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## Red Oak Royalty

Lainey DeVries and Dawson Bond were crowned Red Oak Homecoming King and Queen Friday, Sept. 16. More photos from homecoming are on page 4B. (Shawn Parker/Red Oak Express)

## Spunaugle urges defensive driving during fall harvest

Tess Nelson  
 The Red Oak Express



Slow moving farm equipment will soon be on the road. (Tess Nelson/ Red Oak Express)

Fall harvest season is beginning in Southwest Iowa and will continue for the next couple of months. Similar to planting season, it's the time of the year when motorists and farmers share roads.

According to Iowa State University Extension Safe Farm, October has nearly twice as many collisions as any other month. The most common time of day for collisions to occur is between 4 and 8 p.m., which could be due to the large number of commuters coming home from work, plus farm operators returning from fields.

Montgomery County Sheriff Jon Spunaugle said the combination of slow moving farm equipment and fast moving motor vehicles can be a deadly combination.

"Defensive driving is critical," Spunaugle said.

Spunaugle explained there are two common types of crashes between motor vehicles and farm implements. The first involves the implement making a left hand turn as the motorist goes to pass. The second involves the motorist rear-ending the farm implement.

"Farm equipment isn't very maneuverable. Its size makes it hard to move over quickly and it takes longer for it to turn into driveways or intersections," said Spunaugle. "When approaching these guys, you have to keep in mind they could be turning at any point into a field entrance."

He added the speed difference between farm implements and motor vehicles is the second key factor in crashes.

Most farm equipment operates at speeds under 25 miles per hour. A motor vehicle at 55 miles per hour coming up behind a farm implement

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## Smith wins I-80 speedway track championship for 22

Tess Nelson  
 The Red Oak Express

Racing for the First Responders Foundation, Red Oak native Adam Smith recently won the 2022 NASCAR/Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Track Championship at I-80 Speedway. Smith said his passion for racing started at an early age, fueled by his neighbors Rick and Carrie Weston, who raced weekly at Adams County Speedway.

"Carrie would work on the car during the week, while Rick was over the road trucking and then when he came home they would load up and go racing. I became very good friends with their son Jerod. Jerod, myself and the rest of the neighborhood kids would race our bikes in the street in front of their house for hours," recalled Smith. "My father, Reid Smith, made us wooden blocks with our favorite race car driver's numbers on them and we attached them to the handlebars of our bicycles."

The Smith family would also often attend the races, but as Adam got older he became too busy with athletics to attend and although he always had a love for dirt track racing, it fell by the wayside, especially after he started his career in law enforcement.

In 2010, Smith raced a hobby stock car at the Adams County Speedway, but commented it was a "short lived adventure. In 2018, he started figure 8 car racing with Chris Bozwell and Steven Biggerstaff.

In 2019 Jim Cahill, the leader of the First Responders Foundation Race Team, was hosting an event called the Guns & Hoses Race, where police officers race firefighters at intermission at the I-80 Speedway. The event, Smith said, was to recognize the First Responders Foundation in Omaha and all First Responders including police,



Adam Smith, a 2003 graduate of Red Oak High School and an investigator with the Red Oak Police Department won the 2022 I-80 Speedway track championship. (Chris Brown Motorsports)

fire, paramedics, dispatch, and the military.

"I won the event in 2018 and was asked to come back in 2019. In 2019 I won the event again and Jim said, "I think you could run with the weekly drivers." Jim offered for me to drive a spare car he had for the rest of the season. I drove and did fairly well. At the end of the season he said lets do it again, but add a firefighter to the team, so in 2021 we added Brad Lucas an Omaha firefighter, to our team. Last season I finished third in points," Smith said. "This season we added yet another member to our team. Her name is Melissa Latture and she is in the U.S. Military. Our team is the First Responders Foundation Race Team and we are racing to get the word out about the First Responders Foundation, whose mission is to serve

and honor all our first responders, veterans, and their families, build appreciation and respect for their work, and enhance public safety."

Smith explained the 2022 season at the I-80 Speedway in Greenwood, Neb., began in April. Overall, he won three "A" Features and had six top five finishes and two top 10 finishes. He added, points are given every night based on a driver's finish in the "A" Feature. Smith finished the season with 923 points, with the second place finisher, Bryan Vannausdell, right behind him with 921 points.

When asked what gives him an edge driving, Smith said being diligent in the maintenance of the car is very important and well as being patient behind the wheel.

"Being patient and not forcing your

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## Council vote split on IT services contract

Nick Johansen  
 The Red Oak Express

By a split vote, the Red Oak City Council has finalized a new agreement for IT services for the City of Red Oak.

City administrator Brad Wright said the new agreement was needed as the arrangement the city had made in the interim with Montgomery County Memorial Hospital was nearing its end.

"We've been having services provided by hospital IT staff since the county did their own thing around July 1 of last year, and we've been getting that service at no charge. Obviously the hospital has informed us they cannot continue to do that, and of course, we knew it was not going to go on forever," commented Wright.

Wright said they had been seeking other opportunities and options, and brought forth a contract for the council's review from Midwest Data of

Iowa, located in Stanton, at a cost of \$1,484.99 per month.

"That is the remote part of the contract. Obviously they can do a great deal of the work remotely. As far as on-site work, that would be charged \$100 per hour. That's estimated for the first three months at 32 hours per month, and after that, the estimate is a maximum of 16 hours should cover it. Again, they will do everything they can remotely and we'll only have them on site when needed," explained Wright.

Wright said former county IT director Ryan Ernst, who works for Midwest Data, would be overseeing things and was very familiar with the systems. While he might not be the tech on site, Wright said he would be involved.

Council Member Brian Bills asked if the county had put out requests for proposals for the contract. Wright said they had not, said he was not aware of other options in the area, and said

the city was not obligated to. Bills disagreed.

"It's a three year contract. I feel we need to put this out for RFP. As a matter of fact, I think we should put everything out for RFP. I know we've bypassed that in the past but I feel it's important," stated Bills. "I'm not saying anything against Ryan Ernst. I appreciate everything he does for us, but I feel we owe it to the public to put it out for RFP and see what's available. I think Ernst and Midwest Data are both great, but based on the length and amount of the contract, I feel we need an RFP."

Wright said there were several things that needed to be done that the hospital had not done for the city, and that Ernst was aware of them.

Bills said there hadn't been a sense of urgency in the past, and he didn't see why there was a need to circumvent RFP procedure.

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# Carbon pipeline ordinance to be re-evaluated

Nick Johansen  
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Planning and Zoning Commission will be re-evaluating plans for a carbon pipeline ordinance.

At the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting Sept. 13, Jan Norris said she supported the use of outside counsel to add a layer of protections.

"I hope you can hold your public hearings expeditiously to get an ordinance in place by the first of the year to protect our landowners before the Iowa Utilities Board makes any decisions. I was disappointed, but not surprised, to hear the Summit Carbon representative disparage the well-written Shelby County ordinance. They even went so far as to say they will not follow ours, if passed," said Norris.

Grant Terry, a project manager for Summit Carbon who was referenced by Norris in her public comments, also spoke before the supervisors. Terry said the requirements of the ordinance proposed by Shelby County are overly restrictive compared to the requirements of the Iowa Utilities Board and the federal government, with the governance of hazardous liquid pipelines, which their line would adhere to.

"We're not opposed to working with the county if they would like to put an ordinance in place to help increase the safety aspect of their citizens and the county. We're working with Dakota County on a mutually-agreeable ordinance. To be frank, with the ordinance being reviewed, in most all cases, it would not allow for a construction project to take place," stated Terry.

Zoning administrator Barry Byers spoke before the supervisors in regards to the ordinance, and advised the supervisors that he had some reservations on using the Shelby County ordinance as a template.

"I'm having reservations now, after some things that have come to light after that meeting. I'm of the opinion there should be at least one more meeting of the commission before discussion on the pipeline is brought before the supervisors for review and approval," commented Byers.

County Attorney Drew Swanson told the supervisors he had reviewed the ordinance with Bruce Swanson, as well as consulting with Byers, and said at this time, based on what they have seen in the proposed ordinance, adopting it as written would be premature.

"It appears to have been drafted by a private organization which sounds as though it is well-intentioned, but may be lacking in a couple of key areas. Those areas are logistical, practicality, reasonability, as well as legal enforceability," said Swanson.

Swanson added there were 39 other counties all being affected by the proposed pipeline project, and more input was needed.

"We need input from a number of entities, including, but not limited to, Brian Hamman with emergency management, because there is a lot of emergency management language tangled in there, and he's a lot more skilled in that area than any of us are," Swanson explained.

Swanson also felt the county needed to reach out to other county boards of supervisors for their input as well.

"With 39 other counties, there has obviously been some productive discussion and productive drafting of something that might actually work in the long run. I also feel we need to reach out to other county engineers, and maybe even the legislature and the Iowa Utilities Board.

According to Swanson, by communicating with those other entities first, they could ensure the county would pass an ordinance that would work the first time, and in the long run." Swanson said, "The more input and research we can obtain, the better. It's a very important subject that needs to be right the first time.

Supervisor Donna Robinson addressed the comment made by Terry about the ordinance being overly restrictive. Robinson felt it was the right and privilege of the county to do so.

"It's our responsibility to be as restrictive as we can be to protect our citizens, their land, their livestock, and their neighbors," Robinson commented.

No further action was taken by the supervisors. There is no word yet on when the next meeting of the Montgomery County Planning and Zoning Commission will take place.

# Nationwide event honoring veterans to include county

Nick Johansen  
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has agreed to partner with a nationwide event honoring veterans.

America's counties have a long and proud history of serving the nation's veterans, a legacy that continues to this day as they work with federal, state and local partners to ensure that the former service members in their communities have access to the resources they need to thrive.

Montgomery County Veterans Affairs commissioner Curtis White spoke before the supervisors at the regular meeting on Sept. 13. White said to honor those veterans, a special event was planned for November.

"This coming Veterans Day, the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers are inviting all 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs to join 'Operation Green Light,' by lighting buildings green from Nov. 7-13," said White. "By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported."

White said he was hopeful the county would pass the resolution declaring the county's participation.

"The backstory to this is that a program was created in New York last year and was very successful, and so NACo felt it was a great idea and should be done across the nation, so this will be the inaugural year for the national celebration of 'Operation Green Light,'" commented White.

If approved by the supervisors, White indicated he intended to share the proclamation to other area cities to secure their involvement in the program as well.

"The residents of Montgomery County Iowa have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the armed forces, and the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the armed forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens. Montgomery County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for



Veterans Affairs director Curtis White speaks about the Operation Green Light program at the supervisors meeting Sept. 13. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

the good of all.

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby declare from October through Veterans Day, Nov. 11, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; therefore, be it resolved that in observance of Operation Green Light, Montgomery County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence."

Supervisor Donna Robinson said at the recent meeting of the Iowa State Association of Counties, a NACo representative was present who shared details about the special event and she was pleased the county would be able to participate.

White said he had reached out to maintenance supervisor Dan Wright to discuss the possibility of placing green film around the bulbs of the lights at the courthouse from Nov. 7-13.



# Eagles donation

Members of the Red Oak Eagles donated \$450 to the Red Oak High School Band recently. Pictured are, from left: Robert McMann, Zephyr Richardson and Tony DeWitt. (Photo provided)

# Leadership Iowa class to stop in RO

Forty leaders from across the state have been selected to participate in the 2022-23 program of Leadership Iowa, Iowa's premier issues-awareness program offered by the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) Foundation.

In November, the group will visit Red Oak and Stanton to learn about agriculture and renewable resources.

More than 1,300 Iowans have taken part in the program since it began in 1982. Participants represent all regions of the state and a variety of industries, companies and backgrounds. Leadership Iowa exists to educate, inspire, and grow a network of informed leaders, and to encourage their ongoing engagement on local and statewide levels.

"We're thrilled to host another great cohort of Iowa leaders in the 41st Leadership Iowa program," said ABI President, Mike Ralston. "This experience not only provides first-hand exposure to opportunities and challenges across the state, it also fosters a strong network of problem-solvers equipped to effect positive change in Iowa communities therefore creating a better future for Iowa."

The 2022-23 class will travel to communities throughout Iowa for a series of two-day monthly sessions beginning in October and concluding in June.

Each session allows participants to delve into an important topic as it relates to our state by way of discussions with subject-matter experts, interactive experiences, industry tours and more.

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DORIS JOHNSON, 94

Doris Arlene Johnson, 94, lifelong resident of Red Oak, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, at Advent Health Shawnee Mission in Merriam, Kan., with family by her side.

Doris was born Nov. 13, 1927, in Elliott, the daughter of Dallas and Golda (Core) Bills. She graduated from Stennett High School in 1945 as valedictorian. Doris was united in marriage to Virgil Johnson on Aug. 25, 1945, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Red Oak. They made their home in Red Oak.

Over the years, Doris worked for Johnson Hotel, Carbon Plant for two years, JC Penney Co. for seven years, Hunts Super Valu for 27 years, and Houghton State Bank, retiring after 23 years in 2005. She enjoyed playing golf, reading, and gardening. Watching PGA golf became a weekend ritual. She always knew who won each week and if they were "good lookin'". Winning the "Yard of the Month" award for her meticulous work with her yard and her gardening was a proud moment. She was the last charter member of the Eagles Auxiliary in Red Oak.

Preceding her in death were her parents; son, Rusty Johnson; husband, Virgil Johnson; brothers, Bernard Bills and Gordon Bills; and sister, Lois Funkhouser.

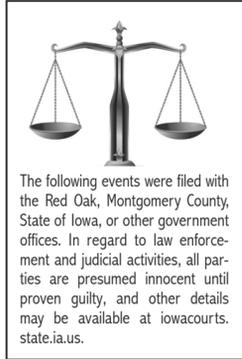
Survivors include her son, Randy Johnson and wife Cindy of Overland Park, Kan.; grandchildren, Sarah Johnson of Tulsa, Okla.; and Michael Johnson and fiancé, Kelsey, of Broken Arrow, Okla.; great-grandchildren, Zachary Johnson of Tulsa, Okla.; Morgan Johnson of Tulsa, Okla.; and Emma Johnson of Broken Arrow, Okla.; step-grandchildren, Angie Peterson of Oakland; Heidi Harn and husband Nick of Overland Park, Kan.; and Robbie Peterson and wife Mandy of Grove, Okla.; step-great grandchildren; brother, Marlin Bills and wife Dorothy of Jenks, Okla.; sister-in-law, Barbara Bills of Creston; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, with burial of the cremated remains to be in the Evergreen Cemetery. Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



**Deadline for obituaries is 9 a.m. Monday.**  
**Call 712-623-2566 or email news@redoakexpress.com.**

Law and Order



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

REAL ESTATE

WARRANTY DEED

- Betty Sattro and Shelle Cashatt, Attorney in Fact, to Michael and Kathryn Sattro, 29-73-38.
- Kelly Schroder to Joseph and Rebecca Springer, Red Oak Baldwin SD Lt 1.
- Patricia Hawkins to Richard and Tianna Fisher, Red Oak Willard's Addition Lt 22 Parcel B.
- Chad and Belinda Vollstedt, and Belinda Mikulec to Lee and Bobbi Jo Roeder, Red Oak Maplewood SD Lts 12-13.
- Andrew and Brittany Whigham to Jordan Krewson and Shiloh Wade, Red Oak Orchard Hill SD 1 Lt 5.
- Tony and Delores Johnson to Denise Gambs, 19-71-38 Parcel

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QUIT CLAIM DEED

- Marilyn Murphy to Marilyn Murphy, Trustee, and Marilyn Murphy Revocable Living Trust, Red Oak Valley West SD Lt 3.
- Roger, Roger D, and Rebecca Cerven to Roger and Rebecca Cerven, 29-72-36.
- Dennis Bloom, Partner, and Tiger 122 Partnership to Dwayne Adams, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 57 Lt 4.

COURT OFFICER'S DEED

- Carolyn King Estate, and Tina Parker, Executor, to Russell and Christy Hayes, Red Oak Oakview SD Lt 24.

TRUSTEE'S DEED

- Carolyn Allen Revocable Trust, Robert Allen, Trustee, and Richard Allen, Trustee, to Richard and Diane Allen, 35-72-38.

CONTRACT

- Roberta Henry to Roger, Roger D., and Rebecca Cerven, 29-72-3.

MORTGAGE

- Christopher Potter to Gas & Electric Credit Union, 28-72-38 SLT 2 Lt 3, Red Oak Willard's Addition Lts 1, 18.
- Gary Zisman and Red Oak Mennonite Church to Bank Iowa, 33-71-38 Parcel B.

- Gary Zisman and Red Oak Mennonite Church to Bank Iowa, 32-71-37 Parcel A.

- Joseph and Rebecca Springer to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, MERS, and Rocket Mortgage LLC, Red Oak Baldwin SD Lt 1.

- Russell and Christy Hayes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, MERS, CMG Mortgage Inc, and CMG Home Loans, Red Oak Oakview SD Lt 24.

- Russell, Russell, L., Christy, and Christy L. Hayes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, MERS, CMG Mortgage Inc, and CMG Financial, Red Oak Oakview SD Lt 24.

- Justin and Bobbi Jo Roeder to Bank Iowa, Red Oak Maplewood SD Lts 12-13.

- Audie Rainey to Houghton State Bank, Red Oak Original Plat Blk 23 Lt 10.

- Shiloh Wade and Jordan Kewson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., and MERS, Red Oak Orchard Hill SD 1 Lt 5.

- Shiloh Wade and Jordan Kewson to Iowa Finance Authority and Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Red Oak Orchard Hill SD 1 Lt 5.

- William and Nicole Hughes to Bank Iowa, 23-73-39.

- Denise Gambs to Nancy Wagner, 19-71-38.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Discover Bank vs. Cory

Smith, Elliott, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$5,191.93 with 5.61% interest from Sept. 15, plus costs.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Beth Weaver, Villisca, \$5,266.05 with 5.61% interest from Sept. 15, plus costs.

Crown Asset Management LLC. vs. Matt Goranson, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$3,507.99 with 5.61% interest from Sept. 15, plus costs.

Hauge Associates, Inc. vs. James Mitchell, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$1,590.02 with 5.61% interest from Sept. 15.

Sorensen Auto Finance vs. Amanda and Timothy Pafford, Red Oak, judgment default in favor of the plaintiff, \$5,230.61 with 5.61% interest from Sept. 15, plus costs.

DISMISSED

Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Jeffery Currie, Jr., 21, Red Oak, probation violation, dismissed.

CRIMINAL

Aggravated, State of Iowa vs. Ryan Jennings, 32, Omaha, Neb., eluding, speed over 25 mph over limit, child endangerment.

Felony, State of Iowa vs. Isaias Guerra, 29, Red Oak, contempt - resist order or process of district court, reside at residential care facility.

Felony, State of Iowa vs. Cory Smith, 28, Elliott, theft second degree.

Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Harley Strutton, 23, Red Oak, public intoxication, \$105 fine.

Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Jesse Luft, 31, Villisca, harassment, third degree, pled guilty, \$105 fine.

Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Athea Hamilton, 23, Red Oak, theft fifth degree.

Simple Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Michael Kelly, 65, Elliott, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Serious Misdemeanor, State of Iowa vs. Lane Harsen, 18, Clarinda, possession of a controlled substance - marijuana, first offense.

OWI

State of Iowa vs. Daniel Kinnersley, 60, Red Oak.

TRAFFIC

Summer French, Shenandoah, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance.

Rebekah Holt, Council Bluffs, speeding.

Allen Lewis, Omaha, Neb., no valid driver's license.

Brianna Venatta, Elliott, speeding.

Rachel Sexton, Red Oak, registration violation.

Blay Pitts, Fairfax, Mo., speeding.

Steven Lauters, Stanton, Neb., speeding.

Justin McElhaney, Seymour, operating non-registered vehicle.

Maisie Williams, Council Bluffs, speeding.

Lisa Linden, Emerson, operation without registration card or plate.

Isaiah Nuge, Osceola, speeding.

Miranda Lewis, Council Bluffs, speeding.

Richard Jenkins, Red Oak, registration violation, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance.

Orlando Noriega, Omaha, Neb., speeding.

Kyle Klepper, Decorah, speeding.

Jena Krauth Erickson, Cumberland, speeding.

Zackery Rouse, Council Bluffs, speeding.

Macklyn Unruh, Red Oak, speeding.

Zackery Adcock, Prescott, registration violation, operation without registration card or plate.

Michael Tomko, Columbus, Ohio, speeding.

Tyler Irvin, Red Oak, speeding.

Destiny Anderson, Red Oak, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled, or revoked.

McBride receives Mabel Griffith teaching award



Kerry McBride, left, and Coburg Alumni member Ken Ossian during the presentiaon ceremony Friday, Sept. 16. (Photo provided)

Tess Nelson  
The Red Oak Express

Kerry McBride, an elementary teacher at Essex elementary, received the Mabel Griffith Excellence in Teaching Award Friday, Sept. 16. The annual award is named in honor of Mabel Griffith, a teacher in the former Coburg Consolidated School District who taught from 1921 to 1969. Members of the Coburg Historical Association established the award to pay tribute to Griffith, and to honor other elementary teachers for their commitment to students and their profession.

McBride has taught for 35 years, 18 of which have been at the Essex Community School District and currently teaches the Title 1 reading and math for kindergarten through fifth grade.

She said she first thought about becoming a teacher when she was in the first grade.

"Both of my grandmothers were teachers and I wanted to carry on that legacy. That desire just continued all through my school years. I love working with children and teaching them to be readers and problem-solvers," said said.

She added she enjoys teaching because teaching children to read is the basis of everything else they will do in the future.

"I truly enjoy working with children and their families to make education fun and an important part of their lives," McBride explained.

McBride said she was surprised and is very honored to have received the award.

"Though I do not expect a pat on the back for doing what I love, I appreciate that there are others who want to recognize the hard work of teachers," McBride said. "I am humbled and honored to have been selected for this award. The teachers I have worked with in the past and present helped me be the teacher I am today, and they are all deserving of recognition."

LIHEAP soon to offer heat assistance for families in need

Applications will be taken starting Nov. 1 for the 2022-2023 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

This program is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/DCAA, and has been established to help qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay a portion of their primary heating costs.

West Central Community Action, located at 1109 Highland Ave., Red Oak, will be taking applications through April 3. Applications begin Oct. 1 for households with an elderly/disabled member).

LIHEAP customers will need to furnish some form of identification, a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill and proof of all household members' gross income for the past 30-days or provide their 2021 Federal Income Taxes.

Applications are taken by appointment only. Call West Central Community Action to schedule an appointment at 623-2339.

This program is not designed to pay a household's total energy costs, but will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors including total household income, household size, dwelling type, and type of heating fuel.

Eligibility is now up to 200% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. Contact our office to see if you qualify.

Income Maximums are:

- Household size, one: LIHEAP one-month gross income, \$2,265, LIHEAP annual gross income, \$27,180.

- Household size, two: LIHEAP one-month gross income, \$3,051, LIHEAP annual gross income, \$36,620.

- Household size, three: LIHEAP one-month gross income, \$3,838, LIHEAP annual gross income, \$46,060.

- Household size, four: LIHEAP one-month gross income, \$4,625, LIHEAP annual gross income, \$55,500.

- Household size, five: LIHEAP one-month gross income, \$5,411, LIHEAP annual gross income, \$64,940.

- Household size, six: LIHEAP one-month gross income, \$6,198,

LIHEAP annual gross income, \$74,380.

- Household size, seven: LIHEAP one-month gross income, \$6,985, LIHEAP annual gross income, \$83,820.

- Household size, eight: LIHEAP one-month gross income, \$7,771, LIHEAP annual gross income, \$93,260.

For households with more than 8 members, add \$786/ \$9,440 for each additional member.

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

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9	1	7	5	6	2	8	5	4
6	8	3	7	2	7	2	8	9
4	5	6	9	1	8	8	3	3
7	5	1	6	9	2	7	3	8
2	9	3	9	1	3	7	4	6
8	6	9	8	3	3	7	4	2
8	9	5	7	4	7	1	9	3
1	7	7	2	6	3	4	5	8
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ANSWER:

## RO Ag students evaluate soil at Lydon Seeds \$10,000 College Savings Iowa Giveaway



Red Oak plant and soil science students took a trip to practice Soil Evaluation at Lydon Seeds. Students met with soil scientist Rebecca Baker, district conservationist Bryan Shupe and his team, and Lane Peterson from Wyffels. (Photo submitted)

The TRIO Talent Search (TS) program at Southwestern Community College (SWCC) is hosting an ACT Boot Camp on Thursday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in the college's Allied Health and Science Center auditorium, to assist high school students in preparation for the ACT Test.

This one-day workshop, conducted by Mastery Prep, will offer students real ACT questions and teach them tips and tricks to build their confidence for the test.

According to statistics provided by Mastery Prep, students may improve their scores by up to three points after attending ACT Boot Camp. Students attending will receive an ACT workbook as well. This event is open to students in ninth-12th grades. There are openings for 50 students.

Students who are in the TS program are eligible to attend the event for free and should register as soon as possible. Non-TS participants may also register and will be charged \$100 to attend. A light lunch will be provided during this event.

Students may sign up by calling (800) 247-4023, ext. 392, locally at (641) 782-1392, or by e-mailing ets@swcciaowa.edu.

TRIO Talent Search is 100% federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education in



the amount of a \$438,253 grant award. More than 800 students in eight schools are served by the TS program.

The program's offices are located on Southwestern Community College's Creston campus. The goal of the TS program is to encourage students to enroll in and graduate from college.

## VIEWPOINTS

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## Kites at her funeral

Assuming this job is comparable to learning dentistry with the patient strapped to a chair and an instruction manual in my right hand. My mistakes are less painful, but certainly more public.

So wrote Carolyn Cole Gage upon purchasing The Villisca Review and Stanton Viking and becoming editor in 1976.

"A doctor buries his mistakes, a lawyer sends them to jail. But newspaper editors publish theirs to be seen by all."

She wrote those words without being deterred. She learned quickly, publishing prize-winning columns and earning one journalistic award after another. Iowa's Governor honored her, she was first-place winner of the Print Media award given annually by the Iowa Health Care Association. This was followed by nation-wide recognition from Ms. Magazine. She was elected to the Iowa Newspaper Association Board of Directors, became president five years later, then moved from that office to a leadership position with The Iowa Newspaper Foundation.

She was awarded the INF Master Editor honor and later their Distinguished Service Award. Gage was presented with an Iowa State University



Alumni Service Key, was asked to teach college-level journalism classes, and became the subject of a PBS documentary called "A Day in the Life of a Rural Iowa Weekly Newspaper Editor."

Her daughter, Anne Margaret Harter, wrote that Carolyn was a true "community journalist," calling hers "a profession with an intimacy lost in the anonymity of larger newspapers." Carolyn told Anne there wasn't much money in small-town journalism, "but it helps the quality of life."

Carolyn Cole Gage died 20 years ago yesterday (20 September 2002). Newspapers across the area noted her passing. Jan Castle Renander, then editor of The Express, wrote that Gage "believed in the same guiding principles all newspapers do—report happenings accurately and fairly, and never lose sight of the impact you can have on readers. Carolyn lived that credo every day. Her passion for

her community and her profession are unmatched."

Gage was recognized for inspiring one of the most active "Letters to the Editor" sections in Iowa, something she achieved not through profound editorials or political essays. She detested correctness; "Chair," she wrote, "instead of chairman, is stupid," but she chose to tread lightly with partisan politics.

Instead she connected with readers through observations of every-day events, which she related with simple clarity and lively humor. Among my favorite examples of her writing style was an editorial in which she included the line "Our office cat failed her planned parenthood class." She said no more on the subject, moving to something else and leaving readers to smile at the thought of a cat in a planned parenthood class, wonder how many kittens were in the litter, and perhaps recall the night Mr. Whiskers didn't come home.

Although I read a good deal of her material, I didn't meet her until late 2000. I found her in an office on Villisca's main street, where she shared a busy desk with an elderly, long-haired cat. We talked for perhaps twenty minutes. I don't know how long she'd been dealing with breast cancer,

but the disease was wearing her down. She offered advice and article suggestions and I returned once or twice a month. She was often ill, and as weeks passed there was an increasing number of days when she was not able to be there.

Carolyn kept writing, however, even from home or, I suspect, a hospital bed. Her last column was titled "Nair, 1—Carolyn, 0."

In that article she wrote poignantly, honestly, and with fatalistic humor while describing the loss of dignity and femininity that comes with extended chemotherapy.

Anne said her mother waged an extraordinary battle with cancer, but "in the end, as her very skeleton rebelled and science conceded defeat, her spirit persisted."

Carolyn Cole Gage wrote that kites would fly at her funeral. Twenty years ago this week, they did.

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

## 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.

## Norris clarifies information shared at recent board of supervisors meeting

## To the Editor:

The information shared with the Board of Supervisors Tuesday by our County Attorney, Zoning Administrator and the email referred to sent by the EMS Director needs to be amended. Mistakes happen, but misinformation benefits no one, even if unintentional.

I went to see EMS Director, Brian Hamman, to discuss the email he sent the county officials on the previous Friday with concerns about the sample ordinance the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to pursue. He was basing his comments on Shelby County's 2022-3 version supplied to him. After I left his office, he phoned to say he had just received an email from the Zoning Administrator explaining the version that the Zoning Commission voted on was 2022-4 and he would review it to determine if his concerns were satisfied.

Statements made at the Board of Supervisors meeting were in error, such as the ordinance potentially being tabled.

I contacted the Shelby County Auditor, who supplied me with ordinance #4 a couple weeks ago. He clarified: "The Shelby County proceedings are not on hold. The Supervisors voted to refer a proposed ordinance to the Plan & Zone Commission which has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. After the hearing, the commission will make a report and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as required by Iowa code. The Board of Supervisors will consider

the commission's report and recommendations before making a final decision on the proposed ordinance," said Mark L. Maxwell, Shelby County Auditor and Elections Commissioner.

I phoned the Shelby County Zoning Administrator to ask if their Zoning Commission had a hearing scheduled. He supplied me with their notice of public hearing:

"A public hearing will be held by the Shelby County Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a proposed amendment to the Shelby County Zoning Ordinance in regard to pipelines. The hearing will be held on Friday, Sept. 23, at 8 a.m. in the Myrtue Medical Center Auble Room, 1213 Garfield, Harlan, at which time you may appear, if you so desire, either in person or by agent or attorney, or in writing in opposition to or support of the proposed ordinance amendment. Copies of the proposed amendment may be obtained from the Shelby County Assessor's Office via email to tbuman@shco.org or phone at 712-755-5718 Option #5, or in person. Written submissions to the Commission may be sent via email to tbuman@shco.org, or via mail to Shelby County Planning & Zoning, 612 Court St, Harlan, IA 51537," according to Tony J Buman, Administrator.

The Shelby County Zoning Administrator also sent me a copy of the current version of their ordinance being considered at their hearing, which when compared, appears to be identical to the version the Montgomery P&Z Commission voted on

last week.

This ordinance was not drafted by an outside organization as the County Attorney and EMS Director speculated. Their 16 page 2022-4 version is after multiple months of work by Shelby County and their County Attorney, then was finalized by lawyer, Tim Whipple, with the law firm Ahlers & Cooney - an ordinance law specialist out of Des Moines.

While the counties directly affected by Summit may be fewer, a total of 56 Iowa counties will have one or more of the proposed three CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline projects go through their county. Of those 56, 71% of them, or 40, have currently filed official objections to the pipeline or the use of eminent domain to build it. A dozen cities have also filed complaints, as well as school districts, faith communities and a local Farm Bureau chapter.

It is unfortunate so much misinformation has been generated from a simple mistake. I am intent on making sure accurate information is what gets discussed and continue to work to stay informed to provide it. Although I am personally against the pipeline, I promise to always provide an honest answer to any question I have information about.

Late Thursday, Summit Carbon Solutions completed filing county maps of parcels that do not have signed easements. In Montgomery County, more than 70% of the parcels on the route have not agreed to this project. Page County is 60% and Fremont County is 66%. Summit told the Iowa

Utilities Board (IUB) Friday morning that approximately 1,500 parcels in Iowa are on the eminent domain list - approximately 50% of the route. The IUB stated that their engineers would have to inspect every parcel at a minimum of 4 hours work each, which will require significant staff time.

Summit told the IUB in a conference Friday morning they hope an IUB Public Hearing could be held in late March. This hearing is similar to a trial where parties on both sides for and against provide evidence and testimony. The IUB board members use this testimony, as well as other information, for making their decision to grant a Hazardous Pipeline Permit. Anna Ryon, with the Office of Consumer Advocate, stated they feel scheduling a timeline is premature and should wait. They warn against treating CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines the same as others and stated the federal regulatory body, PHMSA, released a report in May on CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline safety concerns and are drafting new rules to govern them. She also pointed out that the U.S. only has 5,000 miles of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines currently. Summit's 2,000 mile project will set national and global precedent. She urged the IUB to be thoughtful and thorough in its decision.

Good advice! We should all be thoughtful and thorough in making up our minds about allowing a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline into our county.

Jan Norris  
Red Oak

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

Community Calendar

**22 September**  
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.  
4-7 p.m., Red Oak Farmers Market, Fountain Square Park, Dinner in the Park - Pomodoro Fresh Italian food truck.  
6-8 p.m., Childcare provider training, online course, hosted by the Montgomery County Extension office.  
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

**23 September**  
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.  
7 p.m., "DC League of Super Pets," theatre #1; "Top Gun: Maverick," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.

**24 September**  
11 a.m., Book Club, Red Oak Public Library, 400 N. 2nd St.  
7 p.m., "DC League of Super Pets," theatre #1; "Top Gun: Maverick," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.  
8 p.m.-midnight, Garret and the Relics, Shenandoah Eagles Lodge #3849, 709 W. Thomas Ave., Shenandoah.

**25 September**  
8 a.m.-1 p.m., September Breakfast at the Indian Creek Historical Museum, 59296 380th St., Hastings. Free will donation.  
9-11 a.m., Mills County K-9 benefit run in support of the Mills County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit. Cost \$20 for single rider, \$25 per couple, Loess Hills Harley Davidson, 57408 190th St., Pacific Junction.  
2 and 7 p.m., "DC League of Super Pets," theatre #1; "Top Gun: Maverick," theatre #2; Red Oak Grand Theatre.  
5:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran

Church, 1101 Summit St.  
**26 September**  
12:30 p.m. Bingo, Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn 402-926-8683 for more information.  
5:30 p.m., Red Oak School Board meeting, Red Oak Jr./Sr. High School, or via Zoom.  
6-7 p.m., Lego play time, Red Oak Public Library, 400 N. 2nd St.  
7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1101 Summit St.

**27 September**  
8:30 a.m., Montgomery County Supervisors, North Meeting Room in courthouse basement, open to public.  
Noon, Rotary Club meeting. For location, go to <https://rotarydistrict5650.org/clubinfo/red-oak>.  
1 p.m., Card games (pitch and/or cribbage) Red Oak Senior Center, 2700 N. 4th St. Call 712-623-3497 or Carolyn 402-926-8683 for more information.  
3:30 p.m., Story time at the Essex Public Library, 508 Iowa Ave., Essex.  
5 p.m., Tiger Sharks swim team practice, the Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St. Call coach Michelle Grismore-Anderson at 621-1552 for further information.  
5:30-6:30 p.m., Fremont Mills Girl Scouts Registration, Fremont Mills Elementary School, 27 Jackson Blvd., Tabor.  
6 p.m., Fall session singles tennis begins, the Montgomery County Family YMCA, 101 E. Cherry St.

**28 September**  
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.

Reynolds pays visit to Neighborhood Bakehouse



Iowa Gov Kim Reynolds was in Red Oak Sept. 19 as she traveled Iowa for her 99-county tour. Reynolds visited the soon to be opened Neighborhood Bakehouse, and met with bakery owners Matt and Adriana St. Lezin, and community leaders. Pictured are, from left: Matt St. Lezin, daughters Sienna and Amelia, wife Adriana, and Gov. Kim Reynolds. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

Ramsey named to governor's board

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds has named a local representative to the Empower Rural Iowa Initiative Board.  
Jenna Ramsey has been appointed by Reynolds to serve on the board.  
Ramsey will represent Montgomery County.



Area Girl Scout registrations scheduled next week

Several area communities are holding Girl Scout registrations this week.  
• Fremont Mills Girl Scouts registration is 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Fremont Mills Elementary School, 27 Jackson Blvd., Tabor.  
• Red Oak Girl Scouts registration is from 7:15 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Inman Elementary, 900 Inman Dr.  
• Villisca-Corning Girl Scout registration is 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 at the Sylvia Enarson Elementary School, 219 Central Ave., Villisca.  
Girl Scouts creates a judgment-free place where girls can truly be themselves while learning empowering life skills. Come explore new experiences and opportunities.

The 2022-2023 annual membership dues will be paid for by Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa. Adults are encouraged to learn about the need for co-leader and other volunteer roles, and share the journey with their child.  
Can't make it? Visit [girlscout-siowa.org/join](http://girlscout-siowa.org/join) to register, connect with a staff member for more information, and more.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays are:

- Darwin Johnson - Sept. 18
- Shanon Hendersen - Sept. 22
- Sue Geer - Sept. 22
- Karen Pratt - Sept. 22
- Angie Britten - Sept. 23
- Preston Carpenter - Sept. 23
- Trasy Sparr - Sept. 24
- Brent Schrader - Sept. 24
- Kris Burns - Sept. 24
- Lori Johnson - Sept. 24
- Kennedy Stites - Sept. 24
- Alex Heard - Sept. 25
- Jim Kalkas - Sept. 26
- Sierra Petty - Sept. 26
- Tim Peterson - Sept. 26
- Terri Hoskinson - Sept. 26
- Jim Kalkas - Sept. 26
- Annette Johnson - Sept. 26
- Jean Davidson - Sept. 27
- Josh Franzen - Sept. 28
- Bev Karns - Sept. 28

To be included on the free "Happy Birthday" list, e-mail your birthday (and those of your friends and family) to [news@redoakexpress.com](mailto:news@redoakexpress.com), mail to P.O. Box 377, Red Oak, IA 51566, or drop by our office at 2012 Commerce Dr.

**Happy Anniversary!**

Celebrating their anniversaries this week are:

Doug and Karen Pratt - Sept. 22  
Ray and Nancy Housh - Sept. 23  
Bob and Mary Fenstermann - Sept. 27

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](mailto: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, Sept. 22: Hamburger patty on a bun, hamburger dills, oven roasted potatoes, baked beans, pudding, milk/coffee.  
Friday, Sept. 23: Chicken and dumplings, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread slice, applesauce, milk/coffee.  
Monday, Sept. 26: Goulash, spinach, tossed salad with dressing, garlic Texas toast, peach cobbler, milk/coffee.  
Tuesday, Sept. 27: Sliced ham and cheese sandwich, pasta salad, coleslaw, bread slice, pineapple tidbits, milk/coffee.  
Wednesday, Sept. 28: Beef taco salad, shredded cheese, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, pinto beans, corn, tortilla chips, taco sauce, milk/coffee.

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

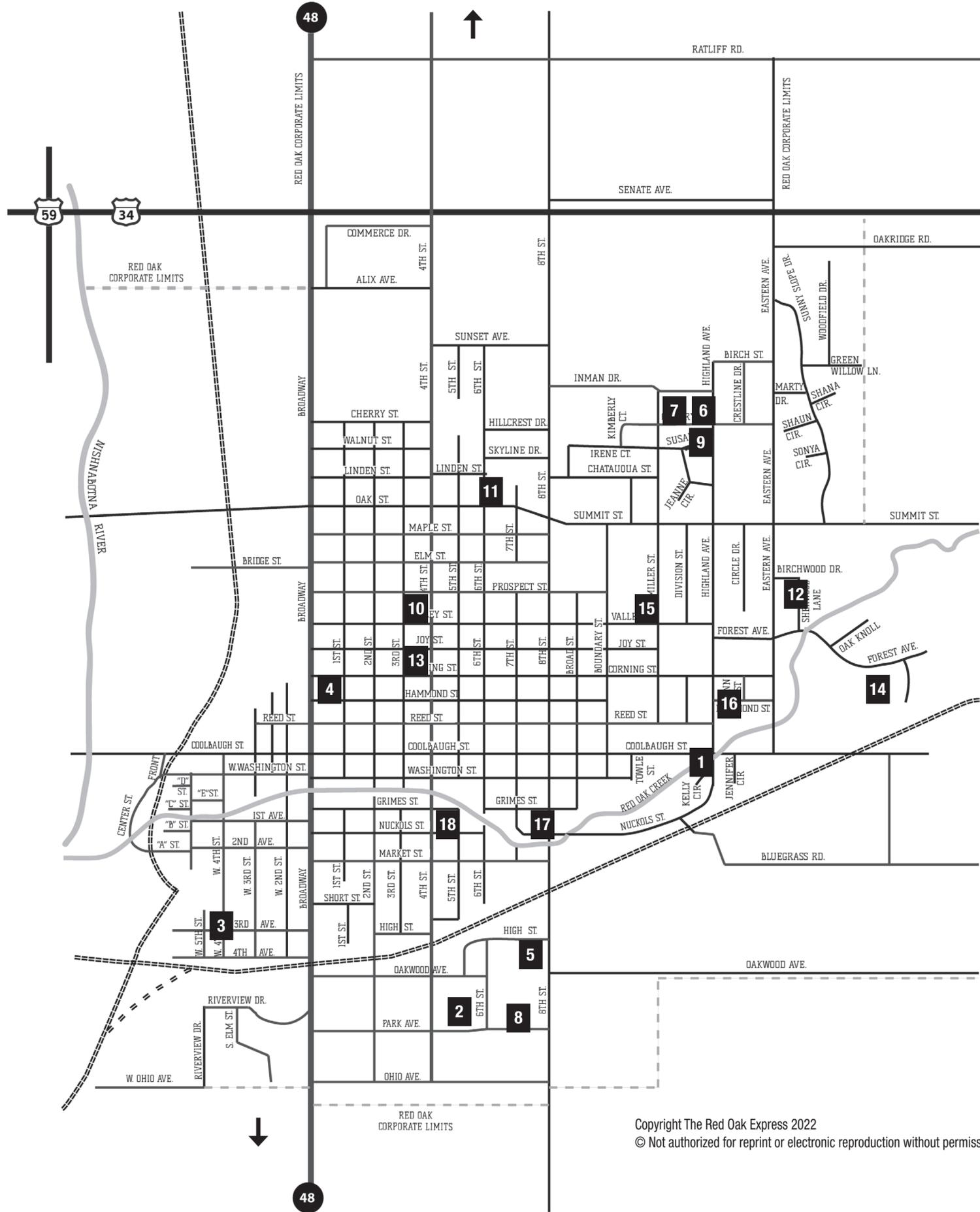
CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>Advent Christian</b> 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><b>Assembly Of God</b> 1005 Senate, Red Oak, 623-2174, Services, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Baptist</b> 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. <b>Online:</b> 11 a.m. livestream.</p> <p><b>Southern Baptist</b> 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, <a href="http://crossroadsredoak.com">crossroadsredoak.com</a>. <b>Online:</b> 9:45 a.m. approx. live on Facebook.</p> <p><b>Catholic</b> St. Joseph's, 131 W. High, Villisca, Father Eze Venantius Umunnakwe,</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Christian</b> 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. <b>Online:</b> 10:30 a.m. live on Facebook.</p> <p><b>Christian &amp; Missionary Alliance</b> Citylight Southwest Iowa, 705 Bradford, Emerson. Co-lead pastors Matt Keller, Tyler Mass. Worship with children's church, 10 a.m. in-person gathering. <b>Online:</b> 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. <b>Online:</b> 9 a.m. on KCSI, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Facebook, also Youtube/Red Oak Faith Community Church.</p>	<p><b>Church Of Christ</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Church Of The Nazarene</b> 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><b>Covenant</b> Evangelical, Rev. Matt King, 308 Eastern, Stanton, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m. <b>Online:</b> 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 &amp; Hammond, Red Oak, Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Jehovah's Witness</b> 210 Argus Road, Shenandoah, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m., public Bible discourse.</p>	<p><b>Lutheran</b> Bethesda Lutheran, Rural Clarinda. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bethlehem Lutheran, 1101 Summit St., Red Oak, Rev. Jennifer Yeske-Drown, Sunday worship, 11 a.m., evening service 4 p.m. Strand Evangelical, Rural Villisca, Rev. Marietta Nelson-Bittle, Worship, 9:45 a.m. Fremont Lutheran (Nyman), 1147 Ironwood Ave, Red Oak, Pastor Ann Albert, Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Mamrelund Lutheran, 410 Eastern Ave., Stanton. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. <b>Online:</b> 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><b>Non-Denominational</b> Oaks Community Church, 41310 Ellington Rd., Emerson, Rev. Ron Perry, 712-824-7218, Sunday School, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Presbyterian</b> 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, <a href="http://redoakpresbyterianchurch.com">redoakpresbyterianchurch.com</a>, Service, 10:30 a.m. <b>Online:</b> 10:30 a.m. live on Facebook/Red Oak Presbyterian Church</p> <p><b>Reformed Evangelical</b> Heartland Sovereign Grace Church, new church plant. Bible study Sunday, 5 p.m., <a href="http://www.swiacrec.com">www.swiacrec.com</a>, contact@swiacrec.com.</p> <p><b>United Methodist</b> 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. <b>Online:</b> 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</p>	<p>Oak, Worship, 10 a.m.; Stratton, 1695 150th St., Red Oak, Worship, 11:15 a.m. <b>Online:</b> 11:15 a.m. live on Facebook. Elliott United Methodist, Rev. Terry McClain, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Worship, 10 a.m. <b>Online:</b> 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. <b>Online:</b> 9 a.m. live on Facebook United Methodist, 203 S. 3rd Ave., Villisca, Pastor Jennifer Van Nostrand, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. <b>Online:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>United Church Of Christ</b> First Congregational, 608 Reed St., Red Oak, Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary with fellowship prior to the service at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Holly Scherff, interim pastor.</p>
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# RED OAK CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE SEPT. 23 & 24 LOCATOR MAP<sup>®</sup> Friday & Saturday



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- 1. 1208 Coolbaugh St., RO**  
Thursday 3-6, Friday 10-7, Saturday 8-12  
Holiday decorations, camping items, tables, CocaCola, women's clothing l-xl, bookshelf, t-shirts 2x-3x. Half off Saturday.
- 2. 403 Park Ave., RO**  
Wine making kit & books. "Large" glass jugs, antique glasswares, bottles, cans, old picnic basket, vases, egg plates, rare glass, LOTS OF EXTRA
- 3. 310 Third Ave., RO**  
Sept 23 & 24  
Clothes, camping gear, housewares, furniture, lots more.
- 4. 104 W. Corning St., RO**  
Cleaning out storage unit. Many decorative, collectable, unusual items, & vintage jewelry. Extra parking North of Jewelry Store. Starts at 10am both days.
- 5. 305 S. 8th St., RO**  
Friday 3-7pm, Saturday 9am-12 pm  
Church cookbooks, kitchen items, Oak desk & dresser, Drop leaf table-4 chairs.

- 6. 1211 E. Cherry St., RO**  
Friday 3:00-6:00, Saturday 8:30-12:30  
Ceiling fan, welding gloves, large men's t-shirts, shoes, books, tent, small cool mist humidifier, tackle box & much more!
- 7. 1209 E. Cherry St., RO**  
Friday 3:30pm, Saturday 8-3  
4 Family garage sale. Clothes- men's, women's, girls, infant. Furniture, old jewelry, dishes, paper shredder, games, toys, knick knacks, movies, antiques.
- 8. 610 Park Ave., RO**  
Friday 12-6, Saturday 8-7  
Remodeling Sale. Sofa & Loveseat, misc. furniture, small kitchen appliances, curtains, lots of décor items, power tools, all very nice, some new items.
- 9. 1222 Irene Ct., RO**  
Saturday Sept 24th 8-12  
Boys and women's clothes, home décor, small furniture, and lots more.

- 10. 1005 N. 2nd St., RO**  
Friday 1-6, Saturday 10-4  
Multi-Family Sale. Books, jewelry, clothes, twin bedframe, lots of household misc., odd & ends.
- 11. 1507 N. 6th St., RO**  
Sept 22- 8am-5pm, Sept 23- 8am-12pm  
Bedding, clothes, etc.
- 12. 1504 Birchwood Dr., RO**  
Friday 1-6pm, Saturday 8am-noon  
Boys size 7/8 -10, Girls size 14/16, women's size small to large, men's size xl-xxl. Kids trampoline & air hockey table. Lots of misc.
- 13. 101 E. Corning St., RO**  
Friday 23rd 4pm-6pm, Saturday 24th 8am-2pm  
Neighborhood garage sale also at 100 E. Joy St. in shed behind house in alley, 103 E. Corning
- 14. 1804 Forest Ave., RO**  
Sept 23-24. Friday 9-5, Saturday 8-12  
Vintage antiques, feedsack fabric, handkerchiefs, buttons, flower frogs,

- candle holders, peacock decorative music, new children's books, craft molding.
- 15. 1021 Valley St., RO**  
Friday 8-6, Saturday 8-2  
NICE name brand girls, teen, a clothing, shoes, scrubs, books, home décor, toys, and tons of misc!
- 16. 1207 E. Hammond St., RO**  
Sept 24 9a-1p  
Women's clothing 1x-2x, little bit everything.
- 17. 808 E. Grimes St., RO**  
Friday 8-4, Saturday ?  
My Last Garage Sale EVER! "Treasures I couldn't live without." Furniture, quite a bit of everything.
- 18. 410 E. Nuckols St., RO**  
9am-6pm  
Huge Garage Sale. Household electronics, décor, tools, furniture, misc. Come make reasonable offer

# Swanson outlines uses for opioid litigation funds



County Attorney Drew Swanson advises the supervisors of the uses for funding received from a nationwide opioid settlement. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

**Nick Johansen**  
The Red Oak Express

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors is continuing to make plans for \$14,202 received from a settlement with National Prescription Opioid litigation. The county, last year, joined in a class action lawsuit that involved seven pharmaceutical manufacturers.

County Attorney Drew Swanson met with the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors at its Sept. 13 meeting to address some questions regarding the fund.

"I reached out to the law firm that represented our county in the settlement process, and stated that among the 15 pages of the settlement agreement, there is a layout of all the categories of things we can do with the funds received from the settlement, which is pretty broad," commented Swanson.

Swanson was also asked about the audit guidelines for the funds, in which he said there

were no specific audit guidelines.

"I would say it is important for us to keep track of our expenditures and make sure it falls within the guidelines set forth by the settlement. In the event one of the other parties asks for information, and if we're not spending it in the correct manner, future payments that we are to be allocated could be reduced or eliminated," advised Swanson.

Still, Swanson said the restrictions were not extremely strict, and the county simply needed to follow the established guidelines and note expenditures.

Supervisor Mike Olson said he was uncertain whether the money could be earmarked for public safety, and was in favor of funding them and helping them out. Swanson stated it could.

"My suggestion would be that we reach out to public health, emergency management, and the sheriff's office and find out what we need that falls within the purview of the list. I can assure you in the 15-page exhibit that it is mentioned numerous times," Swanson said.

County Auditor Jill Ozuna said if EMS is given funds to buy medicines under the settlement guidelines, it fits the criteria for medical assistance, treatment, and distribution for opioid dependence. Also, Ozuna said the funds will be tracked.

"According to the Auditor with the State of Iowa, they are going to do their due diligence in tracking the funds and how they are being spent. It will behoove us to follow those guidelines," stated Ozuna.

Supervisor Donna Robinson asked if there was a timeline given for when the money should be spent. Swanson said he had not heard of any timelines given but that he would reach out for further information.

Robinson felt it would be a good idea to speak to area law enforcement and emergency responders and get information from them on what they felt would be most beneficial for the money to be spent on.

## Spotlight: Animal Health Allergies

**Dr. Kate Fridolph**  
DVM



It is that time of year. No, not fall - allergy season! Fall, spring, and summer are all prime allergy times for some cats and dogs. Seasonal allergens are not the only ones that affect our pets, but are typically at least one component.

An allergy is simply a state of over-reactivity or hypersensitivity of an animal's immune system. A normal immune response protects the body from infection and disease, but when the immune system overreacts, it becomes harmful. This causes the myriad of "allergy symptoms" that we commonly see, which include: itching, coughing, sneezing, wheezing, goopy eyes, nasal discharge, or sometimes even vomiting and diarrhea.

Any breed and species can be affected by allergies and there is thought to be a genetic component to some. Cats and dogs are usually at least 6 months of age at onset, though we typically don't see allergy symptoms until at least 1-2 years old and sometimes much older than that. It can take many exposures to an allergen to sensitize the immune system enough to cause a reaction - for example, this is why a pet that has been on the same food for months or even years can "suddenly" develop an allergy to it.

Most allergens are proteins that can be found in plants, insects, animals, and foods. Fleas are one of the most common allergens that we see at the clinic. With the amazing flea control products we have now, our pets are not as exposed to fleas, meaning even one little flea can cause a major reaction. Another classification of

allergens is the broad category of environmental allergies - this can be literally almost anything from grass, to trees, to pollen, to laundry detergent, or dust mites. Our final category is food. Like humans, dogs and cats can be allergic to pretty much anything. The most common foods that pets are allergic to are the proteins (meats), not the grains - so remember, while grain-free food may be beneficial to some pets with allergies, it isn't helpful to all of them.

Allergies can be a very frustrating disease to treat. Diagnostics (blood work, allergy testing, skin cultures, etc) can be very helpful for these guys to help us come up with the best treatment option. Treatment is also very pet-specific - what works well in one pet may not work in another or it may take a combination of therapies in one pet where another is controlled by doing just one thing.

Don't worry, though, we are here to help and will do our best to figure out what works for you and your pet. If you have any questions at all, please give us a call today to set up an appointment.

*Dr. Kate Fridolph, DVM, is a veterinarian at Oak Valley Animal Health in Red Oak, a fully licensed and accredited veterinary clinic. They provide small and large animal care, from routine check ups to 24/7 on call emergency services.*

## Branstetter addresses board on park programming

**Nick Johansen**  
The Red Oak Express

The Red Oak Park and Tree Board held its regular meeting Sept. 8.

The board heard comments from Friends of the Red Oak Trails representative Larry Brandstetter, who asked the board if it had considered working with a committee, or putting together a committee to organize programming on the stage at Fountain Square Park.

"It seems to me that there is a need for a group to organize that and get together, and I'm curious to know if the board sees any sort of role where they can help get that done," Brandstetter said.

Park and Tree Board Chairman Bill Drey said they discussed the option of working with another entity to organize a schedule, but nothing had come of those initial discussions.

Board member Alex McFarland said she was willing

to discuss the subject and either form a committee or partnering with an existing committee to get things going.

Brandstetter said he felt there was a great need to form a plan and work to get things scheduled for the stage.

"It's not a situation of where if we build it, they will come. To me, a committee is the best option to do that. I simply feel that if you don't, it's not going to work, and there's going to be a non-programmed stage with nothing happening down there except during Junction Days, or Old Car Day, or anything that isn't already happening," commented Brandstetter. "I feel like the community is saying that we need to have more going on there than we currently have, and put together a committee of people to coordinate so the pressure isn't all on you."

Board member Cliff Owen was in agreement with Brandstetter's statements and felt it was a good opportunity to reach out to people and

gauge involvement.

Brandstetter also asked about the possibility of putting a restroom on the east side of Evergreen Cemetery for those that walk on the trail or in the cemetery. Currently the only restroom is in the maintenance building. Brandstetter said there was a simple way to put a restroom in the location.

"There's a company that makes a restroom that is totally self-contained. It contains freshwater and used water. All you have to do is dig a small hole, and the restroom is set in that hole. It doesn't even need electricity run to it, solar panels can be installed. The only maintenance is that every six to eight months the used water has to be drained out of it. Also, they make them so everything in the restroom is vandal-proof, and the door can be set to lock or unlock itself at specific times," advised Brandstetter.

Brandstetter said he sus-

pects a bathroom hadn't been installed or discussed prior due to the local option sales tax funding being saved for work on the Fountain Square Park stage.

Owen asked why Brandstetter suggested the east side of the cemetery for a restroom location. Brandstetter said the east side would balance with the restroom that was in the maintenance shed. Also, people using the trail would be located on the east side.

Brandstetter also advised the board that the self-contained restroom would cost around \$55,000, and would cost less than constructing a brand new building.

The board took no action at the Sept. 8 meeting. Brandstetter said he would forward more information to City Clerk Mary Bolton to be shared with the board for further consideration.



Park and Tree Board members Amy Strebe, left, and Anna Boeue discuss ideas from Larry Brandstetter at the regular meeting. (Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)

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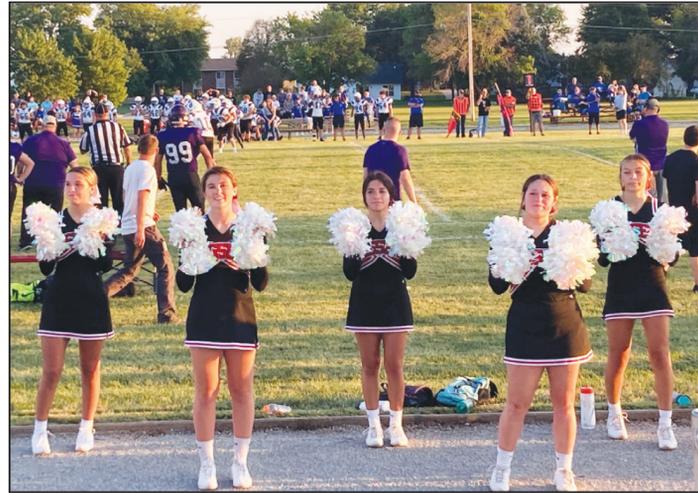
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# Essex Homecoming 2022



Left: Members of the 2022 Essex Homecoming Court are, from left, front row, Malea Ward and Nick Johnson. Middle row, from left: Riley King, Promise Steng, Alex King, Queen Brianne Johnson, King Preston Driskell, Olivia Baker and Chloe Edie. Back row, from left: Ashon Kline, Kaden Buick, Bradley Franks, John Staley, and Jacob Robi- nette. (Becki Franks). Right: Members of the Essex cheer squad lead the crowd in a cheer at homecoming. The Stanton/Essex football team defeated Griswold, at Essex. To read the recap of the game, turn to the sports section. (Tess Nelson/Red Oak Express)

## Great Iowa Treasure Hunt

In advance of the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt's fall publica- tion, which will shine light on the individuals who were recently added to the State's unclaimed property database, State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald is giving us a sneak peek of new names in Montgomery county.

"The entire list of new names will be published soon, but here's a sneak peek into the top 10 unclaimed properties in your area," said Fitzgerald.

### Top 10 Unclaimed Properties in Montgomery County

- Rogene A. Gustafson \$26,033.
- Swenson, George H. \$20,641.
- Marilyn A. Elston \$11,983.
- Donna Shores \$11,166.
- Marilyn Elston \$8,987.
- Catherine Selser \$8,471.
- Thomas Y. Minniece Tr \$6,674.
- Kermit Bailey \$6,639.
- Wilma L. Harper \$6,281.
- Jerry J. Gould \$6,060.

Overall, more than \$327 million has been returned to more than 618,000 past and present Iowans.

Unclaimed property refers to money and other assets held by financial institutions or companies that have lost contact with the property's owner for a specific period of time. State law requires them to annually report unclaimed property to the Treasurer's Office.

The assets are then held in the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt until the owner or heir is found. Common examples of unclaimed property include savings or checking accounts, stocks, uncashed checks, life insurance policies, utility security deposits and safe deposit box contents.

Look for the full upcoming fall publication list in your local newspaper. Visit [GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov](http://GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov) to search all unclaimed property being held by the State Treasurer's Office and make your claim. Keep up with all of Treasurer Fitzgerald's programs on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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Councilmember Tim Fridolph asked the time frame of receiving proposals if the city submitted a request for RFPs. Wright said it may take a month to six weeks before proposals would be received by the city, and his recommendation was to proceed with the Midwest Data contract.

Councilperson Jeanice Lester made the motion to approve the Midwest Data contract, and stated she trusted Ernst tremendously, had seen the work he had done, and felt under the circumstances, the hospital was ready for them to approve an alternative.

The council approved the contract by a 3-2 vote, with Bills and Fridolph voting no.

The council also approved an application for a \$100,000 Community Catalyst Grant.

The applications were reviewed by the Red Oak downtown Urban Renewal Board. The application recommended by the DUR Board was 412

and 414 E. Coolbaugh St., owned by Beau and Anna Boeye.

Discussions had not taken place regarding a city match, and no decisions were made at the Sept. 19 meeting.

Red Oak Mayor Shawna Silvius said upon approval, the city would work with the Southwest Iowa Planning Council to finalize the application, and SWIPCO would submit the application by the end of the year.

If the application passes through the first round of scoring, there is an invite to apply for the second phase of the grant process. If that application is approved during the second round, then the grant will be awarded to the project.

The council approved the recommendation of 412 and 414 E. Coolbaugh St. to submit for Community Catalyst grant funding.

## Lend a hand in a state park Sept. 24

Iowans are invited to lend a hand at the Department of Natural Resources' sixth annual Statewide Volunteer Day on Sept. 24. Several parks across the state will be hosting volunteer events to help spruce up trails, buildings and other park amenities.

Clean-up efforts at Statewide Volunteer Day will be unique for each park and may include litter pick-up, staining or painting buildings, planting trees, clearing trails and more.

Citizens interested in volunteering can learn more at [iowadnr.gov](http://iowadnr.gov)/volunteer. If weather looks inclement, volunteers should contact the individual park office in case changes to date, time or meeting location for the event occur.

## HARVEST

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has only seconds to stop before a crash might occur. It only takes five seconds to close a gap the length of a football field when driving 55 miles per hour. Any type of distracted driving, such as checking a text message or being tired, can make stopping without a crash nearly impossible.

"It's important to be alert and remember that these farm implements don't behave like cars and pick-up trucks when it comes to speed, turning or braking," Spunaugle said. "It's also important to remember, especially on gravel roads, you don't know what's over the crest of the hill."

Being stuck behind a slow moving piece of machinery on roads can make it very tempting to pass as soon as possible, but it is the responsibility of the driver to make sure it is a safe passing opportunity. Passing farm equipment can be more difficult than another motor vehicle because they could be turning into a driveway, field or intersection, which can cause them to change road positions rather quickly. Additionally, because of blind spots, motor vehicles might not be visible to the farm equipment operator.

"We live in an agricultural community where we will encounter farm implements

on roadways several times a year. We need to keep plenty of distance between them and us and wait until we have a clear line of sight before passing. Saving five or 10 minutes on your drive time isn't worth the risk."

Lastly, Spunaugle said with farmers getting into fields for harvest and cooler nights, it leads to an increase of deer movement. Again, defensive driving is key to avoiding a collision.

"Pay attention while driving. We've already seen an increase of deer, which is also something that will continue into the next few months."

## SMITH

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way through the field of cars while racing is what gave me all the consistent finishes. Also, just being a student of the sport learning how to drive on the different track conditions, learning how to have finesse on throttle and how to set the car into the corners led me to finishing on top this season."

A 2003 graduate of Red Oak High School and a member of the Red Oak Police Department since 2008, Smith said he owes much of his success to his wife, Abbey.

"My wife is the actual champion in all of this, and I owe her greatly for all my success in everything I have done and everything my children have done," Smith said. "She keeps all of us moving and on schedule, and on top of it all she is always our biggest fan. We strive as a family to be very dedicated and give 100% in

everything we do. Time gets hectic, but it's a mindset and if you want to be good or great at anything you have to do the right things and put in the work when no one is looking, learn from your mistakes, don't be afraid to take risks or fail and be grateful for all the opportunities you are given."

In addition to Abbey, Adam said he wouldn't be successful on or off the track if it weren't for the support of his children, Aspen, Aiden and Abel, his family, friends and co-workers. He also is very appreciative of Jim Cahill, who gave him the opportunity to race on the First Responders Foundation Race Team, his sponsors, Ultimate Truck Off Road Center in Omaha, Paul Davis Restoration in Omaha, Penthouse Lounge, Joshua Medical Center and Armored Knights Security and many others.

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