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## Life is cool by the pool

The Red Oak city pool opened for the season Wednesday, June 1. Due to limited staffing, pool hours are condensed. Current hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, which are subject to change based on lifeguard availability and the weather. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)

## Bradley named Junction Days Grand Marshal

**Nick Johansen**  
 The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association made the recent announcement that it has selected Red Oak's Sharon Bradley to serve as the Junction Days Grand Marshal at its upcoming event June 23-26.

Bradley grew up in Red Oak and operated Bradley Livestock Auction for several years, as well as raising four children. Bradley also ran an antique and gift store in downtown Red Oak before she and her family moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., in 1986.

"I worked for a real estate investment trust for 16 years in Arizona as the west regional director, managing medical properties in seven states. Also while I was in Arizona, I worked as a marketing manager for a company in San Francisco, and managed retail stores in Phoenix as well as joining several community organizations. In 2008, we found a house for sale and bought it to have a place to come back to during the summers, and planned to eventually retire here," Bradley said.

Every year since 2008, Bradley said they held a family reunion at their house over Junction Days, until the family grew so big they had to hold it at Chautauqua Park. In 2018, Bradley retired from her corporate job and moved back to Red Oak permanently, opening her current business, Valley Antiques, which currently operates at 1901 N. Broadway St. Ste. A.

When it came time for the nominations for Grand Marshal for the 2022 Junction Days event, Bradley said she wasn't aware she was a nominee, so the announcement came as a complete surprise.

"I didn't feel I deserved it, and so I definitely feel humbled about it, and I greatly appreciate being nominated and selected," said Bradley. "I'm very excited, and of course my family is excited. I love Red Oak a lot."

Being nominated as this year's Grand Marshal brings a particular excitement, Bradley said, due to the event's recovery since COVID-19.

"During COVID, it was hard for people to get out, and now that Junction Days is back in full swing, there's a lot of excitement built up for the event this year as well," stated Bradley.

In addition to her duties during the parade, Bradley feels her role this year is very important to help welcome people to the community.

"People come from all over, and they appreciate the historical significance of our town. Every day I see people moving here from out of town, and I think that it's wonderful that they've cho-



Sharon Bradley

sen Red Oak. It might be from seeing a home listing on Facebook, or just from seeing what Red Oak has to offer. More businesses are coming here and starting up as well. When I retired from my corporate job, it only took me a month to restart my antiques business because we still knew a lot of people here," Bradley explained.

Bradley said she's looking forward to having all of her family here, seeing her friends.

"I love seeing how it brings our community together. The kids love the parade, as well as the adults, and it brings in a lot of people. It gives a focus to our town, as we're only one of many communities that hold an annual celebration," Bradley commented.

In addition to her move back to the Red Oak area, Bradley said her sister, Sandra, brother Reed, and son Jeff have all moved back to the area full-time, and her daughter Julie also bought a house and lives in Red Oak part of the year. Two other children, Allison and Michael, still live in Scottsdale, Ariz. One of the biggest attractions of Red Oak, Bradley said, is the community.

"I love the people here, and thanks to my business, I have people come in every day from out of town, so I talk to them and see where they come from, and a lot of the times, I know their grandparents, and so they come back and visit all the time with me," commented Bradley.

Bradley is the current President of the Red Oak Chamber and Industry Board and is also involved with the Red Oak Rotary Club, Questers, Altrusa, the Montgomery County Development Corporation Board, the Historical Commission, Chairperson of the Red Oak Board of Adjustment, Ambassadors, and the Hospital Auxiliary Board.

"I feel very lucky that I'm able to still do all of that. I love the history of Red Oak, and I'm currently working with the Historic Preservation Committee to put plaques on all of the buildings that are historically significant."

## Council supports city housing planning process

**Nick Johansen**  
 The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak City Council met in regular session June 6.

On the agenda was a presentation from Joey Norris on the city's Housing Readiness Assessment Grant. Norris said the assessment is a structured process to determine what housing shortcomings Red Oak has, and then determine what the city can do to address those shortcomings.

"It's run through Iowa State Extension and is coordinated through its outreach community and economic professionals, so it's very much a hand-holding process. It's supposed to take six to nine months, but we're hoping to be done by the end of this year," Norris said.

The council was requested to approve a resolution that indicated the city was participating in a housing planning process, and that a final report would be shared that had actionable recommendations for implementation.

"Essentially, that resolution is a statement of support from the council. It also states that the process is permanent or temporary, so if at the end of the process, the committee wants to keep going, they can do so, but our intent remains to be done by the end of this year," Norris explained.

Additionally, Norris requested the appointment of a selected official and an alternate to represent the City of Red Oak on a Red Oak Housing Steering committee. The community will have one week to provide input on who else they believe should be on the committee. The council approved applying for the housing grant funding in December of last year.

Councilperson Jeanice Lester advised that if the council appointed a member, the steering committee would be subject to open meetings laws. City administrator Brad Wright confirmed that was the case, despite the fact that only one council representative would serve on the committee, and was not under quorum.

"Our understanding of the code language is pretty clear. If it's an appointment by the city council, that body is then subject to open meetings," Wright explained. "When we appointed Jeanice Lester and then Tim Fridolph to the Montgomery County Development Corporation Board, they became subject to open meetings laws."

Norris said there were no problems with the committee following open meetings laws.

The council approved a resolution for the Housing Readiness Assessment and approved appointing Tim Fridolph as the council representative to the committee and appointing

Jeanice Lester as alternate.

The council then met with Alexis Fleener, community development director with the Southwest Iowa Planning Council, who offered an opportunity for the city to update a comprehensive plan, which was put together in 2003, at a cost of \$20,000.

"We are currently updating a lot of these types of plans in other cities, and we've gotten a lot of requests for this service, probably because of all of the funding that has been coming down the pipeline over the past couple of years," Fleener said.

Fleener added that with the city proceeding with a housing readiness assessment, the momentum could be used to give SWIPCO an opportunity to review other topics affecting the city.

"When we do a comprehensive plan, a big portion of the up-front stuff is a lot of community input, and it's important to engage the community in what its priorities are, what they want to keep, and what they want to improve on," advised Fleener.

According to Fleener, the plan would be heavily tailored to some of the things that are already happening in the community.

"It's not going to look that much different than what you have now, it's just going to be updated. We're going to look at the building environment, the natural environment, and the capital available. We look at what's going on now and what the community wants to happen in the future, and what the city puts into it is what you'll get out of it," Fleener said.

Additionally, Fleener said the plan could be used when it came to seeking grants, as it was a comprehensive list of what the community supported.

"It's a good document, but it takes time, and that's part of the cost that goes into it. There's a lot of engaging with the community, holding meetings, and working with the planning and zoning commission to put it all together, and then be here after to help see things through. It would take approximately nine to 12 months to put the plan together, depending on how fast the community wants to move on it," Fleener advised.

Also, SWIPCO has been approached by several other communities, as well as Montgomery County to update its own assessments, so SWIPCO likely wouldn't be starting on Red Oak's plan, should the council want to move forward immediately. Fleener said they would start out with a community survey first and foremost to get an idea of where the community's mindset was and potentially host open house meetings for community mem-

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# Supervisors extend Solutions contract for upcoming year

Nick Johansen  
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors tackled a light agenda at its regular meeting May 31.

On the agenda was approval of an agreement with Solutions for the county's IT services. County Auditor Stephanie Burke advised the supervisors that the rates had not changed from last year.

The cost of the service was \$37,800. Burke said the cost did not split up the services into different levels.

"This just covers our licensing and the basic IT agreement that we have with Solutions for our IT infrastructure," explained Burke.

The supervisors unanimously approved the renewal of the Solutions agreement for 2022-23, in the amount of \$37,800.

Also under discussion was approval of an agreement between SWIPCO and Montgomery County for rural transit, in the amount of \$6,000. Supervisor Donna Robinson said the cost remained the same as in past years.

"There was talk, maybe a year ago, that it may increase due to population changes, and the fact that they get federal dollars, but they have decided to keep the cost the same. Fuel increases are also not influencing the cost, it's simply a flat rate for the rides provided," said Robinson.



Randy Cooper and Charla Schmidt, county supervisors, look over the basic IT agreement during the May 31 meeting. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

The supervisors approved the FY 2022-23 agreement with SWIPCO for rural transit, in the amount of \$6,000.

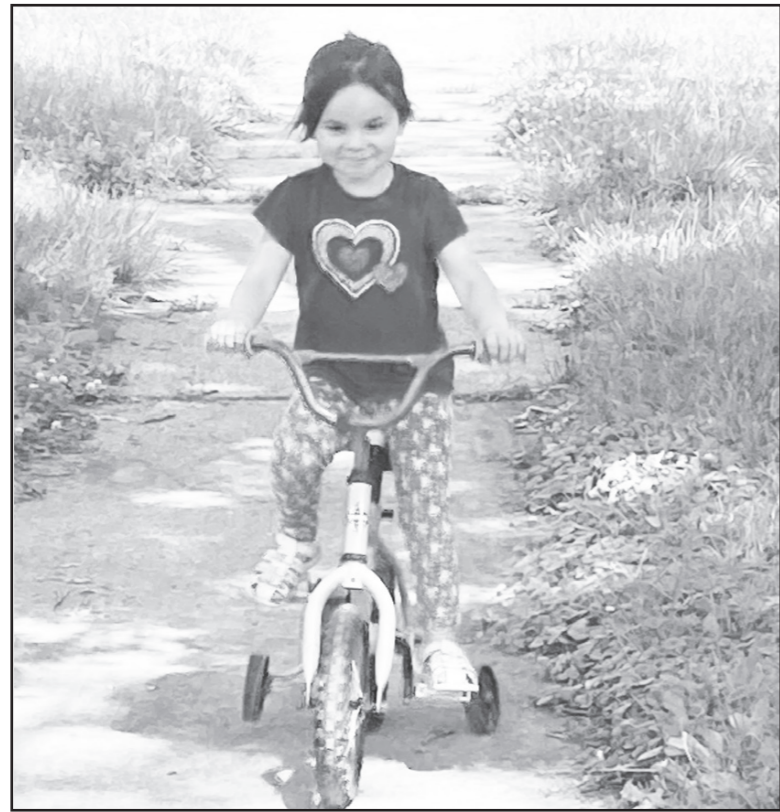
In the secondary roads update, assistant to the engineer Barry Byers said road crews have been hauling rock, performing equipment maintenance, mowing roadsides, and doing bridge cleaning for inspection of the structural/steel bridges for inspection around the county. Byers estimated there were six in total remaining in the county.

"On the engineer's side, we've been doing some survey work on upcoming projects and plan development, and Beau Boeye

was down and installed our Zoom meeting hub at the secondary roads building, and it is operational," Byers said.

Supervisor Randy Cooper asked if railroad bridge inspection was performed by the railroads themselves or handled by the county. Byers said the county inspected the bridges and passed the results of the inspections onto the railroad companies.

In other business, the supervisors:  
• Approved the request for usage of the courthouse lawn for the annual Bible Reading Marathon. This year's event will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on July 14.



## Meadow's monumental moment

Meadow Foster, 5, of Red Oak enjoys a bike ride on Friday, June 3. It was Meadow's first day riding a bike. (Tess Nelson/

## Fawning season is here, deer are on the move

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

The calls have been coming in to field offices and conservation officers for the past few weeks and will only increase as the first few weeks of June marks the peak of the deer fawning season.

Callers report finding an "abandoned" fawn in an unusual place, like a flowerbed or small patch of cover. Rest assured this is normal deer behavior.

"The doe searches out an isolated location where she feels safe and on occasion those places are not what we may think of as ideal. She chose that location because it made sense to her,"

said Jim Coffey, forest wildlife research biologist with the Iowa DNR. "The worst thing someone can do is to 'rescue' the fawn. Mom is likely nearby and watching you. Leave it be or if you did handle the fawn, return it to where you found it and walk away."

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will not be rehabbing or co-mingling fawns with other deer to avoid the potential of spreading chronic wasting disease - or other disease - to new areas.

The spindly legged newborn fawn is designed with a few survival tools built in - its spots are cryptic camouflage that emulates the sunlight spots on the

leaf litter on the forest floor and its lack of movement the first two weeks helps to reduce scent patterns. This combination is its best chance at survival until it is able to follow the doe.

After the fawns are born, the doe will return to fairly normal behavior - sleeping, feeding - but returning to nurse and care for the fawn.

The fawning season also coincides with an increase in deer vehicle collisions.

"There is a lot of movement this time of year that is part of the social structure of deer. The doe is on the move looking for the safe isolated place to have the fawns. In addition last year's fawns - teenagers now - are

starting to venture out to find new space. These yearlings have to make their own decisions for the first time, encounter other adult deer and build new social structures," Coffey said. "This movement behavior can occur during all times of the day. Once it settles out, the active time will return to dawn and dusk."

Drivers are reminded to drive defensively, avoid distractions, and slow down and not to veer for deer. If they hit a deer, drivers can get a salvage tag by calling either the local conservation officer or local law enforcement. There is no fee for a salvage tag it does require that the entire deer is taken.

## COUNCIL

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bers, as well as using Facebook.

The question was raised as to where the funding for the \$20,000 assessment would come from. Wright advised the council the funding would simply come out of the city's general fund.

As there was no immediate deadline to approve proceeding with the assessment, and due to the fact that Council Member Scott Keith was not present for the council meeting, the council elected to take no action on agreeing to the assessment at the June 6 meeting, due to the cost involved and a desire to seek Keith's input. The item will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting in approximately one month.

In other business, the council:

- Heard a presentation from Tracy Hill with Animal Alliance Rescue and plans for an animal rescue shelter in the community, funded through local donations and grants. Hill said they have two potential sites under consideration for possible locations, and if anyone wishes to donate, they are shifting the open account to Houghton State Bank in Red Oak, under Animal Alliance Rescue.
- Approved requests from the Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association (ROCIA) for Junction Days, including: various street closures from June 23 to June 25 with no parking requested along the parade route; use of the concrete parking

lot at 2nd and Coolbaugh streets June 25-26 for the beverage garden; use of the empty lot on the northwest corner of the square at 3rd and Reed streets for inflatables; utilizing some streets for the fun run on June 25, and a request for police presence at various events.

• Approved a Class B beer permit for the ROCIA for Junction Days at 200 E. Coolbaugh St.

• Approved a Class B beer permit for the ROCIA for Junction Days at 1901 N. 4th St.

• Heard an update from Tim Fridolph on the city's website. Further discussion on website improvements is planned at the next regular city council meeting.

• Discussed re-appointments to the Red Oak Public Library Board of Directors. A list of potential candidates for open positions on the board will be submitted to the council after the next library board meeting.

• Approved a joint participation agreement with the Southwest Iowa Planning Council for taxi service in the City of Red Oak, at a cost of \$5,000.

• Held a public hearing on a budget amendment for the FY 2021-22 budget. No oral or written comments were received, and the budget amendment was approved.

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## Stronger the Press, Stronger the People

**THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL**

### Death of a salesman

**I**t was 150 years ago this spring that a young Wyatt Earp was arrested in Arkansas and charged with stealing horses.

He posted bond, left the state never to return, and lived a life of violence that saw him bounce from one side of the law to the other.

Reading a newspaper account of the horse stealing incident brought to mind an unrelated article from a newspaper closer to home.

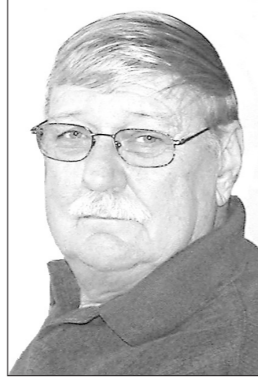
We learn that town officials, after thoughtful deliberation, settled on three words that conveyed their desired image.

An attractive sign was posted on the west edge that read "City of Harmony." A few days later an identical sign was placed to welcome travelers from the east. North and south entrances would wait until spring.

Into this newly branded community, on a raw and gray November day, rode Wyatt Earp. When he stepped down from the train he was wearing his typical attire; dark coat and starched white shirt with a collar and tie stylish at the time. He probably passed through the depot without being recognized.

This was not the case at the Johnson, a hotel he favored. There he entered and the desk clerk spoke his name.

As Earp crossed the lobby he may have noticed



When he departed the next day he left behind families having a deeper understanding of the importance of life insurance.

The town, of course, was Red Oak. The year was 1962 and Wyatt Earp was an insurance salesman from Des Moines.

Traveling salesmen were common. This one rated an article in our paper because "The Legend of Wyatt Earp," starring Hugh O'Brien, was the first TV western scripted for adults.

Just ahead of "Gunsmoke," it ran from 1955 to 1961. Everyone knew Earp's name. Salesman Earp apparently had a sense of humor and used the notoriety to his advantage.

a large poster that advertised the hotel restaurant's menu for Thanksgiving, which would include Waldorf salad, roast leg of choice lamb, baked ham, and various sides and desserts that included warm mince meat pie.

Earp signed the register, saying his business would not take long. He'd stay only one night.

The article did not disclose how Earp's name fit into his "cold contact" routine. I do know that in our family these door-to-door peddlers were either welcomed or scorned.

Life insurance pushers, especially those who used the specter of newly widowed young ladies using desperate means to delay the inevitable surrender of their toddlers to adoption, caused these peddlers to be near the bottom of dad's list.

Good ones included an old fellow who came around once a year selling brooms. Kids got a piece of candy, brooms wear out and the broom guy wasn't at all pushy.

The Watkins man was also welcome. When he arrived mom usually dug into her egg money and bought a few spices. Dad kept a can of Watkins balm that was good for chapped hands and did wonders with cold-weather milk cows having sore, cracked teats.

Dad made a major purchase from a traveler when he bought a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica; books that were well-used by the time six kids got through high school.

The worst of the bad salesmen were vacuum hucksters. We'd just moved into a run-down farmhouse when I opened the door to the Hoover man.

Mom was cleaning upstairs. She came down, he

started his sales pitch. This included dumping a bag of dirt on her new area rug.

She was aghast. He plugged in his Hoover and nothing happened. The house was being rewired by a part-timer who had a day job, leaving us temporarily without electricity.

I suspect it to have been the high-pressure shy-sters that caused "No Peddling" ordinances, but by the mid-sixties travelers like Wyatt Earp were on the way out anyway. Advertisers were finding a more profitable method.

Traveling salesmen, radio and print had nothing compared to screens and the internet, which offer a way to drown consumers in thousands of misleading sales pitches each day.

The internet is a great place to learn, but so were the Encyclopedia and library. And salesmen didn't make your contact information available to every scammer and telemarketer on the planet, nor did they annoy us with 20-question surveys every time dad threw one out.

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

by Governor)

We're facing a workforce shortage in Iowa and across the country. We need our state's unemployment system to serve as a reemployment system. HF 2355 makes a number of reasonable reforms to Iowa's unemployment insurance system. This bill shortens the amount of time Iowans can collect unemployment from 26 weeks to 16 weeks. Four months is a reasonable amount of time to expect Iowans to be able to find work, especially in this job market. If unemployment is due to plant closure, the weeks are reduced from 39 to 26.

This bill does not change who is required to search for employment in order to receive unemployment benefits. However, if you are required to be looking for employment, the percentage of benefits you receive, if you refuse a job offer, will decrease. The bill does not include a one-week waiting period before you can receive unemployment benefits.

**HF 2266: Bringing more IPERS retirees back into the workforce (Signed by Governor)**

This bill raises the earning limit for IPERS retirees under the age of 65 to \$50,000 a year. Folks such as teachers, substitutes, bus drivers and other Iowans who haven't yet reached the retirement age can come back to work and make up to \$50,000 a year without it affecting their IPERS retirement funds.

**HF 2128: Expanding Iowans' Access to bio-fuels**

The Governor has been working with state legislators and industry leaders for over a year on a plan to increase access to higher-ethanol blends at the pump. The Iowa House passed a bill to support Iowa biofuels with overwhelming, bipartisan support and now heads to the Governor's desk!

The House first passed the bill in February, as it was a high priority for the Governor and Iowa House Republicans. After it stalled in the Senate, House members worked on an amendment to help the bill gain both chambers' approval.

E-15 fuel is cheaper, cleaner, and made right here in Iowa. Especially as the Biden Agenda leads to higher gas prices at the pump, we want Iowans to have access to this cheaper fuel option.

This bill increases Iowans' access to E-15 by ensuring all gas stations who are compatible offer E-15 as an option to consumers.

This bill also increases and expands the timeline of fuel retailer tax credits who offer higher-ethanol blends.

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

**HF 2080: Additional Parental Rights in their Kids' Education (Sent to Governor)**

This bill prevents K-12 public or charter schools from performing health screenings on students without written permission from their parents or guardians.

**HF 2412: Protecting Iowans from Radon-Induced Cancer (Signed by Governor)**

The Iowa Legislature passed a bill to require testing for radon gas in Iowa Schools. This legislation was written in honor of Gail Orcutt, a retired Iowa teacher who lost her battle with radon-induced lung cancer in 2020.

An estimated 400 Iowans die each year due to radon-induced lung cancer and this bill takes a meaningful step to reduce that number.

**HF 2355: Making Unemployment a Re-Employment System (Expected to be Signed**

**MOORE ON THE ISSUES | IOWA. REP. TOM MOORE**

### Moore issues final wrap-up of legislative activity for current session

*Editor's note: This is part one of Moore's wrap up. Part two will be included next week.*

As the 89th General Assembly has come to an end here are a number of comments and accomplishments that were sent to the Governor in 2022. This will be my last newsletter, but from time to time I will send an update on things of importance coming up or things that happen out of session.

Now is the time to think about getting out the vote and learning about the candidates. The Primary election is in front of us. Your vote is critical on Tuesday June 7th. Let's make a difference!

Now more than ever, it's vital that we fight for Iowans to keep more of their hard-earned paychecks.

Iowa's economy remains strong - so strong that we had the opportunity to deliver the largest tax cut in Iowa history while continuing to fund Iowans' priorities.

**HF 2317: A Tax Cut for All Iowans (Signed By Governor)**

Republicans in the Capitol delivered a historic tax plan that lowers taxes for every Iowan and is sustainable into the foreseeable future.

Our tax cut lowers the tax rate for all Iowans to a fair and flat rate of 3.9%. That puts Iowa at the fourth lowest income tax rate in the country.

Before our tax cut legislation, the lowest income earners would have paid a rate of 4.4% income tax for Fiscal year 2023. So, this change to 3.9% represents a tax cut for every Iowan.

Despite what you may hear from the Left, wealthier Iowans will still contribute more to funding the government. 3.9% of \$1 million is more than 3.9% of \$62,000.

**HF 2317: Making Retirement Income Tax Free (Signed By Governor)**

This session, we also made retirement income in Iowa tax free. How retirement income is taxed in each state can have a big impact on where folks choose to retire and make their primary state of residence.

We see many Iowans move or change their primary residence to states like Florida, Texas or even Illinois that do not tax retirement income.

If we can keep those folks in Iowa once they retire, that means they continue to contribute to the economy here in Iowa, to not-for-profits and to their local community. I've seen some criticism that our bill does not include social security income. However, that's because Iowa already does not tax social security benefits.

**Making Iowa More Competitive and Reforming the Refundable Corporate Tax Credits (Signed By Governor)**

Under this tax cut legislation, the corporate tax rate will be reduced if the state hits a revenue trigger. In a year where corporate tax revenue exceeds \$700 million, the corporate rate will be reduced the following year.

This rate will continue to reduce each year revenue is over \$700 million until it reaches 5.5%. This will allow us to lower our corporate tax rate, which is one of the highest in the nation, while ensuring budget sustainability.

Additionally, this bill reforms Iowa's Refundable Corporate Tax Credits by cutting refundability by 5% per year for five years on all refundable corporate tax credits that don't currently have a sunset, ultimately lowering refundability to 75%.

The Research Activities Credit, the State's most expensive corporate tax credit, lowers to 50% refundability over 5 years. House Republicans have been interested in corporate tax credit reform for many years. The inclusion of this piece in the final tax plan is a huge step in the right direction for our state.

**Eliminating the Deadline for Open Enrollment (Sent to Governor)**

This bill eliminates the March 1 deadline for public school students to open enroll into another public school. With this change, students could apply to leave their school and attend a different public school at any time during the year.

This bill will help provide additional school choice for parents and students who don't feel like they're having their voices heard by their school board and administrators. Under current law, a student must apply to open enroll before March 1st unless they are granted a specific exception. This means that if a school board adopts a policy against your wishes on March 2, your student would be trapped in that school for the following year.

This allows parents to make the best decision for their child on where to send their kid to school. The receiving district would still need to have the capacity to accept the student. And all current laws regarding athletic eligibility remain in place.

**HF 2316: 2.5% Supplemental State Aid Increase (Signed By Governor)**

This Session, the Iowa House set the percent growth for Supplemental State Aid for K-12 schools at 2.5%. This equates to a \$159 million in new money for K-12 public schools. The State Cost Per Pupil amount increases from \$7,234 to \$7,412, an \$178 increase per student.

Our plan also includes an additional \$5 SCPP

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Community Calendar

9 June
Noon: SCORE webinar, "Your Marketing Roadmap - Get in the Marketing Mindset." Go to omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242 for more information.
12:30 p.m. Bingo, Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn 402-926-8683 for more information.
4 p.m., Community Prayer Time, Fountain Square Park. Call Bonnie at 623-4759.
4-7 p.m., Red Oak Farmers Market, Fountain Square Park.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.
10 June
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.
5:30-7:30 p.m., Business After Hours, Bethlehem Lutheran Church 150th Anniversary, 1101 Summit St., snacks and drinks provided.
7 p.m., "Petite Maman," theatre #1; "Everything, Everywhere All At Once," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.
11 June
9 a.m. to noon, Red Oak Farmers Market, Fountain Square Park.
9 a.m., Musical theater tap/dance classes with Becca Jackson York, Wilson Performing Arts Center, 300 Commerce Dr. 9 a.m., musical theater dance, 10 a.m., tap dancing. visit linktr.ee/beccajacksonyork to register.
Noon: Montgomery County Ag Society four person best ball gold tournament, Red Oak Country Club, 2038 200th St.
7 p.m., "Petite Maman," theatre #1; "Everything, Everywhere All At Once," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.
12 June
2 and 7 p.m., "Petite Maman," theatre #1; "Everything, Everywhere All At Once," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.
13 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.
5:30 p.m., Red Oak School Board meeting, Red Oak Jr./Sr. High School, or via Zoom.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.
14 June
8:30 a.m., Montgomery County Supervisors, North Meeting Room in courthouse basement, open to public.
10 a.m., Legacy Mutual Open, Red Oak Country Club, 2038 200th St. Shotgun start at 10 a.m.
Noon: SCORE webinar "Google Business Profile - How to Rank High On Google Local Search Results." Go to omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242 for more information.
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 p.m., Red Oak Elks Lodge Flag Day ceremony, east lawn of the lodge, 519 N. 1st St. Lawn chairs encouraged.
15 June
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.
7:30 p.m., opening night of "Beauty and the Beast, The Wilson Performing Arts Center, 300 Commerce Dr. Tickets \$15 for students and \$25 for adults, reserve by calling 623-3135.

June named Men's Health Month



Red Oak Mayor Shawwna Silvius signs a proclamation designating June as Men's Health Month in Red Oak. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

SCORE June webinars announced

The Greater Omaha SCORE chapter, which includes Montgomery, Page, Taylor, and Adams counties, has announced its June series of live webinars. The webinars allow attendees to learn with SCORE's small business training workshops. There is no cost to attend any of these upcoming webinars. Webinars that will be taking place this month include: June 9, noon: "Your Marketing Roadmap - Get in the Marketing Mindset." June 14, noon: "Google Business Profile - How to Rank High On Google Local Search Results." June 16, noon: "The 5 Stages of Delegation to Energize Your Business Growth." June 21, noon: "Small Business Budgeting Made Easy." June 23, noon: "How to Complete a SWOT Analysis - A Step by Step Demonstration." June 30, noon: "The Basics of TikTok Digital Marketing." See omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242 for more information and registration. All webinars are recorded and available at score.org/recorded-webinars. The local SCORE chapter is located at the Small Business Administration office, 10675 Bedford Ave., Suite 100, Omaha, NE, 68134; 402-221-3606, omaha.score.org.

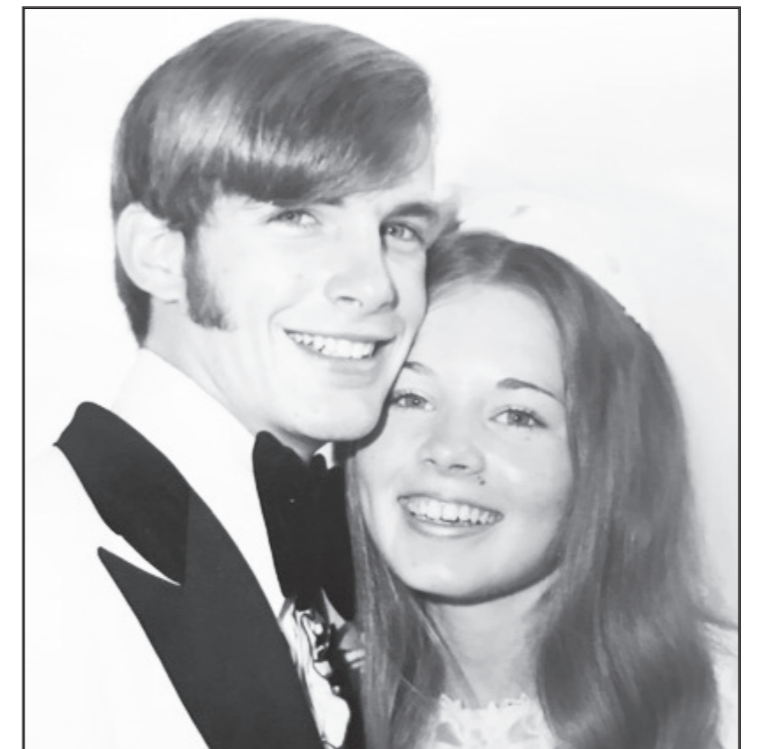
NAMI offering free special program

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a free, virtual eight-session peer education program for adults with mental health conditions. NAMI Peer-to-Peer provides information about anxiety, depressive disorders, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and other mental health conditions. Other topics covered include communication, setting and achieving goals, medication, problem-solving, treatment and recovery. The course is designed to increase understanding and advocacy skills while helping participants maintain their well-being. The program is taught by trained peers with a mental health condition. NAMI Peer-to-Peer is an evidence-based program (EB). For information on the research base for the program, visit nami.org/research. NAMI Southwest Iowa is offering a Virtual NAMI Peer-to-Peer Education Program free of charge to participants with sessions beginning at 6:30 p.m. beginning in June. For registration and more information, please call 712-542-7904 or email info@namisouthwestiowa.com.

Happy Anniversary!
Celebrating their anniversaries this week are:
Brian and Kara Yeager - June 10
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Happy Birthday!
Celebrating birthdays are:
Dana Swanson - June 9
Roger Magnussen - June 9
Bryan O'Flynn - June 9
Linda Clark - June 10
Tom Docker - June 12
Ed Foote - June 13
Norma Marsh - June 13
Bob Kinser - June 14
Boston O'Flynn - June 15
To be included on the free "Happy Birthday" list, e-mail your birthday (and those of your friends and family) to news@redoakexpress.com, mail to P.O. Box 377, Red Oak, IA 51566, or drop by our office at 2012 Commerce Dr.

Card Shower
ELWOOD 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Kirk and Joleen Elwood will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 2. In honor of this occasion, their family is hosting a card shower. Cards may be sent to Kirk and Joleen at 610 Harris St., Emerson, IA 51533.

YMCA offering two promotions

The Montgomery County YMCA is offering two special promotions this month. Anyone interested can get a free one-week Y pass as part of the YMCA's Summer Sampler, and after the one-week pass, if they decide to join, the \$50 joiner's fee will be waived. Download the registration form for the one-week free pass at bit.ly/39315ER, or visit the website to learn more about the memberships: mcymca.com/rates. Also, folks can get a Y Pass and have plans all summer, including swimming, basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, air hockey, and foosball. \$75 will buy a pass that lasts all Summer long, and can be used for kids and college students home for the summer and is good through Labor Day. Youth must be age 8 and up to be at the Y without an adult. Some activities, such as using the weight room, have age restrictions.

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
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.
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 Kutzli, Sunday School and Confirmation, 9:15 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Online: 9:30 a.m. FMTC Cable Channel 1, also live on Facebook.
Mt. Calvary, 107 S. 5th, Villisca, Jerome Wagoner, Worship, 9:00 a.m. Tabor Lutheran, 1711 Q Ave., Stanton, Worship, 8:15 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Peace Lutheran, (A WELS Congregation), 411 Church St., Shenandoah, Saturday Worship, 5:30 p.m.; Bible and Sunday School, 6:30 p.m.
Non-Denominational
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, noon., Outdoors if weather permits, otherwise in the chapel. If outdoors, bring your own lawn chair.

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Pictured left, students in the SWCC nurse assisting Career Academy program pose with Jeanne Franson (second from left), instructor, to thank MCMH. Pictured right, SWCC Secondary Programs Coordinator Rachel Ramaeaker, left and Red Oak Center Coordinator John Hewett pose with the donated bed and smart mattress from MCMH. (Photos submitted)



## Montgomery County Memorial Hospital donates equipment to SWCC Career Academy program

Montgomery County Memorial Hospital (MCMH) in Red Oak recently donated a Stryker hospital bed and smart mattress to the Southwestern Community College (SWCC) nurse assisting Career Academy.

The gift was orchestrated with the assistance of Jeanne Franson, instructor for the Red Oak section of the college's HSC 172 nurse aide course. In addition to teaching for SWCC, Franson is employed at MCMH as a registered nurse.

Rachel Ramaeaker, SWCC coordinator of secondary programs, said the hospital's gift will be an immense asset in the classroom.

"MCMH's donation updates the nurse aide skills lab, supporting student learning by allowing them to work on equipment similar to what they would find in health care facilities," stated Ramaeaker. "Improvements to our skills lab better prepares students for their clinical experiences as they work toward completion of their 75-Hour CNA certificate."

Ramaeaker is very thankful for the continued relationship between MCMH and the college and said it benefits students, as well as both organizations.

"MCMH has continually served as a partner in providing clinical and career immersion experiences to students, and now this generous gift improves our education facilities," continued Ramaeaker.

Southwestern's nurse assisting Career Academy program allows high school students to explore

health careers and earn dual credit (receiving high school and college credit at the same time) in a health-related field. According to Ramaeaker, HSC 172 is the capstone course of the Career Academy.

In addition to nurse assisting, SWCC offers Career Academy programs to high school students in the areas of auto collision repair/refinish, automotive repair technology, carpentry and building trades, electrical technology, information technology systems networking, and welding.

### Stanton Honor Rolls

#### 4TH QUARTER A HONOR ROLL

**6th grade:** Nolan Case, Cash Culver, Cooper Dreyer, Gabrielle Grebin, Brett Hart, Addison Jones, Hayden Jones, Addie Peterson, Lauren Roberts, and Jayden Snow.

**7th grade:** Lilly Ford, Addelyn Gettler, Nicholas Herrick, Corinne Hopf, and Adrianna Valdez.

**8th grade:** Rylan Grebin, Kennedy King, Jasmine Osher, Meredith Roberts, Britney Silva, and Brodee Sowers.

**9th grade:** Riley Burke, Kiela Franzen, Evan Gettler, Kyla Hart, Lauren Johnson, Brianna Mitchell, Hannah Olson, Anna Peterson, and Ella Peterson.

**10th grade:** Dacey Henneman, Evan Hopf, Axel King, and Leah Sandin.

**11th grade:** Abbigail Burke, Marleigh Johnson, Joshua Martin, Addison Olson, Brooklyn Silva, and Jenna Stephens.

**12th grade:** Roary Blair, Tristan Frank, Ashley Henneman, John Peterson, Cameron Sallach and Allie Sandin.

#### 4TH QUARTER B HONOR ROLL

**6th grade:** Deacon Bruce, Gabriel Kingery, Owen Marsh, Victoria McFarland, Janae Schwery, and Brian Seifert.

**8th grade:** Clayton Culver, Adrian Haynie, Eric Kutzli, Elizabeth Maranville, and Taylor Valdez.

**9th grade:** Zooney Allen, Adam Benson, Gavin Ford, Brody Gibbs, Jacob Martin, Jameson McDonald, Beau Sallach, Caden Sallach, Emma Sallach, Simon Showalter, and Max Yeager.

**10th grade:** Stephanie Bair, Alli Baker, Hunter Bishop, Preston Carpenter, Alexis Frank, Nolan Grebin, Ellyanna McDonald, and Carly Roberts.

**11th grade:** Samantha Helberg, Damian Meek, Dartangan Most, Kyle Pastore, Carli Smith, Marissa Strough, Kywin Tibben, and April Vanderholm.

**12th grade:** Ramona Allen-Bruno, Aidan Graham, Carston Johnson, Carter Johnson, Ty Meier, Jackson Roberts, Logan Roberts, and MacKenzie Rocha.

#### SECOND SEMESTER A HONOR ROLL

**6th grade:** Nolan Case, Cash Culver, Cooper Dreyer, Gabrielle Grebin, Brett Hart, Addison Jones, Hayden Jones, Gabriel Kingery, Addie Peterson, Lauren Roberts, and Jayden Snow.

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### SWCC announces dean's and president's lists for spring

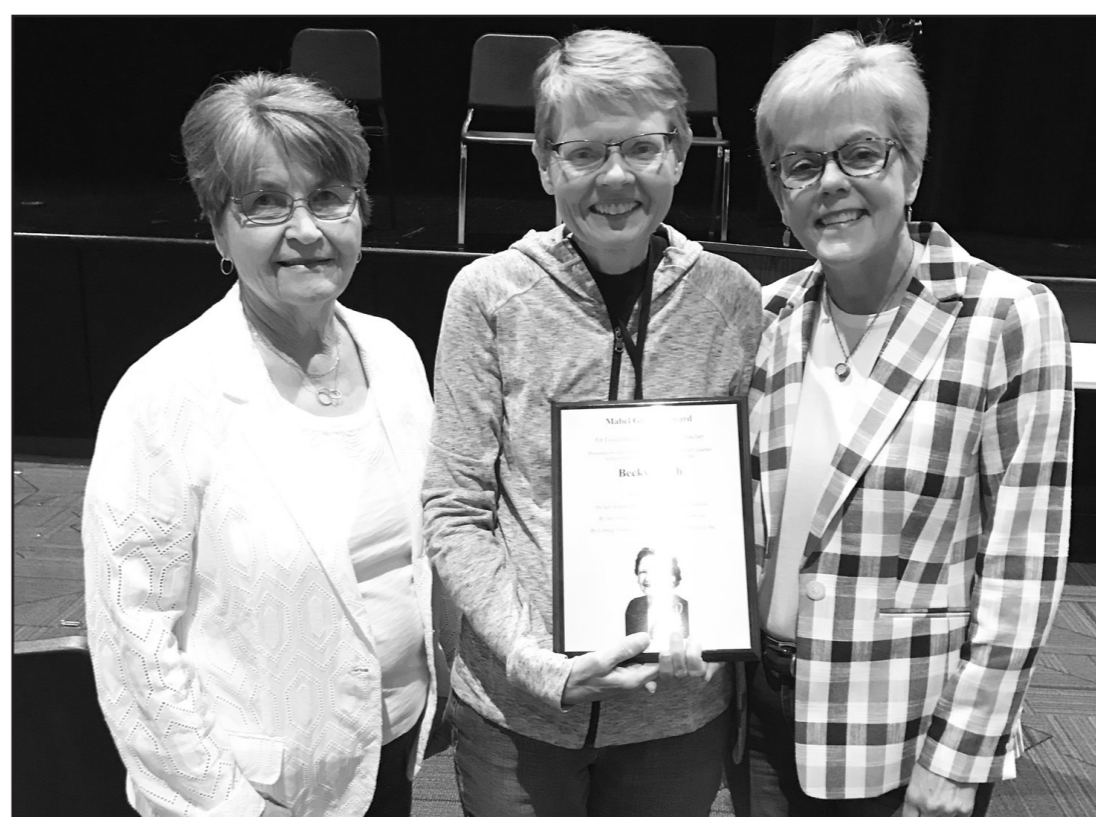
The following students from the local area are among the students named to the spring 2022 semester dean's and president's lists at Southwestern Community College.

To be on the president's list, a full-time student must obtain a 3.50 grade point average or above during a semester. To be on the dean's list, a full-time student must obtain at least a 3.00 grade point average. There were 198 students named to the President's list and 128 students named to the Dean's list.

- President's list: Ryan Johnson and Tessa Rolenc, both of Red Oak
- Dean's list: Kimberly Bowers, Elliott, and Connor Koppa, Treyten Ozuna, and Emeline Wenzel, all of Red Oak.

### Getting your graduation scrapbooks ready?

Don't miss information on your students!



Instructor Becky Dolch, pictured center, receives the Mabel Griffith award from Joan Sibley, left, and Jane Magnuson. Sibley and Magnuson are both Coburg alumni and former students of Mabel Griffith. (Photo submitted)

## Dolch receives Mabel Griffith award

The Coburg Historical Association is proud to announce the presentation of its annual Mabel Griffith Award for Excellence in Elementary Teaching to Becky Dolch, second grade teacher at Red Oak's Inman Elementary School.

The award is presented each year to an elementary school teacher in either the Essex, Stanton or Red Oak districts. Each of those districts absorbed part of the former Coburg school district when it closed in 1969.

Alumni of the former district chose to name the award for Mrs. Mabel Griffith, a teacher who is remembered for her ability to make each child feel special. The recipient is presented with a plaque and a gift of \$1,000 in appreciation for the impact great teachers have on their students, their school districts and the communities they serve.

Previous recipients are Vicki Hume at Essex and Leanne Johnson at Stanton. This year's award was presented to Becky Dolch by Coburg Alumna Jane Allen Magnuson at the Red Oak School District's end of year teacher awards assembly.

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# Outstanding teacher award presented to Essex's Hume

Nick Johansen  
The Red Oak Express

Vicki Hume, a fifth grade instructor at the Essex Community School District, has added her name to an elite list.

At a ceremony on May 18, Hume was named as one of the recipients of the 2022 Charles E. Lakin Outstanding Teacher Award. Hume was one of four teachers to receive the award for this year, and was among roughly 180 teachers from 19 area districts nominated for the award in 2022. Hume's win makes her the fourth teacher from the Essex District to receive a Lakin award.

Hume said that the discovery that she was one of the recipients this year was quite a shock and was unexpected.

"It was a wonderful surprise, and a real honor to be the recipient of that award. It's such a blessing to have people show that appreciation for something that I love to do every day," Hume

said.

Hume added that there were a number of different people who put her name forward to be a recipient.

"I know for a fact that some of the students from my classes nominated me, as well as some of my co-workers, and I believe some parents as well. There may have been others that nominated me as well," commented Hume.

Hume speculated on what might have set her apart from the other nominees, but also said that there were plenty of other teachers just as qualified as she was.

"I love my job, and I think that passion shows when I'm working with students and other teachers, and everyone understands that. I'm thinking that may have helped me stand out a little bit," Hume said. "But that being said, I'm sure there are many others that deserve this award just as much as I do. In Essex, I work with awesome teachers every day that also deserve this award."

As a Lakin award recipient, Hume received a \$10,000 prize. Hume said she might have an idea of what she's going to use that money for.

"There's been kind of a joke in our house, and I've told my husband that I want to buy a boat, so I told him I was going to buy a boat and relax because we do get some time off in the summer. Having a boat would surely allow me to get a little relaxation in."

On top of that prize, the district itself is also the recipient of a \$2,500 prize. Hume said it's uncertain what that money will be used for.

"I'd like to sit down with other staff members and the administration, and kind of come up with a plan of what we should do with that money. I've put some thought into it, but I don't really have a clear idea of what I want to do with it yet. My hope is that it would go to a great use for the students that they would enjoy," advised Hume.



Essex fifth grade teacher Vicki Hume, right, is presented with a \$10,000 check from Jennifer Green of the Charles E. Lakin Outstanding Teacher Award Foundation. (Photo provided)

## Cost share available for fall cover crops

Practical Farmers of Iowa invites farmers who are thinking of seeding cover crops this fall to apply for cost-share and technical assistance through PFI's cover crop cost-share program.

Sign-ups are open now and will continue through summer for the program, which includes a range of initiatives launched over the past seven years with supply chain partners.

This year, the program has expanded to include farmers in parts of Kansas, Minnesota and South Dakota, in addition to farmers in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska. Full details and an application form are available at [practicalfarmers.org/cover-crop-cost-share](http://practicalfarmers.org/cover-crop-cost-share).

Cost-share terms: Also new this year, there is no limit on the number of acres farmers can enroll. Participants can receive \$10 per acre on up to 200 acres or 10% of farmed acres (whichever is larger), and \$5 per acre on everything above that. Both

existing cover crop acres or those seeded with cover crops for the first time are eligible to enroll.

"The program is very flexible," says Lydia English, PFI's field crops viability manager. "Eligibility is linked to where farmers sell their corn or soybeans. But there are no requirements on the species or seeding method used."

Farmers can stack the cost-share with other publicly-funded programs, but cannot dually enroll acres in another private cost-share program like a carbon market. Full details are available online.

Practical Farmers provides technical assistance to anyone new to cover crops and hosts a number of events throughout the year to support farmers learning from other farmers about how to make cover crops work for them.

For questions, to check eligibility or for help getting signed up, contact Lydia English at 515-232-5661 or [lydia@practicalfarmers.org](mailto:lydia@practicalfarmers.org).



## Spring turkey season ends on a high note

Despite some challenging weather conditions, Iowa's wild turkey hunters reported harvesting nearly 12,000 birds through the mandatory registration system. While similar to 2021, the 300 additional birds registered represented and overall state increase in harvest of around two percent.

Iowa's spring turkey seasons began April 8 with the youth season and ended on May 15. Hunters



purchased nearly 52,500 spring turkey tags.

"We see a great passion for the wild turkey resource here in Iowa," said forest wildlife biologist Jim Coffey, with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "Hunters are always anxious to get into the woods and experience the thunder of the wild turkey gobble."

While the hunting season may be done for 2022, Iowans can help the DNR with its annual turkey production estimates by reporting all the turkeys seen during the months of July and August. This annual survey is designed to predict the overall production of wild turkeys that will be available for the 2023 season.

The DNR will have a link to the survey on its website before it begins on July 1, where Iowans seeing wild turkeys are asked to provide the date and county in which the turkey(s) was seen, if it was an adult female or adult male (males have beards on their breast), and whether there are young poults (baby turkeys) present.

Annual production surveys conducted by the DNR are an important component of the species management plans, which includes providing hunting opportunities. Anyone seeing turkeys is encouraged to participate in this online survey.

## \$20 million investment in nonprofits to serve Iowans in need

Gov. Reynolds recently announced a \$20 million investment to help nonprofit organizations in Iowa expand to meet the needs of more Iowans.

The new Nonprofit Innovation Fund will provide a competitive grant opportunity to help nonprofit organizations make transformational investments in vertical infrastructure that will enable them to offer additional services or help more Iowans.

"Iowa nonprofits provide critical support to Iowans most in need," said Gov. Reynolds. "While these organizations work around the clock to meet today's needs, the Nonprofit Innovation Fund will provide innovative and transformational investments to help prepare Iowans for tomorrow."

Nonprofits are encouraged to apply with shovel

ready projects that expand the number of services provided to Iowans and/or projects that increase the number of Iowans served by the nonprofit. Eligible expenses for infrastructure projects include construction costs, acquisition, site development, engineering and architectural services. The program provides awards up to \$3 million for infrastructure projects.

Applications will be accepted starting June 27 at [iowagrants.gov](http://iowagrants.gov). Grant recipients must have all funds obligated no later than Dec. 31, 2024, and expended by June 30, 2026. For more information, visit [iowaeda.com/nonprofit-innovation-fund/](http://iowaeda.com/nonprofit-innovation-fund/).

Funding for this grant opportunity is made available through the federal American Rescue Plan Act.



## New business

The new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree combo store along Broadway in Red Oak opened Thursday, June 2. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)

## Live bird exhibition order cancelled

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship announced Friday, June 3, that the March 23 order cancelling all live bird exhibitions at fairs and other gatherings of birds due to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been lifted. It has been 30 days since USDA has confirmed a new infection of HPAI in domestic poultry in the state of Iowa.

"Today's announcement is a welcome sign of continued progress in our state's efforts to effectively manage the outbreak of avian influenza and protect Iowa's poultry flocks," said Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture. "While efforts will continue to prevent additional virus spread, we are pleased to resume poultry sales and exhibitions; a step made possible by our ability to respond quickly from the start."

All poultry exhibitions and sales must be registered with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship at least 30 days before the event. The application for registered poultry exhibitions and sales is available online.

### About the Outbreak

HPAI, a highly contagious, viral disease affecting bird populations, has been confirmed at 19 poultry sites across the state, including 15 commercial sites and four backyard sites. HPAI can travel in wild birds without those birds appearing sick, but is often fatal to domestic bird populations, including chickens and turkeys.

Bird owners, whether commercial or backyard, should remain vigilant in their biosecurity practices preventing contact between their birds and wild birds and reporting sick birds or unusual deaths to state/federal officials. Biosecurity resources and best practices are available at [iowaagriculture.gov/biosecurity](http://iowaagriculture.gov/biosecurity). If producers suspect signs of HPAI in their flocks, they should contact their veterinarian immediately. Possible cases must also be reported to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship at 515-281-5305.

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

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## Opening day at the pool

There was quite a crowd the second day the Red Oak city pool was open Thursday, June 2. This is the second year of the new and improved pool, which includes two slides, diving boards, swimming lanes, zero entry area, and climbing wall. Hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday contingent upon the weather and lifeguard staffing. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)



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