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Bruce exhibits champion Lim-Flex heifer at ISF

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

The Iowa State Fair is a vacation destination for thousands of people each year, but for Cloie Bruce of Red Oak it's mostly work and little play.

Cloie, the daughter of Scott and Jennifer Bruce, exhibited the champion Lim-Flex Heifer at the state fair recently. She also exhibited a market goat, which placed second in the class.

A junior at Red Oak High School, Bruce is a member of the Stennett Panthers 4-H Club and Red Oak FFA Chapter. At the state fair, she showed her heifer in the 4-H show and goats in the FFA show.

"The State Fair is a one-of-a-kind atmosphere. It's crazy how many people come to the state fair everyday," Bruce explained. "Sometimes it can get hard when there's so many people going through the barn, especially when you're trying to get things done."

Bruce has been showing livestock since she was in fourth grade and started showing at the state fair after her sixth grade year.

She said she likes exhibiting at the state fair for several reasons, one of which is seeing friends she only sees there.

"I have many close friends that show livestock that aren't in our county, so it's very fun to be able to show with them," she said.

She continued to say she feels the livestock industry, as a whole is "truly amazing."

"Lots of people are there for each other and it's something that you learn so many life skills from. When we go to shows all year long, we see



Cloie Bruce of Red Oak exhibited the champion Lim-Flex Heifer at the Iowa State Fair Aug. 16. (Linde's Livestock Photos LLC)

our friends at many shows but the Iowa State Fair gives us the experience with many more people and exhibitors."

When asked if she prefers showing cattle or goats, Bruce said she enjoys it equally.

At the state fair, Bruce showed her heifer Aug. 16 and her goat Aug. 18.

"It worked out well to where we were able to bring the heifer back Tuesday night and come back up with the goat on Wednesday. It made it easier so we wouldn't have to run between barns, but overall it was definitely a long week, but so worth it," she said.

And even though she was busy taking care of her livestock at the fair, she did have a little bit of free time to watch the cattle and goat show when she wasn't in the ring.

"We usually try to have at least one person in our family watching our animals the whole day to make sure nothing happens. We take shifts so that we can go get food and watch the show," Bruce explained. "I didn't really have time to tour anything though, but staying in the barn is my favorite part."

Cloie's family is very important to her, and exhibiting livestock is definitely a family affair for the Bruces. It's very apparent Cloie and Scott have a very special bond for livestock and exhibiting.

"My dad is my number one supporter and someone I look up to a lot. He has been there for me every step of the way in my showing career. He is the one that encourages me to get out in the barn everyday and helps me realize that dreams don't happen unless you work for them," she said.

BRUCE, Page 7A

Renovation of Essex Opera House underway

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Essex Opera House is in the midst of renovations that will turn the venerable old building into event space for work retreats, wedding parties, and other community events.

Originally constructed in 1877 at 900 Nebraska Ave., the building was moved to its current location at 701 Iowa Ave. in 1894. It served as the community's opera house until 1947, when it was sold to the Essex American Legion Weatherall-Hadden-Holmes Post 333, serving as the American Legion's meeting and event location until 2010, when it was once again sold and became a bar until 2015.

After the bar closed, the building sat empty until November 2019, when it was purchased by the City of Essex. In 2020, the city appointed a committee to begin the restoration process, including Chairperson Diane Liljedahl. Liljedahl said fundraising has been going on in earnest.

"To date, we've raised over \$80,000," said Liljedahl. We will have a new kitchen, complete with new electrical plumbing and cabinets that were a huge donation, as well



The Essex Opera House, constructed in 1877, is undergoing a major renovation with hopes of being an event center by next year. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

as all new appliances that were also donated for the kitchen space. We are going to have an elevated space with some soft seating for smaller meetings or to allow for larger meetings to break off into groups."

In addition, the bathrooms have been redone and all new plumbing and electrical wiring have been installed. The existing HVAC unit is still functional. However, some larger portions of the project still remain.

"The dry wall is being installed this month, and painting is also scheduled to be underway soon. We have new signage for the building front. New flat-screen TVs have been donated as well. The building will be ready to host a business meeting or a graduation party and use the TVs for streaming videos; they'll have a capability to do so. The occupancy of the building will be around 150 persons," commented Liljedahl. "Other items, such as the interior doors have not arrived yet either. Once the dry wall goes up and the interior painting is complete, it is going to make a huge difference. Right now, a lot of the work we've done isn't very visible, but now we're at the stage where renovations are going to make a visible difference to the interior and exterior of the building."

Renovation plans for the building kicked off in 2020, unfortunately during the COVID-19 pandemic. Construction started in increments and then things slowed down for the past several months before there was a flurry of activity. However, the group is still feeling the aftereffects of COVID.

"It's affected the availability of supplies and materials we need have been delayed. We have experienced inflation that has affected our initial budget. Plus, when you get into a building like this, you always find other maintenance issues you hadn't planned on," explained Liljedahl.

"We are looking forward to having visitors to our community over the Labor Day weekend, and hope the guests will take note of all the progress we have made," Liljedahl stated.

She added she is very excited to have the additional meeting space available in the Essex community.

"I'm still very excited about the project and being able to give something back to the community. It's going to be a very usable space, and we have a need for it in Essex and southwest Iowa. This space should fill the needs that are

OPERA, Page 7A

Peterson wins champion roaster rabbit at state fair

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

A first-year exhibitor at the Iowa State Fair, from Stanton, brought home an armful of awards in the rabbit show.

Ella Peterson, the daughter of Bob and Kimberly Peterson, and a first-year member of the Stanton FFA Chapter, won reserve grand champion Best of Show, reserve grand champion overall market rabbit, champion roaster, champion roaster pen of 3 and fifth place in rabbit showmanship, where she received a belt buckle.

"I was very surprised to have done so well at the state fair," said Peterson. "When the judge named my rabbits as champions in their class and reserve grand champions overall, I could not believe it."

She continued to say the state fair was intimidating at first, but when she started to show her rabbits, her focus was on the rabbit and she became more comfortable.

"I was fortunate that the California White breed was the breed to show. My first rabbit was my roaster, which has to weigh between 5.5 – 9 pounds. This roaster was the reserve grand champion roaster and reserve grand champion best of show."

To show a rabbit, Peterson said one must first get the rabbit to the judging table. She said it is important that one carries the rabbit by tucking its head under your arm, while supporting its body between your side and your same arm.

PETERSON, Page 8A



Ella Peterson from Stanton exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Best of Show, Reserve Grand Champion Overall Market Rabbit, Champion Roaster Rabbit and Champion Roaster Pen of 3 at the ISF. (Photo provided)



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Work on specific wording to begin on county carbon pipeline ordinance

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The Montgomery County Planning and Zoning Commission has taken the first steps towards setting an ordinance ahead of Summit Carbon Solutions potential plans for a carbon pipeline through portions of the county.

During a public hearing, Red Oak resident Jan Norris spoke to the commission and said that every day she heard more reasons to be against the pipeline, and while the ultimate decision was up to the Iowa Utilities Board, the commission was in a position to protect the county and its residents by passing an ordinance.

“Ordinances have more teeth than a resolution, and can determine how far a pipeline must be from a home, livestock, or a school, and can set fees and requirements to protect from future expense. We need to consider this could just be the beginning,” stated Norris. “Past experience has shown that once pipeline easements are secured, subsequent projects start with the same route, and we could have multiple pipelines coming through our county. They call it a pipeline corridor. The plant in Shenandoah is the last stop on the route thus far, which makes us prime real estate for projects coming up from southern states. I would hate to see West Township become a pipeline interstate jam.”

Tom Honeyman, who owns property that would be on the east end of a portion of the proposed pipeline project, also expressed his disfavor for the proposed plans. Honeyman said he did not want an easement on his property.

“They are only going to pay for an easement once. Also, there is information that these people have never built a pipeline. You definitely want to protect the county, protect my property, and yours,” commented Honeyman.

Last to speak was Lori Johnson, who lives in the southwest corner of Montgomery County. While they don’t own land that the pipeline is earmarked for installation on, Johnson said it was going to be only 288 feet from their living room window.

“It’s going to be right near the window where Sarah sits and copies out of her storybooks, and her Bible, and watches her movies. I don’t want anything to do with that. I’m asking you to put in an ordinance that gets the pipeline as far away from Sarah as you could. That is my prayer,” said Johnson.

Commission member Naomi McCunn asked if eminent domain became a reality how effective any ordinance they passed would be. After discussion, it was determined the pipeline would still have to conform to county ordinance, and they would have to pay any fees. The state could override the ordinance, but the county still could put the ordinance in place.



The Montgomery County Planning and Zoning Commission has started the process of finalizing a carbon pipeline ordinance for the county. Pictured are, from left, zoning administrator Barry Byers, and commission members Randy Pendleton, and Bill Jacobs. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Commission member Vicki Rossander said if the county passed an ordinance prior to the potential approval of the pipeline project, it would be very hard for the pipeline company to challenge the ordinance. Snyder & Associates, the engineering firm selected by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors to handle pipeline inspections, also urged an ordinance be passed.

“I found it very interesting that even the inspector and engineer is recommending the ordinance be put into place,” said Rossander.

Zoning administrator Barry Byers confirmed that time was of the essence in getting an ordinance passed.

“As soon as they give the board official notice of intent to proceed, it’s out of our hands. It doesn’t matter what we pass after that, as soon as they have the permission of the Iowa Utilities Board, they will come in and say they have their approved permits, easements, federal clearance, and that they are moving forward. From that date, we won’t be able to do anything,” Byers said.

The zoning commission then examined the pipeline ordinance that has been passed in Shelby County. Byers said he had been asked by the supervisors to have the commission review the Shelby

Wright shares amusing story about a water leak and smoke alarm

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

A small leak at the Montgomery County Courthouse led to some unexpected results.

The issue was discussed during maintenance supervisor Dan Wright’s maintenance update to the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors at its Aug. 23 meeting. Wright said he noted water initially, but couldn’t locate the source at the time.

“As you walk into the break room in the basement, we ended up having a pinhole leak in the elbow of a copper pipe. The weird thing about it was I cleaned up the mess, I looked forever, and could not find the leak. The Nishna Productions people came, sat under it for two hours, and never got any water on them,” Wright explained.

It was later that evening, Wright said, that he was called to the courthouse by the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office.

“It started leaking again at some point, and leaked onto the smoke alarm, which triggered it, and thus called the fire department. When I got here, law enforcement and the fire department were here, and they found the leak for me, and I got it fixed the next day,” said Wright.

Wright added that the situation demonstrated that the safety features in the courthouse are working.

“It relayed the smoke detector message to everyone, so that’s proof that the system is working” commented Wright.

Also, Wright said work is continuing on replacing the lights at the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Center with new LEDs.

“The electrical company is about halfway through. I don’t think we have all the new lights in. We received two pallets and they were waiting on two more pallets. The company was back doing more work on Aug. 23, and hopefully in another week or two they’ll have that project completed,” stated Wright.

Supervisor Donna Robinson asked if Wright had been contacted by any other departments to transfer materials for shredding for the Nishna Productions employees. Wright said he’d gathered some materials.

“I went up to public health and got a bunch of stuff, so we’re got enough to keep them busy for a couple more weeks, but if we don’t get some more, we might have to cut things down to one day per week rather than two,” said Wright. “But I’m keeping on top of it and have been swinging by the Swanson Law Office every two to three weeks to collect other materials to shred if they have any.”

Snyder & Associates chosen as engineering firm for pipeline project

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has acted on a decision for an engineering firm to oversee the potential construction of the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline.

Supervisor Mike Olson felt that the county needed to make a decision, and quickly, on some sort of representation.

“I feel that we need to move on this as soon as possible and get someone in here who knows what’s going on and has dealt with this before to help us with a resolution or an ordinance, because ordinances don’t happen overnight,” Olson stated. “It’s going to take a considerable amount of time to author an ordinance for our county. We’ve looked at three firms now.”

Supervisor Donna Robinson said she was in agreement that the county should make its move.

“We’ve had three presentations from companies, one of them so far back as last October. We’ve spread it out and it’s hard now to go back and recall everything that was said. Snyder & Associates was the most recent firm we’ve met with. They are somewhat local and have something of a vested interest in this project. It’s not new to them, and I was extremely impressed with the information they gave us,” commented Robinson.

Supervisors Chair Mark Peterson said when it came to draft ordinance, that he had received a copy of an ordinance for potential use in constructing a draft in Montgomery County.

“They’ve spent a lot of time and money getting theirs put together, and zoning administrator Barry Byers has it for further review,” Peterson said.

Robinson said she received information



Snyder & Associates has been selected as the engineering company should the carbon pipeline be allowed to be installed on the eastern side of Montgomery County.

from Kristina Paradise, representing Snyder & Associates and had received a draft of a resolution that was drafted in Pocahontas County for the county to review as well. Olson reviewed the resolution and said it had pertinent information the county could use.

“The resolution went into detail on depth of the pipeline, topsoil removal, and the multiple other items that we want to make sure are taken care of if a project comes to fruition,” said Olson.

Still, Olson reiterated that no matter what, if the State of Iowa stepped in and put its own regulations in effect, any ordinance or resolution approved by the supervisors would be rendered moot. Robinson said she had received further information from Paradise that confirmed that situation.

“Other than putting an ordinance in place and hiring an engineering firm to oversee it,

that’s all we can do,” advised Robinson.

Rather than waiting, Robinson proposed the supervisors go into an agreement with Snyder & Associates as the engineering firm representing the county on the pipeline project moving forward.

“The reason that sounds somewhat vague is because I had some questions and have sent questions to Alan Armstrong in Page County, and a letter of intent is not necessarily the same as a contract, so this motion would simply state that Snyder is the company we’re going to work with, and then we’ll figure out what the next step is,” said Robinson.

The supervisors unanimously approved entering into an agreement with Snyder & Associates as the county’s pipeline representative.

County ordinance to see if it could be revised to fit Montgomery County. Between public hearings of the commission and the board of supervisors, Byers said the earliest an ordinance could be passed in Montgomery County would be in eight weeks.

The commission agreed to use the Shelby County pipeline ordinance as a template for an ordinance specific to Montgomery County. Further action on the ordinance will take place at a future commission meeting.

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ROBERT “BOB” KEITH, 80

Robert “Bob” Keith, 80, Bivins, Texas, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022, in a Texarkana, Texas hospice house surrounded by family.

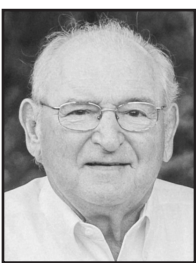
Bob was born March 13, 1942, in Corning, to Cecil and Helen Moore Keith. He was retired from Hackleman Brothers Construction, was a Christian, an auctioneer, a past Boy Scout Leader and member of the Order of the Arrow, a life member of the NRA, and a member of the Elks Lodge.

He enjoyed hunting, camping, cooking, cattle ranching, and loved working with his hands designing and building his home for him and Vicki.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Keith; parents, Cecil and Helen Moore Keith; and a brother, Delmar Keith.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Vicki Keith of Bivins, Texas; son, Scott Keith and friend Jo Strinz of Red Oak; three daughters, LeaAnn Keith Fields and husband Rod of Knoxville, Tenn.; Shelly Keith Hersh and husband Eric of Smithville, Mo.; Rachael Phillips and husband Jerry of McLeod, Texas; grandchildren, Jenifre Keith Wilcoxson and husband Josh of Red Oak; Mykal Keith and friend Brandon King of Council Bluffs; Baeleigh Keith and friend Robbie Marco of Omaha, Neb.; Kelsey Fields Kinkaid and husband Trent of Knoxville, Tenn.; Kristin Fields and fiancé Logan Creech of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Coby Hersh of Smithville, Mo.; Logan Guilbeault and wife Caroline; Tyler Guilbeault and friend Caitlin Covey; Jaydan Phillips; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Vicki Keith Mosier and husband Roy of Kansas City, Mo.; special niece, Missy Mosier Williams and husband Paul of Kansas City, Mo.; and a number of other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.
Guest registry is available at hannerfuneralservice.com.



JAMES “JIM” SIFFORD, 71

James “Jim” Dean Sifford, 71, Elliott, passed away Aug. 26, 2022, at the Montgomery Memorial Hospital in Red Oak.

Jim Sifford, the son of James and Eileen (Bisbee) Sifford, was born April 23, 1951, in Creston. Jim attended grade school in Elliott, and then graduated from Griswold Community High School with the class of 1969. He went to Northwest Missouri State University. Jim and Diane were married in 1970 and they had two children, Jamie and April. Jim was a member of the Elliott Church of Christ.

He began his career working for Wayne Feed and went on to build Sifford Feed Service, which he ran for 10 years. In 1984, Jim became a loan officer for Houghton State Bank. In 2000, he became President of the bank and retired in 2017 as President and Chairman of the board. He loved mentoring employees, running a tight ship and giving back to the community through his many volunteer roles.

During retirement he was passionate about spraying thistles, working on the farm and helping Diane grow pumpkins to share with others. He enjoyed spending time with his family and attending his grandchildren's sporting events. He liked to hunt and fish and loved taking fishing trips to Canada.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Sifford of Elliott; his son, Jamie Sifford and wife Melanie of Red Oak; his daughter, April Rhyman and husband Rich of Fort Collins, Colo.; his grandchildren, Bradley and Brayden Sifford, and Ellie Rhyman; and his sisters, Sandra Sifford of Lincoln, Neb.; and Barb and her husband Bob Syata of Ankeny. He is also survived by his in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial visitation will be held on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Griswold Community Building. A time of sharing will be held at 2 p.m.

Rieken Duhn Funeral Home in Griswold is assisting the family with arrangements.



DOROTHY BOZWELL, 89

Dorothy Marie Bozwell, 89, Red Oak, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, at her home. Dorothy was born Feb. 12, 1933, in Adams County, the daughter of Mearl and Bernice (Kapple) Smith. She was raised in the Adams County area, graduating from Lenox High School in 1950.

Dorothy was united in marriage to Lester Bozwell on June 11, 1950, in Corning. They lived many different places in southwest Iowa until moving to the Red Oak area in 1970 and into Red Oak in 1977. Over the years, Dorothy worked many places including the Gold Crown Inn, Red Lion, and the Branding Iron in Clarinda before working for the Red Oak Community Schools as a cook, retiring after 15 years in 1995. Dorothy always kept busy cleaning houses, ironing, sewing, and baking. She was known for her signature cinnamon rolls. She also enjoyed attending her grandchildren and great grandchildren's activities.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Lester Bozwell; siblings, Robert, Cleo, Dale, Gene, and Donald Smith and Beverly White; son, Ricky Bozwell; daughters-in-law, Rita Bozwell and Ann Bozwell; and son-in-law, Dennis Swain.

Survivors include her children, Johnny Bozwell and wife Kathy of Corning; Linda Swain, Gary Bozwell and wife Jean, and Raymond Bozwell and wife Deb all of Red Oak; and Joan Clark and husband Mark of Ft. Worth, Texas; 19 grandchildren; many many great- and great-great-grandchildren; brother, Marvin Smith and girlfriend Judy Beckett of Corning; sister-in-law, Betty Smith of Villisca; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 29, 2022, at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Assembly of God Church.

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



JOHN MULLENIX, 64

John R. Mullenix, 64, Red Oak, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, at Nebraska Medicine, Omaha.

John Richard Mullenix, the son of Richard and Faye (Townsend) Mullenix, was born Dec. 28, 1957, at Ottumwa.

John is survived by his mother, Faye Mullenix of Red Oak.

May God bless his memory and give strength to those who mourn.
Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home, Red Oak. Rev. Morris Hurd will officiate. Inurnment will be at McCormick Cemetery, Wapello County.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at sldfuneralhome.com.

CARMEN LUNDBERG, 92

Carmen Lundberg, 92, Essex, passed away Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022, at Montgomery County Memorial Hospital, Red Oak.

Services are pending at Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel, Red Oak.



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

- Scott Wilson ro Cameron Pryor, 21-71-38.
- Katharine Woodworth and Karen Rosenzweig to Nicholas and Nicole Rengstorf, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Blk 92 Lts 6-7.
- Bryan and Rene White to Keith Wiederien, Red Oak Eastern Slopes V Lt 47.
- Ricky D. Mellott, Julie K. Mellott, Ricky Mellott, and Julie Mellott to Mellott Family Trust, Julie Mellott, Trustee, and Ricky Mellott, Trustee, 8-73-39.
- Ricky Mellott and Julie Mellott to Mellott Family Trust, Julie Mellott, Trustee, and Ricky Mellott, Trustee, Red Oak Maplewood SD Lts 32-33.
- Rick Mellott, Julie Mellott, and Ricky Mellott, to Mellott Family Trust, Julie Mellott, Trust-

ee, and Ricky Mellott, Trustee, Red Oak Maplewood SD Lt 34.

- Ricky Mellott, Julie K. Mellott, and Julie Mellott to Mellott Family Trust, Julie Mellott, Trustee, and Ricky Mellott, Trustee, 14-73-39.

- Ricky D. Mellott, Julie K. Mellott, Ricky Mellott, and Julie Mellott to Mellott Family Trust, Julie Mellott, Trustee, and Ricky Mellott, Trustee, 13-73-39.
- Ricky D. Mellott, Julie K. Mellott, Ricky Mellott, and Julie Mellott to Mellott Family Trust, Julie Mellott, Trustee, and Ricky Mellott, Trustee, 14-73-39.

- Ricky Mellott, Julie K. Mellott, and Julie Mellott to Mellott Family Trust, Julie Mellott, Trustee, and Ricky Mellott, Trustee, 1-72-39.

- Jerod and Julie Heuer to Jared and Michelle Spunaugle, 21-71-36 Parcels A-B.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

- Steven, Kathryn, and Kathryn A. Ratcliff to Mark Peterson, Red Oak Thompsons Addition Lt 6.
- Lacasta Johnson and Lacasta M. Johnson to Lacosta Johnson, Trustee, and Lacasta Johnson Revocable Living Trust, 23-72-39.

- Alan and Marilyn Foy to Alan and Marilyn Foy, 24-71-39, 13-71-39.

COURT OFFICER'S DEED

- Edmund Larson Estate and Mark Larson, Executor, to Mark Larson, Red Oak Eastern Slopes

V Lts 34-35.

- Terrance Wright Estate, Terry Wright Estate, and Thomas Wright, Executor, to Chris Kohl, Trustee, and Philip Kohl Declaration of Trust, Red Oak Maplewood SD Lt 16.

MORTGAGE

- Cameron Pryor to Bank Iowa, 21-72-38.
- Cameron Pryor to United States Department of Agriculture, 21-72-38.
- Kenna Woods and Maia Erickson to Nebraska Enterprise Fund, Red Oak Willard's Addition Lt 2 SLT 1.
- Nicholas and Nicole Rengstorf to First Heritage Bank, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Blk 92 Lts 6-7.
- Keith L. Wiederien and Keith Wiederien to Bank Iowa, Red Oak Eastern Slopes V Lt 47.
- Keith L. Wiederien to Iowa Finance Authority, Red Oak Eastern Slopes V Lt 47.
- Joseph Mullen, Member, and Red Oak Properties LLC to First Northern Bank of Wyoming, Red Oak First Industrial Addition Lt 1.
- Jared and Michelle Spunaugle to Bank Iowa, 21-71-36, Parcels A-B.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Red Credit Solutions LLC vs. Dylan Hanson, Shenandoah, dismissed without prejudice.
- Midland Credit Management, Inc vs. Rick Weaver, Villisca, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,236.83 with 5.26%

interest from Aug. 23, plus costs.

- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Barbara Lombard, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$703.48, with 5.26% interest from Aug. 23, plus costs.
- Stone Creek Financial vs. Paul Barber, Nodaway, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,335.65, with 5.26% interest from Aug. 25, plus costs.

ARRESTS

- Filed Aug. 28, Jessie Fitzwater, 35, Council Bluffs, Adams County warrants for failure to appear - possession of methamphetamine, failure to appear - OWI. Transported to Adams County.
- Filed Aug. 28, Clyde Zeigler, Red Oak, driving while suspended, eluding law enforcement, \$1,491.25 bond.

DISMISSED

- State of Iowa vs. James Cruz, 29, Red Oak, possession of a controlled substance - marijunana, first offense, dismissed.

CRIMINAL

- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. James Cruz, 29, Red Oak, possession of a controlled substance - second offense, two days prison, suspended, \$855 fine, suspended, one year probation, DNA requirement.
- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Bradley Telschow, 29, Red Oak, harassment first degree.
- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs.

Jamie Gentry, 31, Villisca, child endangerment.

- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Andrew Nagunst, 23, Red Oak, child endangerment - bodily injury.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Justin Smith, 44, Villisca, controlled substance violation, two counts.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Abigail Kates, 24, Red Oak, domestic abuse assault first offense.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Kelly Gregory, 58, Red Oak, burglary third degree, five years prison, suspended, \$1,025 fine, suspended, two years probation.
- Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Kim Trost, 43, Red Oak, public intoxication.
- Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Sally Petersen, 51, Red Oak, trespass first offense.
- Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. James Cruz, 29, Red Oak, driving while license denied or revoked, \$1,000 fine.
- Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Dylan Griffith, 32, Red Oak, assault causing bodily injury or mental illness, 26 days jail, time served, \$430 fine, suspended.
- Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Dylan Hambright, 30, Red Oak, driving while license denied or revoked, \$1,000 fine.

TRAFFIC

- Justin Swisher, Red Oak, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance, operation of motor vehicle with expired license.

- Dawn Nelson, Red Oak, no valid driver's license.
- Roger Moss, Thurman, registration violation.
- Kalia Miller, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Torri Huerta, Griswold, speeding, registration violation.
- Donovan Bruning, Griswold, no valid driver's license, speeding.
- Lexiz Moreno, Red Oak, violation of conditions of restricted license.
- Siera Bissell Abraham, Elliott, speeding.
- Erika Mullen, Clarinda, speeding.
- Daisy Walker, Red Oak, operating non registered vehicle.
- Isaias Guerra, Red Oak, no valid driver's license.
- Keonna McGhee, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Edgar Campos Basurto, Bellevue, Neb., speeding.
- Camren Solari, Corning, speeding.
- Agustín Fernandez Landeros, Omaha, Neb., speeding, no valid driver's license.
- Adam Jorgensen, Glenwood, speeding.
- Avery Morgan, Corning, registration violation.
- Shawn Holloway, Massena, fail to display registration plate.
- Scott Wingerson, Des Moines, speeding.
- Robin Voss, Underwood, speeding.
- Edwardo Paez Gomez, Red Oak, no valid driver's license.

Area representatives get up close tour of former Murphy Calendar Company



Representatives from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, and Congresswoman Cindy Axne's office took a tour of the Red Oak Community on Aug. 29. Among the stops was a walking tour of the former Murphy Calendar Company building. Pictured far right, current building owner Daniel Arredondo tours the ground floor with, from left: Karen Blue, Marty Barnett, and Brian Bills. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)



Pictured left, current owner Daniel Arredondo shares details about the space to Jacob Appell, representing Axne, Karen Blue, Marty Barnett, Cynthia Bangston, Iowa Sen. Tom Shipley, and Iowa Economic Development Authority representative Nick Sorensen. Following the tours, meetings were held to identify possible projects that could receive assistance from the EPA and DNR.

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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7	6	2	3	9	1	4	8	9
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ANSWER:

Griswold District welcomes new teachers



New staff at Griswold Community School District for the 2022-2023 school year. Pictured are, front row, from left: Mindy Rush, Kara Victor, Brittan Sindt, Savanna Mixan, Brandi Wallace, and Laura Oster. Back row, from left: Callie Carter, Stephanie McGaffey, Megan Potter, Mike Killinger, Brittany Karwal, and Stephanie Kelley. Not pictured: Alysia Holbrook. (Photo courtesy of the Griswold American.)

New teachers join East Mills for 2022-23



New teachers at East Mills are, front row, from left: Mrs. Roberts, Ms. Ingwersen, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Wittstruck, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. Smith, Keegan Poorker, and Miss Krajicek. Back row, from left: Kim Yount, Sally Stoakes, Emily North, Miss Ray, Miss Wallace, and Mrs. Reynolds. (Photo submitted)

First Day of School in Stanton



The Stanton School District's first day of school was Aug. 23. Pictured above, the staff of the Stanton District welcome the students at the start of the school day. Pictured below, members of the Stanton football team give a wave on the first day back. (Charm Carpenter/The Red Oak Express)



VIEWPOINTS

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THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

'30's crime wave involves Red Oak natives

The other day we drove by a vacant lot on South Broadway in Red Oak.

Wife said the street didn't seem the same without Johnny's. She remembered going there in the late '80s and wondered how long the place had been in operation.

I've heard Johnny's was a wet spot during Prohibition but doubt that as the first business permit I find for Johnny's Lunch Room was issued in the early 1930s.

The place was also known, at different times, as Johnny's Uptown Club, Johnny's Cafe and Johnny's Steak House.

Johnny's got an endorsement and free advertising at a time when Depression-era gangsters made regular front-page headlines.

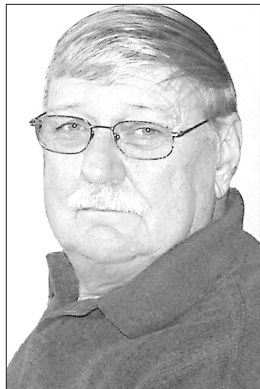
A pair of armed bank robbers pulled a job at the Houghton Branch Bank in Elliott, then sped away in a black Ford V8 with blue fenders and stolen license plates. Their next stop was Johnny's.

Before the heist the bandits also tipped a few at Johnny's. During the second stop they had, according to a statement, "one half gallon of beer."

This was no doubt Falstaff, as in 1936 Johnny's boasted the only tap beer in town, and Falstaff is what was served.

How they served a half-gallon wasn't explained, although the amount may have been an estimated total.

Albert England was 32. His cousin, Orie (Orville), was 29. They'd grown up in the Red Oak area but had recently moved to Omaha, where



Albert leased and operated a service station at 25th and Cummings.

Bonnie and Clyde, John Dillinger and Ray Chapman had all been either gunned down or electrocuted by 1936, but their notoriety influenced others and our paper was still reporting frequent daytime bank hits.

In June of that year the bank in Carroll, Nebraska, was relieved of \$1,600 by two white males around 30 years of age.

That crime was unsolved when, on Aug. 18, two white males, each about 30, walked into the Houghton Bank of Elliott.

Alone behind the counter was George Woolenhaupt, branch manager. One of the men asked for change, then pulled a handgun.

He emptied the cash drawer of about \$1,200 and thumped Woolenhaupt twice on the head with a sap. The manager went down; the robbers went back to Johnny's.

Three days later Omaha detectives received a tip that one Orville England, who didn't have much in the way of known income, was suddenly flush with cash.

He was questioned first, then Albert. Both denied criminal activity, but both had prior arrests

in Montgomery County for liquor offenses and theft.

In 1929 Orville, at the age of 16, was picked up for shooting a hobo who was hanging out in Red Oak's Hobo Jungle.

The transient was treated, sent on his way, and no charges were filed.

Albert England was married and had children. While he was still being held his wife, Ethyl, was questioned.

She acknowledged that on an evening two or three days earlier her husband returned home with a lot of money.

She said he told her "Babe, you should buy yourself some sweet clothes." She still had over \$300 in cash.

Orville's girlfriend was identified as "Blondie." Either Orville was less generous or Blondie was shrewder than Ethyl, as she denied getting any money.

Using Ethyl's statement as leverage, investigators again confronted Albert England, and he gave what is probably a true statement.

On the morning of the robbery he opened his gas station. Shortly thereafter Orie arrived. Orie had booze.

The two had a couple, then decided it would be a good day to hit a bank. They closed the station, put a pair of stolen plates on Albert's Ford and drove to Red Oak, drinking along the way.

They went to Johnny's, had a few, then drove to Elliott. After the robbery they returned to Johnny's

for "half a gallon," then went home.

Sheriff Conkel and Montgomery County Attorney Lester Orsborn began taking steps to bring the Englands to Red Oak.

This was put on hold when the cousins admitted they also held up the bank in Carroll, which is how Albert got the money needed to lease the service station.

Both states had a claim on the Englands. Orsborn argued that the penalty for bank robbery in Iowa was more severe (up to life in prison) than Nebraska's, so best bring them here. Nebraska authorities had custody, though, and were given first chance.

Before the month ended the Englands had their day in court, were convicted and sentenced to 20 years in the Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln.

They were paroled after serving five years, then taken into custody by federal authorities.

The pair could have been prosecuted for the Elliott robbery, but I find no record of that taking place.

Albert and Ethyl England moved to Mitchellville, died in the 1980s and are buried there. I don't know what happened to Orville, and the landmark that was Johnny's has been razed.

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

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Community Calendar

1 September

12:30 p.m., Bingo, Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn at 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, Dinner in the Park - Pomodoro Fresh Italian Food Truck, Kidz Komer, potato chick painting.
6 p.m., presentation by John Beckman, "Human Connection Matters," at the Corning Opera House, 800 Davis Ave., Corning, free to the public.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

2 September

1 p.m., First Friday Friends, a visit from a Civil War Soldier, featuring OJ Fargo, the Corning Opera House, 800 Davis Avenue, Corning, tickets \$8.
5 p.m., C&M Circus in Essex, on Main Street, tickets \$15 for adults, \$8 for youth, cm-circus.square.site. Showtimes at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.
7 p.m., "Paws of Fury," theatre #1; "Where the Crawdads Sing," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

3 September

Essex: Labor Day celebration, visit essexiowa.com/labor-day.html for full calendar of events.
9 a.m. to noon, Red Oak Farmers Market, Fountain Square Park, Brunch in the Park - Gena's Kitchen Eggrolls. Kidz Comer, potato chick painting.
6 p.m., Monarch butterfly tagging at Lake Icaria, 1756 Juniper Ave., Corning.
7 p.m., "Paws of Fury," theatre #1; "Where the Crawdads Sing," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

4 September

Essex: Labor Day celebration, visit essexiowa.com/labor-day.html for full calendar of events.
2 and 7 p.m., "Paws of Fury,"

theatre #1; "Where the Crawdads Sing," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.
4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Labor Day pedal tractor pull in Essex, Anderson Park. Trophies or medallions awarded to top three. Qualifier for Mason City Championship Sept. 10.
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.
6 to 8:30 p.m., Evening kayak cruise, Lake Anita State Park, 55111 750th St, Anita.

5 September

Essex: Labor Day celebration, visit essexiowa.com/labor-day.html for full calendar of events.
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., Labor Day Demolition Derby, sponsored by the Essex Community Club.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

6 September

8:30 a.m., Montgomery County Supervisors, North Meeting Room in courthouse basement, open to public.
Noon, Rotary Club meeting. For location, go to <https://rotarydistrict5650.org/clubinfo/red-oak>.
Noon, SCORE webinar, "Your Marketing Roadmap - Ask the Questions You Need Answered." Go to 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.

7 september

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.
6 p.m. Doing good with what you have, hosted by Women: Land & Legacy, 2161 IA-48, Red Oak.

Zimmer attends continued education with American City Bureau in Chicago

Nick Zimmer, American City Bureau Senior Campaign Consultant who resides in Red Oak and is employed with American City Bureau Inc. of West Dundee, Ill., recently attended continued education at the 2022 American City Bureau staff conference on Aug. 10-12 in at the Marriott Hotel in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

ACB's work spans a vast range of nonprofit organizations from YMCAs, Catholic churches, Catholic schools, hospitals, arts and education, childhood development centers, education, colleges, libraries, athletic sports complexes, chambers of commerce, and others.

Zimmer has been employed with American City Bureau since July, 2017 after a 31 year YMCA professional career. For 23 of those years, Zimmer was the first CEO of the Montgomery County Family YMCA from 1996-2017. During Zimmer's tenure with American City Bureau he has been involved or currently involved with many campaigns, including the Red Oak Childhood Development Center and Griswold Childhood Development Center.



Pictured are, from left: Nick Zimmer, senior campaign consultant; Haley Biggins, marketing specialist; John Biggins, owner/CEO; Leslie Biggins Mollsen, president; and Dan Mollsen, executive vice president, all from the home office of West Dundee, Ill. (Photo submitted)

Horner named Iowan of the Week

U.S. Rep. Cindy Axne recently spoke on the house floor and named Red Oak's Jenny Horner as "Iowan of the Week" for the week of Aug. 22-26.

Axne said Horner had gone above and beyond connecting the Southwest Iowa Latino community with local resources, and her advocacy in rural communities deserved recognition.

"Horner grew up in Red Oak where she has lived most of her life and currently works as a health educator for Planned Parenthood. After majoring in Spanish, she wanted to move back to Red Oak to help start an organic farm operation with her family. At that time, Horner was unsure whether her bilingual abilities would come into play outside of teaching in a public-school setting, but she quickly found that Southwest Iowa was more diverse than she thought. She saw the critical role immigrants play in keeping rural businesses running, often working difficult and demanding jobs. She became more familiar with the language and cultural barriers these individuals face that make it difficult to find the support they need, so she stepped up to help found the Southwest



Horner

Iowa Latino Resource Center and serve as its volunteer director," said Axne.

Axne added that Horner's determination to listen with compassion and advocate accordingly has had a positive impact on families in Southwest Iowa, and that Horner was savvy about solving problems and connecting folks with effective resources, including the constituent services her office provides to Iowans encountering hardships. Axne said Horner's successful engagement with the Latino community comes from her genuine effort to build trust and listen empathetically to their concerns.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays are:

George Lombard – Sept. 1
Cindy Schwartz – Sept. 1
Tesda Fritz – Sept. 2
Keatis Kunze – Sept. 2
Janis Hunt – Sept. 3
Lisa Johansen – Sept. 3
Lexi Deagan – Sept. 3
Craig Poole – Sept. 3
Margaret Spencer – Sept. 3
Peggy Boeye – Sept. 4
Matt Davis – Sept. 4
Melissa (Mickey) Davidson – Sept. 4
Lois Barnett – Sept. 6
LaVern Strickland – Sept. 6

To be included on the free "Happy Birthday" list, e-mail your birthday (and those of your friends and family) to news@redoakexpress.com, mail to P.O. Box 377, Red Oak, IA 51566, or drop by our office at 2012 Commerce Dr.

Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating their anniversaries this week are:

Dick and Judy Lovitt – Sept. 1
Darwin and Julia Williams – Sept. 3
Richard and Lois Trinity – Sept. 5

Congratulations and happy anniversary to you!

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

Civil War reenactor in Corning

Corning Opera House Cultural Center will host OJ Fargo on Friday, Sept. 2, at 1 p.m. for First Friday Friends with a special program entitled "A Visit from a Civil War Soldier." There is a small fee to attend, which includes refreshments. After an overview of Iowa's involvement in the Civil War, the audience will be introduced to a returning Civil War soldier and his war experiences. The audience is encouraged to

ask questions and engage in a dialogue with the "soldier" who dresses in full Union Army regalia. Fargo will bring a full roster of all men who served in and from Iowa in the Civil War to enable the participants to check for ancestors who served.

The Corning Opera House is located at 800 Davis Ave. in downtown Corning with free street parking. Tickets are \$8.

Card Shower

HUNTSMAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Bob and Pam Huntsman will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sept. 11.
In honor of the occasion, his

friends are hosting a card shower. Send cards to the couple at P.O. Box 292 Emerson, IA 51533.

Senior Menu

Thursday, Sept. 1: Chicken noodle casserole, cauliflower, green beans, bread slice, cookie, milk/coffee.
Friday, Sept. 2: Hot dog on a bun, scalloped potatoes, baked

beans, brownie, milk/coffee.
Monday, Sept. 5: Closed for Labor Day.
Tuesday, Sept. 6: Swiss steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread slice, cake,

milk/coffee.
Wednesday, Sept. 7: Lasagna casserole, salad with dressing, 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. **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. Worship, 9:30 a.m. with no Sunday School. **Online:** 9:30 a.m. FMTC Cable Channel 1, also live on Facebook.
Mt. Calvary, 107 S. 5th, Villisca, Jerome Wagoner, Worship, 9:00 a.m. Tabor Lutheran, 1711 Q Ave., Stanton, Worship, 8:15 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Peace Lutheran, (A WELS Congregation), 411 Church St., Shenandoah, Saturday Worship, 5:30 p.m.; Bible and Sunday School, 6:30 p.m.

Non-Denominational

Oaks Community Church, 41310 Ellington Rd., Emerson, Rev. Ron Perry, 712-824-7218, Sunday School, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 a.m.

Presbyterian

Center Ridge, 1546 N. 110th St., Red Oak, Caryn Pedersen, Worship 1 p.m., two times a month. Call 623-9023 for more information.
First Presbyterian, 109 S. 3rd Ave., Villisca, Rev. Sandra Wainwright, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Red Oak Presbyterian, 511 E. Coolbaugh, PO Box 402, Red Oak, Caryn Pedersen, redoakpresbyterianchurch.com, Service, 10:30 a.m. **Online:** 10:30 a.m. live on Facebook/Red Oak Presbyterian Church

Reformed Evangelical

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

United Methodist

First United Methodist, 600 E. Hammond, Red Oak, Rev. Dr. Eric Sayonkon, Worship, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Youth group Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m., grades 6-12, snack is served. **Online:** 10:30 a.m. fumcro.org: click on the media tab to see previously recorded services.
Wesley Chapel UMC, Rev. Carl Phillips, Worship, 8:45 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Red Oak Circuit, Linda Westerhold; Hawthorne, 1248 210th St., Red

Oak, Worship, 10 a.m.; Stratton, 1695 150th St., Red Oak, Worship, 11:15 a.m. **Online:** 11:15 a.m. live on Facebook.

Elliott United Methodist, Rev. Terry McClain, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Worship, 10 a.m. **Online:** 10 a.m. live on Facebook.

Emerson United Methodist Church, Rev. Denise Stevens, 801 Bradford Ave., Emerson, (712) 824-7368, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Grant United Methodist, Rev. Jenn Van Nostrand, Worship services, 9 a.m. **Online:** 9 a.m. live on Facebook

United Methodist, 203 S. 3rd Ave., Villisca, Rev. 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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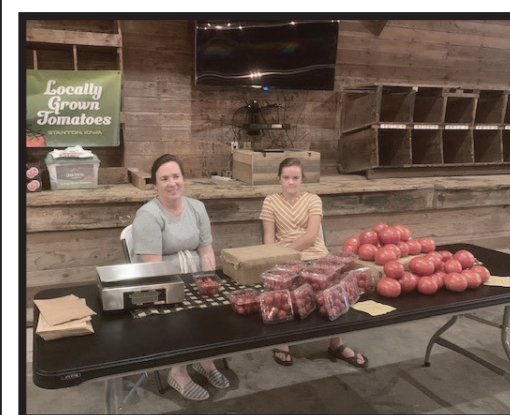


IN THE NEWS

The Annual Antique Tractor Show was held at Anderson Park on August 19. Attendees enjoyed many tractors along with homemade ice cream and Amos Concession Stand.



A Stanton Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting was held to welcome Kena Woods, new owner of Kustom Sweets & Eats at Fika Coffee Hus, to Stanton.



The Stanton Old Lumber Yard Event Center continues to host a monthly Farmer's Market with great produce and a variety of baked goods, jams, and more.



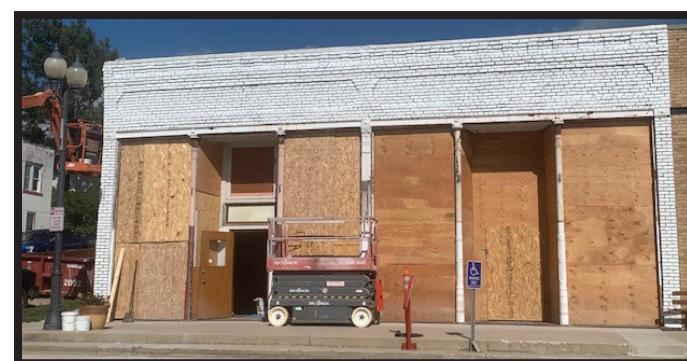
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DUR Board Members Marty Barnett, left, and Shirley Billings consider first round grant approval for two projects during the DUR's regular meeting Aug. 17. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Reimbursements for Family Vision Center, Vial Insurance approved by DUR board

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak Downtown Urban Renewal Board held its regular monthly meeting Aug. 17.

DUR Chairman Roger Vial opened the meeting with discussion and action on first round approval for 514 N. 4th St., Family Vision Center, a building owned by John Thomsen. Thomsen was requesting a \$7,500 grant from the DUR Board after completing work estimated at \$51,900.

"The work includes a handicap bathroom, remodeling inside of the building, and replacing the lighting to LED. I have cost estimates from Avis Painting, McCunn Construction, and Jones Mechanical, and all of those estimates come up to the \$51,900, maxing out the grant at \$7,500. Work is estimated to be completed by Oct. 31, 2022," Vial commented.

Vial speculated that the DUR program may have been the incentive for the work to be done on the building, and said he felt the project was a good one.

"I don't see any reason why this project would not be eligible for a grant, should the board wish to proceed," Vial stated.

The DUR board granted first round approval. The other item needing approval from the board was 300 Coolbaugh St., Vial Insurance

LLC, owned by Roger and Beth Vial. Vial said the request was for a new water line to the building.

"We discovered we had a leak shortly after I returned from my son's wedding. I returned to find six inches of water in the basement. The lines are all brand new, and I have a bill attached from Bill Rogers for \$2,919 which I have paid, and the grant amount requested is \$729. I simply need approval on whether the building meets eligibility requirements," explained Vial.

The board granted first round approval for Vial's project at 300 Coolbaugh St. Vial abstained from voting.

The board then moved to projects for final approval. The 300 Coolbaugh St. project was the only one for consideration, as the other projects were awaiting further documentation, including 307 E. Reed St., a request from the Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association, 317 E. Reed St., Mark Jackson's Red Oak Hardware Hank and Hallmark Gold Crown, and 204 E. Reed St., Davis-Taylor Insurance. Further action on the projects will be discussed at a future DUR meeting.

The board granted final approval. Vial again abstained from voting. The Board then gave final approval and approved the request for funding for the project. Vial abstained from the third round of voting as well.

Mertz graduates from the academy



Red Oak Police Officer John Mertz was a recent graduate from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy #304. Mertz, pictured right, is joined post graduation by Red Oak Police Chief Justin Rhamy. (Photo Submitted)

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Cloie Bruce watches the judge while showing her Lim-Flex heifer at the Iowa State Fair. (Linde's Livestock Photos LLC)

BRUCE

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In order to prepare her livestock, regardless of the species, Bruce said there are countless hours involved, as well as a lot of commitment and responsibility. At the Montgomery County Fair, she also exhibits sheep.

"I know I have to be accountable if I want to reach goals," she said.

"I know showing livestock isn't for everyone, but if you are on the edge of doing it, please do. The livestock industry truly does have the best people that can't compare to anyone else. I have love for the industry and would love to share that with other people."

Bruce said she already has set her goals for

next year, and has even chosen a couple animals to exhibit.

"My showing career has taught me so much more than anything else has, I have learned how to set goals and reach those goals by hard work and consistency that I have kept myself accountable to."

As for after graduation next year, when she will no longer be able to exhibit in 4-H or FFA shows, Bruce said she definitely will continue to be involved with livestock.

"I have thought a lot about my future, and I know it will involve agriculture of some sort."

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lacking in other available spaces in the community. We will be open to serve Southwest Iowa, not just Essex or Shenandoah, so if someone wants to hold a district or regional meeting, we're open for that," said Liljedahl.

Liljedahl added anyone wanting to rent the space after it is open will be able to contact Essex City Hall at 712-379-3444. Anyone wishing to

make a donation can mail checks to City of Essex, P.O. Box 428, Essex, IA 51638.

While plans initially called for the renovations to be done by Labor Day, Liljedahl said due to supply chain delays, that time frame is no longer feasible. She said the hopes are that the renovations will be completed by the end of the year.

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DUR backs Silvius' request for Community Catalyst Grant

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The Red Oak Downtown Renewal Board has approved a request from Red Oak Mayor Shawnna Silvius to vet potential projects for a Community Catalyst Grant.

DUR Board Chairman Roger Vial discussed the grant process during the regular meeting Aug. 17. Vial said the program had not been utilized in Red Oak as of yet.

"It's a \$100,000 grant to improve a building, second story housing, and infrastructure. The city has to apply for it. I've never been a part of one; someday I might be," Vial said.

The board then heard comments from Red Oak Mayor Shawnna Silvius, who shared some of the benefits of receiving the grant.

"It's basically for reinvestment into a building we currently have. It's meant to create jobs, increase the property value of the project, and contribute to the community's population growth, as well as public and private sector investment," said Silvius. "I believe the downtown area would be the prime location for this grant to be used, and it would increase traffic to the area."

Silvius confirmed the City of Red Oak had to be the applicant on the grant, and would have to go before the council for a vote of support and discussion of what the city's potential contribution for a cost match would be, even if not required.

"While the city is not required to provide a match, I would assume anything we show that the city is contributing to the project will make the application that much more appealing. In Stanton, for the Mason Building, the city forfeited all the building permits and waived a number of fees, as well as deeding over the land behind

another building so it could be used for parking to meet the residential parking requirements, and paved the lot and part of the alley, so the contribution can be something creative, rather than monetary," advised Silvius.

Currently, the application period is open. Silvius requested the DUR Board be the entity that reviewed the applicants for the grant, since it was for the downtown area.

"You seem to be the perfect fit to review any applications, select what you consider to be the most relevant project, and then make a recommendation to proceed, which I would then take to the council. You are familiar with a lot of the buildings down there, and so I am asking to see if this is something the DUR Board would be open to doing," Silvius said.

The biggest criteria is that the projects must be completed within two years of being approved for a grant, but extensions are available. Currently, the Stanton community has received three of the grants. The Red Oak Grand Theater was also submitted for the grant when it was first introduced, but lost by one point from advancing from the second round of the grant approval process.

Vial said he could think of several projects that would be eligible for the grant, and that the projects could be staggered out and submitted through multiple years of grant applications.

The DUR Board agreed to Silvius' request to review potential Community Catalyst Grant applications and submit a recommendation to the Red Oak City Council.



Businesses along the downtown square are eligible for a \$100,000 Community Catalyst Grant should they file an application. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Cool, classic cars



The annual Classy Chassis Car Show took place around Fountain Square Park in Red Oak Aug. 20. (Charm Carpenter/Red Oak Express)

PETERSON

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"The rabbit's eyes should be covered by your elbow and you need to support the hindquarters with your free hand. Once you get your rabbit to the table, the judge will set it. They look for alignment of the rabbit, are the feet tucked and the hindquarters parallel. The judge will determine which rabbit is the best based off of its loin, shoulders, hindquarters, fur quality and overall health of the rabbit," Peterson explained.

Peterson said she started preparing her rabbits for the state fair about a month and a half before the show. The first few weeks, to train the hair, she will get a little water on her hands and run them across the rabbit from head to tail, then comb it out to remove the dead fur.

"After a few weeks, I comb through their fur from head to tail without dampening the fur. This helps in keeping the fur tight and shiny," she said. "Weekly, I work with my rabbits to get them used to the proper pose the judge will set them in. I also keep my rabbits toe nails trimmed because they are very sharp. It will keep me safer as a handler and little kids or adults who want to hold and pet them safer. I also check their teeth, nostrils and eyes for any signs of infection or disease."

Peterson exhibited the California White breed of rabbit. She explained California Whites

are known for their dark or black markings that make them stand out from other white breeds. They were originally bred for their fur and meat production in the early 1920s.

"When it came time for me to be able to show rabbits, I went with the California White breed also since I was comfortable with them and our breeder, Julie Wolfe, specializes in that breed," Peterson said she plans on showing at the state fair next year, too, as well as the Montgomery County Fair.

While at the state fair, Peterson also volunteered to serve as an FFA usher. As an usher, she is at the fair the day before the fair starts until the last grandstand event. She even lived on the fairgrounds at the Youth Inn.

"During the fair we are assigned different events at the fair to work. I worked at the gates handing out programs, assisted with livestock shows, and helped in any FFA event that needed help. At night, every FFA Usher walks to the grandstand together," Peterson said. "We are the ushers for every grandstand ticketed event, so I was at every concert every night."

"Being an FFA usher has been one of the best experiences I have ever had. I learned to live with other students I did not know, meet lots of new people, made some great friends, and

experienced things at the State Fair that I did not know about."

Peterson said she'd like to not only thank her parents for her fun, successful, and memorable state fair experiences, but also her FFA advisor, Mrs. Spencer, and Julie Wolfe, from whom she purchased her rabbits.

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