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Jim Anderson smiles from his bunker during the Korean Conflict. Anderson, of rural Red Oak, would be severely wounded by shrapnel while serving on the front lines. (Photo provided)

Anderson barely survives Korean shrapnel wounds

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two part series on Montgomery County veteran Jim Anderson. The article will conclude in the March 23 edition.

Tess Nelson
 The Red Oak Express

Jim Anderson is lucky to be alive. Not only did he survive polio as a child and life-threatening shrapnel wounds during the Korean Conflict, he would later miraculously survive an automobile crash in Colorado.

Born in northern Minnesota near Brainerd, Anderson graduated from high school in June 1950. Following graduation, he and his parents moved to California to be closer to family.

"I was 18. I didn't know anybody and didn't know what to do, so I went to Oakland and enlisted in the Army," Anderson recalled.

Anderson completed indoctrination and swearing in at Fort Ord, followed by Camp Gordon, Ga., for basic training. He was also supposed to receive signal corps training, but instead they asked if he'd like to become a drill instructor.

"Every six weeks we'd get a new group of recruits. I enjoyed what I did," Anderson said.

After Thanksgiving, he received orders to transfer to San Luis Obispo, Calif., and was promoted to colonel. Anderson was thankful, as it was closer to his family. San Luis Obispo was a former Marine base from World War II where they were opening up a basic training camp. Anderson was to teaching first aid at the camp.

In addition to school to teach first aid, Anderson said he completed classes for projection school to run a projector; driving school to drive Army vehicles; and telephone installation and repair school.

"I was an instructor until September 1952 when I received orders for the Far Eastern Command. Before getting on the ship for overseas, we were sent to Camp Stoneman, in Pittsburgh, Calif., for processing. I was in the States for Thanksgiving and would be in Korea for Christmas."

Anderson boarded the USS Mann and said he started getting seasick even before the boat left the dock.

"Once on board, I found out they needed a projectionist, so I became a projectionist on the third or fourth deck, near the bottom where the boat didn't rock as much. I sat there and showed movies all day. It was the same movie over and over. After I saw it twice, I sat there and read a book while the movie was showing," Anderson recalled.

Having a job on board helped Anderson pass the time, until they hit the back end of the typhoon.

"It was rough! Even the seasoned crew got sick. I tried to be careful with what I ate, but it was a mess."

The ship eventually landed in Tokyo, where processing took place. Anderson boarded another ship to Inchon and then a train that went through Seoul.

"They didn't tell you where you were going until



Jim Anderson

you got there. I had been assigned headquarters company, third battalion. When I first got there, they didn't know what to do with me, but they needed a Jeep driver for the communications officer."

At the first of the year, Anderson's battalion was transferred closer to the front lines. He said since it was headquarters company, you weren't at the very front, but rather a mile or so back. He'd drive the communications officer to the front lines every day so he could check in with all the four forward companies and back to headquarters.

When the communications officer was transferred to the front lines, Anderson was reassigned to work a 24 line switchboard.

"I was inside where it was warm. We were living in bunkers up there on the front. We could see where the Chinese and North Koreans were, and they could see where we were on the 38th parallel."

In addition to his other duties, Anderson had to stand guard duty along with most everyone else in the camp. It was a two-hour shift on top of a hill, alone, in complete darkness.

"One night I was standing there, it was so dark you couldn't see your hand in front of your face. Back in a corner not far from where I was standing, Marines had thrown all their C ration cans in the dump there. I was standing there, listening to the rustling of the leaves, and suddenly a cat or rat ran through those tin cans, right behind me. Scared the life outta me," Anderson chuckled.

Orders came that anyone with an infantryman MOS, which Anderson had, was to serve on the front in order to get a combat infantry medal. When Anderson arrived, he was put to work burying telephone lines.

"This is February, the ground is frozen, and I'm out there with a pick and a shovel trying to get lines buried far enough we don't trip over them."

Because he is close to the front, Anderson is told to report to supply and grab a flak jacket, but he gets busy and forgets. He continues to dig ditches and bury lines the best he can.

"They came in to my barracks, woke me up and said I was wanted at headquarters. Over the past month there had been several little skirmishes over the valley between us and the Chinese and North Koreans. One of our squads had run into a firefight and we were supposed to set up a perimeter outside the front line so they could retreat. They called me up to be a radio operator, even though I had never

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MCMH sends medical supplies to Ukraine

Tess Nelson
 The Red Oak Express

"We can all make a difference in the lives of others in need, because it is the most simple of gestures that make the most significant of differences."

Miya Yamanouchi

Eight western Iowa hospitals, including Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak, are gathering and shipping medical supplies to the Ukraine to assist in humanitarian aid efforts.

The first shipment of supplies for the participating hospitals arrived at MCMH Friday, March 11. It will be picked up today and taken to O'Hare Airport in Chicago, flown to New York City, and transported to Europe, where it will trickle into the Ukraine to help refugees, first aid stations and hospitals. The supplies, the majority of them outdated, will get to the Ukraine through a 501c3, Nova Ukraine.

"Here at MCMH we are honored and humbled to help with this effort for the people of Ukraine. I am proud of my staff, and I'm grateful to the area hospitals for their tremendous effort stepping up to help coordinate gathering and shipping of the supplies," said MCMH CEO Ron Kloewer.

Participating hospitals include MCMH, Audubon County Memorial Hospital, Crawford County Memorial Hospital, St. Anthony Regional Hospital, Cass Health, Myrtue Medical Center, Spencer Hospital and Shenandoah Medical Center.

"It's heartbreaking what's happening in the Ukraine. People want to help, and this is one way our hospitals

in the Western Iowa Care System can help a really important cause," said Barry Jacobsen, CEO Myrtue Medical Center, Harlan. "We have outdated supplies regularly we can no longer use, but they can be used in a setting like the Ukraine. I'm very impressed with what everyone has done."

Red Oak resident, President of Northwest Consultants, and retired Major General Christopher P. Hughes and Kloewer are spearheading the project. Hughes explained that through his work, he has become familiar with Nova Ukraine. Nova Ukraine, a non-profit, helps the youth of the Ukraine connect with business in the United States to improve the quality of life for themselves and their country.

"As all of this manifested itself in December, because I do executive coaching for these companies and their workforce, I got to know quite a few Ukrainian youth. As the threat started to manifest itself, they started asking me for assistance," said Hughes.

Hughes said he was also being asked for help from the President of Nova Ukraine. First, Hughes helped Nova Ukraine purchase triage kits and aid station kits. It has since progressed to medical supplies that are 'outdated' by medical standards but are still perfectly good to use.

"I called Ron and asked him to help me with this. He said 'absolutely.' He didn't even hesitate," Hughes said.

Kloewer then contacted his fellow western Iowa hospital CEOs and the project took off immediately. He also offered MCMH as the staging location for supplies headed to the Ukraine.

To donate toward helping those in the Ukraine, Hughes suggest going to give.novaukraine.org/.



Major General Christopher P. Hughes (picking up box) and MCMH employees help unload a truck of medical supplies Friday, March 11, at MCMH. The supplies will be shipped to the Ukraine. More photos are on page 8A. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)



Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday, March 30th

Location:
 ROCSD Football Field/Fairgrounds Parking Lot

Distribution Time: 3:30pm

No line up before 2:00 p.m.

The mobile pantry is available to you
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Redrawn election precincts finalized by board

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors finalized its redrawn election precincts at the March 8 meeting.

A public hearing was held to allow for constituents to voice any concerns about the proposed precincts. No oral or written comments were received. The precincts were redrawn with slight changes after the initial precinct map, approved by the supervisors in December, 2021 was rejected in the legislature.

County Auditor Stephanie Burke said the slight modifications were deemed appropriate at the statehouse.

“We do have final approval from the Legislative Services Agency, and the Secretary of State has redrawn the supervisors districts, and the new ordinance for our election precincts corresponds, and we are finally ready to go,” Burke said.

The newly-redrawn map can be found online at montgomerycountytia.gov/auditors-office/election-voting-central/. Burke highlighted the minor changes required for approval.

“Precinct seven and five did change, but the supervisors district did not, only the precinct lines. As far as population-wise for each district, there were no changes. We did this mainly for voter’s convenience, in regards to polling place locations, which is yet to come,” Burke said.

Supervisors Chair Mark Peterson asked if that meant that the voters of precinct five would not be voting in Grant. Burke said that detail was yet to be determined.

The supervisors approved the first reading of the ordinance establishing election precinct boundaries, and approved waiving the second and third readings so the ordinance could be adopted.

“It’s kind of important to get this finalized as quickly as we can, because those of us



Montgomery County Supervisor Donna Robison and Montgomery County Auditor Stephanie Burke listen at the March 8 board meeting. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

that are running for re-election in 2022 need to know what our boundaries are,” Peterson explained.

Supervisor Donna Robinson was in agreement, and said it had been announced they were having a public hearing March 8, and no comments were received.

The supervisors then proceeded to approval of a resolution approving the Legislative Services Agency’s redistricting plan and report. The resolution was approved, and the five supervisors districts were adopted.

The final election-related business on the agenda was to approve an amended agreement between Montgomery County and the City of Red Oak for the combining of election precincts.

“We had to amend the agreement because the first proposed map did not pass, and thus, the first agreement we approved is no longer valid. This agreement will combine the unincorporated territories, and portions of the city in precincts one, two, and three, as those precincts involve portions of the city

of Red Oak. Once this is approved, it will be submitted to the Red Oak City Council for approval,” advised Burke.

The supervisors approved the amended agreement between Montgomery County and the City of Red Oak for the combining of election precincts.

In other business, the supervisors:

- Approved an actuarial services agreement between SilverStone Group, LLC, and Montgomery County.
- Approved the recorder’s report of fees for February 2022 in the amount of \$14,164.
- Approved the sheriff’s report of fees for February 2022 in the amount of \$44,482.
- Approved the treasurer’s ending fund balance for February 2022 in the amount of \$11,056,073.
- Approved a tax transfer from rural services basic to secondary roads, in the amount of \$40,822.
- Approved a tax transfer from general services basic to secondary roads, in the amount of \$2,347.

BBB offers tips on protection against identity theft

Scams are designed to either steal your money or steal your identity in order to steal your money later. Scammers have all kinds of techniques to collect personally identifiable information (PII). Once they have it, they can effectively become you, using your identity to open accounts, file taxes, or obtain medical coverage.

How identity theft scams work:

How do people steal your identity? With enough personal information, a scammer can pretend to be you and commit a wide range of crimes. They are capable of making false applications for loans and credit cards, withdrawing money from your bank account, or obtaining services in your name. They can also sell your information to others on the internet.

Identity theft may take a long time to detect. Scammers typically ensure that bills and statements for new accounts are not sent to your address. You may not notice what is happening until the scammer has already inflicted substantial damage on your assets, credit, and reputation.

If you believe you are a victim of identity theft, it is very important to act quickly. In the U.S., visit identitytheft.gov for information on how to stop and recover from identity theft. In Canada, the Anti-Fraud Centre has information on identity theft.

Tips to spot this type of scam:

Look for unexplained withdrawals, charges, and accounts. Review your bank account and credit card statements regularly. Look for unfamiliar charges, accounts, or withdrawals. Know when your bills are due; one tip-off for identity theft is when you stop receiving certain bills. This can happen

because scammers have changed the address associated with your bank account or credit card. If bills don’t arrive on time, follow up with your creditors. Debt collectors may call you about debts that aren’t yours. You can also set up automatic alerts on your accounts so you are notified every time a transaction is made.

Check your credit reports regularly for unauthorized inquiries and accounts. In the U.S., you have the right to check your credit report with each of the three major credit bureaus once per year at AnnualCreditReport.com. This is the only free crediting reporting service authorized by the Federal Trade Commission. Space these checks out across the year, and you will know fairly quickly if something is wrong. In Canada, the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada provides information on requesting a free credit report.

Protect Yourself Against This Scam:

Be careful with your personal information. Treat your personal information like the valuable commodity it is. Make sure you shred any documents that have your bank account information, Social Security/Social Insurance number, or other personal information. These include credit card applications, insurance forms, financial statements, health forms and billing statements from utilities and phone service. Cut up expired credit and debit cards, making sure to cut through the numbers, before you dispose of them.

Secure personal documents at home. If you have roommates, employ outside help or have contractors in your home, make sure personal documents are in a safe place – preferably under lock and key – and not

lying out in plain sight. Minimize personal information on checks. You don’t need to include your Social Security number, drivers license or phone number.

Be alert to phishing attempts. Scammers are sophisticated and their phishing attempts may come via email, text, social media message, even phone calls. Be suspicious of any unsolicited communication asking you for personal information. Whether it’s a supposed tech support call, an offer for a free cruise, or a charity plea, they may really be after your personal information. Click here for BBB’s tips on Phishing and on Tech Support Scams.

Protect Yourself Against Hackers:

- Use strong passwords or passphrases. Avoid using your birth date, child’s name or birth date, mother’s maiden name, the last four digits of your Social Security number, or really obvious ones like “123456” or “password.”
- Change your passwords frequently.
- Use different passwords for each online account or website.
- Be careful about the types of information you share online, especially if it is information that could be used to get past security questions on your accounts (things like your first car, first pet’s name, city where you were born).
- Shred outdated documents with personal information. While you should keep your tax returns forever, you should shred supporting documents for your tax returns after seven years. After one year, shred bank statements, pay stubs, and medical bills (unless you have an unresolved insurance dispute). Shred utility bills a month after they have been paid.

USDA announces ARP investment to benefit underserved farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today that it is accepting grant applications for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Technical Assistance Investment Program to provide historically underserved farmers, ranchers and forest landowners technical support in accessing USDA programs and services.

“This past year, the Biden-Harris Administration has taken bold and historic actions to level the playing field to ensure ALL Americans benefit from the many opportunities open to them,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “As part of USDA’s American Rescue Plan investments, we want to ensure that those who have been traditionally underserved by USDA have the same understanding and technical support needed to access USDA programs and services. This is one of many steps USDA is taking as we continue to break down

barriers and be more inclusive of all USDA customers.”

USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will provide, at a minimum, a \$25 million investment of American Rescue Plan funds, with awards normally ranging from \$500,000 to \$3.5 million for a five-year cooperative agreement. There is no anticipated overall maximum funding level. Applications are encouraged from partnerships and collaborations that are led by domestic nonprofit organizations and accredited public and nonprofit institutions of higher education with specialized expertise and a proven track record in working with underserved agricultural producers and/or the specific content for technical assistance. The deadline to submit applications is June 1.

Underserved communities of agricultural producers have not received the level of technical support that would benefit



the launch, growth, resilience and success of their agricultural enterprises. Without meaningful technical assistance, producers are more likely to operate smaller, lower-revenue farms, have weaker credit histories and may lack clear title to their agricultural land, which increases difficulty in securing loans to own or operate their businesses and to ensure the success and resiliency of their operations.

In addition, USDA has comparatively fewer programs directed to supporting specialty crop production, which is a popular crop production choice for many producers and existing programs may not always be well-matched to the needs

of small, diversified farms and ranches.

Common barriers experienced by small or underserved farms and ranches include challenges with accessing federal agricultural programs, including receiving information about available programs, difficulty navigating complex application processes, lack of standardization and transparency, limited knowledge of qualification requirements for all programs and complicated reporting requirements.

NIFA will hold an informational webinar to explain and answer questions about the application process. The webinar is open to interested potential applicants and will be held March 24 at 4 p.m. EDT. Register for the webinar at zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_bPVFID72QP09xw-M019yhdA.

The Request for Applications can be reviewed on Grants.gov.

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ANTONETTE “TONI” ROBERTS, 81


Antonette “Toni” Roberts, 81, Red Oak, passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Toni was born Nov. 14, 1940, in San Francisco, Calif., the daughter of Anthony and Lois (Litton) Jacklevich. Preceding her in death were her parents; and husband, Ray. Toni is survived by her children, Shirley Murphy of Hollister, Calif.; Alice Konecny of North Omaha, Neb.; and Dan Roberts and wife Angie of Stanton; and eight grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday, March 11, 2022, at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel. Burial was at the Mamre Cemetery at Stanton. Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

MILFORD FRIESEN, 83

Milford Eugene Friesen, 83, Red Oak, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital. Milford was born March 21, 1938, in Henderson, Neb., the son of Klaus and Bertha (Mierau) Friesen. Preceding him in death were his parents. Survivors include his wife, Jean Friesen of Red Oak; daughters, Susanah Friesen of Firth, Neb.; and Sally Stoakes of Stanton; and six grandchildren. A celebration of life visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday March 22, 2022, at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Red Oak Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.


MARY BRADEN, 97

Mary Louise Braden, 97, Red Oak, passed away Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society. She was born Sept. 17, 1924, on a farm near Adel, the daughter of Ed and Sue (Alumbaugh) Forester. She attended the same rural school as her father and later taught at the same school for two years. She attended Adel High School where she took Normal Training. After graduation, she taught for four years in Dallas County. She was united in marriage to Warren Braden in Columbia, S.C. on Nov. 5, 1944. When Warren returned from his military service, they moved to Red Oak where Warren worked several jobs before taking over his father’s business, Braden and Sons Repair. Mary also taught five more years in rural schools near Red Oak. Mary was a longtime member of First Christian Church, American Legion Auxiliary and the VFW Auxiliary. Preceding her in death were her parents; her half-sister, Leola; and her husband of 64 years, Warren Braden on Dec. 2, 2008. Her survivors include her daughter, Sue Miller; and her children, Shannon Richards (Jack), Kim Sunderman (Kurt), Elizabeth Davison (Ty), Jessie Montgomery (Christine), Holly Miller, and Joseph Miller; her son, Kevin Braden and his wife Jan and their two sons, Michael Braden (Rachael) and Matthew Braden (Meaghan); 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2022, at First Christian Church. Interment of the cremated remains will be in the Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to First Christian Church or the Red Oak Public Library. Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.




DOROTHY SCHRAGE, 101

Dorothy Schrage, 101, Red Oak, passed away, Monday, March 7, 2022, at the Arlington Place in Red Oak. Memorial services are pending at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel.



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

- Jessica and Jose Moya to Perla Hernandez, Red Oak Northeast Addition Blk 87 Lt 4.
- Nobis, LLC, Thomas Baker, Member, and Susan Baker, Member, to JL Equity Group, LLC, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 14 Lts 1-2.
- Lawrence Peterson, Martha Peterson, Carrol Peterson, and Lois Peterson to Kyle Olson, 25-73-38.
- Ronald and Stacey Von Dielingen to Tammy Jones, Red Oak Willard’s Addition Lt 15.

CONTRACT

- Audie Rainey to Shauntel Negrete, Member, Jenna Johnson, Member, and Xavier Landon LLC, Red Oak.

TRUSTEE’S DEED

- Lucille Bailey, Trustee, and Lucille M. Bailey Revocable Living Trust, to Bailey Heritage Farms LLC, 14-71-38, 24-72-38.
- Lucille Bailey, Member, Lucille Bailey, Trustee, and Darwin Bailey Revocable Living Trust to Bailey Heritage Farms, LLC, 21071-38.

COURT OFFICER’S DEED

- David Gohlinghorst Estate and Donald Gohlinghorst, Executor, to Phillip Gohlinghorst, 7-71-38, 6-71-38.
- David Gohlinghorst Estate, and Donald Gohlinghorst, Executor, to Chad Vanderhoof, 11-71-39 Parcel A.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Oak Valley Animal Health vs. Holly Rider, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$341.55 with 3.13% interest from Feb. 9, plus costs.

ARRESTS

- Filed March 8, Kevin Jungers, 34, Bridgewater, driving under suspension, \$491.25 bond.
- Filed March 10, Dyllan Hansen, 20, Red Oak, domestic abuse assault first offense, held on no bond.

CRIMINAL

- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Amanda Williams, 29, Red Oak, harassment second degree, pled guilty, \$430 fine, time served.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Christopher Mattingly, 42, Red Oak, domestic abuse assault, third or subsequent offense.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Jared Meisinger, 29, Corning, burglary third degree.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Garret Horgdal, 38, Henderson, controlled substance violation.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs.

TRAFFIC

- Destynie Saldan, Red Oak, speeding.
- Timothy Tannehill, Columbus, Neb., failure to maintain or use safety belts.
- Michael Lydon, Shenandoah, speeding.

ACCIDENTS

- On March 7, at 2:22 p.m., Red Oak Police officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 8th and Summit streets. James Luna, 76, Red Oak, driving a 2009 GMC Sierra 1500 pick up, was traveling east on Summit St. Gary Collins, 64, Red Oak, driving a 2005 Honda Odyssey van, was traveling west on Summit St., and both vehicles were approaching the intersection with 8th Street. The Collins vehicle turned left in front of the Luna vehicle, and was struck. There was about \$1,500 damage to the Luna vehicle, and about \$1,000 damage to the Collins vehicle. No citations were issued.

MORTGAGE

- Perla Hernandez to Bank of the West, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., and MERS, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Blk 87 Lt 4.
- JL Equity Group LLC, Larry Mulder, Member, and Jamie Mulder, Member, to Security National Bank of Omaha, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 14 Lts 1-2.
- Richard and Susan Coder to Pinnacle Bank, 27-71-39.
- Kyle Olson to Bank Iowa, 25-73-38.
- Michael and Linda Mahoney to Farm Credit Services of America, 16-72-39.
- Chris and Christine Vanderholm to Bank Iowa, 34-71-37.

David Gohlinghorst Estate, and Donald Gohlinghorst, Executor, to Chad Vanderhoof, 14-71-39.

Mary Ann Vanderholm Estate, Chris Vanderholm, Executor, and Paul Vanderholm, Executor to Paul Vanderholm, 33-71-37, 35-71-37.

Mary Ann Vanderholm, Chris Vanderholm, and Paul Vanderholm, to Chris and Christine Vanderholm, 34-71-37.



Front, from left: Stef Medina, Gannon Sallach, Grace Goldapp, and Michelle Grass. Back: Josie Rengstorf, Grayson Hewett, Tessa Rolenc, and Griffin Eubank. Not pictured: Aedynn Graham. (Submitted photo)

ROCHS Individual State Speech results

Laura Horn
ROCHS Speech Coach

The Red Oak Individual Speech Team competed at ADM Saturday, March 12, in the Individual State Speech meet. We took nine students in 13 events and the kids did such a fabulous job.

Receiving straight Is:

- Gannon Sallach - Expository
- Griffin Eubank - Improv
- Grace Goldapp - After Dinner Speaking

Receiving mixed Is (two judges gave them a I rating and one judge gave them a I rating):

- Tessa Rolenc - Prose
- Aedynn Graham - Storytelling

Receiving straight IIs:

- Josie Rengstorf - Solo Musical Theatre

Receiving mixed IIs (two judges gave them a II rating and one judge gave them a I rating):

- Michelle Grass - Lit Program and Prose
- Grayson Hewett - Storytelling
- Stef Medina - Poetry

Ms. Mangold and I are so very proud of these kids. They have worked hard all season long and the majority had their best performance today at State. We can't ask for more than that!

All-State nominations had not yet been announced as of press time.

News Tip?

Call 712-623-2566 or email news@redoakexpress.com.

Yard and Garden: Diagnosing houseplant problems

From ISU Extension

Growing houseplants is a rewarding hobby that yields beautiful results. But when houseplant problems arise, it can be difficult to determine what to do to fix the issue. In this week’s Yard and Garden column, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulture specialists answer questions on how to address common issues seen on houseplants.

Why does my houseplant have brown leaf tips and edges?

Brown leaf tips or edges can happen on any indoor plant but are common on some species like spider plant and dracaena. The most likely cause is low humidity. The humidity levels in homes are often low, especially during the winter months. Raise humidity levels by using a humidifier, pebble tray, terrarium, or by grouping plants together to allow their collective foliage to hold in more humidity.

Inconsistent watering, in particular allowing plants to dry out too long between waterings, will cause leaf edges and tips to turn brown. Excess salts can build up in the soil when too much fertilizer is applied, which can also lead to brown leaf tips. Water and fertilize appropriately to prevent further browning.

Too much chlorine and other chemicals in the water, such as fluoride, can cause brown leaf tips, especially over an extended period of time on sensitive species like spider plant, dracaena, prayer plant and calathea. Use a different water source if this issue is suspected.

Trimming the brown portions off the leaves with a pair of scissors can improve appearance, but new browning will occur if the root cause is not addressed.

What causes leaves on my houseplant to turn yellow or brown and drop off?

Yellowing, browning and dropping of leaves is one of the most vague and difficult symptoms to deal with because it can be caused by a wide variety of issues. Many of the problems seen in houseplants are not caused by just one factor; they are the result of several factors coming together. It is important to investigate all potential causes and take corrective action to ensure the issue is fully resolved.

Improper environmental conditions are the leading issue that causes leaf drop. Be sure temperatures are not extreme. If plants were not protected from cold in transport or experience blasts of cold or warm air from doors, windows or air ducts, leaves are likely to yellow and drop. Check watering practices, as over- and under-watering can lead to these symptoms. Plants that are under-fertilized will often develop yellow leaves. Low humidity will cause the browning and eventual drop of leaves. Light levels that are too high or too low, as well as a sudden change in light intensity, will cause leaf drop. Always change light intensity levels gradually when moving plants to new locations.

Why is my houseplant wilting?

Wilting is the result of roots not being able to provide adequate moisture to the leaves and stems. It can be caused by two completely opposite reasons, either under-watering or over-watering, which can make it difficult to diagnose and solve. First, check for dry soil conditions. If the root ball is dry too long or dries out very quickly, roots do not have access to water and plants wilt. Water more frequently and thoroughly, making sure the entire root ball is wetted. If the container is too small and plants are rootbound, repot in a larger container.

If soil conditions are too wet, especially over an extended period of time, roots begin to rot and die. With fewer roots, the stems and leaves do not have access to enough water, and they wilt. Always let the soil dry thoroughly between waterings. Check for water on a regular basis and only water when the soil is dry to the touch an inch or two down. Make sure the container has a drainage hole and that saucers and outer pots and sleeves are not allowed to hold water. If the soil is old and broken down becoming more compacted, it will hold more water, leading to potential rot. If this is the case, repot in fresh, well-drained soil.

What is this sticky substance all over the table, floor, and lower leaves of my houseplant?

Honeydew is a sticky, sugar-rich substance produced by insects that suck sap from plant leaves and stems. This excretion often coats lower leaves, tables and floors and when severe, may promote the growth of black sooty mold.

Several common insect pests produce honeydew on indoor plants including scale, mealybug and aphids. Inspect leaves and stems for scale insects, which look like small bumps or scales clustered along stems and on the undersides of leaves. If cottony, white masses are found clustered along leaf axils or on the undersides of leaves, then plants are infested with mealybug. Aphids are small, soft-bodied insects, often green, brown, or reddish in color and found clustered on growing points, underneath leaves, along stems and on flower buds.

Control of these insects can be difficult. Start with a good rinse or wipe-down using a damp cloth to remove honeydew and sooty mold, and dislodge insects like aphids and mealybug. Scale and mealybug can be physically removed with a thumb-nail or dabbed away with a cotton swab dipped in rubbing alcohol when infestations are small. Prune out heavily infested leaves and stems. Consider the use of an insecticide such as insecticidal soap, neem oil, horticultural oil or pyrethrin. Check the label to be sure both the plant species and the pest insect are listed and always follow label directions. Multiple, thorough applications of insecticide on a weekly basis for four to six weeks will be needed for complete control. If plants are heavily infested, it may be better to discard the plant before other houseplants are affected.



Stronger the Press, Stronger the People

THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

When fast food really was

On a warm day last summer a young couple stood in the entry of the former depot restaurant and looked around.

I invited them in for a tour. She said it was so small they could see it all from there, he quipped that this would have been a good location for McDonald's, and they turned back toward the lobby.

Sam Payne might have said McDonald's wasn't nearly fast enough for this place, and he could have told them much more.

In October of 1902, The Red Oak Republican carried an article about early stages of construction at the new depot.

The editor had fretted during the planning process, fearing CB&Q would erect another ordinary wood frame building, but now progress could be seen on a brick structure with architectural quality the paper deemed compatible with the courthouse and other fine city landmarks.

A sewer line to the river was being dug; a ditch 4,100 feet long at a cost of \$1,900.

It would send a steady stream of stuff down the Nish, as the depot was one of the busiest places in town.

A 1901 news item disclosed that during the last full year of operation the old depot collected \$70,000 in passenger revenue. This is about \$2,200,000 today and represents a lot of passengers.

It does not include those who bought tickets elsewhere; either with a destination of Red Oak or those who hopped off for a quick lunch



locals who became regulars at the "lunch room."

Depot eateries had a history of being dives at which passengers were overcharged for a stale sandwich or soup that was watered down and reheated with every approaching train, but that was changing.

By 1900 an entrepreneur named Fred Harvey had done much to provide first-class food and service along the Santa Fe line, and others were catching up.

The CB&Q sought a restaurant equal to the quality of the building, contracting with Sam Payne to manage the dining facility.

Payne offered a good deal more than left-over soup. In July of 1902, with the depot months away from completion, Payne told our paper he'd be serving complete meals; "the best of any CB&Q depot west of Chicago."

He was not just talking. Payne established himself while managing the Depot Hotel and

and flush, and neither does it include railroad employees, freight revenue, delivery services or a regular group which spent leisure time sitting on benches to watch people and the impressive sight of massive, smoke billowing steam engines.

All these numbers increased with the new depot, plus there were locals who became regulars at the "lunch room."

Restaurant, located on the original line.

He moved up to the classier Johnson when the depot relocated, better positioning his operation for the long term (the Bluegrass Road would soon pass by his lobby), but he wanted to attract overnight railroad travelers as well.

Although he offered an inexpensive meal, and gave a lot of them away, he catered to the gourmet palate by offering a wide variety of dishes that reflected Payne's eclectic taste and background.

In season he served Blue Point oysters from Long Island and Connecticut, roast Canvasback duck taken from Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay area, where a diet of wild celery made Canvasbacks the tastiest of waterfowl.

Multi-course dinners often included fruit and nuts from the west coast, Saratoga chips (a Saratoga Springs, N.Y., specialty) and Payne's version of Roman punch; a champagne and sorbet cocktail said to settle the system in preparation for courses yet to come.

The depot presented a different challenge. Passengers might have only a few minutes so service had to be consistently fast.

Payne's staff put out the basic roast beef, chicken and biscuits or ham sandwich, and newspapers tell us they became a textbook of efficiency.

They knew the train schedule, knew how many were aboard and were ready when the train approached.

A 1905 news item reported that in July, train #6 made a short noon stop to discharge a few passengers and handle necessary baggage.

Letters to the Editor

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

While this was taking place 150 meals were served in 20 minutes in a dining room that might squeeze in 25. There were outdoor benches and lunches to go, and all were back on board when #6 pulled out.

Payne was born in New Jersey in 1861, worked in New York City before coming west.

He was the ideal hotelier, more concerned with his guests than his profit; an innovator with lively wit who constantly invested to improve his hotel and his city.

He suffered a stroke in 1915 and his son, Archer, who had previously worked in the operation, became proprietor.

Sam and his wife, the former Anna Evans of Hastings, Neb., continued to live in an apartment in the hotel. He died there in 1919, and his funeral was held in the parlors of a hotel that was also his home.

The hotel, originally opened in 1880, grew to 80 rooms and added a beauty parlor, barber shop, bus stop, 24-hour telephone switchboard and other amenities during the 63 years it was in the Payne family.

It was sold and razed at a time when use of the depot for passenger service was all but over, and the river-to-river Bluegrass Road was just a memory.

Roy Marshall is a local historian and columnist for the Red Oak Express. He can be contacted at news@redoakexpress.com.

FROM THE CAPITOL | U.S. REP. CINDY AXNE

Axne helps secure federal funding

I'm happy to share I've made progress in securing federal dollars Iowans need.

In early February, I joined the entire Iowa congressional delegation in writing a letter to President Joe Biden to ask him to approve Governor Kim Reynolds' request for a major disaster declaration following severe storms that rolled through the state on Dec. 15, 2021.

The declaration enables federal funds to supplement state and local recovery efforts in 25 Iowa Counties, including several here in Iowa's Third District. President Biden recently approved that request, which will help Iowans rebuild their communities faster with the help of federal funds.

I was also able to help Polk County secure \$35 million it needed in rental assistance funds so the county can continue taking applications from residents who need access to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

I had previously written a letter to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, explaining that Impact Community Action Partnership, a Des Moines-based nonprofit that has helped more than 7,500 households using the Emergency Rental Assistance Program had stopped taking applications because the U.S. Treasury needed to approve a transfer of money between the State of Iowa and Polk County.

The U.S. Treasury approved the transfer of funds in February and Impact Community Action has resumed taking rental assistance applications and their important work of keeping families in their homes. With that money secured, I'm now focused on ensuring Iowa's law enforcement agencies have the money they need to keep our communities protected.

Last week, I joined police chiefs from Altoona, Ankeny and Newton and Polk County Sheriff Kevin Schneider to announce my new legislation that would bring more federal resources to rural and suburban police departments to help with training, staffing retention, recruitment, and operations.

The legislation, called the Invest to Protect Act would establish a grant program for local police departments with fewer than 200 police officers, which would include all but the very largest law enforcement departments in Iowa. This is important because in 2021 Iowa's law enforcement

departments received only nine COPS grants, while California received 41 and roughly 350% more funding than Iowa overall.

It is unfair Iowa's law enforcement agencies are being overlooked just because they have fewer officers. In Congress, I'm outnumbered by my colleagues from New York and California and I know what it's like to have to be a lone voice speaking up against 10 others.

Our law enforcement personnel need training to keep themselves and the public safe and they deserve to be compensated for the risk they take while serve their communities every day. I'm proud to be able to take issues like these to Washington and be able to deliver tangible results, but to do so I need to talk to as many folks here in Iowa's Third District as possible. That's why I visited several counties and towns across central and southwest Iowa last week.

I visited with business owners in Bedford who have been able to navigate the pandemic and supply chain disruptions and not only keep their doors open but build beautiful businesses in rural Iowa.

I spoke with the police chief in Creston about what he'd like to see included in my Invest to Protect Act, and with city officials and business leaders in Mount Ayr about what types of funding they could receive from the bipartisan infrastructure law. In Atlantic, I hosted my 75th Connect With Your Congresswoman town hall since I was sworn into Congress in 2019. There, we talked about my work lowering prices for Iowa's families, what can be done to combat climate change, and how Cass County will benefit from the nearly \$5 billion Iowa is expected to receive through the bipartisan infrastructure law that I voted for.

I always enjoy talking about how Iowans can benefit from the work my colleagues and I are doing in Congress, and I collected several more ideas on what I can do to ensure small business owners can make ends meet, to help families feel more financially secure and to make sure federal dollars reach all corners of the Third District.

Cindy Axne is currently serving in her second term representing Iowa's Third District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Contact Rep. Cindy Axne at <https://axne.house.gov/contact/email-me>.

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Recent events in the Iowa House

The next phase of the 2022 legislative session began this week as the first of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget bills were released and subcommittees started taking action on the proposed spending plans.

Leading the way is the Justice Systems Budget subcommittee, which has released its proposals for both the Judicial Branch and the Justice Systems budgets for next fiscal year.

The Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee will also take action on the FY 23 Transportation budget bill. That bill mirrors the proposal unveiled by Governor Reynolds to spend \$410.7 million on the operations of the Department of Transportation and an additional \$14.3 million for capital projects.

The remaining budget bills will begin moving through the subcommittee process over the next week, and consideration by the House Appropriations Committee following closely. These steps have signaled that it is budget time at the Iowa State Capitol.

House Ag Panel Approves Personal Use Slaughter Exemptions

On Wednesday, March 9, the Iowa House Agriculture Committee approved SF 2245. This bill proposes to create an explicit personal use exception to the licensing provisions in the Iowa Meat and Poultry Inspection Act based on two such exemptions in the federal Acts regarding the inspections of meat animals.

This legislation would clarify that a person could slaughter their own livestock for personal use (including non-paying guests and nonpaying employees) without being inspected or paying meat slaughter/processing license fee. Meat slaughtered in this manner may not be sold to another person. The reason for this legislation comes about as federal and state regulations on food processing ramp up. Because of the discussions between federal and delegated state regulations, differences can arise such as whether it is legal to 'home' slaughter animals for human consumption.

Federal law explicitly allows personal use slaughter as long as the meat is not sold and is consumed by the owner and processor of the livestock. This legislation would clarify that right to Iowa farmers and households.



Curriculum Transparency Next Up In Iowa House

Transparency is always a better option than secrecy. Openness is always preferable to concealment, especially when it comes to K-12 curricula. Iowans are tired of politicians who tell parents they should sit down, be silent, and let government control their kids' education and future.

The ultimate goal of curriculum transparency legislation is to provide families with a tool for accountability. Curriculum transparency battles politics in the classroom from both the left and the right and keeps the culture wars out of the classroom. It lets kids be kids and lets teachers be teachers.

Good teachers will have no problem sharing their lessons and materials while working with parents. Ideologically motivated teachers and administrators, on the other hand, will be exposed to parental oversight. That is how good government is supposed to work.

Transparency presents teachers and administrators in our public schools the opportunity to reinforce the great job they are doing to educate our next generation, I feel it can be a positive reinforcement to help dispel the feeling by some that public K-12 schools (especially in rural Iowa) are trying to indoctrinate our students with liberal bias.

It was my pleasure to visit with Sheriff Rob Haley and Auditor Amanda Waske of Ringgold County, at the capitol this week!

I always welcome your thoughts and opinions. You can email me anytime.

Cecil Dolecheck is currently serving as District 24 representative in the Iowa House of Representatives. Contact Dolecheck at cecil.dolecheck@legis.iowa.gov.

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Community Calendar

17 March

8 a.m. to noon: Leadership Red Oak, Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association
Noon: SCORE webinar, “Three Tax Saving Secrets Every Company Needs to Know Today.” Go to omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242 for more information and registration.
12:30 p.m. Bingo, Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn 402-926-8683 for more information.
4 p.m., Community Prayer Time, Fountain Square Park. Call Bonnie at 623-4759.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

18 March

10:15 a.m., Storytime, Red Oak Public Library, “Green,” 400 N. 2nd St.
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.
5:30 p.m., Business After Hours, Agrivision Equipment Group, 2405 N. 4th St. Appetizers provided.
7 p.m., “Moonfall,” theatre #1; “Marry Me,” theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

19 March

9 a.m to 2 p.m., Arts and crafts show, Villisca Middle School gymnasium, 406 E. 3rd St..
7 p.m., “Moonfall,” theatre #1; “Marry Me,” theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

20 March

2 and 7 p.m., “Moonfall,” theatre #1; “Marry Me,” theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

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

21 March

12:30 p.m. Bingo, Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn 402-926-8683 for more information.
5:30 p.m., Red Oak City Council meeting, Red Oak Fire Station, or via Zoom.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

22 March

8:30 a.m., Montgomery County Supervisors, North Meeting Room in Courthouse basement, open to public, or via Zoom, if possible.
Noon, Rotary Club meeting. For location, go to https://rotarydistrict5650.org/clubinfol-red-oak.

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

6 p.m., Ag Appreciation Dinner featuring Sen. Tom Shipley, Gold Fair Building, 1809 N. 4th St. Free admission. RSVP by March 18 to 623-4821.

23 March

2-5 p.m., Christ’s Cupboard Food Pantry and Clothing Cupboard, 206 E. Coolbaugh St. Donations accepted 1-5 p.m. at back door.
5:30 p.m., Business Promotions Group meeting at the Firehouse Restaurant, 310 E. Washington Ave.

Cross That River performed at WPAC March

It was the first few days of the new school year in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, when Allan Harris walked to the front of his fifth grade classroom. He read his essay about how he had spent his summer: riding horses on his grandfather’s 600-acre ranch in Pennsylvania.

The year was 1966. His classmates laughed; the nun teaching the class stopped him. “She told me to go down to the principal’s office for lying,” Mr. Harris, now 63 years old, recalled. “I was admonished by my teachers and peers alike — they would say, ‘No, a cowboy can’t be black.’” The contribution of black people to the taming of the American West has long been whitewashed from history. From Hollywood depictions to textbooks, black

people — who made up a quarter of all cowboys — have been largely erased from the frontier narrative. For Harris, a jazz musician and composer who is originally from Brooklyn and whose extended family were cattle ranchers, the omission felt personal. That early experience at St. Matthew Catholic elementary school led Mr. Harris to create “Cross That River,” his blues-and-jazz-inflected musical that dramatizes the story of one black cowboy. Harris created the show in 1999. The West was integrated compared to places east of the Appalachian Mountains from which many black people had fled. In the untamed West, life was simply too hard to keep up such barriers.

But the number of black cow-

boys in the city has dwindled since its heyday in the 1980s, when New York was home to the Black World Championship Rodeo, a festival of bucking horses and steer roping. The event took place in both Harlem, at Col. Charles Young Park and at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn. In 2016, the Federation of Black Cowboys a group dedicated to teaching cowboy history, lost the stable it had run since 1994 in Howard Beach, Queens. Today, staking their claim in the American story has become more essential than even riding.

Patrons are invited to attend “Cross That River,” March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the WPAC. Tickets are \$25 for adults, and \$20 for students.

‘Blithe Spirit’ this weekend

The Mills Masquers will present the Noel Coward farce “Blithe Spirit” March 12-20 at the Barton-Rowe Theater north of Glenwood.

This much-revived classic offers up fussy, cantankerous novelist Charles Condomine, remarried but haunted (literally) by the ghost of his late first wife, the clever and insistent Elvira who is called up by a visiting “happy medium,” one Madame Arcati.

Cast members include Don Vinkenber, Nancy Wright, and Rita McKinney.

Show dates and times are Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m.

‘Cup of Cheer’ at Red Oak Library

The Red Oak Public Library is announcing a new program for patrons to take part in.

According to library director Kathi Most, each year the library receives funding from the state to improve library services and enrich the lives of our patrons.

This year part of that funding is being used to offer our patrons a new service which they call “A Cup of Cheer.”

“We now have Keurig machines and pods for the public to enjoy. While visiting the

library, you can enjoy a cup of coffee, hot chocolate or apple cider. We would love to see you come to the library and enjoy a cup of cheer with us,” said Most.

Suggested books for patrons to select are: Black Coffee by Agatha Christie; Coffee With Mom by Mike Glenn; Cider Brook by Carla Neggers; Sweet & Hard Cider-Making It, Using It, & Enjoying It by Annie Proulx.

Regional bags competition in Farragut

An Omaha Area Regional bags competition is taking place March 25-26 at The Waterfalls Wedding Venue in Farragut. Categories are intermediate singles, competitive singles, advanced singles, intermediate doubles, competitive doubles and advanced doubles. Go to iowabagtoss.org/ or Southwest Iowa Bags League on Facebook for more information.

Two area craft shows this weekend

Two craft shows take place this weekend, one in Red Oak and one in Villisca.

The first craft show is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 at the Villisca Middle School gymnasium, 406 E. 3rd St.

The event will feature many new crafters selling goods. For more information, contact Pat Means at 826-5022, or Julia Williams at 826-5762.

From 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, the This and That vendor and craft show will be held at the White Fair Building, 1809 N. 4th St., Red Oak.



In addition to numerous crafters and goods, the event will feature food and drinks from various food trucks, Girl Scout cookies, and baked goods.

Admission for the craft show is free.

Card Shower

BLACKBURN 90TH BIRTHDAY

Jean Blackburn will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, March 20.

In honor of the occasion, a card shower has been requested by her family.

Send cards to her at Room 154 c/o Cedar Ridge Village, 8950 Coachlight Dr. West Des Moines, IA 50266.



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
Stan and Joan Sibley – March 23

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.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays this week are:

Cletis Haynie – March 17
Mike Liford – March 17
Hannah Williams – March 19
Laura Anderson – March 20
Sylvia Schaaf – March 21
Kathy Harris – March 23
Bob Lee – March 23

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

Senior Menu

Thursday, March 17: Corned beef and cabbage, roasted baby red potatoes, rye bread slice, lime gelatin cake, milk/coffee.

Friday, March 18: Breaded pollock fillets, cheesy potatoes, savory sliced carrots, hamburger bun, fresh

seasonal fruit, milk/coffee.

Monday, March 21: Baked chicken breast with tomato basil sauce, baked potato, mixed vegetables, wheat bread slice, cinnamon sugar cookie, milk/coffee.

Tuesday, March 22: Beef gou-

lash with egg noodles, glazed carrots, tossed salad with choice of dressing, garlic bread stick, fudge brownie, milk/coffee.

Wednesday, March. 23: Turkey breast with turkey gravy, whipped sweet potatoes, green beans, wheat

roll, mandarin oranges, 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 Eze Venantius Umunnakwe,

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, 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, Rev. David MacDonald, Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for kindergarten-adults, 10:45 a.m..Wednesday activities: JUMP, Pre-K grade 4, 4-5:20 p.m. or 6-7:20 p.m. SHOUT, grades 5-6, 4-5:30 p.m. EXIT, grades 7-12, 7-8:30 p.m. **Online:** 9 a.m. on KCSI, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Facebook, also Youtube/Red Oak Faith Community Church.

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.

Nishna Church Of Christ, Hwy. 48 North, Red Oak, Teaching Pastor: Kelvin Jones, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 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., evening service 4 p.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.

Mammelund Lutheran, 410 Eastern Ave., Stanton, Rev. Eric Kutzi, Sunday School and Confirmation, 9:15 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. **Online:** 9:30 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

Hope For Life Christian Church, 300 Oak St., 623-6072, Bill Frey, Pastor, Sunday School, children and adults, 9 a.m., Worship, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday, Daytime - Ladies Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Night - Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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, RR 2, Red Oak, HR Dr. Keith Cook, Worship and Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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. Dr. Eric Sayonkon, Worship, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Youth group Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m., grades 6-12, snack is served. **Online:** 10:30 a.m. fumcro.org; click on the media tab to see previously recorded services.
Wesley Chapel UMC, Rev. Carl Phillips, Worship, 8:45 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Red Oak Circuit, Linda Westerhold; Hawthorne, 1248 210th St., Red Oak, Worship, 10 a.m.; Stratton, 1695 150th St., Red Oak, Worship, 11:15 a.m. **Online:** 11:15 a.m. live on Facebook.

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

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

Grant United Methodist, Rev. Jenn Van Nostrand, Worship services, 9 a.m. **Online:** 9 a.m. live on Facebook

United Methodist, 203 S. 3rd Ave., Villisca, Rev. Jessica Jacobsen, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. **Online:** 10:30 a.m. live on Facebook.

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

United Church Of Christ

First Congregational, 608 Reed St., Red Oak, Pastor Jenny Folmar, Sunday Worship, noon., Outdoors if weather permits, otherwise in the chapel. If outdoors, bring your own lawn chair.

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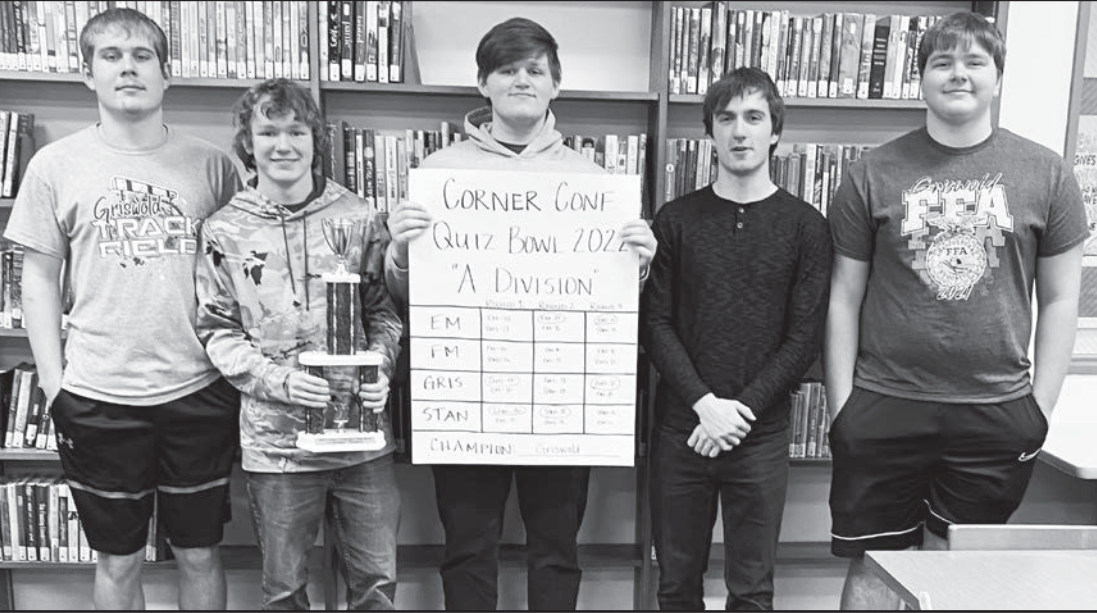
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Stanton hosts East Mills, Griswold for Quiz Bowl competition March 9



Stanton School hosted East Mills, Fremont-Mills, and Griswold in the Corner Conference Quiz Bowl on Wednesday, March 9. The Griswold A and B teams swept the competition, earning trophies in each category. Griswold A team champions were, from left: Alex Hartman, Mike Kunze, Zach Weathey, Adam Houser, and Brayden Stirek. (Charm Carpenter/The Red Oak Express)



Griswold B team champions were, from left: Jayson Davis, Grant Rogers, Grant Adams, and Jeremy Sheeder. (Charm Carpenter/The Red Oak Express)



Students attending the District FFA Convention included, front row, from left: Dacey Henneman, Stephanie Bair, Jayden Schwery, Zooeey Allen and Ella Peterson. Back row, from left: John Peterson, and Clark Spencer. (Photos submitted)

Stanton FFA at District Convention

The Southwest District FFA Convention was held in Carroll on March 5, and a number of Stanton FFA members participated. Among those receiving awards were:

- Arc Welding: John Peterson, third place, gold.
- Chapter Website: Dacey Henneman, silver.

The Chapter Website event is provided to encourage the development of a website to promote the local FFA chapter. It is designed to stimulate the technological implementation of computer skills and webpage design. Henneman created a website for the Stanton FFA Chapter and presented her work.

- Experience the Action Team: Jayden Schwery, Zooeey Allen, Clark Spencer, Ella Peterson, and Stephanie Bair, silver.
- The Experience the Action event is designed to emphasize the major exciting aspects of Agricultural Education and the FFA. Students work together to develop enthusiastic presentations or skits, which market Ag Ed/FFA. The main purpose is to motivate students to enroll in Ag Ed programs and become FFA members.
- Greenhand Quiz: Clark Spencer, gold; Ella Peterson, gold; Caden Sallach, gold; James McDonald, silver; and Adam Benson, silver.

The Greenhand Quiz is an event that is only open to ninth grade students. It tests their overall knowledge of the FFA, FFA Officers, and FFA history.

- Academic Achievement Award: Ashley Henneman and Allie Sandin.

The Academic Achievement Award is given to students who are currently seniors, have been enrolled in an Agricultural Education class for at least three years, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Ashley Henneman received her Retiring Officer plaque for her year of dedicated service as the SW District FFA Secretary.

School Lunch Menus

East Mills

Thursday, March 17: Nacho grande bar, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, diced tomatoes, tomato salsa, black beans, corn.

Friday, March 18: Bosco stick, marinara sauce, romaine lettuce with choice of dressing, au gratin potatoes, applesauce.

Monday, March 21: Teacher inservice, no school.

Tuesday, March 22: Pepperoni pizza slices, potato wedges, three bean salad, Sidekick slushie.

Wednesday, March 23: Hot dog on a bun, baby carrots, celery sticks, ranch dip, apple slices, Doritos, mozzarella string cheese.

Essex

Thursday, March 17: Chicken Alfredo pasta, steamed broccoli florets, cheese sauce, bread stick, pineapple tidbits.

Friday, March 18: Ham and cheese wrap, corn chips, Sidekick slushie, applesauce cup.

Monday, March 21: Beef chili, saltine crackers, cornbread, cherry tomatoes, sliced cucumbers, bananas.

Tuesday, March 22: BBQ rib shape on a bun, tater tots, sliced peaches.

Wednesday, March 23: Crispy chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, sliced pears.

Griswold

Thursday, March 17: Spring break, no school.

Friday, March 18: Spring break, no school.

Monday, March 21: Breaded pork patty on a bun, french fries, corn, rosy applesauce.

Tuesday, March 22: Walking taco, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, diced tomatoes, sliced olives, diced onions, tomato salsa, carrot sticks and ranch dip, sliced pears.

Wednesday, March 23: Crispy chicken strips, green beans, side salad with choice of dressing, celery sticks and peanut butter, strawberry cup.

Red Oak Elementary/ Preschool Center

Thursday, March 17: Turkey Rueben sandwich; or crispy spicy chicken sandwich on a bun, tomato slices, sliced onions, shredded lettuce, jalapenos, hamburger dills; or chef salad, Italian bread; or cheesy chicken Caesar sandwich; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, fresh cauliflower, fresh fruit, sliced peaches.

Friday, March 18: Pepperoni pizza slices; or popcorn chicken salad, pineapple muffin; or chili dog; or Thai sweet chili chicken wrap; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, baby carrots and ranch, fresh fruit, pineapple, strawberry/banana mix.

Monday, March 21: Nashville hot chicken; or BBQ pork salad, cornbread; or buffalo chicken nachos, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, diced onions, jalapenos, salsa, Spanish rice; or Santa Fe grain bowl; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, steamed broccoli florets, fresh fruit, cinnamon apples.

Tuesday, March 22: Cheesy BBQ beef sandwich; or cobb salad, Italian bread; or chicken patty on a bun, tomato slices, shredded lettuce, sliced onions, jalapenos, hamburger dills; oven fries, fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, BBQ bean salad, fresh fruit, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday, March 23: Breaded chicken patty on a bun, hot roll; or chicken and avocado club wrap; mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits.

Southwest Valley

Thursday, March 17: Beef hamburger on a bun, leaf lettuce, hamburger dills, sliced tomatoes, potato roundabout, fruit.

Friday, March 18: Spring break, no school.

Monday, March 21: Spring break, no school.

Tuesday, March 22: BBQ rib sandwich on a bun, baked beans, pickle spear, Potato Starz, fresh fruit, roll.

Wednesday, March 23: Beef, bean and cheese burrito, tomato salsa, Mexican rice, refried beans, fruit.

Stanton

Thursday, March 17: Parent/teacher conferences, no school.

Friday, March 18: Parent/teacher conferences, no school.

Monday, March 21: French bread pizza, lettuce salad with choice of dressing, steamed carrots, sliced pears, applesauce.

Tuesday, March 22: Mashed potato bowl, shredded cheese, corn, mandarin oranges, mixed fruit, dinner roll.

Wednesday, March 23: Breaded chicken patty on a bun, mixed vegetables, tomato juice, fruit medley, applesauce.

School Activities

Thursday, March 17

- Stanton: No school, parent/teacher conferences
- Griswold: Washington, D.C. trip
- Red Oak, Griswold, Southwest Valley: Spring break, no school
- 6 a.m.-7 a.m., Griswold: Softball practice, middle school gym
- 6:30-7:45 a.m., Griswold: High school boys throwers, middle school gym
- 6:45-7:45 a.m., Southwest Valley: High school baseball practice, new high school gym
- 3:25-5:55 p.m., Griswold: High school track practice, middle school gym
- 6-7 p.m., Griswold: HS softball pitcher/catcher workouts, middle school gym

Friday, March 18

- Stanton: No school parent/teacher conferences
- Griswold: Washington, D.C. trip
- Red Oak, Griswold, Southwest Valley: Spring break, no school
- 1:30 p.m., Essex: Early dismissal
- 3:25-5:55 p.m., Griswold: High school track practice, middle school gym
- 4-8 p.m., Essex: Senior fun night, Allen Stuart gymnasium
- 5 p.m., Lions Club craft show set-up, Villisca campus

Saturday, March 19

- Griswold: Washington, D.C. trip
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Southwest Valley: Lions Club craft show, Villisca campus
- 10 a.m., Red Oak: JVAA volleyball

Sunday, March 20

- Griswold: Washington, D.C. trip
- 12:45 p.m., Red Oak: Baseball Sunday/Funday, Inman Elementary
- 2-4 p.m., Griswold: High school baseball practice, middle school gym
- 2:15 p.m., Red Oak: Baseball Sunday/Funday, black gym, Red Oak Jr./Sr. High school
- 5-6 p.m., Griswold: High school girls pitching practice, middle school gym
- 5:30-7:30 p.m., Southwest Valley: High school softball practice, activity center

Monday, March 21

- East Mills: Teacher inservice, no school
- Southwest Valley: Spring break, no school
- Griswold: Washington, D.C. trip
- 3:25-5:55 p.m., Griswold: High school track practice, middle school gym
- 6 p.m., Griswold: High school softball girls hitting practice, middle school gym

Tuesday, March 22

- Stanton: Middle school/high school assessment tests
- 6 a.m.-7 a.m., Griswold: Softball practice, middle school gym
- 6:30-7:45 a.m., Griswold: High school boys throwers, middle school gym
- 6:45-7:45 a.m., Southwest Valley: High school baseball practice, new high school gym
- 11:15 a.m., Red Oak: College recruiter at Red Oak Jr./Sr. High school
- 12:15 p.m., Red Oak: Military recruiter at Red Oak Jr./Sr. High school
- 3:25-5:55 p.m., Griswold: High school track practice, middle school gym
- 6 p.m., East Mills: FFA banquet, high school lobby
- 5-6 p.m., Griswold: High school softball pitcher/catcher workouts, middle school gym
- 6-8 p.m., Griswold: High school softball hitting practice, middle school gym

Wednesday, March 23

- Stanton: 1 assessment tests
- Griswold: One hour early release, work time
- 6:15-7:15 a.m., Southwest Valley: High school softball pitching, new high school gym
- 11:15 a.m., Red Oak: College recruiter at Red Oak Jr./Sr. High school
- 1:05/1:15 p.m., Stanton: Early dismissal
- 5-6:15 p.m., Southwest Valley: High school AAU volleyball, new high school gym
- 6:15-9 p.m., Southwest Valley: Women's volleyball league, activity center
- 3:25-5:55 p.m., Griswold: High school track practice, middle school gym
- 5 p.m., Griswold: High school softball pitching practice, middle school gym
- 6-7:30 p.m., Weichman practice, middle school gym

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Supervisors take no action taken on ATV/UTV ordinance

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has decided to take a wait and see approach to ordinance involving ATVs and UTVs.

The subject of an ordinance designating their use on roadways was brought up as a discussion item by Supervisor Randy Cooper, who was requested to do so by his constituents. Cooper felt it was a subject worth discussing, as ATVs and UTVs had changed over the years.

“The UTV vehicles 20 years ago basically had a dump box, four tires, and went about 25 MPH. Now we have UTVs with faster speeds, seat two to six people, have temperature controlled cabs, and some can cost as much as \$35,000. We’ve got a lot of farmers using them to travel farm to farm, which they can do legally,” Cooper explained. “I think some of the gray areas are due to the Co-Ops and commercial sprayer people mapping the fields, and we’ve seen several of their vehicles on the road, and it’s definitely a gray area as to whether they are using them for farm work, or not. Also, we have many individuals that would like to use them recreationally to travel from town to town, or from one friend’s place to another.”

As of now, Cooper said many of the counties surrounding Montgomery County had approved some type of ordinance, although it was hard to formulate a policy on those existing ordinances.

“The trouble is that every county makes up their own rules, so every county is different, and as Mark Peterson informed me, it’s going to take a little money to get something like this started,” commented Cooper.

Another question that was raised was about registration and other fees that would allow the ATVs and UTVs to be available for road use.

“The question is, would every vehicle need to be registered, would they have to have insurance, would they be required to have turn signal mirrors; we’d have to come up with those rules in the county, and as I said, every county’s regulations



Charla Schmid, left, and Mark Peterson listen to supervisor Randy Cooper about an ATV and UTV ordinance. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

are currently different,” said Cooper.

Cooper added that over the last several years, area law enforcement has been very lenient, and most of the use has been from farmers going farm to farm. Cooper discussed the subject with Montgomery County Sheriff Jon Spunaugle, who informed him that his office had written hardly any tickets over improper ATV and UTV usage over the past two decades.

The question, Cooper said, was whether the county took individual action now, or waited for guidance from the state legislature.

“Right now, there are bills being worked on in the Iowa House and Iowa Senate. If they pass, then all the rules implemented by the counties surrounding us wouldn’t be enforceable anymore; there would be statewide rules in place,” Cooper stated.

Cooper asked for his constituents to fill out a survey and poll interest in ATV and UTV usage in the county, and there were roughly 200 people from the Red Oak area who would like to have ATV usage be legal on the gravel roads, but was uncertain whether the county should act, as statewide ATV and UTV regulations may be pending.

Spunaugle said he had looked into the bill in the legislature, and from what he’d gathered, the county would be unable to limit or prohibit usage on the county roads, but he speculated it would not allow for their use in individual towns and cities.

“I’m not against this at all, because I’m very certain it is a popular item. My only caution to the board is, you can’t make a county ordinance that you are not going to enforce. The county would have to adopt particular codes for particular infractions, otherwise there would be no way to enforce

it. I would be very cautious how you approach this, so it’s done the right way,” Spunaugle advised.

Spunaugle felt the county should wait and see what the state did, to save doing a lot of work for nothing. Supervisor Mike Olson, who attended the March 5 legislative coffee, said the feeling he got from the legislators was that the statewide ATV/UTV rules and regulations had more than enough votes to pass.

Supervisor’s Chair Mark Peterson also viewed the proposed bill from the statehouse at the meeting, and said it was clear it took precedence.

“This says a county shall not adopt an ordinance or any other means that prohibits usage, so this will definitely take priority over anything other counties have already adopted. I’ll go on record as saying I’m not opposed to this idea, but there’s not much use in us doing anything until we see what the state does,” advised Peterson.

Peterson also speculated what requirements would be put into place to come up with registrations for them. Spunaugle speculated it would be a difficult process.

“I’m sure there will be regulations on spark arrestors, and of course the registration itself will be a problem. We run into this all the time when someone buys an ATV. It hasn’t been titled since it was bought, and it’s been sold multiple times. That’s definitely going to be a consumer issue,” Spunaugle said.

Cooper said after research and discussion, he was in favor of taking no action at this time, and said his constituents feel the same.

“After talking to Jon Spunaugle, Mark Peterson, and county engineer Karen Albert, I have the same consensus of no action being taken. I’ve even talked to my constituents, one of the guys who is really ramrodding this thing, and explained it to him, and even he agreed with the wait and see approach; Cooper said.

The supervisors were in agreement that they would take no action on a county ordinance at this time, and would revisit the issue at a later time if the state ended up taking no action on laws regulating ATV and UTV use.



2022 Junction Days theme

The 2022 Red Oak Junction Days theme has been announced: All Roads Lead Home. Junction Days will be held June 23-26 in Red Oak.

Extremely dry February leads to drought expansion

Last month was the sixth driest February on record for Iowa, and the lack of precipitation resulted in the expansion of drought conditions across the state, according to the latest Water Summary Update.

Precipitation for the month averaged only 0.27 inches, almost an inch below normal. Drought conditions expanded during the month, with more than 90 percent of Iowa in some form of dryness or drought at the end of February. Areas of concern for shallow groundwater supplies exist in parts of northwest Iowa.

“Precipitation totals in February were disappointing, so instead of steady or improving conditions, we saw expansion of drought conditions in the state,” said Tim Hall, DNR’s coordinator of hydrology resources. “However, the

first week of March saw over twice the amount of rain as the entire month of February, so that is encouraging. Hopefully the normal rains of March and April and May will improve conditions as we head into the growing season.”

Streamflow levels are also below normal in many locations across the southern half of the state.

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

The report is prepared by the Iowa DNR, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, IIHR — Hydrosience and Engineering, and the U.S. Geological Survey, in collaboration with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

Virtual program available to teach hunting and cooking wild turkey

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering a virtual program to teach the introductory skills needed to hunt, field dress and cook wild turkey.

The workshop, scheduled for March 31 from 6 to 8 p.m., features experienced instructors teaching basic strategies for hunting wild turkeys such as proper equipment, where to hunt, safe shooting practices, and how to field dress, butcher and cook them, and provides an opportunity for participants to ask questions from the panel.

“This program provides the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge it takes to pursue wild turkeys for those interested in the challenge of turkey hunting as a means of sourcing their own protein,” said Jamie Cook, program coordinator with the Iowa DNR.

The course is designed for participants 16 years of age and older with little to no turkey hunting experience. The course will be held via Zoom and there is no cost to attend. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged.

To register, visit us02web.zoom.us/join/wn_vhC-MBLPeRqO-Co3KKBPxsg

The program is provided through a partnership with the Iowa DNR and the National Wild Turkey Federation. It is part of a national effort to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters due to the overall decline in hunting and outdoor recreation.



Montgomery County Memorial Hospital + Clinics welcomes Schmadeke

Montgomery County Memorial Hospital + Clinics (MCMH) is pleased to welcome Tom Schmadeke, PA-C, to the MCMH Internal Medicine Clinic beginning Thursday, March 10.

Schmadeke grew up on his family farm in rural Southwest Iowa. He attended Wayne State College obtaining a degree in Education and Athletic Training. After several years of teaching and athletic training, he returned to Omaha and attended University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and earned a Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) degree in 2002. He began his PA career in Madison, Minn., where he practiced until 2009. He then moved to Red Oak and practiced with the Methodist Physicians Clinic until 2013.

Schmadeke continued to practice and serve patients in Southwest Iowa, and has now chosen to join MCMH + Clinics.

“In 2022, I decided to return home to the community that had welcomed me in 2009. MCMH CEO, Ron Kloewer, graciously accepted my application. I am looking forward to serving the community,” Schmadeke said.

MCMH + Clinics is excited to have Schmadeke joining the team. He brings an extensive background in primary care, including sports medicine. To schedule an appointment with Tom Schmadeke, PA-C, please call MCMH Internal Medicine at 712-623-7280.

Program at the Montgomery County History Center,
Sunday March 20th, at 6:30
Dennis Miller of Silver City is giving a
PRESENTATION ON ANTIQUE FIREARMS,
“The Nepal Cache”
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For more information contact the History Center:
712-623-2289 or mchsociety@myfimt.com

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The deadline for nominations is March 31.”

ANDERSON

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seen one before,” Anderson said. “It’s on my back, I don’t know how to operate it and we’re up there on the front. We are trying to find the right channel in order to communicate with headquarters when there was a big boom. The last of our patrol came up and said we needed to get out of there. I got up, started walking, but fell down. I got up again, walked a little further and felt woozy. Another guy grabbed me and said, ‘this guy has been hit.’ I said, ‘no, I’m not.’ Next thing I know I’m in the aid station and they’re working on me.”

The second half of this article will be in the March 23 edition of The Red Oak Express.

Board approves changes to TLC program for 2022-23

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak School Board has approved a measure that would put the district's current Teacher Leadership Plan on temporary hold. Superintendent Ron Lorenz said the district, as well as others across the state, are in a very volatile job market, and in light of current staffing and support needs, it was difficult to keep pulling teachers out of classrooms when they needed the best people they could have in the classrooms.

"The Teacher Leadership and Compensation committee is urging that we implement an amendment to the 2022-23 plan, and that will significantly expand the number of TLC positions and the amounts of the stipends," Lorenz explained.

Lorenz said the positions of teaching and learning specialist, technology strategist, and innovation and design leads would be suspended, and put back in the classrooms and paying them with general funds.

"From there, we will take the TLC money that is paying those salaries this year and distribute it more widely. But as we struggle to fill teacher vacancies, we just can't justify those full-release positions when the people in those positions would be better suited in the classroom," commented Lorenz.

While the full-time positions are



Board members Bryce Johnson, left, and Kathy Walker listen to comments during the meeting. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

suspended, a number of temporary positions will be created, including two assessment leads per building, with a stipend of \$10,000, 10 elementary and seven secondary instructional leads, with a \$10,000 stipend, and 10 mentor teachers total, with a stipend of \$5,000. The majority would stay at Inman Elementary due to the number of new teachers in the building.

Student interventionist stipends will increase to \$4,000, intervention leads to \$5,000, and the TLC coordinator to \$10,000.

"The funding is state money, so we have it, it's just a matter of how we're allocating it, so there will be no additional financial burden on the district due to the temporary measure.

"We're hoping that this will help attract more people to the TLC program, because we're going to need those people to support the new teachers coming in. Staff with current multi-year contracts will have preference over the positions, but the positions will be open to everyone, and we're not looking to displace anyone," Lorenz stated.

The changes would begin with the 2022-23 school year, and as of now, is intended to be temporary.

The board approved the change to the district's TLC program.

In other business, the board:

- Approved open enrollment requests for Linde French, Cameo French, Caleb Nagunst, Haley Nagunst, Ezra Shipp, Crew DeMarce, Carter Skalberg, Abel

Williams, Brody Ebrecht, Angel Hummel, and Ethan Hummel, from Red Oak to the Stanton School District for the 2022-23 school year.

- Approved open enrollment requests for Matthew Utecht, Payton Harvey, Lucy DeMasi and Geno DeMasi from Red Oak to the CAM Community School District.

- Approved an open enrollment request for Zeke Polsley from Red Oak to the Essex School District for the 2022-23 school year.

- Approved open enrollment requests from Zaden Beacham and Jailyne Beacham from Red Oak to the Shenandoah Community School District for the 2022-23 school year.

HPAI reported in Taylor County chicken flock

On Friday, March 10, officials with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) have confirmed a positive case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in Taylor County.

The virus was found in a flock of commercial layer chickens.

"While this additional case of HPAI is not unexpected, we have prepared for this and are working closely with USDA and livestock producers to control and eradicate this disease from our state," said Secretary Naig. "This is a difficult time for poultry producers. We will continue to support them and emphasize the need for strict biosecurity on farms and around poultry to help prevent the spread of this disease."

Flock owners should prevent contact between their birds and wild birds and report sick birds or unusual deaths to state/federal officials. Biosecurity resources and best practices are available at iowaagriculture.gov/biosecurity. If producers suspect signs of HPAI in their flocks, they should contact their veterinarian immediately. Possible cases should also be reported to the Iowa Department of Agriculture at (515) 281-5305.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the recent HPAI detections in birds do not present an immediate public health concern.

No human cases of these avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States. It remains safe to eat poultry products. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165 °F kills bacteria and viruses.

A commercial turkey flock in Buena Vista county and a backyard mixed species flock in Pottawattamie County were identified earlier this month.

About HPAI

HPAI is highly contagious, viral disease affecting bird populations. HPAI can travel in wild birds without those birds appearing sick, but is often fatal to domestic bird populations, including chickens and turkeys. The virus can spread through droppings or nasal discharge of an infected bird, which can contaminate dust and soil.

Signs of HPAI include:

- Sudden increase in bird deaths without any clinical signs
- Lack of energy and appetite
- Decrease in egg production
- Soft- or thin-shelled or misshapen eggs
- Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles, and hocks
- Purple/blue discoloration of the wattles, comb, and legs
- Gasping for air (difficulty breathing)
- Coughing, sneezing, and/or nasal discharge (runny nose)
- Stumbling or falling down
- Diarrhea

For updates on this developing situation, please visit <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/avian-influenza>.



From left: Major General Christopher P. Hughes; MCMH CEO Ron Kloewer; Brett Altman, CEO Cass Health and Barry Jacobsen, CEO Myrtue Medical Center talk about Nova Ukraine while waiting for the supplies to get to MCMH Friday, March 11. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)



Left: Russ Cooner and MCMH employee Laura Kloewer help unload the medical supplies at MCMH Friday, March 11. Below: Russ Cooner takes a box of medical supplies from MCMH Director of Materials Management Terri Turner. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)



From left: Russ Cooner, Audubon County Memorial Hospital volunteer; Suzanne Cooner, CEO Audubon County Memorial Hospital; Major General Christopher P. Hughes; Barry Jacobsen, CEO Myrtue Medical Center; Ron Kloewer, CEO MCMH; and Brett Altman, CEO Cass Health. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)

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