosby, Villisca Original Plat Lt 76.

CONTRACT

- Lawrence Peterson to Matthew Peterson, 4-71-37 Parcel A Lts 8-9.

MORTGAGE

- Andrew Mosby, Jr. and Renee Mosby to TS Bank, Villisca Original Plat Lt 76.
- Christin and Brent Bailey to First Interstate Bank, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 36 Lts 7-8.
- Robert and Michele McMann to Bank Iowa, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 23 Lt 2.
- Carey and Mindy Strough, and Mindy Williams to First Interstate Bank and Great Western Bank, Villisca N. Villisca Lt 13 Ingmans SD Lt 26.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Kelly Kaimann, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$859.82 with 6.78% interest from Feb. 2, plus costs.
- Credit Bureau Services of IA

Inc. vs. Amithist Clemons, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$6,289.15 with 6.78% interest from Feb. 2, plus costs.

- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Corey Petersen, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$627.37 with 6.78% interest from Jan. 31, plus costs.
- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Heather Scott, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$2,017.90 with 6.78% interest from Feb. 2, plus costs.
- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Toby Gilliland, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,078.22 with 6.78% interest from Feb. 2, plus costs.
- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Gabrielle Jackson, Villisca, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$2,279.04 with 6.78% interest from Feb. 2, plus costs.
- Sorensen Auto Finance vs. Colbie Fike, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$6,500 with 6.78% interest from Jan. 31, plus costs.
- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Brandy Hickey, Stanton, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,500.65 with 6.78% interest from Jan. 31, plus costs.
- Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Scott Zwerk, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,054.34 with 6.78% interest from Jan. 31, plus costs.
- LVNV Funding LLC vs.

Corey Petersen, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$787.59 with 6.78% interest from Jan. 31, plus costs.

• LVNV Funding LLC vs. Alana Shoopman Wooden, Red Oak, dismissed with prejudice.

ARRESTS

- Filed Jan. 30, Jesse Nelson, 36, Red Oak, theft second degree two counts, \$5,000 bond.
- Filed Jan. 31, Bradley Perry, 27, Red Oak, OWI first offense, \$1,000 bond.
- Filed Feb. 2, Rex Sebeniecher, Stanton, assault two counts, \$300 cash bond.

DISMISSED

- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Stephanie Hightshoe, 57, Red Oak, controlled substance violation, dismissed.

CRIMINAL

- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Michael Sinnott, 30, Red Oak, domestic abuse assault impeding flow of air/blood, pled guilty, two years prison, suspended, \$855 fine, suspended, one year probation, DNA requirement.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Stephanie Hightshoe, 57, Red Oak, controlled substance violation, deferred judgment, two years, \$1,370 fine, suspended, probation, placed under supervision of drug court.

- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Jesse Nelson, 36, Red Oak, theft second degree, two counts.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Gregory Nail, 31, Red Oak, theft fifth degree, pled guilty, \$105 fine.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Rex Sebeniecher, 67, Stanton, assault, two counts.

OWI

- State of Iowa vs. Brian Yochum, Sr., 53, Red Oak, first offense, pled guilty, two days jail, second chances in lieu of jail time. \$1,250 fine, half waived if driver’s license proven within four months.
- State of Iowa vs. Bradley Perry, 27, Red Oak, first offense.
- State of Iowa vs. Brian Price, 42, Tarkio, Mo., second offense.

TRAFFIC

- Derek Sherer, Woodbine, fail to display registration plate.
- Brandon Geerhardt, Villisca, no valid driver’s license.
- Hilda Mendez Vasquez, Des Moines, speeding.
- Dustin Hanshaw, Red Oak, speeding.
- Roberto Degante, Omaha, Neb., no valid driver’s license.
- James Love, Macedonia, registration violation.

- Harley Strutton, Red Oak, registration violation, no valid driver’s license.
- Elijsa Lecinski, Red Oak, no valid driver’s license, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance.
- Seiarre Smith, Agency, operation without registration card or plate.
- Alexis Wingfield, Red Oak, operating non-registered vehicle.
- Keagan Ruth, Glenwood, fail to obey yield sign.
- Kyle DeGroat, Red Oak, speeding.
- Thomas Mace, Atlantic, speeding.
- Brittany Homan, Villisca, failure to maintain registration plate.
- Jaiden Wallander, Indianola, speeding.
- Logan Conn, Red Oak, registration violation.
- Jessica Pelzer, Griswold, unlawful passing of school bus - first offense.
- Douglas Lambirth, Red Oak, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.



ROCHS students perform at Winter Winds Festival

Red Oak seniors Sam Fields (left) and Jonah Wemhoff participated in the Winter Winds Festival Friday, Feb. 3, in Lincoln, Neb. (Submitted photo)



ROCHS state large group speech

Red Oak large group speech team members traveled to the state competition at Waukee High School Saturday. They performed in front of three judges who all gave an individual rating. Receiving straight 1’s (1, 1, 1) - Ensemble: Griffin Eubank, Connor Knight, Tony Filpi, and Cash Berendes. Receiving mixed 1’s (1, 1, & 2) - Ensemble: Josie Rengstorf & Tessa Rolenc. Receiving mixed 2’s (2, 2, & 1), - Short Film: Grace Goldapp, Lauren Dean, Josie Rengstorf, Tessa Rolenc, Jonah Wemhoff, James Gass, Sam Fields, and Ella Johnson; and Ensemble: Grace Goldapp and Michelle Grass. (Submitted photo)

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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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6	7	5	1	9	8	2	3	7
2	1	8	4	7	3	5	6	9
8	5	1	3	7	4	7	9	2
3	6	9	3	7	9	1	2	5
4	2	4	6	8	5	9	1	3

ANSWER:

RO Weather

Monday, Jan. 30:
High 11, Low 1,
Precip: None

Tuesday, Jan. 31:
High 15, Low 0,
Precip: None

Wednesday, Feb. 1:
High 26, Low 0,
Precip: None

Thursday, Feb. 2:
High 42, Low 0,
Precip: None

Friday, Feb. 3:
High 32, Low 0,
Precip: None

Saturday, Feb. 4:
High 53, Low 22,
Precip: None

Sunday, Feb. 5:
High 54, Low 22,
Precip: None

**Weekly Total
Precipitation: None**

**January Total
Precipitation: 1.44**

**February Total
Precipitation: None**

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...?

Archived from 2017, 2012, 1997, and 1972 editions of The Red Oak Express

5 Years Ago

After nearly 20 years as a Southwest Iowa superintendent, Dr. Chris Herrick decided it was time to move on. Herrick spent 18 years as the superintendent at Fremont-Mills and an additional five years as a shared superintendent with the Stanton district. Herrick made it clear he was not resigning to take a superintendent’s position with another district and was simply resigning as he was eligible for IPERS after the end of the school year. Herrick expressed an interest in continuing a job in education but was uncertain what that position would be.

The Red Oak Tiger girls basketball team moved to a 17-2 season after a 62-21 win over Fremont-Mills. Sierra Athen led with a double-double of 15 points and 13 rebounds. Sophie Walker notched 12 points.

10 Years Ago

The Red Oak Kiwanis Club was celebrating 15 years of donating helmets to area third graders, thanks primarily to the only remaining Kiwanis charter member and bicycle enthusiast Wayne Donohue. The program was started in 1998. Each year, the Kiwanis Club raised around \$1,000 to purchase helmets. The fundraiser for 2012 was a pancake feed at Inman Primary. Donohue regularly provided a safety demonstration with a watermelon, showing it undamaged after he dropped the helmet with the watermelon inside.

The road to the state tournament came up a lot faster than expected for the Red Oak girls basketball team. The Tigers returned to the championship for the first time in 90 years after a 49-38 win over Adel-DeDoto-Minburn.

25 Years Ago

With the ball in their court, the Swanson family, Bruce, Mark, and R. John, were pursuing the rescue of their building at 213 Coolbaugh St. Bruce reported that the family had retained a structural engineer to inspect the building and draft a detailed plan to return it to a safe condition. The demolition of 215 Coolbaugh resulted in a shared party wall being damaged during the process, and 213 Coolbaugh needed immediate shoring.

The Red Oak Tiger prep girls varsity basketball squad had a six game win streak, the highest since 1989-90. The team took the No. 5 slot in Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil rankings.

The Red Lion Steakhouse had a 10 oz. New York Strip special for \$8.95 for Valentine’s Day.

50 Years Ago

Guest conductors Thomas Slattery of Coe College in Cedar Rapids and Merrill Perry of Mount Ayr Community Schools worked with 254 band students from 83 junior and senior high schools in Southwest Iowa during the fifth annual Honor Band Festival held in Red Oak in 1972. The finale of the event was a concert at the Red Oak Community High School auditorium. A total of 127 of the 254 participants were selected for the concert.

Kathy Haley’s 33 points carried the scoring load for the Villisca Jayettes’ 46-24 Tall Corn Conference win over Corning. The win moved the Jayettes to a six game win streak.

Polyester, wool, and wool blend fabrics were 79 cents to \$2.99 per yard at Connor’s in Red Oak.

Red Oak Honor Rolls

FIRST SEMESTER HIGH HONOR ROLL

7th grade: Aubrey Bass, Ella Blackman, Hudson Fisher, Elizabeth Fowler, Casey Johnson, Madilyn Johnson, Bryleigh Mauer, Wyatt Ogden, William Pollock, Kaleb Sebeniecher, Clifton VanHouten, Ashton Vrba, Emma Wingert, and Brandon Zamarron.

8th grade: Caitlin Britten, Sawyer Bruce, Elliott Cartwright, Pace Chaillie, Weston Couse, Carson Davids, Brooklyn Gilleland, Gillian Heim, Cathryn Horn, Audrina Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Keely Jones, Gavin Lindsay, Maddison Lopez, Vivian Lucas, Jaileigh Lundquist, Reese Montgomery, Jackson Perdue, Marlee Perrien, Mariel Ramirez, Guadalupe Ramos, Amber Rea, Rowyn Rigby, Dillan Rydberg, Jared Scriver, Sophie Snyder, Ryan Soar, Ethan Strunk, Sergio Villanueva, Leya Walker, Haylee Wallace, and Mhylee Wallace.

9th grade: Jesika Aldrich, Nellie Blaine, Jayda Edie, Ethan Fouts, Josie Goldapp, Karly Jenkins, Ellison Johnson, Sianna Klepinger, Sarah Knight, Mykinzie Magill, Jocelyn O’Neal, Jacob Patterson, Mareli Ramos, Zoie Rohrig, Emily Sebeniecher, Rachel Stacy, Alyssa Strebe, Anna Wenberg, and Bryce Williams.

10th grade: Elizabeth Baucom, Brody Bond, Nicole Bond, Chloe Conn, Kennedy DeVries, Brett Erickson, Weston Gettler, Landon Gigstad, Grace Goldapp, Marley Gray, Ella Johnson, Brynn Knaus, Jessica Knight, Raevyn Lucas, Emma Moles-Dollen, Iris Ogden, Nolan Perrien, Kadyr Riibe, Brinkly Sallach, Klyer Sandholm, Brayden Sifford, Blake Sloan, Nevaeh Soar, and Marissa Williams.

11th grade: Brenna Baier, Tyler Beeson, Bryton Bergren, Olivia Bozwell, Abigail Johnson, Kaysie Kells, Elaine Klepinger, Joshua LeRette, Jaydin Lindsay, Joselyn McCunn, Cyrus Mensen, Blayke Mirts, Merced Ramirez, Hailey Rydberg, Bryce Shirley, and Grace Wingfield.

12th grade: Dante Baucom, Dawson Bond, Aiden Scott, Logan Conn, Landon Couse, Lainey DeVries, Danique Dobbe, Sam Fields, Jackson Kling, Josie Rengstorf, Tessa Rolenc, Josie Vanderhoof, and Jonah Wemhoff.

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

7th grade: Niveya Armstrong, AJ Beeson, Kaylee Blackman, Rylee Etter, Dalton Ferree, Paisley Gettler, Hayden Hietbrink, Anna James, Journee Jones, Anabella Kling, Seth Lydon, Damian Magaret, Davis Mayberry, Annabelle McMillin, Kaidyn Pence, Dailon Reafleng, Anali Torres, Aidan Vicario, and Haylee Walters.

8th grade: Brayton Adams, Kenadee Beacham, Owen Blystone, Paulina Bueno, Keidy Camilo, Zoe Claspill, Elliana Freshour, Tanner Grammer, Emmanuel Grass, Rylan Mirts, Madison Osheim, Dystiney Pruett, Breanna Shaw, Gabrielle Smith, Elaina Utecht, and Matthew Utecht.

9th grade: Kendelyne Bartlett, Emelia Coover, Anabel DeCesare, Chloe Devito, Sophie Devito, Patrick Ellison, Masen Fisher, Cale Hall, Ryelan Kruse, Harley Longnecker, Lily Marsden, Myhlie McCunn, Megan Page, Madilynn Parker, Ashlynn Reafleng, Seth Richards, Mariella Richards-Hernandez, Madison Roach, Louisa Stickland, and Thomas Wilcoxon.

10th grade: Adam Baier, Seth Baucom, Conor Britten, Jacob Brower, Jersey Churchill, Lillian Cobb, Alyson DeCesare, Alexis Joint, Breanna Kinser, Jaide Larson, Adelia Lydon, Hope Schmadeke, Lena Torbett, Cassandra Vera, Pablo Villanueva, Victoria Wendt, and Logan Williams.

11th grade: Prashna Bell, Jakson Biggerstaff, Macartnie Boeye, Hayden Brenner, Cloie Bruce, Sebastian Clear, Kiah Cooper, Max DeVries, Claire Eitzen, Griffin Eubank, Vincent Filpi, Andy Franco Zamarron, Hunter Gilleland, Hunter Jarrett, Ty Jenkins, Bennett Johnson, Connor Knight, Ukume Latus-Pantoja, Gracie Redd, Anderson Ruhl, Jack Schmadeke, Brayden Sego, Annabelle Squires, Gracie Strunk, and Kayden Wingfield.

12th grade: Heavyv Aherns, Bridgett Archer, Cash Berendes, Joanna Bloomer, Guadalupe Bowen, Kayden Bozwell, Haley Branam, Kaleb Cobb, Jacob Eggerss, Brandon Erp, Theresa Flick, Riley Fouts, Isabella Glassel, Michelle Grass, Tucker Johnson, Tanner Kinsley, Serenity Kruse, Eduardo Lepe, Lillianne Pafford, Johnathan Perkins, Klyer Rinabarger, Chase Roeder, AJ Schmid, Fateen Sealy, Braiden Shirley, Hannah Smith, Ethan Wenberg, and Braden Woods.

VIEWPOINTS

Stronger the Press, Stronger the People

Letters to the Editor

The Red Oak Express supports healthy community discourse and encourages readers to submit a letter to the editor. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification purposes. They can be submitted by mail or dropped off at 2012 Commerce Drive, Red Oak, Iowa, 51566, or emailed to news@redoakexpress.com, or entered through our website at redoakexpress.com. Letters should be concise and centered on a single topic. All letters are subject to editing for length, taste, accuracy, liability, or other reasons. The Express is under no obligation to print any letter. If you have questions, contact the Express office at 712-623-2566 or news@redoakexpress.com.

Pat Shipley weighs in on proposed changes to SNAP program

The Iowa House and Senate are targeting significant changes SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Medicaid, and other public assistance programs. The proposals would restrict SNAP participants’ ability to make food choices and increase hunger and food insecurity in Iowa. The legislators think they should cut back on “abuse” of the program and those who might have access to it. After attending Legislative Forums in Clarinda and Shenandoah last weekend, it’s clear that legislators who serve on the Health and Human Services Committee didn’t have a clear idea of the implications of changes that were being proposed.

Let’s look at this from a faith-

based perspective. I grew up in the church and remain an active Presbyterian. There were basic beliefs taught during Sunday School and confirmation. We were taught to “do unto others as we would have done to us” and that kindness mattered. We were taught “judge not, lest you be judged” and “feed those who are hungry and help provide for those who are in need.” I think there are some pretty clear messages in Matthew 25.

Mom would say that “God helps those who help themselves.” True. However, many of us can think of a time when our families struggled to make ends meet and friends, family, and even public assistance might have helped because of a run of bad luck or situations. An unex-

pected illness, going through a divorce, loss of a job and no prospects in sight can cripple or drain finances. “If it weren’t for bad luck, we would have no luck at all” would describe it. If we haven’t experienced it, we know people who have.

Legislation has proposed restrictions on SNAP purchases. Over 60% of SNAP participants report the affordability of healthy foods as a roadblock to a healthy diet through the month. Fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk and meat are expensive and should be allowed.

According to state statistics, the average per person monthly SNAP allocation is maybe a little over \$150. A person or family must be recommended and qualify for SNAP based on

income levels. The application process isn’t simple. The public ignores the root causes of food insecurity which include low wages, limited full-time jobs, lack of access to nutritious food, child care costs, housing, health care, transportation and other basic essentials.

The state legislators want to set an asset limit for SNAP that includes owning just one car per family. How would that work? Living in rural Iowa with one car is next to impossible. We drive distances for jobs and parents may not work in the same town or the same shifts. Students work to help out the family finances. We don’t have mass transit systems to transport us to work, buy groceries, or attend school events. Cars

aren’t new and may be limping along with worn tires, sagging exhaust pipes, and bent fenders. In rural Iowa a car is the difference between being employed or not. Asset limits discourage people from saving for emergencies and keep Iowans stuck in poverty, not help them out. It’s hard to “pull yourself up by your bootstraps” if you have minimal financial assets to help when there are emergencies or limited access to car ownership.

The legislature is proposing monthly and quarterly eligibility verification checks for SNAP and Medicaid. This idea has been tried in other states and cost more than it saved. Increased verification required hiring more administrators and added bureaucracy. Neither

increases effectiveness and just adds another unnecessary hoop.

SNAP is used by people of all ages. It isn’t about people refusing to work. It’s used by the elderly with limited resources, the single parent who is trying to work and feed their children, those unemployed through no fault of their own, and those who can’t work due to personal illness or caring for a family member.

Judge not lest you be judged, it’s only by grace that we may not have used SNAP at some point in our lives. Mom said, “It’s better to have food than pay doctor bills.” As usual, Mom was right.

Pat Shipley
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THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

Rent-a-Chick

Nearly 20 years have passed since we first hosted a reunion of wife’s family. Among those attending from the Omaha-metro area were Bill, Colleen, and their dear little Cari, then 6 years old.

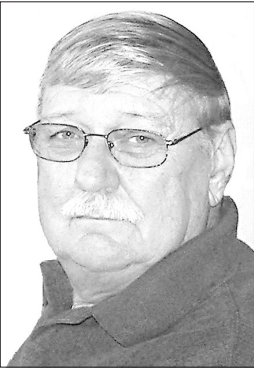
Wife had a dozen pullets; docile birds just starting to lay. Cari was fascinated, especially when she found a treasure. She insisted she was keeping the egg. Then she said she was keeping the chicken. Colleen made a video of Cari chasing chickens and said a chicken would be wonderful.

Bill thought otherwise. Bill said Cari would lose interest and he’d have to deal with the chicken. Cari threw a fit and went to the car. Colleen went to comfort her.

During pie and ice cream Bill made an offer. Eggs were then 50 cents a dozen. He’d pay a deposit on a chicken and the going rate for eggs laid. When Cari started neglecting chores he’d return the chicken and we’d refund his deposit.

Wife thought a minute, said two chickens would get along better than one. The deal was done — and a fine deal it was.

All parties benefitted. Cari learned something of responsibility and the food chain. Bill’s family had deluxe brown eggs for ordinary white egg prices. My wife was selling eggs from chickens she didn’t have to feed. Bill’s wife found two living beings that enjoyed her tuna-noodle casserole, and I’d been handed an idea that should have led to wealth.



Bill called last Sunday to remind me that I could now be collecting \$6.29 a dozen, although if I had the value-added creativity of “Homestead Jenn” and “Homestead Phil” I’d be raking in a lot more. Bill told what he knew, after which I went online for confirmation.

“Homestead Jenn” and “Homestead Phil” left IT

careers in 2021 to create a business called “Rent-The-Chicken.”

The service they provide allows city dwellers in much of the U.S. and Canada to rent two chickens, a small, portable coop and bowls for feed and water. Included in the package are 100 pounds of chicken feed and a helpful instruction manual.

At \$665 for a six-month rental you’ll get about 10 eggs per week (a bit more or less, depending on breed of chicken). This totals 240 eggs, or 20 dozen, meaning you pay just \$33.25 per dozen or \$2.77 an egg. (Multiply that by a couple of hundred hens and we’ve got an ocean view in Belize.)

In addition to financial rewards, Rent-A-Chick gives renters the pleasure of gathering as many as two eggs each day. You’ll connect with reality

by washing poop from the shell, spend pleasant evenings relaxing on the deck to watch chickens chase bugs across the lawn, do high-fives as your birds dash into traffic, laugh as they obliterate flower beds and leave enormous, runny blobs on the porch.

With Rent-A-Chick comes the primal thrill of late-night combat with hordes of racoons trying to rip the roof from a flimsy rental coop.

But wait — there’s more. Rent-A-Chicken also offers Rent-A-Hatch.

With this \$275 package you get a seven-egg incubator with eggs and another instruction manual. After your eggs have hatched, a Rent-A-Chick representative will drop by to pick up the incubator and chicks — if any. At that point you have the option of the standard six-month rental (\$665), enabling you and your family to experience chicks through the stinky, messy stage.

When they’re old enough to be productive you’ll probably want an additional six months in order to enjoy fine eggs from your pullets (unless you hatched roosters), and when the final rental period has concluded you may choose Adopt-A-Chicken; a bargain at just \$350.

I tried to do an estimated cost per egg for those who went from the Hatch-A-Chick start-up followed by two standard Rent-A-Chicken cycles to the Adopt-A-Chicken stage.

I also contemplated the sad but inevitable decision; Soup-A-Chicken or Prepaid-Funeral-A-Chicken, each at a nominal fee, and arrived at about \$108 per egg. There are, however, several variables.

Special cases qualify for the Give-A-Chick program and pretty much get a free ride. On the other hand is the possibility of a power outage halfway through the incubation period. The only way to know how this will work for you is to chose a rental package and try, and apparently people all over North America are doing just that.

I consider the success of Homestead Jenn and Homestead Phil and think of what might have been. I failed to seize an opportunity. The Rent-A-Chicken train is down the tracks. Ducks we could try, or turkeys, and milk goats might work with select families, but I suspect chickens were the low-hanging fruit on this tree and Belize is probably not going to happen.

Even so, I’ve emailed Homestead Jenn and asked what it would take to lock up the southwest Iowa franchise. I have chickens ready to go. Watch for billboards and other advertising.

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Community Calendar

9 February

Noon, SCORE webinar, "Small Business Tax Questions - Ask the CPA 2023." Go to omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242.

Noon: ROCIA finance committee meeting at the ROCIA office

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.

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

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

7 p.m., Free Hallmark movie, "Cupid and Cate," sponsored by Mark Jackson's Red Oak Hardware Hank and Hallmark Gold Crown Store, Red Oak Grand Theatre, 410 E. Coolbaugh St.

10 February

Red Oak Public Library, Popcorn Friday, all day.

10:15 a.m., Storytime at the Red Oak Public Library, 400 N. 2nd St., theme: "Be Mine."

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

7 p.m., "The Notebook," theatre #1; "My Best Friend's Wedding," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

11 February

6-8 p.m., AmVets Valentine's Day prime rib dinner, Red Oak Eagles Lodge, 200 E. Washington Ave., \$30 for one, \$55 per couple. See story on this page.

7 p.m., "The Notebook," theatre #1; "My Best Friend's Wedding," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

12 February

5 p.m., Big Game Party, Red Oak Grand Theatre, 410 E. Coolbaugh St. Free admission, food available, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, free will donation. See story on this page.

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14 February

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

9-11 a.m., Intro to pickleball at the Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St. Free for members, \$5 for non members.

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

Noon, SCORE webinar, "Get Your Local Business on Google Search and Maps." Go to omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242.

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.

5-5:45 p.m., Sports academy at the Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St., for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.

6-9 p.m., Winter Session I Singles Tennis League, Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St. Register at: https://montgomeryco.recliquecore.com/programs/110014/high-school-adult-tennis-leagues/?location=s=13&fbclid=IwAR3kvAaAaBRHmw7_0ffBP2VG7Uykjy9TnHbuOah5cAL3-0IW6HC-6QZvmAUk

15 Febuary

8-10 a.m., MCMH free blood pressure screening, TJ's Cafe, 307 E. 4th St., Villisca.

11:30 a.m., ROCIA board meeting at the ROCIA office

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.



The Red Oak Rotary Club and KCSI/KOAK Country Sunshine Radio teamed up for the "Dash for Cash" event during halftime of the Red Oak basketball games Jan. 31. Mhylee Wallace and Eillie O'Neal of Red Oak were the two lucky contestants selected to participate. Each was blindfolded, started at the half court line, and had 30 seconds to go from the half court line by walking, crawling, and listening to the fans at the game to help them locate \$100 on the basketball court. However, both contestants were unable to find the \$100 while being blindfolded. The Red Oak Rotary Club still had special gifts for Wallace and O'Neal for participating. Pictured above left, from left, Red Oak Rotarian Kaylin Plumlee presents a gift to Mhylee Wallace of Red Oak. Pictured above right, from left, Red Oak Rotarian Kaylin Plumlee gives Ellie O'Neal a parting gift for her participation in the "Dash for Cash" event. Also pictured is Rotarian Doug Rieken. (Photos submitted).



AmVets hosting Valentine's dinner Feb. 11

The Amvets are hosting a Valentine's Day prime rib dinner from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Eagles Lodge at 200 E. Washington Ave.

Call for reservations by Feb.

10 at 370-2865, or 623-3215, or email kjhaidsiak@gmail.com

Cost is \$30 for one person, \$55 per couple. Salad, potato, and dessert included with the meal price.

Card Shower

FUNK 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Jerry and Ruth Funk will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Feb. 17.

In honor of the occasion, the family is requesting a card shower. Send cards to the couple at 1212 Irene Ct. Red Oak, IA 51566.

Big game event at Grand Theatre

The Red Oak Grand Theatre is hosting its second annual Big Game Party beginning at 5 p.m. Feb. 12 at the theatre at 410 E. Coolbaugh St. The event will replace the afternoon and evening movie showings on that day.

Admission is free, food is available and free will offerings will be accepted.

During the event, a silent auction and 50/50 raffle will be held. The Super Bowl game will be shown on the theatre screen.

Raffle tickets are \$10 per ticket or five for \$40 and can be purchased by calling 621-5102, or 621-2731. The drawing will be held at 6:30 live on Facebook. Ticket buyers don't have to be at the party to win.



Celebrating their anniversaries this week are:

Delbert and Kathy King – Feb. 9
Wayne and Connie Bailey – Feb. 14

Congratulations and happy anniversary to you!

To become a member of the free "Anniversary Club," e-mail your anniversary (and those of your friends and family) to news@redoakexpress.com, mail to P.O. Box 377, Red Oak, IA

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays are:

Dylan Swanson – Feb. 9
Freda Ruleman – Feb. 9
Jerry Stanley – Feb. 10
Jody Adams – Feb. 11
Jason Moore – Feb. 15
Cole Finnell – Feb. 15
Raymond Laird – Feb. 15

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.

Senior Menu

Thursday, Feb. 9: Roast beef and brown gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, sliced bread, cake milk/coffee.

Friday, Feb. 10: Breaded chicken patty on a bun, scalloped potatoes, peas, fresh seasonal fruit, milk/

coffee.

Monday, Feb. 13: Chili, baked potato, salad with dressing, hot spiced apples, milk/coffee.

Tuesday, Feb. 14: Oven fried chicken, whipped potatoes and

gravy, seasoned peas, roll, cookie, milk/coffee.

Wednesday, Feb. 15: Hamburger on a bun, onion slice, oven roasted potatoes, baked beans, fresh fruit, milk/coffee..

For more information, call the Senior Center at 623-3497 or Carolyn at 402-926-8683.

Please call for reservations by 9:30 a.m. the day before you plan to eat lunch.

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, Thursday, 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 Jennifer Van Nostrand, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m. **Online:** 10:45 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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18	13	11	30	USA	Movie: *** "Back to the Future" (1985) Michael J. Fox. (N)	Movie: *** "Back to the Future" (1985) Michael J. Fox. (N)	Movie: *** "Back to the Future" (1985) Michael J. Fox. (N)	Movie: *** "Back to the Future" (1985) Michael J. Fox. (N)			
8	8	31	TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Imp. Jokers	NFL Tailgate Take-down		
23	14	18	32	TNT	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Brooklyn Nets. (N)	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Brooklyn Nets. (N)	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Brooklyn Nets. (N)	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Brooklyn Nets. (N)			
25	22	33	AMC	Movie: *** "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (N)	Movie: *** "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (N)	Movie: *** "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (N)	Movie: *** "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (N)	Movie: *** "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (N)			
29	25	34	HGTV	Christina in the Country	Married to Real Estate (N)	Married to Real Estate (N)	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Married to Real Estate		
33	24	30	HIST	Swamp People "Pirate Cursed Gators"	Swamp People "Pirate Cursed Gators"	Swamp People "Pirate Cursed Gators"	Swamp People "Pirate Cursed Gators"	Swamp People "Pirate Cursed Gators"			
19	15	26	37	A&E	After the First 48 (N)	Accused: Guilty	Taking the Stand (N)	The First 48 (N)			
34	18		38	DISC	BattleBots "Robot Redemption" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	BattleBots "Robot Redemption" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	BattleBots "Robot Redemption" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	BattleBots "Robot Redemption" (N) (In Stereo) (N)			
35	31	31	39	TLC	My 600-Lb. Life (N) (In Stereo)	My 600-Lb. Life (N) (In Stereo)	My 600-Lb. Life (N) (In Stereo)	My 600-Lb. Life (N) (In Stereo)			
39	27	40	A/P	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue			
30	26	23	41	NICK	NFL Slimetime "Week 22"	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
31	21	24	43	DISN	Movie: *** "Incredibles 2" (2018) (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Incredibles 2" (2018) (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Incredibles 2" (2018) (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Incredibles 2" (2018) (In Stereo)			
21	16	20	45	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	CNN Tonight (N) (N)	CNN Tonight (N) (N)			
37	34	35	65	HALL	Movie: "Sweeter Than Chocolate" (2023) (DVS)	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls		
	21	72	SYFY	"The Last Witch Hunter"	Movie: *** "After Earth" (2013) Jaden Smith. (N)	Movie: *** "After Earth" (2013) Jaden Smith. (N)	Movie: *** "After Earth" (2013) Jaden Smith. (N)	Movie: *** "After Earth" (2013) Jaden Smith. (N)			
39	36		73	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	
			74	WE	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop	Kold x Windy (N)	Partners in	Gr.- Hip Hop		

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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)	NCIS: Hawaii "Pirates"	48 Hours (N)	48 Hours (N)	48 Hours (N)	3 News Now Live at 10		
4	4	4	4	KPTM (42)	The Perfect 10 (N) (In Stereo)	First Things	Access Hollywood (N)	Name That Tune			
6	6	6	6	WOWT (6)	Byron Allen Presents: The Comedy and Music	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors. (N)	Saturday Night Live (N)	News	SNL		
7	7	7	7	KETV (7)	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors. (N)	Golden State Warriors. (N)	Golden State Warriors. (N)	News	The Rookie		
8			8	KCCI (8)	NCIS: Hawaii "Pirates"	48 Hours (N)	48 Hours (N)	News	Matter		
15	5	15	9	KXVO (15)	Fear Factor (N)	Fear Factor (N)	Fear Factor (N)	World's Dumbest ...			
10	11	10	11	IPTV	As Time ...	Keep Up	Sister Boniface Mysteries	Hope Street (N)			
17			12	KDSM (17)	The Perfect 10 (N) (In Stereo)	First Things	News	Simpsons	Hope Street (N)		
9	9	9	16	NWSN	NewsNation Prime (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)			
			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) (N)					
25			5	WOI (5)	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors. (N)	Golden State Warriors. (N)	Golden State Warriors. (N)	Golden State Warriors. (N)			
12	2	12	24	ESPN	UFC 284: Makhachev vs. Volkanovski - Prelims (N)	College Basketball: UCLA at Oregon. (N) (Live) (N)	College Basketball: UCLA at Oregon. (N) (Live) (N)	College Basketball: UCLA at Oregon. (N) (Live) (N)			
11	28	13	25	ESPN2	College Basketball: Arizona at Stanford. (N)	College Basketball: Arizona at Stanford. (N)	College Basketball: Arizona at Stanford. (N)	College Basketball: Arizona at Stanford. (N)			
36			26	FX	(6:00) Movie: *** "The Help" (2011) Viola Davis. (N)	Movie: *** "The Help" (2011) Viola Davis. (N)	Movie: *** "The Help" (2011) Viola Davis. (N)	Movie: *** "The Help" (2011) Viola Davis. (N)			
	10	16	27	PARMT	(6:30) Movie: *** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. (N)	Movie: *** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. (N)	Movie: *** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. (N)	Movie: *** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. (N)			
	40	36	28	LIFE	"The Girl Who Escaped: The Kara Robinson Story"	Escaping Captivity: The Kara Robinson Story (N)	Escaping Captivity: The Kara Robinson Story (N)	Escaping Captivity: The Kara Robinson Story (N)			
29	20	19	29	FREE	"Ant-Man and The Wasp"	Movie: *** "Ant-Man and The Wasp" (2018) Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly. (N)	Movie: *** "Ant-Man and The Wasp" (2018) Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly. (N)	Movie: *** "Ant-Man and The Wasp" (2018) Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly. (N)			
18	13	11	30	USA	Chicago	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)			
8	8	31	TBS	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	"Star Wars: A New Hope" (V)		
23	14	18	32	TNT	(6:30) Movie: *** "Crazy Rich Asians" (2018)	Movie: *** "Crazy Rich Asians" (2018)	Movie: *** "Crazy Rich Asians" (2018)	Movie: *** "Crazy Rich Asians" (2018)			
25	22	33	AMC	(6:00) Movie: *** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall. (N)	Movie: *** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall. (N)	Movie: *** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall. (N)	Movie: *** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall. (N)	Movie: *** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall. (N)			
29	25	34	HGTV	Holmes Family Rescue	Rico to the Rescue (N)	House Hunters	Hunters	Hunters Int'l			
33	24	30	HIST	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained			
15	26	37	A&E	Movie: *** "The Magnificent Seven" (2016) Denzel Washington. (N)	Movie: *** "The Magnificent Seven" (2016) Denzel Washington. (N)	Movie: *** "The Magnificent Seven" (2016) Denzel Washington. (N)	Movie: *** "The Magnificent Seven" (2016) Denzel Washington. (N)	Movie: *** "The Magnificent Seven" (2016) Denzel Washington. (N)			
34	18		38	DISC	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid			
35	31	31	39	TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper			
39	27	40	A/P	My Pack Life (N)	My Pack Life (N)	My Pack Life (N)	My Pack Life (N)	My Pack Life (N)			
30	26	23	41	NICK	"Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2"	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
31	21	24	43	DISN	Marvel's Mo	Ladybug	Big City	Hamster & Hamster &	Big City	Big City	
21	16	20	45	CNN	Movie: "American Pain" (2023, Documentary) (N)	History of the Sitcom	History of the Sitcom	History of the Sitcom			
37	34	35	65	HALL	Movie: "A Paris Proposal" (2023) Alexa PenaVega. (N)	Movie: "Paris, Wine & Romance" (2019) Jen Lilley. (N)	Movie: "Paris, Wine & Romance" (2019) Jen Lilley. (N)	Movie: "Paris, Wine & Romance" (2019) Jen Lilley. (N)			
		21	72	SYFY	(5:37) "Tomb Raider"	Movie: *** "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (2015) Dylan O'Brien. (N)	Movie: *** "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (2015) Dylan O'Brien. (N)	Movie: *** "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (2015) Dylan O'Brien. (N)			
39	36		73	TVL	Mom (In Stereo)	Mom (N)	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
			74	WE	NCIS (In Stereo)	NCIS "Skeletons" (N)	NCIS "Skeletons" (N)	NCIS "Skeletons" (N)			

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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)	Neighbor	Bob Heart	NCIS "Old Wounds" (N)	NCIS: Hawaii (N)	3 News Now	Late-Colbert	
4	4	4	4	KPTM (42)	Fantasy Island (N) (N)	Alert: Missing	News at Nine	iCRIME	iCRIME		
6	6	6	6	WOWT (6)	America's Got Talent: All-Stars (N) (In Stereo)	America's Got Talent: All-Stars (N) (In Stereo)	Magnum P.I. (N)	WOWT 6	J. Fallon		
7	7	7	7	KETV (7)	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo)	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo)	The Good Doctor (N)	News	J. Kimmel		
8			8	KCCI (8)	Neighbor	Bob Heart	NCIS "Old Wounds" (N)	NCIS: Hawaii (N)	News	Late-Colbert	
15	5	15	9	KXVO (15)	Fear Factor (In Stereo) (N)	Fear Factor (N)	Fear Factor (N)	Four Stunt Show (N)	Dumbest	Dumbest	
10	11	10	11	IPTV	Antiques Roadshow (N)	Antiques Roadshow	Scouting for Toys (N)	Independent Lens (N)			
17			12	KDSM (17)	Fantasy Island (N) (N)	Alert: Missing	13 News at 9 on Fox 17	National	National		
9	9	9	16	NWSN	Cuomo (N)	Dan Abrams Live (N)	Banfield (N) (N)	Cuomo			
			19	ION	FBI "Little Egypt" (N)	FBI "The Lives of Others" (N)	FBI "American Idol" (N)	FBI (In Stereo)			
		28	21	CSPAN	(6:55) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo) (N)						
25			5	WOI (5)	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo)	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo)	The Good Doctor (N)	5 News	J. Kimmel		
12	2	12	24	ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (N)	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (N)	SportsCenter W/Var Pelt			
11	28	13	25	ESPN2	Wm. Basketball	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (N)	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (N)	Basketball	XFL Kickoff		
36			26	FX	Movie: "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation" (V)	Movie: "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation" (V)	Movie: "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation" (V)	Movie: "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation" (V)			
	10	16	27	PARMT	Movie (In Stereo) (N)	Movie (In Stereo) (N)	Movie (In Stereo) (N)	Movie (In Stereo) (N)			
	40	36	28	LIFE	Castle "Dreamworld"	Castle "Need to Know"	Castle "Number One Fan"	Castle "Time Will Tell"			
29	20	19	29	FREE	(5:50) Movie: *** "The Parent Trap" (1998) (N)	Movie: *** "The Parent Trap" (1998) (N)	Movie: *** "The Parent Trap" (1998) (N)	Movie: *** "The Parent Trap" (1998) (N)			
18	13	11	30	USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live) (N)	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live) (N)	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live) (N)	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live) (N)			
8	8	31	TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	American	American	American	
23	14	18	32	TNT	Godzilla	Movie: *** "Jurassic World" (2015) Chris Pratt. (N)	Movie: *** "Jurassic World" (2015) Chris Pratt. (N)	Movie: *** "Jurassic World" (2015) Chris Pratt. (N)			
25	22	33	AMC	(6:00) Movie: *** "The Hunger Games" (2012) (V)	Movie: *** "The Hunger Games" (2012) (V)	Movie: *** "The Hunger Games" (2012) (V)	Movie: *** "The Hunger Games" (2012) (V)	Movie: *** "The Hunger Games" (2012) (V)			
29	25	34	HGTV	Fixer Upper: Welcome	Down Home Fab (N)	House Hunters (N)	Beach	Beach			
33	24	30	36	HIST	History's Mysteries	History's Mysteries	History's Greatest of All	History's Mysteries			
19	15	26	37	A&E	The First 48 (N)	The First 48 (N)	The First 48 (N)	The First 48 (N)			
34	18		38	DISC	Street Outlaws "High-Powered Players" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Street Outlaws "High-Powered Players" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Street Outlaws "High-Powered Players" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Street Outlaws "High-Powered Players" (N) (In Stereo) (N)			
35	31	31	39	TLC	Darcey & Stacey (N)	Extreme Sisters (N)	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days		
39	27	40	A/P	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid			
30	26	23	41	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
31	21	24	43	DISN	Marvel's Mo	Marvel's Mo	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Hamster &	
21	16	20	45	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	CNN Tonight (N) (N)	CNN Tonight (N) (N)	CNN Tonight (N) (N)	CNN Tonight (N) (N)	
37	34	35	65	HALL	Movie: "Love, Romance & Chocolate" (2019)	Movie: "Love, Romance & Chocolate" (2019)	Movie: "Love, Romance & Chocolate" (2019)	Movie: "Love, Romance & Chocolate" (2019)			
		21	72	SYFY	Movie: *** "Despicable Me 2" (2013) Voices of Steve Carell. (V)	Movie: *** "Despicable Me 2" (2013) Voices of Steve Carell. (V)	Movie: *** "Despicable Me 2" (2013) Voices of Steve Carell. (V)	Movie: *** "Despicable Me 2" (2013) Voices of Steve Carell. (V)			
39	36		73	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	
			74	WE	Bones (In Stereo)	Bones (In Stereo) (N)	Bones (In Stereo) (N)	Bones (In Stereo) (N)			

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Planning and zoning moves to 5 members

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors is reducing the number of planning and zoning commission members from six to five.

The commission is currently made up of Barb Allen, Bryant Amos, Bill Jacobs, Naomi McCunn, and Randy Pendleton. The commission's sixth member, Vicki Rossander, resigned from the board due to a move to another city.

At the regular Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting on Jan. 31, Rossander, who owns property in Stanton, expressed concerns over the county declining to appoint someone to fill her vacancy.

"It is certainly disappointing to me to learn that the county has decided not to fill my vacancy on the planning and zoning commission. I have asked several times over the past several weeks who made the decision not to fill the vacancy, as well as when the decision was made," Rossander said.

Rossander felt the planning and zoning commission was one of the most important entities the county had.

"Just in the last year, the commission has written a solar ordinance, a pipeline ordinance, and is now working on updating its wind ordinance. It's vitally important the planning and zoning commission have a full set of commissioners. If the supervisors has chosen to reduce the number of commissioners, the public should be made aware of that fact, as well as the reason for the decision," commented Rossander.

Rossander felt it was unfortunate the decision was made without transparency and without explanation to the public.

"I am aware of two individuals who were planning on submitting an application to fill my vacancy, so saying no one wants the position would be inaccurate. Not filling the vacancy was not discussed by the planning and zoning committee, and as far as I know, it was never discussed at a board of supervisors meeting," Rossander stated.

Supervisors Chairman Mike Olson said the decision not to fill Rossander's vacancy was part of an effort to reduce the planning and zoning board to five members.

"We have five member boards across the county. We needed a total number on the board of five or seven members, and we decided a couple of years ago that getting five members was difficult, let alone seven. The last time we sought members for the board, there were four current members, and we had two applicants, Vicki Rossander and Naomi McCunn," Olson said. "We ended up putting both on the board, with McCunn intended to be an alternate, but she became a regular board member, and so for the past several years we went ahead and kept it at six members. But we can't operate long term with a six member board, because theoretically, we could end up with a tie vote. Now that Vicki Rossander is resigning, McCunn can officially become the commission's fifth member, and we can keep the total number on that board to five members, and prevent the possibility of the tie vote we'd get with an even number of board members. We want an odd number board."

Olson further explained that if Rossander's resignation had dropped the total member number to four members, applications would have been reviewed by the planning and zoning board, and an appointment would have been made.

Also, on Jan. 30, the planning and zoning commission approved passage of an updated ordinance in regards to the Summit Carbon Pipeline project. The meeting was routine, and no public comment was made during the meeting.

Rural Red Oak resident Jan Norris said she was pleased that the commission had passed the new ordinance.

"I thank the supervisors for engaging outside council to assist with moving the county through this process. I encourage the board to perform the necessary three public hearings, and ask that you ultimately adopt the ordinance," Norris said. "This ordinance has been carefully thought out, and many other counties are doing something similar. Resigning zoning commissioner Vicki Rossander has been a driving force on that board, and she deserves our gratitude."

Norris also stated that no one wants the county's economy to suffer, and a good portion of her own income came from agriculture.

"Please consider if losing ethanol plants without this pipeline is actually true. Ask for proof. SIRE in Council Bluffs is not participating. In fact, 15% of all ethanol produced in Iowa has chosen not to sign on with the pipelines," commented Norris. "There are plenty of other viable options for CO₂, but Summit doesn't want you to know that. Just last week Ethanol Producer Magazine profiled a company called Carbon Sink that will produce methanol for ocean freighters and will build facilities at at least 10 Midwest ethanol plants, providing genuine long term local jobs without damage to our land."

Norris also stated Iowa Agribusiness Radio reported the Department of Energy has announced \$118 million in funding to expand U.S. biofuel production, which the CEO of Growth Energy says will open many new markets. Even the president says there will be no achieving the goal of net zero by 2050 without biofuels.

Norris urged the supervisors to challenge what they were hearing, not just accept Summit's talking points, and that ethanol would not go away without the pipeline.

Horgdal sentenced to 84 months in prison

Garret Allen Horgdal, 39, of Henderson, was sentenced on Tuesday, Jan. 31, to 84 months in prison following his plea of guilty to being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm. After he is released from prison, Horgdal will serve three years of supervised release.

On March 8, a Montgomery County Sheriff's deputy stopped Horgdal and found him in possession of three loaded firearms. Horgdal was prohibited from possessing any firearms because of his prior felony convictions and his drug use.

United States Attorney Richard D. Westphal of the Southern District of Iowa made the announcement. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, Mills County Sheriff's Department, and Iowa

Division of Narcotics Enforcement investigated the case.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence and to make neighborhoods safer for everyone. In May 2021, the Department of Justice launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.

SWITCH launches pilot program for its first student

The initial programming at Southwest Iowa Technical Career Hub (SWITCH) is underway with an Authentic Learning Services pilot program through a partnership with East Mills Community School District, Green Hills Area Education Agency (AEA), Iowa Authentic Learning Network and SWITCH's first student.

Jack Sayers is participating in the Iowa Legislative Page program at the Iowa capitol, where he is serving as a page for the House of Representatives Majority Leader Matt Windschitl.

Jack started working with SWITCH in December 2022 to prepare for the spring 2023 semester and 90th General Assembly.

SWITCH Director and Career Coach Kattie Lewis said, "We are pleased to launch the first pilot program at SWITCH and we are thrilled to work and support Jack with his education while he is engaged in the legislative session this semester. Jack was instrumental in supporting the 2021 East Mills K-12 bond issue that started conversations to create a regional career and technical education (CTE) center now known as SWITCH." Lewis will serve as Sayer's career coach and liaison while he is working at the Iowa capitol during the current legislative session.

Jack, the son of Lindsey Sayers and Shane Sayers, and a junior at EM said, "The professional relationship that has been established between myself as a page in the Iowa House of Representatives, SWITCH and the East Mills Community School District is beneficial to our three parties and more importantly, we believe that all Southwest Iowans can gain from our work. When I first heard of the idea for this program I knew that I wanted to make it happen. While working on the East Mills Community School District's \$22 million bond in 2021, I learned the benefits SWITCH will bring to our communities. If we truly want to fix our labor shortage and revitalize our small towns, we as Iowans must invest in vocational education. I am honored to be the first student of SWITCH which is intended to do just that. I am also looking forward to building a relationship between the program and the Iowa Legislature to grow the vision that community leaders have established. Kattie, myself, Mr. Scott, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Heinold are working together to create competency

based learning in the East Mills Community School District, which will prove to be an asset towards students in our area who will benefit from a vocational style education. I truly believe that we have begun to lead a program that will benefit the economy, education, and workforce of our region while showing state government officials why Southwest Iowa matters and what we are truly capable of."

Stephanie Lane, Green Hills AEA, added, "Authentic Learning creates opportunities for students to make connections between current coursework while exploring careers that interest them. This type of learning results in students receiving hands-on projects producing deliverables for businesses. The objective is for students to apply what they have learned through these experiences while creating a deeper connection to their community. Additionally, communities and businesses have a unique opportunity to preview and help shape their future workforce."

This semester, Jack will be creating presentations for the U.S. Government students detailing his experiences. This authentic learning opportunity is one that cannot be replicated in the classroom, so he will be working with Mr. Scott and Kattie Lewis on how to best mesh EM's educational requirements with his real-world adventure to assist Jack in his current and future endeavors.

Chase Heinold, EM English teacher, stated, "I am very excited to have Jack Sayers participating and representing the East Mills school district in the Iowa Legislature Page Program. This program provides young people the opportunity to not only see the day-to-day workings of what goes on with our state legislature but also allows them to be a part of it in a real meaningful way. With this experience comes a responsibility to share with their classmates and community the issues most discussed, and also bring to light issues that still warrant more attention for the betterment of our community and our state. None of this could be possible without the partnership between East Mills and SWITCH, ensuring that our students serving in the Iowa Legislature Page Program still satisfy their academic requirements through the East Mills school district. A lot of thought and hard work went into assuring our students are able to use everything at their disposal within their experience

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District facilities and master plan document viewed by board of education

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The Red Oak School Board held a preliminary review of the district facilities assessment and preliminary master plan document at its Feb. 1 work session.

The board met with Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture representatives Rick Hauptman and Chandler Green. Hauptman said the firm took a deep dive into the district's facilities before sharing the information with the staff and community through a stakeholder engagement process.

Green said one of the factors under consideration was the need for continued growth and how to achieve that growth in each building.

"As we go through the process, we hone in on the elementary, middle school, and high school, and make sure we're taking into consideration what is typical and standard, and what the best

practices are for the district. This is still a work in progress and will help inform and confirm the number of classrooms needed or the types of programs that could potentially be shifted," Green said.

Hauptman said information was presented to the staff and community, and participants were asked to place issues and items onto them that involved opportunities, weaknesses and needs.

"Opportunities were things that could be added to increase the value of the district. It also established the district's weaknesses and what could be done to enhance the weaknesses to increase the value of the district. As for needs, we asked them what they felt were the most immediate things the district needed.

Green said the workshops sought input on the early childhood center, Inman Elementary, and the Red Oak Junior/Senior High School. Some of

the priorities noted for the early childhood center were learning spaces, general maintenance, and the need for more storage. Green said the need for storage was noted across every building in the district.

At Inman, the focus groups noted a need for a cafeteria and multi purpose space, a stage and or auditorium space, general maintenance, storage, and restroom improvements.

As for the junior/senior high school, the biggest topics were general maintenance improvements to the building, exterior parking and flow, and giving the outside of the building some identity. Storage and learning spaces were also a suggestion.

Hauptman asked the board members present if any of the wants and needs of the focus groups was a surprise. Board President Bret Blackman said that none of the items were a surprise; the challenge for the board was prioritization of the needs identified.

A survey was sent out which was completed by 133 participants, and Green said the information received from the surveys would assist in prioritizing future projects for the district.

Hauptman and Green then showed the board some potential projects they could undertake, such as a dedicated safe entry point and potential building expansion into the playground area. At Inman, suggestions included converting the gym to a cafeteria/commons area, adding a smaller gym and a performance space, and adding more classroom space to the north side of the building. Renovations to the junior/senior high school STEAM center and additional classroom space were also potential projects.

Inman Elementary, Hauptman said, was the building chiefly identified as a priority project.

"Part of that is because it's hurting for space, which was very evident in the staff feedback. That also may solve

some spacing issues at the early childhood center, such as moving pre-K to Inman," Hauptman said.

Following the presentation, Lorenz made it clear that the district wasn't planning on undertaking a major project in the near future, it was simply determining the best path moving forward. Blackman agreed.

"Big bang projects like we just did are a once in 50 years type of thing. This is allowing us to see what needs to be done so we don't have to do a \$30 million project the next time," Blackman said.

Hauptman said the next phase would be to compile a list of all the needs and determine the potential prices for each of the improvements so the district could make further plans and start prioritizing future projects.

A further, more extensive report will be presented to the board at a future date.

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know we can support and lean on each other," stated Hardwick.

Hardwick said she and her mother will be co-directing the next show, "Always Patsy Cline," along with Tim and Tera Marsden. Also, Hardwick said she'll be open to do either a play or a musical as a solo endeavor in the future.

For first-time directors, Hardwick encouraged them to find a show that they connect with and bring it to the WPAC for consideration.

"We are totally open to people coming in and saying they want to try something. We want people to come in and learn and be more involved with everyone in the community," Hardwick commented.

Joining Hardwick in first-time directorial duties is Ciara Schierkolk, who recently was on stage for the recent production of "Jekyll and Hyde." Like Hardwick, Schierkolk said she was also interested in dipping her toes in the water for directing.

"Don Torbett, who played Jekyll and Hyde in that show, said they were looking for a director for this show, and Kristi Hardwick and I were standing next to each other, and we both decided to try it at the same time," explained Schierkolk. "I'm doing another show that performs the same weekend, so that's why I'm taking the back seat in the assistant director position, since I knew I couldn't be here for the final rehearsal week."

Schierkolk added having Hardwick as support has made the first time experience easier to handle.

"I think it helps Kristi and I both feel a little bit better that we're not individually diving in head first. We're wading in together, and if either of us isn't sure about something, we can build each other up and work together in that aspect," Schierkolk said. "I've been learning on the fly. I have a lot of experience on stage from the actor's perspective, and I've been able to apply that and my acting instincts to the cast. Becca Jackson-York has helped me with some tutoring as well."

Schierkolk praised the cast, most of which she's worked with in the past, as well as Hardwick, and felt this has been a wonderful experience.

"They've done a lot of the hard work, and run with what we've told them, and have been there to run rehearsals and get them started each night," Schierkolk said.

Now that she's had the experience of working as an assistant director, Schierkolk said there would be a possibility she'll solo direct in the future.

"There's a possibility out there. I wouldn't want to bite off more than I can chew, but I have enjoyed this side of things, and we'll see where the future takes us," Schierkolk stated.

"Boeing Boeing" takes off at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10-11, and at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 12. Tickets for adults are \$30 and \$20 for students. Call 623-3183 to reserve tickets.

LEGISLATIVE

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Q/A period, Moore was questioned if he was going to include term limits in his proposed bill in the legislature, in addition to extending the term lengths. Moore said he wasn't going to include the prospect of term limits, as he felt that term limits would get rid of good people, rather than get rid of problem legislators that could be removed via election.

"This is my eighth year, and what's the magic number to set on? While they could get rid of people we don't like, they would also remove good legislators. After eight years, I feel I'm finally coming into my stride and effectiveness. I've got more bills in the legislature this year than in the entire seven years prior," advised Moore. "While I understand why people want term limits, I don't think it will be beneficial in the

long run. Government is complicated, and it takes time to figure out how things work. I passed a bill last year that took me seven years to get passed. I've got another bill I've been working on for an additional seven years. So the question remains what an acceptable term limit would be."

Shipley and Moore were asked about their opinions regarding the Summit Carbon pipeline.

Moore admitted he had mixed feelings about the pipeline, believing it would be beneficial for the state to get rid of the carbon from ethanol plants, per federal law. However, he was adamantly against the use of eminent domain for private industry, unless they could make it so it was of significant benefit to the communities and people it would effect.

From a personal standpoint,

Moore said he was uncertain why private companies weren't looking for an alternate method for getting rid of carbon.

"We're the smartest nation on the planet, and we have the best people to think about ways to use this carbon, why aren't we finding better solutions? That's where I am with that topic," Moore commented.

Shipley was also against the use of eminent domain, but said some counties are up to 80% or better of people signed up.

"You have a situation with two neighbors with hundreds of acres. One is owned by people that farm the land, and they don't want the pipeline. The other land was inherited to someone who lives out of state. They want the money. It will make for an interesting Thanksgiving," stated Shipley.

Moore and Shipley also con-

firmed that the final decision on the project fell to the Iowa Utilities Board, and not the legislature.

The next legislative briefing is set for 8 a.m. March 4 at the Montgomery County Family YMCA.

COUNCIL

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risk/safety, outdoor exposure, and extra load due to department staffing shortages. In comparing hourly employee wages, disparities were also identified that warranted rectifying and realigning.

Silvius said to aid in employee retention, she was advocating for five immediate salary increases.

- Chris Day, wastewater superintendent level III, plant operator, and lab technician, \$71,097 annually.
- Darren Paul, wastewater chief operator level II, \$28.79 per hour.
- Ronald Tilton, cemetery assistant director and water department, \$19.73 per hour.
- Bill Deitering, nuisance and animal control officer, \$19.24 per hour.
- Susie McDonald, utility billing clerk, \$20.65 per hour.

After these were approved, Silvius suggested making further adjustments in the spring.

"When cost of living increases are determined and go into effect, I will request additional employee adjustments be considered, the cost of turnover, experience, and time

training are among the reasons this recommendation is justified," Silvius said.

Also, Silvius anticipated the hire of another wastewater operator position in the future.

Bills said he was surprised to see how low Red Oak compared to other cities of its size was, and agreed that action needed to be taken to address the disparity.

"Everyone realizes the cost of living is going up, and we do have to address it, even though it may not make some people happy," Bills said.

The council unanimously approved a resolution increasing the salaries as presented, with the wages to go into effect upon the resolution's passage.

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