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Red Oak Fire named department of the year

Nick Johansen
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The Red Oak Fire Department has been named the Iowa Firefighters Association's Fire Department of the Year. The award, which was presented to the ROFD on March 19, is one of the highest honors given by the Iowa Firefighters Association. Red Oak Fire Chief John Bruce said it is given to a department that is a great supporter of the Iowa Firefighters Association and the Fire Service in at least one of a number of areas such as: fire prevention, legislation, convention, membership, etc.

"There are about 855 fire departments in the state, so it's quite an honor to receive that, and it's particularly special that we stuck out in the state's eyes," Bruce said.

The nomination addressed several attributes that the Red Oak Fire Department contributes:

- The ever-growing response area for Fire/EMS coverage of service.

- The great level of competency and assistance exhibited on Mutual Aid Fire Responses
- The overall contribution to the Fire Service through continued support of training, logistical assistance to other departments, as well as fire ground competency.

Bruce said the Red Oak Fire Department is partnered with the Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau as one of the seven testing locations in the state, which allows firefighter students in the southwest Iowa portion of the state a location to come to for certification testing, to help eliminate the need to travel to Des Moines for testing.

"It's hard enough to get volunteers as it is, and this helps keep those potential volunteers from having to travel all over the state for testing. We partnered with them a number of years ago with great success," Bruce stated. "This partnership also allows our location to be available for various training events as well."

The Red Oak Fire Department has also been able to assist a few other

departments with logistical information as they are developing their department operations to be very similar to how Red Oak is designed, including staffing, funding, and response guidelines.

Bruce felt one of the biggest reasons the department was given the honor was due to the excellent staff of first responders he works with daily.

"This award is a direct reflection of every member of the Red Oak Fire Department. The amount of time each member dedicates to the department is absolutely astonishing. This is a combination of training, shift work, emergency responses, and special events," said Bruce. "Each firefighter possesses a mastery of expertise and when you bring all those folks together, you have a truly outstanding fire department. This is also demonstrated by all the other departments that we get to work with."

Bruce said he spoke with some of the senior firefighters with the department who have retired and moved on, and he



From left, Iowa Firefighters Association past president Mark McNees, Fire Chief John Bruce' Captain Kenny Hamman, and Lt. Brian Hamman, representing the Red Oak Fire Department, with the state award. (Photo provided)

confirmed that this is the first time the ROFD has received the award. Bruce also commended the community's support in making the ROFD the success it is,

and said they also played a part in Red Oak receiving the award.

"This is a reflection of the support the Fire Department receives from

the Red Oak Community, city administration and council, the surrounding communities, as well as, the surrounding fire departments. The Red Oak Fire

Department extends its appreciation to all of them for everything they have done for our department," Bruce explained.

Liljedahl reflects on past year as IPPA president

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Essex native Dennis Liljedahl is reflecting on his successful tenure as president of the Iowa Pork Producers Association. Liljedahl has a rich history in pork production, operating a three-generation family farm based in Essex. The farm was once a farrow-to-finish-operation, but has transitioned to a wean to finish operation.

"We're independent, so we buy weaner pigs and sell them six months later. The operation is typical, but the overall farm itself may not be considered typical in the sense that we're independent. We have room for roughly 1,200 pigs to finish. After we sell, then it's time for us to get a new group to start the process over," Liljedahl commented.

The IPPA Board is made up of district directors that assure every part of the state is represented. From that board, there is an executive committee, and if offered to serve on that committee, as Liljedahl was, members are given the opportunity for further leadership. Liljedahl served as president-elect of the IPPA board in 2020 before beginning his term as president in January 2021. Liljedahl said his role in the position was typical of any organization.

"You're kind of the face of the organization, and you attend more events representing the organization, conduct the business meetings, and are more involved with the day-to-day workings of the board than a typical board member would be," Liljedahl said.

Sometimes it seems that Southwest Iowa is overlooked by some of the statewide organizations when choosing board members and presidents, and Liljedahl said being able to serve in the post was a big honor.

"At times, I've felt the same way about representation from

Southwest Iowa, but then I think maybe we're a bit narrow-minded. During my time as president, Jeff Jorgenson of Sidney was president of the Iowa Soybean Association, and Carl Jardon of Imogene was chair of the Iowa Corn Growers Association, so at least for one year, there was a concentration of barnyard groups that were led by members of Southwest Iowa," commented Liljedahl.

One of the things that can be forgotten, Liljedahl said, is how expansive Southwest Iowa can be perceived as.

"When I think of Southwest Iowa, I think of Fremont, Page, Montgomery, and Pottawattamie County, but really, anything west of I-35 and south of I-80 is certainly Southwest Iowa, so I think sometimes we forget about those areas, and there are representatives from areas that consider themselves as from Southwest Iowa, just not as far Southwest as we are," Liljedahl explained.

The IPPA board and the president all approach each year with a number of proposed goals they try to reach.

"Overall the goal and the vision is to advance pork production in Iowa, and for the past several years, foreign animal disease preparedness has been a key issue, and continues to be because if a foreign disease comes, such as the African Swine Fever, that would devastate the industry because we export so much product," said Liljedahl. "Those markets would be closed to us immediately if African Swine Flu was detected. It's been an ongoing effort to prevent the entry of any foreign animal disease, and to be prepared if it does happen. We have plans and information in place to minimize the impact."

Liljedahl was president-elect when the COVID-19 pandemic started sweeping the nation in 2020, and it still remained a heavy issue during his term as president in 2021. He said that COVID-19 had a large impact on not only the IPPA, but for pork producers in general.

"During the first six months was the initial shock, when front-line workers were getting COVID, and the plants were shutting down, and the economy was shutting down. We went through a phase where people had pigs but the packing plants weren't in operation, and there was a large back-up of large animals waiting to go to the market. As an organization, we did a lot of things, but they weren't the typical things we were used to. One of the biggest issues we faced was how to help keep pigs from growing, which was counterintuitive to pork producers. There was a



Liljedahl

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RO Board approves '23 budget

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The Red Oak School Board has finalized and approved its 2022-23 FY budget. A public hearing to discuss the budget proposal took place at the board meeting on March 28. No oral or written comments were received.

Board secretary Deb Drey outlined key details from the budget. Expenditures in 2023 were expected to increase to \$18,938,648, up from proposed expenditures in 2022 of \$17,610,994.

"There's a big jump in the sales tax and facilities fund. We have to pay for the revenue bonds out of the local option sales tax. In the past, we have not put that in as part of the budget. I contacted the auditors, and they said that for transparency, we should put the put that money in the proposed budget," Drey explained.

The other major expenditure was \$675,947 in the district's general fund. Revenues were expected to remain virtually unchanged, \$19,129,153 for 2023, vs. \$19,136,952 in 2022. Lastly, property tax projections for 2023 were decreased by four cents, to \$15.4070 per \$1,000 valuation from \$15.4496 per \$1,000 valuation in 2022.

The board also approved a resolution authorizing the redemption of general obligation school bonds, series 2018, dated Aug. 28, 2018, and approving the first amendment to the escrow agreement. Superintendent Ron Lorenz said this was part of a desire to prepay on the bonds.

"In order to levy funds to prepay those bonds, we have to pass a resolution and file it with the county auditor. Proceeds of the debt service levy have to be invested in an escrow, and that escrow matures on June 1, 2025, the call date of the bonds. The proceeds of the escrow can then be used to pay on that principle," said Lorenz.

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The board also discussed some space limitations currently being faced at Inman.

"One of the biggest challenges we face is a lack of space at Inman. Our enrollment has been up, and that's a great thing, but we're kind of busting at the seams, and that has an impact on a lot of different issues," Lorenz commented.

Inman principal Jane Chaillie said they have worked hard to repurpose space, but they are

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Leftover ARP funds finalized

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On Tuesday, March 22, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has finalized a resolution allocating leftover American Rescue Plan Act funds for government use.

Supervisor Donna Robinson said a number of counties have taken funding and put it to use in a number of ways.

"There are some that used one lump sum towards one project, others are using it in-house, and some counties have opened it up for applications from the community," Robinson explained.

Supervisors Chair Mark Peterson said he had received questions regarding the ARP funding being referred to as lost funding. County Auditor Stephanie Burke made it clear that lost funds was not referring to local option sales tax funding.

"This funding source is calculating revenue lost due to the COVID-19 health emergency, and that includes revenues from taxes, current charges, miscellaneous general revenue, and intergovernmental transfers between state and local governments, while excluding Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act funding," Burke explained.

Burke added there was a huge calculation the counties were responsible for, which fig-



Montgomery County Supervisor Donna Robinson talks about leftover ARP funds at the March 22 meeting. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

ured out how much lost revenue the county actually had.

"The calculation included financial reports from the current and previous years, which all became part of that massive formula. The final rule came out, which wiped that formula out, and simply said counties

that received an allocation up to \$10 million could use it for government purposes, and no formula was required," said Burke.

The funding could not be used to pay debt, or for pension plans, or to build a building, but the requirements are much broader, and Burke advised the county did not have to monitor things as closely, hence the need for a resolution defining the funds for county use.

"There are a lot of counties our size that are putting together these resolutions to allocate the funds for governmental services," commented Burke.

Robinson said questions had been directed as to whether the ARP committee would still be used to determine the funding allocations. Robinson said it was yet to be determined.

"Moving forward, that board may or may not get together again. It doesn't have to, and there's not much of a purpose for it anymore. Anything that is suggested still comes back to the supervisors and still requires approval from this board to proceed," explained Robinson.

The supervisors approved a resolution stating the supervisors approved the allocation of its total SLFRF allocation in the amount of \$1,926,261 as lost revenue to spend on government services.

In other business, the supervisors:

- Approved family farm tax applications as presented.

Better Financial Living The Madness is upon us

Dan Miller
Certified Financial Planner

March Madness is upon us, and I wish I was just talking college basketball! With everything happening in the world today – madness may be a great way to describe our current geopolitical climate.

But instead of dwelling on our world situation, I want to highlight and compare the favorite time of year for college basketball fans, the NCAA Tournament, to the world of investing and financial planning! Financial planning and investing, like filling out a bracket, involves balancing risk, reward, and expectations. And winning that office pool may also require a bit of luck along the way! So here are a few lessons from March Madness that I believe we can apply to the world of financial planning and investments.

Lesson #1: Forget Perfection, Position Yourself Strategically

The odds of filling out the perfect bracket are pretty scarce – and so are the odds of always selecting the best investments within the market. Therefore, this can make the process of approaching March Madness, and investing, fairly daunting.

We believe that financial planning and successful investing stems from focusing on what you can control and limiting the effects of the things you can't. That may mean many things. Things such as building a portfolio that is built around your financial plan. Portfolio size, liquidity needs and asset types all must be considered. Additional areas that are also within your control may include asset allocation, keeping investment costs low, minimizing taxes and more.

Lesson #2: Don't Let Past Performance Dictate Future Decisions

Similar to allowing a team's past win-loss record influence your bracket picks, investing based on previous performances may lead to disappointment. As an investor, you should never assume that your "best pick" from the past will act similarly in the future.

It's also important to keep in mind that luck can often play a role in the success of one's season. While your bracket pool, or asset managers, might be skilled, it may be hard to tell if it's that skill or luck that helped them do so well. It's fairly common to see funds that may have outperformed in a certain time period proceed to underperform in the following period.

Lesson #3: The More You Watch, the More Drama You Can Expect

Just like watching a clock tick slowly as you wait for a profound moment or event to take place, the more you watch March Madness, the more attached and emotional you may become about the outcome. While highly entertaining, the drama associated

with the NCAA tournament is undeniable.

Studies have shown that the more investors intensely watch the market and become emotionally attached to each ticker movement, the more susceptible they may become to making poor investment decisions. Great investors often detach themselves as much as possible from regular stock fluctuations.

Lesson #4: Leave Emotions out of the Decision-Making Process

As humans, we see patterns in everyday life and our tendency to maintain memories of the times they "work" only enhances that pattern-seeking behavior. A great example is choosing your alma mater or a nearby school to advance in the season further than what evidence and probability suggest. Otherwise know as the "bias of the familiar."

When it comes to making investment decisions, it's wise to emphasize evidence-based investment theory and research as opposed to basing your judgments on minor indicators, patterns, familiarity, or gut feelings. Quality decision-making processes should ultimately protect us from our internal hardwiring that causes us to misinterpret probabilities and to discover patterns where none truly exist.

Lesson #5: Keep in Mind the Importance of a Great Coach

There's no denying that a great coach contributes greatly to the success or failures of a team, sports-related or otherwise. Coaches can act as key motivators and can also be calming when emotions run high. (Unless you are Bobby Knight – you might just throw a chair!) In terms of financial well-being and coaching, working with a trusted, educated financial professional can be very beneficial. Having a good behavioral coach is crucial to maintaining emotional

stability and clarity as you make financial decisions.

Financial advisors often act as emotional barriers between individuals chasing returns and running from emotionally charged markets. Without proper guidance, many investors and potential retirees lack the understanding and discipline to approach their investments and their financial planning wisely. While we can certainly compare the two, creating a March Madness bracket doesn't have the same high stakes as developing a financial plan or investment portfolio. Please be sure to get in touch with a trustworthy advisor before jumping into the game.

[1. ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4141622/](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4141622/)

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BEVERLY SMITH, 77

Beverly J. Smith, 77, Beaver Lake, Neb., passed away Monday, March 21, 2022, in Omaha, Neb.
Beverly Jane Smith, the daughter of Randall and Lola Jane (Wagen-er) Swanson, was born Nov. 17, 1944, at Red Oak.
Beverly was preceded in death by her parents.
Beverly is survived by her husband, Michael Smith of Beaver Lake, Neb.; two daughters, Shelley Burson of Tucson, Ariz.; and Ellen (Kevin) Dasher of Omaha, Neb.; and three grandchildren.
May God bless her memory and give strength to those who mourn.
Graveside Service was held Friday, March 25, 2022, at Evergreen Cemetery, Red Oak. Celebration of Life Service followed at Bethel Lutheran Church, 1312 S. 45th St., Omaha, Neb.
Memorials may be directed to Bethel Lutheran Church in Omaha, Neb. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at sldfuneralhome.com.
Selligren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

BEVERLY TELSCHOW, 72

Beverly Ann Telschow, 72, Red Oak, passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital.
Beverly was born March 25, 1949, in Red Oak, the daughter of Robert and Odette (Bruce) Telschow. Bev attended Strahan High School through the eighth grade, when her family moved to Red Oak. She graduated from Red Oak High School in 1967. Bev attended Peru State College in Nebraska.
After graduation, she worked in Valentine, Neb., for the Department of Human Services for several years, then moved to Clarinda, where she worked for the Department of Human Services until retirement. Bev then moved to Red Oak to be near her mother. She enjoyed reading and watching and recording movies for her nieces and nephews. Bev also loved the outdoors and traveling.
Preceding her in death were her parents; and brother, Rodney Telschow.
Survivors include her sisters, Sandy Johnson and husband Dale of Villisca, and Cindy McAllister and husband Mike of Altoona; brothers, Paul Laverty and wife Kelley of Perry, and Bob Telschow and wife Charlene of Red Oak; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.
A celebration of life service was held Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Red Oak Presbyterian Church.
Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



ALAN GAGE, 73

Alan Roy Gage, 73, Villisca, and formerly of Red Oak, entered into eternal rest Friday March 18, 2022, at the Clarinda Regional Hospital in Clarinda.
The son of John Thomas and Opal Irene (Kadel) Gage, he was born on May 8, 1948, in Council Bluffs. He spent most of his life growing up and living in Emerson. Alan attended the Nishna Valley Community Schools near Emerson and graduated with the Class of 1967.
Alan enlisted in the U.S. Navy, on Dec. 8, 1967. He served during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Kamiseya, Japan before being honorably discharged on Sept. 8, 1971. Alan worked for many years for LeRette TV and Appliance as a repair technician. He also worked as an in-home health care provider up until the time of his retirement at age 62.
He enjoyed bowling as well as being outdoors fishing and golfing. Alan was a member of the United Methodist Church in Emerson and a member of the Levi Burson American Legion Post #575 in Emerson.
Preceding Alan in death was his father, John Gage.
Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Opal Gage; eight siblings, Jerry Gage and wife Eleanor of Osceola; Dixie Strange and husband Doug of Red Oak; Dale Gage and wife Bonnie of Emerson; Ron Evans and wife Beverly of Orem, Utah; Joy Evans of Sparks, Nev.; Denzil Gage and wife Debbie of Glenwood; Marlin Gage and wife Peggy of Emerson; and Mitch Gage and wife Karen of Onawa; many nieces and nephews; other relatives; and many friends.
Memorial graveside services with military honors will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Emerson Cemetery. The family will greet relatives and friends with visitation at the Emerson Community Center in Emerson following the graveside service from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 3.
A memorial is being established in Alan's name. Nishna Valley Funeral and Cremation Service in Shenandoah assisted the family with cremation.



TODD PFAFFLE, 59

Todd E. Pfaffle, 59, Ames, formerly of Red Oak and Kingsley, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 22, 2022, following a courageous battle with cancer.
A private Celebration of Life will take place at the Johnson - Earnest Funeral Home in Kingsley. Burial will take place at the Kingsley Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be directed through mauerjohnsonfh.com.
All memorial funds will go toward the Todd Pfaffle/Bradley Culp Scholarship Fund for a Kingsley-Pierson senior majoring in the education/care of special needs children.



DENNIS TILLMAN, 65

Dennis Donald Tillman, 65, Red Oak, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2022, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.
Dennis was born Feb. 14, 1957, along with his twin sister, Diane, in Red Oak, the son of Donald and Evelyn "Louise" (Brooks) Tillman. He graduated from Red Oak High School in 1975 and worked several ag-related jobs including the wheat harvest, Star Agri Corporation making hog barns, and driving livestock trucks. Dennis has worked for the United Farmers Coop for the past 35 plus years and was the grain elevator manager.
Dennis was united in marriage to Sue Swanson on May 19, 1984. Two children were born to this union, Brenna Sue in 1986 and Brett Lucas in 1988.
Dennis was a member of Faith Community Church, where he was active with youth group and adult Bible study. He traveled to Bali, Indonesia, Ecuador, and Guatemala on church mission trips to help the underprivileged. He really liked playing ball and soccer with all the kids. Dennis enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, camping, and any outdoor activity.
Preceding him in death were his parents, Don Tillman and Evelyn Louise Penry; brothers, Richard, David and infant, John; step-parents, Pat Tillman and Lloyd Penry; father-in-law, Charles Swanson; and mother-in-law, Phyllis Riggs.
Survivors include his wife, Sue Tillman of Red Oak; daughter, Brenna Tillman of Shanghai, China; sons, Brett Tillman of Red Oak, and Jeremy Tillman of Portland, Ore.; grandson, Jonathyn Stiverson of Council Bluffs; sisters, Diane Limkeman and husband Joe of Cedar Falls; Linda Schomburg of Red Oak; Jean Bozwell and husband Gary of Red Oak; Jane Perea of Ft. Collins, Colo.; brothers-in-law, Mike Swanson and wife Martha of Council Bluffs, and Tom Swanson and wife Patty of Sardinia, Ohio; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.
Funeral services will be held Monday, March 28, 2022, at the Faith Community Church. Burial will take place at a later date at the Evergreen Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Red Oak Animal Shelter.
Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



Law and Order



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

REAL ESTATE

WARRANTY DEED

- Brooke, Shirley J., and Shirley Strauss to Ronald and Jacqueline DeVries, 1-73-38.
- Samuel and Gloria Caniglia to Ashley Peterson, Red Oak Thompson's Addition Lts 17-18.
- Tracy and Sharlene Elwood to Sarah Elwood, Red Oak Skyline Addition Lt 6.
- Sarah Elwood to Marsha Terry, Red Oak Skyline Addition Lt 6.
- Justin Miner to Bret Sheppard and Dana Stephens, Stanton

Original Plat Lts 608-611.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

- Eric Artzer to Jeanne Artzer, 34-71-39.

TRUSTEE'S DEED

- Arlene Peterson, Trustee, and Peterson Living Trust to Darryl and Michelle Meusch, Red Oak Pactolous Park Addition Blk 1 Lts 7-8.

COURT OFFICER'S DEED

- Judy Kendrick Trust; Scott Whitmore, Trust Officer; and Page County State Bank to Matthew Kendrick, 27-72-36, 10-71-36, and 11-71-36.

MORTGAGE

- Ronald and Jacqueline DeVries to Farm Credit Services of America FCLA, 1-73-38 Lt 1.
- Scott and Gabrielle Lindburg to US Bank National Association, Villisca N. Villica Lt 17.
- Jonathan Goddard and Elizabeth Brendzen to Houghton State Bank, 17-71-37.
- Katelyn Dumlér to US Bank National Association, MERS, and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Lts 25-26.
- Ashley Peterson to Mort-

gage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., MERS, Lower LLC, and Homeside Financial, Red Oak Thompson's Addition Lts 17-18.

- Christopher Solgat to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., MERS, and Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Red Oak Bullington SD Lts 7.1.
- Marsha Terry to Bank Iowa, Red Oak Skyline Addition Lt 6.
- Bred Sheppard and Dana Stephens to Malvern Bank, Stanton Original Plat Lts 608-611.

MOD/AMENDMENT OF MORTGAGE

- Benjamin Ingersoll to First Interstate Bank and Great Western Bank, 26-72-36.
- Scott and Dani Jacobs to Farm Credit Services of America FCLA, 9-71-37.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Security Credit Services, LLC vs. Renea Berggren, Red Oak, dismissed without prejudice.
- Gabrielle Jackson vs. Dominique Yazzie, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$4,753.27 with 3.13% interest from March 22, plus costs.
- Hauge Associates, Inc. vs. Derek Penry, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$3,120.94 with 3.13% interest

from March 22, plus costs.

ARRESTS

- Filed March 21, Rafael Hernandez IV, 48, Omaha, Neb., driving under suspension, \$491.25 bond.
- Filed March 23, Randal Barr, 67, Red Oak, OWI first offense, \$1,000 cash bond.

DISMISSED

- State of Iowa vs. Christian Leming, 29, Omaha, Neb., contempt - illegal resistance to order or process, dismissed.

CRIMINAL

- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Janelle Davis, 39, Henderson, prohibited transfer/loan/rent of firearm to unauthorized person.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Joshua Mohn, 43, Red Oak, eluding - speed over 25 MPH over limit, \$855 fine, suspended, time served, DNA requirement.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Paul Lemburg, II, Red Oak, controlled substance violation, four counts.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Veronica Interiano, 26, Red Oak, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$105 fine.
- Simple misdemeanor, State

of Iowa vs. Damian Barr, 27, Red Oak, theft fifth degree, pled guilty, \$105 fine.

- Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Kim Trost, 42, Red Oak, eluding.

OWI

- State of Iowa vs. Steven Henderson, 55, Oakland, first offense.
- State of Iowa vs. Randal Barr, 67, Red Oak, first offense.

TRAFFIC

- Daniel Dudney, Lenox, speeding, no valid driver's license.
- Alfredo Monjarez, Red Oak, no valid driver's license.
- Jonathan Rupp, Essex, maximum gross weight violation - 7,001-8,000.
- Tania Silva Cruz, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Jayce Hale, Red Oak, no valid driver's license.
- Cynthia Cory, Clarinda, speeding.
- Melissa Miller-Davidson, Elliott, speeding.
- Scott Brown, Red Oak, speeding.
- Katelyn Kramer, Maryville, Mo., speeding.
- Jacob Homan, Villisca, registration violation.
- Kelly Edie, Red Oak, speed-

ing.

- Jeremy Bentson, Red Oak, ATV - registration and numbering required.
- Austin Beaverson, Red Oak, registration violation.
- Korey Sanchez, Stanton, speeding.
- Stacy Pate, Emerson, failure to maintain control.
- Caeden Tinklenberg, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Sabrina Van Nurden, Omaha, speeding.
- Veronica Interiano, Red Oak, vehicles entering stop or yield intersections.
- Susan Baucom, Red Oak, control of vehicle; reduced speed.

ACCIDENTS

- On March 23, at 7:45 p.m., Red Oak Police officers investigated a one-vehicle accident in the 400 block of East Reed Street at Fountain Square Park. Randal Barr, 67, Red Oak, was located at the intersection of 2nd and Prospect streets, and was subsequently charged with OWI and held on \$1,000 cash bond. Damage to the pick up was about \$6,000, damage to city property at the park was about \$5,000, and damage to a 1978 Chevrolet Malibu was about \$1,000. Barr was not injured in the incident.

Yard and Garden: Starting Seeds Indoors under Lights

From ISU Extension

Growing vegetable and annual plants from seed often requires starting them indoors and transplanting them outside once the danger of frost has passed. While it's important to use fresh seed, the right soil mix and containers, as well as appropriate levels of water and fertilizer, it is essential to have abundant light for the germinating seedlings to grow high quality plants. In this edition of Yard and Garden, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists answer questions on how to start your seedlings under lights indoors.

Why is starting seed under supplemental lights beneficial?

Without adequate light, seedlings become lanky. Tall, spindly seedlings do not transplant well into the garden. For most homes, even the brightest windowsill does not provide enough light and the light is one-sided, causing seed-

lings to quickly bend toward the window, making them stretch even more. By utilizing a supplemental light source, such as a fluorescent or LED fixture, you can provide enough light to produce high quality, compact and stocky seedlings that transplant well into the garden.

What type of lights should I use?

For most home gardeners, a plug-in shop fluorescent or LED light fixture is the perfect type of light to use for seed starting. When shopping for fluorescent lights, look for high-output, full-spectrum (sometimes called "daylight") bulbs. When shopping for LED lights, purchase full-spectrum fixtures that emit a high number of lumens (at least 3,000 lumens). Cost is often an important factor. When you consider costs remember to factor the cost of the fixture and the bulb. Fluorescent bulbs dim over time and should be replaced every one to two years, which is a cost that should also be considered.

Plants do not use all wavelengths of light equally. The blue wavelengths of light are needed for good foliage and root growth and the red wavelengths are important for flower and fruit development. Grow lights provide abundant light in the red and blue wavelengths and very little of the green wavelengths, which is why they sometimes look pink or purple in color. Grow lights can be a good source of light for seedlings but are often more expensive and not necessary. A full-spectrum bulb will provide red and blue wavelengths of light at a level adequate for seedling growth at a lower cost.

How do I set up the lights for my seedlings?

Supplemental lights need to be oriented relatively close to the seedlings to be effective and therefore need to be adjustable in height to accommodate the growing plants. For most fluorescent fixtures, the seedlings should be 4 to 6 inches from the light source. LED fixtures can often be set a little

further away at about 8 to 12 inches from the plants. Hang light fixtures from adjustable cables or chains so they can be moved up as the plants grow or place seedling trays on blocks or bricks that can be removed to lower trays as they grow.

Provide adequate air circulation around the seedlings to dissipate heat produced by the light fixture. Place lights on a timer set to turn fixtures on for 14 to 16 hours a day.

How do I know if I am providing the right amount of light for my seedlings?

Careful observation of your seedlings will help you determine if the light levels are appropriate. Seedlings that are not receiving enough light will stretch and lean towards the light source. Use a brighter fixture that provides more lumens, replace fluorescent tubes with new brighter bulbs, or simply move the fixture closer to the seedlings to increase the light levels.

If seedling leaves turn yellow or brown and burn start-



ing with the upper leaves, they may be receiving too much light. You can swap the fixture for one that provides fewer lumens or simply adjust the fixture so it is further away from the seedlings. The lumens per square foot shining on the plants drops significantly by pulling the fixture just a few inches further away from the plants.

Are lights needed for germination?

Some seeds need light

in order to germinate, but many do not. Seed packages will usually indicate what your particular selection requires. If lights are needed for germination, place trays under lights immediately after sowing. If light is not required, turn the supplemental lights on after germination occurs.

More information about starting garden transplants from seed can be found from the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach store.

Stronger the Press, Stronger the People

THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

The Odd Couple

Some readers will remember Larry Porter, who passed away earlier this month.

During the 1970s and early '80s Larry covered southwest Iowa high school sports for the Omaha World Herald.

He was also married to my sister. We were good friends, attended a lot of games and did some hunting and fishing together.

In 1985 he achieved his "dream job," becoming outdoor writer for the paper.

Through the two assignments he probably knew as many hunters, anglers, guides, dog trainers, bird watchers, mushroom hunters, wildlife photographers, coaches, athletic directors and former high school athletes as anyone in Nebraska or southwest Iowa. He was a genuinely nice guy, and I doubt he ever made a serious enemy.

We returned home after his funeral, stepped out of the car and listened to the chatter of hundreds of snow geese overhead.

Wife said their timing was appropriate, and we both thought of Orville Wright and the day he and Larry met.

Orville's is a sad saga; one brought to mind each March when the spring snow goose season arrives and the boom of shotguns combines with incessant cackling as flocks rise in a hail of lead and steel shot.

The year, I think, was 1988. We had 70 acres



a wing.

The goose made it to our pond, then could fly no more.

He or she was an attractive white goose and was welcome to stay, but as days passed and the migration moved on he clearly wanted to go.

He'd thrash across the water, one wing flapping, fail to launch and return to his solitary brooding.

A few weeks later he began making daily treks up the hill, a distance of around 200 yards, to spend time with the steer.

Goose passed easily under the electric fence, gleaned grain from around the feed bunk, and made a buddy.

The steer seemed to enjoy company and so did goose. We often saw steer snoozing on his side in

of pasture, a few cows, a farm pond, and I had a job that took me elsewhere much of the time.

Wife, better with livestock than me, cared for the herd. She picked a nice steer every year or so and fed it to butcher.

That March she had a yearling in the feed lot. Someone in the area shot a snow goose, breaking

the warm sun with goose snuggled next to him or, occasionally, perched on his flank.

They'd spend the day until, with darkness approaching, goose returned to the safety of the pond.

On many of these return trips the goose attempted to fly. He'd gain speed as he approached a terrace, getting a running start to leap off the terrace with his good wing beating desperately.

He was able to stay airborne for 30-40 feet before crashing. He'd get back to his feet, look around as if to see if he was being watched, then walk on to the water.

He needed a name, so we decided on Orville Wright. Larry and Ruth lived in Lincoln. We didn't see them often, but exchanged phone calls.

There came a time when Larry was looking for a story. Orville sounded good. He left in the wee hours in order to be here when Orville climbed the hill.

Orville did his part, Larry got the story with pictures of the goose and steer chumming around, and the "Odd Couple" had their moment of fame.

A few people who read the article drove out to park on the road and watch these unusual friends.

One day a lady from Omaha who was camping at Viking strolled in as if this was a public petting zoo. The hot wire set her straight.

Orville and the steer had a good summer. Both

grew fat.

The steer had been on feed for nearly a year when wife pronounced him "prime" and called the locker for an appointment. At about the time Orville's kind were moving south; he was alone again.

Winter approached and there was only so much we could do for Orville. Wife continued to feed him, and for a while he continued to return to the feedlot.

She prepared a place in the shed, but he wouldn't go near it.

Our best hope was that his wing might heal enough that he could fly.

He continued to try, and his flights grew from 30 feet to twice that.

He could never gain altitude, though, or get traction with his left wing, and the farther he flew the harder he crashed.

The migration passed him by a second time, and shortly thereafter he was gone.

Where he went we don't know. My guess is that loneliness and an instinct to migrate motivated him to leave a safe place and set out for Texas on those short little legs. We'd like to think he made it.

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

GRASSLEY Q/A | U.S. SEN. CHARLES GRASSLEY

COVID-19 & Mental Health

Q: Why are you working to expand access to behavioral health care?

A: Even before the pandemic, Iowans at my 99 county meetings often brought up barriers to mental health care, particularly in rural areas of the state. The issue has gained even more urgency when lockdowns, remote learning and mask mandates contributed to social isolation and a spike in suicide and emergency room visits for suspected attempts among younger generations. Mental health experts warned of a "tsunami of suicides" when COVID-19 hit our shores and restrictions on campuses, businesses and travel followed. As then-chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, I wrote legislation to expand access to telehealth services, including behavioral health appointments, in pandemic relief laws enacted in 2020. At the end of 2021, I led efforts to make telehealth services for mental health care permanent under Medicare. That tipped the scale and prompted a number of states to do the same for Medicaid, including Iowa. Since then, overwhelming support among patients and providers factored into my work this Congress to continue comprehensive telehealth coverage even after the pandemic. I'm co-sponsoring CONNECT for Health Act that would make permanent telehealth flexibilities and the Protecting Rural Telehealth Access Act that would make telehealth flexibilities permanent for critical access hospitals. Iowa has 82 critical access hospitals. This would reach a broad cross section of Iowans across the state.

My support to end the mental health care coverage disparity started years ago with bipartisan reforms led by Sens. Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici. The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 prevents insurance providers from imposing limits on coverage for behavioral health services compared to other medical care benefits. In this Congress, I'm building on legislation I wrote in 2019, the Advancing Care for Exceptional (ACE) Kids Act. Signed into law by President Trump, the ACE Act empowers families who are managing complex medical conditions, including mental health support services, for children covered by Medicaid. It makes it possible for health care providers to coordinate care, lower costs and improve quality outcomes for families shouldering extraordinary burdens to get the best possible care for their kids. My update would streamline the screening and provider enrollment process for Medicaid providers serving children with complex medical conditions and help ensure

a child's physical and mental health care providers are working together. For parents who may reach their wits' end to obtain the best care for their child, these reforms will help them navigate the best path forward to achieve the best outcome for their precious children.

Q: How else are you leveraging your leadership at the policymaking table to bolster mental health services in Iowa?

A: When I chaired the Senate Finance Committee, I also advanced reforms that allowed health care providers to integrate behavioral health care services with substance abuse disorder supports in one site. Iowa has 11 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics serving local residents in a one-stop visit for behavioral health care. These clinics are located in Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fort Dodge, Le Mars, Leon, Spencer, Waterloo (2), and Mason City. In Des Moines, Primary Health Care uses federal workforce dollars to help fund its graduate medical education (GME) programs. I've worked to rinse wasteful spending from GME programs to ensure scarce resources are used to address workforce shortages in our health care delivery system. In 2020, I pushed to expand funding for this program to meet demand. My office also recently helped Clive Behavioral Health cut federal red tape to get up and running to serve Iowans.

Last summer, I visited Vera French Community Mental Health Center in Davenport. The input I got from administrators and health care professionals there in the Quad Cities informed my decision to support a bipartisan bill that would require Medicare to cover services provided by licensed mental health care counselors and marriage and family therapists so that they are able to provide behavioral health services to older adults. Throughout my work on behalf of Iowans, I've led the way to strengthen mental health awareness and supports for farmers, veterans, police officers and foster youth. COVID-19 has taken the lives of too many loved ones among us. Whether from a delayed cancer diagnosis, the virus itself or death by suicide, the pandemic has delivered grievous challenges to American society. Like many Americans, Iowans want to return to normalcy once and for all.

Charles Grassley has served as one of Iowa's U.S. Senators since 1981. Contact Sen. Chuck Grassley at grassley.senate.gov/contact

FROM YOUR CAPITOL HILL | IOWA SEN. TOM SHIPLEY

Recent events in the Iowa Senate

As we approach the first of April the end of session is in sight, but in some ways it can be a long ways down the road as there is still plenty to do.

I still get compliments on the tax changes we have made, especially the elimination of taxes on retirement income. A number of people were seriously thinking of moving to another state when they retired in the very near future but will now stay put in Iowa. We really don't realize how important that can be. Many of these people have many productive years left and will be a great service to the communities they have lived in for years.

This week I've met with delegations from Farm Bureau and Iowa Corn Growers. The changes that are being addressed in ethanol marketing in Iowa was the subject of their conversations. I have been supportive of the efforts being made after some changes were adopted to make it better for smaller gas stations.

Iowa produces more ethanol than any other state yet our usage is not at the levels it could be. I've been using E-85 for several months now and I have noticed relatively no difference in performance. I'm lucky to have access with the United Farmers Co-op stations in Villisca, Corning, and Red Oak. All those outlets have E-85 available. I can see the POET facility from my front door just a few miles away. Ethanol is good for Iowa.

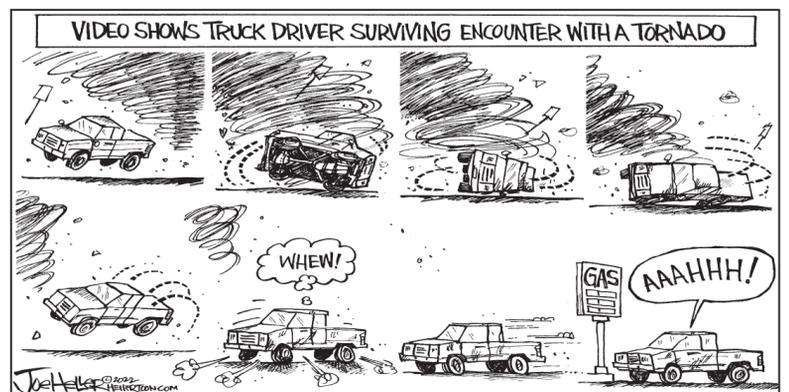
As some may recall, I worked on getting a program together to allow for the growing of industrial hemp in Iowa. This industry is still in a growing phase but we are starting to have discussions with people that I believe know what they are doing in

the processing segment. We still have work to do but we need to realize this product could have a lot of different uses and some of those uses could replace some petroleum.

The crisis with avian influenza continues to move across Iowa. We went through this once in Iowa a few years ago and now have better protocols to deal with an outbreak. It has been found in SWIA in commercial and backyard flocks and also wild waterfowl. I'm afraid this may not end very soon. The best way to stop it is warm weather and there will probably not be enough warm days now to get in front of it. As of this writing there have been about 6 million layers and 50,000 turkeys euthanized plus a few backyard flocks. There were dozens of wild geese found dead and the diagnosis was AI. The public can help if they find dead waterfowl in numbers near their ponds and lakes and then report it to the DNR. Iowa produces more eggs than any other state which means there are hundreds of jobs dependent on the industry.

It's always a great time to meet with kids that come to the Capitol for a tour and visit. This week I ran into a group of 4th graders from Creston. We are notified if a group from our district is coming for a tour so I knew they were in the building but there were a lot of people that day, so until I saw a little guy in a Creston Panther t-shirt I couldn't find them. I got a bunch of high fives - it made my day.

Tom Shipley has served as Iowa's District 11 State Senator since 2015. Contact Sen. Tom Shipley at tom.shipley@legis.iowa.gov.



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Community Calendar

31 March

8 a.m. to noon: Leadership Red Oak, Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association
Noon: SCORE webinar, "How to Engage your Customers and Maximize Sales Success." Go to omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242 for more information.
12:30 p.m. Bingo, Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn 402-926-8683 for more information.
4 p.m., Community Prayer Time, Fountain Square Park. Call Bonnie at 623-4759.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

1 April

10:15 a.m., Storytime, Red Oak Public Library, "Silly," 400 N. 2nd St.
3 to 6 p.m., Retirement party for John Blomstedt, YMCA, 101 East Cherry Street.
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.
7 p.m., "Dog," theatre #1; "Blacklight," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

2 April

11 a.m., Scout Me In event, celebrating 111 years of scouting in Red Oak, Gold Fair building, 1809 N. 4th St.
7 p.m., "Dog," theatre #1; "Blacklight," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

3 April

2 and 7 p.m., "Dog," theatre #1; "Blacklight," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

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

4 April

12:30 p.m. Bingo, Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn 402-926-8683 for more information.
5:30 p.m., Red Oak School Board meeting, junior/senior high school, or via Zoom.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

5 April

8:30 a.m., Montgomery County Supervisors, North Meeting Room in Courthouse basement, open to public.
Noon: SCORE webinar, "How to Get an Investor to Chase You - Understanding the Investing Game." Go to omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242 for more information and registration.
Noon, Rotary Club meeting. For location, go to <https://rotarydistrict5650.org/clubinfo/red-oak>.
1 p.m., Card games (pitch and/or cribbage) Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn 402-926-8683 for more information.

6 April

1:30-5 p.m., Christ's Cupboard Food Pantry and Clothing Cupboard, 206 E. Coolbaugh St. Donations accepted 1-5 p.m. at back door.
7:30 p.m., Red Hot Chili Pipers at the Wilson Performing Arts Center, 300 Commerce Dr. \$30 admission.



Elks welcome new members

Red Oak Elks Lodge #1304 added new members to the lodge at a meeting on March 21. New members inducted into the lodge include Jed Westover, Kyle Weber, Josh Wilcoxson, Mallory Sampson, Amber Jennings, Dave Swanson and Dawn Gurney-Davis. (Photo submitted)

SCORE April webinars announced

The Greater Omaha SCORE chapter, which includes Montgomery, Page, Taylor, and Adams counties, has announced its April series of live webinars.

The webinars allow attendees to learn from experts with SCORE's small business training workshops.

There is no cost to attend any of these upcoming webinars. Webinars that will be taking place this month include:

April 5, noon: "How to Get an Investor to Chase You - Understanding the Investing Game."
April 7, noon: "Connecting with Customers in the Digital World."
April 14, noon: "Ask an Expert - Smart Money Moves for Your Business."
April 18, noon: "How to

Create a Product Pitch that Sells."
April 19, noon: "Social Media Strategies that Generate Results"
April 21, noon: "Volunteering in 2022 - How it can Help Small Businesses Grow in Your Community."
April 26, noon: "Deep Dive into LLCs - Compliance Considerations, Business Liability and Taxation."

See omaha.score.org/content/take-workshop-242 for more information and registration. All webinars are recorded and available at score.org/recorded-webinars.

The local SCORE chapter is located at the Small Business Administration (SBA) office, 10675 Bedford Ave., Suite 100, Omaha, NE, 68134; 402-221-3606, omaha.score.org.

April Storytime themes announced

The Red Oak Public Library has announced the latest themes for their upcoming Storytime events in April.

The event is held every Friday at 10:15 a.m. in the children's department of the library, 400 N. 2nd St. Snacks are provided, and there is no cost to participate. Themes are:

- April 1: Silly.
- April 8: Bunnies.
- April 15: Eggs.
- April 22, First & Last.

Local hydroponics tour, program April 4

Hydroponics is a type of agriculture or gardening method that doesn't use soil. Hydroponics relies primarily on water and uses science and engineering to mimic the vital elements a plant needs to flourish.

If you're interested in learning more about hydroponics, make plans to join Women, Land & Legacy of Southwest Iowa on April 4. The group will begin the event at 5:30 p.m. with a tour of TrueFood, a hydroponic plant located at 2168 Nature Ave. near Stanton.

Following the tour, the group will meet at Stadium 34 in Red Oak, where participants will be invited to order off the menu. During the meal, more information will be shared about hydro-

ponics, including the basics of starting a small-scale garden.

Participants are expected to pay for their own meal. There is no additional fee. Pre-registration is requested by Friday, April 1. To reserve a spot, request special accommodations, or to arrange carpooling, contact your local Iowa State University Extension and Outreach office, at 623-2592.

This event is sponsored through a partnership of Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, and Page County Farm Service Agencies, Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and the Women, Land & Legacy Committee.

Grand Theater hosting Egg My Yard fundraiser

Red Oak residents are invited to take part in the Red Oak Grand Theatre's Egg My Yard promotion.

Residents can order candy and toy filled eggs be placed

around their yard by Grand Theatre "bunnies" by calling 621-5102.

All proceeds will go to the Red Oak Grand Theatre.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays this week are:

Nick Zimmer - March 31
Martha Heckert - March 31
Sarah Johnson - March 31
Phyllis Stebbins - April 1
Don Rydberg - April 1
Jennifer French - April 2
Trinity Peterson - April 2
Morgan Schrader - April 2
Tiffany Swartz - April 3
Carolyn Lombard - April 3
Ann Watt - April 4
Larry Ratcliff - April 4
April Tye - April 4
Donald Morgan - April 5
Delaina Olson - April 5
Hadley Stanley - April 5

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.

Area churches, submit your Easter service times for the Community page.

Email news@redoakexpress.com by April 7 at 4 p.m.

Senior Menu

Thursday, March 31: Beef stew, steamed cabbage, biscuit, apple-sauce, milk/coffee.
For more information, call the Senior Center at 623-3497 or Caro-

lyn at 402-926-8683.
Please call for reservations by 9:30 a.m. the day before you plan to eat lunch.

Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating their anniversaries this week are:

Andrew and Nanny Crowe - March 31
David and Linda Clark - April 4
Terry and Cathy Crowe - April 6

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Advent Christian

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

Assembly Of God

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

Baptist

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

Southern Baptist

Crossroads Community Church, 303 E. Oak St., use the alley entrance, Rev. Ricky Rohrig, Sr., Celebration Services with Kids' Church, 9:23 a.m., Wednesdays in the Word, live on Facebook, 6:30 p.m., 712-357-1060, crossroadsredoak.com. Online: 9:45 a.m. approx. live on Facebook.

Catholic

St. Joseph's, 131 W. High, Villisca, Father Eze Venantius Umunnakwe,

Sunday Mass, 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's, 1510 Highland Ave., Red Oak, Father Lazarus Kirigia, Saturdays, 5 p.m. (1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday); Sunday, 10:30 a.m., in Spanish, 1 p.m.

Christian

First Christian, 1909 Summit St., Red Oak, PreKindergarten - Sunday School, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Fellowship, 10 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Online: 10:30 a.m. live on Facebook.

Christian & Missionary Alliance

Citylight Southwest Iowa, 705 Bradford, Emerson. Co-lead pastors Matt Keller, Tyler Mass. Worship with children's church, 10 a.m. in-person gathering. Online: 10 a.m. live on Facebook.

Faith Community, 2701 N. 8th St., Red Oak, Rev. David MacDonald, Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for kindergarten-adults, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday activities: JUMP, Pre-K grade 4, 4-5:20 p.m. or 6-7:20 p.m. SHOUT, grades 5-6, 4-5:30 p.m. EXIT, grades 7-12, 7-8:30 p.m. Online: 9 a.m. on KCSI, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Facebook, also Youtube/Red Oak Faith Community Church.

Church Of Christ

Church Of Christ, Elliott, Sunday

Bible School, 9 a.m., Worship, 10 a.m., Men's and Women's Bible study and breakfast, first Sunday of the month at 7:30 a.m.

Nishna Church Of Christ, Hwy. 48 North, Red Oak, Teaching Pastor: Kelvin Jones, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Church Of The Nazarene

Red Oak, 401 E. Prospect St., Rev. Lori Lathrop. Radio ministry, 8:30 a.m., worship with children's church at 10:30 a.m.

Covenant

Evangelical, Rev. Matt King, 308 Eastern, Stanton, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m. Online: 10:45 a.m. live on Facebook and later on Youtube.

Faith Covenant Church, 212 Alice St., Essex, Pastor Gordon Scott, Pastor Staci Shearer, Worship, 8:30 a.m.

First Covenant, Rev. Alan Dean, pastor, 3rd & Hammond, Red Oak, Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Jehovah's Witness

210 Argus Road, Shenandoah, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m., public Bible discourse.

Lutheran

Bethesda Lutheran, Rural Clarinda. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, 1101 Summit St., Red Oak, Rev. Jennifer Yeske-Drown, Sunday worship, 11 a.m., evening service 4 p.m.

Strand Evangelical, Rural Villisca, Rev. Marietta Nelson-Bittle, Worship, 9:45 a.m.

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

Mamrelund Lutheran, 410 Eastern Ave., Stanton, Rev. Eric Kutzli, Sunday School and Confirmation, 9:15 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Online: 9:30 a.m. FMTC Cable Channel 1, also live on Facebook.

Mt. Calvary, 107 S. 5th, Villisca, Jerome Wagoner, Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Tabor Lutheran, 1711 Q Ave., Stanton, Worship, 8:15 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Peace Lutheran, (A WELS Congregation), 411 Church St., Shenandoah, Saturday Worship, 5:30 p.m.; Bible and Sunday School, 6:30 p.m.

Non-Denominational

Hope For Life Christian Church, 300 Oak St., 623-6072, Bill Frey, Pastor, Sunday School, children and adults, 9 a.m., Worship, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday, Daytime - Ladies Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Night - Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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, RR 2, Red Oak, HR Dr. Keith Cook, Worship and Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian, 109 S. 3rd Ave., Villisca, Rev. Sandra Wainwright, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Red Oak Presbyterian, 511 E. Coolbaugh, PO Box 402, Red Oak, Caryn Pedersen, redoakpresbyterianchurch.com, Service, 10:30 a.m. Online: 10:30 a.m. live on Facebook/Red Oak Presbyterian Church

Reformed Evangelical

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

United Methodist

First United Methodist, 600 E. Hammond, Red Oak, Rev. Dr. Eric Sayonkon, Worship, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Youth group Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m., grades 6-12, snack is served. Online: 10:30 a.m. fumcro.org; click on the media tab to see previously recorded services.

Wesley Chapel UMC, Rev. Carl Phillips, Worship, 8:45 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Red Oak Circuit, Linda Westerhold; Hawthorne, 1248 210th St., Red Oak, Worship, 10 a.m.; Stratton, 1695 150th St., Red Oak, Worship, 11:15 a.m. Online: 11:15 a.m. live on Facebook.

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

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

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

United Methodist, 203 S. 3rd Ave., Villisca, Rev. Jessica Jacobsen, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Online: 10:30 a.m. live on Facebook.

Strahan United Methodist, Hastings, Rev. David Kwangki Kim, Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

United Church Of Christ

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iJag seeking additional business partners

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The Red Oak Community School District's Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates (iJag) program is continuing to seek partnerships with Red Oak businesses to expand.

Breanna Allensworth, the 11/12 education specialist for Red Oak's iJAG program, said it is a non-profit organization in which they are contracted into schools to run the program, which serves roughly 50 to 60 students each school year and is a year-long program.

"At Red Oak High School, there are two programs, the 11/12th grade and 9/10th grade. Our goal is to work with those in the program to expand their knowledge on real-world skills, improve social skills, career exploration, build their pathway in high school so that they are prepared for life outside of high school, community service events, and much more," said Allensworth. "This program is beneficial for students as it gives them the opportunity for learning more in-depth on careers and ultimately preparing themselves for their life after high school - whether they choose full-time employment, military, or college."

Allensworth said they already have strong support from the business community in Red Oak, but they are always looking for ways to expand and partner further.

"We are always looking to build more partnerships with businesses as well as expand on the ones that we have created. The iJAG model related to Employer Engagement is broken into three circles. Circle 1 is classified as meet and greets and classroom presentations. Circle 2 engagements are company tours and mentorship. Circle 3 is internships, externships, apprenticeships, and job shadowing. We are looking for employers in all career fields including but not limited to: trades, IT, healthcare, business, agriculture, culinary, law enforcement," Allensworth advised.

She added that if a business is wanting more information about being involved with the iJAG program they can contact her at breanna.allensworth@ijag.org or Michael Nordeen, the 9/10 specialist at michael.nordeen@ijag.org. Even so, Allensworth said they are pleased with the response so far.

"We have an amazing community that is very supportive of the program and our mission. We are very thankful to our community for their support of the program. The overall goal would be to have the full iJAG system of support starting at the junior high/middle school level in Red Oak," Allensworth stated.

Allensworth stressed the importance of supporting the graduating seniors as they transition from high school to either college/tech schools, military, and/or full-time employment.

"It is critically important. Our young people in iJAG, just like all young people, need solid support through life transitions. The iJAG program follows students for 12 months after graduation to ensure that whether they are stepping directly into full-time employment, continued training/education, etc. that we can be a resource for them when it's needed most. That's why we work so closely with the youth while they are with us in the classroom. We also know that iJAG cannot be their only source of support - relationship building with employer partners is very important as our young leaders step into their workplaces," commented Allensworth.

When it came to the iJag program, Allensworth



felt it was definitely beneficial to students who wanted to pursue a career in the trade industry but did not want to go to college.

"In past years, we have worked with many trade companies local to the area that has allowed students to see careers that they offer that do not require a college degree or certificate. Some of these companies even offer further education training to their employees at no cost, allowing our students the ability to continue education while working. The iJAG program would love to expand our reach on trades in the local area to allow for students to have more understanding of what employment opportunities that they have without a college degree," Allensworth advised.

Also, Allensworth said they love to promote the Red Oak community and all that it offers, and the program offers the chance for graduating Red Oak seniors to work locally in the community.

"In the last year, we've found that nearly 60% of iJAG graduates live and work in the local community," Allensworth said.

Through the iJag program, Allensworth said students have been able to experience new events such as National Student Leadership Academy (NSLA). In the 11/12 program, one of members was recently invited to attend, as well as other events for learning and career building.

"They were selected and attended NSLA, in which they learned about leadership as well as were able to meet others from the state of Iowa that were also selected to attend. This event is usually hosted in Washington D.C., but due to COVID restrictions, it was held in Des Moines. Other experiences that students have had are at Legislative Day, a small group of students was able to go to the Iowa Capitol to speak with legislators about the iJAG program and the impact that it has had on them. During this event, students were able to learn the call-out process, as well as understand how to speak to legislators and advocate for the program."

Beyond employer engagement, Allensworth said they also would love for community members to be involved in the program in various ways, and interested parties are encouraged to come and visit the classroom.

"One way people could help would be volunteering their time to be an interviewer for mock interviews. Students in the program participate in Project-Based Learning, which means that they are doing more hands on work and projects to come to an understanding."

New college planning tool available

A free online college planning tool that helps families estimate the total cost of a college education has been redesigned to make it simpler to use.

The College Funding Forecaster allows students to input estimated costs, expected financial aid, savings and earnings to project total out-of-pocket expenses and potential student loan amounts for four to six years, the time it typically takes to earn an undergraduate degree, at the college or university of their choice.

Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation, a nonprofit organization which offers college financing products as ISL Education Lending, provides the mobile friendly College Funding Forecaster free on its website at IowaStudentLoan.org/Forecaster.

Students and families who don't have financial

aid notifications to refer to can still use the tool, according to ISL. The College Funding Forecaster uses historical data from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard to display average costs and financial aid amounts for each institution covered by the tool. Users are not locked in to the displayed amounts, however. Each amount should be considered and adjusted based on the student's individual situation.

A print feature allows results to be saved or printed for each institution under consideration to make it easy to compare results for different colleges and universities.

The College Funding Forecaster is one of a suite of college planning and financing tools and resources ISL offers to the public on its website.

School Lunch Menus

East Mills

Thursday, March 31: Cheeseburger macaroni, romaine ketchup with choice of dressing, California blend vegetables, strawberries, bananas.

Friday, April 1: Pizza crunchers or pepperoni pizza slices, corn, carrot slices, diced peaches.

Monday, April 4: Chicken drumstick or pepperoni pizza slices, baked beans, glazed carrots, tropical fruit, dinner roll.

Tuesday, April 5 Nacho bites or pepperoni pizza slices, peas, corn, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday, April 6: Beef hamburger on a bun, cauliflower florets, celery sticks, fresh oranges, Doritos.

Essex

Thursday, March 31: Baked mozzarella sticks, garden salad with choice of dressing, fresh grapes, dinner roll.

Friday, April 1: Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly sandwich, mixed vegetables, potato chips, mandarin oranges.

Monday, April 4: Spaghetti with meat sauce, bread stick, garden salad with choice of dressing, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, April 5: Corn dog, baby carrots, peas, pears.

Wednesday, April 6: Crispy chicken tenders, baked beans, cottage cheese, applesauce cup.

Griswold

Thursday, March 31: Chicken quesadilla, bread stick, garden spinach salad with dressing, cooked carrots, sliced pears.

Friday, April 1: Pizza slices, bread stick, garden spinach salad with dressing, vegetable cup, apple slices.

Monday, April 4: Hot ham and cheese sandwich on a bun, potato wedges, garden spinach salad with dressing, green beans, fruit cup.

Tuesday, April 5: Beef hot dog on a bun, chili, cheese, potato chips, broccoli florets with ranch dip, applesauce.

Wednesday, April 6: French toast with maple syrup, sausage patty, egg patty, hash browns, mandarin oranges.

Red Oak Elementary/ Preschool Center

Thursday, March 31: Beef hot dog on a bun, jalapenos, banana peppers; or chicken Caesar salad, Italian bread; or roasted chicken sandwich, pickles, lettuce, jalapenos, onions; or pizza munchables; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, Mexican corn salad, fresh fruit, sliced pears.

Friday, April 1: Breaded fish sandwich on a bun; or BLTE salad, pineapple muffin; or pizza slices; or Thai chili noodle salad; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, baby carrots and ranch, fresh fruit, tropical fruit.

Monday, April 4: Crispy chicken nuggets, Italian bread; or strawberry chicken salad, Italian bread; or ham and cheese sandwich on a bun; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, cucumber slices, corn, fresh fruit, applesauce.

Tuesday, April 5: Chicken enchilada with white queso cheese, shredded lettuce, jalapenos, diced tomatoes, diced onions; or popcorn chicken salad, focaccia bread, or pizza slices; or club stacker; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, BBQ bacon beans, black bean dip, fresh fruit, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday, April 6: Breaded chicken patty on a bun, hot roll; or chef salad, hot roll; or three cheese grilled cheese sandwich; or Thai grain bowl; mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, fresh fruit, sliced peaches.

Red Oak Jr./Sr. High School
Chicken patty, cheeseburger, and pizza are offered daily

Thursday, March 31: Fish sandwich on a bun; or BLTE salad, pineapple muffin; or pizza slices; or Thai chili noodle salad; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, baby carrots and ranch dip, fresh fruit, tropical fruit.

Friday, April 1: Mini corn dogs and cheese pizza slices; or taco salad, cornbread; or jalapeno jack cheeseburger on a bun, sliced onions, avocado tomatoes, shredded lettuce; or bacon turkey avocado club sandwich, fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, steamed broccoli, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits.

Monday, April 4: Chicken Alfredo pasta, Italian bread; or chef salad, Italian bread; or bacon cheeseburger sliced onions, sliced tomatoes, shredded lettuce; or popcorn chicken wrap; or pizza quesadilla; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, fresh cauliflower, cheesy cauliflower popcorn, fresh fruit, sliced peaches.

Tuesday, April 5: Smothered burrito, diced onions, diced tomatoes, jalapenos, shredded lettuce, sour cream, salsa, cilantro; or popcorn chicken, focaccia bread; or big mack salad, focaccia bread; or pizza slices; or cheesy chicken Caesar sandwich on a bun; fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, baked beans, cheesy bean dip, fresh fruit, applesauce.

Wednesday, April 6: Hamburger steak, hot roll; or chicken patty, hot roll; or cobb salad, hot roll; or pizza slices; or Thai sweet chili chicken wrap, potato salad, fresh garden salad with choice of dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, fresh fruit, sliced pears.

Southwest Valley

Thursday, March 31: Breaded tenderloin on a bun, lettuce salad with dressing, seasoned potato wedges, fruit.

Friday, April 1: Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly sandwich, string cheese, carrot sticks, celery sticks, apple slices, Fritos.

Monday, April 4: French bread pizza, lettuce salad with choice of dressing, snow peas, fruit.

Tuesday, April 5: Beef tacos, shredded cheese, shredded lettuce, potato poppers, black beans, fruit.

Wednesday, April 6: Beef chili with saltine crackers, green beans, fruit, cinnamon roll.

Stanton

Thursday, March 31: Chicken Alfredo pasta, lettuce salad with choice of dressing, California vegetables, mixed fruit, ice cream, bread stick.

Friday, April 1: Potato bar, or beef hot dog on a bun, cheese sauce, assorted toppings, corn, applesauce, sliced pears.

Monday, April 4: Beef hamburger on a bun, potato smiles, baked beans, mixed fruit, baked cherry crisp.

Tuesday, April 5: Crispy chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory cooked carrots, oranges, pineapple tidbits, dinner roll.

Wednesday, April 6: Chicken panini, lettuce salad with choice of dressing, celery sticks, sliced pears, ice cream.

School Activities

Thursday, March 31

- Stanton: Elementary assessments
- 6 a.m.-7 a.m., Griswold: Softball practice, middle school gym
- 6:30-7:45 a.m., Griswold: High school boys throwers, middle school gym
- 6:45-7:45 a.m., Southwest Valley: High school baseball practice, new high school gym
- 3:25-5:55 p.m., Griswold: High school track practice, middle school gym
- 3:30 p.m., Red Oak: FFA banquet and awards assembly, junior/senior high school black gymnasium
- 6-7 p.m., Griswold: HS softball pitcher/catcher workouts, middle school gym
- 6 p.m., Griswold: Middle school AAU volleyball, middle school gym
- 6 p.m., Griswold: High school AAU volleyball, high school gym
- 6:30 p.m., Essex: Spring concert, kindergarten-fifth grades, Allen Stuart Gymnasium

Friday, April 1

- Stanton: Elementary assessments
- 1:30 p.m., Essex: Early dismissal
- 3:25-5:55 p.m., Griswold: High school track practice, middle school gym
- 7 p.m., Red Oak: Junior high dance, junior/senior high school cafeteria

Saturday, April 2

- Stanton: ACT testing
- 8 a.m., Red Oak: ACT testing
- 9:30 a.m., Red Oak: Tiger baseball camp
- 7 p.m., Essex: School play

Sunday, April 3

- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., East Mills: Spring dinner, East Mills High School gym
- 2 p.m., Essex: School play
- 2-4 p.m., Griswold: High school baseball practice, middle school gym
- 5-6 p.m., Griswold: High school girls pitching practice, middle school gym
- 5:30-7:30 p.m., Southwest Valley: High school softball practice, activity center

Monday, April 4

- 1:45 p.m., Red Oak: College rep visit to junior/senior high school
- 3:25-5:55 p.m., Griswold: High school track practice, middle school gym
- 4:45 p.m., Essex: Cheer meeting, media center
- 6 p.m., Griswold: High school softball girls hitting practice, middle school gym
- 6:30 p.m., Red Oak: Wrestling team banquet, Red Oak Country Club

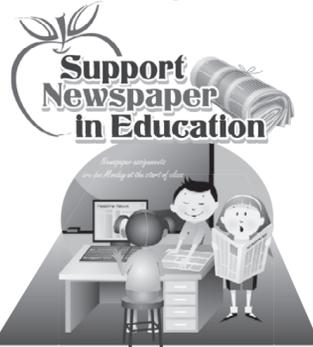
Tuesday, April 5

- 6 a.m.-7 a.m., Griswold: Softball practice, middle school gym
- 6:30-7:45 a.m., Griswold: High school boys throwers, middle school gym
- 6:45-7:45 a.m., Southwest Valley: High school baseball practice, new high school gym
- 8:30 a.m., Griswold: Hearing checks
- 3:25-5:55 p.m., Griswold: High school track practice, middle school gym
- 5-6 p.m., Griswold: High school softball pitcher/catcher workouts, middle school gym
- 6-8 p.m., Griswold: High school softball hitting practice, middle school gym

Wednesday, April 6

- Griswold: One hour early release, work time
- 6:15-7:15 a.m., Southwest Valley: High school softball pitching, new high school gym
- 1:05/1:15 p.m., Stanton: Early dismissal
- 5-6:15 p.m., Southwest Valley: High school AAU volleyball, new high school gym
- 6:15-9 p.m., Southwest Valley: Women's volleyball league, activity center
- 3:25-5:55 p.m., Griswold: High school track practice, middle school gym
- 5 p.m., Griswold: High school softball pitching practice, middle school gym
- 6-7:30 p.m., Griswold: Weichman practice, middle school gym

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Residents voice concern over eminent domain issue

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

County residents in attendance at the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting March 22 were all in agreement. They want the supervisors to join other counties in pushing back against the use of eminent domain if used to further the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline project.

The subject of eminent domain was on the agenda at the regular meeting on Tuesday, and the supervisors opened the discussion for public comment. Susie McDonald was the first to speak. McDonald, who lives south of Emerson, said her husband is a third generation farmer, and had concerns.

"The whole idea of eminent domain, which gives a private company to have the right to come in and say this is what we want to do, and usurp the right of the landowner themselves, and take away their ability to have a decision in that process is troubling," McDonald said.

Next to speak was Bill Honeyman, who also lives near Emerson. Honeyman said he wanted to be on the record voicing his objection to the pipeline and against the use of eminent domain.

"I fail to understand how it serves the public interest when it results in thousands of acres of Iowa farmland being condemned. There is public land available along roadways and other publicly-owned property that could be utilized rather than seizing and destroying private property. Furthermore, if eminent domain is granted, I strongly oppose the permanent easement of property, and feel the project is a misuse of resources," commented Bill.

Also voicing concerns was Tom Honeyman of rural Emerson. Honeyman said he was strongly opposed to any private company seeking eminent domain and felt the project would not solve any carbon problems.

"It will not raise the price of corn, nor will it save the ethanol industry. The maneuver is basically theft. If I were to rent land, or oblige an easement, I would expect to be paid annual rent or damages. I don't know of any farmers that would expect to farm their neighbor's land without paying rent for the use of it, and the state utility board should not have the right to decide the future and well-being of the property," Tom stated.

Honeyman also felt the project was unprofessional, disorganized, false information was being presented, and a lack of information was being presented, and from the start, he has not been able to get in contact with anyone who knows exactly where the pipeline will be on his property.

Maggie McQuown, who lives on a Century Farm just outside of Red Oak, said that while she was not personally affected by the project, she was speaking up for other farmers who would be directly affected, and the type of project being considered was dangerous.

"The very nature of the docket listing says this is a hazardous liquid pipeline is disturbing. The technology of transporting carbon over long distances is unproven, and the unintended consequences of this experiment could be greater than the benefit. Also, the pipeline will run through the Walnut Creek, Indian Creek, and Old Nisabotna watersheds, and these are top-priority watersheds for erosion and flood control. The pipeline will disturb these soils, and once soil is disturbed, it is very hard to control erosion," advised McQuown.

Jan Norris, a rural Emerson resident, said the pipeline would go behind her house, between her farms, and urged the supervisors to object to the use of eminent domain for private gain.

"Eminent domain does have its place, and can serve a valuable purpose. However, Investopedia can be quoted as saying there have been instances where a private party has used eminent domain seizures under the guise of public improvement. This appears to be one of those cases. Summit Carbon Solutions wants our land so they can make billions from our tax dollars. So far, 24 counties, six cities, one school, and one faith community have all formally objected to the use of eminent domain on these pipeline projects," explained Norris.

Barb Nelson, who lives in Stanton, cited that the pipeline project had real potential for eminent domain abuse. She cited the state requirements that would be placed upon the supervisors if the pipeline project were to proceed.



Supervisor Randy Cooper listens to county resident Bill Honeyman voice his opinion on eminent domain. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

"The county selects a certified inspector for pipeline construction, paid for by the pipeline, but that's all the pipeline pays for. If eminent domain is used, the county with a district court judge, appoints a compensation commission to determine compensation for land," Nelson advised. "The county must set up a digital folder with subfolders for each tract of land affected and store all reports re pipeline business, and must oversee inspections with updates and filing reports being recorded. If the construction inspector files a notification of violation that is not corrected by the pipeline, the county gets involved with next steps. The county engineer is involved with inspecting pipeline road crossings. The supervisors certify the completion of the pipeline when vegetation reaches 70% growth across the project, and the compensation board hears landowner claims for damage and decide awards. This would put a lot of work on the county, and we would lose local control."

Last to speak was Steve Dolch, of rural Villisca. Dolch said he was concerned not only with the eminent domain, but with the pipeline going through the property, as he has a waterway that needs to be honed out.

"They talk about the pipeline being four feet deep. I plan on taking two feet of that dirt out of that waterway. I am also against the permanent easement aspect of the project either. I have been associated with eminent domain before, and nothing good ever comes out of it," Dolch said.

No action on eminent domain was taken by the supervisors, but all of them voiced the same concerns as the public, and were against the use of eminent domain to take farmland for the use of the project. Supervisors Chair Mark Peterson felt eminent domain was an unfair ace in the hole.

"What two parties do on their own, on a level playing field is one thing. Eminent domain takes away the level playing field. I have received a number of phone calls, and I have yet to get one in favor of the pipeline," stated Peterson.

The supervisors advised the comments received from the public would be used in their decision on opposing eminent domain usage for the pipeline project.

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Pathogenic Avian Influenza confirmed in Page County

Page County Conservation and Public Health officials confirmed on Wednesday, March 23, the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in the migratory snow geese population at Rapp Park in rural Shenandoah. This is not an uncommon occurrence for wild birds to have avian influenza; however, they want to make sure to take extra precautions with area private flocks of domesticated birds.

HPAI detections in birds do not present an immediate health concern. No human cases of avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States. It remains safe to eat poultry products.

HPAI is a highly contagious, viral disease often fatal to domestic bird population, including chickens and turkeys. The virus can spread through droppings or nasal discharge of an infected bird, which can contaminate dust and soil. Clinical signs of the disease include sudden death, decreased water consumption, lack of energy and appetite, difficulty breathing, coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge, diarrhea, stumbling or falling down, decreased egg production and soft or thin-shelled or misshapen eggs.

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running out of options. "When we look at next year, we will have a sixth grade class that leaves Inman [and it] is a three-section group. Unless something significantly changes, the preschool group coming in will have to be in four sections," advised Chaillie. "Currently we don't have any open classroom space or office space at Inman. The only room not currently being used right now for student space is our collaboration space."

Lorenz said even if the district could start a construction project now, it wouldn't be complete in time.

"At this point, I think we're probably looking at repurposing additional learning space to accommodate that additional section of students moving to kindergarten," Lorenz said.

Lorenz added he was not in favor of taking back space currently being used for early childhood development out of the Washington Intermediate build-

ing, feeling in the long term, it would do the district more harm than good.

Lorenz said the item on the agenda was purely for discus-

sion purposes, and no action could be taken at the meeting. It was decided to revisit the issue of classroom space at the board's work session at the end of April.

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City tax levy to increase for 2022-23 budget year in City of Red Oak

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

Red Oak taxpayers will be seeing a bit of an increase in taxes for the 2022-23 budget year, starting July 1.

Last year, the levy on regular property was 18.70583 per \$1,000 valuation, with 3.00037 per \$1,000 valuation on agricultural land. For the upcoming fiscal year budget, city administrator Brad Wright said the tax levy will be increasing, to 19.39224 per \$1,000 valuation on regular property, and 3,00344 per

\$1,000 valuation on agricultural land. Wright said there were several factors behind the need to increase the levy.

"Expenses are up much more than revenues. The City of Red Oak has worked hard to keep taxes down and keep them stable from year to year. One of the ways we have done that is by using fund balances on hand to offset increasing the tax levy. Those fund balances are at a point that we cannot continue to draw from those sources to the degree we have in the past," Wright explained.

Wright added that overall, the

city departments are holding the line and working with the narrowest budgets possible.

"Departments have been held to minimal or no increases in several areas. As far as additions, the only notable one would be the addition of a paramedic position to the fire department. This was in partnership with the hospital, who agreed to fund 50% of that expense in order to assist the Red Oak Fire Department to provide the transfer service we do for the hospital," commented Wright.

According to Wright, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

had little to no effect on the upcoming budget, and the city works hard to make things reasonable for Red Oak citizens.

"We do everything possible to continue to provide the services expected by the taxpayers while keeping taxes and fees to the absolute minimum we can," said Wright.

Now that the restrictions have been eased on ARP funding, Wright said they are evaluating ways to implement the monies in the coming fiscal year.

The city's 2022-23 FY budget was approved by the council at the meeting March 21.

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\$100,000 housing rehab grant received

The Southwest Iowa Housing Trust Fund, a nonprofit fund administered by Southwest Iowa Planning Council (SWIPCO), received a grant of \$100,000 from the Iowa West Foundation toward housing rehabilitation in the southwest Iowa region.

"A safe and stable housing situation is a basic necessity for everyone regardless of income," said Brenda Mainwaring, president and CEO of the Iowa West Foundation. "This grant will allow SWIHTF to extend that opportunity to more southwest Iowans, and act as an additional resource Iowa West is supporting as we continue to address the housing issues in our region."

Past projects have included replacement windows and doors, roof repairs, upgraded insulation, foundation repair, and health

hazard abatement. The funds from the Iowa West Foundation will help SWIHTF complete at least 10 more of these projects in the coming year.

"Rehabilitation is a great way for low-to-moderate-income homeowners to not only improve the health, safety, and energy efficiency of their dwellings, but to build value in their existing homes," said Alexis Fleener, SWIPCO community development director. "Improving the safety and energy efficiency of homes in a neighborhood can help lift the value of all homes in the community over time, and the Iowa West Foundation's grant will help us do more of that."

The Iowa West Foundation is committed to helping communities achieve their dreams.

Letters of Inquiry (the first step in the grant application process) are accepted year-round with deadlines of Jan. 1, May. 1 and Sept. 1, prior to each of the three grants cycles.

For more information on the application process, a virtual grants workshop will be held on April 22.

Details and registration can be found at iowawestfoundation.org.



LILJEDAHL

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lot of cooperation with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Iowa State University to mitigate as many of those issues as we could."

According to Liljedahl, the IPPA, in response to COVID-19, organized a "Pass the Pork" program when pork producers had a hard time finding a market to sell their hogs.

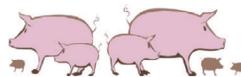
"The program allowed for pork to be donated to their local feed lockers, which was then donated to local food banks, although that had challenges as well, as the local lockers are all very busy. But we tried to support not only producers, but the communities that had packing plants that were impacted greatly during that time," Liljedahl advised.

Other impacts were the cancellation of the Iowa Pork Congress and the cancellation of all of the normal trade missions that occur every year. Even after all this time has passed, the issue has still not gone away.

"Hopefully the harvesting plants will get back to having enough employees to do everything they want to do. So far, they have enough to harvest the animals, but I know they'd like to further process some products, they simply don't have the labor supply to do that," Liljedahl stated.

In addition to COVID-19, during his tenure as president-elect and president, Liljedahl also saw a changeover in presidential administrations from Donald Trump to Joe Biden. Liljedahl said there were key differences between the two.

"The prior administration went down the tariff route, which we didn't think was the proper route, but that's what happened. So far, those tariffs haven't been lifted under the new administration. With the current admin-



istration, they might be more focused on environmental regulations, but producers have faced the same types of issues between both administrations," explained Liljedahl.

As for overall production, Liljedahl said Iowa remains the number one state in regards to pork production.

"We were producing a quarter, but now I think it's up to a third of the nation's hogs are raised in the state of Iowa," Liljedahl said.

Liljedahl will serve this year on the IPPA Board as past-president, and said this year will remain a busy one due to the cancellation of all the trade missions scheduled for 2020 and 2021.

"I recently returned from a trade mission in Mexico, and that was a big change, as in the prior years those trade missions just did not happen. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig was with us on this last mission, and his comments to several of the groups was that the last trade mission the Iowa Pork Producers and the Iowa Department of Economic Development made was to Mexico, and now two years later, we're back in Mexico, because it's such an important customer. The important point is that it had been two years since that last trade mission because of COVID in the United States and other countries," Liljedahl commented.

Following this year, Liljedahl's term on the executive board will expire, which he said will create opportunities for other Iowa pork producers to serve on the executive board in the coming years.

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