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New owner, slightly new name: same great taste at the Irish Shanty

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The Irish Shanty is under new ownership.

On Friday, June 1, Lucas Gibbs became the new owner of the popular Gunder eatery when he bought the property from former owner Kevin Walsh. Walsh bought the restaurant in 2005.

Gibbs noted that he plans to change the name of the restaurant in spelling only. It will no longer be spelled "Irish Shanti," instead it will be "Irish Shanty."

"I want the [Irish] Shanty to be a casual restaurant that is as clean and friendly as possible," Gibbs said. "I think sometimes some owners have a casual place like this, and they allow it to be too casual; they treat the place like their living room, not their place of business. This will definitely be a place of business for me."

People can expect the same great menu, staff, food, and service that loyal customers became accustomed to under the former owner. Hungry patrons can rest assured that the famous "Gunderburger," which weighs at least one pound, will still be offered. The new owner doesn't have any plans to change the decor.

Gibbs grew up on the family farm along Hwy. 18 between West Union and Clermont. He attended North Fayette High School but ended up graduating from Cedar Rapids Kennedy in 2013. He attended the University of Iowa, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in German. He spent a year abroad during his time in college. It was during the fall of 2017 that Gibbs first heard the restaurant was up for sale. He contacted Walsh, and everything fell into place for him to buy the Shanty on Friday.

While the 23-year-old may not have the opportunity to use his German degree very much, he does have plenty of restaurant experience. Previously, he worked as a delivery driver for Red Heart Pizza in West Union, a line cook at the



On Friday, June 1, Lucas Gibbs became the new owner of the Irish Shanty in Gunder. Originally called the Irish Shanti, Gibbs has decided to change the "i" on the end of the name to a "y." He will still offer the same menu, including the famous Gunderburger. (Chris DeBack photo)

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Rewind



Where are they now?

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"Growing up on a farm in northeast Iowa, I learned a lot about the importance of a strong work ethic and helping other people," said Karen Howard, a 1982 graduate of Valley High School. "I have also seen

State University and got my master's degree in urban and regional planning," said Howard.

Upon her graduation, Karen began working as a city planner for Oregon's largest city, Portland.

"I did primarily long-range planning for bigger projects, developing ways to reduce traffic congestion throughout the city and improve parking," explained Howard. "After about three years in that role, I found that I wanted to come back to the Midwest and get closer to my family."

In 2000, Howard took a position as a city planner for the City of Iowa City, bringing her within 100 miles of the farm on which she grew up.

In that role, Howard worked in the Urban Planning Division and handled long-range planning, current planning, and development review throughout the college town that grew by over 15 percent in her 17 years there.

Howard helped with the recovery and rebuilding process following the flood of 2008, and she also helped develop many goals and visions for 10 to 20 years into the future for the community.

In early 2018, Howard started her most recent position in another new community as she took the role of planning and community services manager in Cedar Falls.

"There are a lot of similarities between the two cities as they are both college towns, and both have a lot going on in terms of that they are looking for someone to develop properties that will both foster the community while preserving what many already love about the city," explained Howard of her plans in the Cedar Valley.

"The most enjoyable part of what I do is being able to work with developers to find a location or fit into a specific site, and then several years down the road, see that property thrive," stated the Valley alum. "It's always exciting to see the fruits of our labors and see how it impacts the community and helps it grow. I got to experience a lot of that while in Iowa City and look forward to more of the same in Cedar Falls."

While very dedicated to her job and responsibilities during her office hours, Howard admitted that she still makes plenty of time to return to her roots back where she grew up.

"I travel back home all of the time! We enjoy having get-togethers at the farm, going kayaking, and just being around each other whenever we get an opportunity," closed Howard. "The scenery was beautiful when I lived back in Oregon, but it was very different from the green rolling hills and beautiful cornfields that I grew up around."



Karen Kay Howard
Class of 1982



Karen Howard

how well a small community can come together and help someone when in need. I think all of those factors played a role in getting me to where I am today."

Howard recently began a new chapter in her life as she was hired in March as the planning and community services manager for the City of Cedar Falls. The path toward her current title is one that has taken Howard halfway around the country and included tenures in other positions, but it all started back in Fayette County.

"I grew up with my three siblings on our family's farm along Highway 56, which has been in the family for six or seven generations," explained Howard. "My parents (Roger and Doris) still live there, and it is still farmed by my family."

While in high school at Valley, Howard participated in many different activities, something she looks at as another perk to growing up in a small community.

"I was involved in a lot of different things, but softball was my main sport," continued Howard. "I was in basketball and track, and also played the French horn, piano, and sang in the choir."

With a class of approximately 52 people, Howard graduated in 1982 and began looking ahead at her future.

She went on to receive a degree in economics from the University of Iowa before moving to Portland, Ore.

While living on the West Coast, Howard began her family, which includes 26-year-old son Duncan and 22-year-old Marina.

She worked in international banking for several years before making a change in career paths.

"I decided I wanted to do something else, so I went to grad school at Portland

Council approves flood repairs

By MEGAN MOLSEED

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It has been nearly a year since massive storms swept through the area last July, leaving damage and flooding in their wake. The city of Clermont was not spared from the damage, including areas of the Turkey River that flows through the "Brick City."

Now, as we enter a new summer season, the Clermont City Council during its regular meeting Monday evening, officially approved the repairs that have been made to the damaged areas in recent months.

"It was a long time coming, and I think they did a really good job," noted Clermont Mayor Jim Matt of the work done by local contractors Fehr Graham Engineering and Baker Enterprises of Waverly.

"It was really helpful that they were able to do most of the work during the

winter months, so it doesn't affect summer activities," he added.

In a letter from the engineering company, the council was asked to approve the work, which was largely funded by the National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) disaster relief fund.

"There are still some odds and ends to finish up, but the bulk of it has been taken care of," added Councilmember Bruce Lehmann. "We are definitely better off than we had been."

In other news, the council heard from City Superintendent Brian Schroeder for the monthly maintenance report. Solar-powered stop signs remain on the agenda, but the council is still looking for the most cost-effective route to take.

"I do think something like this is a good idea," Schroeder said of the signs.

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West Union Boy Scouts of America (BSA) troop leader Mike Woltzen stands by his troop's flag during a recent BSA meeting. Woltzen said that his biggest issue with the BSA's recent decision to drop the 'Boy' from Boy Scouts and open the organization up to girls is how it will affect the coveted Eagle Scout award. (Megan Molseed photo)

A new era of Scouts; Taking the 'Boy' out of BSA

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The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) announced last fall that it would begin allowing girls to become Scouts, a move that has been a source of frustration for many local leaders.

"The reasoning given at the first meeting I attended about this was that there is a large percentage of girls and boys that are not in either Boy or Girl Scouts," noted Mike Woltzen, a longtime Scout leader who led the Hawkeye troop for many years and is now the current

troop leader in West Union. "I truly believe the drive behind this change breaks down to the almighty dollar."

"I know that numbers are dwindling, and the goal is to enhance those numbers, but I just don't feel that taking kids away from another entity to fill the gaps is the best answer," agreed Ray Harford, a former West Union Boy Scout leader and current advancement chairman for Eagle Scouts in the Twin Rivers Scouting District.

"Enrollment and money seem to be driving these

changes," he continued. "I don't agree that changing something that has become such an institution in our entire country is the best option."

The changes, which were first introduced to the council last fall have already been implemented in the Cub Scouts, which was the first to open to girls, creating separate troops for boys and girls throughout the nation.

The changes at the Boy Scout level will officially

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Supervisors approve new Ass't County Attorney's office in West Union

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At their regular Monday meeting on Monday, June 4, the Fayette County Supervisors approved entering into a contract with Earl Moss to lease the old West Union City Hall building for an office for Assistant County Attorney Pat Ritter. Supervisor Jeanine Tellin was absent.

The approval stemmed from a lengthy conversation at the Tuesday, May 29, Supervisors' meeting with County Attorney Wayne Saur and Assistant County Attorneys Patrick Ritter and Nathan Lein about finding Ritter a new office. The meeting was held a day later than usual due to the Fayette County Courthouse being closed for Memorial Day.

Currently, Ritter is located in an office next to County Social Services by the Assembly Room on the first floor of the courthouse. He noted a few deficiencies with the location, which includes no private space to meet with officers and clients; staff in County Social Services (CSS) and other offices located on the second floor have noted that they can hear conversations Ritter is having; there is a lack of storage space; and he shares the office with his assistant.

"The location he is in now is completely unacceptable," Saur said. "I have never seen a lawyer and secretary share an office. You just don't do that in any law firm, county office, or government office; you have to have your own private office. That just isn't a possibility here."

"We always saw it as a temporary solution," Ritter acknowledged. "We are trying our best to make it work through some combination of meeting in different spots and running around. The biggest issue with the space is there is no meeting area. When I have an officer come in, which is pretty much a daily thing, I don't have anywhere to meet with the officer that is private. We need to discuss things like search warrants, ongoing investigations, and make decisions about how to charge a particular defendant. These are all pretty sensitive and [involve] information that can't be disclosed to the public for a number of reasons. Right now, if I am meeting with an officer, anyone from the public can just walk right in, and when that happens, we have to put the conversation on hold until the person leaves before we can resume."

"Additionally, people from other offices can hear us talk," he added. "I think there was some soundproofing done, but I don't know if it has helped or not. I know there was a foam board put up between us and CSS, which hasn't remedied the situation. CSS can still hear us talk, and then the Assembly Room, we can hear what is going on in there. It just doesn't work."

Lein noted that the office situation does lead to some ethical considerations.

"We have separate rules as attorneys, and we have another layer of ethics on top of that as prosecutors, which are hammered into us every year at training," he explained. "It gets back to recruiting talent. We are fortunate enough that Pat has done this, but who in his or her right mind would really take a position where he or she would have the possibility of being reprimanded or suspended by the [Iowa] Supreme Court because his or her office space is inadequate?"

The three attorneys presented a list of five properties that could be rented as office space for Ritter. The properties were ranked from most ideal to least ideal situation, with each property being an upgrade from the current situation. The properties included the former West Union City Hall building on the corner of South Vine and West Plum streets; the trailer owned by Earl Moss located on East Main Street on the old junior high property; renting only half of Earl Moss' trailer; the West Union Chamber — A Main Street Community office at the corner of West Elm and North Vine streets; and the empty half of Brian Gibson's building on East Main Street.

Saur, Ritter, and Lein noted that the old City Hall building, which is owned by Moss, would be the most advantageous location. The building is divided into several different offices, which would allow Ritter and his assistant to have separate office spaces, a meeting room, break room, and more storage. It isn't handicapped-accessible, but there is a separate entrance for the apartment upstairs.

What is advantageous about the second location is that Moss' trailer is empty, so the County Attorney's office could divide the space as it sees fit. The location is convenient as it is just across the street from the courthouse. Moss told the attorneys that the property could also be purchased. The third option would be to only rent half of the trailer.

The attorneys looked at The West Union Chamber — A Main Street Community's office space; however, that would involve moving the Fayette County Economic Development and Tourism directors to a new location. There could also be a conflict because Ritter's private law office is located in the building. The Assistant County Attorney would have to share a private meeting space with the Chamber, but he



The old West Union City Hall will be the new location of Assistant County Attorney Pat Ritter's office. He is currently located next to the Assembly Room on the first floor of the Fayette County Courthouse. With his office right next to County Social Services, it has been difficult for Ritter to maintain privacy when speaking with law enforcement officials about sensitive information. This new location will offer Ritter a separate office from his assistant, a meeting room, break room, and more storage. (Chris DeBack photo)

said that wouldn't be an issue. Brian Gibson's building has the same advantages of Moss' trailer, except that the rent is higher.

Fayette County Supervisor Janell Bradley did say that the old City Hall is quite spacious and agreed that it would probably be the best location of those proposed. Supervisors Jeanine Tellin and Darrell Dolf wanted to see the old City Hall building before making a final decision.

While the County would start to pay rent if Ritter's office were relocated, Saur said that the County should have the money to pay for it with money raised from the Fayette County Collections Program and savings from his offices in Oelwein.

"The collections fund is based out of and generally run through the County Attorney's office, and last year, after you take out the contingency fee from Tiffany [Kragens], the County made \$7,700 off that fund," Saur closed. "This year, while we have another month to go, I checked last week with Mrs. Kragens, the conservative number that the County is going to clear after she gets her share is \$16,500. It just keeps getting better and at some point it will level off, but we're not there yet. [Kragens] thinks we will considerably exceed \$16,500 next year. With Pat's office being where it is right now, the County has saved \$2,100 off what was paid to Jay [Villont] for rent. Starting next month I am going to get zero for having two law offices, a law library, storage and a secretary, and that is \$7,200 that the County is going to save off the County Attorney's office. So looking at those numbers from the last two years is \$33,500 that the County has gained from our office."

However, Saur's statement is misleading as the \$7,200 the County is saving is being used to subsidize what it is paying his assistant, Danielle Grimm. Grimm works for the County, but because Saur's private law office is located in the same building, she also does work for his private firm. Up until now, Saur's private law office wasn't paying any portion of Grimm's salary, even though she was doing work for his private office.

In other news, the Supervisors met with Sam Whitehead, Fayette Economic Development director, for an update on his department. He noted that the City of Fayette has applied for a grant from the State of Iowa to start a revolving loan fund. If granted, the revolving loan fund would be used as an economic development tool for its downtown district.

Whitehead also mentioned that he has met with Redmond Humphrey, Upper Iowa University professor, about Humphrey wanting to start an entrepreneurial center that could give his business students hands-on experience helping small businesses solve problems.

'Life of Leisure' exhibition at Clermont Museum

'Iowa History 101' mobile museum June 14-17 at Montauk

A lot of Americans were living the good life at the turn of the 20th century.

Buoyed by an explosion of economic growth, jobs and technology, a new middle class emerged with more leisure time and disposable income than most Americans had ever enjoyed. And they were eager to spend their time and money pursuing sports, travel and entertainment.

In Iowa, former Gov. William Larrabee and his family joined in and became actively involved in numerous leisure activities, a lifestyle that is captured in a new exhibition called "A Life of Leisure: The Rise of the Victorian Leisure Class." It opened Friday, June 1, at the Clermont Museum in Clermont.

"The turn of the 20th century opened up many new opportunities for Iowans to enjoy themselves, and the Larrabee family was certainly no exception," Montauk Historic Site Manager Hannah Frederick said. "With their wealth, they could immerse themselves in many of these new activities and lead by participating and promoting these new adventures. This new exhibition will give visitors an inside look at how they did it."

"A Life of Leisure" includes information, photos and artifacts about the Larrabees and their interests in sports, such as lawn tennis, croquet, baseball, football, bicycling and a new-fangled activity called "exercising" with dumbbells, wooden rings and so-called "Indian clubs." The exhibition also examines how women became active in canoeing, rowing, walking and gymnastics.

Visitors will see a wide range of Montauk artifacts in the exhibition, including a Windermere tennis racket, a Spalding baseball bat from 1890-1900, horseshoes, roller skates and ice skates from the 1880s, a gym outfit from the early 1900s and women's swimsuits from the 1920s.

The "A Life of Leisure" exhibition will be open to the public, free of charge, from noon to 4 p.m. Fridays-Sundays. The Clermont Museum is located on Hwy. 18 in downtown Clermont.

"Leisure with the Larrabees" at Montauk

Meanwhile, visitors to the Montauk Historic Site on Hwy. 18 just north of Clermont can share "Leisure with the Larrabees" from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, to see how the Larrabee family spent summers in the late 1800s. They can play Victorian lawn games such as horseshoes, badminton, lawn bowling and croquet and make a craft or two.

"History on the Move" mobile museum

Also at Montauk, visitors will be able to take free, self-guided tours of the State Historical Society of Iowa's "History on the Move" mobile museum from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, June 14-17.

The mobile museum — a bright blue, custom-built Winnebago that travels the state's highways and back roads to share stories from the past — currently houses a 300-square-foot exhibition called "Iowa History 101." It is filled with artifacts from the State Historical Society's collection and audio/video presentations by Mike Wolfe, the creator and star of the hit television series "American Pickers."

The 38-foot Winnebago will visit all 99 Iowa counties over the course of three years, from 2017 through 2019, with stops at schools, libraries, local museums, community festivals, county fairs and other places where Iowans gather.

The traveling exhibition — which is sponsored by EMC Insurance Companies, Casey's General Stores and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach — is one of a trio of "Iowa History 101" shows. Visitors to the State Historical Museum in Des Moines can find both a traditional museum exhibition, plus an interactive "Hands-On History" gallery designed especially for children.

The Clermont Museum is part of the Montauk Historic Site, which is overseen by the State Historical Society of Iowa, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

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White House in St. Lucas, and was a cook for a restaurant in Iowa City while in college.

"This is a passion of mine," Gibbs explained. "There are two sides to my passion, one of which is the business side. Any business is appealing or attractive to me. Owing my own business has been a goal, and I think this is a setup that I can work well in. The question became what business do I want to work in, and this was an opportunity with relatively low barriers, so I took it. Food service and logistics and how it is all organized is something that I find interesting and fascinating at times."

He said that he will be honoring all current gift certificates and punch cards through Dec. 31, and he will soon have his own gift certificates for purchase.

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"I'm just not sure what we can find that would be cost-effective for our budget."

During the report, Schroeder also addressed citizen concerns regarding an alarm that has been going off near the city's generator over the course of a few days the previous week.

"It all had to do with the road work on Highway 18," he explained. "There are sensors that let us know if our water output is higher than it should be, which it was at that time because the workers were using loads of it to cool the trucks." Schroeder added that it has all been taken care of.

The Clermont City Council will meet again at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 18, in the Larrabee Building.

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This hummingbird has a little competition at the feeder. If you notice behind the glass, there is a magnified view of a wasp trying to get at the sweet goodies. This feeder and the one a few feet away currently have over a dozen birds humming away while either on the feeder or in a flight pattern waiting to get on. (Jerry Wadian photo)

'Light at the Museum' musical at Elgin First Baptist

The P.O.W.E.R. Company Creative Arts team from Glen Ellyn, Ill., will present its musical "Light at the Museum" on Wednesday, June 13, at First Baptist Church, 22526 Canoe Road in Elgin. The program will start at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

This original production, loosely based on the popular movie "Night at the Museum," tells the story of a little girl who is eager to learn the source of light at the museum she visits. As the night watchman takes her on a tour of the museum, exhibits and characters in each room come to life, teaching her that Jesus is the Light of the World and that His obedient followers reflect His light to all around them.

The P.O.W.E.R. Company uses video, blacklight, drama, sign language, mime, large-scale puppetry and live characters to creatively tell the story, appealing to a broad range of audience members, from toddlers to adults.

This team, which currently consists of 32 young people and adults, has been in ministry for over 30 years, touring the U.S. and abroad. Founder and current co-director Christy Watkins teaches creative arts around the country. Co-director Debbie Johnson has been involved with the team for 25 years.

Admission to this special presentation is free, though a love offering will be received to help with P.O.W.E.R. Company expenses.

For more information, contact First Baptist Church at (563) 426-5272, or email fbci.elgin.ia@gmail.com.

Clermont area VBS dates set

Vacation Bible School dates have been set for the Clermont area as follows:

Monday, July 16 – at St. Peter's Catholic Church;
Tuesday, July 17 – at West Clermont Lutheran Church;
Wednesday, July 18 – at East Clermont Lutheran Church.
Sessions will run 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. each night, with supper served 5-5:30 p.m.

Registration forms are available in the West Clermont Lutheran Church office.

For additional information, contact Hollie Lerch at (563) 380-2318.

Huber-Gaertner Reunion June 10

The annual Mass and Huber-Gaertner Reunion at St. Anthony's Smallest Church near Festina will take place on Sunday, June 10. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by Mass at noon with Fr. Robert Gross as the celebrant.

Those attending should bring folding chairs, as there are no longer benches for the service. A potluck picnic in the Community Hall in Festina will follow the Mass. Please bring a dish to pass, tableware, and your own beverage.

If it rains, then Mass will be held at Our Lady of Seven Dolours Church in Festina. The Community Hall is across from the church in Festina.

For more information, contact Victoria Lansing by:
Mail: 833 E. Cochise Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85020;
Email: viclansing@centurylink.net; or
Phone: (602) 943-4782.

Blood drive in Elgin today

The communities of Elgin, Clermont, and Wadena will be hosting a blood drive from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today (Wednesday, June 6) at the Elgin Legion Hall in Elgin.

From checking in to relaxing in the canteen, the entire whole-blood donation process is typically one hour or less. Can you spare 60 minutes to positively impact three families in your community?

Donors are reminded to eat a healthful meal and drink plenty of water before donating. Also, remember to bring ID with you.

Whether you are a regular donor or a potential new one, be a lifesaver – donate today!

Join Relay for Life efforts on June 16

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is calling on all area community members to participate in the annual Relay for Life of Fayette County on Saturday, June 16, at the Oelwein High School track. Be part of the fight, and together we can beat our biggest rival – cancer!

The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to form teams and stand shoulder to shoulder with the organization and cancer patients, as well as those supporting them.

This year, an estimated 1.3 million people in the U.S. will participate in more than 2,000 events to help the American Cancer Society attack cancer in dozens of ways, each of them critical to achieving a world without cancer – from developing breakthrough therapies to building supportive communities, from providing empowering resources to deploying activists to raise awareness. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society 24/7 cancer help line and free rides to chemo. By joining the Relay for Life event, you can help attack cancer from every angle.

To learn more about Relay for Life and to register a team, go online to visit www.relayforlife.org/fayettecountyia or contact Sadie Smith at (319) 284-0769 or smiths833@gmail.com.



On Saturday morning, May 26, members of the Marion Happy Hustler 4-H Club distributed poppies throughout the Elgin community. Every year the 4-H club lends a helping hand to the Elgin Legion Auxiliary. Handing out poppies this year were Marion Happy Hustlers 4-H Club members (l-r) Ben and Max Gibson, Pierce Harbaugh, and Thomas Amundson. The group worked with Carol Katsumes (far right), member of the Elgin Legion Auxiliary, with this annual tradition to honor our nation's veterans. (submitted photo)

ISU spring graduates

Receiving degrees at Iowa State University's Spring Commencement were the following area students:

Clermont – Erin Kurdelmeyer, Bachelor of Science, agricultural business;

Elgin – Mitchell Carlson, Bachelor of Science, nutritional science (H SCI), Honors Program member, summa cum laude;

West Union – Lincoln Johansen, Bachelor of Science, agricultural business and supply chain management; Linda Schroeder, Master of Education, education.

Clayton County Fair Queen contestants sought

It's summer, and that means it's Clayton County Fair time. If you are a female at least 16 years of age and not more than 20 years old on July 20 and a member of one service organization, then you are eligible to enter the 2018 Clayton County Fair Queen Contest.

As a reminder, there is a \$50 application/sponsor fee. The checks can be made out to the Clayton County Fair Board.

If you are interested, you can pick up an application from the Extension office, check out the Facebook group page (Clayton County Fair Queen), go on the website at www.claytoncountyfair.com, or contact Anna Troester at (563) 880-4797.

Judging will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 1, but a time is yet to be determined. If you are involved with the Horse Show, organizers will work around you.

All application material, including application, emailed photo, release/consent form, and sponsor/application fee, must be postmarked by July 13, 2018, and sent to Anna Troester. There will be no exceptions.

For more information, please contact Anna Troester at the number above.



On behalf of the First United Methodist Church of Fayette, John Hofmeyer of Fayette presents a check for \$1000 to Karen Martin, Fayette County Food Shelf director. The money is a donation for the Phase III Building Project "Out of the Ashes" to add a 36' by 100' addition to the Food Shelf. (photo submitted)

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Elgin Historical Society to meet

The Elgin Historical Society will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Elgin Museum.

Speaker Bob Jacob will discuss his recent trip to Kosovo and Albania. His travels included tours of a school and a physical therapy rehabilitation facility.

Other items on the agenda include Saturday schedules, a summary of the board meeting, and façade repair.

Also, mark your calendars now for the July 12 meeting, as the program will be presented by Hal Wilson of the Rural Iowa Ham Radio Club. Come learn more about ham radio communication!

All are invited to attend these meetings; they are held the second Thursday of the month.

Nature Kids event at Osborne Pond

Nature Kids is an event for children ages 3-5 who want to learn about the natural world around them through stories, crafts, and outdoor exploring at Osborne Nature Center near Elkader.

This event will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, June 15, at Osborne Pond. Preregistration is required.

The June theme will be a study of the Osborne Pond and all the creatures that live there.

Kids may get dirty with activities around the pond. Play clothes, mud boots, sunscreen, and bug spray are strongly recommended.

The pond shelter house has been reserved for the afternoon for anyone who would like to stay and have a picnic or continue exploring the pond, trails, and disc golf course.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Siblings are welcome to join.

For more information and to preregister, please call the Osborne Nature Center at (563) 245-1516.

Osborne Pond is located on Hwy. 13 five miles south of Elkader.

Using newspapers to aid in genealogy research

Memorial Day is traditionally a day to remember our friends and family who have passed from this world into history.

Many of you may have noticed graves of unknown family members or people you may have wondered who they were. This curiosity is what has brought many people to research their genealogy and family history.

Genealogical research is the tracing of an individual's ancestral history using historical records, both official and unofficial. Family history not only includes the family genealogy but also the stories behind your family. With the use of online resources, you can bring your family and community stories to light.

Do you know where your great-grandparents lived and worked? Many people today are interested in the backgrounds of their family members. With today's Internet resources, it is easier than ever to locate and find your ancestors.

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You can find the rest of the story that was published by the Postville Herald starting on Sept. 10, 1986. Use the site: Postville.advantage-preservation.com

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Good Sam - West Union

Wednesday, June 6 - 9:00 a.m. Richfield Circle; 9:30 a.m. - Sittercise/devotions; 2:30 p.m. - Dominoes/cards; 3:00 p.m. - Coffee Time

Thursday, June 7 - 9:30 a.m. - Sittercise/devotions; 10:30 a.m. - Catholic Communion; 1:30 p.m. - Painting/art class; 3:00 p.m. - Coffee Time

Friday, June 8 - 9:30 a.m. - Sittercise/devotions; 10:30 a.m. - Story Time; 1:30 p.m. - Bible Study; 3:00 p.m. - Coffee time

Saturday, June 9 - 10:00 a.m. - Sittercise/devotions; 1:45 p.m. - Movie; 3:00 p.m. - Coffee time; 7:00 p.m. -

Lawrence Welk

Sunday, June 10 - 10:00 a.m. - Sittercise/devotions; 10:00 a.m. - Mass EWTN; 2:00 p.m. - Worship with Rev. Hall, UIU Hospice Minister; 3:00 p.m. - Coffee time

Monday, June 11 - 9:30 a.m. - Sittercise/devotions; 2:30 p.m. - Bingo with Maryann; 3:00 p.m. - Coffee Time

Tuesday, June 12 - 9:30 a.m. - Jerry Anderson; 10:30 a.m. - Sittercise/devotions; 11:00 a.m. - Sensory Group; 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle; 2:30 p.m. - Birthday party with Elgin Lutheran; 3:00 p.m. - Coffee time

WORSHIP SERVICES

Apostolic Christian Church, Elgin
Sundays: 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Church Services 12:45 p.m. Afternoon Service

Ilyria Community Church
Pastor Pam Reinig
Tuesdays: 10-11 a.m. Bible Study
Wednesdays: 6-7 p.m. Christian Ed.
Sundays: 10 a.m. worship

St Paul's United Methodist Church
Pastor Mee Kang
Sundays: 10:45 a.m. Service

St. Peter's Catholic, Clermont
Rev. Donald Kombh, Pastor
Saturdays: Alternate Saturdays, 5 p.m. Mass

East Clermont Lutheran Church
Pastor Ron Roberts
Sundays: 9 a.m. S.S.; 10 a.m. Worship

Redeemer Lutheran Church AALC, West Union
Rusty Phillips, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship
Faith Bible Fellowship, West Union
Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship (meeting at NFV Cafeteria)

Grace Reformed Baptist Church
Adam Osworth
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship
Wednesdays: 6:45 p.m. Prayer mtg.

Bethany Lutheran Church, West Union
Sundays: 8 a.m. Worship; 9:30 a.m. Bible study

Wadena Community Church
Pastor Rusty Phillips
Sundays: Worship 11 a.m. with coffee hour after 9:45 Bible Study

St. Olaf Lutheran Parish, Marion Lutheran Church, Gunder Norway Lutheran Church
Pastor Marshall E. Hahn
Sunday: N 8:30 a.m., Worship; M 10:00 a.m. Worship

Elgin Lutheran Church
Highland Lutheran Church
Sunday: Elgin Serv., 9 a.m.; Highland Serv., 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Elgin
Pastor Lee Boleyn
Sundays: Discipleship Hour/ Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service - 10:15 a.m.

Wednesdays: Awana Clubs - 6:30 p.m. Call 563-426-5272 for more information.

West Clermont Lutheran Church
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. worship; 10:30 a.m. coffee and fellowship
Wednesdays - WOW - Beginning at 5 p.m.

Calvary Bible Church, Volga
Jeremy Sarver, Pastor
Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Worship Service; 7:30 p.m. Evening Service
Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. Prayer mtg.

Bethel Presbyterian, West Union
Don J. Best, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship; 11 a.m. Fellowship Communion - first Sunday of mo.

CrossFire Church of West Union
Leslie White, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship
Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Group

Episcopal Church of the Saviour, Clermont
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Arlington and Volga United Methodist Churches
Lisa D. Schroeder, Pastor
Sundays: 8:30 a.m. worship at Volga; 10:30 a.m. worship at Arlington

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NFV softball opens season

By Jerry Wadian
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With the opening games of the season against Turkey Valley on Wednesday in Jackson Junction rained out, NFV softball finally opened its 2018 season Friday in the first day of the annual TigerHawk Classic. NFV faced a pair of teams that already had winning records over an eight-game stretch.

Friday's first game was against Sumner-Fredericksburg, a team fresh off an 11-1 and 15-3 pasting of A-P.

The Cougars jumped on the TigerHawks early, scoring four runs in the first and using a number of slow rollers to plate three more in the third on its way to a 15-7 win.

NFV never game up, rallying for three runs in the third, only to see S-F rally four in the bottom of the frame.

Down, 11-3, the TigerHawks again came back with a four-run burst in the fifth highlighted by a two-run line drive by Taylor Ellis that cleared the left field fence. She also had a double and single.

Claire Hanson swatted three hits and drove in a

pair while Gina Gibson and Kennedy Lape smacked a pair of hits apiece; Lape also drove in two runs.

Makenna Koch took the loss, surrendering nine hits and three walks while fanning five. Physical and mental errors allowed six unearned runs and a few earned ones.

Game two Friday was against 7-3 Ed-Co.

NFV outthit the Vikings, 10-5, but lost the game, 7-0.

Hanson added two more hits, giving her five on the day. Marrah Burrack singled twice from her lead-off spot, and Ellis drilled the TigerHawks' only extra-base hit, a double.

Lape was cruising on the mound, but six unearned runs in the third cost NFV the game. Koch finished the final 3 2/3 innings, allowing three hits but no runs.

Day two of the tourney saw the NFV offense come alive with 24 hits in the two games.

Saturday opened with a heartbreaking loss, 6-5, to Union.

Burrack had four of the TigerHawks' 10 hits, scoring a pair of runs and stealing a base.

Tatum Kahler doubled,

singled and drove in a run. Kennedy Lape doubled, and Gina Gibson, Ellis and Koch each stroked a single.

Lape threw a complete-game five-hitter, allowing three earned runs while walking four and fanning three.

The TigerHawks' first win of the season came in the nightcap as Koch fired the first no-hitter of her career in shutting out Oelwein, 9-0. The junior threw five perfect innings, striking out three.

The TigerHawks supported their pitcher with impeccable defensive play and a 14-hit attack on offense.

The Huskies came in at 5-5 on the season and had beaten Ed-Co, 13-6, earlier in the tournament.

However, the TigerHawks jumped on Oelwein early with a two-run first, a three-run second and a four-run fifth.

Burrack made it 7-8 on the day with three more singles, scoring two runs.

Koch helped her own cause with a single, double and a pair of RBI.

Abby Reichter, Ellis and Kahler added two singles apiece; Reichter drove in a pair of runs.

Macy Halverson, Hanson, and Lape added singles.



Her teammates watch to make sure Taylor Ellis touches home plate before they mob the junior after she stroked a two-run homer, NFV's first "tater" of the season, in Friday's first game of the TigerHawk Classic. Unfortunately, Ellis' heroics weren't enough as Sumner-Fred. won, 15-7. (Jerry Wadian photo)

Baseball splits with Stars

By Jerry Wadian
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NFV opened the home baseball season with a split with Starmont on Tuesday, May 29.

The TigerHawks made the most of their few opportunities in winning the opener, 9-5.

Held to a total of just five hits and no walks by the Stars' Adam Dolf Jr., who managed 12 K's in his five innings of work, NFV still managed to score seven earned runs.

The TigerHawks managed two runs in the first and third innings and capped the scoring with a three-run third.

Brooks Hovden led the TigerHawks on the mound while Dylan Muggler was hot at the plate. Hovden threw five hitless innings with three walks and eight strikeouts. The only run he allowed was unearned. Muggler stroked two hits, scored three runs, and drove in two runs.

Jordan Baumler and Trey Darnall had the other two hits for NFV. Darnall drove in two runs and Wyatt Van Sickle, one run.

The nightcap was called off after six innings due to darkness.

The game was scoreless through five innings. However, the Stars erupted for four runs in the top of the sixth. The TigerHawks tried to rally but fell a run short with three runs in its half of the inning.

Muggler was cruising until the sixth, taking the loss after surrendering a total of five hits, four walks and four earned runs; he rang up nine K's.

Lance Butikofer worked the final 2/3 of the inning, allowing a hit and fanning one.

NFV's offense was held to four hits, three walks and a pair of stolen bases. Liam McIntyre, Gunner Rodgers, Darnall, and Hovden had the hits. Darnall added two more RBI, giving him four for the night. Rodgers and McIntyre stole a base apiece.

In other action last week, the TigerHawks' home game Wednesday was postponed until Friday due to heavy rains in the morning. However, the game was eventually cancelled when an umpiring crew could not be found for the Friday contest.

Saturday, NFV visited New Hampton to face the 8-1 Chickasaws.



NFV courtesy runner Zander Britt gets a face full of dust as he slides back to first as the Starmont fielder goes high to reach this pickoff attempt. (Kris Van Sickle photo)

Once again, NFV outthit an opponent, 8-6, but a seven-run fifth was enough to down the TigerHawks, 10-3. All 14 hits were singles.

NFV broke on top on a two-run single by Darnall, but NH retaliated with a three-run burst in its half of the first.

Baumler's single gave

the TigerHawks their last run. Darnall went 4-4 with the two RBI and a stolen base. Muggler added two hits, scored a pair of runs and swiped a pair of bases. Baumler had the other two hits.

NFV used five pitchers, with Baumler taking the loss.

MS track sets records

By Jerry Wadian
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The future of NFV track looks promising as this year's middle school athletes set a total of 16 new records and tied one during the season, including 10 by the seventh-grade boys.

8th Grade Girls
400 Dash- Bohr 1:04.6
200 Alyssa Bohr 28.82
4x400- (Cameron Hermen, Ashton Pfister, Eiyanna Phend, Alyssa Bohr), 4:41.24.
Distance Medley- (Kenlin Schmitt, Kiley Krivachek, Cameron Hermen, Eiyanna Phend), 5:04.59.

7th Grade Girls
High Jump- Reagan Wymmer 4'-08"
4x100- (Drew Chensvoid, Nicole Jacobsen, Julianna Muxin, Justine Cowley), 59.82

8th Grade Boys
Shot- Israel Hernandez- 41'."
*Ties record

7th Grade Boys
Long Jump- Kaleb White 18'-00
Shot- Blake Reichter 36'-00
Discus- Reichter 95'-00
800- Nick Koch 2:31.32
100 Dash- White 12.70
1600- Koch 5:41.0
100 Hurdles White 16.56
200 Hurdles- White 29.53
Shuttle Hurdle- (Jesse Grimes, Lucas McLellan, Caden Kerr, White) 1:18.22
Distance Medley- (Ben Mabb, Bryce Elsbernd, James Halverson, Koch), 4:45.14

Torkelson vies at State Golf

By Jerry Wadian
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TigerHawk senior Anna Torkelson capped her high school career by competing at the Class 2A State Golf Tournament on Tuesday and Wednesday (May 29-30) at the Lake Panorama National Golf Course in Panorama.

This was Torkelson's second trip to a State Golf Tourney since she was with the team when it qualified in 2016.

This time, Torkelson finished the 36-hole tourney with a very consistent 46-50-48-50-194, placing her 35th among the 77 competing golfers. Dike-New Hartford's Morgan Weber was medalist at 148.

Head coach Robin Madole stated, "The greens here were much faster than in northeast Iowa, and they were very hard to read on some of the large greens. You could actually go into water hazards while putting if you weren't careful."

"Anna had quite a few putts that were so close but just didn't fall."

In all, Torkelson managed three pars on day one and five on day two.

After the tourney was over, Madole commented, "As a golfer, Torkelson has grown by unbelievable leaps and bounds since she was a freshman."

"We will miss her and the other six seniors (Callie Lembke, Claire Hanson, Kariann Elsbernd, Laura Weidemann, Sierra Gilson and manager Elizabeth Goddard) very much. It is tough to say goodbye," closed an appreciative Madole.



With swans lazily in the waters off one of the large greens on the Lake Panorama National Golf Course in Panorama, NFV senior Anna Torkelson flashes a smile as she competes in the Class 2A State Golf Tournament. She finished the two-day, 36-hole tourney with a 194, placing her 35th out of 77 golfers. (submitted photo)

Madole over 900 wins

By Jerry Wadian
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NFV head girls' golf coach Robin Madole passed a milestone this season. She didn't realize it at the time, but the TigerHawks' win over West Central on April 26 was the 900th of Madole's illustrious career.

Going into the 2019 season her career record will be 912-315-2, with a 120-18 record at NFV.

Area gymnasts compete in state tumbling championships

Moser School of Dance and Gymnastics students recently competed in the 2018 Iowa USTA Power Tumbling State Championships. Thirty Iowa clubs attended the meet with over 620 athletes competing. The Moser School came home with 16 state championship titles, and 126 Moser athletes qualified for Nationals to be held in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Moser's 16 state championship title holders in first place were as follows (* = High Point out of all ages in that level): Carter Phillips, Katie Fitzgerald, Amiya Birkel, Isabel Markham, Kylie Belinsky, Allysa Sadewasser, Brynn Burlage*, Elyse Konrardy, Memphis Peyton, Adler Mormann, Aaliyah Rosenthal*, Ava Seevell, Laura Pierschbacher, Brody Ries, Carlie Bergan*, and



Moser School of Dance and Gymnastics area athletes who recently qualified for Nationals in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., include (l-r) Aaliyah Rosenthal, Rachel Everman, and Kadee Batterson. (submitted photo)

Lainey Payne. Other Moser gymnasts placing well are as follows:

First place - Aaliyah Rosenthal, state champion and High Point winner and Nationals qualifier; second place - Kadee Batterson, Nationals qualifier; sixth place - Rachel Everman and Nationals qualifier.

Moser coaches are Debbie Moser, Carmen Moser Payne, Bernita Moser, Katie Payne Schulte, and Luka Marie Schulte with studio locations in Manchester, Dyersville, Monticello, Independence, Strawberry Point, Clermont, and Elkader.

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Law Enforcement

Possession of drug paraphernalia

On Tuesday, May 22, a Fayette County deputy responded to Prairie View Residential Care Facility to investigate a suspicious item found by staff.

Upon completion of an investigation, it was learned that Matthew Bohl, 29, of Mason City was in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bohl was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and transported to the Fayette County Law Enforcement Center, where he awaited his initial appearance before a judge.

Loses control of pickup

On Friday, May 25, at 2:19 p.m., the Fayette County Sheriff's Office took a report of a single-vehicle accident with injuries on Lincoln Road north of King Road.

An investigation determined that Eric Smorstad, 24, of Decorah was operating a 2004 Ford F150 pickup northbound on Lincoln Road when he lost control of the vehicle and entered the west ditch.

He was transported by Tri-State Ambulance to Gundersen Palmer Lutheran Hospital to be evaluated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The vehicle is considered a total loss. The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, West Union Fire Department and Tri-State Ambulance.

The incident remains under investigation.

OWI, theft charges filed

On Thursday, May 24, at approximately 4:05 p.m., the Fayette County Sheriff's Office received several driving complaints in the area of Highway 150 near the Maynard turnoff. Witnesses reported seeing a driver pass at high rates of speed and swerving all over the roadway.

A Fayette County Sheriff's deputy located a vehicle matching witnesses' description near the area of Highway 150 and 80th Street. The vehicle, a 2018 Honda Civic, was stopped at the 18000 block of Highway 3.

Following an investigation, driver Vinai Vang, 44, of Solon was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated, first offense (a serious misdemeanor), and fifth-degree theft (a simple misdemeanor) after a sign from a local state park was found in his vehicle.

Multiple charges filed against two Oelwein men

On Sunday, May 20, the Fayette County Sheriff's Office took a report of an incident in which a male showed up late Saturday night at a residence in Hawkeye, where he brandished an assault rifle at a group.

After an investigation, deputies identified a suspect.

On Thursday, May 24, Fayette County Sheriff's officers arrested Mathew Fowlkes, 22, of Oelwein for going armed with intent (a Class D felony) and criminal mischief in the second degree (also a Class D felony).

Later that morning the Sheriff's Office executed three search warrants on two vehicles and a residence on W. Charles Street in Oelwein. That search recovered two firearms, one that was used in the Hawkeye incident that had occurred Saturday night.

While conducting the search, deputies saw evidence of drug trafficking and obtained a second warrant for the residence. Upon a search, the officers seized a large amount of marijuana, a large sum of cash, and evidence to show the sale of narcotics.

Deputies then charged a second person, Domanick Fowlkes, 24, of Oelwein for possession of a controlled substance with intent to sale (a Class D felony).

Domanick Fowlkes was not at the residence, and a warrant was requested for his arrest.

A third charge was then filed against Mathew Fowlkes for possession of a controlled substance with the intent to sell (a Class D felony). He is now being held on a \$30,000 cash bond.

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office was assisted with the searches by the Oelwein Police Department.



Mathew Fowlkes

Disorderly conduct

On Thursday, May 31, at approximately 11:10 a.m., the Fayette County Sheriff's Office took a call of a disturbance in the 100 block of Cass Street in Westgate.

After an investigation, Amanda Bowser, 31, of Westgate was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct (a simple misdemeanor).

Bowser was taken into custody and transported to the Fayette County Law Enforcement Center, where she awaited an initial appearance.

Hawkeye woman charged

On Saturday, June 2, at approximately 11:30 p.m., the Fayette County Sheriff's Office took a 911 call of a disturbance taking place in the city of Hawkeye.

Following an investigation, Janice Jordan, 61, of Hawkeye was arrested and charged with domestic abuse causing bodily injury.

She was transported to the Fayette County Law Enforcement Center, where she awaited an initial appearance.

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Hawkeye First Responders, Tri-State Ambulance and Sumner Ambulance.

Cited for criminal mischief

On Friday, June 1, at 7:22 p.m., the Fayette County Sheriff's Office took a report of a disturbance in the 700 block of Mill Street in Clermont.

During the investigation it was determined that Kinte Smith, 37, from Postville had arrived at a residence and a verbal argument ensued. During the argument Smith kicked in the front door to the residence and fled the scene prior to law enforcement's arrival.

Smith was located a short time later east of West Union, where he was arrested and transported to the Fayette County Law Enforcement Center. He was charged with fourth-degree criminal mischief.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the West Union Police Department and Fayette County Conservation.

Warmer weather brings Public Health reminders

With recent temperatures rising into the mid-90s with high humidity, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) reminds Iowans to keep health in mind during the hot weather.

"People suffer heat-related illness when the body's temperature control system is overloaded. The body normally cools itself by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating just isn't enough," said Dr. Patricia Quinlisk, IPDH medical director.

"Although people with cardiac and other medical problems are especially at risk, even young and healthy individuals can have a heat-related illness if they are very active during hot weather or the heat index is very high."

To protect your health when temperatures and humidity are high, remember to keep cool and use common sense. The following tips are important:

- * Increase fluid intake, regardless of your activity level. The best way to tell that you are well-hydrated is if your urine is light yellow. If it gets dark, stop and rehydrate by drinking water immediately.

- * If experiencing a lot of sweating, replace salt and minerals by eating foods like bananas and salty crackers, or drink rehydrating beverages that contain salts, such as sports drinks and special rehydration fluids.

- * Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and wear sunscreen.

- * Wear hats that shade your face, such as sun hats, visors, etc.

- * Stay in the shade or air-conditioned areas as much as possible.

- * Work slowly if you are not used to working or exercising in heat and humidity. Stop immediately if you get dizzy, nauseated or feel weak. Go into an air-conditioned space and drink cool liquids.

- * Use a buddy system. Watch others for heat-induced illness, since some people may not realize that they are suffering heat-related illnesses and can become confused or lose consciousness.

As Iowans enjoy more outdoor recreational opportunities and events, it's important to remember some basic summer safety guidelines, which can be summarized with the word "SHADE":

S – Sunscreen. Put on sunscreen with a sun protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher and reapply throughout the day, especially if swimming or sweating.

H – Heat safety. Drink lots of water and other nonalcoholic, sugar-free fluids; wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing when outdoors, especially when active; and when temperatures soar, stay in the shade or air conditioning as much as possible.

A – Animal contact. Remember to wash your hands after touching animals at places like petting zoos or county fairs. Avoid stray and wild animals; they may carry diseases like rabies.

D – DEET. To prevent being bitten by ticks and mosquitoes that can carry diseases like Lyme disease and West Nile virus, use insect repellent with DEET (follow the label directions when using, especially on children).

E – Eating outdoors. Grill all meats until thoroughly cooked, and always keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/ExtremeHeat/>.

COURT REPORTS

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Dissolutions

Everett William Hyman, Sumner and Beverly Jean Hyman, Oelwein. Katarina Marie VanSickle, Eldorado and Rory Adam VanSickle, Eldorado.

Cases Filed

Bodensteiner Implement, Co., Elkader v. Ronald Grant Kruger, West Union, unpaid services rendered.

Expressions Dance Studio, Hawkeye v. Bryan and Becki Hubka, West Union, debt collection.

Collection Professionals, Inc., Macomb, Ill. v. Michael Edward and Melissa Ann Ellis, Elgin, medical debt collection.

H & R Accounts, Inc., Moline, Ill. v. Brett Lee and Linda Lea Reagan, Oelwein, medical debt collection.

Viafield, Charles City v. Jerry Lee Yasulin, Westgate, unpaid services rendered.

State of Iowa v. Justin Linus Kuennen, Oelwein, driving while barred, operating without interlock, and failure to file SR-22.

State of Iowa v. Mathew James Fowlkes, Oelwein, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

State of Iowa v. Mathew James Fowlkes, Oelwein, going armed with intent, criminal mischief in the second degree, and harassment in the first degree.

State of Iowa v. Dani Rae Schmitt, West Union, possession of a weapon in a correctional institution.

State of Iowa v. Joshua James Levensdusky, Oelwein, possession of marijuana, and possession of methamphetamine.

State of Iowa v. Joshua James Levensdusky, Oelwein, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Iowa v. Nathan Gabriel Kirby, Oelwein, interference with official acts.

State of Iowa v. Vinai Vang, Solon, theft in the fifth degree.

State of Iowa v. Vinai Vang, Solon, operating while intoxicated – first offense.

State of Iowa v. Molly Kathleen Schlegel, Castalia, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Iowa v. Molly Kathleen Schlegel, Castalia, possession of marijuana – first offense, and driving while license denied or revoked.

State of Iowa v. Troy Allen Oltrogge, Oelwein, operating while intoxicated – second offense.

District Court

Veridian Credit Union, Waterloo v. Justin Neal Schoultz, Oelwein, debt collection, judgment entered in favor of plaintiff in the amount of \$3,548.33 with 9.15 percent interest from May 30, 2018 and court costs, appeal bond set at \$4,000.

Gundersen Lutheran Health System, Inc., Des Moines v. Jeffrey L. Joyner, Clermont, medical debt collection, judgment entered in favor of plaintiff in the amount of \$1,615.33 with interest from May 29, 2018 and court costs.

Capital One Bank USA, N.A., Golden Valley, Minn. v. Darrell Strempeke, Oelwein, credit card debt collection, judgment entered in favor of plaintiff in the amount of \$1,464.60 with interest from May 30, 2018 plus court costs, appeal bond set at \$1,900.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC, Des Moines v. Samantha Willams, Oelwein, debt collection, judgment entered in favor of plaintiff in the amount of \$289.44 with 4.21 percent interest from May 30, 2018 plus court costs, appeal bond set at \$600.

State of Iowa v. Frank Lee Miller, Anamosa, pled guilty to driving while barred, \$625 fine is suspended in full, defendant is sentenced to two years, appeal bond set at \$2,000.

State of Iowa v. Benjamin Patrick Moritz, Oelwein, pled guilty to disorderly conduct, defendant is ordered to pay \$65 fine plus surcharge(s) and court costs payable in installments of \$50 per month starting July 8, 2018 until paid in full.

State of Iowa v. Melody Maye Pahl, Oelwein, pled guilty to dog at large, \$200 fine plus surcharge is suspended in full, defendant is ordered to pay court costs in full by June 28, 2018, appeal bond set at \$1,000.

Traffic Court

Speeding: Kevin Thomas VanGorder, Winthrop; Roberta Ash Juchem, Oelwein; Charles Daniel Lockard, Volga; Andrea Jean Meier, New Hampton; Jay James Hess, Fairbank; Michael Steven Telisak, Marion; Randy Joe Stahl, Waukon; Andrea An Dummermuth, Elgin; Jergen Ingram Teslow, Decorah.

Others: Brandon David Latham, Oelwein, motorcycle/moped license violation; Charles Daniel Lockard, Volga, failure to provide proof of insurance; Jeffrey D. Bunn, Fayette, dark windows; Shawn Edward Ihde, Elgin, no seat belt; Chad Oran Yost, West Union, dark windows; Crystal Marie Harris, Oelwein, operation without registration.

Clayton Co. beef-processing workshop June 16

Beef producers are invited to a special beef-processing workshop on Saturday, June 16, at the Edgewood Locker in Edgewood.

This event is free of charge, but participants must preregister by Monday, June 11, at www.tinyurl.com/beefworkshop18.

The workshop will feature a cutting demonstration by master meat cutter Dr. Dale Woerner. Woerner is an assistant professor at Colorado State University. His research focuses on fresh meat quality, pre-harvest management of beef for quality meat production, meat cookery, instrument assessment, and innovative carcass fabrication. He also serves as a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Beef Innovations Group.

Following the locker demonstration, participants will move to the Event Center for a panel discussion with Dr. Woerner, Chris Freland from the Iowa Beef Industry Council, the Kerns family from the Edgewood Locker, and local beef producers.

Topics for the discussion include a beef industry update, beef checkoff overview, and what producers can do to add value to the beef they are marketing directly to consumers or to produce higher-quality beef. This will provide an informal opportunity for participants to engage with the presenters.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served for participants to taste test new value cuts, and a cash bar will be available.

Sponsors are the Clayton County Cattlemen, Iowa Beef Industry Council, Edgewood Locker, and ISU Extension.

For more information, contact Scott Cherne at (563) 880-9600 or Rusty Gibbs at (515) 296-2305.

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SUPERVISORS

West Union, Fayette County, Iowa Monday, May 21, 2018

The Board of Supervisors of Fayette County, Iowa, met on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., at the Fayette County Supervisors' office.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, and the roll was called showing the following Supervisors present and absent:

Present: Jeanine Tellin, Darrel Dolf and Janel Bradley
Absent: None-

Motion was made by Bradley and seconded by Dolf to approve the current agenda. On roll call, all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried.

Motion was made by Dolf and seconded by Bradley to approve the minutes from the Monday, May 14, 2018 meeting. On roll call, all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried.

The Board met with Tim Cummings, Custodian, for an update.

The Board met with Joel Fantz, County Engineer, for a Secondary Roads update.

Motion was made by Bradley and seconded by Dolf to approve the Revised Secondary Roads Blading Policy. On roll call, all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried.

Motion was made by Dolf and seconded by Bradley to approve the Heartland Insurance Renewal for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. On roll call, all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried.

Motion was made by Bradley and seconded by Dolf to approve the Cost Allocation Plan for the year ending June 30, 2017. On roll call, all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried.

Motion was made by Dolf and seconded by Bradley to approve the two Year Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers Local Union No. 238 Sheriff's Contract. On roll call, all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried.

The Board met with Catherine Miller for an Environmental Health update.

Motion was made by Dolf and seconded by Bradley to go into closed session per Iowa code 21.5(c) at 10:14 A.M. On roll call, Tellin, Bradley and Dolf all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried.

Motion was made by Bradley and seconded by Dolf to come out of closed session at 10:28 A.M. On roll call, Tellin, Bradley and Dolf all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried.

Not action was taken.

The Board met with Marty Fisher, Sheriff, for an update.

Beginning with the May 6th payroll, Milton Voss' hourly rate will increase to \$12.00 per hour. It is to be paid out of the conservation budget.

The Board adjourned.

Upon request, this information could be made available in large print, and/or computer disk.

Lori Moellers, Jeanine Tellin
County Auditor, Chair of the Board

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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To All Persons regarding Eleanor M. Torkelson, deceased (the "Decedent"), who died on or about the 26th day of April 2018. You are hereby notified that Bruce L. Torkelson and Derrick L. Torkelson are the Trustees of the Eleanor M. Torkelson Revocable Trust (the "Trust"). At this time, no probate administration is contemplated with regard to the Decedent's estate.

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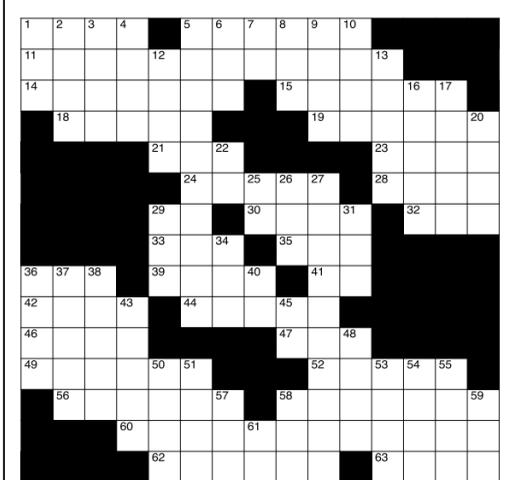
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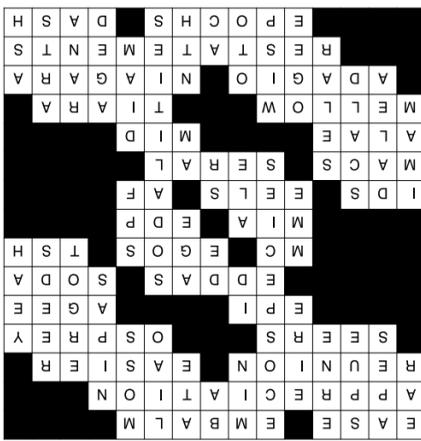
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- Absence of difficulty
- Preserve a dead body
- Gratitude
- Grads may attend one
- Less difficult
- Visionaries
- Fish-eating bird
- Indicates near
- '69 World Series hero
- Scandinavian mythology source
- Pop
- Rapper __ Hammer
- Senses of self-esteem
- Hormone that stimulates the thyroid
- __ Farrow, actress
- Electronic data processing
- Baby talk (abbr.)
- Slender, snake-like fish
- Air Force
- Computers
- Ecological stage
- Wings
- In the course of
- Laid back
- Jewelled headdress
- In slow tempo
- __ Falls
- Corrections
- Periods in one's life
- Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- Body part
- Large primates
- Retch (archaic)
- Sea eagle
- Genetically distinct geographic variety
- Category of spoken Chinese
- Barium
- Consumed
- Chinese dynasty
- NFL great Randy
- Ireland
- Palm trees
- Fungal disease
- Tall plants with slender leaves
- Affirmative! (slang)
- Potato state
- Delaware
- A way to develop
- Associations
- Woman (French)
- Sunscreen rating
- Brew
- One who leads prayers
- Indigo bush
- Burn with a hot liquid
- Citizen (senior)
- Scads
- Morning
- Straight line passing from side to side (abbr.)
- S-shaped line
- Small, thin bunch
- Worn by exposure to the weather
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Miscellaneous: Kirby vacuum cleaner; Arrowhead clock; sewing machines; handpainted saw blades
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Lawn & Garden: Craftsman 5123 10" Impeller snow plow; Ranch King Pro 16 hp riding lawn mower with 42" deck; trimmers
Furniture & Miscellaneous: China hutches; full/queen bedroom set

Others
Furniture: 2 walnut rockers; corner kitchen cupboard; china hutches; roll-top desk; kitchen tables; dry sink; walnut shelving; old trunks; leather couch
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New floodplain maps to be presented at open house

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host an open house to present preliminary floodplain maps to Fayette County citizens.

The open house will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 14, in the Assembly Room at the Fayette County Courthouse, 214 N Vine St., West Union.

The public is invited to attend.

This event will provide property owners an opportunity to view the preliminary maps and learn how their flood risk may have changed. Representatives from FEMA and the Iowa DNR will be on hand to answer questions and address residents' concerns about the preliminary floodplain maps.

Flooding is the number-one natural disaster in the United States. It is vital that property owners understand their risk and take advantage of tools or programs

available to them, including flood insurance.

These preliminary maps are an update of the existing maps, which date back to 2011. The maps will

become the basis for local communities' floodplain management measures. Insurance companies will use the maps to determine flood insurance rates for buildings and contents.

As a result of these map changes, some buildings throughout Fayette County may be included for the first time in a high-risk flood zone, known as the Special Flood Hazard Area. This may result in those affected

homeowners being required to purchase flood insurance.

Additional information is available at the Fayette County Floodplain office, (563) 422-3767.

Residents with questions can contact the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at (515) 725-8333 or Jason.Conn@dnr.iowa.gov.



The Dr. Louise Herring Fellowship was recently presented to Sue Burrack (right) of Arlington, Upper Iowa University assistant professor of education, by the Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma of Buchanan and Fayette counties. Shown presenting the fellowship is Kay Kent. Dr. Louise P. Herring was a professor of education at Upper Iowa University with a passion and commitment to education. The recipient of the fellowship is to be an individual seeking to further his or her education in the field of education. Burrack will be completing her doctorate degree in education. (photo submitted)

NEW ERA OF SCOUTS Cont. from Front Page

take effect by February 2019, at which time older girls will be able to join local troops and become Eagle Scouts, just like the boys.

Paired with the rebranding of the Boy Scouts program is a new ad campaign "Scout Me In," designed to appeal to both boys and girls.

"As we enter a new era for our organization, it is important that all youth can see themselves in Scouting in every way possible," Boy Scouts of America Chief Executive Michael Surbaugh said of the changes. "That is why it is important that the name for our Scouting program for older youth remain consistent with the single name approach used for the Cub Scouts."

"It (BSA) was one of the last places only a boy could join," Clermont BSA troop leader Kathy Wander said.

"It was designed over a century ago to nurture and shape young boys into young men, to give them leadership skills," she continued. "To teach them the importance of preserving our outdoors, our loyalty to our country, respect to our flag and reference to God. I think all of this just comes down to the fact that Scouting struggles to stay alive, and this is just one more way for them to gain revenue."

One of the biggest frustrations felt by our local leaders is what this change implies for the coveted and hard-earned Eagle Scout award.

"What do boys have that is all theirs anymore?" Woltzen asked. "The Eagle Scout honor is one that is very coveted among the boys who carry on Scouting that far. I think it is something that should stay as is, a part of the Boy Scout heritage."

Woltzen added that he would be fine with the Eagle Scout for girls.

"If we have to integrate, I think the best option would be to keep Eagle Scout as it is, but then add something, same rules and requirements that is only for the girls," he explained. "I even suggested names during the first round table when all of the changes were first discussed."

"I have four sons that are Eagle Scouts, and I know all of them believe that Eagle Scout should be an award earned by a boy," agreed Wander, who has been involved with Scouting since 1999 and Scoutmaster since 2007.

"Each one of them has told me in their own words how becoming an Eagle has changed their life, made them better, giving them opportunities in the workforce, and brought on a great deal of respect from their peers," said the proud mother.

"That is a tradition to hang on to. I believe there should be another award [for girls] with similar requirements but another name."

"I think time will tell us whether or not this was a good idea," Harford added thoughtfully. "There are so many logistical things to consider, things that I'm not sure have been much thought about. Like, how will the camping work? That is a core part of Boy Scouts, and I just don't see how well integrating older boys and older girls into that scenario will do anyone any good."

All three leaders are quick to add that there is a Boy Scout branch program called Venture Scouting, which does include both sexes.

"I'm not sure why they feel the need to change Boy Scouts as a whole, when they could just be investing more into this program that already exists," Woltzen noted.

"It would make sense to just nurture that a bit more," Harford agreed. "I'm not sure there has been much thought to how big many of these changes are going to be. It's going to change the entire program for sure."

"The Venture Crew was a wonderful program," agreed Wander. "Something that really should have been looked into more before Scouting started to fall to the wayside. Working with programs like that to fit needs would be the best choice. Changing a century's worth of tradition is not the answer."

Open Forum

To the editor:

I have lived in Hardy since 1999. I moved to the country with the great outdoors in mind - but, boy, was I wrong!

In the fall of 2014, I learned that two 2500-head hog factories were being built just 2559 feet east of my acreage. I was never asked or told anything about it - just that Hawker Farms II (one of Iowa Select's many LLCs) was moving in next door.

My home is becoming a prison due to the smell. Yard work and sitting outside is no longer a joy - it has become a nightmare.

The amount of money that has been spent on Golden Malrin just to kill the flies is outrageous.

My property value will be lower when I decide to sell the acreage.

I fear for my health and water contamination by the way this factory farm manure is being spread near me.

It's already bad enough, but now, Iowa Select is putting up yet another hog factory south of me.

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Kathy Johnson
Hardy

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Lunch will be provided at the Meyer farm, where the tour started.

Speakers will include Todd Duncan, NRCS district conservationist and Winneshiek County farmer; Neil Sass, agronomist with NRCS and a local farmer; and Sam Franzen, project coordinator for the Yellow River Headwaters Water Quality Project.

If possible, please RSVP to the Winneshiek County Farm Bureau office at (563) 382-8713 by Thursday, June 21. If you are not able to RSVP, you are still welcome to attend.

If you need special accommodations, please contact the Winneshiek SWCD at (563) 382-4352 by Friday, June 22.

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Conversations on Aging



Thursdays, June 14 & 21, 2018
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12:00—1:00 pm

Session 1: June 14
 Lifetime Relationships:
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Family history, family roles, fear of changes, embarrassment, or grief are some of the reasons families may find it difficult to talk about and plan for changes in later life.

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