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All Roads Lead Home

The Red Oak community held its annual Junction Days celebration this past weekend. Numerous events took place, including the annual Junction Days parade on Saturday morning. Pictured above, Junction Days Grand Marshal Sharon Bradley waves to the crowd. More photos from the event can be found on page 2C. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Pfeiffer pens memoir of time in 'Nam

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

A Red Oak man who served in Vietnam from September 1967 to September 1968 has written a memoir about his war experiences called "Tour 365: A Viet Nam Memoir."

Stan Pfeiffer was 18 years old and "bored" when he decided to enlist in the Army Airborne. He had just read the book, "The Green Beret" and was inspired by the wild and exciting missions they were going on.

"I thought it sounded like fun, so I went to the Army recruiter in Council Bluffs and told him I wanted to join the Army; I wanted to be guaranteed airborne," Pfeiffer recalled.

Advanced training was completed at



Pfeiffer

Fort Ord, Calif., where his specialty was anti tank. He had the opportunity to attend officer's candidate school, but he wanted airborne. However, once he completed airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga., he returned to Fort Bragg, N.C., and then the Vietnam troop surge of 1967 occurred.

"I was just a crazy kid wanting an adventure and I sure got one, big time."

By 19, he was dodging gunfire in the

jungles of Southeast Asia; spending his 20th birthday in the field eating C-rations.

"The old men start the wars and the young men have to fight them," Pfeiffer said. "It was a wild ride. When you reflect on the good times, they were great, but when you reflect on the bad times, they were bad."

Pfeiffer said he had thought about writing a book about his experiences in Vietnam throughout the years, but never took any action on it. It wasn't until his counselor at Veterans Affairs recommended he write down the traumatic experiences he encountered that he put pen to paper as a form of therapy.

"I had a lot of traumatic experiences to choose from, but I took an incident where

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Board chooses Alley Poyner for planning

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak School Board made a final decision on an architectural firm for its facilities assessment and long-range planning. At the June 13 meeting, the board heard presentations from Insight Design, CNBA, and Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture. At the time of that meeting, the board heard the presentations, but took no action.

When discussions were opened, the board was still somewhat undecided, with board member Roger Carlson saying he was torn between a couple of the firms.

"On the one hand, it's nice to get new and fresh ideas; at the same time, I think about the longevity, and the continuity of our planning. I'm still up in the air about it," Carlson said.

Those sentiments were shared by board members Jackie DeVries, Bryce Johnson, and Kathy Walker. A question was raised on whether, if the board approved a long-range plan, if it would be followed if the board changed members in a few years.

Board president Bret Blackman felt the board needed to be in a position to articulate its plan at a five to 10 year increment before it did anything of any significant value.

"Feedback is important, but having all of the cards on the table is just as important, to make sure that we know the cost of X means that we're forfeiting the right to do Y. There's a lot of dynamic factors in that," Blackman said. "But with that said, my personal opinion is that the continuing improvement of our school district is a really important attribute. I can personally sense the momentum over the last five years of what's happened here. I'm not saying facilities is all of it, but I do think it's a bit of a factor and shows us that we're a progressive district and a community."

Blackman favored the continuity of having Ally Poyner Macchietto continue the process, and cited they are still a partner with Boyd Jones, that did a lot of work for the district before.

"I thought they brought the most complete team to the table. Also, we're not committing ourselves to a multi-million dollar project, we're committing ourselves to around \$30,000 to do the master planning progress, and we're not acting on anything beyond that," commented Blackman. "A 10-year plan isn't set in stone, it simply gives the district something to aspire to, and I come from a world where this kind of thing happens all of the time."

DeVries was in agreement that continual improvements needed to happen and the district had to stay progressive.

Blackman felt that pursuing the new plan, and having the remainder of the work that couldn't be done in the initial project from five years ago was important.

"There's still a lot left, and having it all laid out on the table so everyone can understand what the options are for us to consider [is important]. Also, it's not something that may happen in one big project. It's things that may take place over the next five to seven years," Blackman explained.

Carlson said that if the board pursued the plan with a third-party that money was spent on, and was an outside party, he could see how future boards would put more weight behind the plan than something that was done internally.

The board unanimously approved awarding services for facilities assessment and long-range planning to Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture.

Norwood on the Democratic ticket for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

"I think we need a new vision for Iowa agriculture that builds on the tremendous productivity of the system we have," said Polk County Soil and Water Commissioner John Norwood, who is running for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture as a Democrat. "I'm a solutions guys. I don't want to just point out all the problems without identifying what the strategies are," Norwood said.

Norwood said if Iowa were its own country, it would be a top 10 producer of the world. Therefore he said it needs a secretary of agriculture who can execute and build scalable systems, because the 23 million acres in Iowa is a very large system.

"There is only one state that beats us in terms of their ag economy and that is California, which has 40 million people where we have 3.2 million

people. California is also three times the size of Iowa geographically," Norwood explained. "We are extremely productive, but our system is out of balance. We need to add the concepts of resiliency, diversity and inclusiveness if we're going to have a truly sustainable system."

Norwood was born and raised in Massachusetts on one of the original farming communities in the country, part of what was then the Sudbury Plantation, founded in 1638.

After graduating from college, Norwood worked for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority in the capital engineering department regarding water. He then obtained his master's in agriculture from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, now known as the Yale School of the Environment.

Norwood also ran an agricultural land trust in California and briefly worked with the Secretary of Resources of California. He has lived in Iowa



Norwood

since 2002 and was elected as the Polk County soil and water commissioner in 2017.

"I am really passionate about agriculture and the management of our lands and waters," Norwood said. "I have a really good window of what is working and what isn't working in our present system. I realize I can only do so much at the county level

as a county commissioner. There are many good things about Iowa but we want to build it to last, which is the theme of my campaign."

One issue Norwood would like to tackle is polluted waters. He explained one billion pounds of nitrogen on average each year flows down the

Missouri and Mississippi rivers, creating a hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico as well as hypoxic zones across Iowa.

"Saylorville Lake becomes hypoxic in the summer months, growing algae that produces toxins that float down the Des Moines River. That is a problem."

He continued to say there are 700 impacted bodies of water in the state, a list that continues to get longer, not shorter.

A second issue, said Norwood, is that Iowa has lost one-third of the topsoil, sending 10 times the rate of topsoil down the river than what is produced.

"The department of agriculture has been an obstruction in some of the things we've wanted to do. They just aren't moving quick enough," Norwood said. "Water quality is a huge issue; it's

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Hannah Thompson, RN

Summer 2022 DAISY Award Honoree



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NPI proposal for cleaning approved by county board of supervisors

Nick Johansen

The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has accepted a bid from Nishna Productions to continue cleaning at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

As part of the bid, Nishna proposed a price of \$1,574 per month for labor, with an agreement to perform services daily Monday through Friday. The price was subject to negotiation with increases to state minimum wage, changes to required tasks, or other conditions beyond its control, and was to be reviewed at least on an annual basis. The agreement could end with a 30-day written notice by either party.

Supervisor Donna Robinson confirmed that the bid price was the same as the one approved last year from Nishna Productions for cleaning services.



Supervisor Randy Cooper asked if American Rescue Plan Funding could be used to pay for the service, as the cleaning process involved a lot of sanitizing in the wake of COVID-

19, but Robinson said the fee was going to wages for the Nishna Production staff, and wouldn't qualify for ARP funds.

Robinson also felt that approving the contract was important, and she was satisfied with the work.

"I think it's important to try to keep this in place, and if there are any concerns they are eager to work with us. We can also work with

them if there are any needs that we need to have addressed," said Robinson.

Per the agreement, Nishna Productions will provide all labor to complete specified custodial tasks, supervision and training of workers for completion of all tasks, and quality control on all tasks included in the agreement. The contract would be in place from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

The Montgomery County courthouse would provide a listing of all required custodial tasks for successful completion of the agreement, as well as all supplies and equipment for completion of the specified tasks.

The Nishna Productions bid was approved as presented.

Robinson also spoke about the latest numbers of COVID-19 cases that were shared at the most recent Montgomery County Public Health meeting.

As of June 19, the total case count is 2,238,

and a total of 57.1% of the county has been fully-vaccinated.

"Breaking down the numbers, the total number of residents age 5 and over is 60.8%, 12 and over, 65.7%, 18 and older, 68.9%, and for 65 and older, the vaccination rate is 95%," Robinson said.

The supervisors also approved library services from the Stanton Public Library for 2022-23 in the amount of \$6,020., and with the Villisca Public Library for \$7,645.

As part of the agreement, residents of rural Montgomery County residing outside of the incorporated cities and towns within said county have entitlement to library service from the Stanton and Villisca libraries on an equal basis, whether such patrons reside within the corporate limits of Stanton and Villisca or not.

In other business, the supervisors:

- Approved a cigarette/tobacco permit for the Red Oak Country Club.

Preservation At Its Best award for Red Oak's Lock

Red Oak's Cece Lock was honored as part of Preservation Iowa's annual Preservation At Its Best Awards. The program honors individuals, organizations, projects, and programs whose work demonstrates a commitment to excellence in historic preservation. The awards were presented June 2-4 at the 2022 Preserve Iowa summit in Mason City.

Twelve awards were presented in 10 categories. Lock, who attended as part of the Red Oak Historic Preservation Commission, received a Preservation At Its Best award for the work completed on the exterior of her circa-1895 home.

Lock's project began with a single historic photo and a letter written by Leavitt Dearborn, grandson of the original owner, T.H. Dearborn. The project team began a complete renovation of the exterior after a hail storm in March 2020. Valentin Construction removed

aluminum window wraps, screens, downspouts, and vinyl siding in order to restore the original cedar siding and rebuild a porch on the east side of the home.

In his letter, Leavitt Dearborn described the porch as being a grand one used for grocery deliveries, and was also the location where the family ate their meals in the summer.

Masonry work was completed by Echternach Construction, painting by Anderson Painting, storm windows were installed by Brower Home Improvement, and consultation services were provided by Ellen Griffen Interiors.

The front wrap-around porch, which was missing when Lock bought the home in 1989, was rebuilt by Vannausd Construction in 2005, using the same historic photo as a guide.

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close to a crisis and the soil loss, if we don't change some of the things we are doing in the next 50 years we may have severely degraded soils in many places in Iowa and that's not fair for future generations. We can't squander the resource because we're making a lot of money today and not really thinking about tomorrow."

Norwood's vision for Iowa agriculture "builds on our tremendous commodity productivity," but also addresses the "missing pieces" of resiliency, diversity, and sustain-

ability.

"As the Secretary of Agriculture, it's not the secretary of just the corn, beans and hogs. It's the secretary of food, land and water," Norwood said. "We need, fundamentally, a different approach."

Norwood has ideas to engage new farmers: promote small organic farms and specialty farms, urban farming concepts, and even "a farm park" in each county where new farmers could get access to land, capital, and labor — diversified farms which can be

profitable on a small number of acres.

Growing up on the east coast, living on the west coast for 10 years and having been in Iowa the more than 20 years gives Norwood a unique perspective of the Hawkeye state, he said.

"The Iowans I have met want to have a legacy; it's a people that are both humble and proud of the state they live in. We want to pass things on to where they are at least as good as what we got, if it's not better."

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we accidentally shot a little girl. Then Charlie Company had a really bad mortar attack; I was in A Company, but we had to go in and pick up the pieces and get them out while they were still shooting at us."

Pfeiffer said writing has helped him come to terms with what he encountered 50 years ago. He continued to say once he got started, he was obsessed. It took Pfeiffer eight years to write the memoirs along with countless edits

"I would work on it every chance I got. I started with just an incident at a time and the more I wrote, the more I remembered. I'd sit down with a legal pad and a pencil and just let it come out."

He said writing about the men he served with, especially those who never came home, was a way to bring them back to life — if only for a short time.

"Hopefully they get a little bit of the respect they deserve and should have gotten," he said. "We were treated like dirty dogs. Not everybody is going to like the book because it is rough and raw and I'm not kind to the military. The whole thing was corrupt. There was a lot of frustration over the years I was carrying around. We were just cogs in the works ... there is a reason they send 19 year olds to war."

The following is an excerpt from Chapter 9, The Monastery.

"Examining his map, the Captain announces: 'There is a monastery around here.' It doesn't take long to find Peering through the trees on the south slope of the hill, there it is. Wow! Who would expect to find this: a large rectangular building three stories high, about 150 feet long by 50 feet wide and made of brick? It is nicely constructed, fitted with windows, and could belong on any college campus. A long, narrow structure with open sides and a metal roof that appears to be storage for agricultural equipment lays just to the south. Also, a few utility buildings dot the grounds."

We meander down the hill, not sure what to expect. Individuals are spotted moving like shadows amongst the landscape and in front of the portico. The men are Vietnamese, appear to be unarmed, and are dressed in cassocks: black robe like garments that hang down ankle length with an overabundance of buttons up the front and commonly worn by Catholic priests.

My squad is with the Captain as we survey the situation, our



Pfeiffer (left) with high school classmate Clayton Stowell, who was also serving in Vietnam at the same time. The two are pictured during R&R. (Photo provided)

weapons at the ready. Approaching the front of the building and the covered porch, you can feel the tension as we stare at the men in the black robes and they stare back. One man, a Caucasian, stands in the doorway dressed in clerical attire with black pants, black shirt and a Roman collar. He greets our Captain and, as they converse, you can detect a heavy French accent. The Monastery is a remnant of Vietnam's French Colonial Era carrying on despite a war raging around it, first with the French and now with the Americans.

I squat down with the other squad members cradling my rifle as we face alternating ways providing security for the Captain and the CP. This whole situation has a bad feel to it; these Vietnamese have buzz haircuts and a hardened look. You can tell they are scrutinizing us carefully. Looking over at one of them, I see green fatigue pants peeking out below the hemline of his robe.

'Captain, that guy has on fatigues under his robe,' Looking around at the rest of them I add, 'They all do!'

The Captain asks the French priest about the fatigues and he responds by saying that it is only some clothing given to them by the South Vietnamese Army. He's lying."

When Pfeiffer's time in the military was up, there was no way he was going to reenlist for additional years.

"I had had enough," he stated.

In January 1968 Pfeiffer was honorably discharged from the Army and by September he was married with a baby on the way. He said he believes he married quickly after the war because he was looking for stability and normalcy. While his children were growing up, he said he didn't talk much about his time in the military. However, his five children have read and even helped edit the book.

"There is relief in getting it out of my head," he said. "Most of the guys from the book are dead, not necessarily from the war but natural causes or accidents. I've been lucky my whole life, and I hope it keeps going."

Pfeiffer is looking at getting the book published.



Pfeiffer (left) with a good friend of his in Vietnam, Rudick. (Photo provided)

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RODNEY BAKER, 83

Rodney Baker, 83, Kelso, Wash., passed away Sunday, April 10, 2022, at the Hospice Care Center in Longview, Wash.

He was born in Iowa City on Oct. 5, 1938, to Neola Hall Baker and Archie Baker. He lived and attended school in Red Oak. After high school, he joined the army. After the army he moved to Longview, Wash., where he married Judith (Judy) Leece, and they enjoyed nearly 60 years of marriage.

He worked for R&W (Weyerhaeuser) from 1962 to 1999. He loved his many jobs there, working his way up from broke hustler to electrician by the time he retired. Rod and Judy were a dynamic duo, buying and fixing several homes before it was a fad. In 1993, they found the home of their dreams with 20+ acres and a huge shop where he spent many hours tinkering and inventing. He walked the wooded land and enjoyed the wildlife, especially the deer, elk and birds.

Rod was a family man, always there for wife and daughters, Erika Baker and Kristin Baker. He was provider and protector, behind the scenes but always there, the unsung hero, cheering from the sidelines and stepping in to help coach Kristin's soccer team and Erika's softball team when his shift work allowed.

He loved to read and play cards. Many weekend evenings were spent at his in-law's playing canasta. He also loved to play cribbage. When not reading he would watch old westerns and WWII movies. He was an avid bowler and was on several bowling teams.

Rod is survived by his wife, Judy; and his daughters, Erika Baker and Kristin Baker (Scott Wirth); step-granddaughter, Tiana Keating; and his sister, Judy Rebitzke.

Rod was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Neola; siblings, Helen Shaw (Ted), Frederick Baker (Jane), Laura Jean Adams (Robert J.), Robert Baker (Norma), George Baker, Richard Baker (Marie), Jack Baker (Rosalie), and Mary Baker.

NANCY MCKIM, 74

Nancy L. McKim, 74, passed away June 21, 2022, at her residence in Council Bluffs, surrounded by her family

Nancy was born April 28, 1948, to the late Donald "Dick" and Burdena Pettengill in Clarinda. Nancy graduated from Red Oak High School in 1966 and then attended the College of Saint Mary. She married Gary McKim Aug. 22, 1970, in Nebraska City. Nancy was a long-time supervisor with the Northwestern Bell Phone Company with 25 plus years of service.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Peggy Hall.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Gary; daughter, Stephanie (John) Petzl; son, Brian (Ayako) McKim; grandchildren, Margo and Kami Petzl; and Allison, Michael and Hana McKim; brother, Clifford "Bill" (Gladys) Pettengill; nieces, nephews, other loving family and friends.

Services took place Tuesday June 28, 2022, at the New Horizon Presbyterian Church, Council Bluffs.

Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.



BLANCHE SEDERBURG, 98

Blanche L. Sederburg, 98, Omaha, Neb., formerly Red Oak, passed away Sunday, June 19, 2022, at Country House in Omaha, Neb.

Blanche Lucille (Shaffer) Sederburg was born Dec. 9, 1923, on a farm near Red Oak, the daughter of John and Harriett (Lake) Shaffer. She graduated from Red Oak High School in 1942 and studied through University of Iowa Teachers Education Program in Red Oak and Corning to earn her teaching certificate. Blanche taught country school near Red Oak for two years before she was united in marriage to Milo E. Sederburg on Dec. 9, 1944 in Red Oak. To this union four children were born, Virginia, Betty Jane, Linda, and James.

They moved to Elliott, where they continued to farm until 1966 when they moved to Red Oak. Blanche first worked for Kerkhoff Implement as a book-keeper and then worked for Gibson's, which later became Pamida. Blanche continued to work for Pamida until 2002 when she retired to help take care of Milo. Blanche was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church, both in Elliott and in Red Oak. While in Elliott, Blanche was the President of the United Methodist Women. When she moved to Omaha in 2007, Blanche attended Living Faith United Methodist Church. Blanche loved to crochet afghans and wall hangings, tending to her flowers, feeding the birds, and reading. Blanche was a very patient and kind person who was always a caregiver to those around her.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband of 67 years, Milo; siblings, Harry Shaffer, Doris Towne, Gayle Swanson, and Jean Hughes; and son-in-law, Gary Ploeger.

Survivors include her sister, Ruby Lister of rural Red Oak; children, Virginia Ploeger of Dumont; Betty Jane Johansen and husband Woody of Omaha, Neb.; Linda Myers and husband Howard of Omaha, Neb.; and James Sederburg and wife Joyce of Omaha, Neb.; grandchildren, Michael Ploeger (Fay), Steven Ploeger (Lynne), Trenton Ploeger (Kristi), Matthew Ploeger (Jennifer), David Craft (Lori), Sharon Martin, Robin Johansen, Ron Johansen (Jami), Randy Myers, Denise Ellis (Michael), Jennifer Jennings (Josh), Julie Boelter (Bryan), and Jason Sederburg (Ashley), 27 great-grandchildren, nine step-great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 23, 2022, at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery.

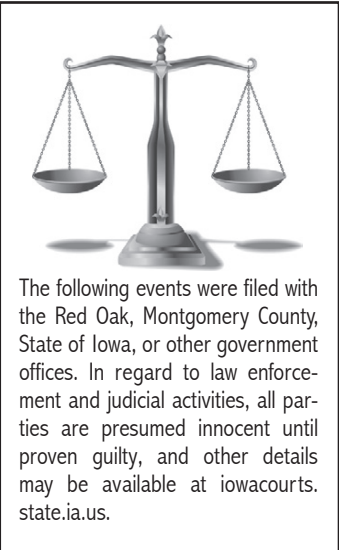
Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel, Red Oak, is in charge of arrangements.



MARY JO HARDERSON, 73

Mary Jo Harderson, 73, Corning, passed away Sunday, June 26, 2022, at CHI Health Mercy, Corning. Funeral Services are pending with Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home.

Law and Order



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

REAL ESTATE

WARRANTY DEED

- Richard McAlpin to Ronald and Brittany Jura, 33-72-38 Parcels B-C.
- Charles Scott, Manager Member, James Tamburro, Administrator, Jeffrey Alman, Manager Member, and Sarah Farm Associates LC, to Phillip and Debra Tornholm, 22-72-37.
- Terry Taulborg to Jacob and Abigail Wood, 20-72-39.
- Bruce Eisen, Manager, and Green Energy Advisors IV LLC to C J Millers LLC, 3-73-39.
- Gerald and Carolyn Fisher to Brandon and Nicole Bruning, 30-72-36.
- Sunny and Michael Ellis to Daniel Dykstra, Villisca Original Plat Lt 82.
- Andrew and Susan Jones to Joyce Nichols, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Blk 93 Lts 1-2.
- Paul and Janel Boehs to Vernon and Judith Nichols, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Lt 1.
- Vernon and Judith Nichols to

Zoey Yeager, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Lt 1.

- Dorothea Donaldson to Katherine Bell, 27-72-38 Parcel A.
- John and Mary Wax to Silviu and Iulia Podariu, 12-71-37.
- Dennis Houston to Calvin Peggy and Scott Brown Real Estate LLC, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 65 Lt 9.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

- Charles McCuen to City of Villisca, Villisca Stoddard Addition Lt 33.
- City of Villisca to Jule and Lori McCuen, Villisca Original Plat Lt 387.
- Larry Abraham to Daniel and Alice Clark, 28-71-36 Parcel A.

TRUSTEE'S DEED

- David Hart Revocable Trust, David Hart, Trustee, Cathy Hart Revocable Trust, and Cathy Hart, Trustee, to Kyle and Jenna Ramsey, 13-72-37.
- Bret Hultman, Trustee, Karlette Hultman Trust, and Donovan Hultman Trust to Joyce McKinley, Red Oak Marycrest Addition Lt 5.
- David Hart Revocable Trust, David Hart, Trustee, Cathy Hart Revocable Trust, and Cathy Hart, Trustee, to Brian and Jacqueline Bates, 11-72-37.

COURT OFFICER'S DEED

- Beth Wilson Estate and Tammy Lathrop, Executor, to Innovative Investing LLC, Red Oak Clements Addition Lt 8.

MORTGAGE

- Ronald and Brittany Jura to Veridian Credit Union, 33-72-38 Parcels B-C.
- Kaden Grammer to Bank

Iowa, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., and MERS, Red Oak Hersman's Addition Lt 9.

- Jacob and Abigail Wood to Plains Commerce Bank, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., and MERS, 20-72-39.

- Kyle and Jenna Ramsey to Bank Iowa, 13-72-36.

- Kyle and Jenna Ramsey to Farm Service Agency and United States Department of Agriculture, 13-72-36.

- Kyle and Jenna Ramsey to Farm Service Agency and United States Department of Agriculture, 13-72-36 Parcel B-C, Lt 1.

- Brandon and Nicole Bruning to First National Bank in Creston, 30-72-37.

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- Brandon and Nicole Bruning to First National Bank in Creston, 30-72-37.

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- Joyce Nichols to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., MERS, and Cardinal Finance Company, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Blk 93 Lts 1-2.

- Zoey Yeager to US Bank National Association, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., and MERS, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Lt 1.

- Zoey Yeager to Iowa Finance Authority, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Lt 1.

- Katherine and John Bell to US Bank National Association, 27-72-38.

- Silviu and Iulia Podariu to Farm Credit Mid America FCLA, 12-71-37.

- David and Connie Berggren to Bank Iowa, 33-72-38.

- Wesley and Mary Steele to Bank Iowa, 2-72-39.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Lucas Swanson, Stanton, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$45 with 4.08% interest from June 21.

ARRESTS

- Filed June 19, Jacob Wunder, 35, Red Oak, domestic assault – impede air/blood flow, held on no bond.

- Filed June 21, Matt Staley, 44, Oakland, possession of controlled substance third or subsequent offense, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$5,000 bond.

- Filed June 22, Stormey Dykes, 31, Stanton, abandonment/neglect of a dependant person, \$10,000 bond.

CRIMINAL

- Aggravated, Keith Hansen, 63, Stanton, driving while barred.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Stormey Dykes, 31, Stanton, neglect or abandonment of dependant person.

- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Matt Staley, 44, Oakland, possession of a controlled substance - third or subsequent offense.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Matt Staley, 44, Oakland, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Logun Hughes, 32, Red Oak, domestic abuse assault first offense.

Serious misdemeanor, State of

Iowa vs. Dylan Griffith, 32, Red Oak, assault causing bodily injury or mental illness.

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- State of Iowa vs. Deng Bulis, 20, Osceola, first offense.

TRAFFIC

- Ronnie Johnson, Villisca, no valid driver's license.

- Zachary Dailey, Essex, operation by unqualified driver.

- Shannon Novacek, Omaha, Neb., speeding.

- Joshua Culley, Shenandoah, registration violation.

- Stacy Anderson, Red Oak, registration violation.

- Robin Strode, Albia, registration violation.

- Jason Dorsey, Jr., Omaha, Neb., speeding.

- Savannah Turnbull, Red Oak, registration violation.

- Tyler Irvin, Story City, no valid driver's license.

- Trevor Carter, Emerson, registration violation.

- Emmanuel Agbeletey, Omaha, Neb., speeding.

- Elizabeth Davidson, Papillion, Neb., operating non-registered vehicle, speeding.

- Christopher Yeager, Emerson, no valid driver's license.

- Kevin McDowell, Shenandoah, operation of unregistered watercraft.

- Stacy Means, Villisca, fail to obey stop sign and yield right of way.

- Everett Larson, Imogene, speeding.

- Michael Namanny, West Des Moines, speeding.

ACCIDENT

- On June 22, at 11:38 a.m.,

a Montgomery County Sheriff's officer investigated a one-vehicle accident just east of S Avenue on 110th Street. Timothy Cooney, 63, Corning, driving a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe, was traveling east on 110th Street when he fell asleep, went off the road to the right, struck a sign and continued east. The vehicle then entered the river and came to rest on the east bank. All air bags deployed, and Cooney was able to get out of the vehicle and walk to 110th Street to get medical attention. He was transported by Midwest Medical to Cass County Hospital. Damage to the sign was about \$100. Damage to the vehicle was about \$11,000, and it is considered a total loss.

- On June 24, at 9:30 a.m., Montgomery County deputies investigated a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 34 and K Avenue. Due to the accident, a portion of Highway 34 was closed for about 45 minutes. Michael Hayes, 59, Madison, N.C., driving a 2016 Freightliner semi with enclosed trailer, was traveling west on Highway 34 and was passing through the intersection with K Avenue. Francis Dickson, 70, Omaha, Neb., driving a 2014 Chevrolet Equinox, was traveling north on K Avenue and entered the intersection while the Hayes vehicle was occupying it, striking the landing gear on the semi-trailer. The Dickson vehicle was considered a total loss, and damage to the Hayes vehicle was about \$5,000. Dickson was cited for failure to yield upon entering a through highway. Dickson and his passenger, his son, Daniel Dickson, 39, Omaha, had minor injuries.

Armstrong Research Farm to Host Forage Field Day

From ISU Extension

Stressed pastures and high grain markets continue to limit forage productivity and land access for cattlemen. Many producers have turned toward integrating cover crops as an alternative to extend the grazing season, and some have even begun utilizing warm season annual forages to fill some voids during the summer slump.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Armstrong Memorial Research and Demonstration Farm will host a field day featuring ongoing forage research with summer annuals. The event will take place Tuesday evening, July 12, at the Wallace Learning Center

on the research farm near Lewis. The field day will start with a classroom session featuring swath grazing of warm season annuals as a winter feeding strategy. Head researcher Garland Dahlke of the Iowa Beef Center will discuss forage quality and utilization, and the challenges and successes of using pearl millet, forage sorghum and sorghum sudangrass for swath grazing in Iowa.

Attendees will have the opportunity to view summer annual test plots at the farm including German millet, pearl millet, sorghum sudangrass, sudangrass and teff. Warm season species selection, farm usage and application, forage nutrient value and anti-quality issues also

are on the agenda.

Registration and a light meal begin at 5:30 p.m., and the program runs from 6-8 p.m. Other presenters are ISU Extension and Outreach Field Agronomist Aaron Sauegling and Beef Specialist Erika Lundy-Woolfolk.

The field day is free thanks to grants from the North Central

Extension Risk Management Education Center and the Southern Iowa Forage and Livestock Committee. To ensure adequate meal count, preregister by July 8 by calling the ISU Extension and Outreach Cass County office at 712-243-1132. For more information, contact Lundy-Woolfolk at ellundy@iastate.edu.



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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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ANSWER:

Stronger the Press, Stronger the People

THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

Sears & Roebuck homes

Is there a Sears home in Reed Oak, or anywhere in Montgomery County? I think this is pretty likely, but I've looked for some time and I still don't know.

Gramps called the company "Rears and Sawbuck." He took catalogs to the outhouse where pages, except for the slick, colored ones, were "repurposed" for a final indignity on their way to the pit.

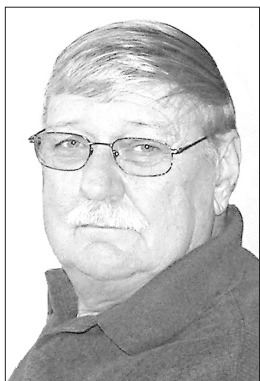
Many of those pages had items circled and notes in the margins, pored over repeatedly and cast into purgatory only after being replaced by the latest 1,600-page edition.

Mom said her mother bought corsets and bustle pads only from Sears, which is where gramp acquired his one-row corn planter and fly netting for work horses. Try that at Amazon.

They also, so the story went, aspired to someday buy a Sears house.

They didn't, but as years passed and my work required some knowledge of construction types and architectural styles, I became interested in the Sears house kit.

Several books and articles on the subject agree that, in 1906, a distribution manager noted they



were selling every bit of furniture and appliances needed in a house, plus paint, wallpaper, sheet-rock, shingles, electrical and plumbing equipment, so why not sell the house as well?

Sears started by retaining a staff of architects to draw detailed plans. The next step was to build and staff a mill and, in another location, a factory to precision-cut each rafter, framing board and item of woodwork, flooring and roofing and then package kits for shipment.

Houses were first offered in the catalog in 1908, continuing until the Depression pretty much shut down new home construction.

The Sears home was a method that used existing architectural styles; the Bungalow, Craftsman, Cape Cod, Victorian and others, even the Queen Ann with tower and turret.

Sears provided kits with all 30,000 pieces cut, sized and marked. They promised that a diligent

do-it-yourselfer with an assistant could assemble one in 90 days, but I suspect that rarely happened.

Prices ranged from \$300 for a two-room cabin to \$5,000 for a 3,000 square foot Colonial with 2 and a half bathrooms (almost unheard of at the time), hardwood floors, open staircase, built-in cabinets and two fireplaces.

Each unit included a 75-page instruction book, with blueprints.

An architect with our office (I was then director of the Division of State Fire Marshal and State Building Code) had once been through several Sears homes in an Omaha neighborhood.

He said they'd been built in about 1920. They were made with quality material, and those taken care of remained in excellent condition.

Typical factory-built homes are assembled by laborers far removed from the end user. Short cuts may be taken, mistakes sometimes covered by sheetrock.

Designed to fit on their own chassis or a semi-trailer, they might vibrate down a highway for hundreds of miles.

The difference between those and a Sears home was that Sears homes were built on-site by the

owners.

The Sears is all-but impossible to identify from the street. The company used about 370 designs. Knowing them all can narrow the search, but confirmation takes more than what can be seen from outside.

One was recently identified in Lewis. I've seen the house, which was built in about 1916, and it definitely matches a Sears model. The new owners are Sears home enthusiasts who bought the place and moved here from the west coast to occupy and restore this one.

I've been invited to view the interior after restoration is complete, and look forward to doing so.

Thousands were sold in the Midwest. Kits weighed about 25 tons and were shipped only by rail, therefore nearly all are in depot towns.

Montgomery County fits the profile, and perhaps we have a reader who lives in one, or knows someone who does.

If so, I'd like to hear from them.

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

LETTERS TO | THE EDITOR

UCC holds March For Our Lives event

To the Editor:

About 30-35 people gathered on the lawn near First Congregational UCC for a March For Our Lives vigil sponsored by Concerned Citizens of SW Iowa on June 15. The remembrance was inspired by yet another school shooting, this time in Uvalde, Texas.

Tatum Watkins opened the vigil with her personal story about how young she was when she first was taught what to do in active shooter drills.

Pat Shipley read the poem Hymn for Hurting, written by Inaugural Poet Amanda Gorman. Barb Nelson read the monthly statistics of mass shootings for the first half of 2022. After each month, we listened as the sound of the tolling bell faded. Jan Norris led a responsive reading – Make Me a Channel of Disturbance. Joey Norris ended the vigil with a moving call to action.

Mass shootings involve four or more victims in firearm-related violence. In January, there were 41 mass shootings resulting in 59 deaths and 128 wounded. In February, there were 43 mass shootings resulting in 40 deaths and 174 wounded. In March, there were 52 mass shootings resulting in 47 deaths and 217 wounded. In April, there were 66 mass shootings resulting in 75 deaths and 271 wounded. In May, there were 67 mass shootings resulting in 87 deaths and 324 wounded. In the first half of June until June 14, there were 38 mass shootings resulting in 36 deaths and 145 wounded.

This was an effort to demonstrate to our elected officials that we demand and deserve a nation free of

gun violence. We hope that the murder of 19 fourth graders and two of their teachers will be the tipping point in public opinion regarding gun violence. .

Elizabeth Wearin
Red Oak

To the Editor:

As we bid County Auditor, Stephanie Burke, farewell we also express our appreciation to her for her many years of service. The auditor juggles a host of responsibilities, none of them simple or run-of-the-mill. They all are integral to the operation of our county.

Positive comments were common from the members of the Montgomery County Democrats and the public at large from their interactions with Stephanie and the staff at the auditor's office. They are polite, cooperative and professional to us, just as we strive to be to them.

I appreciate how professionally Stephanie executed our elections. She took it seriously and followed the rules, only wanting the best for the citizens of Montgomery County, and the State of Iowa. The future of our democracy depends on public servants like her.

We wish you only the best as you start a new chapter in your career.

Jan Norris
Chair, Montgomery County Democrats

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

Voting to combat rising gas and food prices

I hear from folks every day who are being crushed by the prices in grocery store check-out lines and at the gas pump.

I know the financial burdens many are facing right now are stressful and time-sensitive, which is why I voted for a number of pieces of legislation that address the skyrocketing prices of food and gas while supporting agricultural communities in Iowa.

I also helped announce a comprehensive action plan to fight inflation.

This week, I helped lead efforts to pass the Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act, which increases access to biofuels to lower costs at the pump, shores up the food and agriculture supply chain,

It also addresses rising input costs for Iowa farmers and increases competition in the meat and poultry sectors that have long been dominated by the four largest meat-packers.

The legislation includes priorities I've long fought to expand the availability of biofuels and ensure more Iowa families have access to lower costs fuels.

My bill, the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Investment and Market Expansion Act, would invest \$200 million to expand the nation's biofuels infrastructure to increase the availability of E15 and higher blends to more Americans.

The Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act also includes a provision I fought for to allow E15 to be sold throughout the summer driving season.

These are common sense, bipartisan solutions to increase America's energy independence, reduce our green house gas emissions, and lower costs at the pump.

Iowa families can't wait any longer as dollars continue to be stretched thin.

The Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act is a bill Iowans need and deserve, and I'm calling on the Senate to act quickly and send this bill to the President for his signature.

My colleagues and I also passed the Ocean Shipping Reform Act this week, which will address congestion at U.S. ports, lower prices, and protect Iowa's agricultural exports from supply chain disruptions.

This legislation promises the first major



update of federal regulations for the global ocean shipping industry since 1998.

It also levels the playing field for Iowa's exporters while shoring up supply chains to protect American consumers and companies from the 300 percent price increases foreign-owned companies have been charging to import goods.

President Biden has already signed the act into law, and I look forward to seeing how this critical legislation will support consumers and agricultural communities in Iowa and across the country.

I've been pushing for this bill as part of my Supply Chain Solutions Agenda since November, and I'm glad to see this signed into law.

While these two pieces of legislation are steps in the right direction, I'm working to get more done to help fight inflation and lower the cost of living for Iowans with my House colleagues in the New Democrat Coalition.

We created an action plan to combat inflation that outlines steps federal policymakers can take to reduce prices on essential goods and services by continuing to strengthen global supply chains, lower energy and food prices, and get more people back to work by supporting workforce training. This is the product of months of work as part of an Inflation Working Group.

The plan includes action items that would provide immediate direct relief to Iowa families such as reducing the cost of prescription drugs and enacts legislation to extend school and summer meal flexibilities to ensure no child goes hungry. More information on this plan is available on my website, axne.house.gov.

I'm fighting hard to make sure these action items are accomplished quickly and continue to do everything I can to reduce prices for Iowans.

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



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Community Calendar

30 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.

7 p.m. Free showing of "Sabrina: Tortured For Christ" at the Red Oak Grand Theatre, 410 E. Coolbaugh St. Rated PG-13 for thematic content as well as disturbing images and violence.

1 July

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

6 to 9 p.m., First Friday musical performance by Casey Freemyer and Steve Taylor at Five One 8, 518 N. 4th St.

7 p.m., "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness," theatre #1; "The Goonies," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

2 July

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

7 p.m., "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness," theatre #1; "The Goonies," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

3 July

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

5 July

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.

5:30 p.m., Red Oak City Council meeting, Red Oak Fire Station, or via Zoom.

6 July

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.

Red Oak's Housing Steering Committee will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, June 29th at 4 p.m. at the Red Oak Library, 400 N. 2nd St.

College Savings Iowa funds awarded

State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald celebrated 529 Day with a \$529 College Savings Iowa contribution to one family in each Iowa county. The Gigstad family was randomly chosen as the Montgomery County winner. "I'm elated to be giving a boost to Landon's education savings," said Fitzgerald. "All it takes is one contribution to get the ball rolling. Whether it is \$25 or \$529, every dollar saved is one that won't have to be borrowed later."

The Goetz family and daughter, Stella Goetz, were randomly chosen as the Page County winner.

Treasurer Fitzgerald is administrator of the College Savings Iowa 529 plan, which helps families save for the rising costs of

education. "529 Day, which is recognized annually on May 29, was all about informing families of the benefits of saving with a 529 plan," he continued. "College Savings Iowa is simple, easy to use and flexible – the tax benefits are just the cherry on top!" In addition to tax-deferred earnings and tax-free withdrawals, participants who are Iowa taxpayers can deduct up to \$3,522 per beneficiary account from their Iowa income taxes in 2022.

To learn more about College Savings Iowa, visit CollegeSavingsIowa.com or call (888) 672-9116 to speak with an education specialist. Follow College Savings Iowa on Facebook and Twitter to stay connected on upcoming events.

Collegiate honors for Sherman

Abigail Sherman of Red Oak was named to the Muhlenberg College dean's list for the Spring 2022 semester.

Muhlenberg College students and Muhlenberg College School of Continuing Studies students with a term GPA of 3.50 or higher were recognized for this academic achievement.

Sherman was also one of the 500 students who graduated as part of Muhlenberg's Class of 2022 on May 22, during the college's 174th commencement ceremony.

Sherman graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. - Bachelor of Arts degree in Music, Theatre and Psychology.

Two Peru students receive honors

On June 22, the Heart of America Athletic Conference announced that 1,051 student-athletes were honored for their academic achievements.

Peru State College had 45 students who were singled out for the academic honor.

Among the local recipients were:

Luke Dalley (football) – Kinesiology.

Gavin Maas (men's bowling) – Social Science Teaching

Free movie showing at the Grand June 30

A free showing of the movie "Sabina: Tortured For Christ" is at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30 at the Red Oak Grand Theatre.

This event is sponsored by the Montgomery County Ministerial Fellowship. This movie is rated PG-13.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays are:

Kim Goettsche – June 30
Carolyn Quist – June 30
Jackie Evans – July 1
John Blomstedt – July 2
Stanley Embree – July 3
Wendell Gourley – July 3
Stanley Embree – July 3
Dan Crouse – July 4
Denny Hemphill – July 4
Jason Beacham – July 5
Melissa Mueller – July 6
Siera Bissell – July 6
Laura Schrader – July 6
Doug Pratt – July 6

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.

Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating their anniversaries this week are:

Denny and Peg Barr – July 2
Joe and Charlotte Morris – July 2
Kelly and Scott Oakleaf – July 4
Michael and Becky King – July 5

Congratulations and happy anniversary to you!

To become a member of the free "Anniversary Club," e-mail your anniversary (and those of your friends and family) to news@redoakexpress.com, mail to P.O. Box 377, Red Oak, IA 51566, or drop by our office at 2012 Commerce Dr.

Red Oak Class of 2017 holds five year reunion in RO



Members of the class of 2017 recently held a five year reunion. pictured are, front row: Lauren Gilbert Second row, from left: Carlos Guerra, Hunter Woods, and Trevor Sutton. Third row, from left: Heath Woods, Jackson Welter, Nathan Schon, Sarah Behrens, Sam Dilocker, Tannah Halvin, and Shaely Nowels. Back row, from left: Tristan Wolfe, Christian Horn, Gadge Perez, Justin Newman, Cody Lang, and Mariah Shipley (Lombard.) (Photo submitted)

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-Bittle, Worship, 9:45 a.m.

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

Mamrelund Lutheran, 410 Eastern Ave., Stanton, Rev. Eric Kutzi, Worship, 9:30 a.m. with no Sunday School. **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, Pastor Jenny Folmar, Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary with fellowship to follow after the service.

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Norris speaks against carbon pipeline at supervisors

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

Area resident Jan Norris is once again speaking out against efforts she believes are being taken to influence the carbon pipeline project in Montgomery County.

Norris spoke during the regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors on June 21. Norris urged the supervisors to be aware of action the company is taking that she believes is intended to curry favor.

“Summit continues to shower money on Iowa hoping to buy its influence. They are coming out to counties with inflated and misleading information and numbers, and I urge you to do your research before they come to Montgomery County,” Norris said.

Norris also stressed that a large number of counties in the path of the project continue to push back on the proposal.

“More than 60 percent of the counties on the pipeline route have filed official objections with the Iowa Utilities Board, and there are webinars available from experts in the field helping affected counties

and municipalities know more about what these projects are, and the potential dangers and concerns you should be aware of,” explained Norris.

Norris also suggested that Montgomery County take the same steps as other Iowa counties to protect itself.

“Other counties have passed ordinances, and I urge you to check into how Montgomery County could possibly do the same,” commented Norris.

Norris said they are working on coordinating another public meeting for affected landowners and the public in general to provide further education.

“I just wanted to keep this on the radar because more discussion on the pipeline is coming to our county soon. I have access to resources and I’m always available for questions, and my goal is for the county to have the best possible outcome in the situation,” Norris said.

On March 29, the supervisors met with representatives from L.T. Leon Associates, the first engineering firm that offered a proposal for pipeline inspection services. The supervisors took no action on the

proposal, as it was undetermined who would pay for the services if the pipeline failed to come to fruition.

With Norris’ comments in mind, Supervisor Mike Olson asked if it was time for the board to once again look at engineering assistance as things went forward.

“The question is whether to hire a firm before the project gets approval, or afterwards,” Olson commented.

Supervisor Donna Robinson said that while the county didn’t necessarily need to officially hire anyone for inspection services, they could take other steps to ensure something was in place.

“After discussing the situation with other counties, I feel we need to have a letter of intent with whatever firm we decide to go with. We looked at L.T. Leon out of Des Moines, and I think Snyder & Associates of Atlantic also are offering services, and they may be more in our neighborhood,” stated Robinson.

Olson felt the supervisors needed to have something lined up sooner rather than later, so if the pipeline was approved, the county was prepared.

No further action was taken.

Improvements to bottle bill too late for NPI

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds has signed into law a bill that will revamp the state’s can and bottle deposit law.

The bill increases the handling fee for redemption centers from one cent to three cents. It also authorizes the creation of mobile redemption centers and allows stores to opt out of taking back cans and bottles.

Emily Martin, Development Specialist with Nishna Production, Inc., in Red Oak said the new law doesn’t change the status of, or future plans for, the organization’s redemption center.

“The updated bottle bill, although a long time

coming, is only a piece of the puzzle that makes the redemption center work. Currently, we do not have the human resources (manpower) necessary to operate the facility. Our focus is on providing quality services to the people we support,” Martin said. “We are pleased, however, that this legislative step has been taken and hope others are able to benefit from it.”

The redemption center operated by NPI in Red Oak closed Dec. 31, 2021, after being open since April 2012.

The center had continually been operating at a loss, as it cost more to operate the facility as what was made through redemption. NPI, Inc. also struggled to maintain the labor required to process the increasing volume of bottles and cans.



NPI clients working at the redemption center in August 2019. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)

SWIPCO grant application nets \$100,000 for housing in downtown Stanton

Affordable housing in southwest Iowa recently got a boost from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. A grant administered by Southwest Iowa Planning Council (SWIPCO) will provide \$100,000 to renovate and update two upper-story housing units in the City of Stanton.

“Housing is just one of the obstacles employers are facing as they seek to attract new staff,” SWIPCO Community Development Specialist Mackenzie Bandow said. “In addition to improv-

ing the aesthetic of downtown, this grant will help the City of Stanton ensure there is affordable housing for more of its residents.”

Bandow also praised the city’s commitment to affordable housing, and noted more units make the city a more inviting place to live for young professionals who may be looking to start a family someday. “This property is actually the site of one of the first completed Catalyst projects in Iowa, and it’s great to see more residential housing added

to this structure,” Bandow added.

Southwest Iowa’s regional council of governments provided grant writing assistance to bring the funds, which will add one additional housing unit, to the City of Stanton.

The project will include an interior overhaul of unfinished second story space in the property at 312 Broad Avenue, along with exterior improvements such as brick tuckpointing, the addition of concrete parking stalls, and deck construction to

add outdoor living space.

The Downtown Housing Grant is funded with State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

SWIPCO routinely provides grant writing and administration services to its member communities in Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Shelby counties and has brought over \$100 million in grants to the region in the last two years alone.

Consider data privacy in pursuit of lower costs at the gas pump advises Better Business Bureau

Better Business Bureau

As the price of a gallon of gas skyrockets, millions of Americans are turning everywhere they can to save money at the pump. For some, that means signing up for mobile apps, like GasBuddy or Gas Guru. But how many of them consider what information they are sharing in the pursuit of a lower bill?

Data privacy continues to be one of the biggest concerns for both consumers and business owners, and for good reason: It has never been more important to secure your information. However, consumers rarely consider what they provide to companies during the sign-up process. Many mobile apps request access to personal information, including geographic location, contact lists and photo albums before unlocking services. Location data is particularly valuable to advertisers, not least of which because it’s personally identifiable. That information can then be shared with other location-data brokers to leverage.

Most consumers don’t even know they’ve agreed to these terms by signing up for an account.

Customers have a right to know how companies handle their personal data. Whether it’s processing a credit card payment, saving shipping or contact information, or simply signing up for a newsletter, customers should know what data a business collects and how it is used. A good privacy policy does precisely this. But privacy policies aren’t explicitly required by law.

In general, the Federal Trade Commission recommends privacy policies for most websites that collect and share consumer data. But laws differ from place to place and depending on what data you collect. In the United States, federal laws require pri-



vacancy policies for businesses collecting sensitive data, such as personal information from children under 13, protected health information, or information collected to provide certain financial products or services (e.g., loans, investment advice, insurance) to consumers. But some states have their own requirements for privacy policies.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) and the National Cyber Security Alliance offer the following tips to help secure the privacy of critical information:

- Share with care. Posts on social media last a long time. Consider who will see the post, how it might be perceived by readers, and what information it might reveal about the individual posting it.
- Manage privacy settings. Check the privacy and security settings on web services and apps and set them to your comfort level for information sharing. Each device, application or browser used will have different features to limit how and with

whom you share information.

- Personal info is like money: Value it. Protect it. Personal information, such as purchase history, IP address, or location, has tremendous value to businesses – just like money. Make informed decisions about whether or not to share data with certain businesses by considering the amount of personal information they are asking for and weighing it against the benefits you may receive in return.
- Make your passwords long and strong. Use long passwords with a combination of upper- and lower-case letters, numbers, and symbols – eight characters for most accounts, twelve characters for email and financial accounts. Don't use the same password for multiple accounts, especially email and financial. Keep a paper list of your passwords in a safe place, not on or near your computer. Consider using a password vault application. See BBB's tips for creating a strong password at bbb.org.
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