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Students 'diggin' summer in Essex

Tess Nelson The Red Oak Express

School's out for the summer, but that isn't keeping several Essex students and teachers away from the district's grounds. In fact, several mornings per week there is a flurry of activity with volunteers working on the district's garden.

Located in the east corner of the high school parking lot, different tomato varieties, gourds, mini-pumpkins, cantaloupe, peppers, zucchini, and several varieties of berries have been planted.

Once harvested, the crop will be used by the district's culinary arts program and school lunch program. The fresh fruit and vegetables not used right away will be canned or frozen to be used later. What isn't needed will be donated to those in need.

Garden volunteer and freshly retired Essex teacher Tammy Johnson said the plan to have a district garden came about several years ago but was put on hold because of COVID.

"This is year three of the project, but we're in phase one," said Johnson. "This year our mail goal was to get things in the

MidAmerican Energy agreement discussed, fundraiser approved

Nick Johansen The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak City Council is prepping to renew its franchise agreement with MidAmerican Energy.

The council met with MidAmerican Energy franchise manager Mark Reinders, who said both the city's electric and natural gas franchises are up for renewal in May 2023.

"A franchise may be an unknown entity for most, but basically it's a legal agreement that lets us use the public right of way for all of our electric and natural gas utilities, and so this is a preliminary meeting to discuss the agreement before the renewal next year," Reinders said.

The previous agreement was finalized 25 years ago, in 1998. During discussion, Reinders advised community members that were in attendance that if they had issues with streetlights, to visit midamericanenergy.com to report an issue.

"On the homepage, it allows you to report the location of the outage; an order is automatically created at the service center and the team gets out and fixes it as soon as possible," advised Reinders.



MidAmerican Energy franchise manager Mark Reinders discusses franchise renewal options during the council meeting July 18. (Nick Johansen/Red Oak Express)

for the renewal was for cities to implement franchise fees to generate additional revenue.

"More and more communities are looking at it because they're all struggling financially and have more needs than are financially feasible," said Reinders. "The time to implement those fees is usually when they do a renewal. In Red Oak, a 1% franchise fee would generate \$70,000 in revenue, and you can post up to 5%, so a total of \$350,000 per year. If you do one, you have to have a revenue purpose statement the money."

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no action, and further dis-merc
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cussions are anticipated at a future council meeting.

al The council also heard a request from the Red Oak Eagles Lodge to close north 2nd Street from Washington Avenue south to the bridge from noon to midnight, Aug. 13.

Eagles representative Sandy Reich said the Eagles were hosting a charity fundraiser for 6-year-old Gannon Vandewall, a first-grader currently battling cancer.

you can post up to 5%, so a total of \$350,000 per year. If you do one, you have to have a revenue purpose statement and a reason to do it to collect the money." Gannon has been diagnosed with leukemia. It's traveling extremely fast and it's being extremely aggressive. So we'd like to block off the street and put fencing



From top to bottom: Tammy Johnson, Emma Jo Harris and Renly Sandahl work on the Essex Community School District's garden. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express) ground."

Johnson said there are numerous positives that come from a district garden besides fresh produce. Students learn where food comes from and can take pride in helping it grow. Plus, they might make better food choices if they've put in the time and effort on a particular product.

She added there is something to be said for "dirt therapy" -- being outside in the fresh air and sunshine, working with your hands and forgetting about anything else for a moment. Working together on a collaborative project also builds relationships among the students.

"Not all life lessons are found in a book," said Johnson.

Three volunteers at the garden Tuesday, July 12, were Emma Jo and Garrett Harris and Renly Sandahl, along with elementary teacher Robin Verkade.

The Harris siblings worked in the compost piles and then planted more tomatoes. Sandahl also planted tomatoes and was in charge of watering them once in the ground. Johnson was using the garden tiller prepping new spaces for planting.

This past school year, planter boxes were constructed by students in John Leininger's industrial technology class.

Next year each class in elementary will decide what vegetable they'd like to plant in their own planter box and start the seeds. Plant stakes will be made during Friday Makerspace classes. The school's horticulture and ag classes will help with larger garden projects.

Johnson said numerous community members have volunteered or donated toward the garden – one of the many things that makes Essex a wonderful community. Additionally, she said members of the Class of 2021 donated \$2,000 towards the garden. The funds were from their junior prom, which they didn't have due to COVID. City Clerk Mary Bolton told residents to call city hall first, to make sure the streetlights out were not city owned.

Reinders told the council it took around three months to finalize a franchise agreement renewal, and he was usually involved in around 25 renewals per year. Additionally, a new option around so it is attached to the building at two different locations," Reich explained.

Reich added the fundraiser will feature live music from a country western artist and dancing, food will be available for purchase, and merchandise will also be for

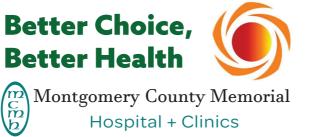
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Crayons and crowns

Jade Jensen, Kalisa Straight and Aubree Cully work on the fashion designs of the future, while wearing crowns, at the Red Oak Child Development Center Thursday, July 14. This past week at ROCDC was Disney week with Thursday being Prince and Princess camp. A class photo is on page 8A. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)





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Red Oak's Mann installed as BPO Elks District Deputy

Tess Nelson

The Red Oak Express

Justin Mann, a member of Red Oak Elks Lodge No. 1304 was recently installed District Deputy at the BPO Elks National Convention in Atlanta. Mann will serve the southwest Iowa lodges in Atlantic, Creston, Des Moines, Indianola, Newton, Red Oak, Shenandoah, and West Des Moines for one year.

"A district deputy is a liaison or contact between a local lodge and grand lodge. If any issues arise during the year, the lodge will contact me and I will communicate with grand lodge to try to find a quick resolution to the issue or problem," explained Mann, who has been an Elk for nearly nine years.

At the national convention, Mann said they visited numerous attractions, such as the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

"The convention lasted four days. I think the biggest highlight was being in an auditorium with nearly 6,000 people at the convention center," Mann said. "It was a very big crowd."

Mann said he enjoys being an Elk because he's able to meet so many interesting people, some who have become good friends.

At the Red Oak Lodge, Mann has held the positions of Exalted Ruler, Loyal Knight, and Lecturing Knight. He is currently in his third year as treasurer. At the state level, he was the Southwest Vice President for two years and served as the Esquire to the District Deputy last year.

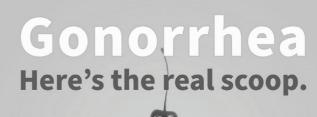
"Usually, you hold an office at the state level for a year, and assist a district deputy for another year, and then you are installed as a district deputy for a total commitment of three years," explained Mann.

The BPO Elks is one of the premier patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States. In the 154 years since the Order's founding, the BPO Elks has made charitable donations totaling approximately \$12 billion.



Red Oak Elks Lodge No. 1304 member Justin Mann, right, shakes hands with Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley during the BPO Elks National Convention in Atlanta recently. (Photo provided)







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Stanton's downtown facade project begins

Tess Nelson The Red Oak Express

In October 2021, the city of Stanton received roughly \$445,000 for its downtown revitalization project. The funds came from a Community Development Block Grant, with the project renovating eight buildings in downtown Stanton.

Work on the project began last week and is to be completed in 10 months.

Stanton Community Development Director Jenna Ramsey said the project includes the restoration of the front facade of select downtown buildings on the east and west sides of Broad Ave.

The side façade of four buildings will be included. Buildings are not within a historic district, however, the city is seeking a historic

district designation. All buildings will require special attention with work including, but not be limited to: new storefront window systems, tuckpointing, awnings, new/repaired upper level windows, and upper level entry doors.

The buildings include Underdog Design and Drawing, the former gun shop at 318 Broad Ave., the former toy store at 324 Broad Ave., the former Stanton Senior Center at 326 Broad Ave., Great Western Bank, the Pershin Laundromat, and Pershin Service.

Including local contributions and owner matches, the overall total for the project is just over \$762,000.

Additional contributors include the Iowa West Foundation, the Ripple Effect Program, the Rural Innovation Grant, the Power of Connection, and the Montgomery County Community Foundation and Curtis Architecture and Design.



A conceptual drawing of Stanton's downtown following the facade project by Curtis Architecture and Design. The program started last week and will be completed next year. (Photo provided)

Supervisors show support for NPI housing project

Nick Johansen The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors is backing Nishna Productions, Inc. in their plan to construct affordable housing.

Supervisor Donna Robinson said she was contacted by Nishna Productions executive director Sherri Clark requesting a letter of support to seek a grant through the Nonprofit Innovation Infrastructure Fund.

"They are getting support from other county boards, in Mills County, specifically also some legislators and other entities," said Robinson. "The funding is for the construction of three family homes that are totally accessible to individuals with disabilities who have mobility impairments.'

According to Robinson, Nishna Productions has received between 20 and 25 referrals of current residents of the Glenwood Resource Center who need to transfer to a community provider and setting as a result of the center's closure. The grant would assist Nishna Productions, as it is having difficulty locating affordable housing for the individuals.

"According to information from Nishna Productions, housing prices are extremely high and it is not able to compete with current market prices. By using the grant funding to construct new houses, Nishna Productions would be able to provide an affordable option for residents leaving the Glenwood Resource Center with extremely low Social Security benefits, sometimes in the range of \$841 per month," commented Robinson.

The plan calls for one of the four-bedroom homes to be constructed in Red Oak, a measure supported by Nishna Productions. The organization is dedicated to the agency's mission: Delivering high-quality support and assistance to those individuals whom require it 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

The supervisors unanimously approved the request by NPI to submit a letter of support for the grant funding request.

The supervisors also re-approved a letter of support for the Iowa DNR County Creek Sign grant application request. Assistant to the engineer Barry Byers said the letter had to be redone as they are adding to the additional signage request.

"We had to revise our estimate, as they have a \$5,000 minimum for their funding application. We had to add signs to our request to meet that threshold. We're essentially doubling our signage request," said Byers.

The supervisors approved the letter as presented in regards to the signage grant request.

In other business, the supervisors:

• Approved the sheriff's report of fees for June, in the amount of \$14,033.

• Approved the recorder's report of fees for June, in the amount of \$29,147.

• Approved the treasurer's ending fund balance for June, in the amount of \$11,737,532.

COUNCIL

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Reich confirmed alcohol would be available for purchase, and that their insurance carrier advised they would be covered if purchased alcohol was taken outside. City administrator Brad Wright urged Reich to verify that their plans for alcohol sales didn't need any further documentation for approval.

The council approved the request from the Eagles for the street closure as presented. Reich said the event will begin at 3 p.m. In other business, the Council:

• Approved a request from the Montgomery County Fair Board for fireworks use on the evening of July 23 at the demolition derby.

• Aproved a request from the Classy Chassis Car Club for street closures, a supply of barricades, and the use of the empty lot on the northwest corner of the square for Old Car Day on Aug. 20.

• Approved resolutions for economic development grants to the Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association and the Montgomery County Development Corporation.

· Approved the first reading of an amendment to city code for amending provisions pertaining to parking regulations. The amendment created a no-parking zone from the intersection with Inman Drive for 60 feet on the east side of north 8th Street. The council then approved a motion to waive the second and third readings of the ordinance amendment and approved a motion to adopt.

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OBITUARIES

JAY "MITCH" GAGE, 67

Jay Mitchel "Mitch" Gage, 67, Onawa, formerly of Emerson, passed away at his home on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. Mitch was born April 8, 1955, in Council Bluffs, the son of John and

Opal (Kadel) Gage. He graduated from Nishna Valley High School in 1973. On July 12, 1975, Mitch was united in marriage to Karen Huntsman in Emerson. Mitch lived all of his life in Emerson until moving to Onawa a year ago. He worked with his brother, Dale, in the auto body shop in Emerson and had a long career in the automotive industry before working for Skelgas, McKee Farms, Scoular Elevator, City of Emerson, and Heartland Cooperative.

Growing up, Mitch was a member of Emerson United Methodist Church

where he attended church, Sunday School and Bible School. Currently, he is a member of City Light Church in Emerson. His greatest joy came from spending time with his family, watching his son Andy race stock cars, seeing old vintage cars, and serving his community. He was a longtime member of the Emerson Volunteer Fire Department and was a First Responder.

Preceding him in death were his father, John Gage; brother, Alan Gage; and his in-laws, Robert and Jeanette Huntsman.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Gage of Onawa; children, Andy Gage and wife Heidi of Whiting, and Brandi Miller and husband Bill of Onawa; six grandchildren, Jordan Gage of Onawa, Gavin and Jonathan Gage of Whiting, and Hannah, Marcus, and Allyson Miller, all of Onawa; mother, Opal Gage of Emerson; brothers and sisters, Jerry Gage and wife Elanor of Kellerton; Dixie Strange and husband Doug of Red Oak; Dale Gage and wife Bonnie of Emerson; Ron Évans and wife Bev of Orem, Utah; Joy Evans of Nevada; Denzil Gage and wife Debbie of Glenwood; and Marlin Gage and wife Peggy of Emerson; brother-in-law, Bob Huntsman and wife Pam of Emerson; sister-in-law, Suzette Smith and husband Jens of Emerson; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 18, 2022, at the City Light Church in Emerson. Burial was in the Emerson Cemetery. A memorial fund is being established.

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



HELENA PEIN, 100

Helena Winifred Pein (Hays) passed away peacefully at 100 years old on Friday July 1, 2022. Helena was born Feb. 23, 1922, in Missouri, graduated from Glenwood Iowa Community High School and attended college at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. After moving to San Diego, she married Edward Wendell Pein and had two daughters there.

The family moved to Red Oak in 1955, where she worked at the Red Oak Veterinary Clinic for over 40 years.

Helena was active in the United Methodist Church. She enjoyed travel and saw much of the world. Helena moved to Indio, Calif., in 2004 to be closer to her daughters.

Helena was preceded in death by her parents, Victor L. Hays, and Bessie G. (Bowen) Hays; and her younger brother Richard M. Hays.

She is survived by her two daughters, Carol S. Jarvis and Vicki A. Pein.

THOMAS PERKINS, 58

Thomas Perkins, 58, Des Moines, passed away July 7, 2022, after a fierce battle with COVID and related complications.

Tom graduated from Stanton High School in 1982 as an active member of FFA and a lifelong athlete and fan of sports. Tom went on to graduate from Iowa Lakes College and explored several jobs before finding his passion as an outdoor salesman, including 17 years at Prairie Ag Supply.

He was incredibly proud to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather to be an active member of the Gnemeth Masonic Lodge in West Des Moines. His favorite pastimes revolved around his family and his farm and cows in Madison County.

Tom is survived by his wife Sande of 30 years; his daughters, Kelli Morton, Des Moines, and Karrie (Tom) Daniels, Ames; his grandchildren, Joanna Wright, Ames; Will Daniels, Ames; and Lukas (Evan) Daniels-Day, Los Angeles, Calif.; his parents, Leland and Liz Perkins; and brothers Kevin, Matt, and Benji; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jeremy Morton; his grandparents; and aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Tom will be remembered during a Celebration of Life on Aug. 10 at The Hall (111 South 11th St., West Des Moines, 50265) 6-9 p.m.

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 enforce-

ment and judicial activities, all par-

ties are presumed innocent until

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· Donald and Mary Goh-

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18-72-37 Lt 1.

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Plat Blk 44 Lt 4.

QUIT CLAIM DEED • Elizabeth Rooney to Kyle Foster, Red Oak Alix Addition Blk 11 Lt 5.

MORTGAGE

• Scarlett Lidgett to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 71 Lt 6.

• Brian Christiansen to Bank Iowa, 18-72-37.

• David Hart Revocable Trust, David Hart, Trustee, Cathy Hart Revocable Trust, and Cathy Hart,

Trustee, to Bank Iowa, 27-72-37. • Lucas McFarland to Flanagan State Bank, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., and MERS, Red Oak Engquist SD Lt 5 First Addition.

SMALL CLAIMS

• Nebraska Furniture Mart vs. Dwight Nelson, Sr., Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$2,660.51 with 4.88% interest from July 14, plus costs.

• Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Kimberly Davison, Villisca, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,904.99 with 4.82% interest from July 12, plus costs.

• General Collection Co. vs. · Ailene Coates to Marlin and Cheryl Coates, Red Oak Original Jule and Lori McCuen, Villisca,

judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,792.62 with 4.82% interest from July 14, plus costs. • Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Vincent Kesterson, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the

plaintiff, \$45 with 4.88% interest from July 12. · Montgomery County Sher-

iff vs. Abigail Kates, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$45 with 4.88% interest from July 12.

· Montgomery County Sheriff vs. Dylan Griffeth, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$45 with 4.88% interest from July 12.

ARRESTS

• Filed July 11, Kelly Gregory, 58, Red Oak, burglary third degree, \$5,000 bond.

• Filed July 12, Dylan Hambright, 30, Red Oak, driving while license denied/revoked - OWI,

\$1,000 bond. • Filed July 12, Sheyenne Eilers, 28, Red Oak, unlawful

possession of prescription drugs, \$1,000 bond. • Filed July 12, Thomas Anderson, 62, Red Oak, Mills County

warrant for failure to appear possession of controlled substance second offense, \$25,000 bond.

• Filed July 15, Braden Gray, 20, Villisca, driving wihle license deinied/revoked - OWI, \$1,000

• Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Sheyenne Eilers, 28, Red Oak, unlawful possession of prescription drugs. · Aggravated, State of Iowa

• State of Iowa vs. Brian Hale, 52, Red Oak, first offense.

TRAFFIC

• Tracy Craven, Sr., Red Oak, speeding.

• John Dahlke, Red Oak, registration violation.

ual abuse third degree. • Hayley French, Underwood, • Simple misdemeanor, State no valid driver's license. of Iowa vs. Jason Eppenbaugh, • Martin Frazier, Des Moines,

> speeding. • Trevor Sandbothe, Atlantic,

registration violation. • Justin Schomburg, Malvern,

no valid driver's license. • Trent Mott, Henderson, careless driving.

• Jamie Tabor, Grimes, speed-

• Trace Matheny, Clarinda, speeding.

• Gregory Woods, Stanton, fail to obey stop sign and yield right of way.

• Shania Mays, Des Moines, operation without registration card or plate.

• Mariah Berry, Winterset, speeding.

• Austin Arterburn, Carson, speeding.

• Truman Stickland, Red Oak, registration violation. Steve Arevalo Zacarias,

Brighton, Colo., ATV - registration and numbering required. • Jessica Petersen, Omaha,

belts.

driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.

• On July 14, at 12:05 a.m., Red Oak Police officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Broad and Coolbaugh streets in Red Oak. Gaven McMillin, 18, Red Oak, driving a 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer owned by David Neal, Red Oak, was traveling south on Broad Street. McMillin failed to yield at the Coolbaugh Street intersection and struck a 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer driven by Delaney Hall, 18, Red Oak and owned by Troy Hall of Red Oak, that was traveling east through the intersection on Coolbaugh Street. Damage to each vehicle was about \$4,500, and there were no injuries. McMillin was cited for failure to obey yield sign.

43, Red Oak, harassment third degree, pled guilty, \$105 fine. • Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Randall Butts, 29, Red Oak, disorderly conduct - loud or

raucous noise, pled guilty, \$105 • Simple misdemeanor, State

of Iowa vs. Aaron Allen, 37, Red Oak, domestic abuse assault, first offense.

• Simple misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Aaron Allen, 37, Red Oak, harassment third degree.

• Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Edward Liford, 60, Red Oak, criminal mischief fourth degree.

Serious misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Dylan Hambright, 30, Red Oak, driving while license denied or revoked.

OWI

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• Evan Vannausdle, Elliott, failure to maintain or use safety

• Aniessa Baylor, Red Oak,

ACCIDENTS

while barred. • Felony, State of Iowa vs. Kelly Gregory, 58, Red Oak, burglary third degree. • Felony, State of Iowa vs. Kelly Gregory, 58, Red Oak, sex-

CRIMINAL

vs. Aaron Allen, 37, Red Oak,

Aggravated, State of Iowa vs.

Cory Smith, 37, Elliott, driving

bond.

stalking.

fine.

New 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Number Available Nationwide

From ISU Extension

Since July 16, the 988 dialing code has been available nationwide for anyone who needs support for a suicidal, mental health and/or substance use crisis. The new three-digit dialing code connects people to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline via phone call, text or chat.

In 2020, Congress designated the 988 dialing code to work in conjunction with the previous 10-digit National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, creating a highly accessible line that individuals experiencing a mental health crisis can call and receive appropriate assistance nationwide. This number was activated on all devices across the United States on July 16.

"A primary goal of 988 is to be easy to remember and highly accessible for anyone who needs support for a suicidal, mental health and/or substance use crisis," said Demi Johnson, behavioral health program specialist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

SAMSA offers guidance Iowans can find the most upto-date information about the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration. SAMHSA 988 guidance includes the following: • What happens when I call

988?

When calling 988, you will first hear a greeting message while your call is routed to the local Lifeline network crisis center based on your area code. A trained crisis counselor will answer the phone, listen to you, work to understand how your problem is affecting you, pro-

if needed. If the local crisis center is unable to take the call, you will be automatically routed to a national backup crisis center. The Lifeline provides live crisis center phone services in English and Spanish and uses Language Line Solutions to provide translation services in over 250 additional languages for people who call 988.

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• What happens when I text 988?

Text (English only) is available through 988. When you text to 988, you will be responded to by someone from a group of Lifeline crisis centers that respond to chat and text. This service will expand over the next few years to increase local and state level response. Once connected, a crisis counselor will listen to you, work to understand how your problem is affecting you, provide support, and share resources that may be helpful.

• Do these hotlines really work?

Yes, crisis lines like the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline work. Numerous studies have shown that most callers are significantly more likely to feel less depressed, less suicidal, less overwhelmed and more hopeful after speaking to a trained crisis counselor.

• If I call 988 will first responders (police and EMTs) be automatically dispatched?

The primary goal of 988 is to provide support for people in suicidal crisis or mental healthrelated distress in the moments they most need it and in a manner that is person-centered. The vast majority of those seeking help from the Lifeline do not require any additional interventions at that moment. Currently,

fewer than 2% of Lifeline calls require connection to emergency services like 911. While some safety and health issues may warrant a response from law enforcement and/or Emergency Medical Services (namely when a suicide attempt is in progress), the 988 coordinated response is intended to promote stabilization and care in the least restrictive manner.

• How is 988 different than 211?

In most states, the 211 system provides health and social service assistance information and referrals. At the same time, 988 crisis counselors will provide support for people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress in the very moments they need it most. While generally being different in scope, these systems need to be aligned, and in many cases, local Lifeline centers also respond to 211 contacts. We envision that 988 crisis centers will need to continue to coordinate with 211 and other warmlines. This will help ensure an all-inclusive approach regard-

may use first. Iowa Concern continues

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"The reality of 988 is that it's not yet perfect, but there is a major shift in crisis response organizations across the state and country working to provide better care for those in need. We are living in a transformational time for mental health care, and I suspect that we will see many changes in the upcoming years," stated Johnson.

However, Iowa Concern, 800-447-1985, continues as ISU Extension and Outreach's primary line to help provide stress counseling related to legal, crisis/disaster, financial or mental

health questions or concerns. When Iowa Concern receives a crisis call, they will work to help decrease the crisis and then connect the caller with a service that can provide continuation of care.

Iowa Concern provides confidential access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics. With a toll-free phone number, live chat capabilities and a website, Iowa Concern services are available

24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge; language interpretation services are available. Or visit the website, extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment, or email an expert regarding legal, finance, stress, or crisis and disaster issues. For more information about Iowa Concern, contact Tammy Jacobs at trjacobs@iastate.edu.

Other resources

Project Recovery Iowa offers a variety of services to anyone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic or other natural disasters. Virtual counselors and consultants provide counseling, family finance consultation, farm financial consultation, referral information and help finding resources for any Iowan seeking personal support. Iowans of all ages may join groups online for activities and learn creative strategies for coping with the effects of the pandemic. Project Recovery Iowa will announce upcoming programs on the website and via social media to help Iowans build coping skills, resilience and emotional support. To request support, go to Projectrecoveryiowa.org.

Mental Health and Disability

Services Regions are community-based, person-centered mental health and disability services systems providing locally delivered services that are regionally managed within statewide standards. Local access to mental health and disability services for adults and children with severe emotional disturbances are provided by established mental health and disability services regions to residents of Iowa regardless of the location of their

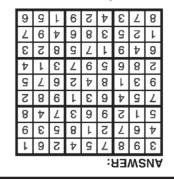
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Here's How It Works:

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



EDUCATION



Former Red Oak instructor Dan Black was named Instructor of the Year at the Council Bluffs Community School District. (Photo submitted)

Former RO instructor honored by Council Bluffs district

Tess Nelson The Red Oak Express

Dan Black, who taught in Red Oak from 2012-2017, was recently named the Licensed Staff Member of the Year for the Council Bluffs Community School District. Black is the orchestra director at Abraham Lincoln High School and Kirn Middle School in Council Bluffs.

While in Red Oak, Black primarily directed high school band, but he said he also served as an instructional technology coach and lead teacher. Black reminisced, and said he still looked very fondly on his experience teaching and living in Red Oak, and was so fortunate to work alongside so many year."

great staff members, community members, and parents. "Next year, my classroom

will be reaching 100 more students per day than when I started five years ago. The district has added another full time music educator to help reach all these kids. I couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity to be innovative in my classroom and try whole new approaches to music education, whether it be throwing out the model during COVID-19 to create a record label or starting our new guitar and rock band classes to make the classroom that much more accessible to kids 6-12," Black said. "Music is for everyone, and I'm excited to get started again next

Moore second at SkillsUSA Nationals

Lukas Moore of Emerson, a May 2022 Southwestern Community College (SWCC) auto collision repair/refinish graduate, placed second nation-

ally, receiving the silver medal in collision repair technology (post-secondary division), during the 2022 event held June 21-23, in Atlanta, Ga.

Portable classrooms delivered to Inman Elementary



Two modular classrooms were delivered and placed at Inman Elementary on July 14. The two-room classrooms were approved for lease by the Red Oak School Board May 9. The classrooms will be leased for 39 months. Superintendent Ron Lorenz said the classrooms would provide much-needed classroom space in the interim while the district has its needs assessment done through Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Competitive bass fishing program begins at SWCC in August

Southwestern Community College made it official, beginning this fall the college will field a bass fishing team for the first time in college history and Cory Dorsey of Corning will lead the Spartan anglers.

Dorsey, a lifetime bass fisherman, has competed locally, regionally, and nationally. During high school, Dorsey competed with the Cedar Rapids Jr. Bassmasters.

Beginning his senior year of high school, he moved to a higher level of competition fishing with Iowa Premier Bass, a National Bass Anglers Association (NBAA)-affiliated organization.

The first year Dorsey competed with Iowa Premier Bass, he qualified to fish the NBAA National Championship on Kentucky Lake. He has been she said the team will practice affiliated with Indian Creek Lure and compete throughout the aca-

died abruptly after they

Company since 2007.

Kim Bishop, Southwestern's The fishing team will pracdean of student services and tice two or three days per week athletic director, is excited and will likely have inter-squad about the hire and can't wait to competitions to determine team have the new sport in place for members who will travel and Southwestern student-athletes. compete at tournaments. "Cory is known far and wide

"Creston is located in a region with an abundance of not only for his fishing talent and expertise, but also as an lakes allowing for prime fishing opportunities," stated Bishop. individual with strong character, "Once our college administration a great work ethic, and respect made the commitment to pursue for the sport and competition," bass fishing as a collegiate sport, Bishop explained. "I can't wait we needed a dynamic individual to see him interact with studentto spearhead the effort. After athletes and develop this proresearching and getting to know gram for us.' Cory, I am confident he is the Dorsey individual we need to establish Southwestern's carpentry and

the program.' building trades program, as well Bishop said when Dorsey as Des Moines Area Community comes onboard at Southwestern College's criminal justice prohe will ultimately make practice gram. and competition decisions; but Southwestern, he is a police officer for the Creston Police

demic year as weather allows. Department.

attended

Dorsey said he is excited to get the bass fishing team off the ground at Southwestern.

"This area is full of young anglers who love to compete' and the bass fishing team at SWCC is going to allow them to continue fishing at the collegiate level while pursuing their college education," said Dorsey. "I'm looking for the best anglers to take to the waters and put the Southwestern Community College Fishing Team on the map"

He will begin recruiting for Southwestern's bass fishing program immediately. Students interested in pursuing bass fishing as a collegiate sport should call Southwestern at 641-782-7081 or email Dorsey directly at dorsey@swcciowa.edu.

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THE TIME CAPSULE | ROY MARSHALL

Sears, carrots, watermelons and ticks

Thanks to those who responded to the Sears kit home column.

So far one has been identified in the old Alix Addition of Red Oak, another has a rural address two miles from it, two are in Carson, one between Villisca and Nodaway and one in Lewis.

I've had a chance to drive by or visit with owners (past or present) of most of them and can confirm that Sears sold quality kits.

In order to beat the heat, wife went out early the other day to mow the lawn. I spent time in the garden, bringing in a few peppers, half a dozen tomatoes, one watermelon and three ticks.

The latter were later removed from my hair. and the others just went away. Wife had two crawling on her.

Ticks seem to get worse every year. I said we high temperatures in his part of Texas have been needed a few guineas.

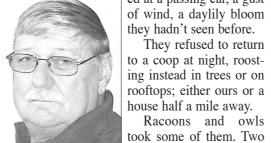
She remembered those we had in the late '80s and said we'd start putting repellant on our shoes a protein tub and is thinking of doing likewise. He and cuffs.

Guineas are out of the question.

They went after ticks and snakes, but in all other regards were awful.

The stupidity of guinea fowl makes a chicken look brilliant, and that's a tough hill to climb.

When one shrieked they all did, and they erupt-



consistently 100 or above.

closer to his house.

never counted.

has to water anyway and in a tub he could do so

He asked how many can be raised that way. I've

Planting the tiny seeds and thinning half of them

is tedious enough; counting seems absurd.

ed at a passing car, a gust be done if spacing was ideal, and for that seed tapes of wind, a daylily bloom might be good.

Metz said he had a better way of starting car-They refused to return to a coop at night, roostinterested in a crop for fall this a good time to plant.

> He starts by putting seed in a plastic bag with make sure all seeds are wet.

Racoons and owls At room temperature they'll begin to sprout in a took some of them. Two couple of days.

As soon as the first tiny white sprouts appear, he put deep scratch marks on heats a cup of water and adds enough cornstarch to the roof of my state car, stir into the consistency of honey.

This is allowed to cool, then added to the plastic

Cecil Metz called over the weekend to tell me bag and gently swirled around to distribute seeds. A corner is cut from the bag and the mixture squeezed like cake frosting, trying to get a seed His carrots are toast. He knows I raise them in every 2-3 inches.

Normally he does this in straight rows. With a protein tub his plan is to start with a large outer confident of his carrot planting method until I've circle and spiral inward.

A mathematician, knowing our tubs have a diameter of 22.5 inches, would tell us the cirbetween rows, could tell us how many carrots this news@redoakexpress.com. I suspect, though, that 80-90 nice carrots could will grow.

Things won't work that way, though, so I'll do it by planting now and counting carrots in September.

If anyone wonders about our early July waterrots. It sounds promising, and if we have readers melons, they're Blacktail Mountain. Taste is sweeter than seedless, produce aisle bowling balls.

At 10-12 pounds they fit the fridge, but three a little water, sealing and sloshing occasionally to vines had four melons and show little promise of more.

> Three hills of Sangria, which is what I've planted each of the last few years, consistently produce 25-30 melons with excellent taste.

> Those planted this year are loaded with small ones, although they won't start ripening until late August.

> A downside of Sangria is their size, which is up to 35 pounds and too much for two of us.

> Metz scoffs at a 35-pounder, claiming he grows 50-pound Black Diamonds.

He can't be trusted, though, and I won't be seen the green.

Roy Marshall is a local historian and columnist cumference is 68 inches and, allowing 2.5 inches for the Red Oak Express. He can be contacted at

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COMMUNITY

Community Calendar

21 July

Noon, SCORE webinar, "Small Business Cybersecurity and Scam Defense Strategy Update for 2022-2023." Go to omaha.score.org/ content/take-workshop-242 for more information.

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

4 p.m., Community Prayer Time, Fountain Square Park. Call Bonnie at 623-4759. 4-7 p.m., Red Oak Farmers Market, Fountain Square Park. 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

22 July

10 a.m, nature event, Malvern Library, 502 Main St. 12:45 to 4 p.m. Volunteers needed for Senior Citizen's Day at the Montgomery County Fair. Shifts 12:45 to 2:30 p.m. and 2:15 to 4 p.m.. Two to three volunteers needed for each shift, and duties include calling bingo numbers, delivering prizes, and serving refreshments. Call 623-2161 to volunteer.

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

7 p.m., "Downton Abbey: A New Era," theatre #1; "Top Gun: Maverick," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

23 July

8 a.m. to 2 p.m., CPR, AED, and first aid certification classes at Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St. 9 a.m. to noon, Red Oak Farmers Market, Fountain

Square Park. 7 p.m. Montgomery County Fair Demolition Derby, line up

in parking lot off 4th St. Check in from 1 to 4:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. 7 p.m., "Downton Abbey: A New Era," theatre #1; "Top Gun: Maverick," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

24 July

2 and 7 p.m., "Downton Abbey: A New Era," theatre #1; Top Gun: Maverick," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre. 5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

25 July

11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. \ Blood drive at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 E. Summit St.

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

5:30 p.m., Red Oak City Council meeting, Red Oak fire station, or via Zoom.

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

26 July

8:30 a.m., Montgomery County Supervisors, North Meeting Room in courthouse basement, open to public. Noon, Rotary Club meet-

ing. For location, go to https:// rotarydistrict5650.org/clubinfo/ red-oak. 1 p.m., Card games (pitch

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

27 July

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.



The Red Oak Class of 1972 held its 50th class reunion during Junction Days last month. Pictured are, front row, from left: Michelle Kretsinger, Trudy Nelson, Judy (Docker) Wolz, Vicki (Fort) Norton, Dee (Jenkins) Berns, Rosa (Baucom) Palmer, Rachel (Hays) Heuer, Jacque (Larson) Taylor, Bev Perdue, Sally (Barr) Ratcliff, and Martha (Griffes) Hoefer. Second row, from left: Randy Johnson, Carmen (Ross) Hathaway, Sherry (Volkmer) Page, Kris (Lundgren) McAninch, Betty (Renander) Bass, Sheree Rhodes, Alisa (Bruce) Rumery, Kathy (Scott) Carlson, Jane (Nelson) Stoll, Jane (Bishop) Cruchelow, and Sharon (Sunberg) Johnson. Thrid row, from left: Scott McCoppin, Janet (Walters) Maynes, Sandra Bradway, Becky (Johnson) Vannausdle, Donna (Carper) Johnson, Lois (Heuer) Graham, Dave McAninch, Rod McAlpin, Don England, Roger McAlister, and Joel Fish. Back row, from left: Roger Bergstrom, Steve Silkett, Chris Vannausdle, Gary Pfeiffer, Mike Johnson, Greg Guthrie, Harold Young, Joe Hossle, and Doug Laire. (Photo submitted)

Stanton youth join in Vacation Bible School event in Stanton



Stanton held its community wide Vacation Bible School on Saturday, July 9. Volunteers from Mamrelund and Stanton Covenant Church worked together to plan the all-day event, which included lunch, snack, and supper. The day concluded with a brief program for the parents and a talk from Hugh Smith about where the tithes will be sent. (Charm Carpenter/The Red Oak Express)

WELLS 85TH BIRTHDAY

Dorothy Wells will celebrate building at 1805 N. 8th St, Red

Blood drive in RO July 25

A Red Cross blood drive is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. July 25 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 1101 E. Summit St. in the fellowship room. Call 621-4705 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment

Nature event at Malvern Library

The Friends of the Malvern through sixth grade, but kids of Library are hosting a nature all ages are welcome. event at the library at 502 Main

St. at 10 a.m. on June 22. Mills County Conservation tify several common Iowa wild-

The free event will provide information on how to iden-

Happy Birthday! Celebrating birthdays are:

Maggie Light – July 21 Kathy Vannausdle – July 22 Keri Straw – July 23 Glen Meyer – July 23 Heather Adams - July 23 Brittany Whigham – July 24 Darlene Carpenter - July 25 Kemper Doty – July 25 Don Mardesen – July 27 Richard Trinity - July 27 X Sharon Webb – July 27 Shirley Billings - July 27

Red Oak Class of 1972 celebrates 50 years

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.

In honor of the occasion, the Cards may be sent to her at family is hosting an open house Acorn Acres Apt. 7D, 1805 N. 8th St., Red Oak, IA, 51566. from 2 to 4 p.m. July 30 at the Acorn Acres large community

Open House/Card Shower

targeted for kids in kindergarten skunk.

naturalist Dessa Montgomery life tracks, as well as hands-on will give a presentation on ani- opportunities with a salamander, mal tracks. The presentation is snakes, toads, and a deodorized

Senior Menu

Thursday, July 21: Sliced turkey with gravy, whipped potatoes and gravy, diced beets, bread slice, fresh seasonal fruit, milk/coffee.

her 85th birthday on Aug. 1. Oak.

Friday, July 22: Baked chicken breast with supreme sauce, whipped sweet potatoes, roasted Brussels

sprouts, bread slice, applesauce, milk/coffee. Monday, July 25: BBQ chicken coffee on a bun, whipped ranch potatoes,

green beans, gelatin, milk/coffee. Tuesday, July 26: Liver and toes, corn, sliced pears, bread slice, to eat lunch. onions or beef patty with onion milk/coffee.

gravy, whipped potatoes, lima beans, bread slice, cookie, milk/

Wednesday, July 27: Sloppy joe sandwich on a bun, baby red pota-

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

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.

<u>Baptist</u>

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.

<u>Catholic</u>

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

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

<u>Christian</u>

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

Christian & Missionary Alliance

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

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

Church Of Christ

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

Church Of the Nazarene

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

<u>Covenant</u>

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.

Bethesda Lutheran, Rural Clarinda Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bethlehem Lutheran, 1101 Summit St., Red Oak, Rev. Jennifer Yeske-Drown, Sunday worship, 11 a.m., evening service 4 p.m. Strand Evangelical, Rural Villisca,

Lutheran

Rev. Marietta Nelson-Bittle, Worship, 9:45 a.m. Fremont Lutheran (Nyman), 1147 Ironwood Ave, Red Oak, Pastor Ann

School, 10:30 a.m. Mamrelund Lutheran, 410 Eastern Ave., Stanton, Rev. Eric Kutzli,

Worship, 9:30 a.m. with no Sunday School. Online: 9:30 a.m. FMTC Cable Channel 1, also live on Facebook.

Mt. Calvary, 107 S. 5th, Villisca, Jerome Wagoner, Worship, 9:00 a.m. Tabor Lutheran, 1711 Q Ave., Stanton, Worship, 8:15 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. Peace Lutheran, (A WELS Congregation), 411 Church St., Shenandoah, Saturday Worship, 5:30 p.m.; Bible and Sunday School, 6:30 p.m.

Non-Denominational

Oaks Community Church, 41310 Ellinaton Rd., Emerson, Rev. Ron Perry, 712-824-7218, Sunday

School, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 a.m.

Presbyterian

Center Ridge, 1546 N. 110th St., Red Oak, Caryn Pedersen, Worship 1 p.m., two times a month. Call 623-9023 for more information First Presbyterian, 109 S. 3rd Ave., Villisca, Rev. Sandra Wainwright, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

Reformed Evangelical

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

United Methodist

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

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

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

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

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

United Methodist, 203 S. 3rd Ave., Villisca, Rev. Jenn Van Nostrand, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Online: 10:30 a.m. live on Facebook. Strahan United Methodist, Hastings, Rev. David Kwangki Kim, Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

United Church Of Christ

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

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Albert, Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday

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YMCA





"WHERE THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER" FOLLOW THE BOUNCING BALL



Tennis players pose for a picture with instructor Micayla Taylor. (Photos submitted)

Year-round, the Montgomery County Family YMCA has many active recreational sports opportunities to offer individuals and families. Here are just a few:

Tennis

With four courts indoors in the Carder Tennis Center and two outdoors, rain or shine, the Montgomery County Family YMCA is a great spot to learn this fun sport or prove your mastery of

it in a friendly game.

Tennis is a racket sport that is played either individually against a single opponent or between two teams of two players each. Each player uses a tennis racket that is strung with cord to strike a hollow rubber ball covered with felt over or around a net and into the opponent's court.

The Carder Tennis Center has a beautifully painted floor and lines

and nets which has made it a welcome destination for tennis lovers since it was built.

In addition to the courts, a Tennis Center Viewing Area room positioned above it has proved to be a great spot for family and friends to watch the games below. Recently updated and rededicated on July 23, 2016, it continues to be a tennis mecca for the Midwest, bringing in tennis players from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri when tournaments are held there. The next tournament will be the Kiwanis Closed Tournament.

Instructor Micayla Taylor, a former Red Oak High School varsity player, led the Summer Youth Tennis Program this year. The kids were taught the importance of holding the racquet correctly, serve Gymnasium techniques, and the various rules that govern points. Throughout the year, groups gather to play tennis, and individual tennis lessons are available

tennis played with a paddle and a plastic wiffle-like ball. Back in March of 2019, Regional Director Steve Stone of the USAPA (United States of America Pickleball Association) along with Morand Thomas had a workshop on the game of pickleball. Anecdotes about the game's origins and name were shared as well as a passion for the fast-paced game. The sport is one of the fastest growing sports in the country for its low net and light wiffle ball that accommodates all ages and abilities. Since the introduction of the game, a group has regularly come to play on both the tennis courts and in the Wilson

Pickleball Pickleball is a combination

of table tennis, badminton and

Raquetball Racquetball is played by two or four players. When played by two, it is called singles and when played by four, doubles. A non-



Tennis Instructor Micayla Taylor and some of the students in her class.

tournament variation of the game that is played by three players is called cut-throat. The Montgomery County Family YMCA has a nicely appointed racquetball court with wooden floor, and see-through plexiglass entrance wall and ceiling drop-view from the Tennis Center Viewing Area gives it a spacious feel. It was built near the tennis courts in the Carder Tennis Center

and racquets and safety goggles are available at the front desk.

> To learn more about how you can be involved in tennis, pickleball, or racquetball or to check out some of our other programs, visit us online at mcymca.com where you can register for them, call us at 623-2161, stop by the Y located at 101 E. Cherry St., or visit us on Facebook



The YMCA's new HVAC system was installed earlier in June. (Photo submitted)

NEW HVAC SYSTEM INSTALLED AT Y

On Monday, June 20 and Tuesday, June 21 the Facility Improvement Grant and \$30,000 from Omaha

NEW SWIM TEAM NAME SELECTED

were tallied and by an overwhelm-

Montgomery County Tiger Sharks

with the Montgomery County Blue

The new swim team will be

coached by Michelle Grismore-

Anderson. Michelle, currently a

Red Cross certified lifeguard, life-

guard instructor, and water safety

instructor at the Y, is excited for the

opportunity to be the swim coach

She looks forward to teaching

for the incoming group of kids.

Barracudas coming in second.

The Montgomery County Family On Monday, July 11, all votes YMCA is restarting the swim team and recently held a contest to ing number the winner was the determine the name of the group. First, the community was

encouraged to submit potential names between June 13-24. From, June 27 to July 8 a vote narrowed down the choices to five.

The five choices were: Montgomery County Tiger Sharks, Montgomery County Blue Barracudas, Montgomery County Chlorine Machine, and Montgomery County Dolphins.

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them the finer points of swimming. As Michelle pointed out, "the only difference between try and triumph is a little 'umph." Look for more information to follow on registration dates and season details.

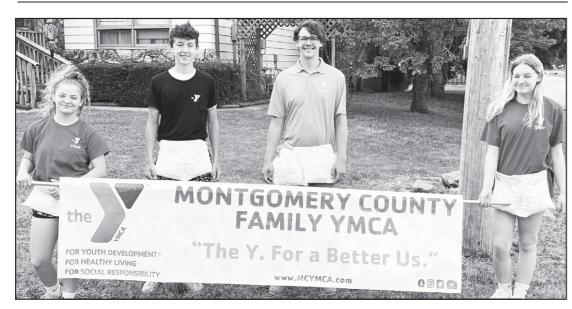
For more information about the Montgomery County Family YMCA and its programs, memberships, and volunteer/donor opportunities, visit us online at mcymca. com where you can register for them, call us at 623-2161, stop by the Y located at 101 E. Cherry St., or visit us on Facebook.

Montgomery County Family YMCA shut down in preparation for the installation of a new HVAC and cooling system. Jones Mechanical completed the installation of the equipment on those days as well as the removal of the previous HVAC and cooling system that had been in place since the Y opened more than 20 years ago.

The purchase and installation was made possible by generous donations including from the estate of Nancy Murphy and grants such as the \$35,000 raised through the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

Community Foundation/Foundations of Southwest Iowa. The new system has already proven to be beneficial in regulating the temperature throughout the facility.

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Chloe Devito, Ty Jenkins, Christopher Allison, and Mylee Echternach, pictured from left, passed out candy and guest passes during the Junction Days Parade. (Photo submitted)

YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMPS

During the Junction Days camp kids, however this year there parade on Saturday, July 25, members of the staff walked along passing out guest passes and candy to the crowd.

In the past, a float has been decorated and filled with summer day 4 p.m.

are instead summer day camp trips for children entering first grade this fall. The first will be held on Thursday, July 21 at the Omaha 712-623-2161, or email cjohn-Henry Doorly Zoo from 8 a.m. to son@mcycma.com.

For more information about this and other summer day camp trips, check out our website at mcymca. com where you can register, call **OUARTER**

egories: Gold (\$1,500), Silver The Montgomery County Family YMCA would like to (\$1,000), and Bronze (\$500).

honor the Round Table companies: Houghton State Bank, Red Oak Subway, Red Oak Chrysler, Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture, David Carbaugh's State Farm, and Tech Support Services as our Businesses of the Quarter for the next two quarters from April to September.

All employees of the Round Table companies and their immediate families will receive a free membership to the Y* until September. So, stop by if this means you! *Does not apply to choose to support. current members.

The Round Table recognizes those who support the goals and objectives of the Montgomery County Family YMCA through donations in three different cat-







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Proposal for end of season 'Doggy Dip' passes initial request

Nick Johansen The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak Park and Tree Board met for its regular monthly meeting July 14.

The board met with Red Oak resident Sara Orme, who requested the use of the Red Oak Municipal Pool for a special "doggy dip" event after the pool season. Board Chairman Bill Drey said he remembered similar events being held in the past.

"I was conversing with Tracy Vannausdle, and when she was a lifeguard, we both remember having a doggie dip event in the late 1990s," Drey stated.

Orme said the idea wasn't a new one, and that there were many other communities that held similar events.

"We previously lived in Omaha, Neb., and it was very popular there. What happened there was after the pool season was over, and before they drained the pool, they opened it up to dogs and their owners for day swimming. It encourages community participation, It usually fell on a Sunday night, and ran for about two hours," Orme said.

Orme suggested the possibility of charging a small admission price and donating the money to aid in the purchase of an animal shelter in Red Oak. Orme felt costs to the city would be minimal.



Park Board Chairman Bill Drey, Park Board member Cliff Owen, and park superintendent Adam VanDerVliet at the meeting July 14. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

"I think the only cost to the city would be to have a couple of lifeguards on duty, since there will be humans swimming. I can't think of anything beyond that," commented Orme.

Park superintendent Adam VanDerVliet said he had preliminary discussions with the City of Red Oak on the proposal, and said they were looking into what liability insurance would be needed to hold the event. "We've sent an email out to the insurance carrier to see how other cities have done it, because obviously it's been done before, so I don't think it would be too difficult an undertaking," advised VanDerVliet.

VanDerVliet asked what limitations were needed for chlorine to make the pool safe for dogs to swim. Orme suggested waiting a week or two after the pool season with no new chlorine added to the pool to make sure the water was safe.

Drey also advised Orme to contact Red Oak City Clerk Mary Bolton to finalize other details including costs and insurance information.

The board approved the proposal for the doggie dip event, pending Orme contacting Bolton to finalize additional details.

The board also discussed a request for a memorial bench at Fountain Square Park in memory of Randy Vanderhoof. Drey said there was a potential location for the bench near the Freedom Rock.

"We can place the bench on the west side of the rock, so there's one on each side. I have heard back from the Red Oak American Legion, VFW, and the Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Court of Honor and they all granted permission for the bench to be placed in that location," advised Drey. Drey added they are keeping the memorial

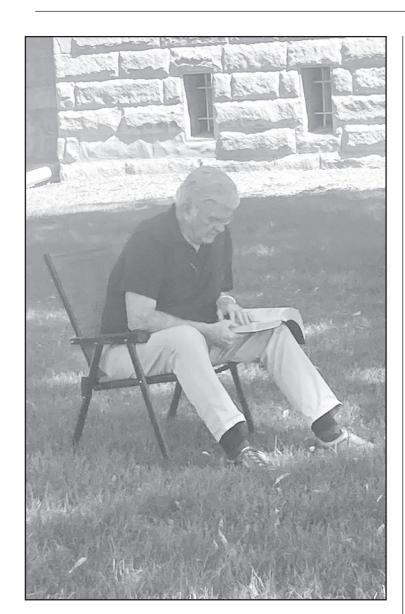
bench the same as the others already in the park.

"They wanted a red, white, and blue one at first, but I informed them that we keep all the benches green on the square, and the Vanderhoof family is aware of the pricing of the bench," said Drey.

The board approved the request for a memorial bench in memory of Vanderhoof.

In other business, the board:

• Approved a request from the Classy Chassis Car Club for use of Fountain Square Park, including the shelter house, on Aug. 20 for the car show.



Supervisors agree to appoint Ozuna as county auditor

Nick Johansen The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has weighed its options on whether or not to appoint a new county auditor ahead of the November general election.

The supervisors first took up the discussion at the regular Board of Supervisors meeting July 12. Supervisors Chair Mark Peterson said due to timing ahead of the deadline for an appointee, he and Supervisor Mike Olson conducted the interviews with the two candidates that had applied for the position. Peterson felt there were a number of issues that needed to be discussed.

"We need to determine if we want to appoint someone to the position for the next several months, and let them run for election in November, or if we want to leave it open for a completely clean slate and let the new auditor be selected by someone who has chosen to run," Peterson said.

Additionally, Peterson said the two applicants were currently in full-time positions elsewhere, and would have to quit to take over the duties of auditor.

"If we appoint one of the candidates, we're then expecting them to run for election, possibly unopposed, or possibly opposed. Anything could happen there. Both of the applicants were from outside of government, so they don't have any experience in the office," said Peterson. "I will say that of the two applicants, Mike Olson and I both felt we had one candidate rise to the top, and if the board chose, we would be willing to recommend that candidate and setup an interview for all five of us to interview them together. We would even go so far as to recommend going ahead and appointing them."

The deadline to make an appointment was July 18. Peterson said both applicants for the position were aware that if they were appointed, they would have to run for election in November and win in order to keep the post.

Supervisor Charla Schmid said it was a big decision to quit a full-time job for an appointed position, and then not win in the November election. Peterson agreed.

"If we do appoint someone, I guess you would say that we're giving our seal of approval for them to run for the position and officially take it over, but that doesn't prevent someone else from running, or more than one candidate running, depending on the party, who might win over our appointee. But regardless of that, I'm very comfortable that both candidates were very aware of the fact that they'll have to run and were aware of the risks," explained Peterson.

Supervisor Randy Cooper asked if they declined to appoint the candidate, whether or not they'd decline to run themselves in November. As the candidate was already employed, Peterson didn't think that scenario was likely, but admitted that there was a possibility.

then in November, no one chose to run for the post, and questioned whether choosing not to act was a mistake.

"I'm a little nervous to be in a situation where if we have a good candidate now, and then we pass, what do we do if the person decides to move on to something else, or decides they don't want to leave the position they're currently in? It's something that needs to be considered," commented Cooper.

The supervisors agreed to meet as a full board and interview the candidate. A special meeting was held on Monday, July 18, where the candidate was revealed as Jill Ozuna of Red Oak.

At the July 18 meeting, Schmid expressed concerns over appointing Ozuna and potentially losing other employees in the auditor's office, or other issues that may arise between now and the November election.

"There are a bunch of situations I've been thinking about, and while Jill is a very intelligent and capable woman, they're just some things I'm throwing out for us to think about," explained Schmid.

Robinson had the full confidence that the three staff members in the auditor's office would work with them and give them a chance to grow in the new position and felt that everyone is, and would be, supportive of the appointment.

Bible reading marathon

Bill Artherholt of Red Oak reads his Bible as part of Iowa's 99 County Bible Reading Marathon Thursday, July 14, on the Montgomery County Courthouse Iawn. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express) Supervisor Mike Olson said following the interview, the potential appointee, despite a lack of political experience, would be a good fit, and time may be limited to appoint them.

"I feel the person would be able to adapt and learn the new position in a short period of time. They have a lot of experience with corporate America and making difficult decisions and situations. My concern is that the candidate may not be available in four months, and may not run," Olson said.

Cooper asked what would happen if the county failed to appoint a new auditor, and

"I would agree that you interviewed very well and that you have the skill set to do this position," stated Robinson.

Olson, Cooper, and Peterson were all in agreement to appoint Ozuna as the county auditor. After a vote, the supervisors unanimously approved the appointment for Ozuna.

Ozuna's official start date will be on Aug. 1.

Johnson recognized by Gregg, Reynolds

Recently, Tim Johnson of Stanton was recognized as one of the 2022 Governor's Volunteer Awards recipients.

More than 500 awards are being presented this year during five ceremonies across Iowa. More than 150 communities in Iowa were served by this year's honorees.

"Iowans take great pride in their deep and rich commitment for serving others - it's in our DNA," Reynolds said in a press release from Volunteer Iowa. "Iowa nice is the foundation of our state – you see it everywhere you turn - Iowans volunteering their time to help others and improve their communities and our state. It truly is an honor to be able to recognize these individuals for their meaningful acts of generosity through the Governor's Volunteer Awards and inspire others to do the same.'

Coordinated by Volunteer Iowa, the Governor's Volunteer Award program provides an easy way for Iowa nonprofits, charitable organizations, and government entities to honor their volunteers with a prestigious, state-level award. It is in its 38th year.



Pictured from left: Iowa Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg, Tim Johnson and Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds. (Photo provided)



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Disney week

Last week was Disney week at the Red Oak Child Development Center. On Thursday, July 14, students were able to dress like princes and princesses. Pictured, from left, back row: Hadley Stanley, Gavin Johnson, Rynleigh Mauer, Ensleigh Miner, Aubree Culley, Dawson White, Allyanna Lovvorn, Kalisa Straight, and Henry Taylor. Front row, from left: Owen Bisbee, Zane Bowen, Libby Fridolph, Palmer Peterson, Jax Pelzer, Aubree Treat and and Jade Jensen. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)



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will end up with a leg-

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Comprehensive plans that

are up-to-date look very

good for grant applications,

so that's always a plus,"

Completion of the new

comprehensive plan, Briggs

said, would take up to 12-18

months, and varied on how

the process went and the

Briggs commented.

update plan.

Updated county comprehensive plan given go ahead by supervisors

Nick Johansen The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has agreed to proceed with a proposal from the Southwest Iowa Planning Council to update the county's comprehensive plan.

At the start of the meeting, Montgomery County Planning and Zoning Commissioner Vicky Rossander spoke during the meeting and that revisions to the plan were long overdue.

"All counties are required to have a comprehensive plan to use while developing their ordinances. These plans are usually supposed to be updated every five years. The only version of the county's plan that zoning commissioner Barry Byers has been able to locate and share with us was written in 1967, almost 60 years ago. I urge the supervisors to take action and accept the SWIPCO proposal," said Rossander.

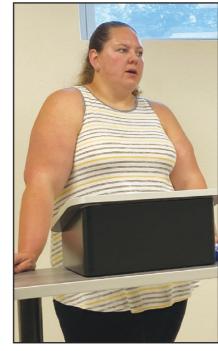
The supervisors then heard a presentation from Dani Briggs, planning technician II with SWIPCO. Briggs agreed with Rossander's statement and said the plans are a legal document that serve as a basis for zoning, and are a requirement.

"They aid in policy decisions, are a catalyst for goal-setting and consensus-building, and are a good source of community information. They're not perfect, nor inflexible, and are meant to change over the years. As we have heard, the current plan is simply past its effective life, largely because we didn't know when it was done. We are well past due for an update," Briggs said.

Briggs felt that now was a good time to update the county's comprehensive plan, as they are currently under contract with the City of Villisca to update its comprehensive plan, and discussions are ongoing with the City of Red Oak to update its own comprehensive plan.

'There's a possibility that we can be working on updating three comprehensive plans at the same time, which would be an interesting aspect for public participation," stated Briggs.

Also, Briggs felt it was time for the county to assess future needs,



level of public participation. Dani Briggs, planning technician "We usually start by with SWIPCO, addresses the forming a steering commitboard of supervisors. (Nick Jotee, and start collecting data hansen/Red Oak Express) at that point. We will then

have a kick-off meeting, and we will try to do at least three community meetings. Since this is a plan that would affect the entire county, we would try to spread those out among different locations. We can also offer surveys and seek input from focus groups, so there are a variety of ways we can use to get participation from the public. After that we take all the information, do data analysis and plan writing, and then the final plan would

and there would be benefits be delivered to the supervisors," explained Briggs.

> Briggs stressed that the level of public participation they received during the planning process was the key to the strength of the new comprehensive plan.

"We've seen a lot of new funding sources pop up Supervisor Donna Robinson asked whether, if Villisca, Red Oak, and the county all started updating comprehensive plans at the same here recently for big projects, so it's good to have time, there could be a group community meeting among all three a plan in place for when entities and whether it would benefit SWIPCO. Briggs said it would be an undertaking, but felt it was possible and would be beneficial those funding sources do pop up. Additionally, you in the long run.

The cost for updating the comprehensive plan is \$20,000. Currently, there was nothing in the budget for those costs, but Robinson felt the county could use American Rescue Plan Act funding to pay for the proposal and get things kick-started.

Briggs said if the county wanted to wait to pay for the cost of the proposal out of the normal budget, there were ways where the work could be done and billed later.

"We could get started, and then the cost could be billed in the next fiscal year for budgeting purposes, if that was the direction the county chose to go," advised Briggs.

Briggs said if the county provided the go-ahead, they would plan to hold the first steering committee meeting in September, followed by a public meeting in the fall before the weather got two cold.

"We currently have four other comprehensive plans that we're working on right now, but three of them are getting ready to wrap up soon, so plenty of time will soon become available for us to get started in Montgomery County," Briggs said. "While I haven't seen the county's current comprehensive plan, I can tell you that we'll probably be starting from scratch on the new one."

The supervisors unanimously approved to move forward with SWIPCO's proposal for a revised comprehensive county plan, as presented.

Insecticide odor the cause MCCF fall grant program now open for applications Of the total funds, \$1,125 is Only organizations providing The Montgomery County will have a permanent impact for apartment evacuation restricted to the community of services in Montgomery County Community Foundation, working in partnership with the

An apartment building was chemical odor. temporarily evacuated July 13 after reports of an unknown chemical smell, later revealed to be from insecticide.

At around 2:45 p.m., the Red Oak Fire Department was dispatched to 1403 E. Summit St. on a report of a chemical smell emanating from within the apartment building.

Upon arrival, firefighters reported there was a chemical odor coming from within the apartment building and evacuated all residents.

Gas/air monitoring equipment was deployed, however, no readings were reported. MidAmerican Utilities were dispatched and their gas/air monitoring equipment did not provide a readout either.

The building was checked for a possible chemical spill or improper chemicals being mixed with nothing being located. After the building was ventilated, fire crews rechecked the building and the irritant odor had diminished and ceased to remain.

Property Management staff and occupants were advised they could return and if the odor came back, they were to notify the dispatch center and residents would then have to be placed somewhere else until the building could be cleared by chemical specialists.

Red Oak Fire Chief John Bruce gave an update on the investigation into the smell on July 14. Bruce said they discovered that one of the residents had utilized an insecticide spray within their apartment, which is believed to have generated the

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There were no injuries to first responders and only one resident was examined on scene, but not transported.

The Red Oak Fire Department was also assisted at the scene by the Red Oak Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery County Communications, the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency, and the property owner, Southern Iowa Rural Housing.

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support Montgomery County nonprofit organizations and community projects. The deadline to apply for funds through the online application process is Sept. 1.

Red Oak Heritage Foundation,

is pleased to announce that

Stanton, \$4,150 is allocated to the Villisca area, which includes \$1,650 for projects at Villisca Community Schools, and \$28,925 is available to support providing charitable services in projects throughout the county. Beginning July 15, applica-

cycle, \$34,200 is available to a link to the application form can be found online by selecting Montgomery County under County Listing at swiowafoundations.org. Applications will only be accepted through the online system.

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are eligible to apply. They must be able to demonstrate broad community/county support and be an IRS-approved 501(c)(3)public charity, a local municipality, or a fiscally sponsored project.

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on, and in, Montgomery County. For fall 2022, the MCCF will entertain requests for capital and program support. Requests for general operating support will not be considered.

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