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The Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Court of Honor held its annual Memorial Day program on May 30. The program was held in the gymnasium of the Red Oak Jr./Sr High School due to the high winds. Pictured above, from left, Chairman Robert Fenstermann, and Court of Honor members Clyde Sellers and Clint Rubey salute the flags of the fallen soldiers dedicated at the ceremony. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Fundraising starts for ‘dedicated’ animal shelter

Nick Johansen
 The Red Oak Express

The community of Red Oak and the surrounding area has the possibility of reopening a dedicated community animal shelter if fundraising goals are met.

Red Oak did have a dedicated animal shelter until it was sold five years ago. Jan Black, who currently coordinates any animal rescue efforts in the county, said there were several reasons why that other shelter ended up being sold.

“For one thing, it was too big. We also were lacking in community support and lacking in volunteer support and financial support, unfortunately. I’ve been handling animal rescue since 2000, and have not received any money from the City of Red Oak or Montgomery County,” said Black.

Black added that when the shelter was in operation, she financed much of the building operations, along with grants, donations, and fundraisers .

“I’m not independently wealthy, and it ended up being a decision I had to make. I had intentions at that time of quitting altogether, but I was approached by the Animal Rescue League in Des Moines to help oversee a program through the Clarinda Prison that trains rescue dogs so they can be adopted. I stepped in and assisted with that, and on a local level, I’ve been doing whatever animal rescue I can, and board dogs through vet clinics and other appropriate organizations,” Black explained.

According to Black, she has now reached the point where she is looking at ceasing her personal animal rescue efforts in Red Oak and surrounding communities.

“I’m 70 now, and this takes a lot of personal time and money to coordinate this. While I do get some donations from people to help out, the donations just aren’t enough to cover all of my out-of-pocket expenses. I don’t know the exact amount of money I’ve spent, but it’s thousands and thousands of dollars. I could spend \$2,000 per month in vet bills alone. So if nothing is done, the community is going to go back to the year 2000, when we had no animal rescue operations at all,” Black commented.

Black said she still plans on assisting with the Clarinda prison animal program and will still continue to assist with low-cost spay and neuter clinics, but she will be stepping back from everything else.

Red Oak Mayor Shawwna Silvius said they have a short window to bring back a dedicated animal shelter to Red Oak that would provide animal rescue services to the area once Black ceases her efforts.

“We have two ladies who have recently moved to Red Oak, Tracy Hill and her mother, Dixie Strange. They operated a shelter in Mount Ayr, and they have years of experience, and Tracy was a vet tech for 12 years. They are here and ready to open a shelter, and

there is an ideal building here for them that is currently for sale, that they would love to purchase and open up a shelter for us,” Silvius advised.

The building is in a location where it would not have any nuisance noise concerns, and also has opportunities for expansion. To purchase the building, make renovations to turn it into a shelter, and have enough funding to operate it and have some paid staff, the amount of funds needed to be raised through grants and donations is estimated at around \$300,000. If they meet those fundraising goals and can open, Hill said they have a number of ideas to serve not only as an animal rescuer operation, but also provide other benefits to the community.

“We like to have the track team come and take the dogs out for a run when they’re at practice. Also students at a variety of schools can’t graduate until they give 40 hours of community service to a non-profit, so those students could come to us and collect those hours. We also liked to hold doggie furlough days, so people who are interested in a dog but aren’t sure they are ready for one, can essentially check out a dog, and keep it for a few days to see if it’s something they’re ready for. There are a lot of opportunities this would create that would have a lasting benefit to the community,” stated Hill.

Right now, the City of Red Oak is picking up dogs on a very limited basis and aren’t picking up stray cats at all. Hill said another opportunity they’d like to be considered would be to have a contract with the city to pick up stray animals as necessary. Hill is also looking to meet with the Red Oak City Council and Montgomery County Board of Supervisors to consider options for any potential partnerships.

Silvius said they had a recent meeting with around 18 people in attendance to discuss the possibility of a shelter, and everyone who attended was in agreement that there was a community need, and there were others who agreed but were unable to attend. She encouraged anyone interested to attend the June 6 council meeting at 5:30 to hear Hill’s presentation, then stay for the community conversation with the former group following the council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Black was in agreement that there was a dire necessity for the community to have a dedicated animal shelter. As part of her personal rescue efforts, she was the go-to person for law enforcement and the nuisance officer.

“Some days, I can get three or four calls a day, and while my number was shared with those agencies, it also was shared around the community which led to more calls. While I had no issue with giving my number out, I don’t do animal control. I’m 70 years old now, and I’m just not at the point where I’m physically able to go down and chase dogs. I also get a lot of calls from people with

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Postmaster warns of counterfeit stamps

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The Red Oak Post Office is warning of a recent scam that has targeted a number of people in the area.

Postmaster Michelle Dixon, with the Red Oak Post Office, said that they have seen a recent influx of mail bearing counterfeit stamps, which are usually purchased at an up to 50% discount online. Dixon said at that level of discount, those stamps are likely bogus.

“The post office never offers a discount that large, as our stamp prices are fixed. Recently, we’ve seen a number of graduation cards that had counterfeit stamps on them, and unfortunately, when we find a counterfeit stamp, those cards end up as return to sender,” Dixon explained.

The number of counterfeit stamps being sold through online platforms has escalated, and with rising prices affecting everyone in the county, it’s natural for people to look for discounts.

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Red Oak Postmaster Michelle Dixon shows how hard it is for stamp buyers to know their stamps are counterfeit. The counterfeit stamps are on the left. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Pool will open June 1 with limited hours

Nick Johansen
 The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak Municipal Pool will open as scheduled on June 1, but patrons can expect limits on weekend availability for the time being.

The Red Oak Park and Tree Board held a special meeting on May 26 to discuss the pool schedule. Park Superintendent Adam VanDerVliet advised the board they currently have eight lifeguards after two backed out, three assistant managers, and two attendants.

“Of the eight guards, two of them can only work Mondays through Fridays, so June 1-3, we have six guards the first two days, and every weekend through June 12, we only have three guards available on the weekends. We need coverage of one guard for every 30 patrons,” VanDerVliet said.

VanDerVliet added that he personally wouldn’t open the pool with three guards, as there would be no rotation, and the lifeguards would get burned out within the first couple of weeks from opening. Also, VanDerVliet said with six guards, only half the pool would be available to open, and it would take a total of 10 guards to open the pool entirely, with five guards present and

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Boeye praised for interim IT assistance, search continues for Scott's permanent replacement

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The search for a new IT director to oversee the county's infrastructure is ongoing.

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors discussed the efforts to find a replacement for Jim Scott, who resigned May 20.

Supervisor Randy Cooper said he had been in contact with Red Oak superintendent Ron Lorenz and requested he pass on the name of any prospective students who may be a good fit.

Supervisor Charla Schmid said she was contacted by a member of the community whose son applied for the job before Scott was hired, and she urged them to pursue further.

"I told him to have his son fill out another application and resume and that we would take a look at it," Schmid said.

Supervisor Mike Olson also advised he's been contacted about the position and told them to apply online or through the auditor's office.

"We're getting the word out pretty well, I feel, it's just a matter of finding someone who wants to take a position like this," said Olson.

Supervisor Donna Robinson asked how frequently interim director Beau Boeye was on-site, or if he was just on-call. County Auditor Stephanie Burke said Beau was at



the courthouse in the mornings on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

"He's very responsive to emails when we contact him at the help desk, and the staff is continuing to use the help desk as well. His assistance has been very beneficial," Burke said.

Supervisors Chair Mark Peterson said it was a huge benefit to the county having Boeye's involvement on an interim basis.

"I wouldn't want to even think about this situation without having Beau involved, and he's been very willing to work with us, so that's been great," Peterson stated.

Also, Peterson said there was an ease in getting Boeye back into the position of IT director on an interim basis.

"It provides us IT security, and since he was involved once before, he could just step

right back in. It's troublesome to have to go through this again, but since we were just recently through this before Jim Scott was hired, we have a little better feel for what we need to do now," Peterson commented.

However, despite the extensive advertising efforts taken by the county, Burke advised at the May 24 meeting that they had no new applications beyond the first one she'd earmarked for review by the supervisors. Peterson admitted the news was problematic.

"On the one hand, there's some relief that we've gotten some applications, and have one strong candidate, but we've provided a lot of advertising saturation, and I think we're out there about as far as we can be. There's only so much we can do at this time," Peterson explained.



Pictured, from left to right: Mike Lambe, Director of Sales at Dish, Theresa Johnston, Amanda Johnston, Jon Smith and Brian McIntyre, VP of Indirect Sales at Dish. (Photo provided)

Johnston Communications named Dish Cares Ambassador of the Year 2021

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

Johnston Communications was recently named the Dish Cares Ambassador of the Year 2021 for Dish Network nationwide.

Dish realizes that Local Retailers, like Johnston Communications, want to be active in the communities where they live and work. Therefore, local retailers are recognized for their involvement throughout the year. The selection is also based on the number of community support events or programs completed, number of DISH Cares corporate events participated in, number of volunteer hours completed/dollars raised for initiatives, percent of staff participation in volunteer events, number of people served or impacted provided by the nonprofit, and a short description on creative approach to serving their community and be nominated by corporate employee.

"Some of our events we participated in include: delivering Meals on Wheels two times a week, we sponsored and served meals for churches, and raised funds for local charities. We fundraise for the local K-9 unit, school clubs and school events;

we support Pheasants Forever, local 4-H clubs, food drives, participate in the Christmas toy drive and Adopt-A-Family during the holidays, and are an

Adams County Speedway sponsor," said Johnston Communications Accounting Executive, Amanda Johnston. "It is an incredible award and

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CHERYL REYNOLDS, 78

Cheryl Lou Reynolds, 78, Elliott, passed away Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak.

Cheryl was born April 17, 1944, in Red Oak, the daughter of Lloyd Thomas and Roselda Lulu (Wohlenhaus) Jennings. She graduated from Elliott High School in 1962 and worked for the telephone company in Red Oak.

Cheryl was united in marriage to Dennis Reynolds on July 20, 1963, in Lyman. They lived their entire married life near Elliott. She helped run the family farm, worked at the Griswold Apple Orchard, and was a cook for the Elliott School, retiring after 31 years with the Griswold Community School District. She also did janitorial work.

Cheryl was a member of the Elliott Church of Christ and the Just Us Girls Club. She was always very active with all the children's activities including 4 H projects, especially baking. Cheryl was a great cook and was known for her cinnamon rolls at the school. She was voted by the students as a KMA Radio Station "Greatest Cook" in 2013. Cheryl loved spending time with her grandchildren and helping them with all of their projects and enjoyed gardening.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Dennis Reynolds of Elliott; children, Tami Weirich of Griswold; Denny Reynolds and wife Sue of Griswold; Jeff Reynolds and wife Kellie of Red Oak; Lisa Mundorf and husband Greg of Glade Park, Colo.; and Michael Reynolds and wife Kristan of Molina, Colo.; grandchildren, Melissa Weirich of Griswold; Justin Weirich and wife Ashley of Council Bluffs; Sara Coley and husband Seth of Council Bluffs; Dakota Reynolds of Griswold; Keyla Wyman and husband JC of Griswold; Collins Reynolds of Red Oak; Chance Mundorf of Boseman, Mont.; and Ryder Mundorf of Glade Park, Colo.; great-grandchildren, Rhett, Brielle, Rawlins, Bode, Brystal, and Brynli; sisters, Diane Hart and husband Bill of Omaha, Neb.; and Pam Ayres and husband Rich of Red Oak; brothers-in-law, Les Reynolds of Omaha, Neb.; Lyle Reynolds and wife Mary Ann of Omaha, Neb.; and Butch Reynolds of Elliott; sisters-in-law, Pat Vestal and husband Charlie of Emerson, and Karen Milner and husband Dick of Elliott; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the Church of Christ in Elliott. Burial was in the Hillside Cemetery at Elliott.

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



JERRY JAMISON

Jerry Ray Jamison, Elliott, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak.

Jerry was born in Red Oak, the son of Clyde and Rose (Gustafson) Jamison. He was raised and lived the majority of his life in Elliott. He graduated from Griswold Community High School and started his working career with Star Agri in Red Oak.

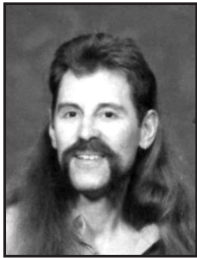
He later worked for D & L, which became Romech, from where he retired. Jerry then attended a program in Auto Body at Southwestern Community College in Creston. He worked for American Hydraulics, Finish Line Trailers, and again retired from H & H Trailers about a year ago. He spent most of his career as a welder.

Jerry loved music and playing the drums. He was currently a member of several bands. He also loved motorcycles, but nothing meant as much to him as his family and the grandkids. Jerry also loved his pets, especially his dog Lucy, whom he loved eating ice cream with.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Lisa Jamison of Elliott; children, Misty Schwarte and significant other Bobby Filloon of Red Oak; Josh Schwarte of Red Oak; and Jolene Amos and husband Robert of Griswold; grandchildren, Adam Ienn of Red Oak; Morgin Ienn of Sioux City; Harley Schwarte of Red Oak; and Zoey, Gunner, Ellie, and Thor Amos all of Griswold; sister, Ramona Petty of Clarinda; brothers, Charles Jamison and wife Judi of Omaha, Neb.; and Dennis Jamison and significant other Rhonda Lyden of Lewis; and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at the Hillside Cemetery at Elliott. Family and friends will meet at the cemetery.

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



JEANNINE SCHOMBURG-GOURLEY, 66

Jeannine Marie Schomburg-Gourley, 66, Stanton, passed away suddenly in a motorcycle accident on Saturday, May 28, 2022, in Montgomery County.

Jeannine Schomburg-Gourley, the daughter of Melvin and Mary Jeanne (Tanner) Genie, was born June 25, 1955, at Mountain Home, Idaho.

Jeannine was preceded in death by her parents and brother, John Genie.


Jeannine is survived by her husband, Wendell Gourley of Stanton; two children, Jason Schomburg of Dubuque, and Jessica Donahoo of Elliott; three step-children; and 19 grandchildren.

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

Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, June 17, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home, Red Oak.

Visitation with the family will be held Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home. Memorials may be directed to the Jeannine Schomburg-Gourley Memorial for future family direction. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at sldfuneralhome.com. Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home is in charge of Jeannine's arrangements.

Law and Order



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

REAL ESTATE

WARRANTY DEED

- Charles Scott, Manager Member, James Tamburro, Administrator, Jeffrey Altman, Manager Member, and Sarah Farm Associates LC to Brayton and Lindsey Allen, 27-72-37.
- Manuel Palaguachi, Manuel Chabala, and Sara Chabala to Katriel Hosford, Red Oak Railroad Addition Blk 26 Lts 3-4.
- Thomas and Barbara Burkholder to Christopher and Joni Kelley, Red Oak Johnson SD 2 Lt 26.
- Jean Palmquist Estate, and Karen Lundgren, Executor, to Mark and Rebecca Dahl, 21-72-38.
- Maurice, Judith, James, Cheryl, Robert, and Nancy Brannan, and Laura, David, and Taneva Miller to Gerald and Carolyn

Fisher, 31-71-36.

- Mark Snyder, Steve Walker, Member, and Walker Apartments LLC to Grace Home Solutions LLC, Red Oak Victory Park Addition Blk 8 Lts 22, 25.
- Grace Home Solutions LLC, and Grace Kouassi Ahou, Managing Member, to Crew Homes LLC, Red Oak Victory Park Addition Blk 8 Lts 22, 25.
- Adam Fine to David and Mary Pacheco, 28-72-38 Lts 4-6.

COURT OFFICER'S DEED

- Wayne Wasson Estate, and Victoria Longfellow, Executor, to Victoria Longfellow, Villisca Davis Addition Lt 1.
- Daniel Moser, Administrator, Dan Moser, Administrator, and Judy Arterburn Estate to Randall and Janice Bruce, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Blk 88 Lt 4.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

- City of Red Oak to Hayden Sedlak, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Blk 89 Lt 4.
- City of Red Oak to Mark Blackburn, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 23 Lt 4.
- City of Red Oak to Rod Vanderhoof, Red Oak Railroad Addition Blk 26 Lt 1.
- City of Red Oak to Russell Skellenger, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 23 Lt 3.
- Karen Lundgren to Mark and Rebecca Dahl, 21-72-38.
- Anna Malkhasian to Anna Malkhasian, Trustee and Anna Malkhasian Trust, 13-72-36.

MORTGAGE

- Brayton and Lindsey Allen to Bank Iowa, 27-72-37.
 - Brayton and Lindsey Allen to United States Department of Agriculture and Farm Service Agency, 27-72-37.
 - Kurt and Caroline Stamp to Farm Credit Services of America FCLA, 29-72-39.
 - Mark and Rebecca Dahl to Houghton State Bank, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Crawford SD Lt 4.
 - Gerald and Carolyn Fisher to Bank Iowa, 31-71-36, 19-72-36, 28-71-36, 32-71-37.
 - 5 Star Properties LLC and Cody Chapin, Managing Member, to Midstates Bank NA, Red Oak Lanes Addition Lt 34.
 - David and Mary Pacheco to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., MERS, Ark La Tex Financial Services LLC, and Benchmark Mortgage, 28-72-38 Lts 4-6.
- SMALL CLAIMS
- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Lori Jones, Red Oak, dismissed with prejudice.
 - Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Obadiah Waddell, Henderson, dismissed with prejudice.
 - Revco Solutions, LLC vs. Julia and Mark Wetterlind, Red Oak, dismissed with prejudice.
 - Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Harley Strutton, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$45 with 4.08% interest from May 24.

- Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Summer French, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$90 with 4.08% interest from May 24.
- Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Dennis Binns, Jr., Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$45 with 4.08% interest from May 24.
- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Beth Weaver, Villisca, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$802.14 with 4.08% interest from May 24, plus costs.

ARRESTS

- Filed May 24, Chantal Sperling, 29, Red Oak, abandonment of a dependent person, child endangerment, public intoxication, \$10,000 bond.
- Filed May 26, Robert Bopp, 42, Shenandoah, violation of probation, \$20,000 bond.
- Filed May 26, Cory Smith, 37, Elliott, warrant for possession of methamphetamine, \$1,000 bond.
- Filed May 29, Garret Horgdal, 38, Henderson, U.S. Marshals warrant for prohibited person in possession of firearm, held on no bond.
- Filed May 29, Jannelle Davis, 38, Henderson, U.S. Marshals warrant for false statement during the purchase of firearm, sale of firearm to prohibited person, held on no bond.
- Filed May 30, Joseph Bartlett, 43, Red Oak, felony forgery, \$5,000.

DISMISSED

- State of Iowa vs. Colbie Hunter, 36, Red Oak, probation violation, dismissed.

CRIMINAL

- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Brandon Logan, Jr., 23, Sidney, eluding - speed over 25 MPH over limit.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Christopher Mattingly, 42, Red Oak, contempt - resist order or process of district court, sentence imposed, concurrent with other charge.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Vernon Warf, 53, Red Oak, manner of conveyance - assembled unloaded gun, pled guilty, \$250 fine.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Rachel Flathers, 34, Elliott, trespass first offense, pled guilty, \$260 fine.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Randall Butts, 29, Red Oak, interference with official acts.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Chantal Sperling, 29, Red Oak, consumption of alcohol in public place, first offense.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Abigail Kates, 24, Red Oak, disorderly conduct - loud or raucous noise.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Dylan Griffith, 32, Red Oak, disorderly conduct - loud or raucous noise.
- Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Cory Smith, 37, Elliott, possession of a controlled

substance - methamphetamine, first offense.

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- State of Iowa vs. Nathan Fournier, 23, Red Oak, probation violation, dismissed.

TRAFFIC

- Dominique Yazzie, Red Oak, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance, leave scene of accident - fail to provide aid.
- Raven German, Gretna, Neb., speeding.
- Elizabeth Gotschall, Bradyville, operation of motor vehicle with expired license.
- Chad Hill, Red Oak, operation without registration card or plate.
- Jacob Wenzel, Blue Grass, speeding.
- Harley Strutton, Red Oak, no valid driver's license.
- Alvaro Mendoza Estrada, Des Moines, no valid driver's license.
- Jacob Wunder, Red Oak, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance.
- Thankyou Eram, Atlantic, speeding.
- Tasha Clark, Shenandoah, speeding.
- Sandra Juhl, Brayton, speeding.
- McKenzie Bear, Red Oak, speeding.
- Deanna Graham, Urbandale, speeding.

Fall Master Gardener Training Offered as Hybrid Course

The application window is opening June 3 for this year's Fall Master Gardener training cohort, which will be offered in 66 counties or extension regions.

"Throughout the pandemic, many of our programs have been forced into virtual formats and participants have missed out on peer-to-peer interactions," said Alicia Herzog, Master Gardener state coordinator with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "We find immense value in the learning that happens when our participants interact with each other, their county extension staff, and experts in their local communities. We're happy to be able to offer

the best of both worlds with this hybrid format."

Area counties offering fall training include: Cass, Fremont, Mills, Page, and Pottawattamie.

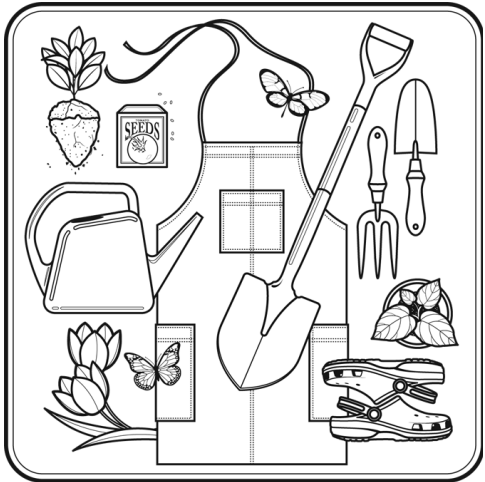
Iowans wishing to complete Master Gardener training register with their county extension office, participate in online learning modules, and attend at least four in-person training sessions organized by their county office. After completing the course, Master Gardener interns complete a 40-hour internship in their training county, sharing their knowledge and skills with the community.

Applicants have from June 3 until July 8 to apply for the fall session. Training for the fall session begins Aug. 22. Learn more about the program online or through your local ISU Extension and Outreach Master Gardener coordinator.

Local extension staff can help anyone with questions about joining Master Gardener training this year, including details of when and where in-person meetings will take place in their county or extension region.

Iowa State has offered Master Gardener training for over 40 years, engaging more than 15,000 people in learning about gardening best practices. Master Gardener volunteers add value to their communities by completing projects such as community beautification, tending donation gardens and presenting public programs.

For more information, Herzog can be reached at 515-294-3627 or aherzog@iastate.edu.





WANT TO BE A CERTIFIED LIFEGUARD AT RED OAK MUNICIPAL POOL?

Red Oak Park and Tree Board approved partnership for certification fees of potential hired lifeguards for the Red Oak Municipal Pool. If you are interested in learning more about this partnership and becoming a certified lifeguard at Red Oak Municipal Pool, please call city hall at 712-623-6510 and ask for Adam, or e-mail: redoakparks@redoakia.city

ANSWER - PUZZLE ON PAGE 3B

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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

Stronger the Press, Stronger the People

THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

Elderly pin-up girls replaced

Jean Hamilton rose to fame almost overnight, propelled to celebrity status by a unique manner of delivering just six words.

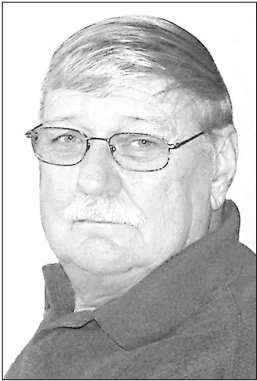
One of them was naughty; bleeped or deleted by most censors, although I could have joined the guys at the coffee shop and said what Hamilton did and no one, even the waitress, would have raised an eyebrow.

Hamilton, though, was different. A petite, white-haired lady then in her 89th year, she made her declaration in front of a house of worship. She was selling lemon bars as a fund-raiser to be used for repairing the church roof.

Later we see her entering a pumpkin-growing contest. She raises an enormous one, takes first prize, and when asked by a TV reporter about the secret of her success she repeated the phrase used when asked to comment on her lemon bars.

The foundation of her fame was fragile and shock value does not endure. Frank, who made it happen, mined her like a shallow vein of gold and when he had what he wanted he ditched her. Hamilton’s shooting star flamed out and was dropping like a stone when, three years ago, I decided to try for an interview.

This took some doing. Although she was no longer filming TV shots, posing for photo sessions and her billboards would soon be coming down, a few weeks remained on her one-year contract.



Contacting her meant going through her agent. I was able to reach that agent on the phone at her New York office.

Her name was Dakota. We established who and where I was and the newspaper represented. Dakota was friendly, asking what line of questioning I would pursue.

She also wondered if Red Oak was near Boise. I said just down the road a piece. She said I’d enjoy Ms. Hamilton and would get back to me.

The next day came an email with a time and phone number. This presented a problem as I learned that Hamilton lived in North Vancouver, British Columbia. Canada was not covered by my cell phone plan.

This was remedied by purchasing a 30-day international provision, and the call was made.

Dakota was right; Hamilton was a joy. Much of our conversation was covered in this space three years and 150 columns ago, so may be slightly fuzzy in your memory.

To briefly summarize, she made it clear that she was neither married nor looking as she’d

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.

“been there and done that.” She did not normally swear nor use much hot sauce, but learned quickly. When asked about lemon bars, giant pumpkins or whatever the script asked, her job was to hold up a bottle of Frank’s Hot Sauce and say “I use this s–t on everything.”

Did she actually say the word? Yes. Does she really use hot sauce? Some. When she signed the contract she started keeping a bottle of Frank’s on hand and now likes a splash in her morning cup of hot cocoa.

No, she had never heard of Mrs. Olson or the Swedish water tower coffee pot.

Not included in the column was the fact that she asked for a copy. I clipped The Express and mailed it to her. About two weeks later came a manilla envelope from North Vancouver containing a card and note and a glossy, autographed photo.

I framed the picture and hung it in my office next to two others. One is of Rita Moreno, who won an Academy Award for “West Side Story. A highly unlikely series of events caused her and I to share a table, dinner and an awkward conversation in a Des Moines hotel ballroom in 1989.

The third glamor photo is of Cindy Seastrom, a farm wife from Coon Rapids. I became acquainted with Seastrom while she was in the process of competing for, and eventually winning, the title of Mrs. Iowa.

The three were on my wall until recently when wife, probably in a jealous snit, presented me with a beautifully matted and framed print of “Downing the Nigh Leader.” The painting, by Remington, depicts a war party of American Indians attacking a stage and is, I believe, one of his best works.

Wife said it would look much better in the office of a “man” than pin-ups of elderly ladies. This “man” said “yes dear.” My golden girls went to storage.

The incident caused me to remember that I’d saved the card, which included a phone number and Hamilton’s invitation to call again if I had additional questions. 30-day international calling isn’t all that expensive, and I had additional questions. Did she still think highly of Frank’s? Lace her cocoa with the stuff? Had any other recent adventures that would give a washed-up free-lancer something to prop up a struggling column?

The price of the call got me a recording saying the number was no longer available. Fearing bad news, I checked online and found an article from earlier this year indicating she’s doing fine. We hope this is the case and wish her well.

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

Increasing the nation’s baby formula supply

Parents and childcare providers from across Iowa’s Third Congressional District have told me about the devastating impacts the nationwide shortage of infant formula is having right here in Iowa.

Following Abbott Nutrition closing a plant due to safety issues, the out-of-stock rate for infant formula in Iowa is more than 50% and has left parents spending hours trying to hunt down formula. As a mother of two, I know that nothing comes before your kids’ well-being, and I deeply understand the fear and frustration of parents who are wondering if they’ll be able to find the formula their kids need.

This is unacceptable, so I have been hard at work shoring up the nation’s domestic supply chain to help ensure formula is put back on shelves as soon as possible, including writing to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and President Biden.

I recently supported and then voted with a bipartisan majority of my colleagues in Congress for the Access to Baby Formula Act, which will give the U.S. Department of Agriculture flexibility to make sure families who depend on the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program to help afford formula can continue to purchase safe infant formula during a supply chain disruption or public health emergency. WIC recipients account for nearly half of all formula sales across the country. I am pleased that the Senate acted quickly to pass this legislation, and I look forward to it quickly becoming law.

I also voted for the Infant Formula Supplemental Appropriations Act to provide \$28 million in emergency funding to the FDA to help address the current shortage, prevent future shortages, and keep fraudulent products from reaching store shelves.

President Biden has also invoked the Defense Production Act to ensure infant formula producers have the resources they need to increase supply, and Operation Fly Formula will use Department of Defense aircraft to accelerate importation of infant formula.

These actions will help us get formula in the hands of families and get the shelves stocked again. But we need to look at long-term solutions so no family ever has to go through this again, and I am continuing to work to address the practices and fix the breakdowns that got us to this point.

I also know gas prices are a huge burden on Iowa families right now, including my own.

These high prices are being driven by big oil

companies, including four of the largest that collectively made \$27 billion in profits during the first quarter of this year, after making almost \$71 billion in 2021.

These companies are gouging Iowans and manipulating the market by producing less than they should to keep prices and their profits high.

It’s not fair to hard-working Iowans, and I am fighting to put an end to these practices.

That’s why I voted for the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act to enable the President to issue an Energy Emergency Proclamation to make it unlawful to excessively increase gas and home energy prices.

It also gives the Federal Trade Commission power to issue penalties and empower states to go after price gouging.

This is the first-ever federal law against price gouging and will help lower costs for Iowans by ending money-grabbing tactics, penalizing market manipulators, and providing transparency to the secretive oil and gas market.

I will always stand up for hard working Iowans and protect them from the largest oil companies in the world and continue to look for more ways to bring down gas prices including by supporting domestic and homegrown biofuels.

While I continue my work to shore up our nation’s supply chains and reduce prices for Iowa families, I have also introduced new pieces of legislation that I am looking forward to seeing become law.

This legislation focuses on bolstering the pipeline of service-oriented individuals to ensure agencies have the resources they need to keep our communities safe, and helps recruit individuals who haven’t traditionally been involved in law enforcement.

I also passed my Student Veteran Work Study Modernization Act through the House, which would ensure veterans who are enrolled in higher education courses part-time will be able to take advantage of VA Work Study programs.

That bill means a lot to me because I believe every veteran who has served our country deserves access to the benefits they’ve earned.

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

Moore comments on end of session

Well followers, it’s been a month since my last newsletter. Reason being we have been waiting on the Senate to negotiate on budget issues and give up on their strong arm tactics to try to get student scholarships for students to go to private from the public school on the taxpayers dollar. That said this week moves us to Sine Die (end of session).

On Monday morning the Senate passed HF 2081 46-0 after sitting on it as a negotiating factor since the House passed it 94-0 back on February 28. This bill eliminates the program ending exam which all teacher practitioner prep students had to pass before gaining licensure. The exam acted as a barrier for certain students, and this was no indicator of a students’ ability to become a successful teacher. This has been a major point of emphasis for me during my 7 years in the legislature. To see it go to the Governor for her signature is extremely exciting for me as well as it is for hundreds of teacher prep students.

Having passed HF2497 back in March, the Senate sent it back to us with a 2 year moratorium on the expansion or building of new casinos in Iowa to check the impact of over saturation in the state. HF2497 was sent to the Governor with a vote of 60-23.

The Senate concurred with House Amendment

S-5127 and after years of work on the Bottle Bill sent it to the Governor! 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 accounting of unredeemed containers and considerable legislative oversight.

We finally reached agreement on House File 2130 which will allow ATV/UTVs to use county highways as a part of a state wide law. Currently counties have to designate county highways for use of ATV/UTVs. The bill would prohibit counties from passing ordinances or resolutions against the use of ATV/UTVs on county highways. This bill was amended to include that ATV riders must be 18 years or older and have liability coverage. The ATV/UTV must also have headlights, tail-lights, turn signals, and mirrors.

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

LETTER TO | THE EDITOR

Baker comments on mass shooting in Texas

To the Editor:

I have thought several days about how to respond to the latest mass shooting in Texas of innocent children and teachers. I want you to understand that I am a gun owner and hunter. I have spent forty years working in early childhood education first with twenty years on a school board then on the board of early childhood education dollars for Montgomery Co. These are both fully unpaid voluntary positions and I gain nothing except trying to improve our children’s school experience. When I read that the Iowa Legislature passed a bill one or two days prior to the slaughter of children, a bill that would allow hunters to use military style weapons to hunt deer in a special season to reduce the deer population, I was shocked but not surprised. Why wouldn’t they try

to promote a weapon made to kill humans to be used in hunting so they can justify private ownership. My rural residence has already been peppered with buckshot during bird season and my father’s wife was hit with buckshot while walking around my son’s acreage. What does the legislature think will happen with weapons capable of traveling two and a half miles. They have spent the entire session denigrating teachers and the educational system and this was the best they could do. The only saving grace to this session was when the Senate was rebuked by the house and did not allow public dollars to be used in private education. This only happened due to a concerted effort by local superintendents and teachers who recognized the danger to public education.

John Baker
Villisca

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Community Calendar

2 June

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.

4-7 p.m., Red Oak Farmers Market, Fountain Square Park.

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

3 June

5 p.m., Lizzie Flower Photography: Meet the artist at the Wilson Performing Arts Center, 300 Commerce Dr. Works on display until Aug. 31

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

6 to 9 p.m., Sweet Tea Music, Five One 8, 518 North 4th St.

7 p.m., "Sonic the Hedgehog 2," theatre #1; "Father Stu," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

4 June

9 a.m. to noon, Red Oak Farmers Market, Fountain Square Park

7 p.m., "Sonic the Hedgehog 2," theatre #1; "Father Stu," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

5 June

2 and 7 p.m., "Sonic the Hedgehog 2," theatre #1; "Father Stu," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran

Church, 1101 Summit St.

6 June

10 a.m., Jeff Quinn Magic Show, Emerson Public Library, 701 Morton Ave.

Noon: Rural Commerce Committee meeting at Stadium 34, 1200 Senate Ave.

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.

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

7 June

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.

6-7 p.m., Puppy Training Classes, Corn Dawgs, 1911 E. Summit St., call 357-1084 for more information.

8 June

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

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.

4-7 p.m., Emerson Summer Reading program, Emerson Library, 701 Morton Ave.

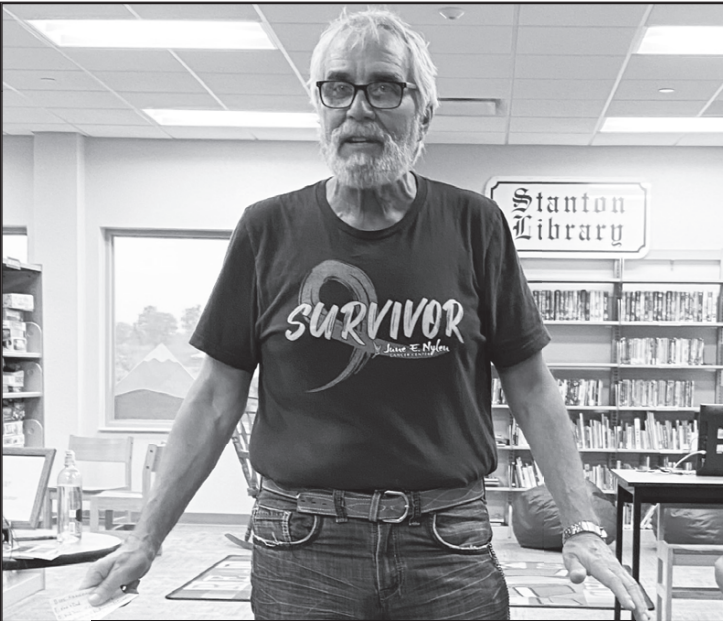
Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays this week are:

Karen Herzberg – June 2
Juanita Sassaman – June 3
Ryla Echternach – June 4
Roger Stewart – June 4
Dorothy Johnson – June 4
Owen VonDielingen – June 5
Duane DeKay – June 7
Dean Mitchell – June 7
Tom Hallcock – June 8

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.

Hart book signing in Stanton



Kevin Hart, a native of Stanton, gave a presentation and held a book signing at the Stanton Public Library on Wednesday, May 25. Hart's book, Don't Throw Rocks, is about the things his father tried to teach him. His presentation included some stories from his youth, which many in the audience remembered as well, and some stories from his young adulthood. Hart brought a compass to the presentation, which he gave his father in gratitude of guiding him in the right direction. Years later, his daughter gifted him with a compass as well. The stories in the book run the gamut of emotions, and Hart's presentation did as well. (Charm Carpenter/The Red Oak Express)

BVU announces dean's list

Buena Vista University congratulates more than 500 students who were named to the spring 2022 dean's list.

Local students who were named to BVU's dean's list include: Kelli Baker of Essex, Angel Giroux of Red Oak, and Kayla Harris of Henderson.

The dean's list recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

Fischer graduates from Mercy

Stacie Fischer of Shenandoah was conferred a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

The degree was awarded by Mercy College of Health Sciences, in Des Moines on April 29.

Card Showers

PENRY 70TH ANNIVERSARY



Thomas Jr., and Janice Penry will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on June 7.

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

Cards may be sent to Thomas and Janice care of their eldest son, Thomas Penry III, at P.O. Box 1051, Eagle, Idaho, 83616.

Card Shower

JOHNSON 90TH BIRTHDAY

Dorothy Johnson will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, June 4.

In honor of the occasion, the family is requesting a card shower.

Cards may be sent to her care of Dorothy Johnson, to Accura Healthcare of Sstanton, P.O. Box 430, Stanton, IA, 51573.



Pulliam named to dean's list

Hastings College has announced the dean's list for its spring 2022 semester. For the semester, 397 students from 21 states and 10 countries were named to the dean's list, including Madelyn Pulliam of Clarinda

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0 scale and be registered for full-time coursework.

Harms earns masters degree

Sarah Harms of Red Oak was among 148 graduate students who were awarded a Master of Education degree from Northwestern College during commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 14.

Julie Haverly, a 2012 Northwestern College graduate who is director of the Executive Program Management Office for Renewable Energy Group in Ames, Iowa, gave the commencement address.

Lamb earns masters from Wesleyan

Nebraska Wesleyan University conferred degrees on nearly 400 students at its 133rd commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 7.

Among the graduates at the ceremony was Traci Lamb of Red Oak, who earned her Master of Science in Nursing

J. Robert Duncan, past president of Duncan Aviation, delivered the commencement address. Duncan is an accomplished businessman, art collector and civic leader. Duncan is a past Nebraska Wesleyan Board of Governor and recently received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating their anniversaries this week are:

Larry and Shirley Whiley – June 2

Dan and Stephanie Pollock – June 2

Ray and Marianna Johnson – June 2

Donald and Ruby Godfrey – June 2

Eddie (Bud) and Lois Barnett – June 6

Pat and Deana Lewis – June 6

Congratulations and happy anniversary to you!

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Missing any pictures? We have lots of old pictures on file at The Red Oak Express office, 2012 Commerce Dr. Stop by to see if any are yours!

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. River of Life Church, Hwy. 48 North, Red Oak, Minister David Haynes, Sunday School 9 a.m., Worship, 10 a.m.

Church Of the Nazarene

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

Covenant

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

Faith Covenant Church, 212 Alice St., Essex, Pastor Gordon Scott, Pastor Staci Shearer, Worship, 8:30 a.m. First Covenant, Rev. Alan Dean, pastor, 3rd & Hammond, Red Oak, Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Jehovah's Witness

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

Lutheran

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, 1101 Summit St., Red Oak, Rev. Jennifer Yeske-Drown, Sunday worship, 11 a.m., evening service 4 p.m.

Strand Evangelical, Rural Villisca, Rev. Marietta Nelson-Bittie, Worship, 9:45 a.m.

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

Mamrelund Lutheran, 410 Eastern Ave., Stanton, 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

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. 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, Sunday Worship, noon., Outdoors if weather permits, otherwise in the chapel. If outdoors, bring your own lawn chair.

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Federal funding approved for county bridge project

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

A further hurdle has been crossed by Montgomery County in seeking federal funds for a bridge project.

In April, The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has issued its support for potential federal funding for work on the 250th Street bridge in the Grant Township, as U.S. Rep. Cindy Axne's office informed the county she was eligible to submit up to 15 potential projects to the Budget Appropriations Committee in the U.S. Congress.

At the supervisors meeting May 24, assistant to the engineer Barry Byers said he had received an update on the status of the project from Axne's

office.

"We received an email that stated the application for funding we had turned in had been forwarded on to the appropriations committee for review and possible inclusion in the fiscal year 2023 funding bill," Byers said.

Supervisor Donna Robinson asked if there was anyone that the supervisors themselves could contact to further solidify the request and make it more likely for approval.

Supervisors Chair Mark Peterson felt that the voters from Axne's own district would have as much weight as themselves. Byers said the community was represented in their request.

"We had seven letters of support from community members, and all of those letters were sent along with the letter the supervisors issued in sup-

port of the funding," commented Byers.

Byers also informed the supervisors that the road maintenance crews were going to move to a different schedule for the summer months.

"The crews are going to be switching to four 10 hour days throughout the season. They will operate Monday through Thursday, for the first month or so, and then if we run into any trouble with not having people available on Fridays, we'll stagger the shifts around.

Byers said the plan was to implement the schedule on the first week after Memorial Day and run the new schedule until Labor Day. Byers also stressed it was for the road maintenance crews only, and the office staff would still work normal Monday-Friday hours.

"The start time will be at 6 a.m., currently the

crews start at 7 a.m., and the end of the shift will be at 4:30 p.m.," commented Byers.

As for road maintenance, Byers said the crews have been hauling rock and prepping roads for the first application of dust control. They've also started roadside mowing.

Robinson also asked Byers if the road crews had particular maps for this year's rock haul, or if it was random. Byers said the majority of the rock will be used for spot rocking roads earmarked for dust control.

As for other maintenance, Byers said each grader operator submitted a map with markups on it indicating which roads they felt needed touched up by rock, and the secondary roads department uses those maps for bigger rocking projects.

STAMPS

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The bulk of fake stamps are usually sold on social media marketplaces, e-commerce sites via third party vendors, and other websites, and the counterfeit stamps are usually sold in bulk. Because of this, purchasing stamps from a wholesaler or online websites can be unpredictable, and customers have no way of knowing whether they're counterfeit or not.

Stamp buyers are urged to purchase their stamps from approved postal providers. Approved vendors can include legitimate "big box" or warehouse retailers who do provide

very small discounts on postage stamps, but this is through resale agreements with the Postal Service.

More information on approved vendors can be found at faq.usps.com/s/article/What-is-an-Approved-Postal-Provider, or at faq.usps.com/s/article/Postage-Stamps-The-Basics#foreverstamps.

Anyone caught printing or selling counterfeit stamps could face a monetary fine, imprisonment, or both.

POOL

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another five guards available for rotation.

"Looking at the schedule, at this point, I would feel comfortable with opening the north half of the pool, with the deep end closed, Mondays through Fridays until we can get more lifeguards. I feel the north end of the pool will serve more people than the south end, and we had to do something similar to this last year, when we were short on staff, and this proposal is only temporary until we can add more lifeguard staff," commented VanDerVliet.

Additionally, all lifeguards have to be Red Cross certified through the Montgomery County YMCA. Ultimately, VanDerVliet said for the pool to be open every day, throughout the season, they would need 30 guards in total.

The Park Board approved a temporary

schedule of Monday through Friday pool hours through June 12.

The board then discussed a change in incentives. Currently, suits for all the lifeguards are paid for, and if a lifeguard returns for a second year to work at the pool, their certification class, at a cost of \$200, is paid for.

Board member Cliff Owen suggested that the board change the incentive to pay for the certification class for first year lifeguards, rather than to wait to pay for returning lifeguards.

The board agreed to a voucher, to be presented to the Montgomery County YMCA, that they would pay for the certification class upon the successful completion of the course, and a \$50 referral bonus will be paid to anyone who recruits a lifeguard.

Peterson brothers committed to county conservation

Submitted by Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District

When Carol Peterson passed, he left his boys Mike, Darwin, Carl, and Phillip quite a challenge. Carol had 373 acres: a high-quality hill farm that has always been treated with a crop rotation of hay and graded broad based terraces to waterways.

While effective, the practices weren't suitable to larger modern farming equipment. In the years surrounding Carol's passing, renters attempted to modify the practices but were not effective.

Soon after Carol's death, the boys decided to make a pact to invest every dollar back into the farm for conservation. Carl met with the Montgomery Soil and Water Conservation District

and a plan was formed to treat the entire 373 acres.

Every year since 2015 the Peterson brothers, with the help of contractors, Brian and Clayton Gay, have chipped away, planting hay to set aside land for the summer to build terraces. To date the brothers have installed 33,550 feet of terrace, all without cost share. And on top of all their terrace building and hay rotations, they have adopted cover crops.

Carl has said many times that the land needs rest, and grass and hay is a good way to do it, especially if it gives you more time to build terraces.

When the project started, they told us they just hoped to be alive to see the project completed; only a couple summers and 12,750 feet left, fellas.



Brothers Mike, Darwin, Carl, and Phillip Peterson. (Photos provided)



Volunteers spearheading efforts for a new animal shelter in Red Oak are, from left: Tracy Hill, Dixie Strange, Dave Doty, Jan Black, and Red Oak Mayor Shawna Silvius. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

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some sort of an animal rescue, or it's going to commit to not having one. I just can't personally continue at my age, and my family is ready for me to be a part of the family. This is the right thing to do. If they want this service, one person can't do it by themselves."

Dave Doty is another resident who felt there is a need for an animal shelter, and said one benefit of a dedicated shelter would be for doing trap-neuter-release programs for community cats: those in the community that have no owners or that live outdoors.

"There's an estimated 3,000 community cats, and probably more, and while they are a benefit to communities, there has to be a population control put in place, because those numbers will only grow exponentially if they're left unchecked," said Doty. "They're not going to be wiped out, they're just going to be healthier."

As they continue fundraising efforts, Silvius said they are still looking for opportunities to meet with the public and get more ideas.

"We're looking for volunteers, and we're looking for peo-

ple who want to come together with us, as a group, and figure this out," stated Silvius.

Fundraising efforts are already underway, and an account has been set up at Great Western Bank, under Animal Alliance Rescue. Anyone with further questions about the proposed shelter plan can contact Hill at 515-520-7748. Hill said there is only a certain amount of time available to raise enough funds to bring the shelter proposal to fruition.

"We'd need to reach the fundraising goal, or at least be well on the path to that goal, within 60 to 90 days in order to make this plan come to fruition," stated Hill. "Other than that, I could do some of the things Jan Black has been doing, but I can't take in any dogs without a building to shelter them in."

Hill and Strange also plan on organizing the financial details to give a presentation about their shelter proposal at the Red Oak City Council meeting June 6. June 11, Doty is going to DJ at the farmers market, and any funds donated to him will be given to help purchase the building for the proposed animal shelter.

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