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\$60,000 awarded through hotel/motel tax revenues

Nick Johansen

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The Red Oak Tourism and Recreation Committee held a hotel/motel tax funding meeting on March 21.

Board member Jeanice Lester said they had 18 applicants, and some entities submitted more than one application. The committee had \$60,000 in available funding, and the board worked hard to find funding for each project.

"We discussed the projects, and they all fell into the guidelines. To make the funding stretch, most of the requests got 30% of the funding they were asking for, and no one was left out, although some of the smaller requests were given the full amount," said Lester.

One of the requests was funding to help build an Airbnb in the Red Oak square, and a question was asked whether an Airbnb truly paid hotel/motel tax dollars. After research, Lester said they do pay taxes, but the Airbnb company is responsible for collecting the taxes.

"If it's an Airbnb in Red Oak, they know what the percentage is, and they send that money to the state. It's not on our shoulders as far as are they or are they not paying tax, it's how they're registered," commented Lester.

The original hotel/motel tax resolution was drawn up and voted on in 2012, and money started being collected Jan. 1, 2013. Lester said the funding has contributed to a lot of projects since then.

"To date, the total we have collected and given

out is \$893,981. This has been an awesome thing for the community, and I'd forgotten how long we'd been doing it," stated Lester.

The projects receiving funding were as follows:

- ROOT Development, rehabilitation of 302 E Coolbaugh St., \$7,500.
- The Red Oak Music Boosters, new piano, \$3,600.
- The Red Oak Farmer's Market, summer market and Lettuce Entertain U, \$1,000.
- The Montgomery County Fair Board, 2023 fair entertainment, \$3,000.
- Red Oak Municipal Airport, annual airport picnic, \$750.
- The Montgomery Veterans Court of Honor, metal detector and weed eater, \$500.
- The Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association, portable sound system and podium, \$600.
- The Classy Chassis Car Club, annual car show, \$1,200.
- Red Coach Inn & Suites, "Rock the Vets" Memorial Day concert, \$1,200.
- Red Coach Inn & Suites, Loyalty Rewards program, \$5,000.
- The Wilson Performing Arts Center, Marine Corp Marching Band performance Memorial Day weekend, \$1,500.
- The Wilson Performing Arts Center, advertising for the 2023-2024 season, \$2,000.
- The Wilson Performing Arts Center, professional production equipment, \$10,500.

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Burn ban in effect until further notice

Montgomery County Emergency Management

An open burn ban is in effect immediately for all areas and jurisdictions within Montgomery County. The ban prohibits all open and controlled burning in Montgomery County, including all incorporated city limits within the county.

Environmental and drought conditions over the past several weeks have led to an increased number of outdoor fires becoming quickly out of control. Several fires within the past two weeks have also been attributed to previous burns that have rekindled due to strong winds.

Citizens are reminded to not throw out cigarettes from moving vehicles and to discontinue burning yard waste, piled tree debris, grass/agricultural ground and set asides or other items during this ban.

Small recreational campfires are permitted only if they are conducted in a fireplace of brick, metal or heavy one-inch wire mesh, however extreme



caution should be taken. Any campfire not in an outdoor fireplace is prohibited.

Violation of a burn ban can subject a person to criminal charges as well as civil liabilities for any damages, losses or injuries resulting from the fire.

The open burn ban is anticipated to remain in effect until the county receives substantial precipitation, alleviating the increased fire danger risk.



James Norris poses with his seniors championship trophy and a commemorative belt buckle, presented to the top 10 performing individuals in each class. (Photo submitted)

Norris wins seniors SASS shooting world championship

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Red Oak's James Norris, a gun collector, hunter, and experienced target shooter, can add "World Champion" to his list of accomplishments.

Norris, under the name of his alter ego, "Captain Jim Midnight," won the seniors division of Single Action Shooting Society's World Championship of Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch Shooting in Phoenix, Ariz., which took place Feb. 27 through March 5. Norris also finished in 15th place overall among a total of 688 shooters.

Norris said he's enjoyed target shooting for as long as he can remember, but it took a while to get the gun he wanted for a target pistol.

"I begged my dad for a, at the time, \$100 .22 caliber Colt Peacemaker. At Christmas time, I did get a pistol, but it turned out to be a \$36 .22 caliber RG pistol with a 90-day warranty. Within a month, it was broken. I tried for the Colt again, supplementing the cost with money from my savings account, but he declined, and I got a replacement RG pistol," explained Norris. "Around 30 days later, the second gun was broken. This time, when I asked him if I could use the money in my savings account to buy that .22 Colt, he finally said yes because he was tired of taking me to the store. And I still have that Colt in my collection."

Norris, who joined the SASS around 30

years ago, credits Lynn Adams as the one who helped get him involved in the organization.

"He gave me a VHS tape, and he told me 'This is your thing, and you need to do this.' Of course I didn't for two years, but then I eventually watched the tape and realized that would be kind of fun," said Norris. "I always had an interest in cowboy stuff, and I've amassed a pretty nice collection of original cowboy guns, although I shoot reproduction guns in the matches. So Lynn Adams is the one I give credit to for starting me out."

As for his Captain Jim Midnight persona, Norris said he was pondering a name for quite a while before he chose a name based off of the dog he had as a child.

"His name was Captain Midnight. I had him until I was about 16. No matter where I went in the woods with my rifle, shotgun, or Colt pistol, that dog was always with me. So I chose Captain Midnight and chose the shorter first name of Jim," commented Norris.

Norris has a local gun range, and estimates he shoots somewhere around 30,000 rounds annually around the country, and participates in around 20 annual match shooting competitions and numerous monthly matches around the area.

Norris said that while he wasn't the overall world champion, he was pleased with his final result of 15th place overall.

"Based on the results, there's no one older than me that beat me in the overalls. Also, the top seven seniors I competed against in my

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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day April 22 in Red Oak

Tess Nelson

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A National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, at the Red Oak Hy-Vee parking lot.

Red Oak Police Chief Justin Rhamy said the annual event is a collaborative effort between local, state and federal law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from medicine cabinets.

"The national take back day will provide a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled

substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction," Rhamy explained.

Rhamy said any solid dosage pharmaceutical products in consumer containers will be accepted. The medicine would be disposed of in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly in the disposal box. Those dropping off prescriptions are not required to remove the prescription label, as patient privacy rules are not being violated.

Small, pint sized bottles of cough syrup, sealed in the original container, will also be accepted. However, illicit substances such as marijuana or heroin

will not be accepted, nor will needles or inhalers.

According to MCMH pharmacist, Sherstin Willyerd, medication should be disposed of when the expiration date has passed. She added for over the counter medications, the expiration date will be located on the bottle as a stamped date, usually near the barcode.

For prescription medication in amber vials, Willyerd explained the medication expires 1 year from the date it was filled (unless otherwise specified).

Eye drops, insulin and other special drug forms will have shorter expirations listed on the packaging. If in doubt, ask a pharmacist, Willyerd said.

There are drug drops in multiple



locations locally that are available year round, said Willyerd. In Red Oak, they include the Hy-Vee Pharmacy, Medcap Pharmacy, Red Oak Police Department, and the Red Oak Pharmacy.

When it comes to storing medication properly at home, Willyerd recommended it be stored according to the directions on the packaging. She said

most medication would do well in a cool, dry, dark environment, such as a kitchen cabinet.

Willyerd said it's a good idea to add a child proof lock to the medicine cabinet to keep out children. For controlled medications, she said to consider locking the medicine in a safe or lock box in order to keep it out of the hands of those who it's not prescribed for.

"One of the major sources of prescription medications sold illegally is from our own homes.

Visitors to your home, even family, should not be able to access your controlled medications. If you no longer need these medications, dispose of

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James Norris, center, seen competing at the Single Action Shooting Society's World Championship of Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch Shooting in Phoenix. (Photo submitted)

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class finished in the top 35 of the overall rankings. To give you an idea of how close it was, I beat the second place shooter in my division by about three and a half seconds, and the third place competitor by about four seconds. In total, there were probably between 30 and 40 shooters in my class," commented Norris.

Unlike other championships, shooters are not required to qualify in a state or district competition prior to competing in the world championship. Also, Norris said he cannot compete against older shooters.

"The next age division is Silver Seniors, which are 65 to 70 year olds. I can't shoot in that division, as it would be unfair to them, but I can compete in categories against shooters that are younger than I am. I love the sport, because it's massively intense for about 20 seconds. I'm shooting about four rounds a second from my rifle when the targets are close, faster targets, it's about 10 shots in two and a half seconds. In most big shoots like the world championship, we usually shoot 12 separate stages, each stage usually includes 10 rifle, 10 pistol, and four shotgun shots," advised Norris.

Norris said the competition requires massive focus and attention to transition, and you can't afford to make a mistake.

"Willie Mescal was third place in my class this year, and won the national championship in the senior class in Oklahoma last year. At the world championship in Phoenix, we shot four stages a day for three days, and going into the last day, I knew he was ahead of me by a second or two. I went to the practice range before the match, and in the competition itself, he had a bobble, and I was up about a second on him. Then in the second stage, he had another which put me up about four seconds or so. Still, I had to go into the last two stages and shoot perfectly and smoothly, and I did."

Norris credits some of his success to practice and following the advice of wrestler Dan Gabel, who said in every competition, he went through a

three, two, one count.

"I go through a similar count because of Gabel. First, I make sure everything is the way it needs to be. My guns are all loaded, and my extra ammo is there. Second, I go over the course over and over, because if you shoot it wrong, you get a 10 second procedural penalty. Third is the mental self talk, smooth, focus, faith in my abilities, shoot like a champion," Norris said.

After all these years of competitive shooting, Norris said it was a great feeling to bring home the championship trophy this year.

"It was fun, and I kind of felt sorry for second place, honestly. Everything came together and it worked. Another thing I love about it is that it's friendly competition. Willie Mescal, who finished third, is a good friend of mine and we shot together through the whole match in a "posse" group of about 20 people," Norris commented. "It's not a dog-eat-dog competition. I like shooting among the best and being among the best. If I can shoot a good match and get beat, I'm okay with that. I was very pleased at how I shot when I was done, and I got lucky enough to win."

Norris said competing in the matches takes a lot out of him, due to the mental focus

and practice required, but still, Norris said it's worth it.

"Nothing you want to do that is challenging is going to come easy, so you'd better enjoy the challenge and have fun," stated Norris.

Norris said he plans to keep attending the big shooting competitions and will defend his world championship title at the next competition. Norris said if any youth in the area are interested in learning more about target shooting or joining the SASS, he'd be welcome to help them learn safe target shooting.

"Education and knowledge are the two most important things. Anyone I've ever taught, I tell them, never solve a problem with a gun. I enjoy shooting, but I hate the misuse of firearms. For a young person that wants to do something like this, they can contact me or someone else, but make sure it's someone that will teach them safely. Something like this sport is a good way to teach gun safety, proficiency with guns, and bring out their inner cowboy."

Norris said he can be reached at 712-621-5726. An open house celebrating Norris' win will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Montgomery County History Center on April 15. A short program is scheduled at 1:30 p.m.

Wind driven embers ignite Red Oak house fire

Nick Johansen

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Firefighters from multiple agencies helped tackle a house fire in Red Oak April 4.

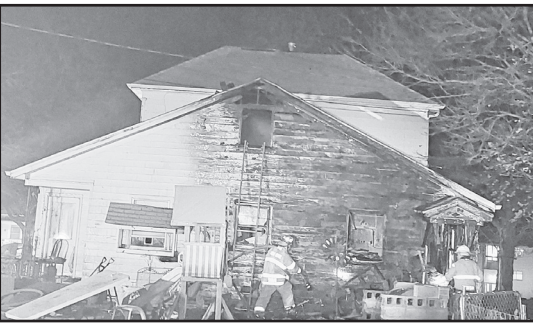
Red Oak Fire Chief John Bruce said at around 6:50 p.m., the Red Oak Fire Department was dispatched to 1903 200th St. (East Summit Street) for a reported house fire with flames visible.

Bruce said the first arriving engine reported heavy fire from the north side of the residence with fire extension into the first floor.

"All occupants were verified to have evacuated the residence with no injuries. The three-tier dispatch guideline assigned three fire departments to all working structure fires so the Stanton Fire Department and Elliott Fire Department were dispatched simultaneously as well. Additional mutual aid was received from Essex Rescue, the Red Oak Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery County Communications, MidAmerican Utilities, and the American Red Cross," Bruce said.

The fire originated from a fire pit located approximately 10 yards to the north of the residence. Wind driven embers ignited the accumulated vegetation along a fence line and started the northwest portion of the first floor on fire. Fire eventually breached the first floor windows and entered the residence from the first floor, on the north side.

"Fire crews had to conduct defensive exterior



Firefighters on the scene April 4. Photo provided

fire ground operations, then they transitioned to offensive interior fire suppression and search and rescue operations very quickly," commented Bruce

Bruce said the home suffered extensive fire, smoke and water damage, and the home was currently uninhabitable. The American Red Cross is assisting the family as needed. Bruce said thankfully, no one was seriously injured.

"There were no injuries to occupants. There was one minor injury to a law enforcement officer that was assisting with hydrant hook-up and deploying fire hose. The officer was treated and released from Montgomery County Memorial Hospital without complication," stated Bruce.

The property owner is listed as Jane Waltz. The residence was occupied by three adults and one child at the time of the fire. Fire/ground operations were terminated at approximately 9:45 p.m.

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them," said Willyerd..

She added that if a drop site is not readily available, the next best option is to grind up or damage the medications and mix them with kitty litter or coffee grounds, which will mask the drug and absorb some of the medication.

"The idea is to help avoid diversion of the medication and to help safely dispose of the medication in a landfill," she said.

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- The Red Oak Country Club, event venue revamp, \$2,300.
- The Montgomery County Family YMCA to go to 24-hour access, \$1,700.
- Save Our Depot, parking lot, retaining wall, and invasive plant coverage, \$7,500.
- The Red Oak Grand Theatre, new seat installation and flooring in original theater, \$12,000.

Over the summer, Lester said the committee will meet to review the application.

"It's been a while, and we're always evolving. I anticipate the organizations and people that are applying are still going to be great, but the money may not be there like we used to have," advised Lester. "We need to think of different ideas, like

More information about prescription drug takebacks in Iowa can be found at: https://odcp.iowa.gov/drugtakeback?utm_medium=ppc&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=drugtakeback2023&utm_content=day&gclid=Cj0KCQjw27mhBhC9ARIsAIFsETER8p10HDzOd9k8PLZrpJJx-oO6O_UsZU7MM6YlMsnUzJ7k0eIRUncaAtkkEAL_wcB.

putting a cap on the funding, and fine tuning the application. Sometimes the money is much better one year than it is another year. COVID-19 took a toll on those years."

Overall, Lester said she was pleased with the applications that the committee received to review.

"I feel the ideas out there were great. There were some new ideas, and some old ones as well. Most of the people come to the meeting in person to talk about their projects, or are available by cell phone if they can't come in person," Lester said.

The recommended projects submitted by the committee were approved as presented by the Red Oak City Council at its regular April 3 meeting.

Protecting your sexual health is as easy as:

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- TALK** Talk with your partner **before** having sex. Talk about **when** you were last tested and suggest getting tested together. Talk to your healthcare provider about your sex life and ask **what STI tests** you should be getting and **how often**.

- TEST** **Get tested!** It's the only way to **know for sure** if you have an STI. Many STIs **don't cause any symptoms**, so you could have one and **not know**. If you're not comfortable talking to your regular provider about STIs, find a clinic that provides confidential testing that is free or low cost.

- TREAT** All STIs are **treatable**. If you test positive for an STI, work with your healthcare provider to get the correct treatment. Ask about **partner services** to get your partner tested and treated. Avoid having sex until you and your sex partner both **complete treatment**.



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RICHARD “DICK” MILNER, 88

Richard “Dick” Eugene Milner, 88, died March 29, 2023, at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak. Dick Milner, the son of Russell Lewis and Mildred Marie (Rush) Milner, was born Jan. 29, 1935, at home in Elliott. Dick attended school in Elliott, graduating from Elliott High School with the class of 1953. After graduating, he worked for a short time at the grain elevator in Stennett for his uncle. He then joined his father at Elliott Motor as a mechanic. Dick enlisted in the Marines and served his country from 1956 until 1958. While in the Marines he was stationed in Japan.

On Aug. 13, 1958, he was united in marriage to Karen Kay Reynolds at the Elliott Church of Christ. They lived in California until Dick was discharged from the Marines. They then returned to Elliott, where Dick continued working at Elliott Motor. Dick also worked for the city of Elliott, drove a school bus for the Griswold Community School District for over 30 years, and worked numerous odd jobs from shingling to tree trimming. He remained in Elliott, and lived at home, until the time of his death.

Dick was an active member of the Elliott Church of Christ and Elliott community. He was a part of many church and community projects and always willing to lend a hand. He could fix or build anything, including the house he and Karen raised their family in. He enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, wood working, and collecting Coca Cola memorabilia, pedal cars, and NAPA trucks. Dick’s favorite pastime was spending time with his family.

Dick was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Barbara; his grandson, Mike; his parents; his brothers, Don and Larry Milner; and his sister, Dorothy Nelson.

He is survived by his wife, Karen of Elliott; his children, Sandy England and husband Bob of Treynor, Jeri Croxell of Griswold, Dianna England and husband Brent of Cedar Rapids, and Denise Larson and husband Ken of Preston; his grandchildren, Missy Magill and husband Adam, Bryant England and wife Melissa, Tyler Croxell and Toni, Kaci Croxell, Madison England, Megan England, Colin Larson and wife Lizzie, Cam Larson, and Tyler Larson; and his great-grandchildren, Rylie, Addy, Joslynn, Eli, Owen, Alice, Emmy, Evan, Ellie, and Emry.

He is survived by his siblings, Mary Reynolds and Gordon Milner; his sister-in-law, Patty Vestal and husband Chuck; and his brothers-in-law, Les Reynolds, Butch Reynolds, and Denny Reynolds. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held Monday, April 3, 2023, at the Elliott Church of Christ. Interment was in the Hillside Cemetery at Elliott.

Rieken Duhn Funeral Home is assisting the family.



MERLYN HALE, 73

Merlyn Lucinda Hale, 73, Red Oak, passed away, Friday, March 31, 2023, at Montgomery County Memorial Hospital. Merlyn was born Sept. 13, 1949, in Clarinda, the daughter of George and Agnes (Graham) Rhamy. She was raised in the Clarinda area and after high school was a waitress and later worked as a CNA in area nursing homes.

She was united in marriage to Robert W. Hale on Aug. 18, 1971, in Clarinda. Merlyn moved to Red Oak in 1990. She had many hobbies including camping, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, bingo, and watching the Food Network, because she was an excellent cook.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and seven siblings, David Allen Graham, Marvin Graham, Jerry Graham, Terry Graham, Dale Graham and his wife Cherie, Floyd Graham, and Vickie Cozad; and niece, Shannon Robinson.

Survivors include her children, Kimberly Jones of Red Oak, Tammy Graham and Travis Grammer of Emerson, and Trevor Hale and special friend Chenoa Castillo of Red Oak; daughter-in-law, Dawn Hale of Red Oak; grandchildren, Patricia Jean Jackson of Sedalia, Mo.; Tara Tuttle Jackson of Quincy, Ill.; Jeremy Dolph and significant other Brittany Gray of Clarinda; Jessica Johnson and husband Brandon of Council Bluffs; Heather Patterson and husband Donnie of Red Oak; Austin Hale of Red Oak; Maelynn Turek of Red Oak; Caitlyn Hale of Red Oak; and Vincent James Turek of Red Oak; many great-grandchildren, including Ayrton McCallister, Maci Graham, Lily Patterson, Paxtyn Dolph, Bowen Dolph, and Willow Dirks; sisters, Rebecca Whited of Red Oak, and Evalena Gregory and husband Stan of Ft. Madison; and many other relatives and friends, many whom knew her as “Nana.”

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



RODNEY COURTIER, 72

Rodney William Courtier, 72, Hastings, passed away March 23, 2023, in Council Bluffs.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Lyle and Viola Margaret Courtier; brothers, Roy Harmon, David Courtier, and Bruce Courtier; and nephew, Jeremy Courtier.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Sue Courtier of Hastings; son, Jesse Lyle Courtier (Roongtip) and granddaughters, Radha and Rinya Courtier of San Francisco, Calif.; sisters, Kathy Ruble (Robert) of Kearney, Mo.; and Vicky Allen of Cheyenne, Wyo.; sisters-in-law, Mary Courtier of Shenandoah; Chris Courtier of Hastings; and Karen Mandina of Malvern; brothers, Robin Courtier (Debbie) of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Doug Courtier (Christine) of Bellevue, Neb.; Randy Courtier of Shenandoah; Kevin Courtier (Ann) of Scottsbluff, Neb.; and Kent Courtier of Elkhorn, Wis., along with many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

A graveside service with Military Honors will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the Hastings Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Hastings Community Building following the services.

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



KASEN MONREAL, 7 MOS.

Kasen Saige Monreal, 7 months, Red Oak, passed away Friday, March 31, 2023, at Children’s Hospital in Omaha, Neb.

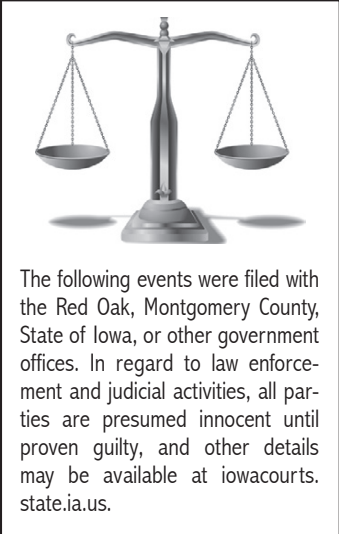
Kasen was born Aug. 4, 2022, in Council Bluffs, the son of Adriana Monreal and Dyllan Hansen.

Survivors include his parents, Adriana Monreal and Dyllan Hansen of Red Oak.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 14, 2023, at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel in Red Oak. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery.



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

- Linda Venditte, Power of Attorney, and Elmer Helm to Lloyd and Vicki Smith, Elliott 3rd Addition Blk 1 Lts 15-20 Ling Caldwell Hullis Replat.
- Larry Abraham to Randall Gowery, 28-71-36, Villisca South Villisca Lts 13-14.
- Mickey Anderson, President, John Wenstrand, Secretary, Stanton Area Industrial Foundation, Inc., and Stanton Area Industrial Foundation to Stanton Child Resource Center, Inc., Stanton Stanton Technology Park Lt 1.
- Diana Foote, Diana Clark, and Jeremiah Foote to Taylor Smith, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Lts 5-6 Bishop SD, OLT 3-4.
- Melvin and Elizabeth Herrick to 1107 E. Corning LLC, Red Oak Northeastern Addition Lts 3-4 Bishop SD, OLT 3-4.
- Steve and Liz Herrick to 711 N. 5th LLC, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 20 Lts 1-2.
- Steven and Elizabeth Herrick to 217 S. 2nd LLC, Red Oak Southern Addition Lts 93-94.
- Steven and Elizabeth Herrick to 601 E. Reed LLC, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 31 Lts 7-9.
- Steven and Elizabeth Herrick to 204 N. 8th LLC, Red Oak

Willard’s Addition Lt 3 Binns SD Lt 3.

- Steven and Elizabeth Herrick to 500 E. Washington LLC, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 51 Lt 6.
- Donald and Kathleen Myers to Shane Myers, Villisca Original Plat Lts 415-419.
- Brent Davis Construction and Brent Davis, Sole Member and Manager, to Top Craft Renovations LLC, Villisca Original Plat Lt 400.
- Jonette Otte CFO, and Davidson Farms LLC to Melissa Miller Davidson, 17-73-39 Parcel A.
- Caleb and Abbey Orme to Jason and Sara Orme, Red Oak Eastern Slopes III Lt 1.

TRUSTEE’S DEED

- Dale Long, Trustee and Dwayne Long Family Trust to Dale Long, 4-72-39, 9-72-39, 21-72-39.
- Dale Long, Trustee and Helen Long Family Trust to Dale Long, 4-72-39, 9-72-39, 21-72-39.
- Dale Long, Trustee and Dwayne Long Family Trust to Jerry Wagaman, 4-72-39, 5-72-39.
- Dale Long, Trustee and Helen Long Family Trust to Jerry Wagaman, 4-72-39, 5-72-39.
- Dale Long, Trustee and Dwayne Long Family Trust to Danielle Wagaman and Lindsey O’Doherty, 4-72-39, 5-72-39.
- Dale Long, Trustee and Helen Long Family Trust to Lindsey O’Doherty and Danielle Wagaman, 4-72-39, 5-72-39.
- Barbara Rebhan, Trustee Marilyn Schreiner, Trustee, and Evelyn Sowers Revocable Trust to Marilyn Schreiner, Trustee, Marilyn Schreiner Revocable Trust, Curtis Rebhan, Co-Trustee, Barbara Rebhan, Co-Trustee, Curtis Rebhan Trust, and Barbara Rebhan Trust, 31-72-39.
- Marilyn Schreiner, Trustee, and Marilyn Schreiner Revocable Trust to Sowers Family Farmland LLC, 31-72-39.
- Curtis Rebhan, Co-Trustee, Barbara Rebhan, Co-Trustee, Cur-

tis Rebhan Trust, and Barbara Rebhan Trust to Sowers Family Farmland LLC, 31-72-39.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

- Daniel and Rachel Lukehart to Tracy Schooling, Red Oak Western Addition.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Agriland FS, Inc. vs Steven Sheeder, Villisca, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, 4,448.86 with 7.22% interest from April 6, plus costs.
- Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Charles Brown III, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$3,177.96 with 7.22% interest from April 6, plus costs.
- Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Tracy Craven, Sr., Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$45 with 7.22% interest from April 6, plus costs.
- Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Timothy McConnaughey, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,252.85 with 7.22% interest from April 6, plus costs.
- Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Kaylie Hudson, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$3,044.96 with 7.22% interest from April 6, plus costs.
- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Toni Jackson, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$3,502.39 with 7.22% interest from April 6, plus costs.
- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Stacey Henderson, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$2,014.13 with 7.22% interest from April 6, plus costs.
- Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Spencer Swigum, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$4,266.62 with 7.22% interest from April 4, plus costs.

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- Nebraska Furniture Mart vs. Codie Swift, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$2,323.19 with 7.22% interest from April 4, plus costs.
- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Cassandra Redd, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,201.12 with 7.22% interest from April 4, plus costs.

ARRESTS

- Filed April 5, Thomas Daffer, 34, Red Oak, warrant for assault, \$1,000 bond.
- Filed April 5, Aidan Lowry, 29, Omaha, Neb., warrant for violation of probation, \$5,000 bond.
- Filed April 7, Janssen Ludwigs, 33, Oakland, warrant for theft fifth degree, \$300 cash bond.
- Filed April 8, Kristy Martin, 38, Griswold, domestic abuse assault first offense, held on no bond.
- Filed April 9, Kimberly Jones, 54, Red Oak, theft fifth degree, \$300 bond.
- Filed April 9, Noah Groves, 22, Red Oak, warrant for simple assault, \$300 cash bond.
- Filed April 10, Ashely King, 29, Red Oak, possession of methamphetamine first offense, \$1,000 bond.

DISMISSED

- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Justin Smith, 45, Red Oak, controlled substance violation, dismissed.

CRIMINAL

- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Justin Smith, 45, Red Oak, controlled substance violation, pled guilty, 10 years prison, suspended, three years probation, \$1,370 fine, suspended.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Cory Smith, 38, Elliott, theft third degree, deferred judgment, one year, one year probation, \$855 fine.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Jacob Dykes Vargas, 37, Red

Oak, possession of a controlled substance - third or subsequent offense.

- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. David Clark, 43, Red Oak, domestic abuse assault - first offense.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Kaiden Schooling, 18, Red Oak, public intoxication, disorderly conduct - fighting/violent behavior, assault, two counts, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Robert Harvilicz, 43, Jefferson, driving while license denied or revoked, pled guilty, \$430 fine.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Dylan Griffith, 33, Red Oak, assault causing bodily injury or mental illness.

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- State of Iowa vs. Tempest Jackson, 37, Council Bluffs, probation violation, dismissed.
- State of Iowa vs. Curtis Frazee, 30, Red Oak, second offense.

TRAFFIC

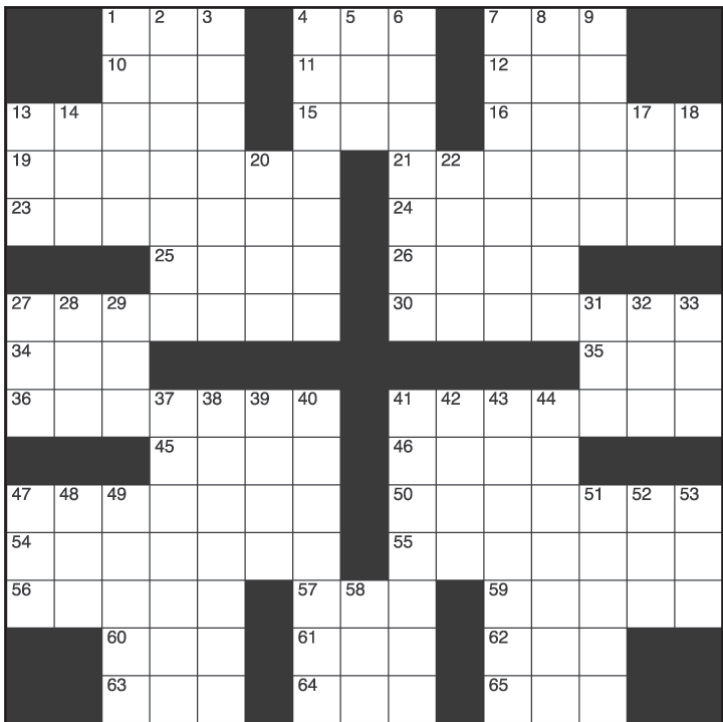
- Edward Stickland, Red Oak, failure to carry registration card.
- Ryan Lynam, Gretna, Neb., failure to maintain or use safety belts.
- Jake Custer, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- James Nye, Villisca, fail to display registration plate.
- Lillie Oglesbee, Corning, failure to maintain registration plate.
- Ruben Garcia Sanchez, Omaha, Neb., operating non-registered vehicle.
- Gaven McMillin, Red Oak, registration violation.
- Ryan Omvig, Spirit Lake, speeding.
- Cole Meek, Red Oak, speeding.

- Brandt Chapple, Corning, speeding.
- Matthew Ryle, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Zachary Blonien, Woodbine, speeding.
- Sandra Frink, Emerson, operating non - registered vehicle.
- Breanna Walton, Villisca, operating non - registered vehicle.
- David Griggs, Iowa City, speeding.
- Hailey Rydberg, Essex, fail to obey stop sign and yield right of way.
- Ethan Steffens, Atlantic, no valid driver’s license.
- Edgar Zamarron, Red Oak, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.
- Mandy Knapp, Red Oak, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.

ACCIDENT

- On April 5, at 8:36 p.m., Red Oak Police officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 2nd and Oak streets. Cheri Klimek, 46, driving a 2020 Hyundai Elantra, was traveling east on Oak Street. Heavyn Aherns, 18, Red Oak, driving a 2015 Hyundai Elantra owned by Stevi Fowler, was traveling south on 2nd Street. According to the report, Aherns thought the Klimek vehicle was turning north and proceeded to turn south, upon which the Klimek vehicle struck the Aherns vehicle. Damage to the Klimek vehicle was about \$9,000, and damage to the Aherns vehicle was about \$6,000. Red Oak Rescue was called for a minor passenger in the Aherns vehicle who complained of pain. The passenger refused treatment and was released to her guardian. Aherns was cited for operating a motor vehicle with expired license and failure to yield upon left turn.

CROSSWORD · ANSWER ON PAGE 7B



CLUES ACROSS

- Atomic mass unit
- Criticize mightily
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Stand in for
- Everyone has one
- Brew
- Rectify
- Popular Dodge truck model
- Beef or chicken intestine
- Satisfy
- Of a particular people or localized region
- Movements in quick tempos
- Able to pay one’s debts
- Fleshy bird beak covering
- Dueling sword
- Helps
- Court is in it

- Touch lightly
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Of one
- Baked good
- Jai __, sport
- About aviation
- Low oval mound
- Rugged mountain ranges
- Compel to do something
- A way to carve
- Sao __, city in Brazil
- Mustachioed actor Elliott
- American Idol runner-up Clay
- A way to soak
- Car mechanics group
- Born of
- Time zone
- Sea eagle
- Even’s opposite

CLUES DOWN

- Sharp mountain ridge
- Thin, fibrous cartilages
- Provides new details
- Muscular weaknesses
- Ottoman military title
- Banes
- Horse-riding seats
- Arms of a shirt
- Narrow path along a road edge
- Viper
- Disfigure
- Variety of Chinese language
- Portray in a show
- Wrongful act
- No (slang)
- State of agitation
- __ Diego
- One point east of due

- south
- 007’s creator
- The NBA’s Toppin
- Midway between north and northeast
- Examples
- __ Gould, actor
- The habitat of wild animals
- Artful subtlety
- Infielders
- Keep under control
- Herb
- Distressed
- A way to go down
- Type of acid
- Take by force
- Collected fallen leaves
- Shout of welcome or farewell
- Monetary unit
- Swiss river

SWCC announces recent graduate

Southwestern Community College at the Red Oak Center announced its most recent High School Equivalency Degree (HSED) graduate.

HSED uses the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) to meet subject area competencies.

Martha Archuleta successfully passed her HiSET requirements and received her certification on March 31. She accomplished her goal while also working two jobs and being a single mom.

Martha will now be able to participate in SWCC's HSED graduation celebration, which will include all of this year's

HSED graduates, at the Creston campus on June 22 at the SWCC Performing Arts Center Theater. Archuleta said, "It was nice to develop a nice relationship with the staff and teachers. They have a very nice family atmosphere."

The Red Oak Center congratulates Martha and wishes her the best as she continues forward with her plans.

For information on the HSED or any other programs that SWCC offers, feel free to check the webpage at swcciowa.edu, contact the Red Oak Center at 712-623-2541, or email John Hewett, Red Oak Center Coordinator, at jhewett@swcciowa.edu.



Archuleta
ciowa.edu.

Easter bunny visits Essex Elementary



Elementary students in Essex enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny on April 7, and participated in an Easter egg hunt. (Photo submitted)

VIEWPOINTS

Stronger the Press, Stronger the People

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORY CENTER | DAVID MCFARLAND

The curse of Red Oak Creek

I am sure some of you out there are viewers of the popular television show dealing with a mysterious lost treasure buried on a tiny island in the Atlantic Ocean.

I will admit I fell victim to it for a while, but I think it became more of a question of anger. Every week there was some fantastic off-the-wall theory as to the origin of the treasure. Very little proof (none in reality); more overly wild conjecture.

Having taught archaeology, I am offended by the poor methodology practiced in their endeavors, applying supposition in place of facts and drawing conclusions using only what might be known as "apple picking." To those of you who enjoy the quest for lost secrets and especially treasure, and those who truly don't, I have something closer to home.

Working in the field of history, you must search for evidence and then confirm that evidence and back it up; then you can begin to form a theory.

If you find a Roman coin in your garden, it does not mean Julius Caesar and a Roman Legion once marched there. I find myself constantly running across interesting stories and they can be the

beginning of some interesting journeys.

Case in point, I heard from several sources about a bank robbery in Essex about the turn of the century. The story goes that the bank was robbed and the thieves, on horseback, headed for Emerson. They were caught before getting there, but the money was missing.

All the robbers would say is they buried it along Walnut Creek at the base of a large tree. I heard the story often repeated with slight variations. I even met people who had found a coin or two along the Creek. Not exactly proof of a large stash of stolen money.

Then one day by chance I met a man, the grandson of the man who owned the Essex Bank. In conversation, the subject of the robbery came up. My assumed witness said his grandfather and dad did not like to talk about it. "Banking and robberies do not make for good business."

The story, according to him, was true. Did it meet the burden of truth? But there was more. It went that the bank bought two rifles to guard the bank with. At this point, I was shown one of the said rifles. My skepticism was shaken.

We are not done! This one is one of my favorites. While combing through old copies of the Red Oak Express looking for proof of another story, I ran across an interesting article that carried over to several addendums.

It seems that people were wondering and some even complaining about an old man traveling up and down Red Oak Creek with a shovel digging holes. He was questioned but provided no answers at first. The behavior continued and so did the complaints.

Finally, the sheriff threatened to arrest him if he did not give a good account of himself. At first, the old man just said he was looking for something. They kept pressing him and he finally told he was looking for some lost money. What money?

At last, he told that he was looking for \$10,000 in gold that was buried along the creek. The old man was released and made to promise to quit digging holes, which he did not fully comply with. Just think, gold has increased in price a hundred time over from when this story took place.

Now before you grab your shovel and start trespassing, there are a number of things to consider.

The law is much stricter now! Oh! And by the way, Red Oak Creek was straightened shortly after the old man's quest. His holes would now be under a street or building. I do not think residents of Red Oak would approve of having their community turned into a excavation site like that poor little island on such a lack of proof.

It is important to have dreams, whether it is buried treasure or a winning lottery ticket. I have lost faith in them finding the Knights Templar treasure; I am putting my money on a sack of coins buried under a local tree.

It at least has a back story; the only motive for destroying an island is some said they saw someone digging under an oak tree 200 years ago.

The Montgomery County History Center is now working on creating a display featuring local legends. It should be fun and interesting. Stay tuned.

David McFarland is the director of the Montgomery County History Center. You can contact him via email at mchsociet@qwestoffice.net.

THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

The unlucky old Sun

At this time in April, 1936, a good many Iowans were watching the calendar, counting the days remaining until the 27th.

Among them were Governor Clyde Herring, members of the Iowa Supreme Court, legislators, newspaper reporters and activists on both sides of the capital punishment issue.

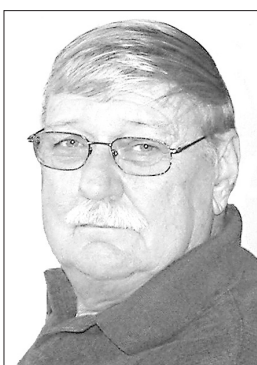
Another was Sheriff John Konkel—who was duty-bound to pull the lever. Konkel was one of numerous Red Oak residents who dreaded the day while making preparations. Others included the staff of The Sun; a newspaper repeatedly victimized by inopportune timing.

There was no question but that Arch Breeding had murdered his wife. After years of tolerating his drunkenness, mistreatment and failure to provide, in the fall of 1934 she filed for divorce. Evidence in the murder case included an eye witness, his confession, proof that he'd stolen a 5-shot, .38 revolver, told an acquaintance "something was going to happen," then walked to the home on Nuckols Street he had just been ordered to leave.

He called his wife, Florence, to the door. Their daughter Bernice, age 17, was at her mother's elbow. Standing on the darkened porch and peering through a latched screen door, Arch asked Florence if she was going through with it. She said she was. He fired three shots. One struck her in the temple. He then fired the other two rounds into the porch roof, explaining later that he intended suicide but wavered. He fled, but not for long.

He confessed before and after his arrest. Although he declined a lawyer, one was appointed by a judge who insisted the defendant have adequate representation. Breeding was convicted. Iowa law provided the death penalty in the case of premeditated, first degree murder. Breeding stated he deserved and wanted that sentence. He got it.

Appeals were filed shortly thereafter. Twice, with the date of execution at hand, he was granted a stay to allow evidence to be heard and reviewed by the Iowa Supreme Court. Months passed before the



manner that seemed irrevocable. "If the death sentence fits anyone," he wrote, "it fit Breeding." Herring called this the worst of crimes, "the killing with malice the one person he had sworn to honor and protect."

Breeding would hang on April 27.

As the day grew near newspaper editors — Ralph Overholser of the Express and Frank Boll at the Sun — decided on a headline and probably had most of the story prepared in advance.

The timing of this case had been unfortunate for the Sun since the beginning. The Sun was published each Friday. The murder was on Friday night. Four hours after the crime (about 3 a.m.) Breeding stopped at a farm home west of Red Oak and placed a call intended for Sheriff Konkel, who was out searching.

Konkel had no radio. While the sheriff was being located a car from Red Oak containing William Boll, representing The Sun, arrived at the farm where Breeding was waiting. This was a reporter's dream — the most sensational local news story of the decade and a fugitive who had just killed his wife, had not yet been arrested or seen

a lawyer, wanted to talk.

Boll asked questions, Breeding gave answers and more. The Sun had the story everyone wanted to read, but the Sun wouldn't be printed for six days. The Express, published each Tuesday and Thursday, sold the extras.

As the trial, sentencing and appeals process played out the Sun was repeatedly in the position of reporting events the Express had already covered. It appeared the same would be true of the execution. The hanging was to be Monday morning. The Express would be at Ft. Madison and have Breeding's last words in their Tuesday edition.

The best The Sun could do was make the most of the fact that theirs would be the final Red Oak paper printed before Breeding was executed. Their Friday headline read: "Arch Breeding Will Die Next Monday."

This was another embarrassment, as Breeding did not die next Monday. A few hours after the Sun went to press, Governor Herring unexpectedly reversed himself and reduced the sentence. The Sun was an alternative to the Republican politics of the Express, and offered the continuity of being owned and published by the same family from 1877 until Bonnie Boll sold to the Express in 1955.

She ran (unsuccessfully) for the Iowa Senate in 1956. A life-long worker for the Democratic Party, Bonnie Elwood Boll died in 1980 at the age of 93.

Arch Breeding was 76 and a free man when he died in Red Oak of natural causes. The Express neither reported his passing nor printed his obituary. We have no idea what his last words were, but we know he's buried beside his wife in Evergreen Cemetery.

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Community Calendar

13 April

8 a.m.-noon, Leadership Red Oak.
12:30 p.m., Bingo, Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn at 402-926-8683 for more information.
4 p.m., Community Prayer Time, Fountain Square Park. Call Bonnie at 623-4759.
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

14 April

Red Oak Public Library, Popcorn Friday, all day.
10-11 a.m., Core 52 Bible study at the Red Oak Presbyterian Church, 511 E. Coolbaugh St.
10:15 a.m., Storytime at the Red Oak Public Library, 400 N. 2nd St., theme: "Potato."
5 p.m., "Murder at the 34 Saloon," a 2023 Ladies Night Out event at Stadium 34, 1200 Senate Ave. Social hour at 5 p.m. with murder mystery at 6 p.m., See story on this page for details.
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.
7 p.m., "Shazam! Fury of the Gods," theatre #1; "Marlowe," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

15 April

8 a.m., Live Healthy Iowa 5K run walk, Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St. A 1K kids' run is slated for 9 a.m., call 623-2161 for further information.
10-10:45 a.m., Parent-Tot swim lessons for kids ages 6 months to 3 years at the Montgomery County Family YMCA.
7 p.m., "Shazam! Fury of the Gods," theatre #1; "Marlowe," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.
7:30 p.m. Joseph Hall's "Elvis, Rock 'N' Remember Tribute" at the Wilson Performing Arts Center, 300 Commerce Dr. Tickets \$30 for adults, \$20 for students, call 623-3138 or

visit wilsonartscenter.org for tickets.

16 April

11 a.m.1:30 p.m., Potato bar at the Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St., free will donation. See story on this page for further information.
2 and 7 p.m., "Shazam! Fury of the Gods," theatre #1; "Marlowe," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

17 April

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

18 April

9-11 a.m., Intro to pickleball at the Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St. Equipment provided. .
Noon, Rotary Club meeting. For location, go to 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 at 402-926-8683 for more information.
2-3:30 p.m., Journeys Grief Support Group, Faith Community Church, 2701 N. 8th St.
5:30 p.m., Montgomery County Supervisors, North Meeting Room in courthouse basement, open to public.

19 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.



Valentines Day crowning

Accura Healthcare of Stanton recently shared the names of the Valentine's Day King and Queen that were crowned during a party last month. Charles McCoppin, seated left, was named King and Juanita Sassaman, seated right, was named queen. Elvis (Craig Florian of Glenwood) crowned the Valentine royalty. (Photo submitted)

Squadron of Heroes donation



Red Oak Kiwanis President Kim Truka, pictured left, recently shared a donation with Brad Baker, representing the Squadron Of Heroes. The donation will be used to purchase more costumes. (Photo submitted)

PODLISKA 80TH BIRTHDAYS



Ken and Judy Podliska of Red Oak are having a joint birthday celebration this month. Ken's birthday is Dec. 12, and Judy's April 16.
In honor of the occasion, the family is hosting a card shower.
Send cards to the couple at 1702 Crestline Dr., Red Oak, IA 51566.

Potato bar at RO Senior Center

The Red Oak Senior Center at 2700 N. 4th St. will host a potato bar from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 16.
Drinks and dessert will also be offered, and take-out is available. A free will offering will be accepted.

RO Rotary murder mystery event

A 2023 Ladies Night Out event is slated for April 14.
"Murder at the 34 Saloon," an interactive wild west murder mystery, will take place at Stadium 34, at 1200 Senate Ave., with a 5 p.m. social hour and a murder mystery event beginning at 6 p.m., presented by the Red Oak Rotary Club. Cost is \$30 at the door, or a table of eight is \$175. The menu will be beef stew, green beans, corn bread, and peach cobbler.
For more information, call 249-8346.

Senior Menu

Thursday, April 13: Hamburger patty on a bun, roasted red potatoes, baked beans, cherry gelatin, beverage mix, milk/coffee.
Friday, April 14: Chicken and rice casserole, club spinach, wheat bread slice, peach crisp, beverage

mix, milk/coffee.
Monday, April 17: Roast beef with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, Oreo brownie, beverage mix, milk/coffee.
Tuesday, April 18: Chicken stuffing casserole, glazed carrots,

Brussel sprouts, multi-grain bread slice, baked cookie, beverage mix, milk/coffee.
April 19: Chili, baked potato, corn, corn bread, pineapple tidbits, beverage mix, milk/coffee.
For more information, call the

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

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays are:

Claudia Pilecki – April 14
Lucas Swanson – April 16
Judy Podliska – April 16
Kim Plambeck – April 17
Barb Burkhiser – April 17
Kaleb Tillman – April 17
Jacob Mueller – April 19
Sara White – April 19

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Advent Christian

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

Assembly Of God

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

Baptist

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

Southern Baptist

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

Catholic

St. Joseph's, 131 W. High, Villisca, Father Sylvester Okoh, Sunday

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

Christian

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

Christian & Missionary Alliance

Citylight Southwest Iowa, 705 Bradford, Emerson. Co-lead pastors Matt Keller, Tyler Mass. Worship with children's church, 10 a.m. in-person gathering. **Online:** 10 a.m. live on Facebook.
Faith Community, 2701 N. 8th St., Red Oak, Pastor Dan Wetzel, Associate Pastor Stephen Beaulier, Worship, 9:30 a.m. Connection Classes for pre-kindergarten-adults, 11 a.m. Wednesday activities: Faith Kids, Pre-K grade 4, 6-7:30 p.m. Faith Midpoint, grades 5-6, 6-7:30 p.m. Faith Youth, grades 7-12, 7-8:30 p.m. **Online:** 9:30 a.m. on KCSI, 9:30 a.m. on Facebook.

Church Of Christ

Church Of Christ, Elliott, Sunday Bible School, 9 a.m., Worship, 10 a.m., Men's and Women's Bible study and breakfast, first Sunday of the month at 7:30 a.m.
River of Life Church, Hwy. 48 North, Red Oak, Interim Minister Kevin Berry, Sunday School 9 a.m., Worship, 10 a.m.

Church Of the Nazarene

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

Covenant

Evangelical, Rev. Matt King, 308 Eastern, Stanton, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m. **Online:** 10:45 a.m. live on Facebook and later on Youtube.
Faith Covenant Church, 212 Alice St., Essex, Pastor Gordon Scott, Pastor Staci Shearer, Worship, 8:30 a.m.
First Covenant, Rev. Alan Dean, pastor, 3rd & Hammond, Red Oak, Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Jehovah's Witness

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

Lutheran

Bethesda Lutheran, Rural Clarinda. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran, 1101 Summit St., Red Oak, Rev. Jennifer Yeske-Drown, Sunday worship, 11 a.m.
Strand Evangelical, Rural Villisca, Rev. Marietta Nelson-Bittle, Worship, 9:45 a.m.
Fremont Lutheran (Nyman), 1147 Ironwood Ave, Red Oak, Pastor Ann Albert, Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Mamrelund Lutheran, 410 Eastern Ave., Stanton. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. **Online:** 10:30 a.m. FMTC Cable Channel 1, also live on Facebook.
Mt. Calvary, 107 S. 5th, Villisca, Jerome Wagoner, Worship, 9:00 a.m. Tabor Lutheran, 1711 Q Ave., Stanton, Worship, 8:15 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Peace Lutheran, (A WELS Congregation), 411 Church St., Shenandoah, Saturday Worship, 5:30 p.m.; Bible and Sunday School, 6:30 p.m.

Non-Denominational

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

Presbyterian

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

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United Methodist

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Wesley Chapel UMC, Rev. Joni Hickey, M16 north off Hwy. 34 then west on Epperson. 624-8320. strahaniowachurch.org Worship, 8:30 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, Pastor Casey Pelzer, Worship services, 8:30 a.m. **Online:** 8:30 a.m. live on Facebook

United Methodist, 203 S. 3rd Ave., Villisca, Pastor Jennifer Van Nostrand, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m. **Online:** 10:45 a.m. live on Facebook.

Strahan United Methodist, Five miles south of Hastings on M16., strahaniowachurch.org, Rev. Joni Hickey, Sunday Worship service 9:45 a.m. Adult and children's Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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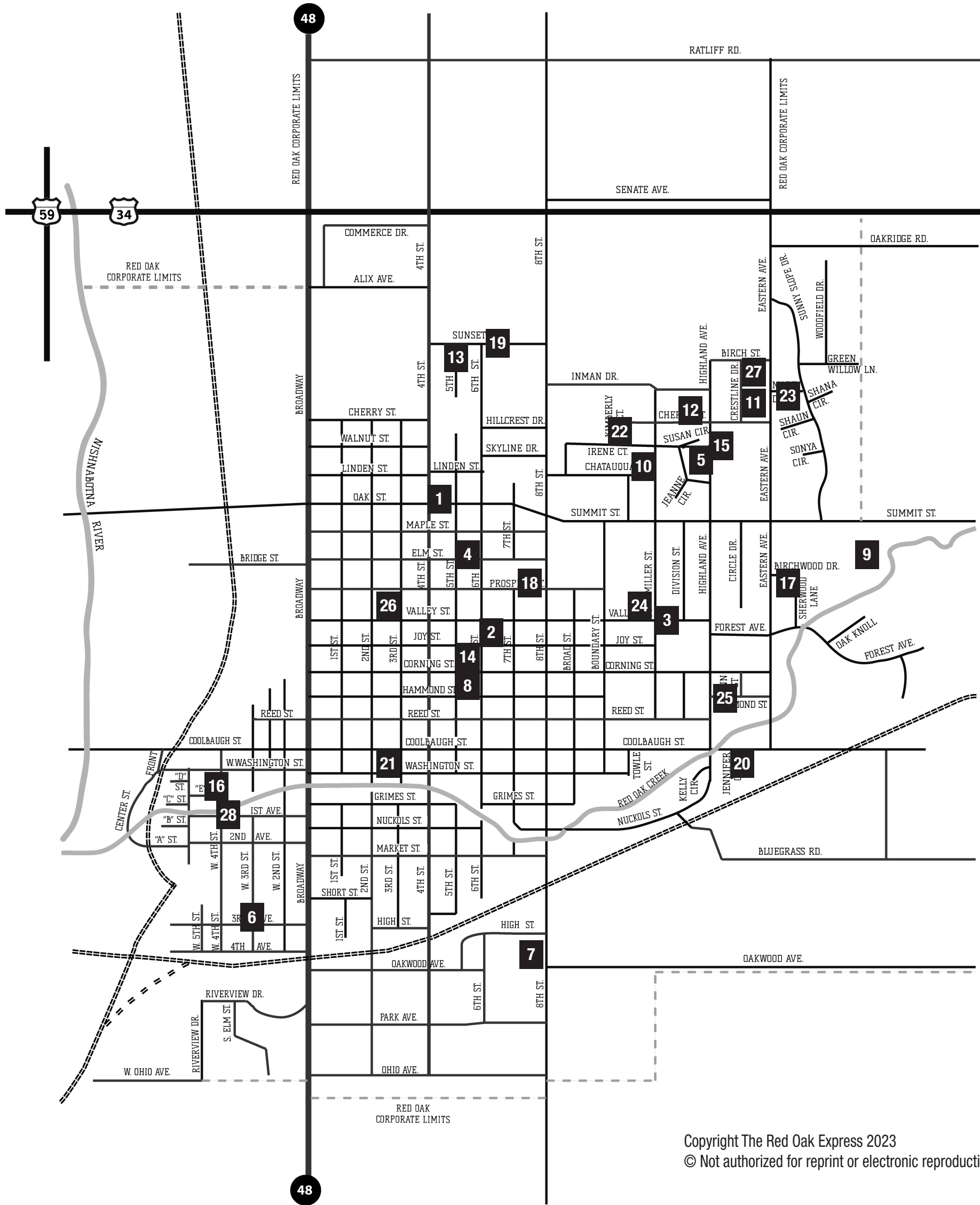
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#1: 401 East Oak St., R.O.

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4 family sale. M&M items, Coca-Cola items,
Holiday décor, children's books, boy clothes 3t-
12, girl clothes 7-12, and a lot of household and
miscellaneous items.

#2: 904 North 6th St., R.O.

Fri. 4/14 3-6, Sat. 4/15 9-12
Lots of kitchen & tools with much more miscel-
laneous.

#3: 1106 East Valley St., R.O.

Fri. & Sat. 8-4
King size bed frame & box spring, house items,
holiday décor, crafts, rubber stamps, jewelry, &
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#4: 506 Elm St. R.O.

14th & 15th 8-2
In back. PRICED TO SELL! Plants, antiques, elec-
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#5: 1505 Highland Ave., R.O.

April 14th & 15th
Wide range of clothing sizes children's to Adult.
Car seats and more.

#6: 203 3rd Ave., R.O.

Fri. noon-5, Sat. 8-noon
In alley. Good Stuff.

#7: 305 South 8th St., R.O.

Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-noon
Small kitchen appliances, cookbooks, computer
desk, oak end table, & plant stand. Ebike.

#8: 507 East Hammond St., R.O.

Thurs. 4-7, Fri. 8:30-4, Sat. 8:30-4
Clothes, toys, house décor, misc. kitchen, home-
school supplies, snacks.

#9: 1700 East Summit St., R.O.

Fri. 2-6:30
In Dental office. Holiday décor, kid's toys, clothes-
all sizes, household, file cabinets and much more!

#10: 1501 Miller Ave., R.O.

Fri. 12-6, Sat. 8-12
Sets of dishes, misc. kitchen, Hallmark orna-
ments, misc. Christmas, many bears/Boys bears,
vintage Fiestaaware, factory loaded shotshell,
shotshell reloaders an components, gun cases,
other hunting/shooting items, ERTL toy tractors.

#11: 1703 Crestline Dr., R.O.

Sat. April 15 8-4:30
Lots of baby items. Boy and girl clothes. Bottles,
blankets, toys. Breast pump, maternity clothes.
Adult clothes. American Girl Doll and accessories.
X-mas stuff, DVD's and lots of misc.

#12: 1211 East Cherry St. R.O.

Sat. 8-12:30
Sleeping bag, cookbooks, ceiling fan, boys clothes
(10/12), bakewear, cookie press, fencing, candy
bars for a fundraiser.

#13: 1810 North 5th St., R.O.

Fri. 1-5, Sat. 8-1
Lots of misc. , knick knacks, jigsaw puzzles, brand
new dickies uniform, small wire dog crate, pad-
ded bar stool.

#14: 711 North 6th St., R.O.

Sat. 8-12
Estate/Garage Sale. Nice women's clothes s-xl,
homewares and décor.

#15: 1224 Irene Ct., R.O.

Fri. & Sat. 8 a.m.
Multi-family garage sale! Tools, furniture, an-
tiques, collectibles, clothing, electronics, house-
hold items, appliances, snowboards, CR250
frame, dog crates, x-pen.

#16: 100 E St., R.O.

Fri. 14th 12-6, Sat. 15th 8-12
Furniture, tools, jewelry, baby to adult clothing,
lots of misc.

#17: 1504 Birchwood Dr., R.O.

Fri. 1-6pm, Sat. 8-12
Clothes! Boys 7-8, girls 10/12- 14/16, women's
clothes sm.-med., men's xl-2xl, kitchen items,
lots of misc.

#18: 705 East Prospect St., R.O.

Fri. 10-5, Sat. 9-4
Woodworking/ craft items, lighthouse/seashell/
rock collections, 43" digital flat screen TV, brass
bed/therapeutic mattress, antique round oak
table/4 chairs, telescope, full set china/everyday
dinnerware, silverware, kitchenware, pretty serv-
ing trays/dishes, Christmas stuff, bedding, quilts,
afghans, crocheted items, patio table/2 chairs,
antiques/collectibles, lots of miscellaneous.

#19: 502 Sunset Ave., R.O.

Fri. 14th 2-6, Sat. 15th 9-2
Harley Davidson women's helmet & boots, House-
hold items, seasonal décor, misc. Make offers.

#20: 408 Jennifer Cir., R.O.

April 15th 8-12
Boys' youth clothes- mostly Under Armour, some
adult. NuWave air fryer, misc.

#21: 200 East Washington Ave., R.O.

Fri. & Sat. 9-4
Inside sale. Donated items accepted 4/11-4/12,
2-7 p.m. Call 370-0459 for pick up. Bake sale
inside. Proceeds to Eagles #2715 Auxiliary.

#22: 1604 Kimberly Ct., R.O.

Fri. 3-6, Sat 8-1
Multi-family sale. A little bit of everything!

#23: 1506 Marty Dr., R.O.

Fri. 10-5, Sat. 8-12
3 party sale: men's & women's coats and clothing,
indoor & outdoor furniture, books, Xbox, games,
suitcases, small appliances, lots of knick knacks,
golf clubs & shoes.

#24: 1021 Valley St., R.O.

Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8-6
Tons of new/like new girls/ teen/ adult- jeans,
shorts, dresses, shoes, accessories, scrubs, tools,
décor. SO MUCH STUFF!

#25: 1207 East Hammond St., R.O.

Sat. 9-1
Women's 1x, 2x, shoes 8-9, Lee jeans size 18,
misc. household, many items \$.25, \$.50, \$.75.

#26: 209 Valley St. (in alley), R.O.

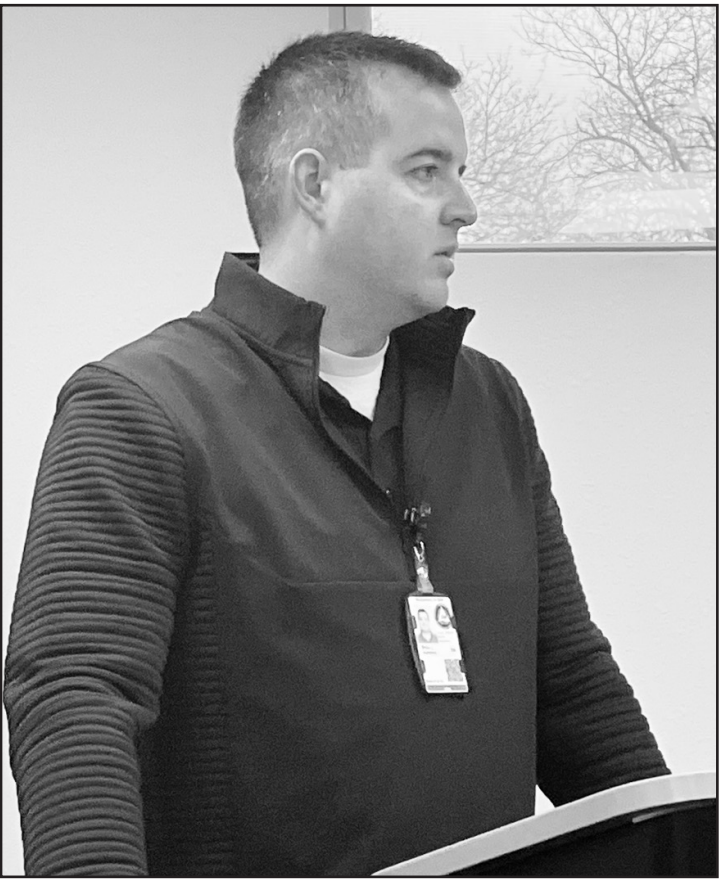
Fri. 3-?
2 room tent, coolers, enamel table, furniture, tall
patio chairs, power lawn sweeper, vintage motor,
tools, & more.

#27: 1808 Crestline Dr., R.O.

Fri. 4-6, Sat. 7-11
Primitives, antiques, toys, household, trading
cards, vintage clothes, swimming pool, auto
body parts.

#28: 310 1st Ave., R.O.

Fri. noon-5, Sat. 8-5
Misc. tools, home décor, antique school desk,
ribbon, household misc.



Montgomery County Emergency Management coordinator Brian Hamman makes his request for ARPA funds to the supervisors at the regular meeting April 4. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Three requests for ARPA funds approved by board

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Sheriffs Office, emergency management agency, and auditor's office are receiving a boost from the county's leftover American Rescue Plan Act funds.

At the regular supervisors meeting April 4, the supervisors heard requests for items from the three entities. Sheriff Jon Spunaugle spoke to the supervisors first, seeking \$28,000 for new taser guns.

"Our taser contract is coming up in June. We've got tasers that are going out. I'm requesting the purchase of nine new tasers that will outfit all of our deputies. The total for the tasers is \$27,057, and includes nine handles. Each gun will come with two training cartridges and a duty cartridge," Spunaugle said. "My request for \$28,000 will allow us to purchase 18 extra cartridges, so everyone will have two extras. They don't expire so it's something we won't have to buy. The cartridges are only single use," commented Spunaugle.

The department has been carrying tasers for the past 10 years, and they are marked for updating every five years. Also, there may be some trade-in value for the existing tasers.

"I don't have a figure yet because I don't know how many of ours are not any good. I know for sure that two are inoperable, so the trade-in value will be determined on how many are still good, and that the company will actually take," commented Spunaugle.

Supervisor Donna Robinson asked if the sheriff's office would be better off not doing a trade-in. Spunaugle said they were still considering the option.

"We've talked about keeping a couple back. We did that with the first set of tasers we had. We kept two and did not trade them in. However, we've left them for five years, and when we went to use one, both of them turned out to have been corrupted," Spunaugle said.

Spunaugle added tasers were very important for the deputies and were one of their most valuable tools, and the new set were rechargeable, replacing the current battery-operated tasers and saving an expense to the county on batteries.

The supervisors approved the request from the sheriff's office for nine new tasers.

Montgomery County EMA coordinator Brian Hamman spoke before the supervisors next. Hamman was seeking \$25,000 to reprogram and re-flash the county's radios in the field. Hamman said the expense was not unexpected.

"This was something we knew right away was going to happen, because we were one of the first ones to go live under the new emergency system. The big push to get them reprogrammed now is because under Gov. Kim Reynolds' new school safety initiatives, all the schools have radios in their facilities, or will shortly," Hamman explained. "This will get all of their talk groups, all of their channels, and all of our radios across the county in synch. If something happens, we'll have the frequencies and the talk groups if we need to use them. We'll be able to communicate back and forth with the school. Each building will have a radio."

While Hamman said he would have liked to wait another year for reprogramming and re-flashing, due to the school initiative, it couldn't wait. Also, Hamman said the radios would not require any new hardware.

Hamman's request for reprogramming and re-flashing the county's radios was also approved as-presented.

The final request was from County Auditor Jill Ozuna, seeking \$54,347 for nine Unisyn VoterScans, to replace the existing scanning systems which are 10 years old and outdated.

"There were problems with them jamming last year. They're also slow, and bulky, making them difficult to move. The new ones are collapsible, and the best feature is that they have almost eliminated any ability for ballots to jam. The screens are also bigger, and the results are rapid. If there's a problem with a ballot, it spits it right back out, and if there's no problems, it will accept it immediately and tells the operator it was accepted successfully. The lock box is also much more accessible," stated Ozuna.

Ozuna said the costs included servicing, training, software, and the first year of warranty maintenance. If ordered, the machines would be delivered in August or September, the staff would be trained, and they would be ready for use in the November city and school elections.

"With our machines being more than 10 years old, and with the rapidly changing technology, it's recommended not to keep voting machines more than eight years, if possible. Our current machines have definitely met that lifespan," said Ozuna.

The supervisors approved Ozuna's request for voting machines as presented.

One project remaining to be approved through the ARPA committee was a request from maintenance supervisor Dan Wright for new windows to the courthouse attic. Ozuna said she had spoken with Wright and he was still seeking window quotes.

Lastly, the supervisors approved moving the April 18 regular meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Council discusses food truck permits

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak City Council is continuing discussions on the possibility of a franchise tax for gas and electric utilities.

At the regular Red Oak City Council meeting April 3, the council was given a list of 199 Iowa communities that have incorporated a franchise fee for gas services, electrical services, or in the majority cases, both. Council Person Brian Bills suggested seeing if the communities had other franchise fees for services.

Tim Fridolph suggested reaching out to a smaller list of similar size communities to Red Oak rather than seeking out an entire list.

Council Person Jeanice Lester was still weighing the potential public opinion as the option was considered.

"I'll be interested to see how many come to our public hearing and seeing how they feel about this. I've been researching myself, and I haven't heard a lot of opposition at this point," Lester said. "If we end up doing something like this, I'd rather it be the same number. If it were a 3% decision, I would hope that we would keep it the same across the board."

Bills said the opinions he'd received were more of a mixed bag, but more were in favor than against imposing the fee. Shenandoah and Griswold were among the neighboring communities that had implemented franchise fees.

Bills said with projected revenues going down, due to some state bills that are providing property tax relief, the city needed to do something.

"We're going to have to make up some revenue somewhere, or cut services somewhere. I don't see where we're going to have a choice," Bills said.

No further action was taken.

The council also heard comments from Melinda Snipes, who was speaking to a proposed ordinance on the council agenda amending the code of ordinances for Red Oak regarding mobile food vendors. Snipes said she wanted to address two items on the ordinance, specifically citizens versus non-residents, and public versus private property.

"We run out of a business, but also out of our food truck. I understand there needs to be some sort of a rule or ordinance where people can check in and the city can know they're going to be there and that they're legal. But keep in mind, if you are a licensed food truck, you are inspected for safety, you have insurance, and pay property and sales taxes, everything a brick and mortar business

does, just in a mobile location," Snipes said.

Snipes wanted the council to keep in mind that they want to bring options to Red Oak, grow the community, and having a different place to eat is a way to do so. Also, one of the mobile food truck owners they are friends with is looking at Red Oak for a brick and mortar location.

"Just because they're here to visit, doesn't mean they won't become a full-time business addition to our community," said Snipes.

Bills asked Snipes if there was anything in particular that she took issue with in the proposed ordinance. Snipes said one issue for her in particular was food truck owners who were residents of Red Oak being treated differently than someone coming from out of town or out of state.

"If you're a resident here, you're already paying your dues to be here, as opposed to someone coming to the town to get money, and then taking off again without contributing to the town itself," commented Snipes.

Snipes said as for public and private ground, there was language in the ordinance preventing set-up on a vacant lot. Snipes said last summer, their food truck set up on the vacant lot at Coolbaugh Street and Broadway and had planned to do so again.

"We have written permission from the owner, we carry all the permits, and we are licensed for safety, and have all the food permits. I think it would be good to at least be registered with the city so the city can know who's there, what they're doing, and why they're here, but I ask that you be considerate of people who live in town," commented Snipes.

The Teeny Weeny Wiener Wagon, Snipes said, is licensed through the State of Iowa.

"They do a full inspection to make sure the trailer's safe, and that you meet all food standards and have thermometers, hand sanitizer, and safety equipment, like a fire extinguisher. That inspection is done once per year, and they can do random inspections at any time, without notice," explained Snipes.

The council then discussed the proposed ordinance amending the city code of ordinances of the City of Red Oak by adding a new chapter 124 for mobile food vendors. After hearing public comments, Red Oak Mayor Shawna Silvius felt a few things could be modified or added.

The council was in unanimous agreement. The council voted to table action on the resolution until changes could be made.

The council also approved the appointment of Mike Vega to the Historical Preservation Commission.

McQuown pleads with board to use Whipple's counsel for proposed carbon pipeline ordinance

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

Rural Red Oak resident Maggie McQuown is the latest to urge the Montgomery County Board of supervisors to take action on the proposed carbon pipeline ordinance drafted by attorney Tim Whipple of Ahlers & Cooney Law firm.

McQuown, who is a member of the Montgomery County Board of Adjustment, met with the supervisors during the regular meeting April 4.

McQuown also attended the special board of adjustment meeting March 28 and said the conversation with Whipple was the most informative she'd been a part of in quite some time.

"I urge the supervisors to use his counsel. Mr. Whipple is very knowledgeable about the legal issues surrounding the pipeline, and he's already working for the supervisors and the residents of Montgomery County," McQuown said.

Montgomery County, McQuown said, is zoned, along with most other Iowa counties, and zoning is a land use issue. Currently, the proposed route for Summit Carbon's pipeline project is on land zoned solely for agricultural use.

"Summit is required to apply for a special use permit since the pipeline is an industry and not a utility. Zoning administrator Barry Byers has given Summit the county's special use permit application, and to date, Summit has not completed or submitted the application to the county," advised McQuown. "In fact, Mr. Whipple informed us that Summit has ignored and avoided all county permitting issues to date. No matter what, Summit will eventually need to apply and get a special use approval to construct the pipeline across the proposed route in Montgomery County."

McQuown added a key step in the process was having the supervisors approve the ordinance that had been proposed.

"Without a pipeline ordinance in place, the board of adjustment has no guidance in reviewing or approving the special use permit and siting and routing of the pipeline. The separation section of the proposed pipeline ordinance provides guidelines for siting and

routing regarding land use in our county," commented McQuown.

McQuown further stated that according to law, the federal government, via the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has jurisdiction over safety guidelines for a pipeline. However, there are no current carbon pipeline safety guidelines established. They are being developed by PHMSA but no release date is set. McQuown said it appeared Summit was pushing to get its pipeline application approved prior to PHMSA's release of carbon pipeline safety guidelines so it could be grandfathered in to the current safety guidelines. However, according to law, states and counties have jurisdiction over the siting and routing of a pipeline.

"The pipeline ordinance to be approved is the best line of defense and method to control where Summit or any other private pipeline company can site or route a pipeline in our county," McQuown stated. "While the safety of Montgomery County residents is a key concern, PHMSA is the entity that sets those guidelines. We must focus on our key tool of land use guidelines. The proposed pipeline ordinance provides concrete separation guidelines and other provisions."

McQuown said she urged the supervisors to act on the pipeline ordinance as quickly as possible, and recommended County Engineer Karen Albert and Byers not expend any time or

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Open Door Mission wins local church versus church competition

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

Clients of the Open Door Mission in Omaha, Neb., received an Easter boost thanks to the efforts of the Red Oak and Villisca First United Methodist churches.

The church members filled and delivered 141 Easter kits to be distributed at the Open Door Mission. Nicole Solberg, the church's office administrator, said the churches have never done an event like this on such a large scale before.

"The churches wanted to do a project for Lent, and do something for other people, as part of Lent is something called "almsgiving," which means doing something for other people. We decided to do something for the missions, and picked the Open Door Mission to do the event for," Solberg said.

After deciding on a project, the next step, Solberg said, was to determine what the Open Door Mission was in need of.

"I contacted them and asked what they needed, and they said they were doing Easter kits for men and women. They emailed us the details of the items that went into the kits, and I passed the information on to our musical director Tim Marsden and Pastor Jenn Van Nostrand, and they ran with it," commented Solberg.

Since Van Nostrand is pastor of both the Red Oak and Villisca churches, Solberg said they developed the event into a light competition.

"A theme was created, 'Go and Do Something.' A song was picked called 'Do Something,' and I had a trophy made and it was a competition between the churches of who could do more, which made it fun for everyone. Pastor loved the idea of a competition, and we then announced it to the congregation," Solberg said.

Red Oak ended up winning the challenge, col-

lecting enough items to fill 76 bags, while Villisca did 55. After that, there were leftover items, which were pooled to generate 10 more additional joint bags between the churches.

"All of the items were donated by our congregation. I had big tubs set out, and Villisca set out baskets, and they were dropped off in the baskets or delivered to the church office. We collected items through the month of March, and put the bags together on March 28," stated Solberg. "The volunteers had so much fun putting the bags together, and when they saw how many there were, they were in awe that there were that many."

The bags were filled by volunteers Carolyn Marsden, Carol Sparr, Carol Allensworth, Jane Waltz, Jan Burnison, Ellen Olsen, Jeannie Bruning, Deloris Sample, Kathy Harris, Diane Freshour, Peg Swanson, Courtney Means, Sharon Smith, and Charlotte Morris, Solberg said Van Nostrand intended to deliver the bags, but due to sickness, the bags were delivered by Jan Burnison, Sharon Smith, Jeannie Bruning, and Charlotte Morris.

Sasha White, the event and drive coordinator for the Open Door Mission, praised the donations, saying they were blessed to have the help in making this Easter a season of hope for the guests.

Solberg said now that this first event has been so successful, the churches are looking at other opportunities for the rest of the year.

"I've been talking with the office administrator in Villisca, Courtney Means, and we've already been putting our heads together. For the next one, we want to do a 'how many new faces can you bring into church' challenge. We're trying to make it fun," Solberg commented.

Van Nostrand praised the efforts of both congregations in helping the guests at the Open Door Mission have a positive Easter.

"Both churches did a tremendous job collecting the items needed and in the end, the winners



Jan Burnison, Sharon Smith, Jeannie Bruning, and Charlotte Morris, pictured from left, pose with the finished Easter kits before they were delivered to the Open Door Mission. (Photo submitted)

were those 141 Open Door Mission recipients who received an Easter goodie bag! It was really a great outpouring of love and care for those in need. Both churches have such a compassionate heart and a drive for serving others," Van Nostrand said.

Van Nostrand added she'll be more than happy to continue the church versus church events in the future.

"As followers of Jesus, we are called to love and serve our community and especially those who are in need and brokenhearted. The friendly "traveling trophy" is called the "Do Something" trophy and it will be used as a tool to spur each congregation towards continuing to be Jesus' hands and feet in our communities," Van Nostrand commented.



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The second annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was held Saturday, April 8, at the Five One 8. The event is a fundraiser for the Red Oak Police Department. Pictured are Red Oak First Responders who helped with the event. (Photo provided)

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cost to review road crossing applications until Summit submitted its special use permit, citing a waste of spending county funds and time on a project not yet officially approved.

McQuown also advised, on behalf of Montgomery County residents, that the supervisors participate in the petition to intervene process during the October and November hearings at the Iowa Utilities Board.

"This will demonstrate that Montgomery County will defend its right to oversee the proper use, siting, and routing of Summit's carbon pipeline through our county, if the project is approved to proceed," McQuown said.

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