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How sweet it is ... 'Cake Lady' Bisbee will retire this summer

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

After years of providing cakes for special occasions in Stanton and the surrounding area, "Cake Lady" Eileen Bisbee will be hanging up her apron next year.

Originally from Red Oak, Bisbee and her husband David have lived in Stanton for the past 43 years. While she's always had a passion for baking, Bisbee said she was inspired to turn her love of baking into a profession in the early 1970s.

"It was either 1972 or '73 that I took a two-day course through the Iowa State University Extension, led by Mrs. Faye Wookey, who was the cake decorator in the area. She was very good. I really enjoyed the class, and it took off from there. As for learning cake making, as it was before internet, I learned from what she showed me, and taught me, and from cookbooks from the Wilton Company," Bisbee said.

Bisbee said she was a frustrated cake decorator until Wookey showed her how to "pipe the roses." Bisbee started off baking for friends and family before expanding.

"I started expanding to the business side of things in the early 1980s, about the time my son was one year old. In fact, at that time, when brides would put their write-ups in the paper, some would include that the cake was done by Eileen Bisbee, and that was really when I decided that I needed to turn it into a full business. I got my tax permit, and then talked with the State of Iowa to determine what I could bake in my own kitchen at home, and I only did cakes," explained Bisbee.

Over the years, Bisbee said she kept up on trends that came and went, and tried other techniques to expand her knowledge.

"I experimented with foreign techniques, which are very elaborate, difficult, and time consuming, but they were fun to try. Fondant became popular about 15 years ago as well, and I had already tried it before it became popular," Bisbee said. "While it makes a perfect covering on the cake, and allows for elaborate decorations, I didn't do it much, and I've stuck to a cream-based frosting."



Eileen Bisbee, also known as the local "cake lady," will retire in July 2023. She has been baking cakes for customers since the early 1970s. (Photo provided)

While she's made hundreds of cakes for weddings, Bisbee said her favorite cake to make was actually for an event for the City of Stanton, and not a wedding.

"The first big Stanton homecoming event, they went all out and were having a big dinner, and asked me if I could do cake. Initially, I was going to do some sheet cakes, but they I decided to show off, and made a huge cake in Swedish colors, and a Viking ship, and a water tower, and it was a lot of fun. Time consuming, I worked on it for a week, but it was great fun," commented Bisbee.

As for making a wedding cake, Bisbee said the time was always variable depending on the size of the cake and the layers.

"I'd have to bake and freeze the top layers, and then I'd thaw them out and put them together two days before the event, frost them the day before the event, and then take them to the site in pieces and construct them on-site," stated Bisbee.

In addition to her work for special events, Bisbee also led a class for kids at the Stanton School District, and showed them the basics.

Bisbee taught the class for about five years before the COVID-19 pandemic put an end to it. Bisbee said she's open to doing more classes like that in the future.

"It has crossed my mind, and I've done little demonstrations throughout my career. I'd probably do small demonstrations, but as far as doing it for a class, I'm not sure. Still, they might not need me, and anything someone needs to know they can find through online videos now. I've even learned some things from those videos myself. If I was asked though, I'd do it," Bisbee said.

While she'll still be baking for awhile, Bisbee said she's planning on her official retirement on her birthday, July 18, 2023.

"I've been thinking about it for while, and when my husband retired, people kind of assumed I had retired to, even though I hadn't. Part of the reason I'm looking at retiring now is because baking cakes for events is a weekend job, and I've been unable to attend family events due to work conflicts. Initially, I was planning on retiring last December, but I had weddings booked into September of this year, so I

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Wright, Bolton to retire

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

Red Oak City Administrator Brad Wright and Red Oak City Clerk Mary Bolton has announced their retirement, effective the end of the year.

Letters from the two were left in Mayor Shawna Silvius' city hall mailbox. Wright's letter stated his last day of employment as Dec. 30. However, with accumulated vacation days, his last day at city hall will be Dec. 5.

In his letter Wright said it is "with a combination of excitement and regret" he submits the notice of his retirement from the city.

He continued to say, "It is no secret that the dynamics of our elected body has changed significantly over the course of this last year, to the point where



Red Oak City Administrator Brad Wright and City Clerk Mary Bolton at the Oct. 17 council meeting. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)

ronment that I find it now in my best interest to retire and move on to the next chapter of my life."

The end of 2022 will mark the completion of 21 years with Wright as city administrator in Red Oak.

Bolton has served as city clerk after almost 39 years. Her last day with the city will be Dec. 31, but her last day in the office will be Dec. 2 in order to utilize unused leave. In her letter she did offer to assist with the city's payroll until Dec. 31.

Silvius called a special meeting for Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 3:30 p.m. at the Red Oak Fire Station to discuss how the council will proceed moving forward.

She commented, "This is a great time to start fresh and focus on moving the community forward with positive momentum."

It has become obvious the sense of teamwork and mutual respect that elevated us in the past, no longer exists. It is due to this deterioration of the work envi-



Youth Advisory Council

Founding members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council from Red Oak Community High School are, from left, front row: Josie McCunn, Bella Glassel, and Hailey Rylberg. Back row, mentor Cynthia Bangston, Mayor Shawna Silvius, Baz Clear, Jonah Thomason and mentor Dave Dimmitt. Not pictured is Cyrus Mensen. More information on the council is on page 2A. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)

Local Toys for Tots signup Nov. 18

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

With a goal of seeing that every registered child in Montgomery County receives at least one new toy for Christmas, the local Marine Toys for Tots program is underway. Last year roughly 115 in the county received a toy through this program.

The main sign-up day for the program is from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 at the Red Oak Fire Department meeting room. Please enter through the east door of the meeting room.

A parent, guardian or grandparent are the only ones allowed to sign up a child. Those registering children need to bring with them a copy of the child's birth certificate or medical card, as well as the child's full name as it appears on the birth certificate/medical card, date of birth, parents' names and the telephone number of the person registering the child. Those registering children are also asked to social distance. Please, no groups or multiples registering children at the same time, and have the needed documents ready to show.

A second registration day is set for 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, at the Red Oak Fareway parking



lot with Santa and the Gammell lighted fire truck. The maximum age for toys is 14. Toys are divided into three age groups: 0-3 non-gender specific, 4-8 male/ female, and 9-14 male/female. Again, participants are asked to social distance and not register children in large groups. During this time new, unwrapped toys may also be donated.

After Dec. 2, registration will need to be done online through the website. However, delivery of toys cannot be guaranteed after that time. The projected toy delivery date is Dec. 22.

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Farm Service Agency County Committee elections open

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) began mailing ballots for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county and urban county committee elections to all eligible agricultural producers and private landowners across the country.

Elections are occurring in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for these committee members who make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. Producers and landowners must return ballots to their local FSA county office or have their ballots be post-marked by Dec. 5, 2022, in order for those ballots to be counted.

"County committees provide an opportunity for producers to play a meaningful role in delivering farm programs, but in order for

county committees to be effective, they must truly represent all who are producing," said Matt Russell, State Executive Director for FSA in Iowa. "Voting in these elections is your opportunity to help ensure our county committees in Iowa reflect the diversity of our agriculture. Your voice and vote matter; don't miss your chance to cast your ballot."

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation but may not have applied or received FSA program benefits.

Additionally, producers who are not of legal voting age but supervise and conduct farming operations for an entire farm are eli-

gible to vote in these elections.

Each committee has from three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms, and at least one seat representing an LAA is up for election each year. Ballots must be in the mail or delivered in person by close of business Dec. 5, to be counted. Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1.

Producers can find out if their LAA is up for election and if they are eligible to vote by contacting their local FSA county office. Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail can request one from their local FSA county office.

Visit farmers.gov/service-locator to find your local USDA Service Center and fns.usda.gov/elections for more information.

Mayors Youth Advisory Council meets for the first time

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

Members of the Mayors Youth Advisory Council met for the first time in the IJAG classroom of the Red Oak Junior/Senior High School Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Founding members of the group are Bella Glassel, senior; Cyrus Mensen, junior; Hailey Rydberg, junior; Jonah Thomason, sophomore; Joselyn McCunn, junior; and Sebastian "Baz" Clear, junior.

Mayor Shawna Silvius welcomed the

students and introduced two mentors for the council; Cynthia Bangston and Dave Dimmitt. Following introductions, Silvius provided an overview of the program and explained to the students what she requests of them.

In addition to thinking outside the box, Silvius told the students she values their advice; as they are the future of Red Oak.

The next meeting of the group will be Nov. 30, with Major General Christopher P. Hughes as the guest speaker. Hughes will be talking about different personalities, emotional intelligence and how to read a room.

There will also be a round table discussion on "What is Civility and How to Be Civil."

Students were asked by Silvius to conduct 'windshield tours' of the community and come back to the next meeting with assets and opportunities they see.

The meetings take place for a minimum of one hour, every couple weeks through the end of the school year.

Future sessions include topics on cyber-bullying, financing community projects through grants, foundations and government agencies and Building Pride vs. Vandalism.



Lighting up the night

Adam Van Der Vliet, assistant park supervisor for the City of Red Oak, takes advantage of nice, fall temperatures Monday, Nov. 7, to wrap Christmas lights around the street lights at Fountain Square Park. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)

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Iowa reaches second highest turnout in history for midterm election

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate announces the unofficial turnout for the November 2022 general election was the second highest in state history for a midterm.

More than 1,220,000 Iowans voted. The all-time high for an Iowa midterm election was 1,329,930, set in 2018.

"My thanks to Iowans from every corner of the state who made their voices heard by voting," Secretary Pate said. "I also want to thank the poll workers and county election officials across Iowa for their hard work and dedication. However, our work is not finished."

Every county will now conduct post-election audits in randomly selected precincts to help ensure the integrity of the vote.

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Secretary Pate added another layer of protection to Iowa's electoral process this year by ordering a second race to undergo hand count audits in every county. The audits will ensure the numbers match the totals reported by the ballot tabulators.

The gubernatorial race and constitutional amendment ballot measure will be audited.

"Post-election audits add another layer of integrity to the election process," Secretary Pate said. "I want all Iowans to know their vote counts, and it will be counted correctly."

All election results remain unofficial until canvassing is complete and results are certified. The deadline is Dec. 5.

Unofficial totals are available at sos.iowa.gov.

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Donations are also being accepted at Fareway, Montgomery County Family YMCA, Cubby's, Dollar Tree, The Buck Snort, Montgomery County Hospital, Orscheln, The Red Oak Express, Red Oak Public Library and the Red Oak Police Department.

If you are wanting to make cash donations or have questions, please contact Red Oak Police Chief Justin Rhamy at 712-623-6500 or Red Oak Police Department Liaison Amber Jennings with questions.

This program is sponsored by the Red Oak Police Department, Red Oak Volunteer Firefighters Association, Montgomery County Emergency Management, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Stanton Fire & Rescue, Villisca EMS Association, Villisca Fire Department, Grant Fire Department & First Responders, Red Oak Community Schools, Cubby's, Buck Snort Restaurant, Southwest Iowa Squadron of Heroes, Orscheln, Red Oak Elks Lodge No. 1304, The Red Oak Express, and Red Oak Eagles No. 1304

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decided on my birthday to make it official. If anyone wants a cake prior to that date, I can still make it for them," advised Bisbee.

After she retires, Bisbee said she hopes to travel and also plans to visit her kids and grandkids in Stanton, Des Moines, and Cedar Rapids. Still, Bisbee said she's going to miss it.

"It's been a big part of our lives, and I've been the cake lady for around 50 years, so it's been bittersweet. And I've been able to work at home and raise my kids, which couldn't have been nicer," Bisbee commented.

As she reflects on her time as "The Cake Lady," Bisbee said he fondest memories will be of making people happy.

"It's a fun job to be involved with people's

celebrations. I'll miss that, and I'll miss getting feedback from my brides. Some of them froze the top layer of their cake and ate it on their first anniversary, and all of them told me is tasted just as good as it did on their wedding day," Bisbee said.

Bisbee plans to keep on baking for family. She expressed her appreciation to all the people she worked with over the years.

"My first thank you is to God, for giving me the talent, strength, and courage to power through. My next thank you is to my husband and family, who have been so supportive. I couldn't do it without them. And my third thank you, of course, is to my wonderful, loyal customers, and give them pleasure."

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The Red Oak Express office will be CLOSED 11/24 & 11/25 for the Thanksgiving holiday

JOAN PERKINS, 88

Joan Rachel Perkins, 88, Red Oak, passed away Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at Accura Healthcare of Stanton.
Joan Rachel Perkins, the daughter of Kelly Glen and Margaret (Hanslip) Houtchens, was born Feb. 3, 1934, near Laury City, Mo. Joan's mother died in 1938, leaving six children. Due to the depression, two of the children were adopted by two different families. In 1939, Joan went to live with her aunt and uncle, Ross and Fern Houtchens, near Wallin; they later adopted her. Joan attended country school and then Stanton High School, graduating in 1952.



Joan then moved to Red Oak, where she became a bookkeeper and clerk for Swanson Clothing Company. She met Gordon Perkins after he was discharged from the Army in 1954. On Feb. 12, 1956, Joan and Gordon were united in marriage at Mamrelund Lutheran Church, Stanton. Two daughters were born to this union, Elaine and Denise. Joan was the bookkeeper for Perkins Electric, helping her husband many years and worked part time with Selligren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home. When her daughter opened Pudgy Pumpkin Patch Gift Shop, Joan was there with her smile and fantastic customer service.

Joan was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She served with the women's society and taught Sunday school and Bible school for many years. She also volunteered for years with the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Montgomery County Court of Honor Soup & Pie suppers, fixed her famous sloppy joes for the Classy Chassis Car Club and helped with the American Red Cross blood mobile. Joan loved attending her daughters', grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's activities. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, cooking and growing flowers.

Joan was preceded in death by her birth parents and adopted parents; husband, Gordon Perkins on June 16, 2016; sisters, Betty Hettinger, Arlene Stump-Shriver and Lucille Larent, and an infant sister, Mary Ethel Houtchens.

Joan is survived by her two daughters, Elaine (John) Hollen of Red Oak; and Denise (Jerry) Leibold of Waverly; three grandchildren, Andy (Trina) Rea, Kelsey Hollen and Jamison (Alicia) Leibold; six great-grandchildren, Amber, Jackson, William and Austin Rea, Jordy and Piper Leibold; brothers, Donald Houtchens of Kansas City, Mo.; and Darrell (Carolyn) Hopp of Glenwood; her African grandson, Dr. Fungisai (Ellah) Nota and son, Sam; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

May God bless her memory and give strength to those who mourn.
Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Red Oak. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Red Oak. Pastor Darrell Hopp will officiate.

Memorials may be directed to the Joan Perkins Memorial.
Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at sldfuneralhome.com.
Selligren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home is in charge of Joan's arrangements and serving her family.

DONNA PATRICK, 79

Donna L. Patrick, 79, Red Oak, passed away Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at the Everstep Kavanaugh Hospice House in Des Moines.



Donna Lea Patrick, the daughter of Lawrence J. and Grace E. (Cochrane) Westlake, was born March 28, 1943, in Red Oak.

Donna was raised in Corning, where she attended and graduated school. Following high school, Donna moved to Red Oak to work at the Union Carbide/Eveready Battery Company. She devoted 30-plus years to the battery company.

On April 2, 1965, Donna was united in marriage to Anthony "Tony" Patrick in Red Oak. To this union was born their son, Dale Patrick. Donna did not know a stranger and enjoyed talking to everyone. She loved traveling, bowling, working in her yard, mowing and raking leaves, and was devoted to walking at least five miles daily. Donna especially adored her family and treasured spending time with them.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Tony on Feb. 6, 2005; daughter, Marsha Jean Patrick in infancy; brothers, Norval "Ike", Jack, Jerry, Lowell, and Max Westlake; and sisters, June Thompson, Cheryl Simmons, Phyllis Sink and Ronna Eads.

Donna is survived by her son, Dale R. (Teri) Patrick of Des Moines; two grandchildren, Colin Patrick and Kyle Erickson; brother, Ruelle "Pat" Westlake of Nevada, Mo.; and longtime companion, Harold Spencer of Red Oak; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

May God bless her memory and give strength to those who mourn.
Funeral Service will be held Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Selligren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home, Red Oak. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Red Oak.

Visitation with the family will be Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Selligren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Everstep Kavanaugh Hospice House, Des Moines or the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital, Red Oak.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at sldfuneralhome.com.
Selligren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home is in charge of Donna's arrangements and serving her family.

LARRY STRAIGHT, 80

Larry Edwin Straight, 80, Emerson, passed away Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, at Red Oak Rehab and Care Center.

Larry was born July 7, 1942, in Emerson, the son of Ivan and Zelma (Sellers) Straight.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Barbara Straight; and two children, Larry Scott Straight and Kristie Lynn Straight.

Survivors include his children, Mick Straight of Fredericksburg, Texas; Karin Smith of Nebraska City, Neb.; and Brian Straight of Glenwood; 12 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren;

Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery.

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

ESTHER MAE GOTBERG, 102

Esther Mae Gotberg, 102, Red Oak, passed away Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, at Montgomery County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services are pending at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel.

KENNETH PETERSON, 74

Kenneth Peterson, 74, Griswold, passed away Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, at the Accura Healthcare of Stanton.

Funeral services are pending at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel.

JOYCE CARLSON, 95

Joyce Carlson, 95, formerly of Emerson, passed away Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, at Glen Haven Cottages in Glenwood.

Funeral services are pending at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel.

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

- James and Melanie Sifford to Lucas and Julie Orme, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 68 Lts 2-3.
- AVE PLP Properties LLC and Agrivision Group Properties LLC to State of Iowa, 21-72-38 Parcel B.
- Shelby Enterprises LLC, and Blake Shelby, Managing Member, to Cangil Properties IA LLC, Villisca Original Plat Lt 258.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

- Richard Coder, Susan Coder, Richard Coder Family Trust, and Susan Coder Family Trust to Richard Coder, Trustee, and Susan Coder, Trustee, 27-71-39.
- Dennis Bloom, President, and Donald Morris Corporation to No Tech LLC, 29-72-38.
- Tristan Pafford to Emma Pafford, Villisca Original Plat Lts 253-254.
- Cheryl Kier to Brandon Boydston, Red Oak Clements Addition Lt 26.

MORTGAGE

- The 1st 3 LLC, Jeffery Parks, Manager, Joshua Cox, Member,

and 1st 3 LLC to Washington County Bank, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 58 Lt 12.

- Caleb Gettler to Houghton State Bank, 29-72-37 Parcel A.
- Lori Points to Bank Iowa, Red Oak Thompsons Addition Lt 20.
- Richard and Joanne Adams to Houghton State Bank, Red Oak Alix Addition Blk 7 Lts 2-3.
- Cangil Properties IA LLC, and Jonny Canty, Managing Member, to Selby Enterprises LLC, Villisca Original Plat Lt 258.

SMALL CLAIMS

- General Collection Co. vs. Hannah Stanbrough, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,452.55 with 5.15% interest, plus costs.

ARRESTS

- Filed Nov. 8, Chad Hill, 44, Emerson, possession of drug paraphernalia, warrant for criminal mischief second degree, Adams County warrant for contempt of court - failure to appear, \$5,000 bond.
- Filed Nov. 8, Markus Johnson, 47, Red Oak, possession of controlled substance - methamphetamine second offense, \$2,000 bond
- Filed Nov. 8, Jacob Berggren, 23, Red Oak, Nebraska warrant for fugitive from justice, held waiting extradition.
- Filed Nov. 8, Stephanie Hightshoe, 57, Villisca, delivery of methamphetamine two counts.
- Filed Nov. 9, Jeffery Etter, 49, Atlantic, warrant for failure to appear, \$10,000 bond.
- Filed Nov. 12, Terry Aherns, 47, Red Oak, warrant for driving under suspension, \$1,000 cash only bond.

DISMISSED

- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Timothy Black, 27, Emerson, animal neglect with serious injury or death, 18 counts, dismissed, pursuant to plea agreement.
- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Adam Letts, 22, Emerson, animal neglect with serious injury or death, 14 counts, dismissed.
- Felony State of Iowa vs. Troy Dangler, 51, Emerson, possession of a controlled substance - marijuana, first offense, dismissed.

CRIMINAL

- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Adam Letts, 22, Emerson, animal abuse, pled guilty, one year prison, suspended, \$430 fine, one year probation, 36 hours community service; animal abuse, pled guilty, one year prison, suspended, \$430 fine, one year probation, 36 hours community service; animal abuse, pled guilty, one year probation, 36 hours community service; animal abuse, pled guilty, one year probation, 36 hours community service.
- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Katie Pierce, 36, Red Oak, operate vehicle without owner's consent, possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine, first offense, possession of a controlled substance - marijuana, first offense, criminal mischief second degree.
- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Markus Johnson, 47, Red Oak, possession of a controlled substance, second offense.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Troy Dangler, 51, Emerson, use of dangerous weapon in the commission of a crime, pled guilty, \$1,000 fine.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Ralph Trammel, 56, Council

Bluffs, possession of a controlled substance, second offense, pled guilty, 60 days jail, time served, \$855 fine, suspended, DNA requirement.

- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Richard Pierce, III, 34, Red Oak, operate vehicle without owner's consent, pled guilty, 30 days jail, time served, \$855 fine.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Stephanie Hightshoe, 57, Red Oak, controlled substance violation, two counts.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Chad Hill, 44, Red Oak, criminal mischief second degree.
- Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Richard Linfor, 54, Shenandoah, possession of drug paraphernalia, pled guilty, \$105 fine.
- Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Jacob Cashatt, 22, Red Oak, public intoxication.
- Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Dustin Knight, 35, Fairfax, Mo., possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Chad Hill, 44, Red Oak, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Serious Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Jeffery Etter, 49, Atlantic, driving while license denied or revoked, \$1,000 fine.
- Serious Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Daniel Kinnersley, 60, Red Oak, disorderly conduct - fighting/violent behavior, \$105 fine, suspended, 52 days jail, time served.
- Serious Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Chad Hill, 44, Red Oak, possession of a controlled substance, first offense, possession of a controlled substance - marijuana, first offense.

OWI

- State of Iowa vs. Daniel

Kinnersley, 60, Red Oak, first offense, seven days jail, time served, \$1,250 fine, half waived if produces valid driver's license in four months.

- State of Iowa vs. Gary Honeyman, 39, Gretna, Neb., first offense.

TRAFFIC

- Raymond Neises, Independence, Mo., no valid driver's license.
- Kenneth Barber, Farragut, no valid driver's license.
- Cody Lang, Red Oak, failure to maintain or use safety belts.
- Geronimo Cifuentes Garcia, Omaha, Neb., speeding, no valid driver's license.
- Joshua Foote, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Carly Seddon, Omaha, Neb., operation without registration card or plate.
- Bailey Morris, Kearney, Neb., speeding.
- Victor Garcia Tarin, Bellevue, Neb., no valid driver's license.
- Cameron Smithson, Washington, Utah, speeding.
- Jeffrey Sudbeck, Dimock, S.D., registration violation.
- Tina Polly, Council Bluffs, speeding.
- Brooke Scott, Red Oak, failure to maintain or use safety belts.
- Amber Lindsay, Red Oak, speeding.
- Shea Burch, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Goldie Adams, Red Oak, violating one-way traffic designation.
- Carolyn Johnson, Stanton, violating one-way traffic designation, fail to display registration plate.

Yvonne Donner, Lincoln, Neb., speeding.

- Kobe Johnson, Red Oak, speeding.
- Alexis Ungry, Emerson, registration violation.
- Jordan Belitz, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Jacob Ballenger, Red Oak, registration violation.
- Katarina Sabus, Bennington, Neb., failure to maintain or use safety belts.
- Paul Sabus, Bennington, Neb., speeding.
- Mathew Johnson, Council Bluffs, speeding.
- Tom Murphy, Essex, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked

ACCIDENTS

On Nov. 8, at 4:20 p.m., Red Oak Police officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of North Highland Avenue and East Cherry Street. Kenneth Cileli, 58, Red Oak, driving a 2007 Jeep Compass Limited owned by Kimberly Cileli, Red Oak, was traveling east on Cherry Street. Jackson Kling, 17, Red Oak, driving a 2007 Chrysler Sebring Touring, had just turned off Highland Avenue onto Cherry Street traveling west, and there was a car legally parked on the south side of the street. Cileli saw Kling turn the corner and stopped. Kling was unable to get over far enough and the left front of his vehicle struck the left front of the Cileli vehicle. Damage to each vehicle was about \$3,000. It was determined that both vehicles had enough room to get farther to the right. No citations were issued.

A night of Champagne and Pearls



Approximately 300 women enjoyed the Red Oak Chamber & Industry Association's annual Holiday Extravaganza Monday night. Titled "Champagne and Pearls," the evening featured delicious food, many local vendors, emcee Greg Brower, and the ever-popular Piccadilly Auction. During the auction, attendees bid on and won items donated by local businesses, valued at more than \$5,000. (Tess Nelson/The Red Oak Express)

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

RO Theater students perform "The Pink Panther Strikes Again"



The Red Oak High School Theater Department performed "The Pink Panther Strikes Again" this past weekend. Cast and crew members include: front row, from left: Sianna Klepinger, Ella Johnson, Grace Goldapp, Josie Rengstorf, Megan Page, Kendall Ruhl, Abigail Johnson, and Sarah Knight. Second row, from left: Ethan Strunk, Seth Richards, Tessa Rolenc, Griffin Eubank, Jonah Wemhoff, Connor Knight, Joshua LeRette, and Lauren Dean. Third row, from left: Jarod Cashatt, Jessica Aldrich, Michelle Grass, Macartnie Boeye, Lily Marsden, Cash Berendes. Back row, from left: Emelia Coover, Bryce Williams, Mykinzie Magill, Caydence Zeigler. Not pictured: Zoie Rohrig, Madilynn Parker, Miranda Johnson, and Kevin Rodriguez. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Three selected for Honor Choir



Zoie Rohrig, Lily Marsden, and Anna Butz, pictured from left, were recently selected for participation in the 36th annual Opus Honor Choir Festival.

More than 2,100 students were nominated by their directors for 720 positions in the four Opus Honor Choirs. Selections were made by means of a recorded audition. The 2022 Opus Honor Choirs will perform at 4 p.m. Nov. 17 in C.Y. Stephens Auditorium in the Iowa State Center in Ames. The Opus Honor Choir Festival is made possible by the Iowa Choral Directors Association, Inc.

Anna is the daughter of William and Christie Butz, Lily is the daughter of Tim and Terra Marsden, and Zoie is the daughter of Ricky and Melanie Rohrig. This is Zoie's second year as a member of the Opus Honor Choir. All three are students of Red Oak Jr/Sr High School vocal music directors Tim and Terra Marsden.

VIEWPOINTS

Stronger the Press, Stronger the People

THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

Clark Gable and other little stories

"Golden corn/And cobalt sky/And snow white paving/Rushing by."

Harlan Miller (1897-1968) was a newspaper reporter, journalist and editor who served in two wars and wrote a syndicated column called "Over the Coffee."

First appearing in the Des Moines Register in 1925, the column was a regular feature until his retirement 40 years later.

Miller's format was to make observations on current events, covering several with one-paragraph items in each column. Miller wasn't reluctant to tread on toes and take unpopular positions. This made him controversial, perceived as hard-hitting, and helped assure he was well-read.

He kept readers off-guard and endeared himself to many by making occasional observations about the Iowa scene that were touching or sentimental and seemingly out of character.

One of those came in 1929, a column that was picked up through syndication by numerous papers.

Part of the column was the four-line poem reprinted above, after which Miller noted that he was himself reluctant to use the word "cobalt" as he was unsure of how to best do so.

He admitted it was a bit humbling to see "cobalt"



applied with such confidence in a brief poem written by a six-year-old girl from Red Oak.

That gifted little girl, with a vocabulary beyond her years, could probably have taken pen and paper and constructed better sentences with fewer grammatical and spelling errors than most of today's journalism graduates using a PC with "spell check" and "Grammarly."

Later she graduated from Brownell Hall Prep School in Omaha, then Scripps College in California.

She worked as an editor in that state, wrote more poetry, then returned to Red Oak to carry on her family commitment to philanthropy, hospital and health services, preservation of local history, advancement of the arts and, of course, The Red Oak Express.

Helen Murphy was a remarkably modest person who, in her time, experienced Red Oak from varied aspects. And before her was her mother.

If I taught local history in a Red Oak school, and

homework was an option, "The Day I Met Clark Gable" would be on the list.

The book manages to be a delightful introduction to local history in a way that doesn't seem to be history at all. It is instead a series of stories (vignettes, Helen Murphy calls them) presented in a lively style in 97 pages, each page less lengthy than this column.

The unpublished work was originally written by Helen's mother, Marian Marquardt Murphy. Marian was born in Evanston, Indiana, to a middle-class family that moved to Des Moines when she was twelve.

She attended the University of Iowa for a short time, then a vocational school in Des Moines. In the latter stages of World War I, during the influenza epidemic, Marian married a 21-year-old Army lieutenant from Red Oak, and so her stories of this city begin.

We're told of a local psychic with uncanny powers, a silver spoon engraved with the likeness of Red Oak's "Queen of the Sporting World," and we learn how a grand stairway ruined a previously close friendship.

John Phillips Sousa and band come to town, as do barnstormers, and we hear of the man who

owned the first automobile in Red Oak.

We get glimpses of encounters with people rich and famous, of life as she experienced it in an era much different than ours, and we're not distracted by minutiae or footnotes or strings of calendar dates.

Marian Marquardt Murphy's stories were later edited and supplemented by her daughter. Published in 2012, I read the book then and have reread it several times since. While this can be done in an evening, better to savor one story at a time.

"The Day I Met Clark Gable and other little stories" is available at the Montgomery County History Center or the Red Oak Public Library.

(Note: Helen Murphy included a sample of her poetry in the book, but not the one written when she was six. I encountered it in a collection of Harlan Miller's best columns.

Little Helen left us to wonder what stretch of "snow white paving" inspired that line.)

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

THE CORNER OFFICE | TESS NELSON

Missing the friend I never met

Not long after I started at The Red Oak Express, the editor received a nice note from a subscriber, talking about what a "dandy" paper it was. Being new to the community and to the position, I sent a thank you card back to Prairie Village, Kansas, to Paul McKie.

Over the next four years, Paul, a Red Oak native, and I sent cards back and forth to one another. We had many similarities and became fast friends. He told me about his years in Red Oak and his cattle

operation in Kansas. He'd send me magazine clippings, funny cartoons and cheerful notes.

I really looked forward to receiving a card from Paul. When I didn't receive a Halloween card, I began to wonder if maybe he'd taken ill. That's when I searched the Internet and read he had passed.

It was a joy for me to send cards to him over the past several years and I will most certainly miss getting his cards, photocopies and clipped cartoons.

They don't make men like Paul anymore, and it is a shame.

I sent one last card to Nall Avenue last week. It saddened me to write down the memorized address one last time.

No matter how many tasks were on my schedule for the day, I always made time to send a card to Paul. He reminded me in several ways of my Grandpa Lefty - an old cattleman who loved his family, his land, and his livestock.

Everyone that comes into our life is there for a reason. God puts people into our life at strategic times, because He knows what we need. I'm forever thankful Paul was placed in my life; although we never met in person and our friendship didn't last longer, it's one I'll never forget.

Tess Nelson is the General Manager/Editor of The Red Oak Express.

LETTERS TO | THE EDITOR

Blomsted comments on coat drive, Norris praises local election officials

To the Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those that contributed to our coat drive, "Baby, It's Cold Out There." We collected over 60 items. We still have more than 40 items available if anyone has a child needing a winter coat.

Please call 712-789-0354 to check the sizes available. Otherwise, the coats left will be avail-

able at the YMCA's Winter Wonderland event held on Dec. 11. Again, thank you for your participation.

Deb Blomsted
Red Oak

To the Editor:

We wish to express our thanks to all of the officials, workers and volunteers who diligently

conducted a successful 2022 election. The auditor's office works professionally under a huge responsibility to prepare and execute our local elections. We must remember, in addition to the weight of the responsibilities of the election itself, our Commissioners of Elections are personally liable and could be subject to a \$10,000 fine if mistakes are made. We extend a big thank you to the many poll workers and absentee ballot

counters who without them we could not have an election day.

Regardless of the outcomes or the election cycle craziness, we are grateful to have free and fair elections in Montgomery County. Thank you!

Jan Norris
Montgomery Co. Democrats

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also available from a coin rack in front of the Red Oak Express.

Community Calendar

17 November

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.

5 p.m., Group swim lessons, Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St.

5-7 p.m., Fall E Sports, Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St.

5:30 -7:30 p.m., Chili in a Bread Bowl, Five One 8, 518 N. 4th St.

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

18 November

11:30 a.m., UCC-Eveready Classic Cat luncheon in the north party room of the Red Oak Pizza Ranch.

3-5 p.m., Toys for Tots sign up, Red Oak Fire Station, ages 0-14.

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

7 p.m., "Ticket to Paradise," theatre #1; "Black Adam," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

19 November

5-7 p.m., Red Oak vs. Stanton basketball spaghetti feed, Red Oak Jr./Sr. High School, proceeds benefit the family of YMCA property manager Todd Gilleland, free will donation.

7 p.m., "Ticket to Paradise," theatre #1; "Black Adam," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

20 November

11 a.m., Turkey Trot tournament, Red Oak Country Club, \$15 per team, \$25 per cart. Call 623-4281 to sign up.

2 and 7 p.m., "Ticket to Para-

dise," theatre #1; "Black Adam," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

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

21 November

11:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m., Blood mobile at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, text 621-4705 for an appointment.

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.

5-7 p.m., Fall E Sports, Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St.

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

22 November

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

10 a.m.-4 p.m., ROFM Thanksgiving market, Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

Noon, Rotary Club meeting. For location, go to <https://rotarydistrict5650.org/clubinfo/red-oak>.

1 p.m., Card games (pitch and/or cribbage) Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn 402-926-8683 for more information.

5-5:45 p.m., Sports Academy, Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St.

23 November

1:30-5 p.m., Christ's Cupboard Food Pantry and Clothing Cupboard, 206 E. Coolbaugh St. Donations accepted 1-5 p.m. at back door.

Red Oak Elks #1304 attend fall convention



The members of the Red Oak Elks Lodge #1304 attended the 2022 Fall Iowa Elks State Convention Nov. 4-6 in Des Moines. Pictured are front row, from left: Tammy Ernst, Jenn Latham, Cindy Hughes, Michelle Mann, Brad Baker, Justin Mann, Dennis Walker, and Jim Scroggs. Back row, from left: Ryan Ernst, Curtis Blystone, Chris Hughes, Kim Scroggs, Brenda Vrba, Drew Swanson, and Zoey Swanson. (Photo submitted)



Eagles Donate to ROCDC

Red Oak Eagles #2715 presented a check for \$900 to the Red Oak Child Development Center at its Aerie meeting Nov. 10. According to Past State President John Hadsak, it was the second grant the Eagles had received for ROCDC in support of their service to the community, and they hoped to support them in the future. Pictured are, from left: Dave Carbaugh, Leslie Carbaugh, and John Hadsak. (Photo submitted)

UCC-Eveready luncheon planned

A UCC-Eveready Classic Cat luncheon is planned for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18, in the North Party Room at Pizza Ranch.

All retirees and former employees are welcome. Phone Alice at 712-623-2333 for more information.

Spaghetti feed at Red Oak School

A special spaghetti feed is scheduled during the Red Oak vs. Stanton boys basketball game from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 19, at the Red Oak Jr./Sr. High School. The meal is a free will offering. Proceeds raised will benefit the family of YMCA property manager Todd Gilleland.

Guests are encouraged to attend the feed and stay for the JV game at 6 p.m. and varsity game at 7:30 p.m.

Chili in a Bread Bowl at Five One 8

The Five One 8, in conjunction with the Neighborhood Bakehouse, will hold a special event Nov. 17 to celebrate the opening of the new bakery.

From 5:30-7:30, guests will be served a pairing of the Neighborhood Bakehouse's artisan bread bowls along with homemade chili.

The event will be held at the Five One 8, at 518 N. 4th St. Cost is \$5 per bowl.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays are:

- Aaron Hicks - Nov. 17
- Judy Schooling - Nov. 18
- Margaret Cozad - Nov. 19
- Karen Crouse - Nov. 19
- Jerry Darrell - Nov. 19
- Sandra Helmer - Nov. 20
- Marilyn DiBlase - Nov. 20
- Kristin King - Nov. 22
- James Uhlmann III - Nov. 22
- Jenna Ramsey - Nov. 23
- Beth Vannausdle - Nov. 23

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.



Celebrating their anniversaries this week are:

- Gary and Ladonna Stephens - Nov. 20
- Millard and Phyllis Sink - Nov. 23

Congratulations and happy anniversary to you!

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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 Sylvester Okoh, 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, Pastor Dan Wetzel, Associate Pastor Stephen Beaulier, Worship, 9:30 a.m. Connection Classes for pre-kindergarten-adults, 11 a.m., Wednesday activities: Faith Kids, Pre-K grade 4, 6-7:30 p.m. Faith Midpoint, grades 5-6, 6-7:30 p.m. Faith Youth, grades 7-12, 7-8:30 p.m. Online: 9:30 a.m. on KCSI, 9:30 a.m. on Facebook.

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, Interim Minister Kevin Berry, 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. 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, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. Online: 10:30 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, Pastor Jennifer 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

First Congregational, 608 Reed St., Red Oak, Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary with fellowship prior to the service at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Holly Scherff, interim pastor.

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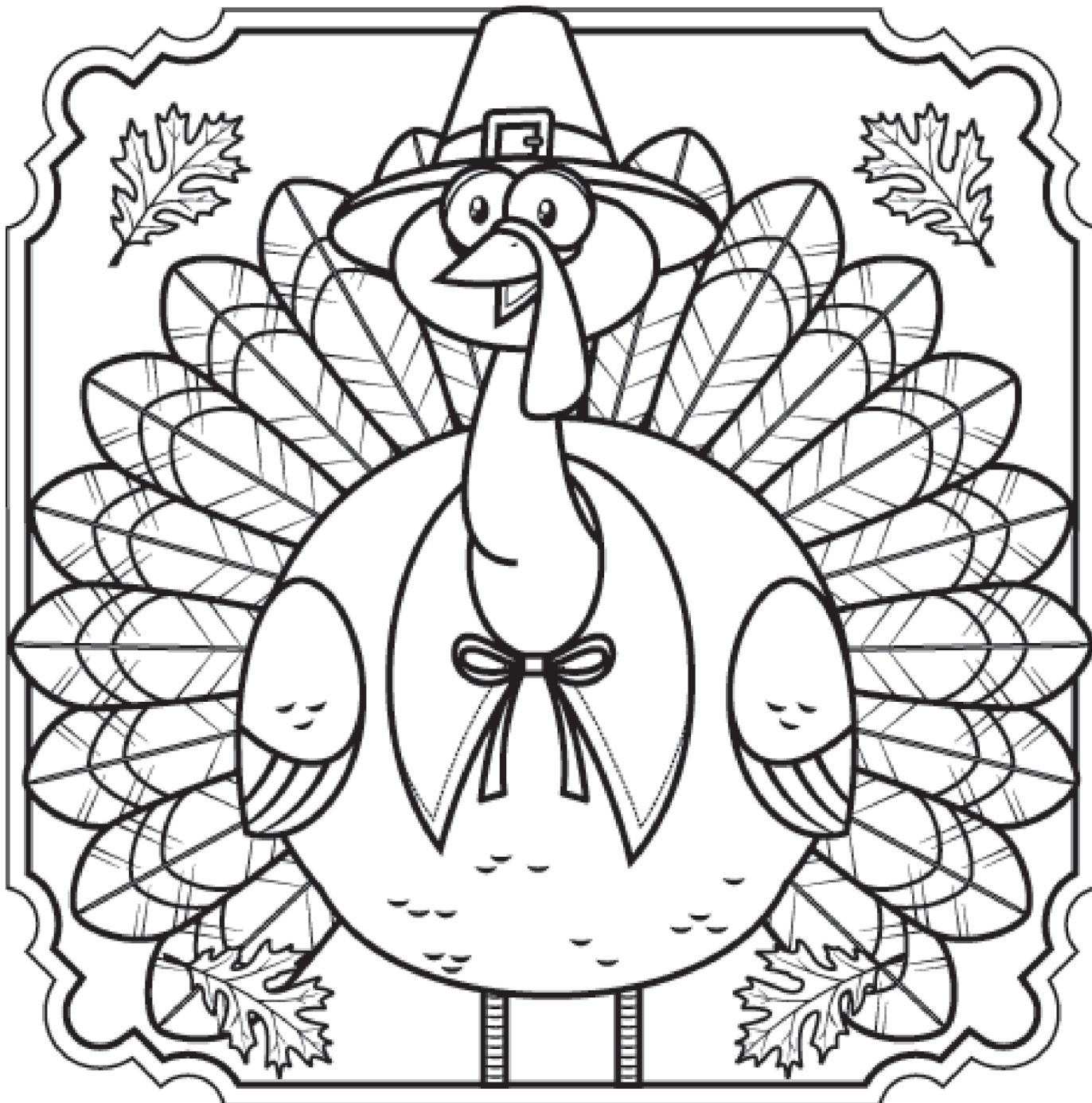
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Nunn, Bird Halbur, and Smith win big in Montgomery County

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

Unofficial election results are in for Montgomery County. The results will become official after they are canvassed by board of supervisors members.

Locally, all the candidates in their respective races were running unopposed.

For County Supervisor District 1, incumbent Republican Charla Schmid took 483 votes. There were eight write-ins.

For County Supervisor District 2, incumbent Republican Mike Olson received 442 votes, and there were 14 write-ins.

Republican incumbent Mark Peterson won re-election for County Supervisor District 4, receiving 774 votes. There were 12 write-ins.

Republican incumbent Jackie Porter received 3,011 votes to be re-elected County Treasurer. There were 49 write-ins.

For County Recorder, Republican incumbent Carleen Bruning received a total of 3,078 votes, and there were 32 write-ins.

Incumbent Republican Drew Swanson received a total of 3,001 votes, and there were 43 write-in votes.

Also, Republican Jill Ozuna was officially elected as Montgomery County Auditor. Ozuna received 3,031 votes, and there were 38 write-ins.

The results for county township trustees and clerks and other county races were as follows:

- Lincoln Township Trustee, Bill Thomas, 63 votes; Lincoln Township Clerk, Connie Mellott, 62 votes.
- Garfield Township Trustee, Brian Huff, 83 votes, two write-ins; Garfield Township Clerk, Ron Gerlt, 79 votes, three write-ins.
- West Township Trustee, Daniel R. Jensen, 65 votes, one write in; West Township Trustee to fill a vacancy, Krista Huntsman, 62 votes; West Township Clerk, Joseph M. Jardon, 64 votes.
- Sherman Township Trustee, no candidate, 20 write-ins; Sherman Township Clerk, Jo A. Good, 82 votes, one write-in.

- Red Oak Township Trustee, Wayne Peterson, 147 votes; Red Oak Township Clerk, Gordon Arnold, 146 votes.
- Grant Township Trustee, Dwayne Vennerberg, 101 votes, one write-in; Grant Township Trustee to fill a vacancy, Dane E. Belt, 96 votes; Grant Township Clerk, no candidate, eight write-ins.
- Pilot Grove Township Trustee, no candidate, eight write-ins; Pilot Grove Township Trustee to fill a vacancy, no candidate, five write-ins; Pilot Grove Township Clerk, no candidate, five write-ins.
- Frankfort Township Trustee, Mark B. Allen, 90 votes; Frankfort Township Clerk, Greta McCarthy, 90 votes.
- Washington Township Trustee, Jeff Vanderhoof, 70 votes, one write-in; Washington Township Clerk, Cheryl Case, 70 votes, one write-in.

Hospital Trustee, vote for four: Jill Carter Bergstrom, 2,503 votes; Kevin Cabbage, 2,364 votes; Roger Ehmke, 2,252 votes; Jason Poston, 2,250 votes, 40 write-ins.

Soil and Water Conservation Board, vote for two: Kirk Baird, 2,509 votes; Roger Cerven, 2,473 votes, 17 write-ins.

Soil and Water Conservation Board to fill a vacancy: Kerry Confer, 2,949 votes, 11 write-ins.

County Agricultural Extension Council, vote for five: Gayle Allensworth, 2,491 votes; Ryan Sundermann, 2,306 votes; Tammi VanMeter, 2,258 votes; Marta Clark-Moffett, 2,155 votes; Macey Ellis, 2,025 votes, 27 write-ins.

Looking to statewide races, in the race for U.S. Senate, Incumbent Republican Chuck Grassley received 2,507 votes to Democrat Michael Franken's 1,001. There were five write-ins.

For Iowa Governor, incumbent Kim Reynolds received 2,600 votes to Democratic challenger Deidre DeJear's 868. Libertarian Rick Stewart received 81 votes.

For U.S. House District 3, Republican challenger Zach Nunn earned 2,349 votes to 1,152 votes for incumbent Democrat Cindy Axne. There were three write-in votes.

For District 9 State Senator, Republican Tom Shipley received

2,699 votes, and Democrat Tripp Narup received 828 votes.

Finally, for State Representative District 18, Republican Tom Moore earned 2,927 votes.

Republican Incumbent Paul Pate received 2,544 votes over Democratic challenger Joel Miller, with 939 votes.

Republican challenger Todd Halbur received 2,404 votes, more than double Democratic incumbent Rob Sand's 1,054 votes.

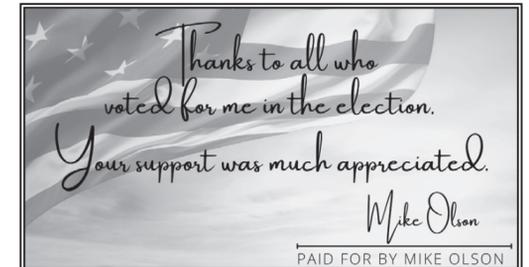
For Treasurer of State, Republican Challenger Roby Smith got 2,296 votes to Democratic incumbent Michael Fitzgerald's 1,165 votes.

Incumbent Republican Mike Naig took 2,594 votes over Democratic challenger John Norwood, with 884 votes.

Finally, for Attorney General, Brenna Bird, the Republican challenger, received 2,364 votes to incumbent Democrat Tom Miller, who received 1,103 votes.

The county voted to retain Supreme Court Justices Matthew McDermott and Dana Oxley; Court of Appeals Judges Paul B Ahlers and Gina Badding; District Four Court Judges Jeffrey L. Larson, Richard H. Davidson, and Kathleen A. Kilnoski; and District Four Associate Judge Charles D. Fagan.

Support for Constitutional Amendment One was also overwhelmingly positive with 2,668 yes votes to 675 no votes.



Final piece of county's IT upgrade approved

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has approved a final IT upgrade to the county's infrastructure, the last piece of the county's network upgrade.

At the Nov. 9 meeting, county IT director Sonia Morrison spoke before the supervisors regarding the purchase of the Windows server licensing, and User Client Access Licenses for every user that authenticates on the system.

"The grand total of that is \$57,504. This is a perpetual license, and is an upgrade from what we currently have. The licensing should last us for as long as we plan to use those," Morrison said. "That's what took so long on the licensing. I was initially quoted software assurance, which is a payment every three years, and a statement fee after that. I was more comfortable doing a one-time payment."

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, Morrison said this was the final major expense for the county's IT upgrade.

"Once we get all this set up and going, we can look at a refresh system after so many years, and every year do a little bit of upgrades, so that way we won't run into a situation where everything needs upgraded at the same time," advised Morrison.

Following approval of the final pur-



Montgomery County IT director, Sonia Morrison, at the Nov. 9 meeting. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

chase, Supervisor Donna Robinson said they planned to have a meeting of the American Rescue Plan Act committee with new hires Morrison and County Auditor Jill Ozuna.

"We need to sit down, go through, and get a final running tab on those ARP finances,

because we have spent a large amount of money on a variety of things. That will show us what funding we have left for the projects that we have left to complete," commented Robinson.

Ozuna advised she had already been getting documentation and reports ready for the committee, and staying on top of the situation.

Also, Morrison conducted her first election as Montgomery County's IT director on Nov. 8. While she's had experience in the election process, last night things were a little different.

"I worked in the Page County Auditor's Office for 13 years. Some of it has changed, but a lot of it is exactly the same, so it wasn't too big of a surprise," said Morrison.

Still, while that past election experience came into play, since her position was IT, and not an employee of the auditor's office, Morrison said her role was totally different.

"I helped them get the precinct atlas laptops ready that go to the polls that they use to check in voters. I got them all updated with Windows updates, and then the auditor's office can upload the program to them," explained Morrison. "If there's any trouble with connections between the printer, or the scanner, I help with those, and any other technical issues that arise."

Overall, from a technology standpoint, Morrison said the latest general election ran smoothly.

Stay food safe this Thanksgiving holiday

Keep your stomach full of turkey and free from foodborne illness this Thanksgiving holiday. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds us all that it's important to remember the steps to food safety during America's biggest meal.

"While the four steps to food safety — clean, separate, cook and chill — are important every day and at every meal, they are particularly significant on Thanksgiving," said USDA Deputy Under Secretary Sandra Eskin. "There will likely be many guests and many delicious dishes at your holiday table, but you don't want to invite any foodborne pathogens. Follow those four steps — in particular remember to use a food thermometer — and your Thanksgiving dinner will be a safe one."

Keep your Thanksgiving celebration food safe by following the tips below.

- Handwashing is the first step to avoiding foodborne illness. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water before, during, and after handling food. In a recent study, 97 percent of participants in a USDA test kitchen failed to wash their hands properly.
- Clean and sanitize any surfaces that have touched raw turkey and its juices and will later touch food such as kitchen counters, sinks, stoves, tabletops, etc.
- Cross-contamination is the spread of bacteria from raw meat and poultry onto ready-to-eat food, surfaces, and utensils. One way to avoid this is by using separate cutting boards — one for raw meat and poultry, and another for fruits and vegetables. Our recent study found that sinks are the most contaminated areas of the kitchen. USDA recommends against washing your raw poultry due to the risk of splashing bacteria throughout your kitchen. Clean and sanitize any areas that will come into contact with the turkey before and after cooking.
- Never thaw your turkey in hot water or leave it on a countertop. There are three ways to safely thaw a turkey: in the refrigerator, in cold water and in the microwave.
- It's safe to cook a completely frozen turkey; however, it will take at least 50 percent longer to fully cook.
- The turkey is safe to eat once it reaches an internal temperature of 165 F. Insert a food thermometer into the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the wing and the innermost part of the thigh to check its internal temperature. USDA recommends using a food thermometer even if the turkey has a pop-up temperature indicator to ensure it has reached 165 F in the three previously stated places.
- USDA recommends against stuffing your turkey since this often leads to bacteria growth.



• Don't leave your food sitting out too long! Refrigerate all perishable foods sitting out at room temperature within two hours of being cooked, or one hour if the temperature is 90 F or above. After two hours, perishable food will enter the "Danger Zone" (between 40 F and 140 F), which is where bacteria can multiply quickly and cause the food to become unsafe. Discard all foods that have been left out for more than two hours. Remember the rule — keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

• When serving food to groups, keep hot food hot and keep cold food cold by using chafing dishes or crock pots and ice trays. Hot items should remain above 140 F and cold items should remain below 40 F.

• Store leftovers in small shallow containers and put them in the refrigerator. Thanksgiving leftovers are safe to eat for up to four days in stored in the refrigerator. In the freezer, leftovers are safely frozen indefinitely but will keep best quality from two to six months.

For Thanksgiving food safety questions, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), email MPHonline@usda.gov or chat live at ask.usda.gov from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

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All Gave Some, Some Gave All



The Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Court of Honor paid tribute to area veterans at a special ceremony at the Red Oak Jr./Sr. High School Nov. 11. Pictured top left, members of the high school band perform during the ceremony. Top right: RO Scout troop 86 members watch the proceedings. Pictured are, from left: Neriah Counts, honor guard captain Owen Blystone, who led the Pledge of Allegiance, Aisling Counts, Macie Kelly, and Kinzie Kelly. Above middle: Area veterans were recognized during the ceremony. Below: Speaker Bill Honeyman was presented a commemorative plaque from the Court of Honor. Pictured are, from left: Court of Honor member Bob Fenstermann, speaker Bill Honeyman, former Navy frogman Alvin Hayes, and Court of Honor Chairman Larry Barnett. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)



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Snow ordinance parking on agenda

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

Members of the Red Oak City Council will discuss possible amendments to the city's current snow emergency ordinance at the Nov. 21 meeting.

Currently, when the snow accumulation reaches two inches or more, the ordinance automatically goes into effect. Residents without off-street parking are to move their vehicles from east and west streets and circle streets on even days of the month. On odd days, vehicles are to be parked on the north and south streets. The ordinance stays in place until cleaning operations are complete and the snow has stopped falling.



Red Oak Mayor Shawna Silvius brought up possible revisions to the ordinance after being approached about the confusion from alternating days.

She explained the challenge comes when the two-inch mark happens overnight, when residents are asleep.

"Those folks are getting tickets because where

they parked no longer accounts for where they are when the snow plow comes by," Silvius said.

She mentioned maybe following an ordinance like the City of Clarinda has, which requires no parking on public streets or spaces until the snow is removed once a snow emergency has been declared. However, Red Oak City Administrator Brad Wright commented that previous discussions over this issue haven't led to changes because there isn't much off-street parking in the Red Oak residential areas.

"It doesn't appear to be realistic in Red Oak, Iowa, to say that 'during this period of time you can't park on any city street or any city parking lot. There's just not enough places for people to go,' explained Wright.

He added in the past residents have been allowed to park temporarily in the parking behind the curb or even pulling up on the grass during a snow emergency.

Street Superintendent Chris Baird will be in attendance at the Nov. 21 meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers. The public is welcome to attend.



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