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## Fair Week

The Montgomery County Fair was held in Red Oak July 19-24. Pictured are, from left, Grace Nippert, Cord Nippert and Tyler Beeson during the goat show. More photos from the fair are on page 8A and 6B. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)

## Ozuna hired as county auditor

**Nick Johansen**  
The Red Oak Express

Red Oak's Jill Ozuna has hit the ground running in preparation to assume the duties of Montgomery County Auditor on Aug. 1.

After a lengthy interview process, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors agreed to appoint Ozuna at a special meeting on July 18.

Ozuna is a southwest Iowa native, born and raised just 30 miles east of Red Oak in the small town of Prescott.

After making a move to Austin Texas 11 years ago with her family, she found herself drawn back to the area with the birth of a new born grandson.

Ozuna said when she returned 5 years ago, and up until her appointment, she worked at Greenbrier Rail Services in Red Oak, starting as an administrative assistant and working her way up to senior customer service. Ozuna said there were a number of things that drew her to throw her hat in the ring for the appointment for county auditor.



Ozuna

"I've worked in book-keeping for over 12 years and insurance and finance for half a decade. Before that, I was a self employed hair stylist at a day spa in Omaha for 17 years. When we were in Texas, we owned our own business and managed a vast inventory of government properties for the department of housing and urban development covering an area spanning an area from central Texas to the border," commented Ozuna. "I have a pretty varied background, and I felt my unique skill sets would be advantageous to fulfilling the duties and obligations of the auditor position."

While the prospect of moving out of her current job into one that is in the political arena is a bit daunting, she's also looking forward to it.

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## ATVs/UTVs allowed on roadways, with restrictions

**Tess Nelson**  
The Red Oak Express

Changes to all terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) laws in Iowa went into effect July 1. Jon Spunaugle, Montgomery County Sheriff, explained the law allows ATV and UTV riders to ride in any of Iowa's 99 counties, with few restrictions. However, there are still rules and regulations in place, he said.

They include:

- ATVs and UTVs have a speed limit of 35 miles per hour.
- All ATVs and UTVs are to have operational headlights and taillights, brake lights, a horn and rear view mirror.
- They are to be operated by a person who is at least 18 years old with a valid drivers license and carrying proof of insurance on the ATV/UTV.
- If driving on a state two-lane highway or county highway, the route taken must be the most direct and accessible to or from an all-terrain vehicle park or trail, to the nearest county road or an authorized city street or one's residence.
- ATVs and UTVs may only be operated on state highways and are not to travel on four lane or interstate roads. They may be driven on any county unpaved gravel road.
- Riders will be allowed to ride all hours of the day and night.
- ATVs and UTVs are not permitted to drive on any gravel or paved roadways that are marked under construction, closed, or a detour for normal vehicle traffic.
- ATVs and UTVs may be restricted from county roadways during special events, such as RAGBRAI, for a maximum of seven consecutive days or 30 days in a year.
- All Iowa cities may regulate ATV and UTV traffic within their city limits, including primary and secondary road extensions, but cities may not charge a fee to ATV and UTV owners for use of their streets; these new laws also override any county ordinances currently in place.

In June, members of the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution, requested by Spunaugle, setting inspection fees for off-highway vehicles, or OHVs, including all-terrain vehicles, off-road motorcycles, and off-road utility vehicles, as well as water vessels, travel trailers, and cargo trailers.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office proposed an additional fee for the inspection



Sheriff Jon Spunaugle

of those vehicles, in the amount of \$20 for the time and expense involved in inspecting and confirming if the vehicle was previously registered, or entered as stolen.

"There are utility vehicles all over that have no titles, and the owners have to get a form, and bring it back, and it has to be reviewed by a deputy. We've never charged for this before, but in the wake of the changes, I kind of feel this is something we need to do, and it's already our time and expense to do it right now."

Spunaugle added it would be a one-time fee. Also, the fee involves an inspection for a vehicle that has never been titled or registered in the State of Iowa.

"In order to be eligible for road use, the vehicles have to be registered, and there are many of these types of vehicles that are for farm use that currently have never been registered," commented Spunaugle.

Spunaugle stated that the fee was largely in place for utility vehicles that had seen multiple owners prior to being inspected.

"It's like when a four-wheeler is bought by someone who sells it to someone else, and the next thing you know, it's 15 people down the line and no one has registered the thing. With this new law coming into effect, if they want to get it registered to drive it on the road, it has to be inspected. For anyone who buys a brand-new one, or has a valid title, there's no need for an inspection."

Spunaugle said if a vehicle has not been registered or titled in the state of Iowa, an affidavit for unregistered or untitled all-terrain vehicles, off road motorcycles, off road utility vehicles, snowmobiles or vessels must be

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## Building for new animal shelter leased, grand opening set for Aug. 13

**Nick Johansen**  
The Red Oak Express

Plans for a new animal shelter in Red Oak are beginning to take shape.

Tracy Hill, representing the Heart of South West Iowa Animal Coalition, said they are in the process of renovating the building at 2047 Fernwood Ave. in Red Oak. Hill said the building is currently being leased,

with the hope that it can later be purchased, and was needed due to an influx of animals needing a place to be boarded.

"We had up to six animals in our home, and because there were so many strays so we had

to get a building as soon as possible. We are interested in buying the building we are in, so we are still doing a lot of fundraisers to raise the money to pay for the overhead, as we wait to see if the city or county will decide to contribute," Hill explained.

In addition to monetary donations, Hill said they are also looking for donations of items, including

- Benadryl for dogs with allergies.
- Pepto-Bismol.
- An extra large fan.
- Dog toys and cat toys.
- Cat litter and cat food.
- Canned dog food.
- Two more litter boxes.

- A four-drawer filing cabinet.
- Folders with pockets.
- Permanent markers.
- Flea and tick preventative.
- Heartworm preventative.
- Dog beds.
- Five gallons of white interior paint.
- Outside playground equipment for the dogs.
- Open and closed signs.
- Clocks.
- Puppy pee pads.
- Newspapers.
- Anyone's old leashes and collars to donate to those that don't have any.
- Paint rollers and brushes.
- Heavy duty garbage bags, 32 ounce or larger.



Members of the Heart of South West Iowa Coalition are renovating 2047 Fernwood Ave. to be used as their location. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

- Bleach.
- Cleaning supplies and solutions.

Hill added that they are also looking for anyone who is willing to volunteer their time to the

shelter.

"We need volunteers to walk the dogs and clean cages, socialize with scared puppies, put laundry away etc. Right now we are spending endless hours


painting the walls and touching up the cages as they cannot show any rust per state rules. We will also be needing shelving units to put everything up on," said Hill.

After the state inspection, hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Plans currently call for the grand opening of the shelter to be Aug. 13.

For more information, or to donate or volunteer, visit [facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067093089037](https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067093089037), [facebook.com/groups/590337819410655](https://facebook.com/groups/590337819410655), or call 515-520-7748.



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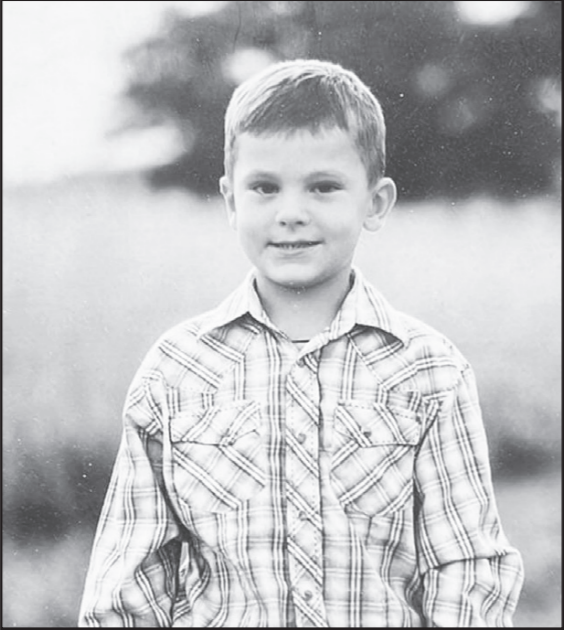
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# Fundraiser planned for boy battling aggressive form of cancer



Gannon VandeWall

**Tess Nelson**  
The Red Oak Express

Members of the Red Oak Eagles #2715 are holding a charity fundraiser for 6-year-old Gannon VandeWall, who was diagnosed with leukemia in June.

The event begins at 3 p.m. on Aug. 13 at the Red Oak Eagles Lodge, located at 200 E. Washington Ave., in Red Oak.

Events include a free will donation barbecue chicken and ribs dinner, with a \$10 suggestion, live auction, live musical entertainment by Kris Allen & Southern Thunder, drawings and a 50/50 raffle.

A few of the items up for auction include autographed Loretta Lynn albums, a Pit Boss grill, and a jacket worn by county entertainer Marty Stuart in 1992 when he won Vocal Event of the Year at the Country Music Awards.

Proceeds will go toward VandeWall, who resides in Monroe with his parents, Blake and

Ashley VandeWall. Gannon's great-grandparents are Tom and Lois Pratt of Red Oak.

"Our auxiliary secretary, Sandy Reich knows the family personally and brought it to our attention," explained Eagles member Zane Fetter. "People helping people is our motto. We jumped at the chance to help."

Fetter said the Eagles assist with 14 different charities annually, as well as fundraisers like this.

Vandewall was diagnosed at Blank Hospital in Des Moines after being taken there by his parents after running a fever along with other concerning symptoms.

"From what I understand, it is the most common type of leukemia but aggressive. He is undergoing treatment seven days a week for the past several weeks," said Fetter.

If unable to attend, monetary donations can be sent to Red Oak Eagles #2715 Auxiliary, 200 E. Washington Ave., Red Oak, IA 51566 in care of the VandeWall fundraiser.

Please contact Fetter at 712-370-0426 or Reich at 325-800-7730 for further information or with questions.

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## New boiler system approved for Red Oak's STEAM center

**Nick Johansen**  
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak School Board has agreed to the purchase of a new boiler system.

On July 15, the board held a special meeting and approved replacing the boiler system at the Red Oak Jr./Sr. High School STEAM Center, at a cost of \$291,000. Red Oak superintendent Ron Lorenz said he was informed by engineers that the existing boiler system failed on July 8 due to improper installation.

"According to the engineers, the boilers were not installed per the design either in 2001 or 2012. We had been hoping to do a one-to-one replacement, but we're unable because the boiler system that was used is not consistent with the configuration of the piping that exists," Lorenz explained. "That may explain why two boilers have both failed in the past 20 years, as again, they were replaced in 2001 and in 2012, and explain why, 10 years later, here we are again. A



Red Oak Junior/Senior High School

boiler is supposed to last 20 years, so the fact that we've replaced two boilers in the last two decades and this is the third, is very troubling."

Lorenz credited Camblin Mechanical and lead maintenance director Adam Wenberg for finding the fault.

"Credit to Adam Wenberg because he was the one who pointed out that when you have an aluminum heat exchanger within steel pipes, there's some type of chemical process that speeds the deterioration of the components, and between Wenberg and Camblin Mechanical, they spoke to the engineers and determined the piping was incorrect after reviewing the specs. We don't know for sure if the improper installation occurred in 2012 or 2001, but in either case, one of those times, it wasn't installed right," advised Lorenz.

Lorenz added the engineers recommended the district go with a larger, more robust boiler that will accommodate the current piping. "By installing a larger boiler, we'll be able to accommodate the heat exchanger that will lend itself to the water quality issues that we have," said Lorenz.

Unfortunately, Lorenz said due to the issues discovered, it resulted in a much higher price tag than the \$175,000 the school was planning to pay through ESSER funds because of the air quality issues.

"With the changes to the project, the costs were estimated at around \$400,000 in ESSER funds, and we don't have that many ESSER funds remaining, so we had to trim out all the indoor air quality components, and that trimmed the cost down to \$291,000. This is still an estimate from the engineers, and I'm hoping that was a conservative estimate, but that's the number I was given," stated Lorenz.

The costs include the boiler, heat exchanger, controls, and plumbing. Installation of the new boiler will be in around five to seven weeks, which means installation will have to take place while school is in session. Lorenz said he didn't see that being an issue.

## Recovered existing materials helped in courthouse repair

**Nick Johansen**  
The Red Oak Express

Much needed repairs to the Montgomery County courthouse roof are finished.

Strong winds damaged the center cupola of the courthouse in early May and further pieces fell later in the month, causing damage to a parked car. After negotiations with the insurance company, contractors with Renaissance Roofing, Inc. arrived at the courthouse June 28 to make the necessary repairs.

Maintenance supervisor Dan Wright said much of the repairs were made with the recovered existing materials.

"We were able to find all of the panels, so we didn't have to make any of those from new. We did have to make two new trim pieces for the bottom that hold the actual panels on, and we got paint to match it," Wright said.

In addition to touching up the damaged cupola, Wright said Renaissance Roofing contractors also did touch up paint work to other damaged areas to the roof while doing the cupola repairs, as well as other fixes.

"They removed six pieces of broken slate from the roof and replaced them, and fastened down each hip where the copper caps are. One side or the other had been hit by wind and pulled up slightly, so they were able to fasten them down. I don't see any more problems, as they actually fastened them down rather than using brackets as was done before," commented Wright.

Wright added, all the paperwork was sent to the insurance company to release the check. Wright said it included everything but the \$1,000 deductible, and advised the supervisors the county would



Dan Wright

from the years specified.

During the public comment period, Red Oak Mayor Shawna Silvius advised the supervisors they were still looking for everyone to do the Red Oak housing study survey.

"The form can be accessed with a QR code, and those codes are available at Red Oak City Hall, in the county courthouse, and a variety of different businesses. It's a quick survey and should take no longer than five minutes to complete," Silvius said.

need to send a \$1,000 check to pay Renaissance Roofing in full.

The supervisors also heard a request from County Recorder Carleen Bruning for the destruction of claim and receipt records. Bruning said the work would be done right at the courthouse.

"I'm simply seeking approval to destroy the claims and receipts from 2008 to 2013. The Iowa Code in the Iowa Records manual allows us to do with approval from the supervisors. Our retention is seven years after audit, and I have allowed for one extra year. The documents will be shredded," advised Bruning.

The supervisors approved Bruning's request for the destruction of claim and receipt records

## AUDITOR

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"It can be a bit scary, but it's also exciting. If I win the election in November, I'll have to keep winning elections to retain it, but I enjoy that part of it. While it's a little bit of a challenge, it's a fun one. I'll really need to step up my game and make sure that I am doing all that I can to do a good job and earn my keep here," Ozuna explained.

Now that the appointment process is complete, Ozuna said she's focused on prepping for the November election.

"I'm blessed to have a great support system in my family and friends. My number one goal is to make sure I build relationships in the courthouse. They'll have to work with me and teach me and there's a lot to learn, so I'll be leaning on their expertise to get me where I need to be to do a really great job."

Ozuna shared a special message to the voters of Montgomery County as they prepare to cast their votes in November.

"There are some big shoes to fill with the previous auditors! I will always do what it

takes to perform my duties to the best of my ability and in the best interest for the people of Montgomery county and that's my sole objective," said Ozuna.

Ozuna will be doing a lot of on the job training and plans to also incorporate some of the things she's learned in past jobs over the years.

"I plan on incorporating a good combination of both. I've really learned a lot in the corporate world and any skills that I've learned that I can now bring to the table as county auditor to help, I will absolutely be utilizing," Ozuna commented. "I've already begun seeking online resources to give me a good kick-start before August when I officially take my role. I work on that every night."

Ozuna said she's also been grateful for the support she received from the supervisors during the appointment process, as well as friends and family.

"I've had an incredible outpouring of support, and it's really been touching. I didn't expect it, and it's very humbling."

## ATV/UTV

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completed by law enforcement. The form #542-8074 can be printed from the Iowa DNR website or picked up at the sheriff's office.

"In the last couple of weeks since the law went into effect we have seen an increase in the traffic of ATV/UTV," Spunaugle said. "If everyone abides by the regulations I think this will be a good thing; safety is an ultimate must. Not only will the riders need to operate the machines in a safe manner, but the normal motoring public will have to be on high alert just like for any motorcycles on the roadways."

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HARVEY WEAVER

Harvey Harold Weaver died peacefully in his sleep June 22, 2022, succumbing to an injurious fall nearly 15 years after being diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer — and after fulfilling two vows he made to his family: that he would not let his beloved wife Marty be right by dying of lung cancer, and that he would live to bounce his grandbabies on his knee. Accordingly, he is survived by his four children, Matthew Weaver (Jenny McCue), Benjamin Weaver (Tara), Molly Veliz (Donald) and Cassie Weaver (Chris Lowther); and his six grandchildren, Cody and Harley Weaver, Morgan and Xavi Veliz-Weaver; and Auden and Brennan Weaver Lowther.

Harvey, affectionately known as Harv, Daddy, and Grandpa Loco, was born to Edna and Harry Weaver on March 22, 1950, and raised in God’s country: the small town of Villisca, in southwest Iowa. He is survived by his older sister, Linda, and predeceased by his parents and his brother, Jeff. Harvey met Marty at the University of Iowa and wed her in 1971, gaining five brothers-in-law who join the family in mourning his passing, along with a number of loving nieces and nephews on both sides, to whom Uncle Harv was a legend.

Harvey will be remembered for his gregariousness, charisma, and love of a glass or four of red wine. He was a father figure and mentor to many; his sons-in-law, his children’s friends, and his many colleagues and business associates. He’d rarely miss an opportunity to play cards or golf, having no patience for those who, if they’d known they could’ve rode, would’ve went. He was an absolutist about proper manners: he never knocked on a deck of cards without declaring that a cut dog can’t have pups; he deplored table talk and regularly reminded us we’d get shot for that in Vegas; and still he counted cards to win at euchre, poker, and gin rummy, and would gleefully shoot the moon while playing hearts.

He was genuinely interested in every person he met, and had a remarkable ability to make any person feel seen and special. He was an ardent liberal and volunteered his time for President Obama’s election campaign, early literacy efforts in Detroit schools, and as a civic leader in Grosse Pointe, Mich., where he and Marty raised their family prior to retiring to Ft. Collins, Colo. His work as a mentor-angel for Imerman Angels affected him deeply and was dear to him.

His other talents included the temerity to outsmart, and the patience to outlast, any Verizon or Comcast customer service representative; the obstinacy required to always be right; the forgetfulness necessary to never be wrong; and the ability to remain playful and laugh at himself until the very end. He was unwaveringly proud of his children, and loved his family above all else.

His final wishes were to be cremated and for everyone to “have a party and tell funny stories” about him, even if we have to make them up (we won’t.) The party has not yet been planned; please share your own stories with his family at any time. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to honor Harvey could make a donation to Imerman Angels, a local food bank, or a liberal political cause of their choosing. We’ll miss you, Dad.



KELVIN JONES, 67

Kelvin Lee Jones, 67, Red Oak, passed away Thursday, July 21, 2022, at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital.

Kelvin was born March 23, 1955, in Red Oak, the son of Jack and Arlene (Patterson) Jones.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Robin Strand of Red Oak.

A celebration of life service with a luncheon was held Monday, July 25, 2022, at the Red Oak Eagles Lodge. Burial of the cremated remains will be held at a later date in the Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family of Kelvin Jones.

Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is assisting the family with cremation services.

MARLIN FRANCKSEN, SR., 82

Marlin Edward Francksen, Sr., 82, Cape Fair, Mo., formerly of Center Point, passed away on Tuesday July 19, 2022.

Marlin was born Oct. 19, 1939, in Merrill, the son of Werner and Margaret (Trometer) Francksen.

Survivors include his wife, Vergie; children, Pamela Mills of Boonville, Mo.; Kimberly Burgett of Ankeny; Marlin Jr. of Olin; Kristyn of Marion; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; step-children, Rick Freeze of Tampa, Fla.; Charlene Jackson of Hallsville, Mo.; and Lisa Wyssbrod of Switzerland; and nine step-grandchildren.

Marlin is preceded in death by his parents, Werner and Margaret Francksen; and Carol Francksen.

A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at Selligren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home in Red Oak. A funeral service will take place at noon immediately following the visitation.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at sldfuneralhome.com.

THERESA LIMBRICK, 76

Theresa Limbrick, 76, Red Oak, passed away Thursday, July 21, 2022, at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital, Red Oak.

Theresa Louise Limbrick, the daughter of John and Mary Geraldine (Bruce) Hartman, was born June 27, 1946, in Red Oak. Theresa was raised in Red Oak, and in 1964, graduated from Red Oak High School. She entered the U.S. Air Force on Sept. 8, 1964.

Theresa was united in marriage to Brian Limbrick on Feb. 15, 1966, in Biloxi, Miss. She was honorably discharged on Feb. 6, 1967 and moved to Portland, Ore. Theresa moved back to Red Oak in 1974, where she worked at Eveready Battery Company until its closure. Theresa joined the Iowa Army National Guard 1168th Transportation Company in 1974 and served until 1979. She then worked for CDS and Montgomery County Memorial Hospital until her retirement.

Theresa enjoyed collecting lead crystal items and shopping. She was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and the American Legion, both in Red Oak.

Theresa was preceded in death by her parents.

Theresa is survived by her son, Ron Limbrick and his wife, Renae of Stanton; sister, Susanne Colter of Council Bluffs; and stepbrother, Mike Clark of New Virginia; several cousins and friends.

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

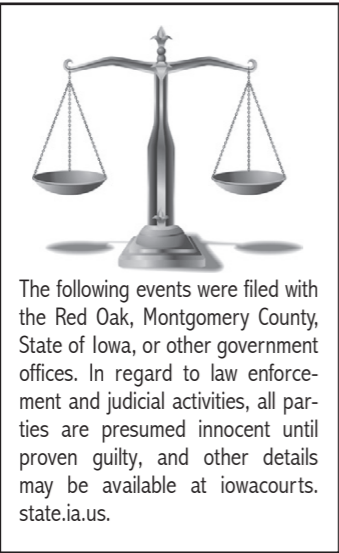
Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Red Oak. Burial with military honors will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Red Oak.

A memorial is being established in Theresa’s name. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at sldfuneralhome.com.

Selligren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home is in charge of Theresa’s arrangements.



Law and Order



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

REAL ESTATE

WARRANTY DEED

- Trisha Fast to Charles and Mary Fast, 30-73-36, 29-73-36.
- Dustin Fast to Charles and Mary Fast, 30-73-36, 29-73-36.
- Kendall and Kennedy Candor to Deloris Young, 28-72-38 Lt 3.
- Sandra Guinn to Weston Rolenc, Red Oak Willard’s Addition Lt 15.
- Brandon and Crystal Butler to Lance Skank, Elliott 3rd Addition Blk 3 Lts 17-19 Ling Caldwell Hullys Replat.
- David and Jennifer Heuer to Shelby Belt, 5-72-37 Parcel A.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

- David and Suzanne Storey to Suzanne Storey, Villisca Original Plat Lt 86.
- Ronald and Mary Anderson to Jeffrey Martinez, Declaration of Trust and Ann Martinez, Declaration of Trust.
- Christopher Jergenson to Linda and Leticia Walters, Villisca Original Plat Lts 221-223.
- Rodney Sickels to David Rhamy, Villisca Stoddard Addition Lt 10.

COURT OFFICER’S DEED

- Mary Fast Estate, Larry Fast, Executor, and Charles Fast, Executor, to Charles Fast, 30-73-36, 29-73-36.

- Mary Fast Estate, Larry Fast, Executor, and Charles Fast, Executor, to Charles and Mary Fast, 30-73-36, 29-73-36.
- Karen Bodwell Estate, and Guy Bodwell, Executor, to Guy Bodwell, 27-72-36.
- Karen Bodwell Estate, and Guy Bodwell, Executor, to Jason and Tammie Bodwell, 27-72-36.

CONTRACT

- John and Mikala Wilkening to Orval Adams and Ruth Maxwell, Villisca N. Villisca Lts 3-4 Miller SD Lt 15.

MORTGAGE

- Tiffanie Wilson to Coastal Community Bank, Red Oak Quinby Addition Blk 8 Lt 1.
  - Mary and Charles Fast to Rolling Hills Bank & Trust, 30-73-36, 29-73-36.
  - Richard and Lois Trinity to Houghton State Bank, 2-71-38.
  - Weston Rolenc to Bank Iowa, Red Oak Willard’s Addition Lt 15.
  - Lance Skank to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., MERS, CMG Mortgage Inc, and CMG Financial, Elliott 3rd Addition Blk 3 Lts 17-19 Ling Caldwell Hullys Replat.
  - Nick and Susan Gray to Bank Iowa, Stanton Original Plat Lt 282.
  - Diane Mueller to Bank Iowa, Villisca N Villisca Lt 1 SD, Lts 10-11.
  - Shelby Belt to NBKC Bank, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., and MERS, 5-72-37 Parcel A.
  - Kelly and Joshua Osheim to Bank Iowa, 25-72-39 Parcel A.
- MOD/AMENDMENT OF MORTGAGE**
- Pentri Investments LLC to CIBC Bank USA, Stanton Larson Addition Blk 1 Lts 1-2, Stanton Original Plat Lts 597-602, 605-607.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Capital One Bank USA, NA

vs. Johnny Houser, Villisca, judgment in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,894.81 with 4.82% interest from July 19, plus costs.

- Onemain Financial Group, LLC vs. Kiel Franzen, Elliott, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$3,929.80, plus costs.
- MM Finance LLC DBA EZ Money Check Cashing vs. Chasity Anway, Council Bluffs, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$315 with 4.82% interest from July 121, plus costs.

- Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Michelle Ludewig, Villisca, judgment in favor of the plaintiff, \$991.94, plus costs.
- Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Cory Smith, Elliott, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$450 with 4.82% interest from July 21.

ARRESTS

- Filed July 8, Kevin Ward, 50, Urbandale, felon in possession of firearm, held on full bond.
- Filed July 8, Justine Gregory, 45, Hamburg, felon in possession of firearm, held on full bond.
- Filed July 19, Dylan Griffith, 32, Red Oak, criminal mischief fourth degree, domestic abuse assault first offense, held on no bond.
- Filed July 19, Abigail Kates, 24, Red Oak, domestic abuse assault first offense, held on no bond.
- Filed July 19, Savanna Schenck, 19, Shenandoah, driving under suspension, \$491.25 bond.
- Filed July 19, Phoebe Johnson, 19, Shenandoah, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$300 bond.
- Filed July 19, Scott Wuster, 58, Omaha, Neb., possession of marijuana first offense, possession of an offensive weapon, \$5,000 bond.

DISMISSED

- State of Iowa vs. Scott Wuster, 58, Emerson, possession/control of offensive weapon in a controlled substance violation, dismissed.

CRIMINAL

- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Scott Wuster, 58, Emerson, unauthorized possession of offensive weapons, possession of a controlled substance - marijuana, first offense.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Troy Dangler, 51, Emerson, unauthorized possession of offensive weapons, possession of a controlled substance - marijuana, first offense.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Dylan Griffith, 32, Red Oak, domestic abuse assault, first offense.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Abigail Kates, 24, Red Oak, domestic abuse assault, first offense.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Phoebe Johnson, 19, Shenandoah, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Tucker Webster, 25, Shenandoah, possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine, first offense, 15 days jail, time served, \$430 fine.
- Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Braden Gray, 20, Villisca, driving while license denied or revoked.
- Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Brittney Younk, 26, Villisa, driving while license denied or revoked.
- Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Dylan Griffith, 32, Red Oak, criminal mischief fourth degree.

TRAFFIC

- Tyler Pinegar, Papillion, Neb., speeding.
- Kevin Avalos Ruiz, Shenandoah, no valid driver’s license, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance.
- Paige Vanatta Kates, Tabor, registration violation.
- Bobbie Depuy, Red Oak, speeding.
- Tony Pewitt, Florence, Colo., speeding.
- Derek White, Glenwood,

speeding.

- Kooper Stohlmann, Red Oak, no valid driver’s license.
- Casey Johnson, Platte City, Mo., speeding.
- Wesley Bedsole, Emerson, speeding.
- Joel Debauche, Murray, Neb., speeding.
- Cindy Rea, Red Oak, speeding.
- Kelly Jackson, Villisca, speeding.
- Zachary Goertzen, Stanton, carelss driving.
- Brian Colvin, Oakland, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.
- Jamie Neville, Red Oak, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.
- Summer French, Shenandoah, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.
- Savanna Schenck, Shenandoah, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.

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DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...?

Archived from 2017, 2012, 1997, and 1972 editions of The Red Oak Express

5 Years Ago

The Red Oak School District welcomed new band director Taylor Matuszeski for the 2017-18 school year. Matuszeski replaced Dan Black, who resigned to take a position in Council Bluffs. Matuszeski attended the University of Iowa for trumpet performance and K-12 music education, and student taught at Treynor and also pursued professional mascot coordination with the Kansas City Royals. After that stint, Matuszeski decided that his true passion was teaching, and returned to the field.

John Blomstedt was named the interim executive director for the Montgomery County. Blomstedt, who replaced Nick Zimmer, started as a volunteer in youth sports in 1995, before becoming full-time program director in 2000.

10 Years Ago

Temperatures crested 100 degrees during the final day of the 2012 Montgomery County Fair. The annual livestock auction capped off the 10-day event that was moved into the Gold Fair Building to alleviate stress on both attendees and the animals due to the hot weather. Jim Robinson with Houghton State Bank, which annually manages the auction, said a total of \$49,235 was generated through premiums paid by local merchants, while \$128,265 was received collectively by Montgomery County 4-H members, down \$12,000 from 2011.

Stanton and Villisca had several players nominated to the Corner Conference all-conference team. In the second team, for Villisca, Abby Wallingford, Morganne Haer, and Amanda Focht were named. Stanton’s Rachel Sorensen and Macy Elwood were also named to the team.

25 Years Ago

Red Oak’s Ron Drake was named the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation and Cookie’s Food Productions Iowan of the Day in 1997. Drake was nominated by the Red Oak Chamber of Commerce for sharing his talents and chairing the committee for the Fountain Square Park Beautification Project, which included the construction of a gazebo and planting and caring for flowers. He also served as co-chair for the most recent Junction Days ceremony and was chair of the city’s RAGBRAI committee.

Two members of Red Oak’s prep varsity baseball team were honorable mention choices on all Hawkeye 10 Conference listings for 1997. The two players to receive the honor were pitcher Ben Davis and outfielder Troy Erickson.

Coke 12 packs were on sale for \$2.66 at the Red Oak Hy-Vee.

50 Years Ago

The Red Oak Post Office was making some much needed improvements, including the construction of a larger lobby window for customers mailing parcels and new paint throughout the building. Also, on July 22, 1972, city carrier routes were changed and were motorized with leased cars to help postal mail carriers carry and deliver parcels. The new system was designated as “park and loop.” Carriers were to park their cars at designated locations and deliver mail on foot working back to the vehicle.

The Essex Trojans baseball team came back from a 5-0 deficit to defeat Fremont-Mills 6-5. Bob Olson singled home the victory tally and also had a two-run double during the game.

Center cut rib pork chops were 89 cents per pound at Hunt’s Super Valu in Red Oak.

RO Weather

Monday, July 18:

High 88, Low 62,  
Precip: None

Tuesday, July 19:

High 89, Low 64,  
Precip: None

Wednesday, July 20:

High 91, Low 63,  
Precip: None

Thursday, July 21:

High 90, Low 61,  
Precip: None

Friday, July 22:

High 93, Low 64,  
Precip: None

Saturday, July 23:

High 93, Low 64,  
Precip: None

Sunday, July 24:

High 63, Low 73,  
Precip: Trace

Weekly Total

Precipitation: Trace

July Total

Precipitation: 2.24



SWV students visit Grassley

Sen. Chuck Grassley met with students from Southwest Valley Middle School during their school trip to Washington, D.C. on Wednesday. Grassley and the students talked about his plans for reelection, sports and push-ups when they met on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. (Photo submitted)

RO Free/reduced lunch requirements

Due to the Federal Government not renewing the Free Breakfast/Lunch program for all students for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year, all applications will need to be filled out to claim free or reduced breakfasts and lunches for the 2022-2023 school year. The application can be filled out at any time during the school year. If the household income decreases at any time, an adult from the household can go to the Central Office, 604 S Broadway St. and fill out an application.

Free and reduced lunch applications from the previous school year are good for 30 operating days after school starts; however, after this 30 day period, regular meal prices will be charged if a new application has not been completed. The form can be found at: redoakschooldistrict.com/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/62600f7393130/2022-23\_IA\_Application\_for\_Free\_and\_Reduced\_Meals\_Milk\_accessible%20%281%29.pdf, or at redoakschooldistrict.com/vnews/display.v/ART/62600f7393130.

VIEWPOINTS

Stronger the Press, Stronger the People

THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

Most famous woman player in the U.S.A.

It was 92 years ago this week Alice Buckman dashed from a Red Oak dugout to her place in right field. Teammates scattered across the diamond, but most of the larger-than-usual crowd had paid admission to see her, not them. Our paper, on July 17 of that year, announced at the top of page one that “the most famous woman baseball player in the United States” would be with the Cubs when they came to Red Oak a few days later. On a Saturday afternoon in late July, 1930, with an Iowan in the White House and Babe Ruth threatening to break his own home run record, Buckman made her last appearance in an organized baseball game. She graduated from Griswold High School in ‘29, then played for three or four town teams. After her finale in Red Oak she joined a women’s softball league, but her baseball days were over. Buckman drew publicity from the moment she was allowed to try out for boys high school baseball in Griswold and was all over local news when she made the team. Griswold was in another county and Buckman hadn’t played an inning, yet she was featured on the front page of The Express in April of 1928. Griswold would open the season



in Oakland and Buckman, a junior, was expected to start. Interest was so keen that several days before the game, advance ticket sales reached \$250 (nearly \$3,000 in today’s money). That’s a big gate for a small-town high school baseball game, a wind-fall, and we’d struggle to find a superintendent who won’t tell us his school needs more money. Alice Buckman was used, both by her school and the media. She remained in the starting line-up for most of the season, performing moderately well. On May 7 of that year Elliott hosted a high school athletic event which featured an area track meet and a baseball tournament. The banner headline in our paper a day later had a sub-headline reading “Griswold Girl Stars in Ball Uniform.” The article states that Alice Buckman, right fielder and “the only girl in Iowa playing on a boys baseball team,” was presented with “a beautiful silver trophy.”

We read on to learn just what Buckman did to merit a trophy and headline. In the championship game she was retired three times at the plate, walked once, didn’t score and made three routine plays in the outfield as Griswold was routed 12-2. Although this wasn’t a sterling performance, she was the toast of the tourney. Her fame spread. Reporters for national sports magazines and film crews from movie newsreels were among those who disrupted practice and couldn’t get enough pictures. One of the photographs appeared in a Cleveland newspaper, accompanied by an article saying Buckman played for an Omaha school. Our Express, as proud as if she lived on East Coolbaugh, set the record straight. Alice Buckman sold tickets because she was a girl in a boys sport, not because she was a great player. She was reliable, though, a singles hitter with a good eye. She was reportedly fast, alert, worked hard and must have loved the game. She had some good days in her senior year, an example being a double-header at Adair in May of ‘29. Buckman batted lead-off and started both games in center field. She was 4-for-8, ran the bases well and helped her team on defense by starting a double play, catching what the paper called a

long fly and throwing out a runner trying to score. This was the 1920s, an era when the sport was sometimes ugly. Jeering was routinely vicious and obscene. Ty Cobb sharpened his spikes and tried to injure the opposition. High school players could be nasty as well, and Buckman received more attention than her playing skills deserved. Take a combination of resentful boys who were superior players intent on proving it, fans wanting a girl put in her place, add a questionable injury and school superintendents seeking to sell tickets to a game that did not have the mercy rule, and bad things are likely to happen. A few years ago we did a column on the mismatch, a vendetta which may have produced more all-time records than any one game before or since; records that include most hits by a team; 92; runs by a team, 109; stolen bases, 113; home runs, 16; doubles, 26; and so on. This column, though, is to remember Alice Buckman on the anniversary of her last baseball game, which was in Red Oak 92 years ago.

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

Turman comments on Jan. 6 hearings, Johnson weighs in on Summit Carbon Pipeline project

To the Editor: First, some history: Donald Trump constantly whined that the Republican primaries he entered in 2015-2016 were rigged (unless he won them, that is). He did the same thing in the general election against Hillary Clinton; and the same when running against Joe Biden—producing no evidence for any of these accusations. Though he won most Republican primaries and the general election against Clinton (the electoral college count), he asserted the only reason he received less votes than she did was fraud, again, producing no evidence. His Voter Fraud Commission also found none, and disbanded without issuing a report. The Committee hearings confirmed months of news reports and added details to them, showing that, after losing the 2020 election, Trump and his enablers orchestrated multiple interlocking schemes to deny his loss and to stop Biden’s installation as president. This evidence was provided by those working for Trump (his White House and campaign) or with him (those outside government, including some media), and official records. In summary, the evidence showed Trump: • Demanded reviews and recounts in some states (none showed widespread fraud) • Filed over 60 lawsuits (all failed, including one appealed to the Supreme Court; some of the judges on these cases were appointed by Trump, and many more were Republicans) • Pressured state and local officials in six states to find fraud or somehow enough votes to declare him victor (Many of these officials were Republicans, and most resisted because they had found no evidence of fraud) • Pressured the Justice Department to declare publicly their suspicions of fraud (they investigated, found no significant fraud, and the Attorney General and deputies refused to publish a lie; so Trump tried to elevate the one person in the office

he could find willing to aid his scheme but abandoned it when the others threatened to resign) • Orchestrated an alternate elector scheme in some states (none succeeded because of a few courageous local election officials, some Republican) • Pressured Mike Pence to refuse to certify the official electors so the states in the scheme above could substitute alternates, with the assistance of Republican state legislatures, if necessary (Pence explored the legal theory behind this, but concluded it was too weak to act on, and if he did, knew he risked violating the Constitution and plunging the country into chaos) • Coordinated with several militia groups, summoning a mob of his followers to Washington, rallying them and inciting them to go the Capitol to threaten Mike Pence, even after learning some were armed, and failing that, to disrupt the certification-of-electors proceeding by Congress, violently, if necessary (several people died and hundreds were injured; the certification process was interrupted but completed late at night after law enforcement regained control of the building) • And, of course, refused to intervene to stop the carnage, watching on TV for more than two hours (after trying for almost an hour to go to the Capitol with those he sent), hoping the mob would succeed, unfazed by the damage, injuries, and deaths he was seeing. The evidence also showed that Trump refused to listen to the majority of his White House and campaign aids, instead focussing on the few of them who encouraged his desperate search for a way to remain president, legal or not. He was further encouraged in this by a group of outsiders who, at best, were not qualified to advise a president, and ultimately produced no evidence to support their bizarre theories and assertions. As Katrina Pierson, ultra-MAGA deputy press secretary who helped plan the pre-riot rally, wrote

in an email, “He likes the crazies.” White House Counsel Pat Cipollone challenged them to “Put up or shut up”; they did neither but were forced into the background, so Trump desperately summoned the mob in a tweet. While watching the ensuing attack on TV, Trump allowed no photos of this and suspended the logging of his calls; but witnesses and others’ records show he was calling Senators, urging them to reject the legitimate electors. Many people, including his own children and his unofficial advisors at Fox News, urged him to call off the attack, or at least send the National Guard; he refused to do so for several hours. Mr. Trump also entertained declaring martial law, using the military to seize voting machines. He tried, and almost succeeded, in corrupting the Justice Department and the Secret Service to help him. He reveled in the violence done to law enforcement defending the Capitol, and was willing to see Congress members and his Vice President injured or killed to buy him just a few more weeks or months in office. As with the special council investigation of Russian ties to his 2015-2016 campaign, Donald Trump has impeded this investigation, asserting non-existent executive privilege, continuing to insist he lost only because of voter fraud, and tampering with Committee witnesses. I believe it is likely the former president will be charged with both state and federal crimes, even if he runs for the Republican nomination in 2024. Since there is no prohibition in the Constitution for a person charged with or convicted of a crime from being President (the founders obviously never contemplated such a scenario), and since most Republican Senators, including Iowa’s, refused to convict Trump after his impeachments when they also could have barred him from federal office, it is possible we could have a presidential candidate who is on trial, or convicted, or in prison, depend-

ing on the timing. “Unprecedented” doesn’t begin to describe that. Steve Turman Red Oak To the Editor: Darwin and I purchased our acreage southwest of Red Oak within view of the Walnut Creek more than 30 years ago. We have made it our home and started Walnut Creek Acres here. We have been intentional about utilizing all of the goodness of our property to raise food, sustain bees, and build our rural neighborhood. It means everything to us. Now Summit Carbon Solutions wants to install a new CO<sup>2</sup> pipeline 288 feet from our home. Technically, the route doesn’t not cross our property line, so Summit never informed us of being that close, but my neighbors did. At a public meeting hosted by my friend, Jan Norris, and given by the Iowa Carbon Pipeline Resistance group, I learned that tests show if the high pressure pipeline ruptures, the deadly CO<sup>2</sup> can travel 1,300 ft. in less than four minutes. That terrifies me! If our family is lucky enough to not be home at the time, it will exterminate every living thing in its path so we will have no fruit trees, no berry bushes, no bee hives and no pets to come home to. Attendees at the meeting were grateful to have had the opportunity to hear “the rest of the story” and connect with others who don’t want this pipeline. We learned more about these projects, how they are funded, dangers to the community and how to oppose this misguided project that will benefit a private corporation with billions of federal tax credits using eminent domain to seize private property to do it. I urge my neighbors along the route to NOT sign a voluntary easement. Nearly 70% of landowners haven’t. Lori Johnson Red Oak

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Community Calendar

28 July

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.

29 July

Krazy Daze, Red Oak downtown square, various businesses participating.  
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.  
6- to 9 p.m., Trivia Night at the Five One 8, 518 N. 4th St.  
7 p.m., “Jurassic World: Dominion,” theatre #1; “Elvis,” theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

30 July

Krazy Daze, Red Oak downtown square, various businesses participating.  
9 a.m. to noon, Red Oak Farmers Market, Fountain Square Park.  
4 to 6 p.m., Legacy celebration for Pastor Dave and Connie MacDonald, Faith Community Church Family Life Center, 2701 N. 8th St.  
7 p.m., “Jurassic World: Dominion,” theatre #1; “Elvis,” theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

31 July

2 and 7 p.m., “Jurassic World: Dominion,” theatre #1; “Elvis,” theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.  
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

1 August

11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Blood drive at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 E.

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

2 August

8:30 a.m., Montgomery County Supervisors, North Meeting Room in courthouse basement, open to public.  
8:30 to noon., Tiger Football camp at Red Oak Jr.Sr. High School practice field. First through third grade students, 8:30 to 10 a.m., Fourth through sixth grade students, 10:30 a.m. to noon.  
Noon, Rotary Club meeting. For location, go to <https://rotarydistrict5650.org/clubinfo/red-oak>.  
Noon, SCORE webinar, “Your Marketing Roadmap - Content, Publicity and Personal Branding.” Go to [omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242](https://omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242) for more information.

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 to 8 p.m., “National Night Out at the Red Oak downtown square, numerous law enforcement agencies participating.

3 August

8:30 to noon., Tiger Football camp at Red Oak Jr.Sr. High School practice field. First through third grade students, 8:30 to 10 a.m., Fourth through sixth grade students, 10:30 a.m. to noon.  
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.

Retirement party held for Sonia Jackson



After 24 years as Montgomery County’s General Assistance director, Sonia Jackson retired from the post in July. Jackson, pictured above, was given a retirement party by county staff at the Highland Annex building. (Photo submitted)

Hunt speaks at Corning Opera House

First Friday Friends at the Corning Opera House Cultural Center with Kylen Hunt will be Friday, Aug. 4, at 1 p.m.  
Hunt will be speaking on Leadership Lessons from the 80s (otherwise known as taking the wisdom his grandfather taught him and applying it here and now.) He challenges his audiences to focus on what matters in work and life. Hunt is an Executive Director with Maxwell Leadership and resides in Corning with his wife.  
For details about this event and others go [corningoperahouse.com](https://corningoperahouse.com), Facebook or Instagram.

Card Shower

JOHNSON 70TH ANNIVERSARY



Oatis and Laura Johnson will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Aug. 1.  
In honor of this occasion, their family is hosting a card shower. Cards may be sent to them at 505 S. 8th St., Red Oak, IA 51566.

Mills Masquers present ‘Matilda’

The Mills Masquers will present the popular musical “Matilda” July 29 through Aug. 7 at the Barton-Rowe Theater north of Glenwood.  
Packed with high-energy dance numbers, catchy songs and an unforgettable star turn for a young actress, “Matilda” is a joyous girl power romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.  
The role of Matilda has been double cast, with Carrington Newlon performing July 30, Aug. 5 and Aug. 7, and Alaina Britton performing July 29, July 31 and Aug. 6.  
Also in the cast are Robin Trujillo as Miss Honey, Ryan Fuller as Miss Trunchbull, John Olson as Mr. Wormwood, Lauryn Scott as Mrs. Wormwood, Shelby Parks as Mrs. Phelps and Lonnie Waller as Bruce.  
Show dates and times are Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 31 at 2 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, August 7, at 2 p.m.  
Tickets may be purchased online at [millsmasquers.com](https://millsmasquers.com), or by calling 712-527-3600 and leaving a message.  
Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays are:

David Slemp – July 28  
Kaitlyn Yeager – July 30  
Nancy Davis – Aug. 1  
Joyce Culbertson – Aug. 1  
Ann Petersen – Aug. 1  
Tyson Uhlmann – Aug. 2  
Margarete Westenburg – Aug. 3

To be included on the free “Happy Birthday” list, e-mail your birthday (and those of your friends and family) to [news@redoakexpress.com](mailto: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 anniversary this week is:

Lorin and Ann Petersen – July 31  
Lee and Fran Pleak – Aug. 1  
Nick and Nancy Zimmer – Aug. 3

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](mailto:news@redoakexpress.com), mail to P.O. Box 377, Red Oak, IA 51566, or drop by our office at 2012 Commerce Dr.

Senior Menu

Thursday, July 28: Chicken noodle casserole, cauliflower, green beans, bread slice, cookie, milk/coffee.  
Friday, July 29: Homemade meatloaf with tomato gravy, baked potato, mixed vegetables, bread slice, fresh seasonal fruit, milk/coffee.  
Monday, Aug 1: Chicken parmesan casserole, green beans, corn, Texas toast, pineapple tidbits, milk/coffee.  
Tuesday, Aug. 2: Swiss steak,

brown gravy, whipped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread slice, cake, milk/coffee.  
Wednesday, Aug. 3: Lasagna casserole, mixed green salad with dressing, cooked carrots, bread slice, applesauce, milk/coffee.

For more information, call the Senior Center at 623-3497 or Carolyn at 402-926-8683.  
Please call for reservations by 9:30 a.m. the day before you plan to eat lunch.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Advent Christian

300 S. 2nd Ave., Villisca, Rev. Jeff Eason, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Celebrate Recovery, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Assembly Of God

1005 Senate, Red Oak, 623-2174, Services, 10:30 a.m.

Baptist

The Bridge (First Baptist Church), 406 N. 3rd St., Red Oak, Rev. Len Taylor, Worship, 11 a.m.  
Grace Baptist, 1510 N. 6th St., Red Oak, Gary D. Walters, Bible class, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 a.m., Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer, 7 p.m.  
Grace Baptist, 525 Main St., Griswold, Victor Maxson, Bible study, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 a.m. **Online:** 11 a.m. livestream.

Southern Baptist

Crossroads Community Church, 303 E. Oak St., use the alley entrance, Rev. Ricky Rohrig, Sr., Celebration Services with Kids’ Church, 9:23 a.m., Wednesdays in the Word, live on Facebook, 6:30 p.m. 712-357-1060, [crossroadsredoak.com](https://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, Pastor AJ Baratta, 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.  
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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](https://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. Jenn Van Nostrand, 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

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## The dog days of summer



Elaine Carlson  
Director of Membership &  
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Seems like we just celebrated the Fourth of July and here it is the last few days left of the month! Crazy Days is a fun weekend event when a variety of our businesses participate in selling discounted items and offer special deals. Be sure to check out everything that is going on across the community Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30.

Welcome to the Chamber!  
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### Business After Hours

The Mills/Montgomery County Cattlemen and Montgomery County Fair Board hosted their annual Business After Hours on Friday, July 15, celebrating the upcoming fair. The cattlemen grilled delicious burgers to go with a couple of side options. It was a fun evening full of good food and lots of laughter.

### It's Fair Time!

Congratulations to AJ Beeson for receiving the Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Doe award which is sponsored by the Red Oak Chamber. Congratulations also goes out to Cloie Bruce for receiving the Overall Grand Champion Showman award sponsored by the Red Oak Chamber, CR Graphics, and Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce

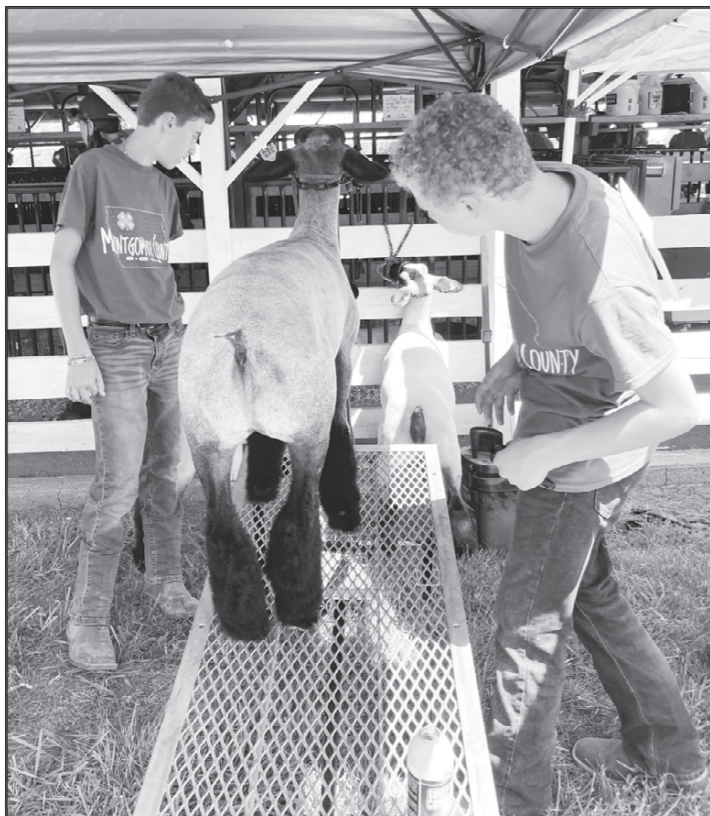
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Many thanks and congratulations to the Montgomery County Fair Board, ISU Extension, 4-H families, Mills/Montgomery County Cattlemen, all of the sponsors, and volunteers for a fantastic Montgomery County Fair. And if we missed seeing you at our Chamber booth in the White Fair Building, don't hesitate to stop by the Chamber for a chat.

For more information about our members, promotions, and events within and around our community, please visit our website [redoakiowa.com](http://redoakiowa.com). If you have questions about becoming a member of the ROCIA or are interested in volunteering opportunities, please contact me at 712-623-4821.

*Enjoy the rest of your summer!*

Elaine Carlson  
Director of Membership & Finance



The Montgomery County Fair took place last week at the fairgrounds in Red Oak. Thank you to the Montgomery County Fair Board, ISU Extension, 4-H/FFA exhibitors and their families, volunteers, donors, and the supporters.

## Sizzling hot summer



Kesandra Pullen  
Events and Marketing  
Coordinator

There is no denying that summer is in full swing in Red Oak! If the temperature regularly stretching for 100 degrees wasn't enough to convince you, the humidity should be more than enough.

Although the chamber doesn't host any events of our own in July or August, as we are still recovering from Junction Days, we help promote tons of fun events going on over the course of the summer. By the time you are reading this the Montgomery County Fair will have wrapped up, and I am sure a blast will have been had by all.

There are always tons of events coming up in Red Oak, one of the more well-known ones being National Night Out Aug. 2. To make sure you are always up to date on upcoming activities and events in Red Oak be sure to Like and Follow our Facebook and/or Instagram pages @RedOakChamber. Check out our Community Calendar online, and sign up for our weekly newsletter, the Communicator, at [redoakiowa.com](http://redoakiowa.com).

### Chamber Membership Perk

To continue upon what was said previously, this is a reminder for chamber members, and even for those businesses and organizations

that aren't chamber members that might want to consider a membership.

Any time your business or organization is putting on an event or promotion, please provide the Red Oak Chamber with a flyer or information so our office can add this information to the ever-growing community calendar, the ROCIA Weekly Communicator, social media, and/or the front office window. The Red Oak Chamber wants to help promote your events, and your business or organization.

If you don't currently receive the ROCIA Weekly Communicator, which is a publicly available e-mail newsletter that goes out each Wednesday morning, you can visit [redoakiowa.com](http://redoakiowa.com) and sign up for it. Otherwise, stop by the chamber office and we would be happy to help you get signed up for it – it's an easy way to stay connected with upcoming calendar events. You can also submit events for the Community Calendar yourself online as well.

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# Spunaugle requests ARP funds be used to update LEC lighting

Nick Johansen  
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors is considering a proposal for the use of American Rescue Plan funds to update lighting at the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Center.

At the July 19 meeting, Montgomery County Sheriff Jon Spunaugle said he had received a proposal from ROI Energy to upgrade the existing system and take advantage of incentives from MidAmerican Energy.

"MidAmerican is offering an incentive where they'll pay for 25 percent of the project. One of the proposals which I'm favoring would replace the lighting to flat panel, such as what is in the courthouse," Spunaugle said.

Cost of the project would total \$34,487, and the MidAmerican credit would pay \$8,636, bringing the county's cost to \$25,851. Spunaugle said the annual savings from switching to new lighting would be \$7,634, meaning the project would recoup what was spent in about three years.

"Currently we don't have LED lighting, and this



Montgomery County LEC (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)

proposal would get the law enforcement center to fully LED. While not all of our lights are on all the time, around 70 percent of our lights are on 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so switching to LED is what will generate that savings," said Spunaugle.

Spunaugle felt with the overall cost savings, and the MidAmerican Energy incentive, it was a worthy proposal.

Supervisor's Chair Mark Peterson asked if they should seek a proposal from the contractor that had initially done the LEC lights, so they had a

comparable quote.

Maintenance Supervisor Dan Wright said he could try to contact them if they were still in business, but stressed that ROI Energy, who drafted the proposal, wasn't actually doing the proposal.

"They're basically giving us a price, and then we're allowed to select the electrician to do the actual work. ROI is simply basing the proposal off of MidAmerican Energy's figures," Wright explained.

Spunaugle said he was looking forward to having consistent lighting throughout the building. He purchased by the current case of light bulbs at hardware stores, and sometimes he was forced to choose different bulbs based on what was in stock.

Once the lighting proposal was accepted by MidAmerican, Spunaugle said they had six months to complete the project.

Since there was no action on the agenda, the supervisors agreed to vote on the proposal at a future meeting, and requested that Wright go ahead and seek a quote from the prior contractor who did the lighting work for a comparison.

## First reading of revised county solar ordinance passes

Nick Johansen  
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has approved the first reading of its newly-drafted solar ordinance.

At the July 19 meeting, the supervisors reviewed the revisions to the ordinance, which were implemented due to public comments that the existing ordinance approved by the supervisors earlier in the year was not detailed enough and included a number of errors and spelling mistakes.

At the July 19 meeting, the supervisors held a public hearing regarding the new draft of the ordinance. Montgomery County Planning and Zoning board member Vicky Rossander, one of those critical of the earlier draft of the ordinance, offered her praise for the revised draft during the comment period.

"I want to express my appreciation to my fellow planning and zoning commissioners for agreeing to take a second look at the ordinance, and also to zoning administrator Barry Byers for all of his hard work in getting answers to our questions and for taking the time to review them with the

county attorney," Rossander said. "The proposed changes will significantly strengthen our county's solar ordinance, and protect the landowners, neighbors, and the county as more and more solar arrays are being installed."

One of the biggest revisions approved by the planning and zoning board was that setbacks for transformers, inverters, and other noise creating equipment shall be 500 feet from any neighboring occupied property, measured at the property line. In addition, audible noises caused by solar farm operation shall not exceed 60 decibels measured at the property line of any neighboring parcel with a dwelling at the time the special use permit is approved.

Zoning administrator Barry Byers also offered praise for the way things were handled in getting the revised ordinance in front of the supervisors for approval.

"I felt we had two very productive meetings leading up to this, and I feel confident that the county now has a very detailed and thorough ordinance," said Byers.

Supervisor Donna Robinson was also appreciative of the time and energy put into

drafting the new ordinance. Robinson asked for clarification as to the statement that the engineer's office had implemented a road use agreement for wind and solar projects.

"My question is, because wind is in there, and since we're on hold with new wind projects while the wind ordinance is reviewed, should it be amended to simply state wind? It's probably minor but it's something I felt needed clarification," Robinson advised.

Byers said as the title on the road use agreement covered both new wind and solar projects, he felt it was necessary to include it as stated in the draft ordinance, and there would be no issues while the wind ordinance is reviewed.

Robinson also asked if the fees were comparable with other counties. Byers confirmed they had made sure to keep all the fees comparable to other counties that had similar ordinances for solar farms.

The supervisors approved the first reading of revisions to the county's solar ordinance. The second and third readings were not waived due to the action not being included in the July 19 agenda.

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## 2022 fair awards

Bette and Axel Larson were inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)



Doug and Scott Allensworth, left, were inducted into the Montgomery County Hall of Fame by Fair Board President Andrew Herzberg, right, during opening ceremonies Tuesday, July 19. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

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## 2022 fair royalty

2022 Fair Queen candidates were from left, top row, Karsyn Poston, Lainey DeVries, and Ella Peterson. Delaina Olson, front row, left, was crowned Queen. The 2021 Queen, Jordan Carlson, is pictured to the right, front row. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)



There were plenty of activities for the whole family at the Montgomery County Fair last week in Red Oak, such as petting zoo, ferris wheel, bounce castles, water games and much more. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)



## Sand makes a stop

Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand spoke in Red Oak's Legion Park Thursday, July 21. (Photo provided)

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## Electrical fire in Red Oak apartment

After a joint investigation by the Red Oak Fire Department and Iowa State Fire Marshall's Office, the cause and manner of an apartment fire has been determined to be an accident and electrical in nature.

At approximately 2:14 p.m., Sunday, July 24, the Montgomery County Communications Center received multiple 9-1-1 calls reporting an upstairs apartment fire at 615 N. 3rd St. in Red Oak, located just north of the downtown square.

Officers of the Red Oak Police Department arrived on scene immediately and confirmed all occupants were out of the structure prior to Red Oak Fire arriving on scene. Red Oak Fire arrived on scene within four minutes of being paged and requested a second alarm structure fire response bringing additional crews from the Stanton Fire Department, Elliott Fire Department and additional aerial support from the Glenwood Fire Department.

Fire crews made an immediate and aggressive interior attack of the fire and were able to contain the fire to the origin apartment. Smoke and water damage is throughout the entire structure.

The American Red Cross was contacted to assist five displaced adults due to the fire.

No injuries to any occupants or firefighters on scene. However two cats were located deceased and unable to be revived at the scene after attempts were made.

The building is owned by Craig and Carmen Archer.



## Senior salute

Senior 4-H members in Montgomery County were recognized during opening ceremonies. They include, from left: Ashley Henneman, Tristan Frank, Kayla Mitchell, Delaina Olson, Karsyn Poston, and Allie Sandahl. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

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