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ChaseTeam BA captures Pocahontas County twister

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

While northeast Iowa residents were seeking shelter from the Tuesday, April 12, tornadoes, a storm chase team from Montgomery County, ChaseTeam BA, was in the midst of the chaos taking photos and videos of the storms.

ChaseTeam BA, comprised of Bruce Gruber and Adam Wainright, have been storm chasing together since 2013. However, both of them have been fascinated with severe weather since they were very young.

It was after his grandparent's home was hit by a Page County tornado in 1979, but Wainright became interested in tornadoes, while Gruber said as a kid instead of watching cartoons, he'd watch The Weather Channel.

After initially meeting one another, the two began communicating back and forth about the weather and storms. Soon, they were chasing storms together.

"It is nice, and much more safe, to have someone with you," said Wainright. "I can focus on driving and the map and Bruce can focus on the radar, Facebook, and video."

The two have chased storms both locally, as with the March 5 severe weather in western Iowa, and as far away as Arkansas and western Nebraska.

As for the storms last week, Wainright and Gruber said with both of them having the day off, they were planning on storm chasing, but didn't know exactly where until earlier that day.

"Every couple hours when a new forecast would come out we'd text one another about where we should go," Wainright said.

When the more elevated risk was targeted for northwestern Iowa Tuesday midmorning, they knew where they'd be heading.

"Between looking at the Storm Prediction Center outlook, storm chaser convergence, where the dry line is, that tells you where the moisture is not going to go, dewpoint numbers, where the front is coming in, where the sun has been heating up the atmosphere, and the weather service radar," Wainright explained, but in the end, it boils down to luck.

"There were six tornadic cells in the area that day and we happened to choose the right one," Gruber said.



ChaseTeam BA, comprised of Bruce Gruber and Adam Wainright, caught this tornado north of Pomeroy, Iowa, Tuesday, April 12. Gruber and Wainright have been stormchasers since 2013. (Photo provided)

"It's hard to determine which cell you're going to stick with, and then stick with it, and then find out the other one produced a tornado and this one didn't," Wainright said. "We saw rotation in the clouds; we saw rotation on the radar and we knew it had the ingredients to pop out at any time. They put out a tornado warning for it and I wanted to stay where we were because I wanted to see it come down. Bruce wanted to get to the east of it and then turn around in order to see it the whole time. We headed east about five miles and it popped down behind us and we were able to get the footage."

Wainright and Gruber, who both have EMS backgrounds, said there is a lot of experience and knowledge that comes into play when chasing in order to keep them safe.

"We certainly don't put ourselves in harm's way," said Wainright.

He explained not only does a storm chase have to be aware of where a tornado might be, but also be thoughtful about hail,

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ISU Extension launches mental health program

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

Officials with Iowa State University Extension are tackling the difficult subject of agriculturally related mental health issues and farm stress through a new program.

Research shows suicide rates are higher among agricultural producers than most other occupations. Compared to the general population, ag producers are also more likely to face common mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression.

Farmers and their families face also barriers in seeking mental health care, including cost and access. Ninety-two of Iowa's 99 counties face a shortage of mental health professionals.

Behavioral Health State Specialist, David N. Brown, Ph.D., LMFT, CFLE, Human Services with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach explained farm stress and mental health concerns among farmers have been on their radar since 2018-19, when farmers were being impacted by the trade wars.

"In 2019, the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) sent out funding to focus on providing stress assistance programming and resources to not only farmers but also advocates of farmers. These resources are designed to help them learn the signs and symptoms of farm stress as well as access to help," explained Brown.

Farming has never been an easy occupation, Brown continued. In the past couple of years

alone, farmers in Iowa have dealt with trade wars, derecho winds, drought, flood, COVID, and most recently avian flu.

"There is a lot of pressure put on farmers with things they have no control over," Brown said. "High input prices, the cost of fertilizer and fuel, are also affecting the farming community currently. It is costing farmers a lot more to produce crops than it has in the past few years."

Additionally, Brown said farmers in general aren't ones to ask for help or a handout.

"They are known as self-reliant; they take care of things on their own. They don't seek out help readily, which makes it more difficult when they're dealing with farm stress or mental health issues. But this also makes it a good opportunity for a farmer to help a fellow farmer – if they see the signs and symptoms. It is the community working together."

The most recent death by suicide rate for men in the category of farmers, ranchers and other managers was 32.2 deaths by suicide for every 100,000 working aged adults, compared to only 17.3 deaths by suicide for all occupations.

According to research, farmwomen are more likely than men to experience stress as they balance taking care of the family with on-and-off farm jobs. Farm children also experience uncertainty and stress, even if parents don't talk to them about financial issues.

Brown said people with limited mental health awareness may be unable to recognize the signs of distress in themselves or others, which can prevent them from seeking support. He added, suicide is related to brain functions that affect decision-making and behavioral control, making it difficult for people to find positive solutions. Underlying and treatable mental health issues, such as anxiety and depression, can also lead to substance abuse.

"There is also a lot of stig-

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Council approves water rate hike, Memorial Day street closure

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak City Council has approved a change to the city's water rates.

At the April 6 meeting, the council discussed an increase in the water rate by 2% from last year. The first reading was approved, but council members Brian Bills and Tim Fridolph declined to waive the second and third readings, and the motion failed to carry due to a lack of a 4 vote majority.

At the April 18 meeting, Bills said he would not object to waiving readings.

"If no one has any comments, I will not object to waiving the third reading," said Bills. "I just feel that a lot of people didn't understand we were

doing this until we had the first reading, and now that we've given them till the second reading to make a comment, I would not be against proceeding."

The council unanimously approved the second reading of the ordinance amending city code to increase water rates by 2% for the 2022-23 FY. The council also unanimously approved waiving the third reading and approved a motion to adopt.

The basic charge will be \$7.98 to be charged on all bills; for water usage of zero to 4,000 cubic feet per month, the rate will be \$2.74 per 100 cubic feet. If water usage is above 4,000 cubic feet per month, the rate will be \$2.10 per 100 cubic feet.

The council also heard a request from the Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Court of Honor for street closures on Memorial Day,

May 30. The Memorial Day ceremony is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery, and the closure request was for Inman Drive from the east side of Inman Elementary to 8th Street, and 8th Street from the south driveway of Inman to Sunset Avenue. The request was approved.

City administrator Brad Wright advised the council that if they received any concerns or complaints regarding vultures, that the city has already taken steps to prevent vultures from being a nuisance in the city.

"We have already hung the first deceased vulture. That is what we have discovered is the best solution, and it was provided by the USDA," Wright explained. "They don't mind being around any other deceased animals, but they have a prob-

lem being around one of their own."

In other business, the council:

- Approved pay request number five to Omni Engineering for the 2021 street asphalt project, in the amount of \$23,439,

- Approved the renewal of a Class C liquor with Sunday sales license for the Rainbow Cafe.

- Approved the renewal of a Class E liquor, Class B wine, Class B native vine, and Class C Beer license for Casey's at 201 N. Broadway.

- Approved temporary outdoor service for the Buck Snort on May 21, June 18, July 30, Aug. 27, and Sept. 17.

- Approved a hangar lease agreement with Terry Evans, per the Red Oak airport Commission's recommendation.



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Villisca native sworn in as Fourth Judicial District associate judge

Joe Foreman
The Opinion-Tribune

Glenwood attorney Justin Wyatt was administered his oath of office earlire this month to become the newest associate judge for the State of Iowa's Fourth Judicial District.

Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Susan Christensen administered the oath in the courtroom at the Mills County Courthouse before fellow judges and several of Wyatt's relatives, friends and legal colleagues.

Wyatt, a Villisca native, began practicing law in Glenwood in 2003, the same year he graduated

from law school at Creighton University. He was an attorney for Peters Law Firm until 2011 when he and Matt Woods started their own practice in Glenwood.

Becoming a judge has been an aspiration for several years, Wyatt said after Friday's ceremony.

"Every time it comes up, it's something I've thought through," he said. "The timing was right this time and everything was aligned, so I went for it."

The Fourth Judicial District consists of nine southwest Iowa counties - Audubon, Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page,

Pottawattamie and Shelby.

Most of Wyatt's work as an associate judge will be cases in juvenile court.

"I'm assigned to go ahead and work in all nine counties but specifically, I've got juvenile court in Montgomery County, Cass, Audubon and Harrison counties," he said. "I'll be handling all the cases there."

Chief Justice Christensen told those in attendance at the ceremony she's been involved in many cases with Wyatt over the years and believes he's a good fit for his new position. She's been particularly impressed by the way he interacts with both

parents and children in juvenile-related cases.

"He was always attentive to his client," she said. "You could tell that because they were prepared. I appreciated that. I knew if he was assigned a case, his clients would have somebody to talk to and receive advice from."

"He had an acute ability to make a connection with a child in a way that was different than everybody else. We have other people there that are touchy feely. That's not Justin Wyatt, but he was very effective."

Wyatt officially began his duties as an associate judge April 18.



Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Susan Christensen administers the oath to Villisca native Justin Wyatt. (Joe Foreman/The Opinion-Tribune)



What to do with the former K-Mart store in Red Oak is something MCDC is currently working on. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

Retail Strategies officials to tour Montgomery county

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Development Corporation met for its regular monthly meeting April 8.

MCDC Board President Ann Carder said that the county's consulting firm, Retail Strategies, will be present to tour the county on April 26-27. Carder said a recent meeting between Retail Strategies representatives and her, MCDC Board Member Brad Wright, and MCDC director Steve Adams was positive.

"They are going to be focusing their efforts, and they are very interested in seeing properties, including the former K-Mart building, since we're looking at putting in new retail using existing construction rather than new construction due to the cost of materials," Carder said.

Carder added, the Retail Strategies representatives were made well aware the county was focused on retail sales, and secondarily clothing retailers, such as shoes. She also urged the board to submit other available spaces that might have been missed.

"If anyone knows of any additional development land, or existing buildings, let Steve know and we will get them added to Steve's list. It might turn into a long list of available properties, but that's a good thing," commented Carder.

Carder felt that having the tour stretched out over two days would give the Retail Strategies representatives plenty of time to learn the details of everything they needed to know. Wright would assist in giving tours, as would Elaine Carlson with the Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association.

Wright said during the prior meeting, they'd heard a lot of the same things from Retail Strategies, but he had pushed for more answers.

"We've heard there are certain large retailers looking at small communities, and I may have gotten a little blunt when I asked them what they are doing to get them here, and what we need to do to help them get them here," Wright said. "They are going to show us more information that shows their process, but I made it clear that we need the opportunity to present and make our pitch and find out how we can stand out among other communities."

Carder agreed with Wright and said she was appreciative of Wright's more direct approach in asking for stronger results.

Currently the contract with Retail Strategies is in place for six months, and their progress on the objectives set in the first six months of the contract would

determine if the contract was renewed.

Adams gave a brief update on the work being done in the fiber/broadband committee, and said he and committee member Jason Orme have been contacting other cities that have built public and private partnerships, but they have yet to find a method that works successfully. However, they did have one other option.

"Everyone is waiting for the announcement of the Reconnect III grant funding, and how that will tie into the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Stanton's fiber project. so in the interim, we're working on different plans to move forward," Adams stated.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 13.

Noxious weed list agreed upon by weed commissioner, supervisors

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has approved a resolution allowing for the destruction of noxious weeds once weather permits.

At the supervisors meeting April 12, the board met with Damien Bond, the county's roadside manager, who also performs the duties of the weed commissioner.

Bond said that in order to begin the process of weed removal for 2022, Iowa Code required the approval of a noxious weed resolution.

"It's a similar resolution to the one that we've used in the past, and outlines the 28 noxious weeds in the county earmarked for removal, and gives control dates, and the measures I can take to control the weed issues should the landowners fail to comply," Bond said.

As per the resolution, the grower must make reasonable effort to control noxious weeds using an appropriate combination of cultural, mechanical, or herbicidal practice resulting in the destruction of the plants. In a case where cultural and herbicidal methods have not destroyed the weeds, mechanical destruction of the plants to prevent reseeding must be

done.

- Buckthorn, Buckthorn Plantain, Canada Thistle, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Multiflora Rose, Poison Hemlock, Puncture Vine, Smooth Dock, Wild Carrot, Wild Mustard, Quackgrass, Field Bindweed, Shattercane, Musk Thistle, Sour Dock, and Palmer Amaranth must all be removed by herbicides, or mechanically, by May 10.
- Bull Thistle, Velvetleaf, Cocklebur, Perennial Peppergrass, Purple Loosetrife, Red Sorrel, Russian Knapweed, Tall Thistle, Common Sunflower, Teasel, and Perennial

Sowthistle have a removal date by Aug. 15.

According to the resolution, If the owner or person in control of any real estate fails to exercise all reasonable efforts to comply with foregoing orders, the weed commissioner may cause this to be done and the expense of said work including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be taxed against the land of the owners thereof, and/or levy a fine of \$10/day for a period of up to 10 days.

Supervisor Randy Cooper asked if the resolution needed to include the removal of Sumac among the list of noxious weeds

in the county. Bond said there was no need to add it at this time, as any Sumac in the county was not the harmful variety.

"I don't think there will be a need to add it to the list, I know that in some of the southern states there's a Poison Sumac variety, but I've seen no evidence of it being present here in the county or in the state of Iowa," commented Bond.

The supervisors approved the resolution for the destruction of noxious weeds as presented.

In other business, the supervisors:

- Approved the recorder's report of fees for March, in the amount of \$25,482.
- Approved a tax transfer from rural services basic to secondary roads for March, in the amount of \$320,904.
- Approved a tax transfer from general basic to secondary roads for March, in the amount of \$21,609.
- Approved the treasurer's ending fund balance for March, in the amount of \$17,835,861.



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THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

Grape-Nuts and cattails

The 14-year-old daughter of a friend found and shared a few morels last spring. In October her gift was a fresh, tasty hen-of-the-woods.

I gave her a watermelon and said she was only a few nettles and a cattail away from becoming a regular Euell Gibbons.

She'd never heard of Euell Gibbons, so I offered her a book. Years ago I read "Stalking the Wild Asparagus" and "Stalking the Blue-Eyed Scallop," and I suspect she'll find Gibbons to be of interest.

Born in west Texas in 1911, he was a boy when necessity caused him to start foraging. Gibbons soon learned there was an abundance of natural, tasty and nourishing food to be found growing wild.

He left home at the age of 15 and drifted from job-to-job. He served in Hawaii during the war, was a beachcomber for a few years, married for the second time and finally, when he was 51, his wife persuaded him to settle down and get serious about writing.

She supported him while he wrote a novel about a schoolteacher who forages and cooks for friends, becomes a favored chef of New York's high society, dates glamorous showgirls and so on.

An agent told Gibbons the plot was terrible but his knowledge of natural food was of interest. He should rewrite the book as a guide.

The result quickly became successful beyond



anything either imagined.

Gibbons followed with several other "Stalking" books and was soon a best-selling celebrity.

He was frequently interviewed on radio and for magazine articles, appeared on "Sonny and Cher" and several other TV shows.

He was on "Tonight" and even when he wasn't Johnny Carson made regular Euell Gibbons jokes. Gibbons had a sense of humor.

Sonny Bono presented him with a wooden plaque and Gibbons took a bite. On the Dean Martin show Gibbons said he started foraging when he went for pizza and got lost.

He had a response when Bob Hope said Gibbons had two Christmas trees; one traditional and one for dinner.

Gibbons' popularity was such that in the 1970s he made commercials for Grape-Nuts, and soon thereafter the Federal Trade Commission set their sights on him.

In one commercial he asks viewers if they'd ever eaten a pine tree. He then explains that many parts, including pine nuts, are edible.

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

Inflation guzzles up gas and grocery budgets

My goal in Congress has always been to save folks money wherever I can, and I took two significant steps to try and help Iowa's families in recent weeks.

This past week, I voted with my colleagues in the House to cap the out-of-pocket price of insulin at \$35 per month to make this life-saving medication more affordable and accessible.

I have heard heartbreaking stories from Iowans living with diabetes about the crushing cost of insulin.

Folks who are paying a thousand or more dollars a month for their life-saving medication have told me they are rationing insulin or skipping meals so they can pay for their medication. That's unacceptable.

No one should have to go into debt over something they literally need to survive.

Iowa families aren't just feeling the squeeze at the pharmacy counter. They're also feeling the impact of rising gas prices each time they fill up, which is why I also sent a letter to President Biden last week urging him to make sure E15 is available year-round.

This will not only help alleviate America's pain at the pump, but it will also maximize carbon reductions from biofuels and create more opportunities in rural Iowa.

Making E15 more readily available across this country is even more important following a court case last July that ruled the EPA did not have the authority to allow year-round E15 – meaning fuel retailers won't be able to offer E15 to consumers from June 1 to Sept. 15.

I disagree with that ruling and I quickly worked to introduce a legislative fix with my bipartisan colleagues on the House Biofuels Caucus.

Now, as we see higher gas prices after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, I'm asking President Biden

to use emergency authorities to avoid a potential energy crisis and reduce gas prices at the pump.

E15 is at least 10 cents cheaper per gallon and upholding the volume requirements that the Renewable Fuel Standard sets would add to the nation's fuel supply, lower prices at the pump, and the cost of nearly every consumer good that moves along the supply chain.

Over the last decade, wholesale ethanol has saved consumers 17 percent compared to wholesale gasoline, and a nationwide shift to E15 could collectively save U.S. consumers more than \$12 billion annually.

I know how much rising prices are affecting Iowans because my own family and I have been feeling it as well.

I'm committed to lowering prices for everyone, which is why I'm continuing to work on my Supply Chains Solutions Agenda to boost domestic manufacturing, alleviate bottlenecks in the supply chain, and address labor shortages.

I'm proud to share the good news that one piece of my agenda is headed to the President's desk.

The bipartisan Ocean Shipping Reform Act, which will help fix congestion at our ports, passed the Senate on the last day of March.

I have more on my Supply Chain Solutions Agenda that I want to accomplish but finalizing these two pieces of the legislation will be a key step in supporting American jobs and lowering prices for both businesses and consumers.

I will continue to find common-sense solutions to help drive down prices for Iowans and encourage my colleagues to do what's right for our state.

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..>

MOORE ON THE ISSUES | IOWA REP TOM MOORE

Recent events in the Iowa House

We have completed our work to this point. The Senate is not doing their job as it pertains to running the budget bills as well as other House priority bills such as the Bio-Fuels bill and the ATV/UTV bill to name a couple.

It's clear that the House is the chamber most concerned with the budget and that setting targets and caucus discussions are a priority in moving this session to a close. Tuesday the 19th is supposed to be our last day but the actions by the Senate will make that a virtual impossibility.

We did run three bills of interest.

Bottle Bill

The Bottle Bill is 44 years old. It has not had any change in those 44 years. This year positive change is on the verge of happening to make can and bottle redemption profitable, convenient, as well as impactful to the environment. Last week the Senate sent to the House their version which was different than the version we had ready. So after considerable hard work and negotiation with the Senate the House passed an amended version 70-14 Tuesday and returned it to the Senate for their approval.

Senate file 2378 is not a perfect bill but does make significant changes that will continue to make it a success. This legislation raises the handling fee for redemption centers from 1 to 3 cents; it allows for retailers 3 exemptions to opt out, it increases enforcement by placing it under the Attorney Generals Office, and offers distributors a 1 cent credit against their taxes for each container they handle which gives the legislature an account-

ing of unredeemed containers and considerable legislative oversight.

Alcohol Code Reform

Senate File 2374 merges and reduces the number of alcohol licenses from 14 to 8. It also provides more parity throughout authorizations and fees across industries and licensees. The bill allows all manufacturers of alcohol to obtain class "C" liquor licenses to sell liquor, beer, and wine. Additionally, SF 2374 allows class "B" or "E" retail alcohol licensee to sell limited quantities of beer to another retail alcohol licensee. Lastly, it allows the automatic renewal of some licensees/certificates/permits for those in good standing. The bill passed by a vote of 93-0.

Overweight Truck Permits

Senate File 2376 establishes a fee of \$500 for a new 90,000 pound all-systems permit. The all systems permit has been in effect for a couple of years and was a voluntary program as established. This bill will require all counties to participate in the all systems permit. Therefore, making this \$500 dollar annual, one-time, fee statewide and eliminating each county imposing their own fee. 75% of the fee will be deposited in the county bridge construction fund and 25% will go to the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF). The bill passed by a vote of 85-7.

Tom Moore has served as Iowa's District 21 State Representative since 2015. Contact Rep. Tom Moore at tom.moore@legis.iowa.gov.

Thank you to planning and zoning commission

To the Editor:

I am writing to thank the Planning and Zoning Commission for their recent review of the solar ordinance.

The discussion began with a little contention because of what had led up to the meeting. I was glad to see, however, that the Commission members and Zoning Administrator Barry Byers were able to establish a working relationship and use their life experiences, problem-solving skills, and

attention to detail to provide Montgomery County with an improved ordinance.

Wording was changed and added, and additional issues will be investigated.

I compliment the Commission for their hard work on the improved solar ordinance.

Elizabeth Wearin
Red Oak



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Lukas Moore of Emerson earned first place in Collision Repair Technology (Post-Secondary Division.) (Photo submitted)



Vicente Butcher of Corning, Southwest Valley High School, pictured right, took second place in Electrical Construction Wiring (Secondary Division.) Also pictured is first place winner Osten Blevins of Osceola.

SWCC students headed to 2022 National SkillsUSA Championships

Southwestern Community College (SWCC) career and technical education students had a great run at the Iowa SkillsUSA Championships in Ankeny on Friday, April 8, 2022, with nine students placing first and therefore qualifying for the National SkillsUSA Championships in Atlanta, Ga, June 20-24.

Lukas Moore of Emerson took first place in Collision Repair Technology, Post Secondary Division.

Vincente Butcher of Corning just missed his

chance to participate in the championship, finishing second in Electrical Construction wiring, Secondary Division.

During April each year, Iowa SkillsUSA chapters gather in central Iowa to compete in more than 70 career and technical-related divisions. The top three place winners are recognized. Moore will have opportunities to compete against students from all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

Iowa Masons name Jeff Grebin of Stanton as Teacher of the Year.



Jeff Grebin, an instructor with the Stanton School District, was named the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa’s “Teacher of the Year.” Grebin’s name was submitted by Cass Masonic Lodge # 412 in Griswold. Grebin was one of many teachers who were recommended for the honor by regional lodges in Iowa. Grebin was the only teacher selected, among the many candidates submitted, to receive the award. Grebin was nominated for excellence in education, and commitment to the students at the school, as well as being a role model.

Grebin was also honored this winter by Cass Lodge #412 at their Christmas supper and awards night by fellow lodge members and guests. The Stanton Masonic Lodge has consolidated with the Cass Lodge for the past several years. Grebin is pictured right, being awarded the Grand Lodge of Iowa Teacher of the Year award by Worshipful Master Clarence Waddell. (Photo submitted)

East Mills School District holding preschool roundup on April 25

The East Mills School District will hold its preschool roundup at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 25.

Anyone who has a child who will turn 4 years old on or before Sept. 15, 2022, is encouraged to pre-register for preschool online at emschools.org and attend the preschool roundup on April 25.

Honor Rolls

GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

The honor roll lists for Graceland University’s 2021 fall term have been announced, and Isaac Birt of Red Oak, has been named to the honors list.

Graceland University students with a GPA between 3.65 and 3.99 are named to the honors list.

School Activities

<p>Thursday, April 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Essex: Last day for May Day basket ordersSouthwest Valley: Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day6-7 a.m., Griswold: Softball practice, middle school gym6:30-7:45 a.m., Griswold: High school boys throwers, middle school gym6:45-7:45 a.m., Southwest Valley: High school baseball practice, new high school gym3:25-5:55 p.m., Griswold: High school track practice, middle school gym5-8 p.m., Griswold: weightlifting, weight room <p>Friday, April 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">East Mills: Junior/senior high school community service day8:30 a.m., Griswold: Preschool vision screenings8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Southwest Valley: Student Council blood drive, activity center8:30 a.m., Griswold: Middle school field trip to Anderson Conservation area1:30 p.m., Essex: Early dismissal, prom5:30 p.m., Southwest Valley: FFA Banquet, auditorium6 p.m., Stanton: Athletic banquet <p>Saturday, April 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Griswold: Prom1 p.m., Griswold: After prom set-up5:30 p.m., Red Oak: Prom <p>Sunday, April 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">12:01 a.m., Griswold: After prom5-6 p.m., Griswold: High school girls pitching practice, middle school gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none">5:30-7:30 p.m., Southwest: Valley High school softball open gym, new high school gym <p>Monday, April 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">East Mills: Late start, 90 minutesGriswold: Fifth grade School of the Wild event <p>Tuesday, April 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Griswold: Fifth grade School of the Wild event6:45-7:45 a.m., Southwest Valley: High school baseball practice, new high school gym8:15 a.m., Griwold: Second grade field trip to Des Moines Science Center12:15 p.m., Red Oak: Military recruiter visit5-7 p.m., Griswold: Junior high music rehearsal,5:30 p.m., Stanton: Eight grade student/parent high school planning meeting <p>Wednesday, April 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stanton: CC STEM FairSouthwest Valley: School Bus Drivers Appreciation DayGriswold: Fifth grade School of the Wild eventStanton: Music department showcase at the Wilson Performing Arts CenterGriswold: One hour early release, teacher work time6:15-7:15 a.m., Southwest Valley: High school softball pitching, new high school gym1:15 p.m., Stanton: Early dismissal5-6:15 p.m., Southwest Valley: High school AAU volleyball, new high school gym
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Deadline approaching for Blue Scholarship

State Treasurer Michael L. Fitzgerald reminds Iowa students the deadline to apply for the 2022 Robert D. Blue Scholarship is quickly approaching. To be eligible for this year’s award, applications must be completed in their entirety and submitted online at RDBlue.org by Tuesday, May 10.

The Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation, in which Fitzgerald is a member, awards the Robert D. Blue Scholarship. “Each recipient represents outstanding character and strong scholastic ability,” said Fitzgerald. “This year, it could be a student in your life – encourage them to apply today.”

Graduates of any Iowa high school who plan

to attend a college or university in the state of Iowa for the 2022-2023 school year are eligible to apply, including high school and post-secondary students. Awards are based on financial need, an original essay, academic achievement and recommendations.

Applicants must complete each step of the application to be considered for the scholarship and winners will be announced during the summer. Those who would like more information on the Robert D. Blue Scholarship should visit RDBlue.org..

School Lunch Menus

East Mills

Thursday, April 21: Pork chop or pepperoni pizza slices, sliced carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed fruit, dinner roll.

Friday, April 22: Chicken and cheese or cheese quesadilla, or pepperoni pizza slices, refried beans, corn, diced peaches, salsa.

Monday, April 25: Crispy chicken nuggets or pepperoni pizza slices, french fries, green beans, diced apricots, pasta salad.

Tuesday, April 26: Corn dog, or pepperoni pizza slices, steamed broccoli florets, au gratin potatoes, sliced pears.

Wednesday, April 27: Turkey and cheese sandwich on a bun, baby carrots, celery sticks, watermelon chunks, Teddy Grahams.

Essex

Thursday, April 21: Cook’s choice.

Friday, April 22: Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly sandwich, string cheese, corn chips, Sidekick slushie, fruit cup.

Monday, April 25: Breaded chicken patty sandwich on a bun, corn, banana.

Tuesday, April 26: Loaded baked potato, cheddar cheese sauce, diced ham, sliced peaches.

Wednesday, April 27: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, bread stick, applesauce.

Griswold

Thursday, April 21: French toast sticks with maple syrup, hash brown potatoes, cheese omelette, sausage links, mandarin oranges.

Friday, April 22: Pepperoni pizza slices, bread stick, garden spinach salad, carrot sticks and ranch dip, strawberries, bananas.

Monday, April 25: Hot ham and cheese sandwich on a bun, potato chips, savory cooked carrots, cookie, Sidekick slushie.

Tuesday, April 26: Walking taco, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, diced onions, shredded cheese, sour cream, salsa, vegetable cup with ranch dip, sliced pears.

Wednesday, April 27: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, sliced onions, cheese slice, hamburger dills, french fries, baked beans, rosy applesauce.

Red Oak Elementary/ Preschool Center

Thursday, April 21: Chicken nachos with white queso cheese sauce; or meatball sub on a bun; or taco salad, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, diced onions, diced tomatoes, sour cream, salsa, jalapenos, cornbread; or roasted chicken sandwich on a bun, or chicken avocado club wrap; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, black bean dip, Texas pintos, fresh fruit, banana/orange mix.

Friday, April 22: Mini corn dogs; or jalapeno popper pizza slices; or chicken bacon ranch salad, pineapple muffin; or cheesy chicken Caesar sandwich; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, broccoli florets, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits.

Monday, April 25: Pepper jack grilled cheese sandwich; or cheeseburger on a bun, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, sliced onions, hamburger dills; or cobb salad, garlic biscuit; or breaded chicken patty on a bun; or club sandwich; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, steamed broccoli florets, fresh fruit, applesauce.

Tuesday, April 26: Bacon macaroni and cheese, cornbread; or BBQ pork salad, cornbread; or baked potato bar, cornbread; or pizza slices; or bacon turkey avocado club sandwich; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, cowboy bans, Italian bean salad,

fresh fruit, orange/pineapple mix.

Wednesday, April 27: Glazed ham with roasted pineapple, hot roll; or breaded chicken patty on a bun, hot roll; or strawberry chicken salad, hot roll; or pig in a blanket; or BBQ grain bowl; mashed potatoes and gravy, corn salad, fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, corn, fresh fruit, sliced pears.

Red Oak Jr./Sr. High School
Chicken patty, cheeseburger, and pizza are offered daily

Thursday, April 21: Chicken nachos with white queso cheese sauce; or meatball sub on a bun; or taco salad, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, diced onions, diced tomatoes, sour cream, salsa, jalapenos, cornbread; or roasted chicken sandwich on a bun, or chicken avocado club wrap; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, black bean dip, Texas pintos, fresh fruit, banana/orange mix.

Friday, April 22: Mini corn dogs; or jalapeno popper pizza slices; or chicken bacon ranch salad, pineapple muffin; or cheesy chicken Caesar sandwich; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, broccoli florets, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits.

Monday, April 25: Pepper jack grilled cheese sandwich; or cheeseburger on a bun, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, sliced onions, hamburger dills; or cobb salad, garlic biscuit; or breaded chicken patty on a bun; or club sandwich; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, steamed broccoli florets, fresh fruit, applesauce.

Tuesday, April 26: Bacon macaroni and cheese, cornbread; or BBQ pork salad, cornbread; or baked potato bar, cornbread; or pizza slices; or bacon turkey avocado club sandwich; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, cowboy bans, Italian bean salad, fresh fruit, orange/pineapple mix.

Wednesday, April 27: Glazed ham with roasted pineapple, hot roll; or breaded chicken patty on a bun, hot roll; or strawberry chicken salad, hot roll; or pig in a blanket; or BBQ grain bowl; mashed potatoes and gravy, corn salad, fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, corn, fresh fruit, sliced pears.

Southwest Valley

Thursday, April 21: Cheesy penne pasta, lettuce salad with choice of dressing, peas, garlic bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, April 22: Bacon cheeseburger on a bun, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, sliced onions, hamburger dills, sweet potato tots, fruit.

Monday, April 25: Pepperoni Hot Pocket, green beans, potato cubes, fruit.

Tuesday, April 26: Chicken alfredo pasta, steamed broccoli florets, lettuce salad with choice of dressing, garlic bread stick, fruit.

Wednesday, April 27: Popcorn chicken bowl with gravy, mashed potatoes, and cheese, corn, winter mix vegetables, dinner roll, fruit.

Stanton

Thursday, April 21: Lasagna roll-up, lettuce salad with choice of dressing, carrots, pears, applesauce, bread stick.

Friday, April 22: Beef stew, savory cooked carrots, peaches, apple slices, biscuit, bug bites.

Monday, April 25: Cheesy pull-aparts, lettuce salad with choice of dressing, steamed broccoli florets, sliced pears, applesauce.

Tuesday, April 26: Chicken fried steak on a bun, sweet potatoes, baked beans, mandarin oranges, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday, April 27: Siracha chicken, fried rice, savory cooked carrots, egg roll, peaches, ice cream.

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Community Calendar

21 April

8 a.m. to noon: Leadership Red Oak, Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., “Wild Women in the Woods,” Five One 8, 518 N. 4th St.
10 a.m., Ribbon cutting, Lincoln Farm & Home, 1715 N. Broadway St.
Noon: SCORE webinar, “Volunteering in 2022 - How it Can Help Small Businesses Grow in Your Community.” Go to omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242 for more information.
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.
4:30-6:30 p.m., Pork chop dinner, First Christian Church, 1909 Summit St.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

22 April

10:15 a.m., Storytime, Red Oak Public Library, “First and Last,” 400 N. 2nd St.
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.
5:30 p.m., Red Oak Grand Theatre pulled pork fundraiser at Five One 8, 518 N. 4th St.
7 p.m., “Uncharted,” theatre #1; “Licorice Pizza,” theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

23 April

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Citywide cleanup in Stanton, also citywide garage sale
9 a.m., Cleanup at the Salem Cemetery, bring rakes, 230th Street and D Avenue, southwest of Red Oak
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bloomin’ in Spring Vendor/Craft Show, Five One 8, 518 N. 4th St.
7 p.m., “Uncharted,” theatre #1; “Licorice Pizza,” theatre #2;

Red Oak Grand Theatre.

24 April

2 and 7 p.m., “Uncharted,” theatre #1; “Licorice Pizza,” theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.
5 to 7 p.m., Pancake feed, Stanton Fire Department, 205 Broad Ave.
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

25 April

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 School Board meeting, junior/senior high school.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

26 April

Noon: SCORE webinar, “Social Media Strategies that Generate Results.” Go to omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242 for more information.
8:30 a.m., Montgomery County Supervisors, North Meeting Room in courthouse basement, open to public.
Noon, Rotary Club meeting. For location, go to <https://rotarydistrict5650.org/clubinfo/red-oak>.

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

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27 April

5:30 p.m., Business Promotions group meeting, Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association meeting room.
1:30-5 p.m., Christ’s Cupboard Food Pantry and Clothing Cupboard, 206 E. Coolbaugh St. Donations accepted 1-5 p.m. at back door.

Silvius signs Arbor Day proclamation



Red Oak Mayor Shawwna Silvius signs a proclamation to urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect trees and woodlands. April 29 is Arbor Day in Iowa. This is a special day set aside to encourage the planting of trees, and Silvius hopes that all citizens will take part in this special day of to plant a tree. (Photo submitted)

Stanton clean up day, citywide garage sale this weekend

The Stanton community is holding two big events this weekend.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Stanton residents are urged to “Team up to clean up,” and take part in the city-wide event.

Containers will be located at the Stanton City Maintenance building.

Residents may dispose of junk, old furniture, wood, appliances, metal, and other items. Old car batteries will also be accepted. Residents are urged to separate metal from other items as it will be loaded into a separate trailer.

They will not accept hazardous waste, explosives, tires, TVs, computers, liquids, paint, railroad ties, or raw garbage.

Also, no one is to dispose of



brush, limbs, trees, or leaves. Those items can be disposed of at the city dump west of Stanton.

Senior citizens who are disabled and unable to transport items may call 829-2613 and arrange for pickup from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 22.

In addition to the city-wide clean up, Numerous families will also be taking part in a city-wide garage sale, that will take place all day on April 23.

Salem Cemetery cleanup day this weekend

A cleanup day is planned this weekend at the Salem Cemetery in Red Oak.

The event will start at 9 a.m. on April 23. The cemetery is located at 230th Street and D Avenue, southwest of Red Oak.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring rakes, and the majority of the cleanup work is to take place outside.

Area residents, families, and friends are encouraged to come and take part and work together as a team. In the event of rain, the event will be moved to Saturday, April 30.



Call 623-3032 for more information.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays this week are:

Heath Jackson – April 21
Rozella Youngberg Davis – April 21
Dorothy Nelson – April 21
Easton Yocum – April 22
Terry Crowe – April 22
Philip Olson – April 24
Kennedy King – April 24
Darold Helmer – April 24
Norma Meggison – April 24
Shawna Olson – April 25
Ruby Veon – April 25
Barb Shipley – April 26
Linda Swain – April 27
Connie Muller – April 27
Jonathan Goddard – April 27
Hailey Rydberg – April 27

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.

Card Shower

BYERS 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Terry and Betty Byers will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, April 22.

In honor of this occasion, their family is hosting a card shower.

Cards may be sent to Terry and Betty at 606 Maple St., Henderson, IA 51541.

Five One 8 hosting basket weaving event

Five One 8, located at 518 N. 4th St. in Red Oak is hosting a “Wild Women in the Woods” basket weaving event on April 21.

Interested participants are encouraged to contact the Montgomery County Conservation Board at 623-4753 to be registered for the event.

Grand Theatre pulled pork fundraiser Friday

The Red Oak Grand Theatre is hosting a fundraiser at the Five One 8, 518 N. 4th St. beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22.

A meal will be provided of pulled pork sandwiches and chips, served by the Grand Theatre Board.

Food will begin being served at 5:30 p.m. and will be provided until food runs out. A free will offering for the meal will be



accepted.
Live music will be provided by Greg Brower from 6 to 9 p.m.

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

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

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

Reformed Evangelical

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

United Methodist

First United Methodist, 600 E. Hammond, Red Oak, Rev. 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. fmcro.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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Supervisors getting closer to selecting assessor replacement

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors is making strides in finding a replacement for the Montgomery County Assessor's position.

Prior assessor Stacey Von Dielingen left the position to become the assessor in Jasper County in September 2021. The Montgomery County Examining Board, comprised of Jerry Hansen, Don Kearns and Donna Devries have narrowed the applicants to two, and Supervisors Chair Mark Peterson said it was time to take the next step.

"The examining board chose not to pick one over the other. They are handing both applicants over for us to work with. I've asked around, and I would like for us to form a committee of three people, one representing us, the mayors, and the school boards, get together, and look at the two applicants," Peterson explained. "The school boards are working to pick a representative for this new committee, and I am willing to be our representative on this committee."



County supervisor Randy Cooper speaks during the April 12 board meeting. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

Peterson said following the interview of the final two candidates, the new committee would submit the name to the 16-member Montgomery

County Conference Board for final vote and approval.

The conference board would also serve to oversee the new hire for the assessor's position.

Supervisor Charla Schmid asked for clarification as to why the other committee did not pick one applicant over the other. Peterson explained that the committee did not have to narrow the field down to one applicant.

"In other cases, they might be in a situation where one person was fully qualified, and the other was not. In this case, both applicants were fully qualified, so the committee is saying the two candidates are on a level playing field," advised Peterson.

Supervisor Donna Robinson suggested having two representatives from the supervisors serve on the proposed committee. Peterson said he specifically chose one representative from each entity to allow for an uneven vote. Robinson agreed and rescinded her suggestion for a second board member to join the three-person committee.

As for a decision, after speaking with County

Attorney Drew Swanson, he was advised the best place to share the decision for the position was at a conference board meeting.

The supervisors agreed to appoint Peterson to the new committee. Peterson said Red Oak Mayor Shawna Silvius had been selected by the group of county mayors to represent them on the committee; the area school boards had yet to make a decision on a representative.

The supervisors also approved setting May 3 as the date of a public hearing classifying a portion of 230th Street east to Vine Street, in East Township, as a Level C road, at the landowner's recommendation.

"This will be a downgrade for the road, and it was at the suggestion of the landowners. They signed and submitted a petition, and the road will be gated off upon approval of the new classification," said county engineer Karen Albert.

Due to the timing, the earliest the public hearing could take place was May 3, and the time was set at 8:45 a.m., during the regular supervisors meeting.



CHASE TEAM

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heavy rain, lightning and strong wind.

"Obviously we aren't in it for the money; it's a hobby, but we also hope to educate others," Wainright said.

ChaseTeamBA can be followed on Facebook at facebook.com/ChaseTeamBA/. Gruber resides in rural Red Oak, is a member of the Red Oak Fire Department, and works at Goldsmith Gallery. Wainright resides in Villisca, where he is a paramedic and is attending classes to become a registered nurse.



Left: Bruce Gruber (left) and Adam Wainright are the BA in ChastTam BA, local storm-chasers. Above: A photo of a tornado near Farragut a few years ago taken by Gruber. (Photos provided)



Breakfast with the bunny

A free will donation Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was held Saturday, April 16, at the Five One 8 in Red Oak. The event was sponsored by the Red Oak Police Department and Red Oak Fire Department. Proceeds will go toward future activities. (Nanny Crowe/Red Oak Express)

HEALTH

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ma still out there about mental health. That is a barrier as well," Brown said. "Feelings of no hope, or how the world or their family would be better off with out them ... usually they are thinking in the short term, which is why it is so important to know the signs."

Suicide prevention and mental health first aid are the two key programs through ISU Extension and the USDA. Not only do the programs help those in need find resources, they include how to pay for mental health services should no insurance or limited income is an issue.

Since the launch of the program, Brown said the feedback has been great. They have given out 10,000 publications so far across the state of Iowa.

"Look out for one another. An informed and educated community on this issue makes a difference," said Brown. "If it helps one person – it's worth it!"



Free virtual mental health classes

- Mental Health First Aid
Extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/MHFA
- Question. Persuade. Refer.
Extension/iastate.edu/humanscience.QPR

Resources

- Iowa Concern Hotline
800-447-1985
- Your Life Iowa
855-581-8111
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
800-273-8255
- Farm Aid Hotline
800-327-6243
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
800-950-6264

Mental Health Concern Signs/Symptoms

- Decreased interest in activities or event
- Decline in appearance of the farmstead
- Decline in care of domestic animals
- Changes in routines or social activities

Warning Signs of Suicidal Intent

- Changes in sleep pattern and/or eating pattern
- Talking about suicide
- Preoccupation with death
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Feeling trapped – like there is no way out
- Withdrawing from family, friends and routines
- Giving away possessions
- Increased use of alcohol and/or drugs

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