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Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Court of Honor Chairman Larry Barnett, right, introduces this year's guest speaker, Bill Williams, co-founder of Patriotic Productions. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Remembering our fallen

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The Red Oak Express

The community of Red Oak paid tribute to fallen veterans at its Memorial Day ceremony May 29 at Evergreen Cemetery.

Bill Williams co-founder of Patriotic Productions, spoke before the crowd. Williams co-founded the organization with his wife, Evonne, in 2011.

Court of Honor Chairman Larry Barnett during his introduction, praised Williams' efforts.

"Speaking as a veteran, this couple has truly become heroes in the hearts and minds of so many Americans and veterans. They've also become heroes to many Gold Star families," Barnett said.

Patriotic Productions helped coordinate 13 honor flights for more than 3,500 veterans from Nebraska, as well as some from Iowa, to Washington, D.C. One Vietnam Honor Flight included Red Oak veterans Barnett and Stan Pfeiffer. When organizing the first flight, Williams, a Red Oak native, said he didn't feel it fair to exclude Iowa veterans from the Nebraska Honor Flight.

"We drew a line from Council Bluffs to Atlantic, and down to Hamburg, and invited two dozen Iowa World War II vets to go on that flight, including Dr. Ron Mills, Homer Focht, and Alvin Hayes. Alvin was one of the original frog men, who are the predecessors of the Navy SEALs," Williams said.



Red Oak High School band member Brayden Sego plays Taps during the Memorial Day ceremony.

After the first flight, there were calls from all over Iowa, including from the Quad Cities. Williams said Jeff and Bill Ballenger of Council Bluffs stepped up and were honored to do Honor Flights for Iowa veterans.

"I went with them on their first flight in September 2008, and they were off and running. They did flights out of the Des Moines Airport. Hy-Vee and Casey's got in big as sponsors, and they ended up taking more than 3,000 veterans," commented Williams.

Of all the flights he's coordinated, Williams said the two flights for Vietnam veterans were

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School's out for summer



Students at Inman Elementary begin their summer vacation. The last day of school for the Red Oak District was May 26. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Chilton one of four Lakin Outstanding Teachers

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The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak Community School District has another Lakin Outstanding Teacher as part of its staff.

On May 12, the Charles E. Lakin Foundation awarded Inman Elementary third grade teacher Kristina Chilton a \$10,000 Charles E. Lakin Outstanding Teacher Award during a ceremony that included superintendent Ron Lorenz, Inman principal Jane Chaillie, and all the students and teachers at Inman Elementary. In addition to Chilton's \$10,000, Green said the school will also be given an additional \$2,500. Chilton is the third teacher in the Red Oak District to receive the award.

This year, the foundation received 220 nominations, and a total of 14 teachers were nominated from the Red Oak School District. Chilton has been with the Red Oak District for eight years. Chilton said she was caught off guard by the entire ceremony and had no idea what was coming.

"I thought we were just having a normal assembly, I didn't even know there was going to be a Lakin ceremony. I really was surprised," Chilton said.

Chilton said it was an amaz-



Inman third grade teacher Kristina Chilton, right, was named one of the four Lakin Outstanding Teachers for 2023, collecting a cash prize of \$10,000. Also pictured is Jennifer Green, grants manager for the Charles E. Lakin Foundation. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

ing honor to be one of the more than 200 teachers nominated for a Lakin award.

"I'm speechless. I know I work hard and I love my job, and my students, and Red Oak. It's nice to see that people can see the hard work that goes into this profession. I wasn't expecting it, and there are a ton of great teachers in this district, and

across the state of Iowa. To just be among those nominations, let alone win, was really cool," stated Chilton.

In addition to being able to share in the victory with the students and staff, Chilton's family was also present for the ceremony. Chilton said that meant the

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Equestrians question Hacklebarney trail closure

Nick Johansen
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Area equestrians voiced concerns about a trail closure at Hacklebarney Woods Park north of Villisca.

The Montgomery County Conservation Board voted in April to close a portion of primitive trails at the park, which



Hacklebarney Trail

raised issues with volunteers who put grant money and donations towards the upkeep of the trails that were earmarked for closure. The Montgomery County Conservation Board heard comments from the volunteers at its regular monthly meeting May 22.

Matt Morrison addressed the board. Morrison stated he'd ridden horses on the trail for 20 years, along with his children. Morrison said the trail had been instrumental in teaching his children to ride in the back country.

"They learned to cross ditches, logs, and streams and became competent riders, and developed a love of nature. We were able to take them to the Continental Divide when they were 12 and 14 years old. They had enough confidence from what the park helped them learn," Morrison said. "Closing these trails now would take opportunities of this kind away from the younger generation. For what reason? I'm not sure. It would be a shame. We've spent many hours, and used monetary donations to improve and maintain the opportunity to continue to use the park.

We have walking trails closed to horses, which we believe gives us all an opportunity to use the park."

Barb Shipley spoke before the board. Shipley said she was unaware of the closure until after it took place, and was also uncertain why a closure was issued.

Conservation director Jared Spunaugle said the topic was brought forward because a lot of the rock at the head of the trail was uncomfortable to walk on, and also noted that the places where there were hoof prints in the ground were the only places where he couldn't walk without staring at his feet.

Naturalist Cassandra Alfstad said she had a member of the public comment about a trail leading back from the former Boy Scout camp. The trail was never named as a horse trail, and terrible erosion was reported.

"When that comment was brought up to me, I brought it up to Jared and the conservation board. It was terrible to hike on the hills wherever the horses were tearing them up. I

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world to her.

"My family is definitely my world. To have them here to share in this moment with me makes it perfect," Chilton said.

Chilton expressed her appreciation to her family for being so supportive, as well as her current and former students, the families she works with, her church family, the community, and the Red Oak District.

"I love this district; we work well together. I'm blessed with the best people, the best place, the best everything. I wouldn't trade it for anything," stated Chilton.

Chilton plans on using the \$10,000 prize for a vacation. As for the \$2,500, Chilton said she hopes that the money will be used for something that everyone will be able to enjoy.

Jennifer Green, representing the Charles E. Lakin Foundation, said Lakin created the Outstanding Teacher Award as a reward for all the teachers who helped him as a child.

"Lakin had many terrific teachers who taught him all the things he needed to know, and he was able to grow up and make a lot of good business decisions, and make a lot of money," said Green. "Lakin decided later in life that he wanted to reward outstanding teachers like the ones who helped him get to where



Inman Elementary teacher Kristina Chilton, pictured far left, poses for a photo with students from her third grade class. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

he was."

Chilton was nominated for the award by State Sen. Mark Costello who was the prior representative for Montgomery County until redistricting. Costello said when he found out that he was able to nominate a teacher for the Lakin award, he immediately thought of Chilton.

"She's a teacher that is outstanding, makes times for the kids, and maintains discipline while having a good time. She takes creative ideas and makes it fun for the kids to learn, and

gets them engaged in learning. It takes a lot of time and effort, and she does a lot of good things to make the classroom special for the kids," Costello commented.

Chaillie also congratulated Chilton for receiving the award, and said Chilton makes a great effort to promote teamwork.

"Miss Chilton is one of the best team members that we have. She always gives everything she's got to her students and to our entire school. She has integrity and does an excellent job in pushing all of her students to

do the very best. Those that are in her classroom before, those that will have her as a teacher in the future. She sets high goals.

Chaillie also praised Chilton's empathy, and responsibility, saying Chilton took her job of being a teacher as the biggest responsibility she could ever have.

Superintendent Ron Lorenz said he was over the moon when he heard of Chilton's nomination, not only because a Red Oak teacher was being recognized, but because Chilton was one of

the district's best and brightest.

"I could talk all day about Mrs. Chilton. She's a particularly gifted teacher, but more importantly, she's extremely caring. She's quick to smile, quick to affirm kids and colleagues, and is consistently positive, professional, and passionate. She is kind to everyone she sees and she lights up a room," said Lorenz. "One of the things I appreciate most about Mrs. Chilton is that she's able to see the big picture, but she never loses sight of the individual students she serves, or the

colleagues she serves with. She represents what is best in public education. I appreciate Mrs. Chilton for the work she does with the kids, and the fact that she inspires them."

The Charles E. Lakin Outstanding Teacher Award is given annually to four outstanding southwest Iowa public school teachers from non-urban schools within a 40-mile radius of the late philanthropist Charles Lakin's hometown of Emerson.

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use Hacklebarney. It's an amazing park, and I believe the diverse recreational opportunity is absolutely awesome. I love the horse people on the trail," Alfstad said.

ShIPLEY agreed that the trail to the boy scout camp was in bad shape and she felt it could be closed, but also made it clear the horses had never been on that trail, and that she'd told horse riders not to use it. As for other trails, ShIPLEY said grants, volunteers, and donors put a lot of time, effort, and money into making the trails all-weather.

In addition to riding, ShIPLEY said she had a vested interest in being involved in Hacklebarney. "I have a lot of interests out there, I got married out there. I do a lot of things that have nothing to do with horses. If the plan is to save the whole park from erosion, you have to save all of it, not just pieces of it," commented ShIPLEY.

ShIPLEY said volunteers had made a lot of upgrades to Hacklebarney. A shelter was donated by Pat Huntsman, and a playground was also installed by ShIPLEY's family. The family also purchased the necessary rock to finish the playground site. Volunteers had also made considerable efforts to do trail stabilization at Hacklebarney.

"The volunteers not only make improvements to the trails, they also maintain it," ShIPLEY said. "I wrote to get trees for the playground. The trees were donated by Earl May and planted by volunteers, as well as sugar maple trees at the horse camp and the leftovers were placed at the regular campground."

Also, the Red Oak Saddle Club, ShIPLEY said, raised money for gravel at the horse camp, and they provided other monetary

support.

"We have a lot of saddle clubs that send donations whenever we have a fund drive or need something. Saddle drives from counties beyond Montgomery County have donated to us. The Atlantic Saddle Club still has a trail ride down Hacklebarney. There are many people outside of local people enjoying their park," explained ShIPLEY. "Everybody is talking about getting people to come to the county. When those people come and need something, they spend their money in Villisca and that money stays in the county."

Since then, ShIPLEY has written grants for gravel to make trail improvements. She also mentioned a thank you letter she had received in 2001 thanking her and the other volunteers for all the work they had done to improve the trail.

ShIPLEY left maps, photos, and other information for the conservation board to review, in the hope of improving communications.

"What I hope we all get out of this when all is said and done is that we open communication with all of us. We all want the same thing. We all want access to that beautiful area, we want to share it with everyone, and we want to keep it so everyone can enjoy it," advised ShIPLEY. "We want to pass it on to the next generation and teach them how to appreciate it and save it also."

Since the item was on the agenda for discussion only, no action was taken at the May 22 meeting. ShIPLEY asked when a decision may be made. Conservation Board Member Jon Spunagule felt a compromise could be reached.

"Speaking for myself, I think we can reach a compromise and

get along just fine. I think I should go out and run the trails and see what everything looks like. I also think all the board members should do that so we can make the right informed decisions," Spunagule said.

However, Spunagule said there had to be changes from the meeting forward, in the way things are done.

"I think in the past decisions have been made by equestrians that were not brought to this board. Be that to blaze new trail, or place rock. Those discussions need to become more open with this board so we understand what's going on. It's not so much that we want to control what happens to all the trails, but we have to know what's going on," stated Spunagule.

ShIPLEY said every time a project was done, the former conservation director had been present. Spunagule said they now had three new board members, a new director, and a new naturalist.

ShIPLEY understood, and said they had not done anything new since a new director had been in place, and she definitely wanted more open communications. Spunagule felt open communications would help a lot.

"If there's a change to a trail, or if someone wants to put some new rock down, only one person has to come to a meeting, and then we'll get a chance to go out and see what you want to do. It's got to be a park for everyone, and I do believe that's attainable. It can be brought up in public comment. It's not going to happen that day, it may not happen in that next month, until we figure out what we're doing," Spunagule said.

ShIPLEY also urged the board to communicate if an issue had

been brought up, so they could know when it was going to be discussed on an agenda.

Spunagule told ShIPLEY that there had been some complaints over equestrian riders violating the guidelines.

"I've been out fishing and watched them take their horses right through the water while we're standing on the dock. There's got to be some give and take there. I think as a board, we need to come up with some ways of enforcement. There's more to this issue than just a portion of a trail being closed," Spunagule commented.

Alfstad said she went horseback riding all the time growing up, and she was thrilled that the

county had a park for horseback riders and wanted to make it known that she was in favor of having places for the riders to continue to ride.

Spunagule made it clear the board was not going to let things drop, they just needed a little

time to see what the trails looked like so they could know what everyone was talking about.

No further discussion took place at the meeting.

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LINDA PETERSEN, 75

Linda Kay Petersen, 75, died suddenly at her home in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

Linda was born March 1, 1948, in Red Oak. She attended school in Elliott and Griswold, graduating from Griswold High School in 1966 where she participated in many activities and was an excellent student. After high school she attended and graduated from Nettleton Business College in Omaha, Neb. She then assumed a position as Administrative Assistant to the President of Duchesne College of the Sacred Heart, Omaha, Neb. She remained in that position until she married her high school sweetheart, Jerry, on Sept. 15, 1967, in Omaha, Neb.

Linda spent the next 38 years moving around the Midwest with Jerry while he finished undergraduate college and in his various positions in education. They then spent the remainder of their life together in retirement in both Scottsdale, Ariz., and Iowa.

Linda was a highly creative person and pursued her passions as a gardener, a master crafter, and devoted sewer. She loved decorating and entertaining in many of her homes during her life. Linda and Jerry were true partners in life, having known each other since elementary school, where Jerry's mother Ruth Ann Petersen taught Linda in second grade as well as junior high school in Elliott. She loved Jazzercise, and for 10 years she owned and operated Jazzercise Franchises in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. She founded one of the now largest Jazzercise Franchises in Wisconsin in Kenosha, Wis. In addition to owning her own franchise, she was also the area manager for Jazzercise Corporate for the State of Wisconsin, managing other franchise owners. What Linda loved the most was being a mother to April and James. Linda instilled important values in her kids — the importance of laughter in life, loyalty to those you love and the gift of giving. She taught her kids that doing simple things, like saying thank you, was important. She also loved being a Nana (Grandmother) and adored her grandchildren, Leila, 14, and Camden 9. She was a thoughtful and fun Nana and added laughter and joy to their lives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Gammell; and her sister, Paula Gammell.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry, Scottsdale, Ariz.; after almost 56 years of marriage; her children, April, Jersey City, N.J.; and James, Phoenix, Ariz.; her grandchildren, Leila and Camden, Phoenix, Ariz.; her mother, Mildred Gammell, Scottsdale, Ariz.; and her many, many friends across the country! She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Linda was cremated. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Griswold Community Center in Griswold on June 10, 2023, from 1-3 pm. A private burial service will follow at the Griswold Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Linda's name can be directed to the fund raising efforts for the new Griswold Child Center — a pre-school and day care facility being built in Griswold. Donations can be sent to Noble Initiative Foundation, P. O. Box 103, Griswold, IA 51535, or <http://www.nobleinitiativefoundation.org>.

STEPHEN "STEVE" STEINER, 85

Stephen Thomas "Steve" Steiner, 85, Henderson, passed away Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at Montgomery County Memorial Hospital.

Steve was born on April 3, 1938, in rural Mills County, the son of Gordon Thomas and Bonnie Eloise (Lewis) Steiner.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Dixianne Steiner of Henderson; children, Stephen Thomas Steiner II of Chicago, Ill.; Priscilla Sue Phillips of Papillion, Neb.; and Richard Nelson Steiner of Macedonia; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at the Wheeler Grove Church of rural Carson. Burial was in the Farm Creek Cemetery at Henderson. Memorials are suggested to the Wheeler Grove Church or the Farm Creek Cemetery.

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

MILES RUSSELL, 68

Miles H. Russell, 68, Red Oak, passed away Sunday, May 21, 2023, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Miles Hamilton Russell, the son of Paul McIntyre and Lila May (Sederburg) Russell, was born Nov. 4, 1954, in Red Oak. Miles was raised in Red Oak and graduated with the class of 1972.

Following graduation, he began working and learning the electrical trade business with Lyndon Moore Electric and Phil Updike Electric. Miles eventually opened his own business, Russell Electric, where he continued his electrical career of 52 years.

Miles and his wife, Teresa Baird, were married almost 50 years, being united in marriage on Nov. 29, 1975. The most beloved and treasured people in his life were his wife, girls and grandkids. He loved caring for his family, as well as his elaborate flowers and green grass. Miles enjoyed grilling, yard work, growing flowers, and birds, especially hummingbirds, which he and Teresa enjoyed watching. He also had a soft spot in his heart for dachshund dogs. Miles was a people person, had a joking and teasing sense of humor and didn't know a stranger. He loved helping others and giving back to the community he loved.

Miles enjoyed his antique cars and being an active member of the Red Oak Classy Chassis Car Club. He loved driving his convertible in parades to chauffeur guests of honor and shared his car by allowing it to be driven to proms and weddings. For many years, he sponsored a 4-H trophy at the county fair and helped many kids in his family with 4-H projects. Miles was also a member of the Elks Club, Red Oak Chamber & Industry Association, Optimist Club, and Center Ridge Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and Clerk of Session. During the Christmas season, his "electrical touch" shines at Baird's Christmas lights.

Miles was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lynne Russell; and father- and mother-in-law, Jack and Joanne Baird.

Miles is survived by his wife, Teresa Russell of Red Oak; daughters, Michelle (Rick) Sander of Ankeny, and Danielle (Luke) Smith of Loveland, Colo.; three grandchildren, Nolan, Austin and Macie Sander; brother, Alan (Beth) Russell of Red Oak; brothers-in-law, Kirk (Linda) Baird of Red Oak, and Chris (Christine) Baird of Red Oak; and sisters-in-law, Deanna (Scott) Suchting of Red Oak, and Yvonne (Loren) Putze of Jefferson, Ore.; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

May God bless his memory and give strength to those who mourn. Celebration of Life Service was held Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at the Presbyterian Church, Red Oak.

Inurnment was in Center Ridge Cemetery, northwest of Red Oak. Rev. Caryn Pedersen officiated.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family in Miles' name for future designation. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at sldfuneralhome.com.

Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home is in charge of Miles' arrangements and serving his family.

DANIEL RENSCH, JR., 51

Daniel Joseph Rensch, Jr., 51, Red Oak, passed away Saturday, May 20, 2023, unexpectedly at his home.

Daniel was born Aug. 16, 1971, in Red Oak, the son of Daniel and Sharon (Miller) Rensch. He was raised and lived most of his life in Red Oak. Daniel graduated from Red Oak Community High School in 1989 and worked as a mechanic and welder for many years. He worked for many years at Brown Bear in Corning, then American Hydraulics in Red Oak, and most recently back at Brown Bear.

His hobbies included putting together model cars, listening to music, and being outdoors. His greatest joy came from spending time with his grandchildren, Cohen and Lennon.

Survivors include his significant other, Carrie Clark of Red Oak; daughters, Alexa Mackey and husband Nathan of Red Oak, and Karley Rensch of Red Oak; grandchildren, Cohen and Lennon Mackey of Red Oak; mother, Sharon Rensch of Red Oak; father, Daniel Rensch and wife Mary Ann of State Center; sister, Kristina Skalberg and husband Bryan of Omaha, Neb.; step-sister, Natisha Snay of Huron, S.D.; step-brother, Jeremy Burnett of State Center; grandmother, Georgia Rensch of Red Oak; and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life visitation was held Friday, May 26, 2023, at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the family.

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

MERLIN PLATT, 64

Merlin L. Platt, 64, Red Oak, passed away Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital, Red Oak.

Merlin Lee Platt, the son of Ray and Margaret (Longmaker) Platt, was born Sept. 8, 1958, at Red Oak. Merlin has lived his entire life in Red Oak. He graduated with the Red Oak High School class of 1976. Merlin then attended Buena Vista College at Storm Lake and Iowa Western Community College at Clarinda. He worked 15 years for McDonald's and later worked at CDS. Merlin was a kind person and enjoyed his time spent with family.

Merlin was preceded in death by parents; brother, Clarence Dean Platt; and sister, Jolene Johnson.

Merlin is survived by a sister, Sharon (LeRoy) Malousek of Aurora, Neb. and brother, Michael "Mickey" Platt of Red Oak; brother-in-law, Allan Johnson of Stanton; nieces, nephews and other relatives along with friends.

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

Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home, Red Oak. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Red Oak.

Visitation with the family will be Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home from 10 a.m. to the service time of 11 a.m. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at sldfuneralhome.com.

Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home is in charge of Merlin's arrangements and serving his family.

DOLORES FORT, 94

Dolores Virginia Fort, 94, Council Bluffs, formerly of Red Oak, passed away Sunday, May 21, 2023, at Fox Run Assisted Living, Council Bluffs.

Dolores Virginia Fort, the daughter of Wallace Paul and Evelyn (Hultquist) Swanson, was born April 20, 1929, in Stanton. Dolores was raised in Stanton until the family moved to Red Oak, where she graduated from Red Oak High School. On Oct. 26, 1947, Dolores was united in marriage to Jack Fort in Red Oak. Dolores was a wonderful homemaker, as her family was her priority. She loved to bake and enjoyed growing and tending to her flower gardens. She also enjoyed having coffee with friends. Dolores was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Red Oak. In 2019, she moved to Council Bluffs to be closer to her family.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jack on Nov. 20, 2017; and sister, Lenore Mattson.

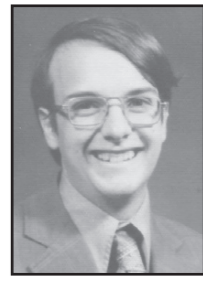
Dolores is survived by her children, Cindy Richards of Council Bluffs, and David (Brenda) Fort of Council Bluffs; five grandchildren, Julia (Craig) Krapfl, Christopher (Jenni) Richards, Michelle Barta, Joshua (Larissa) Fort and Courtney Fort; 11 great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Mary Carlson of Blue Springs, Mo.; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

May God bless her memory and give strength to those who mourn. Funeral Service was held Saturday, May 27, 2023, at Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home, Red Oak. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Red Oak, with John Terauds officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

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

Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home is in charge of Dolores' arrangements and serving her family.



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.

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- Mike Olson, President, Tammy Wingard, Secretary and Child Resource Center Inc. to Dwayne and Christine Adams, Red Oak Fairview Addition Lt 59-64, 66-70.

COURT OFFICER'S DEED

- Jo Ann Runyan Estate, Jo Ann Runyan Estate, Ernest Stambaugh, Co-Personal Representative, Fred Scholey, Co-Personal Representative, Sara Robinson, Co-Personal Representative to Christopher and Casey Simmons, Villisca Original Plat Lt 298.

CONTRACT

- Bryce Johnson, Member, Jennifer Johnson, Member and Kbeme LLC to Kaden Johnson,

Red Oak Eastern Slopes III Lt 24.

MORTGAGE

- Christopher and Casey Simmons to Houghton State Bank, Villisca Original Plat Lt 298.
- Jarin, Vonda, and Javian Ens to Houghton State Bank, Stanton Original Plat Lt 284-285.
- Edward, Edward L., Donna, and Donna J. Oster, Edward Oster, Trustee, Donna Oster, Trustee, Edward Oster Trust and Donna Oster Trust to Farm Credit Services of America FLCA, 16-73-39.
- Jeffrey and Laurie Van Scoy and Jeffrey and Laurie Vanscoy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., MERS and Flanagan State Bank, Elliott 3rd Addition Bk 4 Lt 8-10 Ling Cadwell Hulls Replat.
- Roger, Andrew and Bailey Vial to Bank Iowa, 4-71-38.
- Mindy Youngberg to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Pennymac Loan Services LLC, and MERS, Red Oak Oakview SD Lt 19.

MOD/AMENDMENT OF MORTGAGE

- Jeremy Clark to First Interstate Bank, modification, 33-72-38 Parcel B.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc. vs. Douglas Hoke, Villisca, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$3,316.93 with 6.59% interest from May 23, plus costs.
- SW IA Tire & Service vs. Custom Ag Servies LLC and Douglas Stotts, College Springs, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$5,729.21 with 6.59% interest from March 29, plus costs.
- Jerry and Marilyn Dietz vs. Londa and Richard Straw, Red Oak, judgment default in favor

of the plaintiff, \$5,955.06 with 6.59% interest from April 14, plus costs.

ARRESTS

- Filed May 22, Richard Jenkins, 52, Red Oak, failure to appear, \$1,000 bond.
- Filed May 22, Chad Hill, 45, Red Oak, Mills County warrant for failure to appear, \$2,000 bond.
- Filed May 23, Randon Phelps, 38, Red Oak, stalking first offense, \$2,000 cash or surety bond.
- Filed May 23, Travis Thompson, 35, Red Oak, two warrants for theft second degree, \$5,000 bond for each.
- Filed May 23, Bradley Perry, driving while license revoked, \$1,000 bond.
- Filed May 25, Emily Bass, 24, Stanton, domestic abuse simple assault, held on no bond.
- Filed May 27, Sebastian Meek, 22, Red Oak, warrant for failure to appear, \$1,000 cash only bond.
- Filed May 30, Hengerman Housh, 31, Whiting, driving while license suspended, \$491.25 bond.

DISMISSED

- Cody Copeland, 29, Red Oak, possession of controlled substance — marijuana first offense, dismissed.
- Chad Padilla, 21, Red Oak, violation of probation, dismissed.
- Jacob Cashatt, 22, Red Oak, possession of controlled substance first offense, dismissed.
- Jacob Cashatt, 22, Red Oak, possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed.
- Cole Rinehart, 36, Red Oak, harassment third degree, dismissed.

CRIMINAL

- Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Michael Cobb, 40, Red Oak, criminal mischief third degree, pled guilty, 30 days jail, suspended, \$855 fine, nine months probation.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Cody Copeland, 29, Red Oak, controlled substance violation, pled guilty, 10 years prison, suspended, \$1,000 fine, suspended, three years probation, DNA requirement.
- Felony, State of Iowa vs. Jacob Cashatt, 22, Red Oak, controlled substance violation, deferred judgment two years, civil penalty, two years probation, DNA requirement.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Nikki Brown, 34, Red Oak, compulsory education violation first offense, pled guilty, \$50 fine.
- Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Cole Rinehart, 36, Red Oak, assault, pled guilty, \$105 fine.
- Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Anton, Ahlhelm, Harlan, possession of controlled substance — methamphetamine first offense, pled guilty, two days jail, time served, \$430 fine, suspended.

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- Jacob Cashatt, 22, Red Oak, first offense, pled guilty, two days jail, time served, \$1,250 fine.

TRAFFIC

- Joyce Figgins, Glenwood, operating non-registered vehicle.
- Gordon Currin III, Red Oak, failure to maintain control.
- Nicole Kimpson, Red Oak, failure to provide proof of financial liability.
- Carl Sampsel II, Earlham, speeding.

- Sebastian Clear, Red Oak, speeding.
- Rachel Flathers, Elliott, operation without registration card or plate.
- Noah Groves, Red Oak, failure to provide proof of financial liability.
- Noah Groves, Red Oak, no valid driver's license.
- Desiree Wallace, Red Oak, speeding.
- Tyler Bruhn, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Spencer Wilcox, Red Oak, operating non-registered vehicle.
- Thomas Adams, Council Bluffs, speeding.
- Dylan Main, Red Oak, speeding.
- Janelle Mitchell, Tabor, speeding.

- Kelli Smith, Omaha, Neb., speeding.
- Dylan Main, Red Oak, speeding.
- Jacob Howell, Blair, Neb., speeding.
- Ryan Nelson, Elkhorn, Neb., speeding.
- Mandy Kirchner, Clarinda, operation of motor vehicle with expired license.
- Wyley Jager, Sheldahl, failure to comply with order of peace officer.
- Wyatt Sargent, Council Bluffs, driving while license denied suspended, cancelled or revoked.
- Jeffrey Porter, Red Oak, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked.

SUDOKU puzzle grid with clues and instructions. Includes 'Fun By The Numbers' text and 'ANSWER' key at the bottom.

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Southwest Valley students attend judiciary summit in Council Bluffs



Four Southwest Valley students were in attendance at the recent Fourth Federal Judiciary Youth summit in Council Bluffs, hosted by U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley. Pictured are, from left: Piper Govig, Jazmin Weston, Kailee DeWall, U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley, Mike Cormack, and Megan Ramsey. (Photo submitted)

On May 12, four Southwest Valley Juniors who applied and were accepted to represent the school attended the Fourth Federal Judiciary Youth Summit in Council Bluffs.

According to Southwest Valley social studies instructor Mike Cormack, the event was held at the new federal courthouse in southwestern Council Bluffs and was hosted by U.S. Senator Charles Grassley.

Multiple Southwest Iowa school districts sent two to four members of their school to participate in this meeting.

The Southwest Valley students who attended were Megan Ramsey, Jazmin Weston, Kailee DeWall and Piper Govig.

They heard a brief presentation by Sen. Grassley, who has coordinated these activities throughout the state, and a keynote presentation from U.S. Justice Stephanie Rose.

Rose shared her story of being appointed a U.S. Federal Prosecutor at a young age by President Clinton after a recommendation from Sen. Tom Harkin and the approval of Sen. Grassley.

Rose was later appointed as a Federal District Judge and currently has served nearly a dozen years in that role as one of five such justices in the state of Iowa. Her appointment was also rec-

ommended by Sen. Harkin with the approval of Sen. Grassley and was appointed by President Obama.

Sen. Grassley pointed out that for more than 30 years, whenever there was a Republican president, he would recommend a judge or federal attorney with Sen. Harkin giving his support.

If there was a president who was a Democrat, the opposite would occur. The two senators worked together in a bipartisan manner to get these appointments done.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions of both Sen. Grassley and Justice Rose, with both answering in a civil and nonpartisan manner.

"It was a great day to learn about our federal government and afterwards, the group visited the Lewis and Clark Monument as well as the Union Pacific Museum in Council Bluffs," Cormack said. "All four students represented the school well, with politeness and attentiveness."

Cormack noted that the students did a terrific job all throughout the day of learning and fun.

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VIEWPOINTS

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The downside of internet phones for Iowa seniors

To the Editor:

Have you ever thought about the consequences of relying solely on internet home phones for communication?

The thought of a power outage leaving my parents stranded without a way to reach me in an emergency worries me deeply.

They don't use their cell phone, and the internet in their

home often cuts out.

This is a critical issue, especially for vulnerable seniors. Internet phones, relying solely on an internet connection, render themselves useless during power outages.

Imagine the scenario: an older person living alone experiences a sudden blackout and desperately needs medical assistance.

They reach for their internet

phone, only to find it completely dead. In that critical moment, their lifeline has vanished, leaving them isolated and helpless.

And it's a more significant issue than you think, with almost half a million seniors in Iowa, according to the website communityphone.org/landline/ia#landline-usage-statistics still relying on a landline today.

The FCC's order 19-72,

which can be viewed at fcc.gov/document/fcc-grants-relief-outdated-burdensome-phone-industry-regulations, came into effect last August to deregulate and promote the transition from traditional landline phones to internet phones.

This seemed like a step forward. However, it should have considered the needs of our most vulnerable citizens in Red Oak.

Letters to the Editor

The Red Oak Express supports healthy community discourse and encourages readers to submit a letter to the editor. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification purposes. They can be submitted by mail or dropped off at 2012 Commerce Drive, Red Oak, Iowa, 51566, or emailed to news@redoakexpress.com, or entered through our website at redoakexpress.com. Letters should be concise and centered on a single topic. All letters are subject to editing for length, taste, accuracy, liability, or other reasons. The Express is under no obligation to print any letter. If you have questions, contact the Express office at 712-623-2566 or news@redoakexpress.com.

suit of technological progress.

It's time we reconsider the risks of relying solely on internet phones and find a balanced solution that preserves the safety and security of our beloved seniors here in Red Oak.

Karl Bennett
Red Oak

THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

Shank Chili

What if, at the height of the COVID pandemic, a doctor told you to forget the mask and skip the jab — a better way to avoid the virus was by regular consumption of Harry Shank chili?

Now imagine the year is 1918. Spanish influenza is killing otherwise healthy young people.

Much worse than COVID, deaths are being experienced in Elliott, Grant, Villisca, Griswold and all over the world. There are no pokes, no masks. It isn't actually a doctor who tells you Harry Shank's chili is the best inoculant, it's Harry Shank.

But Harry assures us this is what doctors are saying, the chili is only 15 cents a bowl, crackers included, and each serving contains a healthy amount of "Gebhardt's Eagle Brand Chili Powder."

A few years ago wife came home from a local auction with a box of old books. Among them was a soft-cover cookbook published in the 1920s by the J.R. Watkins Spice Company.

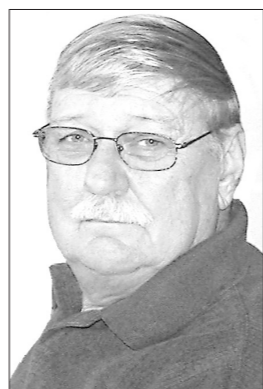
Century-old recipes are enjoyable to read. This one offered a bonus as a previous owner included dozens of recipes either clipped from newspapers or hand-written.

Among the latter was one titled "Shank Chili." At the time I assumed this was chili made with the shank of an animal, but the only meat listed is "Seven pounds chuck roast, cut small or minced."

Chili was common at that time. Both my grandmothers made it, limiting ingredients and adding just a tiny pinch of mild chili powder.

"Midwest chili" was bland, so the version tucked between the pages of a book sold at an Iowa auction was unusual as it calls for cumin, oregano, garlic, onions, beef broth and a list of other ingredients, including a half a cup of Gebhardt's Chili Powder—which carried quite a kick. Written across the bottom were the words "for dept" or "for depot."

Wife agreed to try it if the chuck was reduced from seven pounds



to one and I'd do the math to cut other ingredients accordingly.

Because the paper the original was written on was fragile and falling apart, I decided to type it.

I was still working on that when she acquired another old cookbook; one called "Marlboro Chili Roundup — 50 Winning Recipes, One Burning Question."

The only way to answer that "one burning question" was to try them all, a task that's taking quite a long time.

Shank went in the back of the Marlboro book and there it remained for years—forgotten until a few days ago when I was reading World War I letters home that were published in our paper in 1918.

An item announced that Harry L. Shank was opening the Liberty Lunch Wagon across the street from the Beardsley Theater (this was just south of the southwest corner of the square). Offering a selection of soup and sandwiches, Shank's specialty was chili.

The paper also carried a paid ad in which Shank touted his chili and relayed the message from doctors.

An indication that Shank's chili was well-received is a news item a few months later reporting the "lunch wagon" was being expanded into a full-service restaurant with comfortable seating and "porcelain table-tops."

An indication that Shank's chili was not that well received is found in a 1921 news item telling us Harry Shank was declaring bankruptcy and moving to Colorado.

I was reminded of the old recipe, assumed it was Shank's virus-

repelling original, and wondered if the words "for depot" meant it was also sold there?

Regardless, the reference to Gebhardt's Chili Powder is interesting. William F. Gebhardt (1875-1956) was born in Germany. His family relocated to the German settlement of New Braunfels, Texas.

In the 1890s Gebhardt operated a small tavern and cafe. He became interested in Mexican food and experimented with making a powder from dried chilis. He arrived at a combination he liked and, in 1898, was calling it "Tampico Dust."

Gebhardt sold enough that he moved to San Antonio, changed the name of his product to "Gebhardt's Eagle Brand Chili Powder," and opened a factory.

He boosted sales by publishing a cookbook on Mexican dishes that included a chili recipe.

By 1915 he was, according to an online history, producing 18,000 small containers of chili powder each day, marketing it in several states and Mexico.

How Harry Shank acquired his recipe and Gebhardt's chili powder I don't know. I do know that in 1916 Red Oak's Company M of the National Guard was sent to Brownsville, where local boys got a taste of both Texas and Mexico.

Gebhardt's chili powder is still being made. My intent is to prepare a pot of Shank's 1918 special and either try it at the CB&Q Depot Lunchroom or spring the stuff at the pot luck club in Stanton.

COVID is still around and one can't be too safe.

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Community Calendar

1 June

12:30 p.m., Bingo, Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn at 402-926-8683 for more information.

4 p.m., Community Prayer Time, Fountain Square Park. Call Bonnie at 623-4759.

4-6:30 p.m., Red Oak Farmers Market, northeast corner of Fountain Square Park. Everyone welcome to attend.

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

2 June

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.

1 p.m., First Friday Friends at the Coming Opera House, 800 Davis Ave., Coming. Free admission.

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

5:30-7:30 p.m., Business After Hours, Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association, 307 E. Reed St. See story on this page for further details.

6-7 p.m., Art show and open house for Barbie Bluml, Wilson Performing Arts Center, 300 Commerce Dr. Refreshments served.

6-9 p.m. Vertigo performs at the Five One 8, 518 N. 4th St.

7 p.m., "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3," theatre #1; "The Super Mario Bros. Movie," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

3 June

9 a.m.-noon, Red Oak Farmers Market, northeast corner of Fountain Square Park.

7 p.m., "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3," theatre #1; "The Super Mario Bros. Movie," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

4 June

2 and 7 p.m., "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3," theatre #1; "The Super Mario Bros. Movie," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

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

5 June

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.

6 June

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

9-11 a.m., Intro to pickleball at the Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St. Equipment provided. Free for members of the YMCA, non members \$5 per session.

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 info.

2-3:30 p.m., Journeys Grief Support Group, Faith Community Church, 2701 N. 8th St.

7 June

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.

Christ's Cupboard Food Pantry receives donation through Project Jack service project



Christ's Cupboard Food Pantry in Red Oak received a donation from the fourth grade classes at Inman Elementary. Christ's Cupboard representative Lori Johnson said Inman Elementary teacher Debra Robertson coordinated their participation in the Project Jack service project. With a grant through the Realtors Association, fourth grade students shopped for and built after school snack kits for kids at the food pantry. Pictured, members of the Inman Elementary fourth grade class pose with the donated snack kits. More information about the food pantry can be found at facebook.com/search/top/?q=Christ%27s%20Cupboard. (Photo submitted)

ROCIA Business After Hours

The Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association is hosting a Business After Hours event at the office at 307 E. Reed St. from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 2.

Visitors will be able to see the newly renovated office space and conference room.

Drinks and appetizers will be provided.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays are:

- Karen Herzberg - June 2
- Juanita Sassaman - June 3
- Ryla Echternach - June 4
- Roger Stewart - June 4
- Dorothy Johnson - June 4
- Owen VonDielingen - June 5
- Duane DeKay - June 7
- Dean Mitchell - June 7

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HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY

GARY & RHODA HARTSTACK

of Stanton

Gary and Rhoda (Hallquist) Hartstack were married 6•8•1973 Mamrelund Lutheran Church in Stanton

Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating their anniversaries this week are:

- Larry and Shirley Whiley - June 2
- Dan and Stephanie Pollock - June 2
- Ray and Marianna Johnson - June 2
- Donald and Ruby Godfrey - June 2
- Eddie (Bud) and Lois Barnett - June 6
- Pat and Deana Lewis - June 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.

Senior Menu

- Thursday, June 1: Beef goulash, tossed salad with Italian dressing, roasted Brussel sprouts, cherry crisp, beverage mix.
- Friday, June 2: Breaded chicken patty on a bun, corn, steamed cauliflower, blueberry muffin, beverage mix.
- Tuesday, June 6: Chicken terrazini, zucchini with tomatoes, green beans, wheat bread slice, chocolate pudding, beverage mix.
- Wednesday, June 7: Taco salad with tortilla chips, shredded cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pinto beans, corn, cherry gelatin, beverage mix.
- Monday, June 5: Lasagna casserole, tossed salad with Italian dressing, Italian vegetable blend, garlic bread stick, applesauce, beverage mix.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>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.</p> <p>Assembly Of God 1005 Senate, Red Oak, 623-2174, Services, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Catholic St. Joseph's, 131 W. High, Villisca, Father Sylvester Okoh, Sunday</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Jehovah's Witness 210 Argus Road, Shenandoah, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m., public Bible discourse.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Non-Denominational Oaks Community Church, 41310 Ellington Rd., Emerson, Rev. Ron Perry, 712-824-7218, Sunday School, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Reformed Evangelical Heartland Sovereign Grace Church, new church plant. Bible study Sunday, 5 p.m., www.swiacrec.com, contact@swiacrec.com.</p> <p>United Methodist First United Methodist, 600 E. Hammond, Red Oak, Rev. Jennifer Van Nostrand, Worship, Sunday, 9 a.m.; Youth group Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m., grades 6-12, snack is served. Online: 9 a.m. fumcro.org; click on the media tab to see previously recorded services. 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.</p>	<p>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. 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RO School Board agrees to Green Hills AEA partnership

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak School Board has approved plans to partner with the Green Hills Area Education Agency to host the Rising Hope Academy for the 2023-24 school year.

The academy, which was previously hosted in Clarinda, was looking for a new district to partner with, and Red Oak was picked as a possible district due to its location and proximity to Highway 34, as well as having a local Green Hills AEA office in Red Oak.

At the regular Red Oak School Board meeting May 17, superintendent Ron Lorenz said the program was something that was important not only for Red Oak but for other area schools.

"We have a growing number of children with challenging behaviors and some intense mental health needs, and there simply aren't enough placements to meet those needs. We've been having conversations for awhile, and this program is designed to meet the needs of those kids having challenging behaviors or with mental health needs," Lorenz said.

The program would serve a maximum of eight kids in first through fifth grades, and Lorenz felt there were three or four kids in the Red Oak District be eligible for the program. Also, having the program, Lorenz said, would be a boost to the district.

"Having that program in our back yard will enable us to access

some resources we wouldn't otherwise have access too. The AEA has graciously agreed that when they train their teacher, paraprofessional, and behavior person, they have offered to include us in that, and our teachers will have the benefit of that on-site training," explained Lorenz. "As they do social skills instruction, we have kids that may not be in the program but need it. They have invited us to piggyback and allow our kids to participate in it as well. That's another resource we don't currently have, and it's staff that we don't currently have."

Also, Lorenz said they were looking for a way to get compensation that didn't involve a monetary rent.

"We are much more in need of support, rather than rent. We're working on a situation where we get additional administrative supports in lieu of rent. That's a little tricky because of state licensure requirements, but I'm confident the AEA, through one person, or more, are going to help us with that, and it will be a good thing for our district, and the region," commented Lorenz.

The only downside, Lorenz felt, was the space itself, which would see the class taught in the temporary classroom at Inman Primary.

"We are kind of tight for space, but because we've experienced declining enrollment, and because we haven't filled one of the Title One positions, that gives us a bit more flexibility. Principal Jane Chaillie has come up with a plan to shift those classrooms



Ivan Gentry with Green Hills AEA addresses the school board. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

back into the building. They may have to double up with a couple of specialized classrooms, but I think any inconvenience we experience will be outweighed by the additional resources we're going to get and the additional help for some of those challenging behaviors," advised Lorenz.

While there would be additional duties to perform, Lorenz said they will have a full contingent of AEA staff working with the eight kids.

"The day-to-day operations will probably not be too egregious. Is there going to be some coordination that has to happen? Absolutely. We're going to have lunch, and recess, and there's going to have to be planning. I

don't see it as a challenge to the day-to-day activities; it will be more about having everything aligned so that we can make it work," Lorenz stated.

Additionally, the district will receive a lot of support when it comes to special education.

"We're going to have people that have a level of skill that not only will help us, but they will be go-to people. That's not saying the AEA hasn't provided that now, but there's a difference between having someone in-house, versus calling someone and hoping they can show up," said Lorenz.

Chaillie told the board she'd worked with some of the staff from Rising Hope Academy, and

felt that they would bring a lot to Red Oak, they just needed to make sure the expertise was utilized to its fullest potential.

Lorenz said they did not make the recommendation of partnering with the AEA on the program lightly.

"I wouldn't have proposed the partnership if Jane Chaillie hadn't been on board. When I asked her if this was something she wanted to have, I got a very strong yes. Is it going to be perfect? It's not. There are going to be things that we're going to have to deal with, but again, what we're going to get versus the inconvenience is going to be a positive for the district," Lorenz advised. "There has been a lot of discussion, the AEA has been very forthcoming, and

they're very anxious to work with us. We appreciate that."

Ivan Gentry, the executive director of specialized services and supports with the Green Hills AEA, said the AEA had more than 2,000 students in the AEA with behavior goals, and of that number, 64% are getting the most supports.

"There's not a lot of openings for those students to be served in. This partnership will provide the necessary space we need, and we provide all the oversight of the staff. We're very excited to take this journey with the district," Gentry commented.

The board approved the partnership with Green Hills AEA for hosting the Rising Hope Academy.

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School board approves substitute wage increases

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak School Board has approved a pay increase for its substitute teachers.

At the regular school board meeting May 17, superintendent Ron Lorenz discussed the option of raising the substitute teacher pay from \$130 to \$140.

"In keeping with our process we try to conduct market comparison of our salaries to make sure we're in line with other districts. When we took a recent look at our substitute teacher pay, we noted that we are a little bit below the average. We're currently paying \$10 less than the average of our area. We're proposing the increase effective July 1 to make sure we remain competitive," Lorenz said.

While admitting all districts were struggling, Lorenz recommended the increase to make sure the district had no difficulties in getting substitute teachers. The board approved the salary increase as presented.

Lorenz then issued a proposal to the board for the increase of substitute support staff salary by \$2 per hour, again, to remain competitive.

"When we looked at the rates for secretaries, paraprofessionals, and bus drivers, we're in the range of about \$2 per hour below the average. It's a little bit different for each work group, but it's right in that range, so we're recommending a \$2 per hour increase," stated Lorenz.

The salary increase was approved as presented.

The board also discussed making a parking lot improvement to Inman Elementary and the high school, specifically, restriping the lots. Lorenz said the parking stripes in both lots had become very faded, and the cost of doing the painting in-house was costly.

"We ran an estimate on what it would cost us to paint it ourselves. As it turned out, the paint itself was going to cost us more than \$6,000, so we went out and solicited two bids. The low bid was from Southwest Iowa Parking Lot Maintenance of Shenandoah for \$8,800, commented Lorenz. "They are the group that did the Inman parking lot 10 years ago, and if you compare the two lots, they did a much better job than the group that painted the high school lot the last time."

Lorenz recommended approv-

ing the low bid, as the cost of the paint, and the cost of specialized equipment for the district to do the painting made it more cost effective to have the job hired out.

The board approved the restriping bid as presented.

The last action item was approval of purchasing MyView Elementary Literacy curriculum, at a cost of \$206,445.

"This material would replace our current collaborative classroom materials for core reading and writing and provide teachers with material resources aligned to the Iowa Core," Lorenz said.

The district's existing curriculum was purchased around 10 years ago. The board approved purchasing the MyView Elementary Literacy curriculum.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a memorandum of understanding with iJAG for the 2023-24 school year.
- Approved the hire of Zachary Eberle as 6-12 instrumental music teacher at the Red Oak Jr./Sr. High School for the 2023-24 school year.
- Approved the hire of Denise Stull as English language arts teacher and junior high fall play director at the Red Oak Jr./Sr. High School for the 2023-24

school year.

• Approved the hire of Nolan Blackman as seasonal IT support for the summer of 2023.

• Approved the hire of Shaely Nowels as high school assistant bowling coach for the 2023-24 school year, pending authorization.

• Approved the hire of Alec Ruskell as varsity assistant wrestling coach for the 2023-24 school year.

• Approved the hire of Janelle Erickson as junior high volleyball coach for the 2023-24 school year, pending authorization.

• Approved the hire of Sierra Wilkinson as junior high volleyball coach for the 2023-24 school year, pending authorization.

• Approved the hire of Tristan Johnson as varsity head girls basketball coach for the 2023-24 school year.

• Approved the hire of Carter Bruce as varsity assistant girls basketball coach for the 2023-24 school year.

• Approved the hire of Dillon Wiser as varsity assistant football coach for the 2023-24 school year.

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Park and tree board approves three park usage requests

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The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak Park and Tree Board heard multiple requests for park usage at its regular meeting May 11.

First, the park and tree board met with Adam Smith, representing the Red Oak Police Department, requesting usage of Fountain Square Park on Aug. 1 for National Night Out.

"Displays will start coming in about 2 p.m., and the event will run from 6 to 8 p.m. We should be cleared out of the park by 9 or 10 p.m., and then we'll finish any clean-up needed in the morning," Smith said.

The board approved the Red Oak Police Department request as presented.

The park and tree board then heard a request from Macy Reeves, aquatics director with the Montgomery County Family YMCA. Reeves said the YMCA was looking to host a Healthy Kids Day Event at Legion Park and the Red Oak Municipal Pool from noon to 4 p.m. June 10.

"Typically this event is in April, but we wanted to hold it in the summer instead to allow for a better turn-out. June 10 is a Saturday, and we'd like to do some of the event outdoors," commented Reeves. One of our main goals this year is to focus on preparedness. We're looking to have the Red Oak Fire Department come down and do a fire extinguisher presentation outside, and we want to do an outdoor kids yoga activity over by the gazebo area at Legion Park."

Reeves was also hopeful they could do an event similar to the PTO Carnival at Inman Elementary, inviting businesses and volunteer organizations to set up a table and do activities with the kids. Other potential events at Legion Park would include a first aid presentation and a car seat safety class for parents.

Another event Reeves said they were looking to do was a coin dive at the Red Oak municipal pool.

"Basically, we would get coins from the bank and drop them in



Elaine Carlson, representing the Red Oak Chamber, requests usage of Fountain Square Park for Junction Days. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

the pool. The kids would be divided by age and swim skill and collect as many coins as they can on the signal to go. It's a good way for them to save up for the summer. It's an event I did many years," stated Reeves. "You'd think that a bunch of kids diving for coins would be tough to coordinate, but it was actually a quick event. No

kids got out of hand with each other, and it was very organized. We would like to do it at the outdoor pool because it's more visible to the public, and there is more coverage with lifeguard stations. We are however prepared to do it at the YMCA's pool if necessary."

Reeves felt the event would be fun and new. If successful, it would be tied into the Healthy Kids event every year.

Park superintendent Adam Van Der Vliet advised the board that he didn't feel the coins in the pool would cause any drainage issues.

Chairman Bill Drey said he was in favor of the plan to use the pool, but it was dependent on the number of lifeguards available at the municipal pool for the summer season.

Reeves told the board that if there was a lifeguard shortage, the YMCA pool could be used, or lifeguards from the YMCA could be shared with the municipal pool. Reeves further stated she was looking for initial approval with the understanding that further discussions would be needed to see if the coin dive was even possible at the pool.

The park board approved the request from Reeves, pending life-guard availability for the municipal pool.

The final request was from Elaine Carlson, representing the Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association. Carlson was seeking use of Fountain Square Park for Junction Days June 22-25. Carlson said a few things would be changed this year, but it wouldn't affect the park board's decision.

"We're proposing the beverage garden be on Reed Street in front of the Chamber office due to the new stage. We are going to utilize the stage to have live music and open the beverage garden. A com-hole tournament will also be held at the beverage garden, and it will help give people some fun events to enjoy," Carlson commented.

Carlson said this year they will not be having the annual BBQ contest, due to the two chairs of the board taking a step back from the event.

The park board approved the Chamber's request as presented.

DUR grants funds to four building projects on RO square

Nick Johansen
The Red Oak Express

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

DUR Chairman Roger Vial opened the meeting with several projects needing first round approval from the board. The first project seeking approval was 420 and 424 Coolbaugh St., owned by No H Development.

"We have a request for brick wall repair in the stairway and covering the parapet walls with rubber roofing material. To me, this is one application. The grant request for \$3,750 is not exceeding the \$7,500 maximum, and the project is complete, so I'm considering this as one project," Vial commented.

The board gave first round approval for the Coolbaugh Street project.

Vial then outlined the second first-round approval project at 306 E. Coolbaugh St., United Group Insurance, owned by Sloppy Joe LLC, for \$7,500.

"They did a major remodel for office space, flooring paint,

removal of non-load bearing walls, electrical updates, and drywall. The total cost for the project was \$42,398. I've got paid invoices here that are itemized. They spent about \$20,000 in electrical, which is good, because if we have any weaknesses in any of the downtown buildings, it would be that," Vial advised.

Board members Ann Carder and Audie Rainey were in agreement that a great deal of work had been put into the building renovations.

The board gave first round approval for the 306 E. Coolbaugh St. grant request.

The project was also given final approval and the request for funding of \$7,500 was approved by the DUR Board.

The third request was from the Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association at 307 E. Reed St. The grant request was for \$5,277.

"There was an interior remodel of the building including new flooring in the office spaces, expansion of the conference room including a new drop ceiling, spray foam, and cabinets.

Total cost of the project was \$32,496, deferring the payment to the next fiscal year, about a six to eight week wait, because we are out of funds," Vial said.

The board agreed to give first round approval for the grant request from the Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association, and deferring payment to the next fiscal year.

The final request was 601 N 3rd St., owned by Rainey Rentals, remodeling a second story apartment. Estimated costs were \$28,100 with a potential grant request of \$7,025. Rainey said the request was currently an estimate.

"This is the south hallway going up to the second level. There was a smaller efficiency apartment I refinished a few years back, and I never did get to the other larger apartment, which is what this is. We're going to finish the hallway going up and change it from a one bedroom to two bedroom apartment, as well as put in new HVAC," stated Rainey.

First round approval was granted by the DUR Board.

The board then moved

to projects waiting for final approval. The first project ready for approval was 514 N. 4th St., Family Vision Center, owned by John Thomsen. The grant request was \$7,500 for a \$51,900 project.

"The project is complete. I've gotten the final documentation. A great deal of work has been done on that project," said Vial.

The board gave final approval for the Family Vision Center project, and agreed to approve the grant request of \$7,500 under the request for funding.

Also seeing final approval was a project at 617 N. 3rd St., Hip Clips & Nails. Vial said the grant was for costs associated with the rehabilitation of the building, for \$7,500.

Vial said he received a letter from Page County State Bank that a loan was given for the project, and documentation of a wire transfer. While Vial said he had not received this kind of documentation before, Rainey said it was what he'd said the board needed.

"I told her we needed something showing out of pocket expenses beyond the insurance.

I didn't tell her exactly what it needed to be, I just said we needed some sort of documentation," Rainey advised. "This request encompasses the entire out of pocket costs on the project, in my opinion."

The board agreed to approve the request for funding of \$7,500 for the 617 N. 3rd St. project at Hip Clips & Nails.

The DUR Board also discussed final approval for 511 E. Coolbaugh Street, the Red Oak Presbyterian Church. Total cost of the renovation project was for

the project was \$32,060 and the grant request was for \$7,500.

"The project is complete and I have documentation to move to final funding. They spent a lot of money on renovations to the interior, which included some electrical upgrades, new carpet and flooring," Vial commented.

Final approval was given for the Red Oak Presbyterian Church project, and the request for funding of \$7,500 was approved.

MEMORIAL DAY

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the most therapeutic. The 2016 flight transported 510 all-combat veterans and returned to 5,000 people waiting at the airport. In 2017, the second flight transported 653 Vietnam veterans, and there were 7,000 people waiting for their return at the airport in Lincoln, Neb.

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Williams closed out his comments by saying this Memorial

Day allowed everyone to honor the loved and lost from all wars.

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