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Wind farm considered for Mills County

MidAmerican Energy hosts informational meeting for property owners potentially impacted by project

BY JOE FOREMAN
EDITOR

MidAmerican Energy is exploring the possibility of developing a wind farm in Mills and Pottawattamie Counties.

On Thursday night, the energy company hosted an informational meeting in Treynor for property owners who could be impacted if the Silver Creek Wind Farm project comes to fruition.

“Introductory meetings like this inform landowners about our wind farms,” MidAmerican

Energy Media Relations Manager Geoff Greenwood said, “the development and construction process and general information about easement agreements.”

According to a preliminary map, a large area in north central Mills County east of Mineola and west of Henderson is being considered for the project. The map stretches south-to-north from southeast of Silver City in Mills County to north of Treynor in Pottawattamie County.

As many as 200 potentially-impacted property owners in Mills County and 400 in

Pottawattamie County learned of the project in early January when they received letters from MidAmerican Energy inviting them to attend the informational meeting.

Kelly Stangl, who resides on 275th Street in northern Mills County and admittedly is not a fan of wind farms, said most residents of the area were surprised to hear about the project. She attended the informational meeting but said few details were shared.

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METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

MidAmerican Energy is exploring the possibility of developing a wind farm in Pottawattamie and Mills County.

A Dose of Winter



JOE FOREMAN/THE OPINION-TRIBUNE
A winter storm pushed through southwest Iowa late Friday night into Saturday morning, dropping about 4 inches of snow on the Mills County area. Marcus Craig (upper left) enjoyed tubing in the white stuff Saturday while Kevin Hall and Diane Hathaway were tasked with clearing their sidewalks and driveway.

Glen Haven Village feels financial impact of COVID pandemic

BY JOE FOREMAN
EDITOR

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a financial toll on the Glen Haven Village skilled nursing care facility.

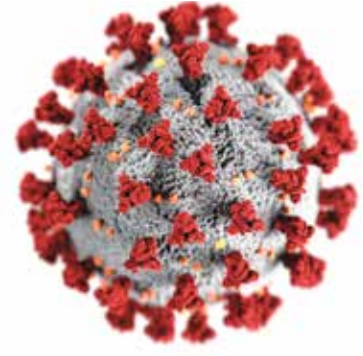
Glen Haven Village Administrator Julianne Marriott told members of the Glenwood City Council last week that the facility has felt a financial impact of \$2.6 million since the pandemic began nearly two years ago.

That “cost” for Glen Haven Village was a result of added expenses and lost revenue, she said.

“If any of you were on the council when we started the Glen Haven Village project, it was well known that we put every single asset we had available to that project,” Marriott said. “So, the timing of COVID was particularly devastating for us.”

Marriott and Barb Mass, a member of the Glen Haven Board of Directors, addressed city leaders at the Jan. 11 council meeting with a request that the non-profit nursing home be given consideration when the city decides how it will allocate the \$803,000 in COVID-19 relief dollars it’s receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The cottages at Glen Haven Village opened in August 2019



on the campus of the Glenwood Resource Center seven months before COVID-19 hit the state of Iowa and forced skilled care facilities to take unprecedented measures to ensure the safety of residents and staff.

The added expenses COVID-19 created for Glen Haven Village ranged from purchasing Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to testing and hiring additional (pool labor) staffing. The pandemic also forced Glen Haven Village to turn its rehabilitation cottage into a quarantine unit, resulting in nearly \$1 million in lost revenue.

“We have about 70 percent Medicaid” Marriott said. “We do that in order to make sure that payment is not a block to receiving care. In order to have that, we do rely on donor support and additional government support.”

Marriott said the facility is losing about \$30 a day for

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County has allocated about half of its federal COVID relief funds

BY JOE FOREMAN
EDITOR

Mills County officials have spent or allocated about half of the nearly \$3 million the county is receiving in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The \$1.9 trillion bill was passed by Congress in March 2021 and signed into law by President Joe Biden as an effort to speed up the country’s recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It is supposed to be allocated towards anything that you can tie back to COVID,” Mills County Auditor Carol Robertson said.

Mills County is projected to receive a total of \$2,934,746 after the second distribution of funds is made in June. At this point, Mills County has received about \$1.5 million of its total allotment.

Robertson said the board of supervisors are using the funds to address a variety of needs and projects, including about \$1 million to install and improve broadband internet connectivity in Mills County. The county is partnering with

Western Iowa Networks (WIN), a Breda, Iowa-based communications company that’s in the process of expanding broadband in the county.

“We’re working with them,” Robertson said. “They got grants, of course, and we’ve been doing connectivity throughout the county. We used some of our flood recovery money for that and we’re trying to do more so more residents will have broadband connectivity.”

Several county offices are also receiving ARPA funds for specific projects, including the county sheriff and recorder’s offices.

About \$25,000 is being spent to create a wireless access point in the Mills County Sheriff’s Office building. Because of the thickness of walls and security features, internet and cellular telephone access is not available in all areas of the building.

“There are areas in the sheriff’s office that you can’t use your cell phone or notify someone of an emergency because of the building,” Robertson said. “It’s an access point so that they actually can communicate out if something happens.”

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COURTESY PHOTO / GLEN HAVEN VILLAGE

COVID-19 has created many challenges for Glen Haven Village residents, staff and management.

DEATH NOTICES

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- Donald Yates, 86



Water Infrastructure Dollars Available in Iowa

Gov. Kim Reynolds has announced a \$100 million investment in Water Infrastructure made available through the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The one-time program will provide grants to property owners meeting certain eligibility requirements and will be jointly administered by the Iowa DNR and Iowa Finance Authority.

The initial priority eligibility will focus on:

1. 460 communities previously identified as having 10 or more homes on 10 acres or less where half of the occupied properties didn’t have adequate wastewater systems (septic systems).
 2. Properties that were constructed prior to the implementation of statewide onsite system rules.
 3. Properties that were not updated during time of transfer requirements.
- Contact the Mills County Public Health Office (712-527-9699) for more details.

Boat Registration

Mills County boat owners may now renew their boat registration for 2022-2025.

Boat owners may bring their registration to the Mills County Recorder’s Office, located on the main level of the Mills County Courthouse at 418 Sharp Street in Glenwood.

The previous registration expires after April 30, 2022. Call 712-527-9315 for additional information.

The Bottom Line

OBITUARIES

Todd Owen Wright, 62

May 15, 1959 – Jan. 8, 2022

Todd Owen Wright, 62, of Glenwood, passed away Jan. 8, 2022 in Council Bluffs. A visitation was held Jan. 14, 2022 at Peterson Mortuary in Glenwood. A celebration of life was held Jan. 15 at the Mineola Community Center in Mineola. A private interment was at East Liberty Cemetery in rural Malvern.



Todd was born May 15, 1959 in Council Bluffs, to John William and Eloise Anne (Roefeldt) Wright. He was raised on the family farm and graduated from Glenwood High School in 1977.

He was united in marriage to Susan Kiger on July 16, 1977 in Glenwood, Iowa. To this union three daughters were born: Corie, Amy, and Amanda.

Todd loved farming and later became a real estate agent for Jim Hughes Real Estate. He was an entrepreneur who led by example and mentored many along the way. He was a giver with a giant heart and often gave to those in need without recognition; his wife and daughters often not aware until hearing from others much later.

Todd was a devoted son, husband, father, brother, and grandfather, known as "Papa" to his grandchildren. His favorite times were those spent with his family camping, boating, waterskiing, and traveling. His wife, daughters, and grandchildren were his pride and joy. Todd and Susan also enjoyed road trips on their Harley Davidson motorcycle with their friends and fellow bikers.

Todd will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the community.

Preceding Todd in his passing were his grandparents and father. Survivors include his loving wife Susan Wright, of Glenwood; children Corie (Gordon) DeVries, of Palmer, Alaska; Amy (Tim) Beggs, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Amanda (Caleb) Fisher, of Glenwood; grandchildren Abigail, Benjamin, William, Ellinore, Owen, Titus (DeVries), Elijah, Evangeline (Beggs), Wiley, Addilyn, Jaxton (Fisher); mother Eloise Wright, of Glenwood; brother Brad (Becky) Wright, of Red Oak; nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and friends.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family. Peterson Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries may be submitted to sports@opinion-tribune.com

Gary Crouch, 51

May 27, 1970 – Jan. 8, 2022

Gary Crouch, 51, of Glenwood passed away Jan. 8, 2022. A visitation was held Jan. 12 and funeral service Jan. 13 at Peterson Mortuary. Private burial was at Hillside Cemetery.



Gary was born May 27, 1970 in Council Bluffs, to Richard Kenneth and Barbara Ann (Curry) Crouch.

Gary had a passion for trains from the time he was a young boy. He also enjoyed animals, especially horses. Being around them calmed him as well as them. Gary loved spending time on the farm and jumping in the truck for rides with his Dad. He loved babies and small children and was very gentle with them. His family all loved the time they spent together and he will be in their hearts forever.

Preceding Gary in passing were his grandparents Howard and Genevieve (White) Curry and Kenneth A. and Elizabeth (Markel) Crouch, Uncle Kasey and Aunt Nancy. Survivors include his parents Richard and Barbara Crouch of Malvern; siblings Diana Kay Crouch of Malvern; Russell Lyle Crouch; Joel Daniel Crouch; niece Jayde Allyse Crouch all of Glenwood; several aunts, uncles, cousins, extended relatives and friends.

Memorial donations may be directed to: American Cancer Society or Glenwood Lake Park.

Peterson Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Kira Jewel Rickabaugh, 73

March 13, 1948 – Jan. 11, 2022

Kira Jewel (Doan) Rickabaugh, 73 of Tabor, passed away January 11, 2022 at home surrounded by her family. Funeral services were held Jan. 17 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Glenwood. A visitation with the family greeting friends was held at Marshall Funeral Chapel in Tabor. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery near Tabor.

Kira is survived by children, Jared (Tia) Rickabaugh of Shelley, Idaho; Jason (Diana) Rickabaugh of Riverton, Utah, Jeni Evans of Kansas City, Mo., Joseph Rickabaugh of Tabor, and Julie (David) Davis of Tabor; 14 grandchildren; sister, Kathy (Keith) Barber of Tabor; sister-in-law, Cindy (Kenny) Inman of Tabor.; nieces, and a host of longtime friends.

Memorials are directed to the Tabor Volunteer Ambulance Association.

The Marshall Funeral Chapel in Tabor was in charge of arrangements.

V. William "Bill" Nissen, 84

March 1, 1937 - Jan. 8, 2022

V. William "Bill" Nissen passed away Jan. 9, 2022 at Brookestone Village in Omaha. No funeral services will be held and a family burial will be at a later date.

Bill was born March 1, 1937 to Verner and Frances Nissen of Fremont, Neb. He graduated from Fremont High School in 1955 and Midland College in 1960. He worked between his sophomore and junior year of college at Union Pacific where he met his future wife, Judith Markel of Glenwood. They were married in 1961.

Bill joined the Ford Motor Company in Omaha where the couple resided until he purchased the Ford dealership in Glenwood in 1974. He retired in 1999 after selling the dealership.

Preceding Bill in death were his infant son, Gregory Neal Nissen; parents Verner and Frances Nissen; and step-mother, Helen Nissen. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy Nissen; sister-in-law Suzanne and husband Larry Horbach; and four nieces whom he adored; Anne Heard, Alison Traubel, Shannon Smiley and Kelley Peters and seven great nieces and nephews all of Omaha.

Bill and Judy loved all their fur babies who were so much a part of their lives.

Memorials may be made to the Nebraska Humane Society in Bill's memory.

Peterson Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

William Brice Hays, 98

May 29, 1923 – Jan. 10, 2022

William Brice Hays, 98, of Malvern, passed away Jan. 10, 2022 at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs. Funeral services were held Jan. 15, 2022 at the Loess Hills Funeral Home in Malvern. Burial was in the Malvern Cemetery.

Hays is survived by his children, John Hays of Lakewood, Wash., Sandra Smith of Malvern, and Robert Hays and wife Betty of Malvern; brother Al Hays of Red Oak; sisters, Kathy Bubalo of Blue Springs, Mo., and Anne Kohler of Omaha.

Loess Hills Funeral Home in Malvern was in charge of arrangements.

Merillee Waugh, 72

May 9, 1949 – Jan. 13, 2022

Merillee Waugh, 72, of Glenwood, passed away Jan. 13, 2022 in Council Bluffs. Private services were held.

Waugh is survived by her sisters, Marilyn (Kevin) Hagerbaumer of Roca, Neb and Michelle (Jim) Holmes of Pacific Junction.

Loess Hills Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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County treasurer issues reminder for property tax credit

Mills County Treasurer Jill Ford is reminding property owners the Iowa Property Credit Claim is now available.

Who is Eligible?

The following Iowa residents are eligible to file a claim for Property Tax Credit if total 2021 household income is less than \$24,539.00 and one of the following applies:

- 65 years of age or older as of Dec. 31, 2021.
- Totally disabled and 18 years of age or older by Dec. 31, 2021.

The deadline to file this application for Reduced Real Estate Tax, must be filed with

the person's local county treasurer's office by June 1, 2022, to receive reduced rate for both semi-annual tax payments.

Mobile Home Owners

Mobile home owners may be eligible to claim a reduced tax rate on Mobile Home Tax if their 2021 household income was less than \$24,539.00 and the following applies:

- 23 years of age or older as of Dec. 31, 2021

The deadline to file this application for Reduced Mobile Home Rate, must be filed with the county treasurer's office is June 1,

2022, to receive reduced rate for both semi-annual tax payments.

In 2021, the Iowa legislature passed SF 619. Division 28 of that bill expanded eligibility for the property tax credit under Iowa Code chapter 425, subchapter II based on household income for claimants aged 70 years or older. In other words, claimants aged 70 years or older with higher household income are able to qualify for the property tax credit in 2022 and subsequent years. The schedule below addresses household income

qualifications for 2022 property tax credit claims for claimants 70 and older. The schedule, based on household size and maximum household income, changes each year.

250% Federal Poverty Level

1 person ...	\$32,000
2 people ...	\$43,550
3 people ...	\$54,900
4 people ...	\$66,250
5 people ...	\$77,600
6 people ...	\$88,950
7 people ...	\$100,300
8 people ...	\$111,650

Claimants eligible under the new law receive a credit equal to the calculation under

the pre-SF 619 property tax credit calculation or the difference between the actual property taxes due during the applicable fiscal year less the actual property taxes due in the first year the claimant filed a claim, whichever is greater.

A claimant aged 70 or older must continue to file for the credit each year in order to receive the maximum benefit of the new credit calculation.

These changes are effective for claims made on or after Jan. 1, 2022. Claims may be filed with the County Treasurer between Jan. 1 and June 1.

OBITUARIES

Teri Ann Sanderson, 69

Feb. 13, 1952 – Dec. 12, 2021

Teri Ann Sanderson, 69, formerly of Pacific Junction, died Dec. 12, 2021 at Bethany Lutheran Home.

Teri was preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Patricia Thomas. She is survived by her son, Cody of Council Bluffs.

Arrangements were handled by Cutler-O'Neill Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home.

Larry Allen Porter, 70

Oct. 5, 1951 – Jan. 15, 2022

Larry Allen Porter, 70, of Glenwood, passed away at his home on Jan. 15, 2022. No services are planned. Interment to be held at a later date.

Preceding Porter in passing were his parents. Survivors include wife Beth Porter of Glenwood.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family. Peterson Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Jimmy Ray Spencer, 73

Aug. 7, 1948 – Jan. 13, 2022

Jim Spencer, 73, of Glenwood passed away Jan. 13, 2022. Inurnment to be held at a later date.

Preceding Spencer in passing were his parents, wives Sandy and Sally and sister Joann Fountain. Survivors include his children Deb Spencer of Glenwood; Daniel Spencer of Omaha, Nebraska; and step-sons James, Robert and Patrick Joiner of Omaha.

Memorial donations may be directed to Wounded Warriors. Peterson Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Donald LeRoy Yates, 86

March 13, 1935 – Jan. 16, 2022

Donald LeRoy Yates, of rural Glenwood, Iowa passed away Jan. 16, 2022. A celebration of life will be held Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. at Peterson Mortuary in Glenwood. Interment to be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Glenwood Lions Club or Silver City Fire and Rescue of Tabor.

Scott Ross Martin, 31

March 4, 1990 – Jan. 12, 2022

Scott Ross Martin, 31, of Malvern passed away Jan. 12, 2022 in Omaha. No services are planned. Interment to be held at a later date.

Preceding Martin in passing were his maternal grandparents Glenn and Billie Ann Robbins. Survivors include his parents, Tony Martin (Sally Jandrall) of Carbondale, Colo.; and Beth Martin of Malvern.

Peterson Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Arvella A. (Hindman) Bacon, 75

Oct. 12, 1946 – Jan. 14, 2022

Arvella Arlene (Hindman) Bacon, passed away Jan. 14. A visitation and services were held Jan. 18, 2022 at Peterson Mortuary in Glenwood. Interment will be at Glenwood Cemetery.

Bacon is survived by her six children, fourteen grandchildren, forty-three great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be directed to First Congregational U.C.C or the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Association.

GLEN HAVEN VILLAGE

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each Medicaid resident it cares for. Having to shut down the rehabilitation cottage, where short-term residents typically have their expenses covered by Medicare or private insurance, and turning it into the quarantine unit compounded the situation.

"We had to use that space to quarantine Medicaid residents who were then occupying two rooms and underpaying for one room by \$30 a day," she said. "So, you can imagine how quickly that compounds. We also had to have a whole different set of staff for those people in quarantine."

"One month of staff at Cottage 247

(quarantine unit) is about \$20,000, so if you have no additional revenue to cover that cost, you're only getting what you're getting for the long-term care cottages. They have a room somewhere else in the campus and you're having to staff another person in another cottage while they quarantine without having additional revenue coming in. Times that by almost 24 months at this point. It really hurts."

Marriott noted that not all residents placed in the quarantine unit tested positive for COVID-19. Some had to quarantine after returning from a hospital stay or leaving for the facility for a

doctor's appointment.

"We were doing that a lot and had to keep that Medicare cottage closed almost the entire year," she said.

The Glen Haven Village rehabilitation cottage had over \$500,000 in lost revenue in 2020 and over \$300,000 in 2021, Marriott said. The cottage was reopened for its intended purpose - rehab - in late 2021.

Marriott said Glen Haven Village is not requesting a specific dollar contribution from the city or the county but only that the facility be given consideration for COVID relief funds.

"I think we're just asking them to do an assessment of the damage done to the

facility and help out in any way they possibly can to help secure our presence here for coming years," she said.

Glen Haven Village has made a similar request to the Mills County Board of Supervisors. The county is receiving over \$2.9 million in ARPA funds. The county has been non-committal in allocating some of those funds to Glen Haven Village but did agree to pay the remainder of a \$50,000 local option sales tax contribution pledged for the facility.

Glenwood Mayor Ron Kohn and members of the city council said they would consider Glen Haven's situation but noted that no

decision has been made on how the city will spend its ARPA funds.

"We haven't made any decisions on how we're going to split it, what we're going to do with any of it," council member Laurie Smithers said.

"As you know, when you look around the city of Glenwood, there's a million avenues that we can spend the money and try and make amends."

Both the city and county assisted Glen Haven in securing funding for the facility's construction by signing loan guarantees in 2018 that served as collateral on a USDA Rural Development loan. The city agreed to a \$200,000 income guarantee and the county agreed to approximately \$2 million in loan guarantees.

OBITUARY

Charles Donald Douglass II, 53

Aug. 4, 1968 – Dec. 29, 2021

Charles Donald Douglass, II, 53, of Red Oak, passed away on Dec. 29, 2021, in Clarinda. A celebration of life was held Jan. 5 in Tabor.

Preceding Charles in passing were his grandparents, mother and wife. Survivors include his children Marissa (Corey) Reeder and Alexis Douglass (Chelsi Russell); and father Chuck and wife Kathy Douglass of Tabor.

Peterson Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

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Syphilis is on the rise in Iowa.

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Are Americans really that strange?

Having hosted 14 full year exchange kids, split about equally between Europe and South America, we have noticed many things our boys have found strange upon their arrival here with us.

We find it equally amazing and sometimes disconcerting, that our habits sometimes make our kids host families wonder about us! None of these habits would ever turn a head here at home, but to international visitors, such things we take for granted, they find at first, amazing, and as they adapt to them – simply wonderful!

Let's go through what I have found to be the top 10.

1) Wilma and I will smile at, and talk to, total strangers – be it in a store, a restaurant or on the street. This is NEVER done anywhere else in the world apparently and it often had our kids shaking their heads in disapproval, assuming we were just crazy.

2) Americans are patriotic – we always fly a flag on our property, have flag pins for our clothing and like red/white/blue combos, especially on leisure wear. Outside of the Olympic Games weeks, you will hardly ever see the flag of a foreign nation flown anywhere, save a public building.

3) We have HUGE food servings that almost always require asking for a 'doggy' bag to take the rest home for a meal or snack the following day. Elsewhere, meal sizes more match your stomach size and asking for a container for leftovers is considered very rude.

4) The drinking age here is 21 – for all alcohol. Elsewhere, the normal is 16 for beer and 18 and for hard alcohol. On the other hand, getting a DUI there results in loss of driving privileges for many years, if not for life.

5) Americans are work-a-holics, and a 50-hour week or six-day work week is pretty normal. Also, Americans only take a week or two of vacations annually. Elsewhere in the world, four to six weeks is normal, and the work week is usually 35 hours or less.

6) Free water and free refills! Elsewhere, you must buy the water and specify if you want your water "free" or "with gas", and if you want more, you buy another glass and it's not cheap! We also put ice in almost all soft drinks while overseas, with drinks so expensive, no one would waste space in the glass with more than one or two ice cubes.

7) Americans tip for almost all services, but especially when out to eat. Elsewhere, service staff are much better paid, and gratuities are built into the overall price. When our kids see us leaving a tip, they think we are being foolish and throwing away our money.

8) American stores are simply gargantuan and offer way too many choices.

You Had To Be There



DENNIS KELLY
GUEST COLUMNIST

This makes shopping almost maddening – over 100 types of cold cereal? C'mon man!! Markets elsewhere are a fraction of the size of a Super Walmart or Target, or even a Baker's. They would all feel right at home shopping at No Frills!

9) America is the lone major country still not using the Metric system. I tell them we tried that once for a few years, but it was too confusing for most when drivers confused 120 kph with 120 mph and dangerous speeding was always a problem which kept the police way too busy.

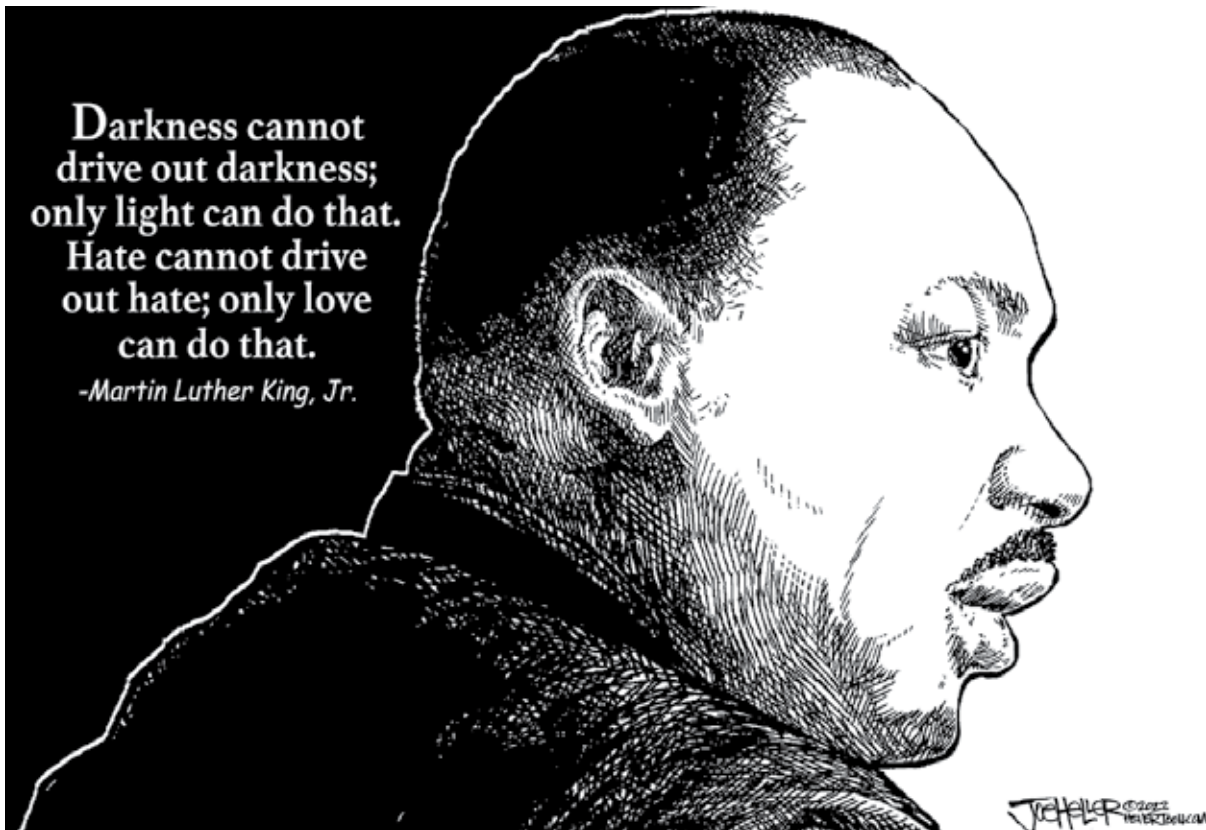
10) American high schools have WAY much more going on than academics. The kids were amazed so much attention went to clubs, social activities, and especially to sports of every kind.

Elsewhere, you play sports outside of schools – in private clubs primarily, after being accepted through tryouts and paying some pretty stiff fees. Club activities are also held outside of school and usually through church youth groups. Thus, schools in other countries offer a not only a purely academic day, but a longer one at that. Plus, you are expected to eat before you come to school, and are offered only a half hour lunch period, so you need to be quick (but there is no selection process to slow you down). Hardly a wonder then all our exchange kids spoke at least three languages fluently and sometimes four. In fact, most of the kids, arriving here at the age of 16, were already in achieved class hours, at the equivalent of a sophomore in college here!

All said however, our many year-long visitors LOVED their experiences here and quickly adapted to life in America. They learned to ask for only water with their meals out, but on the other hand, rarely left a scrap on their plates and then offered to eat all our food also, so we usually never had any leftovers to take home. There were many other oddities here, like our money all being the same size and color, stores open 24/7, commercials on TV taking up a quarter or more of each hour and seeing advertising for lawyers and prescription drugs and over the counter medications. I always told the boys life here may be different, but it is never wrong – just different, and they fully agreed with that!

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



A fitter, slimmer, more organized year

Every January 1, I wake up with a glorious feeling that anything is possible!

Overnight I have the power to change me and change my life. This is the year I will finally become the person I've always wanted to be. And then comes January 2.

I'm not alone. I read somewhere that 58% of us make New Year's resolutions. No mention of how many of us keep them.

Some of the top resolutions are to learn something new, get organized, and spend more time with family and friends, assuming they've made the same resolution.

Apparently, many people also resolve to enjoy life more. And there are the old standbys: exercise, lose weight, quit smoking, quit drinking, save money, and get out of debt. People have trouble with those, maybe because they temporarily interfere with the resolution to

Rosby's World



DOROTHY ROSBY
COLUMNIST

enjoy life more.

In my quest to become a better person, I've thoroughly studied the topic of making New Year's resolutions and I've come up with a list of tips for making and keeping New Year's resolutions. They haven't helped me, but you can see how they work for you.

1. Write them down. The simple act of putting your resolutions on paper will make them seem more doable and make you feel more committed to them. Also, if you fail, you'll

have your list ready when it comes time to make resolutions next year.

2. Avoid taking on too much. Don't try to change everything about yourself at once, even if your spouse says you should.

3. Frame your resolutions in a positive way. For example, instead of saying I will stop being such a lazy couch potato in 2018, say I will become a couch asparagus, which has fewer carbohydrates.

4. Get a partner.

If you've decided to get fit, enlist a friend with the same goal. That way you'll have someone to praise you when you're doing well, encourage you when you're not doing so well, and go out for hot fudge sundaes with you when you both give up.

5. Don't let setbacks discourage you. If you fail, get back in the saddle! Crawl back on the wagon. Never say die. Then next year,

resolve to stop using clichés.

6. Keep a journal of your progress. It could look something like this.:

January 1: I resolve to walk the dog daily. This is going to be SO FUN!!!!

January 2: Spottie and I walked four blocks. We are bonding and getting fit at the same time! Tomorrow we'll do five

January 3: Spottie and I walked four blocks again. It's okay once we're walking, but I HATE getting up early.

January 4: Spottie and I walked just two blocks today. It's so cold this time of year.

January 5: I forgot to walk Spottie.

January 6: Spottie isn't MY dog. We got him for the kids. They should walk him.

7. Celebrate your successes! Finally got that credit card paid off? Congratulations! Go buy new furniture. I'm kidding! But do celebrate, and have a wonderful 2022.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for Love Tree support

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all that helped the Love Tree provide Christmas for so many of our needy children.

So many fundraisers and many donations of underwear, books, toys, wrapping paper, money and time. Schools, churches, groups, community, those purchasing the gifts, the sites and the volunteers.

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Unsung heroes on my end are my helpers who work days and nights, volunteer coordinator, parent contact, the youth that move us (start and finish) and of course my family – grandkids who don't know a time when there wasn't a Love Tree.

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. There are just so many that make this possible year after year.

I wish you all a blessed new year. I hope and pray it's better than the last.

Vicki Bird,
Love Tree Coordinator

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Glenwood Community High School's show choirs - Glamour (left) and Fast Lane - gave a premier performance Thursday night in the GCHS Auditorium. Fast Lane's show had the performers donned in zombie costumes and featured macabre-themed music. The show choir is currently competing in competitions across the region and more photos of their performance will be featured in future issues of *The Opinion-Tribune*.



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

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The county spent about \$15,000 of its ARPA dollars to purchase a used van for the sheriff's office that can be used to transport jail inmates to court appearances and other correctional and detention facilities.

"It's become more problematic to transport the jail people up here and to where they need to go," Robertson said. "The sheriff's had enough money in his budget to do the outfitting. The county paid for the van and it \$14,800."

The Mills County Recorder's Office is receiving \$70,000 in ARPA funds to complete the digitalization of its records. Robertson said digitizing county courthouse records has been an on-going initiative for Mills County.

"The recorder has been working on digitizing her records," she said. "The last portion of that is \$70,910. That will have everything in her office current so people will not have to come in. They

can look things up online."

The county has spent \$12,300 of its COVID relief dollars to update the county's payroll system. Robertson said the new system allows employees to submit time sheets electronically.

ARPA dollars will also be used to expand the county "annex" on Railroad Ave. The building currently houses the Mills County Public Health Office, Planning and Zoning and Economic Development offices. Robertson said the auditor's office and Mills County Emergency Management also use the building for storage. Although the county has yet to bid the expansion project, county officials are expecting a price tag of \$400,000 - \$600,000.

Robertson said the building will likely be expanded on both the north and south sides, creating a larger meeting space, addressing technology needs and enlarging the public health office.

"We need to give them the ability to have places for freezer and refrigerators to keep their dosages of any shots and an area large enough to vaccinate people in a much better way and obviously with a lot more room," she said.

Robertson said discussions are still taking place regarding how the county will spend the rest of its ARPA funds. Improvements and investments in outdoor recreational facilities are being considered, including a possible water line extension to the Pony Creek area. Some additional technology improvements in the sheriff's office.

In addition to the ARPA funds allocated to Mills County, incorporated cities in the county are also receiving COVID relief dollars as part of the legislation. Most of the cities are still determining how they will spend the dollars. The city of Glenwood is receiving just over \$800,000. Governmental agencies

receiving ARPA dollars have until 2024 to spend the money.

American Rescue Plan Act Local Distributions

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Mills County - \$2,934,746
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City

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Thurman - \$31,891.06
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Hastings - \$22,651.60
Randolph - \$23,098.67

WIND FARM

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"I felt it was a dog and pony show," she said. "They didn't even allow people to ask questions after it was over with. They really didn't tell you anything other than they're going to start to reach out to landowners that are needed."

Stangl said a MidAmerican representative did state the reason the area is being considered is because transmission lines that could handle the increased energy generated by the wind turbines are already in place.

Landowners who sign contracts with MidAmerican Energy would be compensated for allowing components of the wind farm, including towers, turbines, underground wiring, junction boxes and other equipment on their property. They could also be compensated for crop damage or reduced yield caused by the project.

Zoning Technician Holly Jackson of the Mills County Building and Zoning Department discussed the project with the Mills County Board of Supervisors Tuesday morning.

Jackson noted the majority of land being considered for the project in Mills County is currently

zoned agricultural and agricultural/residential. Under the county's current wind tower ordinance, wind towers cannot exceed 80 feet in height in those two land-use areas. Jackson said the average height of wind towers similar to the wind farm being proposed is 280-350 feet. For the project to move forward, the county would have to change its ordinance to allow for taller towers.

County supervisor Richard Crouch said he has concerns about the potential damage construction of the wind farm could cause for existing infrastructure and the possibility that the project could create a "neighbor vs. neighbor" situation between property owners who sign a lease agreement with MidAmerican Energy and those who don't.

Crouch said members of the board of supervisors first heard about the project at the same time the letters were sent to landowners. He said past conversations with MidAmerican Energy were focused on the development of solar energy farms.

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 BEAN BASE ACREAGE: 16.70 PLC YIELD: 49
 TOTAL BASE ACREAGE: 88.10
 CSRI: 75.5 CRP ACRES: 11.18 THRU 9-30-27
 BRIEF LEGAL: PART OF SEC. 11 - 69N - 42W

103.87 ACRES

CRP INFO:
 11.18 TOTAL ACRES OF CRP (ALL CP21)
 FIELD #3 - 4.19 ACRES @ \$300.00 PER ACRE
 FIELD #4 - 4.40 ACRES @ \$300.00 PER ACRE
 FIELD #5 - 2.59 ACRES @ \$300.00 PER ACRE
 CRP INCOME PER YEAR TOTAL = \$3,354.00
 CRP CONTRACT EXPIRES 9-30-2027
 CRP INCOME WILL BE PRO-RATED AT CLOSING.

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First 3 months paid by Seller! Close proximity to bike and walking trails.
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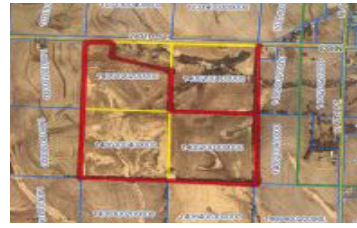
307 Main St, Malvern
1,400sf Business | \$269,900
Fiber internet and the office furniture stays with so much new!
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58771 Kidd Rd, Glenwood
2.8 Acres | \$120,000
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