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Next generation of volunteer firefighters begins training

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak Fire Department is currently hosting a Fire One class for area volunteer firefighters.

A total of 25 students from nine departments, including Red Oak, Villisca, Elliott, Corning, Clarinda, Shenandoah, Essex, Riverton, and Emerson, are currently participating in the class. Red Oak has two participants, Ethan Simmons and Teresa Sparks. Classes are ongoing every Tuesday and Thursday through the end of March.

Matt Franks is serving as the lead instructor of the class. In 2009, Franks took an instructor class through the Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau, which is part of the Iowa Department of Public Safety. Franks received an instructor one title, which is a national certification, and then went through certification with Iowa State University's Fire Service Training Bureau.

"That got me started with them as a PRN employee to teach these classes to firefighters. I started serving as an instructor, and I've been teaching classes pretty much every year, except for when I got my cancer diagnosis and I took a year off," Franks said.

Virtually all of the participants in the class have only been on their departments for a few years. Completion of the training will allow the volunteers to expand their duties on a fire call.

"In the state of Iowa, they want firefighters to be trained to Firefighter One before they are allowed to participate in an interior fire attack. We do have one member who took the class four years ago, but missed the time frame to certify at the national level, so he decided to take the class all over again," stated Franks.

Red Oak Fire Chief John Bruce said he was pleased to see the number of students who have signed up for the class.

"You have to have 12 participants for the state to approve a class, and we sometimes fight pretty hard to get 12. We've got more than double that, so it's nice to see," Bruce commented.

Franks was also excited to be leading a class with so many volunteer participants enrolled.

"It's an honor and a privilege for me to be doing this. It also shows that there's people out there that are willing to volunteer. It's still not enough, as there are 25 people



Trainer Matt Franks, pictured right, leads three of the volunteer firefighters during training in the Interior Fire Attack Simulator, which creates multiple types of interior fires the volunteers may face on a call. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

spread out over nine departments. It also shows the need for more instructors, and instruction, for firefighters pretty much nationwide," Franks advised.

Franks stressed that of all the 25 participants, only one is currently a paid firefighter. The other 24 are all volunteers.

"They come here on their own time after work. Some of them have vehicles through their respective fire departments that they can drive, but for the vast majority, they're driving their own vehicles and their own gas to do this class," Franks explained.

Additionally, Bruce is pleased to see the new firefighters taking advantage of the training equipment at the department.

"We put a lot of investment in with our training room, and we brought in that burn trailer. The tactics they learn in the class are implemented in that burn trailer. We're one of three testing centers in the west third of the state, the others being Council Bluffs and Harlan," commented Bruce.

The burn trailer's official title is the Interior Fire Attack Simulator. Franks said the trailer replaces the training method used by firefighters more than two

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Thompson makes amazing recovery after falling 30 feet

Jane Magnuson
Special to The Red Oak Express

On Nov. 8, 2021, life took an abrupt turn – make that an abrupt drop – for Mark Thompson of Red Oak. Thompson, a tree trimmer for 31 years, doesn't remember falling approximately 30 feet from the tree. And he doesn't remember the landing. However, he was told he landed on his feet which resulted in his face, jaw, nose, and skull slamming into his knees.

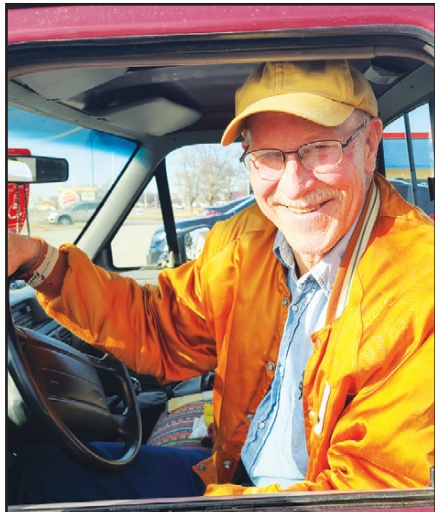
What Thompson does remember is hearing Reed Porter's voice but not being able to see him when Porter found him on the ground.

From there, Thompson faded in and out of consciousness as the ambulance arrived, and he was transported via helicopter to University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) in Omaha. Eventually he could see medical personnel talking to him during the flight but couldn't hear them due to noise from the propellers.

As UNMC surgeons assessed Thompson's injuries, it was an impressive list:

Fractured skull; broken shoulder blade; broken ribs; broken eye sockets; broken nose; broken jaw; broken left humerus (upper arm bone); shattered left femur (thigh bone) in 12 pieces; broken right leg, twice below the kneecap and once above the ankle; broken talus (lower bone in ankle joint) in right ankle; and a cracked pelvis which Thompson later dubbed "minor."

Surgeons sedated Thompson and immediately screwed external fixators to his legs for stabilization. It's not surprising to those who know Thompson that as he regained consciousness, he also



Mark Thompson of Red Oak sustained numerous serious injuries after falling roughly 30 feet in 2021. He has since made a remarkable recovery. (Photo by Jane Magnuson)

resumed talking.

Surgeons then explained there would be two surgical teams: One for plastic surgery for his face; the other for the orthopedic or bone repairs.

First came the orthopedic session which required five hours. The plan was if that went well, or "toes up" as Thompson described, the facial reconstruction would follow. And follow it did.

Thompson was dismissed from UNMC to Good Samaritan Care Center, Red Oak, for rehabilitation where he would spend the next 12 weeks. He never doubted he'd be leaving the care center to continue recovery at home.

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Can and bottle redemption returns to the community with DROPPETT

Emily Martin
NPI Development Specialist

Although it will look a little different, can and bottle redemption is returning to Red Oak. DROPPETT, a Des Moines-based redemption business, delivered a new drop-off building for cans and bottles in the northeast corner of the parking lot of the old Redemption Center at 210 S. Broadway previously run by Nishna Productions, Inc. The DROPPETT building will be an unmanned site where individuals may drop off their redeemables and still receive their refunds.

To use the new site, individuals (or charities/organizations) must go to the DROPPETT website and create an online account. Once they have created their account, they will receive a welcome packet in the mail. This packet will include a membership card (with two keychain cards), 10 barcode stickers, user tips, and Frequently Asked Questions. The stickers may be placed on a bag of redeemable items when full. The bag may then be taken to the new DROPPETT location where the individual must scan the sticker to open the door and drop off the bag.

From there, the bag will be taken to Des Moines. This will happen about once a week. In Des Moines, sticker is scanned, and the items are counted and sorted. The refund money from that bag is then credited to the online account the individual created. Once their funds are in their DROPPETT account, which typically takes 48-72 hours after the counting and sorting, individuals may choose to move funds to their personal checking account or they may donate the funds to a DROPPETT charity partner, such as the



Red Oak's DROPPETT site is located in the northeast corner of the old redemption center at 210 N. Broadway. (Photo provided)

Rotary or Optimists.

The DROPPETT building in Red Oak has a built-in kiosk, where users may scan their membership card and enter their 4-digit pin to print additional stickers and check their account balance. The membership card (or keychain card) is NOT a debit card; redemption funds are only accessible once they are transferred online to a checking account.

Charities and community organizations who wish to receive funds through the DROPPETT center must register online as a 'partner' at droppett.com. DROPPETT centers are an efficient way to raise funds for short-term fundraisers, too. These might include Jr./Sr. Prom, Scout camps, or band trips, to name a few. Once registered, funds may be transferred to the charities and organizations

on the DROPPETT website. It is also possible for users to simply print that charity's sticker at the kiosk and apply it to their box or bag. This process eliminates the need to then go online and transfer the funds, as they will be credited directly to the charity/organization.

Red Oak is the third community in Iowa to receive a DROPPETT building. Corning started using a DROPPETT building in January of this year; Des Moines started using one in 2022. Ultimately, DROPPETT hopes to be in all 99 counties in Iowa, offering a cleaner, more convenient redemption experience to residents.

Nishna Productions, Inc. will be providing on-site support for the Red Oak and Corning DROPPETT locations. NPI will be emptying the buildings when they get full in between the trips to Des Moines. Additionally, the group will provide maintenance as needed on the buildings. Each DROPPETT site is monitored by cameras inside and outside of the building.

Although the process looks a little different, some of the same policies apply. Glass bottles should be placed in boxes, preferably with lids where the sticker may be attached. Broken glass items will not be redeemed. Bags and boxes should not exceed 20 pounds. The can shed at Fareway will also remain operational with proceeds going to the Optimist and Rotary clubs in Red Oak.

The DROPPETT building in Red Oak was delivered on Monday. It will not be operational until Wednesday, March 15. Between now and then, users are encouraged to go to droppett.com and get signed up for an account, so they will receive their welcome kits and bag tags and be ready for the big day.



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THOMPSON

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Within six months, Thompson was pushing a lawnmower with one hand while holding onto a cane with the other.

Today, he says his body is still “getting used to all the new pieces.”

When people comment that he’s lucky to be alive, Thompson agrees although he never doubted he’d survive. He says, “It never once occurred to me that I wouldn’t make it.”

Take-aways from this experience? Thompson says it’s forced him to have more patience as recovery progress has ebbed and flowed. He commented, “I’m a realist, I’m still curious. Each morning I get up, I feel good, I go do something. I walk, I pick up litter, I try to be helpful to people, I enjoy visiting with people. And I always thrive with a good game of cribbage or cards.”

Thompson hails from a family of seven siblings. After numerous on-the-job accidents in the oilfields, construction sites, and iron work projects, the siblings share this mantra: “We’re not too smart, but we’re tough to kill.”

Majority of Iowa no longer considered in a drought

This month’s Water Summary Update introduces the use of the 2023 Iowa Drought Plan (IDP).

Of the states five drought regions, only northwest Iowa is currently shown in Drought Watch, while the balance of the state is considered normal. February marked the fourth month in a row of above normal precipitation, and the winter months of December, and January, were the fourth wettest on record.

Precipitation for the month was 2.04 inches, 0.87 inches above normal, making the month the seventh wettest February on record for Iowa. Streamflow conditions increased across the majority of the state from normal to above normal conditions, with soil moisture levels also showing improvement.

“The winter months of December, January, and February were well above normal, providing well over 5 inches of moisture across the state. This is just what we needed for drought improvement in Iowa,” said Tim Hall, Iowa Department of Natural Resources’ coordinator of hydrology resources. “As we begin to use the new Iowa Drought Plan, only northwest Iowa is an area of ‘Drought Watch’ for the state, which is good news.”

For a thorough review of Iowa’s water resource trends, go to www.iowadnr.gov/watersummaryupdate.



Volunteer firefighters from nine different area departments gear up and await their training session in the Interior Fire Attack Simulator. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

FIRE ONE

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decades ago: burning structures.

“This trailer allows for controlled burns and is pollution-free. It creates the heat and the smoke as closely as possible to a real structure without actually combusting a structure itself,” commented Franks. “It’s all-steel construction, which means we can put a lot of heat in with the burners, create smoke with theatrical smoke machines, and it even has a forcible entry door. We can also simulate several types of fires in the structure. If something goes wrong, I just let up on a button and everything stops. It’s a safer type of training, especially for beginners or the less-experienced.”

The trailer can simulate the effects of a kitchen fire and a sofa fire. One special feature of the trailer is the ability to simulate a basement, or below-grade fire situation.

“The trainees have to go through the chimney of a fire, where all the heat is coming up and out. In a ground-level fire, the heat vents out above you. In a basement fire, you sometimes have no choice but to go down through where the fire is trying to vent itself out, and you take the brunt of everything to get there. It’s one of the most difficult and dangerous fires to fight, and now we can simulate it,” Franks advised.

Franks said being able to train the next generation is what he most enjoys about leading the training.

“As old as I’m getting, someone is going to have to take my place soon. I’ve been working as a firefighter since I was 19. This shows me we’re going to keep the volunteer firefighter service going for as long as we can and provide it to those in need. To be able to be a part of that by teaching, it gives me my pleasure in doing this,” Franks said.

He also praised all of the stu-

dents participating in the class, and said they are all eager to learn. A variety of agencies pay for the course, allowing it to be free-of-charge for all of the participants, as well as the use of the props for training.

Being able to train multiple agencies in the course, Bruce said, contributes to the camaraderie of the area departments.

“This is where those relationships are born. These people go through class together, they’ll advance through their careers and run mutual aid calls together and build networking. When we encounter a situation where help from multiple agencies is needed, they know each other and they can go to work. Some of our career staff is assisting in teaching the course as well,” Bruce stated.

Upon completion, the stu-

dents will all be trained to the rank of Firefighter One. Franks said if anyone is considering becoming a volunteer firefighter and taking a class, there are some steps they can take now.

“I don’t know of any fire department that doesn’t need volunteers right now and is at full capacity. I recommend anyone interested get on the roster of

their local fire department. Once they do that, they can request a Firefighter One class, and from there, I or another trainer will be selected to teach. We’ve got a few other instructors around the area, but not many,” Franks said.

All told, the class participants will participate in 160 hours of training for the certification to fight fires inside of buildings.

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GARTH HAER, 88

Garth Leon Haer, 88, of Villisca, passed away Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at the Villisca Good Samaritan Society.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Villisca United Methodist Church with interment to be held at a later date with military honors at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be held one hour prior to the celebration of life at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the Villisca Youth Sports, the Villisca Volunteer Fire Department and EMTs, or the Villisca United Methodist Church.

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

JOANNE “JODY” ADAMS, 85

Joanne Belle “Jody” Adams, 85, Red Oak, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Arlington Place.

Jody was born Feb. 11, 1938, in Red Oak, the daughter of Dean and Nettie Belle (Davis) Rockwell. She graduated from Red Oak High School in 1955 and was united in marriage to Richard “Dick” Adams on June 17, 1956, in Red Oak.

Jody worked at Thos. D. Murphy Co. for two years and Farm Tempo for a short time before starting to work at the Red Oak Express. She was a typesetter. Jody and Dick started their family, and Jody was a homemaker while her kids were being raised. She and Dick purchased Red Oak Printing in 1995 and retired in 2017.

Jody was a longtime member of the Hawthorne United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing, cooking, baking, and painting.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and a brother, Larry Rockwell.

Survivors include her husband, Dick Adams of Red Oak; son, Ric Adams and wife Roxanna of Villisca; daughter, Deb Cary and husband Byron of Farragut; four grandchildren, Joshua Johnson and wife Misty of Bennington, Neb.; Dustin Johnson and wife Kristie of Papillion, Neb.; Sarah Crossen and husband James of Omaha, Neb.; and Kelsey Park and husband Kyle of Carroll; eight step-grandchildren, Carrie Nunez and husband Paul of SeaTac, Wash.; Jason McCorkle of Audubon; Joseph James and wife Jarin of Hendersonville, Tenn.; Matthew Smith of Villisca; Luke Smith and wife Danielle of Loveland, Colo.; Vic Schmidt of Iowa City; Tracy Jones and fiancé Mike Morgan of Lincoln, Neb.; and Kelly Dallman of Spokane, Wash.; many great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Leonard Adams and wife Karen of Ft. Myers, Fla.; sister-in-law, Janice Jensen and husband Jerry of Johnston; and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel.

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

ALBERT NEWLON, 64

Albert Lee Newlon, 64, of Red Oak, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023, at his home after an extended illness.

Albert was born Jan. 10, 1959, in Red Oak, the son of Harry and Margaret (Fuller) Newlon. He was raised in Red Oak, graduating from Red Oak High School in 1977. Over the years, Albert worked for Batten Sanitation and then retired from Parker Hannifin in 2022 after 30 years of employment.

Albert was united in marriage to Clarissa Milgrove on Jan. 7, 1984, in Red Oak, where they made their home and raised their two boys, Harry and Kenny.

Albert’s hobbies included fishing, metal detecting, gardening, listening to music, going to concerts, and spending time with his kids and grandkids. He loved going to all their sporting events. He was also a Washington Redskins fan.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Clarissa Newlon of Red Oak; sons, Harry Newlon and wife Heather of Elliott, and Kenny Newlon and partner Rachel Whitehill of Silver City; three grandchildren, Parker, Leo, and Bennett; sister, Candice Armstrong of Bellevue, Neb.; and Cecil Armstrong of Glenwood; sisters-in-law, Bulinda Coates and husband Marty of Red Oak; and Sharon Wiese and husband Jeff of Orange Beach, Ala.; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life gathering was held Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the Pool Hall. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

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

MARILYN “JEANIE” NIPPERT, 87

Marilyn Jean “Jeanie” Nippert, 87, Villisca, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023, at her home.

Marilyn was born June 4, 1935, at the family home in Atlantic, the daughter of James Donald and Rose D. (Cron) Nelson.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Duane Nippert of Villisca; children, Don Nippert of Villisca; and Rose Anna “Ann” Heinrich of Bogota, Colombia; and eight grandchildren.

A celebration of life service was held Monday, March 13, 2023, at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel in Red Oak.

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

HAROLD HALL, 83

Harold Wesley Hall, 83, Red Oak, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha.

Harold was born Jan. 14, 1940, in Villisca, the son of Herman and Helen (Northrup) Hall. He was raised near Villisca and Nodaway, graduating from the Nodaway High School in 1957. He later attended Commercial Extension in Omaha for a short time.

He was united in marriage to Sharon Larson and three children were born to this union, David, Roxanne, and Daniel. Harold and Sharon lived in Omaha and later Denver, Colo.

Over the years, Harold worked for Western Electric, was a horse rancher, and worked for Bell Telephone before starting a career with IBM. Harold retired from IBM in 1994 and worked for William Tell Communications, which became World Com in Tulsa, Okla., before retiring to Branson West, Mo.

Sharon passed away in 2003 and Harold was reacquainted with his high school sweetheart, Kathryn Devine Herman. They were united in marriage on Sept. 29, 2006, and made their home in both Villisca and Branson West, Mo. Most recently, they were living in Red Oak. Harold was a fun-loving guy who did not know a stranger. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, golfing, and watching football, especially the Broncos. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and brothers, Robert and William Hall.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Hall of Red Oak; children, David Hall of Branson West, Mo.; Roxanne Hall of Houston, Texas; and Daniel Hall and wife Jenny Fair of Branson West, Mo.; stepchildren, Lori Sieferting and husband Ron of Malvern, and Jeff Herman and wife Kimberly of Red Oak; grandchildren, Brandon Gonzales and wife Adriana, Conner Gonzales, Patrick Hall, Michael Hall, Heather Barrett and husband Adam, and Sydnee Herman; brother, Duane Hall of Rogers, Ark.; sister-in-law, Marilyn Nelson of Elkhorn, Neb.; brother-in-law, Jim Devine and wife Shari of Papillion, Neb.; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life service will be scheduled at a later date.

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

CURTIS FRANZEN, 68

Curtis Franzen, 68, Elliott, died Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Red Oak Rehab & Care Center, Red Oak.

Services are pending with Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel.

HELEN MURPHEY, 97

Helen Murphey, 97, of Ankeny, formerly of Red Oak, died on Monday, March 13, 2023, at Sunny View Care Center, Ankeny.

Services will be Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., at Selligren Lindell DeMarce Funeral Home. Visitation will take place from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. that day, also at the funeral home.

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

- Pauline Walker Estate, Steven Walker, Co-Executor. and Charles Walker, Co-Executor, to Debra Seifert, Red Oak Clements Addition Lt 25.
- Cynthia and Terry Keiser and Pamela and Greg Merchanthouse to Ronald and Jacqueline DeVries, 13-73-38, 24-73-38.
- Karl Allen and Teresa Dowell to Mark Holmgren.
- Terrence and Darcy Dalton to Dylan Dalton, Villisca Redmon’s Addition Lt 25.

COURT OFFICER’S DEED

- Joan Perkins Estate, and Elaine Hollen, Executor, to Elaine Hollen, Red Oak Pactolus Park Addition Blk 6 Lt 7.
- Joan Perkins Estate, and Elaine Hollen, Executor, to Elaine Hollen, Red Oak Pactolus Park Addition Blk 6 Lt 7.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

- Elaine and John Hollen to Elaine and John Hollen, Red Oak Pactolus Park Addition Blk 6 Lt 7.

AFFD’T/SURVIVING SPOUSE

- Heath Headstrom and Harold Headstrom to Sandra Headstrom, 12-71-36.

MORTGAGE

- Dylan and Katherine Dolch to United States Department of Agriculture and Farm Service Agency, Elliott Braden’s Addition Lt 6 OLT 6 Parcel B.
- Brett Martin to Veridian Credit Union, Elliott Braden’s Addition Lts 1-2.
- Ronald and Jacqueline DeVries to Bank Iowa, 13-73-38, 24-73-38.
- Dylan Dalton to Houghton State Bank, Villisca Redmon’s Addition Lt 25.

MOD/AMENDMENT OF MORTGAGE

- Ronald and Jacqueline DeVries to Bank Iowa, 31-72-36.

EXTENSION OF MORTGAGE

- Houghton State Bank to Stacy Perkins.
- Houghton State Bank to Scott and Elizabeth Peterson.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Richard Dozier, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,234.68 with 6.79% interest from March 7, plus costs.
- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Gregory Reichart, Red Oak, dis-

missed without prejudice.

- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Scarlett Lidgett, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,291.17 with 6.79% interest from March 7, plus costs.
- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Jason and Rebecca Connell, Red Oak, judgment in favor of the plaintiff, \$832.48 with 6.79% interest from Feb. 13, plus costs.
- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Julia Corrao, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$3,450 with 6.79% interest from March 7, plus costs.

ARRESTS

- Filed March 8, Logan Hastings, 18, Red Oak, Pottawattamie County warrant for failure to appear, \$500 cash bond.
- Filed March 10, Hannah Dahlberg, 18, Red Oak, possession of drug paraphernalia, cited and released.

DISMISSED

- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Rex Sebeniecher, 67, Stanton, assault, dismissed.

CRIMINAL

- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Jamie Neville, 31, Red Oak, driving while barred, pled guilty, \$855 fine.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Christian Meek, 28, Villisca, probation violation, pled guilty, 14 days jail, time served.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Rex Sebeniecher, 67, Stanton, assault, deferred judgment, one year, \$105 fine, informal probation, anger management.

TRAFFIC

- Rachel Drake, Emerson, registration violation.
- Jacob Koppen, Lakota, operate CMV after downgraded to non-commercial.
- Lawson Connell, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Matthew Waters, Gretna, Neb., speeding.
- Lauren Riley, Corning, speeding.
- Cory Almquist, Bellevue, Neb., speeding.
- Jeremy Reed, Fremont, Neb., speeding.
- Laylee Tucker, Red Oak, no valid driver’s license, operating non-registered vehicle.
- Faith Haehsy, Corning, failure to maintain registration plate.
- Justin Hyde, Lincoln, Neb., speeding.
- Kari Stewart, Malvern, failure to carry registration card.
- Eli Rodman, Red Oak, fail to obey stop sign and yield right of way.
- Casey King, Bedford, operation without registration card or plate.
- Curtis White, Red Oak, speeding.
- Jamie Roush, Essex, operation without registration card or plate.
- Tristan Decker, La Vista, Neb., speeding.

ACCIDENTS

- On March 10, at 4:05 p.m., Red Oak Police officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at 203 W. Oak St. A 2011 Chevrolet Malibu owned by Austin Davis was legally parked in the United Farmers Co-Op parking lot when Larry Wiegman, 73, Red Oak driving a 2014 Ram RTR pick up and pulling a trailer turned in to the parking lot from Oak Street and struck the Davis vehicle. Damage to the Davis vehicle was about \$5,000, and there was no damage to the pick up or trailer. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

• Tyler Goff, Atlantic, trespass first offense.

• Corbin Wolfe, Red Oak, speeding.

• Brandon Troyer, Atlantic, trespass first offense.

• Matthew Stahl, Atlantic, trespass first offense.

• Dylan Troyer, trespass first offense, restrictions on taking game - deer and turkey.

• Lauren Riley, Corning, speeding.

• Kathleen Steuter, West Point, Neb., speeding.

• Scott Mathewson, La Vista, Neb., speeding.

• Simon Thomas, Atlantic, failure to maintain or use safety belts.

• Dale Wright, Atlantic, failure to maintain or use safety belts.

• Matthew Waters, Gretna, speeding.

• Richard Jenkins, Red Oak, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.

• Jeffrey Joiner, Red Oak, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.

• On March 11, at 1:25 p.m., Red Oak Police officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Broadway and Walnut streets. Keaton Taylor, 33, Red Oak, driving a 2012 Nissan Versa, was traveling north on Broadway. David Fussell, 48, Red Oak, driving a 2004 Buick Lesabre, was traveling east from a parking lot across Broadway and broadsided the Taylor vehicle. Damage to each vehicle was about \$8,000, and Fussell was cited for failure to yield right of way.

• On March 11, at 1:41 p.m., Montgomery County Sheriff’s deputies investigated an accident on the Nishnabotna River bridge on Highway 48 west of Elliott. Sherri Turner, 55, Elliott, driving a 2015 Chrysler 200, was traveling west on Highway 48 when the vehicle lost traction due to weather conditions and eventually struck the concrete wall on the north side of the bridge. Damage to the vehicle made the vehicle inoperable. There was about \$10,000 damage to the vehicle, no injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

• On March 11, at 1:44 p.m., Montgomery County Sheriff’s deputies investigated a single-vehicle accident on Highway 34 near 210th Street. Alexander Guy, Villisca, driving a 2006 Honda Accord, was traveling west on Highway 34 when he lost control of the vehicle and entered the south ditch. Alexander and an 11-year-old male passenger were transported to Montgomery County Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. No citations were issued.

CROSSWORD - ANSWER ON PAGE 3B



CLUES ACROSS

1. Belonging to a thing
4. Pass or go by
10. Partner to cheese
11. Subjects
12. U.S. State (abbr.)
14. Bits per inch
15. Forest-dwelling deer
16. Illinois city
18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
22. Wholly unharmed
23. Cuddled
24. Bane
26. Global investment bank (abbr.)
27. Oh my gosh!
28. Arrive
30. Famed Spanish artist
31. Home of “Frontline”

34. Group of quill feathers
36. Keyboard key
37. Army training group
39. Detail
40. Pole with flat blade
41. Football play
42. Makes unhappy
48. Island in Hawaii
50. Back in business
51. Of an individual
52. Painful chest condition
53. Tropical American monkey
54. Matchstick game
55. For instance
56. Even again
58. Popular beverage
59. Evaluate
60. Time units (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Stain one’s hands
2. Nocturnal hoofed animals
3. Back condition
4. Popular movie alien
5. City of Angels
6. Peaks
7. Infantry weapons
8. Left
9. Atomic #99
12. Told a good yarn
13. Vale
17. Resistance unit
19. Aquatic plant
20. Bluish greens
21. About some Norse poems
25. Reinforces
29. Egyptian mythological goddess

31. Supportive material
32. Subatomic particle
33. Expired bread
35. Cereal grain
38. Goes against
41. Walkie ____
43. One who does not accept
44. Beliefs
45. Indicates near
46. Brazilian NBA star
47. Grab quickly
49. Romantic poet
56. College dorm worker
57. Set of data

SWV falls in quarterfinal round of quiz bowl

The Southwest Valley Quiz Bowl team competed at Central Decatur on Wednesday, March 1. The team finished the day with an overall record of 4-2, losing in the quarterfinal round to eventual champion Southeast Warren.

The day started with 24 teams competing in a round robin stage. The top two teams from each group based on overall record advanced to the quarterfinals in the afternoon. SWV finished second in their group with

a 4-1 record. The Timberwolves defeated Mormon Trail, East Union, Chariton B team, and Seymour during the group stage. The Central Decatur A team defeated the Timberwolves during the group stage to win the group, and eventually went on to finish second overall.

Southwest Valley science instructor Jason Hults was happy with the overall results.

"This was a really great day for our team, with our two losses on the day coming to the even-

tual champions and runner-ups. I was very proud of the kids and how well they did. Last year at this event we finished third in our group and did not advance, so they definitely improved on that performance. All season long the kids performed above last year's results, which is what we were hoping for when the season started. With no seniors on our team, I am very excited to have them all back next year and see the progress the kids can continue to make."

Essex District announces honor roll students

The following students were named to honor rolls at the Essex School District:

Bronze

Jersey Bowers, Jesse Johnson-Wityk, Benjamin King, Brody Kirchirt, Garrett Harris, Payton Taylor, Damien Aradanas, Isabella Donnelly, Riley King, Jacelyn Huntley, Haillee Kievit, Haleigh Olson, Adriana Resh, Kylie Valdez, Hunter Steinhoff, Bradley Franks, Christian Johnson, Qwintyn Vanatta, Olivia Baker, Victoria Sample, and Natalie Taylor.

Silver

Clayton Deihl, Piper Maher, Nyiah Manchester,

London Pruet, Sophie Shirley, Mark Cabeen, Rhys Chambers, Emmett Green, Paityn Vanatta, Ryann Welchans, Kaylee McAdams, Halle Riley, Ella Sandahl, Winifred Stuck, Aila Valdez, Mariska Kirchirt, Lydia Edwards, Emma Jo Harris, Cash Seaman, Brooke Burns, Tori Burns, Kyndra Gray, Taylor Haynie, Alex King, Kaden Peeler, Johnathan Resh, Cynthia Swain, Preston Driskell, Matt Givens, Nicolas Givens, Jacob Robinette, and Johnathan Staley.

Gold

Rylan Walters, Anthony Racine, and Brianne Johnson.

Essex inducts three to NHS



The Essex High School inducted three new members into the National Honor Society during a special ceremony held on March 1. Pictured are, from left: Tori Burns, Brooke Burns and Tony Racine. (Photo submitted)

Westerlund named to president's list

Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson recently released the names of students eligible for the fall semester president's list.

Among the local students honored was Noah

Westerlund, Diesel Technology, Red Oak.

To be eligible, a student must have completed a minimum of six credits and earned a 4.0 grade point average for that semester.

VIEWPOINTS

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LETTER TO | THE EDITOR

The Career of a Lifetime Awaits You with the Iowa Farm Service Agency

To the Editor:

Over 600 dedicated agricultural leaders work at Iowa Farm Service Agency. I'm one of those leaders. I've been with the agency for over 30 years and am currently the County Executive Director in East Pottawattamie County and Montgomery County.

The Farm Service Agency is one of 29 agencies and offices under the United States Department of Agriculture. Our agency helps to ensure the well-being of U.S. agriculture through a variety of safety-net, commodity, conservation, and farm loan programs.

The Montgomery County Farm Service Agency

in Red Oak is hiring. Whether or not you are involved with agriculture, you could be a great candidate for our team.

The FSA office is a fast paced, regularly changing environment. Integrity, accountability, and good communication are at the forefront of our customer service-based agency.

The Montgomery County FSA office is made up of four employees.

We work closely together to administer farm programs that enable producers to continue to do what they love while providing food, fuel, and fiber for the world.

Many FSA employees do in fact retire from

the agency after 15, 20, 30 and even 40 years of service. As their co-workers wish them well during their retirement parties, retirees often list the people as the number one reason they devoted so much of their lives to one career. "The people" are also the number one piece of their lives they will miss most post-retirement.

In addition to taking care of producers, Iowa FSA also takes care of our employees. We enjoy a generous benefits package, matching thrift savings plan contributions up to 5%, annual and sick paid leave, 12-weeks paid parental leave, flexible work schedules, and 11 paid holidays. A career with Iowa FSA also includes opportunities for

advancement. I started as a program technician and became a County Executive Director in 2012. I've loved the opportunity to work with some of the best people in our region, including both my fellow workers and local farmers.

To learn more about becoming part of the FSA family and taking the first step towards the career of a lifetime, contact me at 623-2527. To apply, visit USAJobs.gov. The job announcement number is: FSACO-11855164-23-IA-KR

Tracy Zimmerman
Farm Service Agency

THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

Three and a half pounds of Brussels sprouts

Given the reality of oppressive inflation, threats of war, open borders, drugs, crime, homelessness and so on, it's nice to know we still have readers with an active sense of humor.

A month or two ago this column had to do with a couple calling themselves "Homestead Jenn" and "Homestead Phil," founders of "Rent-the-Chicken."

Their franchise operation makes back-yard rental chickens available in major cities across the U.S. and parts of Canada.

Included in the article was the fact that I emailed the homesteaders, said I was within easy driving distance of Omaha, Des Moines and other population centers, was the agent representing three talented young hens ready for travel and adventure, and wondered if we might make a deal.

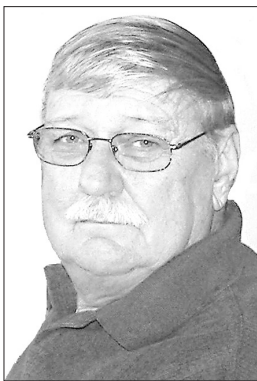
My hope was to get a reply before the column was published. This didn't happen, but later came a call from someone who said he was Homestead Phil and wanted to talk business.

I don't know who the caller was, but if you're reading this I grew suspicious when you asked if I could do a noon delivery to the KFC in Red Oak, releasing two chickens and sending a bill later.

An early suspect was Hugh Smith. Hugh, a subscriber from Stanton, is a chicken aficionado even though he hasn't owned one for decades.

He's a witty fellow we often hear from following chicken columns.

Hugh waved a red flag when he called a couple of days after the phony "Homestead Phil," asked how my hens were doing and said he was watching the mail for his 2023 Murray McMurray poultry catalog.



"Homestead Phil" phone call.

I doubt it. I think that without a confession this case is going nowhere.

On an unrelated matter, bird watchers who participate in the web-based "Purple Martin Migratory Report" say March 9 brought scout birds as far north as central Missouri.

Last year a reader in Red Oak called on April 1 to say he'd just seen his first martin of the year. A couple of males were in my back yard three days later, and much of the colony was moving in by mid-month.

When I cleaned up after them last fall there were 15 gourds that contained evidence of a successful hatch.

The youngsters were nearly impossible to count, but fledging time in July was an aerial circus.

Yearlings will be back in this area soon, they'll be looking for a

place of their own, and I'm not buying more gourds.

Purple martins are cheerful, acrobatic, bug-eating additions to a lawn and garden. Anyone interested still has time to make preparations.

On another issue, wife asked me pick up a few things at the grocery. The list included a pound of Brussels sprouts—if they looked good.

They looked good, but were in bags that weighed about three and a half pounds each. Bags were all open. Did this mean it was okay to take a couple of pounds out of one bag and distribute in others? Probably not, so I called and asked if she wanted three and a half pounds at \$3 per pound.

She said the two of us didn't eat three and a half pounds of Brussels sprouts a year, and at \$3 a pound we should be selling—not buying.

On the way home I stopped at a store that offers garden supplies and bought a packet of Brussels sprouts seeds.

It looks as if all 150 seeds germinated, so we have extras if anyone wants them. Really. Take a few plants and repay me later with a pound of sprouts—or not.

And we'll conclude this week with some thoughtful advice from a truck driver we followed for a couple of miles on Highway 71. Attached to the rear of his semi-trailer was a placard reading "Forget World Peace and Try to Focus on Using Your Turn Signals."

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Community Calendar

16 March

8 a.m.-noon, Leadership Red Oak.
Noon, SCORE webinar, "How to Improve Your Business Website to Turn Visitors Into Sales." Go to omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242.
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.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

17 March

Red Oak Public Library, Popcorn Friday, all day.
10-11 a.m., Core 52 Bible study at the Red Oak Presbyterian Church, 511 E. Coolbaugh St.
10:15 a.m., Storytime at the Red Oak Public Library, 400 N. 2nd St., theme: "Animal Friends."
3:30 p.m., Free movie at the Essex Public Library, 508 Iowa Ave. Essex.
5-6:30 p.m., Lenten Fish Fry at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1510 Highland Ave.
5-8:30 p.m., Corned beef and cabbage feed at the Red Oak Country Club. Cost is \$21 for unlimited servings. Event open to members and non members.
6-9 p.m., St. Patrick's Day celebration with Jeff Salter, Five One 8, 518 N. 4th St.
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.
7 p.m., "Living," theatre #1; "80 for Brady," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

18 March

10-10:45 a.m., Parent-Tot swim lessons for kids ages 6 months to 3 years at the Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St. \$35 for members, \$50 for potential members.
10-11 a.m., Family Play Session - Fort Building Fantasies, The Wilson Performing Arts Center, 300 Commerce Dr.
10 a.m., Free cartoons at the Essex Public Library, 508 Iowa Ave., Essex.
7 p.m., "Living," theatre #1; "80 for Brady," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

19 March

2 and 7 p.m., "Living," theatre #1; "80 for Brady," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

20 March

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.
5:30 p.m., Spring soccer for

kids ages 9-14. Kelly Park soccer field, South 2nd Street. Cost is \$40 for the program, \$15 for a new jersey. Registration deadline March 17. To register, visit montgomeryco.recliquecore.com/programs/110031/soccer/?locations=13&fbclid=IwAROGonOGagJVPOJk5C9213EtQFAA3ECsYGjnNDcYtwZ1qeAIR-8mzrsXwQB8. Volunteers are also needed, contact the YMCA at 623-2161 for more information or to volunteer.

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

21 March

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. Equipment provided. Free for members, \$5 fee for non-members. Call 623-2161 for more information.
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 at 402-926-8683 for more information.
2-3:30 p.m., Journeys Grief Support Group, Faith Community Church, 2701 N. 8th St.
2-4 p.m., Adult program at the Red Oak Public Library, 400 N. 2nd St., "Making a Bookmark," refreshments will be served.
5-5:45 p.m., Sports academy at the Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St., for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.
6 p.m., Fifth annual Ag Appreciation Dinner, Montgomery County Fair White Building, 1809 N. 4th St. Meal provided. RSVP to 623-4821 or info@redoakiowa.com by March 18.

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

22 March

8:30-10:30 a.m. Veterans Coffee Social at the Fika Coffee Bar, 313 Broad Ave., Stanton. Coffee provided by Montgomery County Veterans Affairs director Curtis White, who will also be available to answer questions.
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.
3:30 p.m., Storytime at the Essex Public Library, 508 Iowa Ave, Essex.

Griswold Tuesday Music Club February minutes

The meeting of the Griswold Tuesday Music Club was called to order on Feb. 7 by President Robin Drake at the United Church of Christ with 16 members answering the roll call question: "Name a fact about Tuesday Music Club."

Judy Duhn addressed the group about the upcoming open house and silent auction at the Griswold Library on Friday, Feb. 24, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Shirley Bierbaum motioned and Michelle Hartfield seconded the motion to donate money individually to the library. Motion was approved.

Michelle Hartfield described a book called "The Great Composers" from the Griswold Library donated in memory of Marilyn Jackson. Quite a number of books about music have been donated to the Griswold library by the Tuesday Music Club.

Sandy Kneisel read a thank you note to the club sent by Jennifer Bloomberg, daughter of Nancy Wohlenhaus, for the funeral flowers.

Michelle Hartfield presented a musical moment about how 19th century sheet music sometimes was sold at a different price than marked. For instance, Clayton Summy Publishing sold its sheet music at a discount.

New business was a discussion about expenses for the Centennial Celebration.

Laura Amos moved and



Members of the Griswold Tuesday Music Club are, front row, from left: Laura Amos, Sandy Kneisel, Dois Rieken, Nancy Lynch, Eileen Denne, and Fern Lindvall. Back row: Pat Barnes, Donna Perdue, Elsa Casey, Linda Parker, Robin Drake, Donna Reimers, Shirley Bierbaum, Jan Brown, Michelle Hartfield, and Lila Hoogeveen (Photo submitted)

Nancy Lynch seconded for the club to make a donation to the Griswold Fifth Grade trip to the Omaha Symphony. Motion was approved. Further donations will be discussed at the next meeting.

The yearbook committee chairman is Robin Drake; gifts and cards; Michelle Hartfield, historian; Nancy Lynch; photographer: Pat Barnes; secretary: Elsa Casey.

Shirley Bierbaum reported that the scrapbook table and memorabilia will be set up for the Centennial Celebration on April 4. RSVPs are due on March 25.

The archive committee is in charge of the display. Robin Drake gave Doris Rieken craft ribbon and music notes to be used by the decorating committee.

March 7 was the next meeting

at Faith Lutheran Church. The program was the emergence of Modern American Music to be presented by Cathy Vannausdle.

Roll call is a favorite American composer or song. Laura Amos presented the musical moment.

After the business meeting, Doris Rieken presented a program about music during America's Industrial Age 1860-1890.

During this time, American music became commercialized. Charles K. Harris, banjoist, songwriter, and publisher in Milwaukee, Wis. wrote ballads such as "After the Ball," "Baby Hands," "For Sale a Baby," "Mother Was a Lady," and "Take Back Your Gold." Tin Pan Alley, the song-publishing industry in New York City, produced songs like "Break the News to

Mother," "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," "Ain't She Sweet," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," and "A Bird in a Gilded Cage" on sheet music.

Laura Amos sang "Oh 'Dem Golden Slippers" accompanied by Doris Rieken.

Doris Rieken read the lyrics of "The Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze" which was written by the British lyricist and singer George Leybourne, with music by Gaston Lyle, and arranged by Alfred Lee.

It was about a trapeze artist named Jules Leotard for whom the one piece dancer's garment was named. The song was popularized in 1934 in a movie called "It Happened One Night."

Co-hostesses were Pat Barnes and Sandy Kneisel.

Submitted by Elsa Casey, Secretary

'Focus on Nature' showing in Essex

"Focus on Nature," a photography slide show presentation by Mike Harvey, will be presented at 3:30 p.m. March 23 at the Essex Lied Public Library, 508 Iowa Ave., Essex.

Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating their anniversaries this week are:

Alec and Julie Summers – March 18
Steve and Pam Jones – March 20
Matt and Tanda Moore – March 21
Mike and Jeanne Webb – March 22

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 51566, or drop by our office at 2012 Commerce Dr.

Be sure to get your news on the Community Page by calling 712-623-2566 or emailing news@redoakexpress.com.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays are:

Velma Smith – March 16
Cletis Haynie – March 17
Mike Liford – March 17
Hannah Williams – March 19
Laura Anderson – March 20
Sylvia Schaaf – March 21

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Senior Menu

Thursday, March 16: Chicken fettuccine, broccoli florets, wheat bread slice, peach cobbler, milk/coffee.

Monday, March 20: Country fried steak with country gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, multi-grain bread slice, baked cookie, milk/coffee.

Tuesday, March 21: Beef stew, gelatin cake, milk/coffee.

Wednesday, March 22: Beef and noodle casserole, cooked carrots, green beans, dinner roll, brownie, 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. Joni Hickey, M16 north off Hwy. 34 then west on Epperson. 624-8320. strahaniowachurch.org Worship, 8:30 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, Five miles south of Hastings on M16., strahaniowachurch.org, Rev. Joni Hickey, Sunday Worship service 9:45 a.m. Adult and children's Sunday School 10:45 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)	NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament					
4	4	4	4	KPTM (42)	Next Level Chef (N)	Animal	Call Me Kat	News at Nine	ICRIME	ICRIME	
6	6	6	6	WOWT (6)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	WOWT 6	J. Fallon		
7	7	7	7	KETV (7)	Station 19 (N) (In Stereo)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Alaska Daily (N)	News	J. Kimmel		
8			8	KCCI (8)	NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament					
15	5	15	9	KXVO (15)	Fear Factor	Fear Factor	Fear Factor	Dumbest	Dumbest		
10	11	10	11	IPTV	Father Brown	Hamish Macbeth	Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders			
17			12	KDSM (17)	Next Level Chef (N)	Animal	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. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)
			28	21	CSPAN	(5:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)					
25			5	WOI (5)	Station 19 (N) (In Stereo)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Alaska Daily (N)	5 News	J. Kimmel		
12	2	12	24	ESPN	Men's College Wrestling: NCAA Championships. (N)		XFL Football				
11	28	13	25	ESPN2	NCAA Women's	2023 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament		SportsCenter (N)			
36			26	FX	(6:00) Movie: *** "The Fate of the Furious" (2017)		Movie: *** "The Fate of the Furious" (2017)				
	10	16	27	PARMT	Movie: *** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. (In Stereo)				
40	36	28	LIFE	Married at First Sight UK	Married at First Sight UK	Married at First Sight UK	Married at First Sight UK	Married at First Sight UK			
29	20	19	29	FREE	The Office	The Office	The Office	Good Trouble	The 700 Club		
18	13	11	30	USA	Movie: *** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004) Dennis Quaid. (V)		Movie: *** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004) Dennis Quaid. (V)				
	8	8	31	TBS	NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	Nittany Lions vs Aggies				
23	14	18	32	TNT	NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	Flipping				
25	22	33	AMC	Movie: *** "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack. (V)		Movie: *** "Under Siege" (1992) (V)					
29	25	34	HGTV	The Flipping El Moussas	Married to Real Estate (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters Int'l		
33	24	30	36	HIST	Swamp People: Serpent	Swamp People: Serpent	Swamp People: Serpent	Swamp People: Serpent			
19	15	26	37	A&E	The First 48 (N)		Butchers of the Bayou (N)	The First 48			
34	18		38	DISC	BattleBots "Champions: The Sluggest Part 3"	BattleBots "Champions: The Sluggest Part 4"					
35	31	31	39	TLC	My 600-Lb. Life "Supersized: Stephanie's Journey"	My 600-Lb. Life "Sarah's Story" (In Stereo)					
39	27	40	A/P	Insane Pools: Deep End	Insane Pools: Deep End	Insane Pools: Deep End	Insane Pools: Deep End	Insane Pools: Deep End			
30	26	23	41	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
31	21	24	43	DISN	Big City	Marvel's Mo	Raven	Raven	Big City	Hamster &	Ladybug
21	16	20	45	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Primetime (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)
37	34	35	65	HALL	Movie: "Game of Love" (2023) Kimberley Sustad.	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
			21	72	SYFY	(6:58) Movie: *** "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" (2002)	Movie: *** "Resident Evil: Extinction" (2007)				
39	36		73	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	
			74	WE	Growing Up Hip Hop	Grown & Gospel	Omega: Gift & Curse	Grown & Gospel			
				A-Elliott	B-Stanton	C-Emerson	D-Red Oak, Villisca, Glenwood				

Cable Companies				SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 18, 2023							
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)	2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	48 Hours		3 News Now Live at 10			
4	4	4	4	KPTM (42)	2023 World Baseball Classic	Access Hollywood (N)	Farmer Wants a Wife				
6	6	6	6	WOWT (6)	Movie: *** "Despicable Me 3" (2017) (In Stereo)	Saturday Night Live (N)	News	SNL			
7	7	7	7	KETV (7)	NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers. (N)	(N)	News	The Rookie			
8			8	KCCI (8)	2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	48 Hours	News	Matter			
15	5	15	9	KXVO (15)	Fear Factor	Fear Factor	Fear Factor	Dumbest	Dumbest		
10	11	10	11	IPTV	As Time ...	Keep Up	Sister Boniface Mysteries	Hope Street	Traces (In Stereo)		
17			12	KDSM (17)	2023 World Baseball Classic	News	Simpsons	Farmer Wants a Wife			
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	(4:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)					
25			5	WOI (5)	NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers. (N)		5 News	9-1-1			
12	2	12	24	ESPN	Men's College Wrestling: NCAA Championships. (N)	2023 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament					
11	28	13	25	ESPN2	NCAA Women's Basketball	2023 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament	NCAA Wom.				
36			26	FX	XFL Football: Defenders at BattleHawks	XFL Football: Orlando Guardians at Vegas Vipers. (N)					
	10	16	27	PARMT	Movie: *** "Ocean's Eleven" (2001) George Clooney. (V)	Movie: *** "Ocean's Twelve" (2001) George Clooney. (V)					
40	36	28	LIFE	Movie: "The Hillsdale Adoption Scam" (2023)		Movie: "Cruel Instruction" (2022) Camryn Manheim.					
29	20	19	29	FREE	(6:45) Movie: *** "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" (2011)		"Pirates: Dead"				
18	13	11	30	USA	IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship: 12 Hours of Sebring. (In Stereo)	Chicago P.D. (In Stereo)	Chicago				
	8	8	31	TBS	NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament					
23	14	18	32	TNT	NCAA	2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	Tournament (Game				
25	22	33	AMC	Movie: *** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. (V)		Movie: "Goodfellas" (1993) (V)					
29	25	34	HGTV	The Flipping El Moussas	The Flipping El Moussas	House Hunters	Hunters	Hunters Int'l			
33	24	30	36	HIST	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained			
19	15	26	37	A&E	The First 48	The First 48 "Stray Shot"	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48
34	18		38	DISC	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown			
35	31	31	39	TLC	Say Yes to the Dress (N)	1000-Lb. Sisters (DVS)	1000-Lb. Sisters (DVS)	1000-Lb. Sisters			
39	27	40	A/P	Pets & Pickers (In Stereo)	Pets & Pickers (In Stereo)	Pets & Pickers (In Stereo)	Pets & Pickers (In Stereo)	Pets & Pickers (In Stereo)			
30	26	23	41	NICK	(6:00) "Despicable Me"	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
31	21	24	43	DISN	The Proud	The Proud	Marvel's Mo	Big City	Kiff	Kiff	Ladybug
21	16	20	45	CNN	Movie: "Glitch: The Rise & Fall of HQ Trivia" (2023)		The 2000s	CNN	The 2000s		
37	34	35	65	HALL	Movie: "A Winning Team" (2023) Nadia Hattat.		Movie: "Dating the Delaneys" (2022) Rachel Boston.				
			21	72	SYFY	(6:00) Movie: "John Wick"	Movie: *** "John Wick: Chapter 2" (2017) Keanu Reeves. (V)	Fifth			
39	36		73	TVL	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two and a Half Men		
			74	WE	NCIS "Eye Spy"	NCIS (In Stereo)	NCIS (In Stereo)	NCIS (In Stereo)	NCIS (In Stereo)		
				A-Elliott	B-Stanton	C-Emerson	D-Red Oak, Villisca, Glenwood				

Cable Companies				MONDAY EVENING MARCH 20, 2023							
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 (N) (DVS)	NCIS: Hawaii (N)	3 News Now	Late-Colbert	
4	4	4	4	KPTM (42)	9-1-1 "Recovery" (N)	TMZ-The Fifth Plane		News at Nine	ICRIME	ICRIME	
6	6	6	6	WOWT (6)	The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 5" (N)		Quantum Leap (N)	WOWT 6	J. Fallon		
7	7	7	7	KETV (7)	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo)		The Good Doctor (N)	News	J. Kimmel		
8			8	KCCI (8)	Neighbor	Bob Heart	NCIS (N) (DVS)	NCIS: Hawaii (N)	News	Late-Colbert	
15	5	15	9	KXVO (15)	Fear Factor	Fear Factor	Fear Factor	Fear Factor	World's Dumbest ...		
10	11	10	11	IPTV	Antiques Roadshow (N)	Antiques Roadshow	Independent Lens (N) (DVS)	Midsomer			
17			12	KDSM (17)	9-1-1 "Recovery" (N)	TMZ-The Fifth Plane	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	FBI "Hackivist"	FBI "Trauma"	FBI "Know Thyself"	FBI "Charlotte's Web"			
			28	21	CSPAN	(4:00) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)					
25			5	WOI (5)	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo)		The Good Doctor (N)	5 News	J. Kimmel		
12	2	12	24	ESPN	NCAA Women's	2023 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament		SportsCenter W/Van Pelt			
11	28	13	25	ESPN2	2023 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament	2023 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament					
36			26	FX	Movie: *** "S.W.A.T." (2003) Samuel L. Jackson. (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "S.W.A.T." (2003) Samuel L. Jackson. (In Stereo)				
	10	16	27	PARMT	Movie: *** "Bad Boys" (1995) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. (In Stereo)		Movie: "Bad Boys II" (V)				
40	36	28	LIFE	Castle (In Stereo)	Castle "The Fifth Bullet"	Castle "Sucker Punch"					
29	20	19	29	FREE	(6:50) Movie: *** "Grown Ups 2" (2013, Comedy)		The Watchful Eye (N)	The 700 Club			
18	13	11	30	USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live)		Chrisley	Chrisley			
	8	8	31	TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	American	American	American	American
23	14	18	32	TNT	(6:13) Movie: "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back"		True Blood "To Love Is to Burn"		True Blood		
25	22	33	AMC	Movie: *** "The Mummy" (1999) Brendan Fraser. (V)		Movie: *** "The Mummy Returns" (2001) (V)					
29	25	34	HGTV	Rock the Block	Rock the Block (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Bahamas	Bahamas		
33	24	30	36	HIST	History's Mysteries	History's Greatest of All	History's Greatest of All	History's Mysteries			
19	15	26	37	A&E	The First 48 "Taken"	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48			
34	18		38	DISC	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America "Small Tires, Big Mouths" (N)		Street Outlaws: Red Line				
35	31	31	39	TLC	Darcey & Stacey (DVS)	Darcey & Stacey (N)	Extreme Sisters (N)	1000-Lb. Sisters			
39	27	40	A/P	Alaska: The Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier			
30	26	23	41	NICK	(6:00) "Despicable Me 2"	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
31	21	24	43	DISN	(6:00) Movie: "Cars 2" (V)	Marvel's Mo	Marvel's Mo	Kiff	Big City	Ladybug	Ladybug
21	16	20	45	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)			
37	34	35	65	HALL	Movie: "The Wedding Veil Inspiration" (2023)		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
			21	72	SYFY	John Wick 3	Movie: *** "X-Men: Apocalypse" (2016) James McAvoy. Premiere. (V)	Minority Rpt			
39	36		73	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	
			74	WE	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 MARCH 22, 2023							
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)	Survivor "I'm Felicia" (N)	Lingo "Episode 9" (N)	True Lies (N) ⌘	3 News Now	Late-Colbert		
4	4	4	4	KPTM (42)	The Masked Singer (N)	Farmer Wants a Wife (N)	News at Nine	ICRIME	ICRIME		
6	6	6	6	WOWT (6)	Chicago Med (N)	Chicago Fire "Acting Up"	Chicago P.D. (N)	WOWT 6	J. Fallon		
7	7	7	7	KETV (7)	Conners	Conners	Abbott Elem Not Dead	A Million Little Things (N)	News	J. Kimmel	
8			8	KCCI (8)	Survivor "I'm Felicia" (N)	Lingo "Episode 9" (N)	True Lies (N) ⌘	News	Late-Colbert		
15	5	15	9	KXVO (15)	Fear Factor ⌘	Fear Factor ⌘	Fear Factor ⌘	Dumbest	Dumbest		
10	11	10	11	IPTV	Nature ⌘ (DVS)	NOVA ⌘ (DVS)	Secrets of the Dead	Ireland's Wild Coast			
17			12	KDSM (17)	The Masked Singer (N)	Farmer Wants a Wife (N)	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	Blue Bloods ⌘	Blue Bloods ⌘	Blue Bloods "Framed"	Blue Bloods ⌘			
			28	21	CSPAN	U.S. House	Public Affairs Events (In Stereo) ⌘				
25			5	WOI (5)	Conners	Conners	Abbott Elem Not Dead	A Million Little Things (N)	5 News	J. Kimmel	
12	2	12	24	ESPN	NBA Basketball: Warriors at Mavericks	NBA Basketball: Suns at Lakers					
11	28	13	25	ESPN2	NIT Tourn.	2023 NIT Basketball Tournament	Teams TBA. (N)	SportsCenter (N)			
36			26	FX	(6:00) Movie: *** "The Avengers" (2012) ⌘		Snowfall "Concrete Jungle" ⌘				Snowfall
	10	16	27	PARMT	Movie: *** "S.W.A.T." (2003, Action) Samuel L. Jackson		(In Stereo) ⌘ (V)	To Be Announced			
	40	36	28	LIFE	Married at First Sight "Getting to the Crust" (N)		Married at First Sight UK	Married at First Sight			
29	20	19	29	FREE	The Office The Office	The Office The Office	The Office The Office	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: Pittsburgh Penguins at Colorado Avalanche		NHL Hockey: Coyotes at Oilers				
	25	22	33	AMC	Movie: *** "Goodfellas" (1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta		Night ⌘ (V)	Movie: "The Godfather"			
	29	25	34	HGTV	Property Brothers	Nate & Jeremiah	Hunters Hunters	Caribbean	Caribbean		
33	24	30	36	HIST	Pawn Stars "Battle-Pawn"	Pawn Stars (N) (In Stereo)	Pawn Stars (N) (In Stereo)	Pawn Stars (In Stereo)	Pawn Stars (In Stereo)		
19	15	26	37	A&E	The First 48 ⌘	The First 48 ⌘	The First 48 ⌘	The First 48 ⌘	The First 48 "Last Rap"		
34	18	38	38	DISC	Moonskinners "Maggie Valley Mayhem" (N) ⌘		Moonskinners	Master Distiller			
35	31	31	39	TLC	My 600-Lb. Life "Patrick's Journey" (N) (DVS)		1000-Lb. Sisters	1000-Lb. Sisters (DVS)			
30	26	23	41	A/P	River Monsters (In Stereo)	River Monsters (In Stereo)	River Monsters (In Stereo)	River Monsters (In Stereo)			
31	21	24	43	NICK	"The Addams Family" (N)	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
31	21	24	43	DISN	"Alvin and the Chipmunks"	Hamster &	Kiff ⌘	Hamster &	Ladybug	Ladybug	
21	16	20	45	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Primetime (N) ⌘	CNN Tonight (N) ⌘	CNN Tonight (N) ⌘	CNN Tonight (N) ⌘		
37	34	35	65	HALL	Movie: "Always Amore" (2022) Autumn Reeser		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	
		21	72	SYFY	(6:30) Movie: *** "Independence Day: Resurgence"		The Ark (N)	The Twilight Zone (N)			
39	36	73	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King		
		74	WE	NCIS "Vanished"	NCIS "L.J. Jane Doe"		NCIS "The Bone Yard"	NCIS "Terminal Leave"			
				A-Elliott	B-Stanton	C-Emerson	D-Red Oak, Villisca, Glenwood				

Council approves hiring additional wastewater employee

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The City of Red Oak is proceeding with a search for a fourth wastewater facility employee.

At the regular city council meeting March 6, the council discussed an advertisement for the position and a schedule of posting. The job posting indicated a search for a Grade I operator, but was not required. Council member Brian Bills asked what the Grade I specification meant. City administrator Al Vacanti explained that it was based on levels of certification.

“A Grade I is a base level of certification. Operators start at Grade I, and with experience and additional testing they can progress to a Grade II, and then ultimately a Grade III,” Vacanti explained. “This is just a base posting. A Grade I operator would be wonderful, a Grade II would be spectacular, and if we were to hire a Grade III, that would be beyond expectations. We could also get an applicant that may not even come in with a Grade I, but would be willing to partake in the grading and testing to progress up that ladder of certification and expertise.”

Once the Grade I is achieved, Vacanti said

there was still additional experience that had to be gained, and they were required to maintain their education. Currently, the city has a Grade III operator, a Grade II operator, and a Grade I operator.

Reviews for the applicants are scheduled beginning May 1. Vacanti said there was a lot of competition for wastewater treatment plant operators on employment boards.

“Some communities have operators that have been with their cities for 10, 20, or even 30 years and longer that are getting into retirement age. I don’t want to use the word crisis, but it’s a challenge for communities to get operators that will step up. A person starting off can achieve grade III certification in three to five years,” commented Vacanti.

Vacanti stressed that the position was one of the largest responsibilities among the city’s employees.

“Being a water or wastewater operator are two of the most important positions in the city, regardless of who you are. If the water isn’t clean when they drink it, something bad could happen, and if the stuff you try to get rid of in the water doesn’t go away, something bad can happen there as well,” commented Vacanti.

The council approved the advertisement for the

wastewater operator and the advertising schedule.

The council also approved an animal services agreement with the City of Red Oak and Animal Alliance Rescue. Mayor Shawna Silvius said the agreement would allow for the pick up of animals after hours, and two cages would be retained at the shelter for animals picked up for the city.

“Bill Dietering will still be the code enforcement officer on all of this, so there’s any specific needs, he will do that. They will maintain records for five years, and I feel we have a good relationship with them,” commented Silvius.

Tim Fridolph abstained, citing a close working relationship with the organization.

Last item for discussion was the disposal of property at 1210 N. 4th St. to Nishna Productions. Silvius said Nishna Productions was seeking additional residences for tenants from the Glenwood Resource Center.

“Nishna Productions has been working with three cities for a number of years to identify housing that could accommodate potential tenants. The property was identified by prior administrator Brad Wright. They have applied for a loan to have three homes in three different communities, including Red Oak. They have made an offer to us to cover legal fees and half of the demolition cost of the

house,” Silvius said.

The council approved the disposal of the property to Nishna Productions. A public hearing regarding the disposal of the real estate was scheduled for the April 3 regular council meeting.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a proposal from ROI Energy and MidAmerican Energy to upgrade lighting to LED at the airport, library, and pool facilities, at a fixed price of \$39,705, with \$20,528 in incentives paid from MidAmerican Energy to ROI, and the city’s cost being \$19,177.
- Approved a request from the Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Court of Honor for street closures on Memorial Day, May 29. Closures are for Inman Drive from the east drive to Inman Elementary, west to 8th Street, and 8th Street from the south drive to Inman Elementary, north to Sunset Avenue from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Heard a request from Mark Vannausdle about removing the no parking restrictions on both sides of Boundary Street. The council took no action on the request.
- Approved a Class B retail alcohol license for HyVee.
- Approved a Special Class B native wine license for Pudgy Pumpkin Patch Gift Shop.

Initial report of Red Oak housing options completed by committee

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak Rural Housing Readiness Assessment committee has completed its initial report on housing in the community.

The assessment was part of collaboration between the Montgomery County Development Corporation, the City of Red Oak, Iowa State University Extension, and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. At the Red Oak City Council meeting March 6, the council heard from spokesperson Joey Norris, who shared that a 160-page report had been drafted and presented to the council.

“It was intended to be a tool to help Red Oak assess its housing needs, and then guide the decision-making process to address those needs,” Norris said. “The committees were all roughly affiliated with housing, be it the public side, building side, or finance side. We formed the committee in May of 2022.”

Norris said the community was polled on their ideas regarding Red Oak’s housing needs. Norris was pleased with the response.

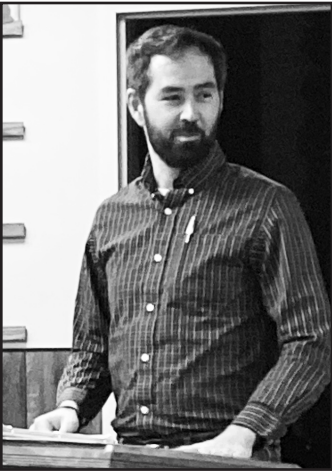
“We held a survey between July 7 and Aug. 7 of 2022. We had 532 responses, which is about 10% of the community. The survey responses were used to guide what we thought Red Oak should look like as a community a decade from now,” Norris stated.

Thanks to the survey and other research, Norris said they were able to get some key takeaways on the demographics.

“Our median household income after taxes is about \$54,000. When it comes to affordability of housing, it’s about a third of the median income, which translates to about \$1,300 per month for mortgage, rent, utilities, and insurance. Our per-unit valuation for new construction doubled from 2000, so everyone feels that housing costs are going up, and the estimated average housing value in Red Oak is \$77,000,” explained Norris.

The survey included comment from homeowners outside of Red Oak, who shared their preferences should they consider a move to the community.

“The highest interest we received from out of city survey respondents was that they want existing, new family housing. The next was senior housing, and new construction for single-family housing. If we were to solicit them to come to Red Oak, those were the areas we should be looking at,” commented Norris. “Also, a number of them men-



Rural Housing Readiness Assessment committee member Joey Norris shares details of the assessment with the Red Oak City Council. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

tioned that community amenities would be a major motivator to move here, and the home style of preference that they’d want to move to was townhomes, which is interesting because we have someone wanting to do that.”

The committee established three subcommittees. Among the items agreed upon by the subcommittees was to design local housing incentives and secure funding, create a revolving loan fund, evaluate and expand infrastructure, and re-establish Habitat for Humanity.

“Habit for Humanity used to have a Montgomery County Chapter, but they went away. The Fuller Center is currently in use as a scaled back version. Habitat for Humanity has a moratorium on starting new chapters, and while ours has been defunct for several years, we’re trying to re-establish it. We wouldn’t

be building brand-new houses, but we could establish an exterior improvement incentive program, teamed up with the Fuller Center with their resources and expertise could extend our money a lot further if they could help us do it right,” advised Norris.

Norris said while the assessment tells the community where it’s at in housing readiness, the work is not done, and the RHRA has given the city a path.

“We really need a commitment moving forward. The council established a housing committee, but it says it could be temporary or permanent. The committee recommends the council commit to treating housing as a priority, via a permanent housing committee,” said Norris.

From there, Norris suggested the council empower the committee to achieve group work goals, and, as it continues the process of searching for a new city administrator, that the city administrator candidates be assessed specifically on their housing expertise, and how they prioritize housing.

“This assessment process is a resource to help us go back and utilize as a tool. Inside of the 160 page assessment are resources Iowa State has given us, and other additional thoughts. We’ll be going back to it repeatedly throughout the next year to tell the council why we did the research and exactly how to use the resources. You don’t need to go through all of it, but it’s an important tool,” stated Norris.

As they proceed further, Norris said they needed patience while they finalize

what incentive programs will look like, as well as commitment.

“As the city decides what resources to invest in on the city’s behalf, housing has to be among the top priorities in Red Oak. Our workers are committed to helping, and we need the council committed to prioritizing housing,” Norris commented.

The council also approved the re-appointment of Roger Vial to the Downtown Urban Renewal Board. Red Oak Mayor Shawna Silvius said Vial had agreed to re-appointment following discussions.

“Christie Vanderhom, myself, Roger Vial, and two other members of the DUR board met and discussed the ways we’d be working with the DUR Board moving forward. With those changes, Vial agreed to be reappointed to the board, and I anticipate he’ll continue on as chairman of that board. He’s very important to the board, and we’re grateful to have him back,” said Silvius.

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The Healthiest State Initiative has announced the finalists for the 2023 Healthiest State Annual Awards.

Communities, workplaces, individuals, youth, schools, early care sites, out-of-school programs, and health care providers will be recognized for their efforts to improve the physical, social and emotional well-being of Iowans. Montgomery County Memorial Hospital was named a finalist in the medium workplace category.

“This year’s finalists are inspiring examples of how to support Iowans where they live, learn, work and play,” said Jami Haberl, Healthiest State Initiative executive director. “We are proud to shine a light on their hard work to make sure every Iowan has the opportunity to live their healthiest

life.”

Winners of the Healthy Hometown SM Powered by Wellmark, Individual and Workplace categories will be announced at the 2023 Workplace Wellbeing Conference on April 20th. Winners of the K-12 School, Early Care, Out of School, Youth and Health Care categories will be announced at the 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count! Summit on Oct. 25.

Each winner will be awarded a monetary gift to continue their efforts. The 2023 Healthiest State Annual Awards are sponsored by Wellmark® Blue Cross® and Blue Shield®, HealthPartners UnityPoint Health, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Malvern Bank, Holmes Murphy, and the Iowa Medical Society.

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Board votes in favor of the IPEP merger with IGHCP

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The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has taken the first major step in switching to a new insurance provider for its employees.

On the March 7 agenda of the supervisors was to vote for or against the potential merger of the Iowa Public Employers Pool, or IPEP, and the Iowa Government Health Care Plan, or IGHCP which used Blue Cross/Blue Shield, a benefits trust for shared risk pooling among public employers in the state of Iowa. As one of the remaining members of the IPEP, the supervisors had the opportunity to weigh in and offer a vote on the merger.

Supervisor Mark Peterson said he participated in a recent meeting with other members of the IPEP trust, and the feelings about the merger idea were favorable.

“The members were all definitely in favor of moving forward, although several of them needed to consult with their own boards to allow them to weigh in with their own feelings about proceeding with the merger,” Peterson said.

Peterson added that he consulted with Tom Schuetz, senior partner of the Alera Group , to determine the status of deductibles and coinsurance and had positive news.

“It occurred to me that we were going to be switching insurance on July 1, and I feared the deductibles and coinsurance may start over. Thankfully, the answer is no, and the members will get a credit for the first six months of the year when making the switch,” commented Peterson. “With that in mind, and a premium decrease to begin with, I feel like we’re sitting in a pretty good position.”

In addition, Peterson said he had received praise from another

county entity about the effectiveness of the IGHCP trust.

“I spoke with the auditor in Pottawattamie County. They’ve been on it for years, and they are very happy with it. Currently, there are four or five other counties in the IGHCP trust, whereas we’re the only county still a part of if the IPEP trust. There are only six members left, and two of them are schools and the remaining three are cities. As has been stated before, joining this larger trust should spread the risk around a lot more,” Peterson explained.

At this point, Peterson said with the size of the trust they’d be merging with, there was no good reason to not proceed with the merger.

Olson asked if the county would be able to leave the trust if Blue Cross/Blue Shield turned out to be burdensome or problematic for the county’s employees; as in the case of some trusts, once you were a member, you couldn’t leave it. Peterson said he would consult with Schuetz for further information.

Robinson asked if the other members were unanimous in their feelings on the merger. Peterson said if a vote had been forced, he felt it would be unanimous, but they wanted to do things the right way.

While the trust had been beneficial in the past, Peterson felt the continued rise in premiums was the reason so many other entities had already left the trust.

Robinson felt that while they were getting a great rate to start, it could change, so the supervisors needed to be cautious.

“They can make the rates very appealing, and then suddenly that can change. However, at the present time, I don’t see any downsides. It will just take time to see how it works out. That’s the case with every insurance company,” Robinson stated.

The supervisors voted in favor of the IPEP merger with IGHCP Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield, effective July 1.

The supervisors also heard from county engineer Karen Albert,

who said the county was seeking input on its comprehensive plan.

“In order to gather as much input as possible for the comprehensive plan update, the county is asking residents to complete a community survey, drop suggestions on an interactive map, and create their own budget,” Albert said.

Albert said the link to the survey and the map had been uploaded to the website at swipco.mysocialpinpoint.com/live-montgomery-county, as well as other locations.

“In addition to the direct link, the survey has also been uploaded to the county’s website, montgomerycountya.gov. They can also scan a QR code posted in the auditor’s office, the bulletin board in the courthouse, or at the secondary roads office,” Albert explained. “Paper copies of the survey are also available at the auditor’s office and the secondary roads office.”

Albert said they were trying to get the word out, the information out, and provide the surveys in a number of locations and formats to get as much input as possible for the comprehensive plan update.

Finally, the supervisors approved a resolution approving the final plat of the Stanton Technology Park subdivision located in Frankfort Township.

Under the terms of the resolution the technology park had been presented for approval by the supervisors, and it included a recommendation from the Montgomery County Planning and Zoning Board for the final plat of land and all necessary supporting material required by the ordinance, and the project was found to comply with the zoning and subdivision ordinances of the county.

In other business, the supervisors:

- Approved the recorder’s report of fees for February 2023, in the amount of \$12,112.
- Approved the sheriff’s report of fees for February 2023 in the amount of \$9,928.

Mills County Master Gardeners hosting ‘Spring into Spring’ March 25

The Mills County Master Gardeners will be hosting the “Spring into Spring” Garden Symposium, Saturday, March 25, at The Lakin Center, located on the Mills County Fairgrounds at 61321 315th St., Malvern. This will be a full day of horticultural education for all gardeners and will feature five speakers.

Speakers include Max Miller, who will be giving a presentation on Bonsai. Miller will also be available all day doing bonsai demonstrations with participants.

Donna Brahms will talk about the importance of honey bees. She and her husband Mike own and operate 3 Bee Farms near Griswold.

Delton Lyden is the founder and co-owner of Equality Farm and Foods. Lyden prides himself on living sustainably, providing locally sourced high quality and chemical free goods, food education and demonstrating equality to all living organisms.

Laura Jesse Iles is an Extension Program Specialist IV and a director of the Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic at the Iowa State University. Her specialty is insects and plant diseases. She will speak

about invasive pest, including information on the new invasive Spotted Lanternfly.

Tim Inman is a Mills County Master Gardener. He has a vast knowledge of Horticultural practices. His presentation is on the “English Walled Gardens.” He will explain how he has incorporated this style into his own garden and give tips on this interesting gardening style.

Various vendors will be present throughout the day along with all day demonstrations on bonsai and milkweed seed balls. The conference begins with check-in at 8:15 am. The first speaker begins at 9 am, and the conference will conclude at 3 p.m. Refreshments and lunch are included.

Registration fee is \$30 on or before March 18; the day of the conference, the cost is \$35.

To register on-line go to: <https://go.iastate.edu/I46JNB> or contact Shirley D Miller at shirleym@iastate.edu or call the Mills County Extension Office at (712) 624-8616.

Rossander and Norris share ordinance opinions with board of supervisors

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors faced critical questions during public comment regarding the county’s proposed pipeline ordinance.

At the Feb. 28 meeting, the supervisors took no action on the first reading of the completed ordinance after hearing comments from board of adjustment chairman Rick Taylor, who advised the supervisors the ordinance stated conditional use permits for landowners didn’t require a public hearing, and could be approved at a regular board meeting.

Taylor went on to say that the board of adjustment did not have regular board meetings. He also stated he’d looked at a map to get a figure for the number of applications that might come before the board if the ordinance was passed, and according to the numbers, the board may have to review 27-30 special use permits for approval. Since the board was made up of volunteer appointees, Taylor felt that might be an intimidating job for the members. There were also other questions Taylor wanted addressed prior to the ordinance approval.

During the regular supervisors meeting March 7, the supervisors received comments from former planning and zoning commission member Vicki Rossander and rural Red Oak resident Jan Norris. Rossander was critical of the lack of participation of the board of adjustment in the ordinance drafting process.

“I asked several times over the past six months if it would be appropriate for board of adjustment members to be invited to attend the planning and zoning commission meeting, so they could hear the conversation and ask any questions. The question was rebuffed at every turn. Once again, the passage of the proposed pipeline ordinance is delayed, and now may be put in jeopardy,” Rossander said.

She also urged the supervisors to call on Ahlers & Cooney attorney Tim Whipple, who helped draft the current ordinance, stating that Whipple could have helped the conversation.

“Whipple was on the Zoom call and stated he was willing to address the concerns right then and there, but he was not called upon, which is further causing a delay in the passage of the ordinance,” Roosander stated.

Finally, Rossander said she didn’t feel there should be any discussion over how the ordinance may affect Summit Carbon Solutions.

“The ordinance is not about Summit. Summit is never mentioned in the ordinance. It’s about establishing a hazardous pipeline ordinance with the county that will help protect the citizens now and in the future. We’ve never asked for MidAmerican Energy for input when they pass a solar ordinance,” commented Rossander. “Summit shows up at these board meetings and the supervisors turn to them to answer questions when their own attorney sits on the phone and is ignored. When you passed the solar ordinance, you stated you trusted the planning and zoning commission to do the work,

and respected that decision. Why should this ordinance be any different?”

Rossander added the planning and zoning commission has once again done its work, and urged that the ordinance should be put on the schedule, and passed so it could start protecting Montgomery County.

Summit Carbon Solutions stated at the prior meeting it had secured 69% of the required easements for the pipeline project. Norris urged the supervisors not to assume that those who signed easements are in favor of the pipeline.

“Many of the people made a business decision. It’s hard to keep your resolve when so many dollar signs are being thrown around,” Norris said.

Like Rossander, Norris said she wished Whipple had been included more in the prior meeting, as he had information and could have provided answers, had he been asked rather than Summit. She felt that a deadline should be set for the next ordinance hearing.

“This process has already taken months. It was assured that it would be done by Thanksgiving of last year, and now it looks like it may not be passed before Easter. Ask the planning and zoning board, or the board of adjustment to come back by a certain day,” Norris advised. “The clock is ticking. If Montgomery County wants to participate in the October hearings with the Iowa Utilities Board, you’ll need to have the ordinance in place by July at best, but no later than October. You don’t have all the time in the world to get this done.”

Norris felt the ordinance gave the residents time to mitigate their risks, or get away from a potentially hazardous plume.

“Ask yourselves, if this pipeline was going through your neighborhood, would you have a different opinion? Many counties are passing these ordinances. Please consult with them about what they’re doing to make it happen. We are not alone. Please let’s protect Montgomery County,” Norris stated.

Last to speak was Rick Taylor, who said he had been involved in recent discussions over the proposed pipeline ordinance with zoning administrator Barry Byers.

“There are a few changes I requested to Byers, and Byers received a response from Tim Whipple and Whipple made some recommendations. I’m not sure the exact timeline, but it’s something that is going to have to come before this board, and it will have to make the ultimate decision on what you want the provisions to say,” Taylor said.

Still, Taylor said he was pleased to be allowed to have the opportunity to provide input, and suggested a potential joint meeting.

“I’m going to continue to visit with Byers about having a board of adjustment meeting so I can get the input of the rest of my members to discuss the ordinance and see if there was anything else they wanted to put into the ordinance before it comes to vote before the supervisors again,” Taylor commented.

No further discussion was held on the pipeline ordinance.



Winter’s icy grip

Winter is refusing to give up its icy grip heading into the third week of March. Wet heavy snow fell Thursday, March 9, and temps were struggling to get out of the 40s. Pictured is an IDOT plow removing slush off Highway 48 in Red Oak March 9. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)

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