

Genie O'Grady stepping down as West Principal

By JOEL STEVENS
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West Principal Genie O'Grady

West Elementary Principal Genie O'Grady has announced she will step down from her position at the end of the school year.

O'Grady, 56, announced her retirement in December. She has served as an educator in Iowa for 32 years, the last 10 as principal at West. She is eligible for the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) "rule of 88" that allows a teacher to retire with when they are 55 or older, and the sum of their age at the last birthday and years of service equals or exceeds 88.

"The 'rule of 88' factored into my decision and I'm eligible in June," she said, adding she moved to Omaha a few years ago and had been commuting to Glenwood since. "I had talked about it for a while. I knew a couple years ago this would probably be the end."

The decision wasn't an easy one for the Glenwood native.

"I was an elementary student at West, my mom was the secretary there, my kids went there and I have grandkids coming through," she said. "As it gets closer to the

end, it will be tougher and tougher. There is an excitement about change but I know I'm not leaving behind just a job. This is where I grew up and a lot of people had a part here of helping me be successful."

O'Grady started her career as a second grade teacher in the Council Bluffs School District before stops at Council Bluffs Lewis Central School District and Green Hills Area Education Association and eventually returning to finish her career at the school she herself attended years ago.

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Waubonsie Ridge Beef awarded USDA grant

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The Waubonsie Ridge Beef store at 6 N. Walnut St. in Glenwood.

Fremont County-based Waubonsie Ridge Beef has been awarded a \$210,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to expand operations at its cattle operation near Tabor.

Theresa Greenfield, USDA Rural Development State Director in Iowa, announced last week that the department is investing \$1.1 million in two Iowa projects to bolster meat production and help diversify the nation's meat supply.

Greenfield said the grant will allow Waubonsie Ridge Beef LLC to expand production, processing and marketing of retail beef cuts. The expansion will create more value-added meat products for sale to the public and will promote economic development in Fremont County. The funding is through the Value Added Producer Grant program.

Waubonsie Ridge Beef is co-owned by Justin and Jamie Ewalt - fourth generation cattle feeders. As noted on its website, Waubonsie Ridge Beef purchases calves from local cow/calf producers typically weighing in between 400-600 pounds and from there hand feed the animals until they weigh around 1,250 pounds. The Ewalts have a retail store on Main Street in Tabor that opened in 2020 and a store on Town Square in Glenwood that opened in 2022.

In addition to Waubonsie Ridge Beef, Jordan's Meat Market LLC

in Cherokee County is receiving an \$800,000 loan to construct a meat locker in Marcus. The funding will cover construction of the facility and working capital. The funding is through the Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program.

"Under President Biden's leadership, USDA is committed to increasing meat production, processing and retail supply in Iowa," Greenfield said. "Today's announcement of \$1.1 million in loans and grants will help build a more resilient food supply chain for producers and consumers."

Last week, U.S. Secretary Of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced a total of 25 projects in 15 states, including the two in Iowa, to increase independent meat processing capacity, support meat producers and support efforts to strengthen local and regional food supply chains.

Town Hall Meeting

Ernst addresses multiple issues during Glenwood Town Hall

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U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst answers a question during Thursday's town hall meeting at the Glenwood American Legion building.

U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst began her 99-county tour of Iowa for 2023 with three stops in Southwest Iowa Thursday, including the Glenwood American Legion Hall in Glenwood.

The Republican senator fielded questions from audience members during an hour-long town hall meeting.

The topics of discussion ranged from the \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending bill passed in Congress last month to the chaos surrounding the election of Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In regard to the omnibus spending bill, Ernst said both she and fellow Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley are opposed to including costly earmarks into legislation but other senators "are more than happy to support earmarks as long as they're getting a little something in their community."

The solution, Ernst said, is to go back to regular order.

"We haven't gone through a regular appropriations process for years, probably decades" she said. "Everything goes to what we call the four corners. It's the Republican leader of the House, the Democratic leader of the House, the Republican leader in the Senate, the Democratic leader - they're the ones that are ultimately saying 'ye' or 'ne' on this spending in conjunction with whoever is in the White House. That's what happened in this last omnibus, so we see unprecedented levels of spending and no checks and balances. There's a ton of earmarks in this last bill that don't really benefit a ton of people."

"It should be for the good of the American people when we're doing federal spending."

In regard to the drama surrounding

the election of McCarthy to the Speaker of the House position, which was still ongoing at the time of the town hall meeting, Ernst said it was "frustrating" and most Americans "were tired of the infighting." McCarthy was finally elected to the position early Saturday morning on the 15th vote.

"Obviously, I'm focused on the Senate and the House's business is the House's business," she said. "I don't have a vote in the House and I don't have a say in what's going on but there's a lot of frustration, not just from members of the House but

from constituencies from all across the United States. These members can't even be sworn in until there's a Speaker of the House.

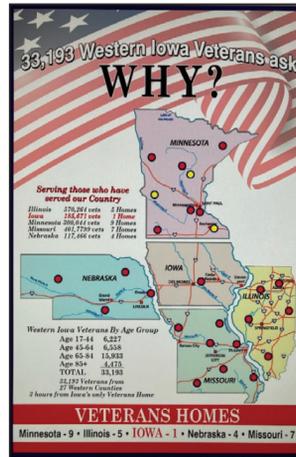
"We need to get our act together and we need to learn how to govern. Not only do we have all of America watching what's going on but believe me there are now a lot of foreign governments watching what's going on in Washington, D.C."

Another topic of discussion at the town hall was the Waters Of United States rule and its potential

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Ernst hears support for bringing veterans home to GRC campus

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This graphic showing the number of veterans homes in Iowa and surrounding states was on display at the American Legion building during Sen. Ernst's town hall meeting.

The hot topic of discussion at U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst's town hall meeting in Glenwood last week was the need for a veterans home in western Iowa.

Several members of the audience encouraged Ernst, a military veteran herself, to support a proposal to open a veterans home on the campus of the Glenwood Resource Center, which is slated for closing in 2024.

The veterans home proposal for Glenwood has been discussed for months, even before Gov. Kim Reynolds announced last April that the GRC would be closed. Iowa veterans are currently served by one veterans home - in Marshalltown - which is more than three hours away from most communities in western Iowa.

Dennis Kelly was among the veterans who spoke in favor of a Glenwood veterans home at the town hall meeting.

"I'm a retired veteran as you are and I understand there are 40,000 of us in western Iowa. We don't have a V.A. home," Kelly said. "It kind of upsets me because being from Nebraska, they have four homes there and we have one with 50 percent higher population."

"If I was to need a veterans home, I can't go across the river and use the one just 20 miles from here (in Bellevue)."

Others in the audience noted that Glenwood's location, near the intersection of Highway 34 and

"You're right because we have a valuable resource that is sitting here and it should be used. How we use it is to be determined by the state so I am not directly in that chain of decision making on what happens to the Glenwood Resource Center because it is a state-owned institution and the state will determine how it used."

Ernst said veterans would be better served by a facility that managed at a state level, instead of by the federal government.

"I would say if you're looking for the federal government to take on a home, I would say that it's better that it be done at the state level. I think the less we have our federal government involved is probably better," she said. "Things get done much better by these states that have the veterans homes. There's more direct control for those homes."

Ernst noted that Clarinda, in the extreme southwest corner of the state, is also interested in having a veterans home.

Kelly asked Ernst to champion the proposal to bring a veterans home to the GRC.

"I know you're not directly involved in the funding of that but federal money is involved," he said. "It's mostly a state issue but you're really close with the governor. We've got to get that through the legislature this year."

Ernst said she would share her support for an additional veterans homes with the governor and state legislators during her visit to the state capitol in Des Moines this week.

DEATH NOTICES

- Patrick A. Blanchard, Jr., 37
- Patricia Conrad, 86
- David Evans, 76
- Ronnie Harless, 49
- Barbara King, 68
- JoAnn Newman, 86
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OBITUARIES

Michael John Wright, 46 March 30, 1976 - Jan. 6, 2023

Michael "Mike" John Wright, 46, of Malvern, died Jan. 6, 2023. A visitation with family was held Jan. 10 at the Marshall Funeral Chapel in Tabor. Private interment of ashes will be at later date in the Tabor Cemetery.

Wright is survived by his wife, Anita Wright of Malvern; daughter, Kaylee Wright of Malvern; son, Levi Wright of Tabor; parents, John and Marcia Wright of Glenwood; brother, Jeffrey Wright and wife Shannan of Chandler, Ariz.; parents-in-law, Lavern and Bev Hardy of Malvern; sister in law, Angie Jamison and husband Doug of Randolph; nieces, nephews, other relatives and an abundance of friends. Memorials are directed to the family.

Master Officer Patrick A. Blanchard, Jr., 37 Sept. 29, 1985 - Dec. 29, 2022

Master Officer Patrick A. Blanchard, Jr., 37, of Minot, N.D., passed away Dec. 29, 2022, near Towner, N.D.



Patrick Allen Blanchard, Jr., was born Sept. 29, 1985, to Patrick, Sr. and Terry Dillard in Des Moines. He was raised in Pacific Junction and graduated high school from Glenwood Community High School in May of 2004.

Following graduation, Patrick joined the United States Army. He completed basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga. and was stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky. He married his high school sweetheart, Tia Beck-Sweat, in May of 2005. They were married for 15 years.

Patrick served with Bravo Company 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division where his comrades became his Currahee brothers. Patrick was trained in Air Assault and was a part of one of the first waves of soldiers to enter Bagdad, Iraq during the Operation Iraqi Freedom war. He was deployed from November 2006 - November 2007. His first son was born while he was deployed and they were able to meet for the first time when Liam was 4 months old. Liam later passed of brain cancer, and his daughter was born one month later. Patrick was then deployed to Afghanistan in June of 2008 - November 2009, serving a 16-month deployment in the War in Afghanistan. He was honorably discharged in March 2010.

As a civilian, Patrick worked in Washington, D.C., with a top-secret security clearance doing underground construction. After the birth of his third child, he relocated to Minot to pursue the oilfield with his brother-in-law. He then became a police officer in 2017.

Outside of work, he enjoyed watching movies, going to the gym, golfing, being with friends, and most of all, time with his children, Zoey and Seth.

Patrick is survived by paternal grandparents, Gene Blanchard and Marvel Blanchard, of Spencer; parents, Patrick, Sr. and Terry Dillard, Pacific Junction; sister, Teyana Blanchard; niece, Shyloh Leeym, Glenwood; half-sister, Amanda and her family, of Hawaii; children, Zoey (15) and Seth (11) and their mother, Tia Blanchard, of Minot, N.D.; and longtime girlfriend, Keyona Walker; as well as many amazing aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Patrick was preceded in death by an infant son, Liam Patrick; nephew, Marshall Patrick; half-brother, Nick Blanchard; cousin, Ross Blanchard; and his maternal grandparents, Bob and Helen Dillard.

Funeral services were held Jan. 6, 2023 at the Minot State University Dome in North Dakota. A Glenwood service was held Jan. 10 at the Loess Hills Funeral Home with interment Jan. 11 at Waubonsie Cemetery in Mills County.

Those wishing to sign the online register and share memories may access the online obituaries section at www.thompsonlarson.com.

In lieu of flowers and plants, memorials are preferred to the Patrick Blanchard Memorial Fund at Town and Country Credit Union in Minot.

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David Evans, 76 Oct. 22, 1946 - Jan. 6, 2023

David Clair Evans, 76, of Glenwood, passed away Jan. 6, 2023. Memorial services will be held Jan. 11, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the Loess Hills Funeral Home in Glenwood. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

David is survived by his wife Donna Evans of Glenwood; daughter Wendy Evans and husband Mike Distefano of Omaha; and son Martin Evans and wife Dana Cook of Glenwood.

Memorials are directed to the family.

Ronnie Harless, 49 July 22, 1973 - Jan. 4, 2023

Ronnie Harless, 49, of Glenwood, passed away Jan. 4, 2023. Funeral services were held Jan. 9 at the Loess Hills Funeral Home in Glenwood.

Harless is survived by his wife, Aaron Harless of Glenwood; son Danny and his wife Hollie of Council Bluffs; daughter Alysha and her husband Ryan of Bellevue; and parents, Cheryl and David Neppel of Glenwood and Rick and Norma Harless of Tabor.

Patricia Conrad, 86 Feb. 3, 1936 - Jan. 5, 2023

Patricia Conrad, 86, of Glenwood, passed away Jan. 5, 2023. Funeral services were held Jan. 10 at the Grace United Methodist Church in Glenwood followed by burial in the Glenwood Cemetery.

Conrad is survived by her son, Walter Conrad and wife Jacquelyn of Humble, Texas; and daughter Michele Bolander and husband David of Sidney.

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

Virgil Perkins, 84 Jan. 14, 1957 - Jan. 3, 2023

Virgil Keith Perkins, 84, of Glenwood, formerly of Pacific Junction, passed away Jan. 3, 2023 in Council Bluffs. Services were Jan. 7 at Peterson Mortuary with interment at Martin Chapel Cemetery in rural Pacific Junction.

Preceding Perkins in passing were his parents. Survivors include his wife Marjorie Perkins of Glenwood; children Susan Lincoln of Omaha; James Scott Perkins of Glenwood; and Vicky and husband Greg Van Fosson of Lehigh. Memorial donations may be directed to the family.

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JoAnn Newman, 86 Aug. 13, 1936 - Dec. 30, 2022

JoAnn Mary Newman, 86, passed away Dec. 30, 2022 at her home in Glenwood. A visitation and a Rosary was held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Glenwood. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery in Glenwood.

Newman was preceded in passing by her parents, Beechum Kerby and Mary Jane (Hurley) Kerby; husband Darrell Newman; and son Clark "Moose" Newman. Survivors include children, Chris Newman, Cliff and wife Kerry Newman, Maria Newman Camp Leonardo and husband Jeff, Mary Jane Newman and Craig Newman.

Peterson Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Barbara King, 68 May 12, 1954 - Dec. 24, 2022

Barbara Ruth (Condon) King, 68, of Glenwood, passed away Dec. 24, 2022 in Council Bluffs. A visitation and a celebration of life was held at Peterson Mortuary Dec. 30. Interment will be held at a later date.

Preceding King in passing were her parents, Cyril Edward and Lorene Violet (Bram) Condon; and husband Tom King. Survivors include her sons, Jeremiah King and Collin and wife Whitney King of Glenwood.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family.

POLICE REPORT

Accidents

Jan. 6 - A vehicle driven by Kizzie Wilson of Glenwood and a second vehicle driven by Elizabeth Sprunger of Glenwood collided in the intersection of Fourth and Walnut Streets. Both vehicles sustained minor damage but no injuries were reported.

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U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst's town hall meeting in Glenwood Thursday, Jan. 5.

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impact on landowners. Ernst said the environmental protection regulation is a "retread" of a rule that was originally adopted by President Obama, reversed by President Trump, and now reinstated by President Biden.

"It is very harmful for small businesses and farmers," she said. "Anyone who is disturbing the soil will have to apply for federal approval. We're going to keep diving into it but we don't have that much support in the Senate."

One member of the audience was critical of Ernst for voting in favor of the Respect For Marriage Act, telling her that someday she'll regret her vote.

Ernst said she doesn't think she will regret the vote and urged her constituents to take time to read the 3-page piece of legislation that protects "religious liberties."

"The bill only applies to government actors. Everybody is like, 'Religious freedom, religious freedom.'" Believe me, I'm an avid supporter of religious freedom, which is why we went in and codified 'religious freedom' in words, in language, in the bill," she said. "That has not been done before. So, it expressly states that this does not apply to private industry. This bill only applies to government actors or those that are working under color of law."

"An example, with this law, it's required that that private prison operating as a government entity receiving government dollars allow that same-sex partner to visit that same sex spouse. It does not require people that don't believe — such as the cake baker — to bake a cake for a gay marriage. It does not require any of that. It does not force someone to accept

your religious beliefs."

Ernst addressed some other matters as well, including her concerns about how Ukraine relief dollars are being spent, immigration problems at the southern border and the impact the closure of the Glenwood Resource Center will have on the residents at the GRC who live with profound disabilities.

Ernst said although the federal government doesn't have much say in what's going on the GRC, it's important that resources be available to support residents as they transition into new homes in new communities.

"A lot of the Medicaid dollars flow down through the state, so we obviously have a vested interest in making sure that our vulnerable population is cared for," she said.

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"You never think as a teacher you're going to stay in one job or one district because you just don't make that plan but then you get 20 years down the road you realize you're in it," she said. She can hardly believe a decade has passed at West.

"Time flies when you're having fun," she said. O'Grady played no small part in West's successes over the last decade. Last fall the school was honored with the prestigious National Blue Ribbon award. The Blue Ribbon award signifies overall academic performance and progress in closing gaps between student subgroups. Less than 300 schools nationally received the award.

But what the principal will remember most is building a culture at West that supports each other.

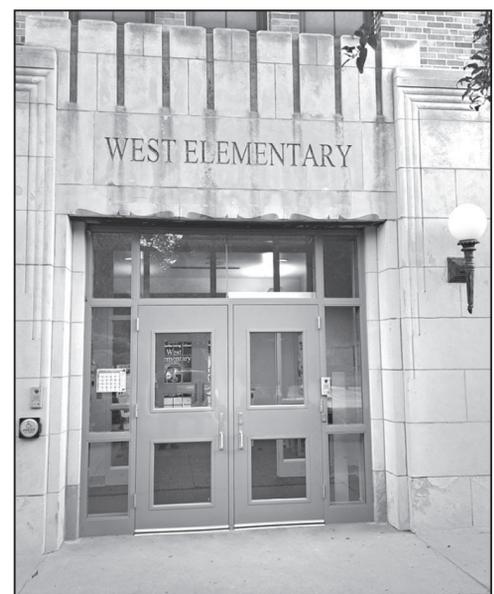
"They take care of each

other and they know how to take care of kids and they know how to find the resources to take care of kids. I know whoever takes over will have a group of people that are going to support them just as they helped to support me to make good decisions for West.

"It's the staff. We have great kids and great families but you have to have a group of people on the same bus in the right seats doing the right work and I think West has that."

O'Grady may be "retiring" from West but she doesn't plan to be far from education. She intends to continue to teach, as a substitute in Nebraska.

"I live between Omaha and Millard Public Schools so there's lots of little schools I can keep my skills groomed in," she said.



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West Elementary School.

New director for Community Foundations Of SWI

Sunni Kamp has been named Director of the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa. The foundations are affiliates of the Omaha Community Foundation, serving Audubon, Cass, Crawford, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page and Shelby counties.

"Sunni is a dynamic, proven leader with a true passion for serving the people of Iowa. Her previous experience leading the Story County Community Foundation will help us evolve the work in the nine counties we serve. Her experience working on our Donor Services team translates well for the focus needed to build relationships and make community connections," said Donna Kush, President and CEO of the Omaha Community Foundation.

In her new role, Kamp will lead the foundations' grantmaking and fundraising efforts as well as manage each county's State of Iowa County Endowment Fund Program. The foundations manage more than \$26.5 million in assets, including approximately \$24.9 million in endowed assets. They have granted more than \$2.1 million so far in 2022.

"As an Iowa native, I am humbled to be assuming this position and excited to expand on the outstanding work the Foundations have done in our affiliate counties," Kamp said. "Working with and serving communities in Southwest Iowa excites me, and I look forward to building upon the success and philanthropic impact these communities have made."

Kamp, who joined the Omaha Community Foundation in 2021, holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and a master's degree from Drake University.

She is taking over the director role from Stacey Goodman, who left at the end

of December for an opportunity outside the organization.

With donations from fundholders, the individual organizations strive to support organizations working to improve the quality of life in each county.

The Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa receives funds each year from the State of Iowa County Endowment Fund Program. These funds are distributed via grants to support the needs and opportunities in

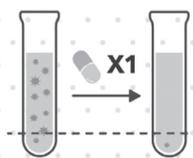
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Answering the question 'Why am I here?'

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ROSBY'S WORLD

Dorothy Rosby

Guest Columnist



I know a lot of people struggle with these questions and I have some thoughts on how to make peace with them. First, it's important you be fully present in whatever activity you're engaging in. Let's say you're working on a craft project and you need a pair of scissors that happen to be in the garage. Why you keep your scissors in the garage I have no idea, but I'm not here to judge.

It's tempting to let your mind wander as you go get them. In order to stay focused on your mission, you might say or even sing a little song as you're marching through the house. "Scissors. Scissors. I'm going to get scissors." This works well—if it's scissors you need.

Your family may be alarmed as you pass by them singing about scissors but no more so than they would be to see you standing in the garage asking, "Why am I here?"

Another trick is to carry a reminder of your goal. Let's say dinner is almost ready and it's time to cut the roast. Unfortunately the cutting board is in the laundry room, though why you keep your cutting board in the laundry room, I can't imagine.

You don't want to get all the way to the laundry room, forget why you're there, start doing laundry and miss dinner. So pick up something that will remind you of your intention. You could carry the roast with you, but your family might be concerned to see you carrying a roast to the laundry room. They're already wondering why you keep the cutting board there and your scissors in the garage.

I suggest you choose something smaller, maybe the ketchup. When you get to the laundry room, the ketchup in your hand will remind you that you're there to get the stain remover. No wait. That doesn't sound right.

If you've forgotten to carry a reminder or sing as you walked through the house, there's still hope. First stand in the middle of the room you find yourself in. If anyone else is there, tell them you came to say hello. Then take a few deep breaths, look around slowly and try to think logically. What do you keep in that room that you may have needed? I realize logic may not be your strong point if you're the kind of person who keeps your scissors in the garage and your cutting board in the laundry room.

If that's the case, find something else to do while you're there. Straighten the magazines on the coffee table if you're in the living room. Make yourself a snack if you're in the kitchen. This will buy you time to ponder the true reason for your visit. It will also reassure your family that whatever other issues you may be experiencing at least your appetite is still good.

If you're lucky, your spouse will yell from the other room to remind you of your mission. "What's taking you so long? I thought you were getting the fire extinguisher."

If that doesn't happen, be thankful that your house isn't on fire. Then, as you enjoy your snack, think back. What room were you in before you found yourself standing in the kitchen telling your teenager you just came to say hi? Walk back to it. Just being there may bring to mind the important errand you were on when you left. If however you return to the original room, look around and think to yourself, why am I here, well, I just don't know what to tell you.

How to Contact Your Federal Elected Officials

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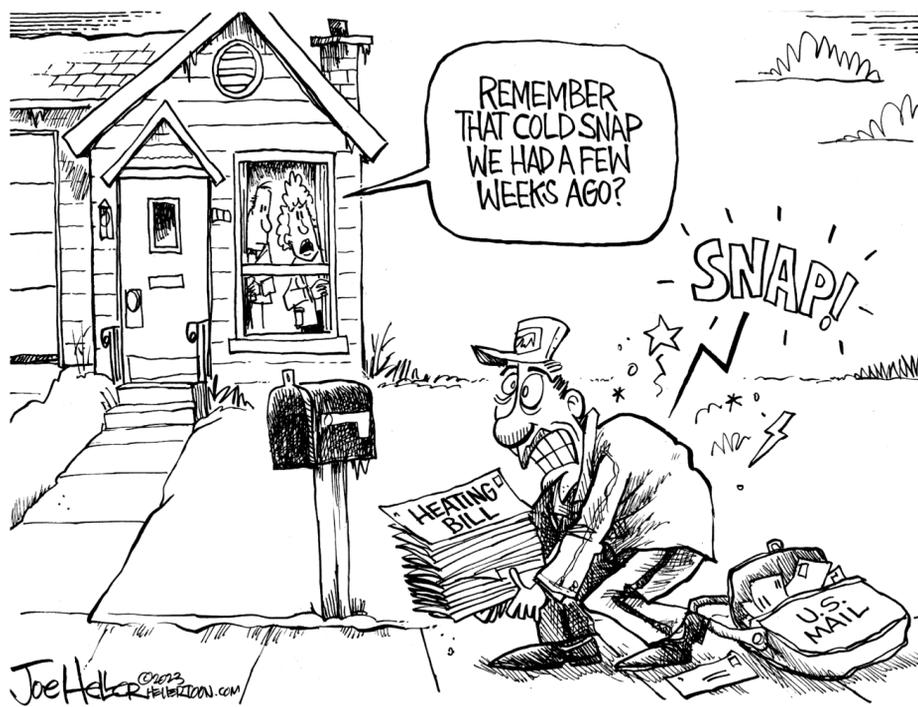
The Opinion-Tribune welcomes all Letters to the Editor, but reserves the right to edit, shorten or refuse publication of any letter.

All letters must be signed, and the identity of the author must be verifiable to be considered for publication.

We ask that letters be no more than 300 words in length and submitted by noon on Friday to be considered for publication the following week.

Thank you letters from civic groups and non-profit organizations may be published, but the names of individuals and businesses will not be published except in the form of a paid advertisement.

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A reminder that CPR can save a life

The sobering medical episode involving professional football player Damar Hamlin that played out on national television last week not only captivated our nation but also served as a clear reminder of the importance of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, more commonly known as CPR.

Hamlin, a 24-year-old defensive back for the Buffalo Bills, collapsed on the field after getting up from a tackle-collision with Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins.

Hamlin was experiencing cardiac arrest and the quick action of Buffalo's medical staff has been

CUP OF JOE

Joe Foreman

Editor



credited with taking the "vital action" that helped save the young man's life.

Denny Kellington, assistant athletic trainer for the Bills, has been singled out for his immediate actions, that included performing CPR.

CPR was first introduced in the 1960s but didn't become widely known or practiced until

the '70s when a University of Washington cardiologist, Dr. Leonard Cobb, launched the world's first mass citizen training in CPR. Since then, millions of people around the world have received CPR training and who knows how many lives have been saved.

Interest in CPR training had been on the decline since COVID but

The American Heart Association says traffic to its CPR training page has jumped by 200% over the past week.

Certified CPR training classes are widely available, including locally for both individuals and groups from Glenwood Fire & Rescue. There is a nominal fee involved for instructional materials but getting signed up is easy.

"Just call the station number (712-527-2093) and they'll get in touch with the CPR instructor," GFD Chief Matt Gray said.

Gray recommends asking for either Jake Weilage or Gavin Gray when inquiring about the class.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Thank you' for supporting Mills County Love Tree

Thank you to all that made Love Tree 2022 another successful year.

There are so many individuals and so many groups that helped - the list is unbelievable - and all so important.

Thanks again and have a blessed 2023.

Vicki Bird,
Love Tree Coordinator

School choice a tricky way to defund public education

Being Pro-Choice is upsetting for some until it comes down to "school choice." Suddenly, the right to choose feels important.

The choice for private versus public education has always been there; however, now that the money "opportunity" is part of the equation it makes choice amplified.

Listen, our pro-choice stance is not altered, we just want that school choice be self-funded versus tax dollar funded.

According to the Center for Education and Policy, "The Founding Fathers maintained that success of the fragile American Democracy would depend on the competency of its citizens. They believed strongly that preserving democracy would require an educated population that could understand political and social issues, vote wisely, protect their rights and freedoms, and resist tyrants and demagogues.

Free public education for all levels the playing field, allowing all kids the opportunity to be educated based

on being a child ... nothing else. Shifting funds under the guise of choice is a tricky way to defund public education and create a country of privatized ideological driven schools.

Once we start allowing monies to "follow" students into private/charter schools, up to 70% per student with Reynold's plan, eradication of programs will be inevitable. A reduction in funds cannot be allocated for budget bottom lines. School Boards, elected by the very folks that they serve, will be forced to make hard and fast decisions as to what stays and what gets axed due to lack of resources.

Local control allows for oversight in these public school setting. Private schools do not have that oversight and don't have to play by the "rules" per se. They have their own set of regulations, with no requirement to share with the public that would help fund those particular schools.

Per The Office of the Governor's website, "Rural Iowa is the heart and soul of who we are as a state and people. Our unwavering support of Iowa's farm families and continued investment in our small towns will ensure opportunity abounds in every rural community." Glenwood and other Mills County towns are the heart and soul of rural living. Our schools offer employment, partner with businesses and take pride in what they have to offer by the way of a top notch education. We don't even offer an alternative private school setting in this area, so anyone choosing to have that money "follow" their students will have our very own tax dollars going to other communities.

This idea need not be a hard line political vote. It needs to be about educating all kids in the community with the tax base that lives here. I would ask all of our representatives to keep this in mind when voting on our behalf during the next legislative session.

Diane K. Marshall,
Glenwood

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City of Glenwood

Table with columns for Vendor, Amount, and various service categories like Training, Fire, and Supplies.

City of Glenwood

City Council Minutes December 27, 2022. Glenwood City Council met in regular session on Tues, 12.27.22 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers Mayor Ron Kohn called the meeting to order with the following council members present: Donnie Kates, Dan McComb, Jeremy Rodman, Holly Jackson, and Laurie Smithers (Virtual); City Employees: Chief Gray, Chief Johansen, Jamey Clark, Amber Farnan, Jessica Alley, Jennifer Fletcher, Ron Mattox, and Tara Painter. Guests: Joe Foreman, Mark Hughes, Jim Hughes, Nathan Weeks, William Sumner, and Bob Wray (Virtual).

City of Silver City

Table with columns for Vendor, Amount, and various service categories like Training, Fire, and Supplies.

City of Silver City

Silver City Meeting Minutes 12/13/22. Meeting started by Mayor Pro Tem Brett Christensen at 6:30p. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call for attendance: Council Tom Boehm, Ron Dameswood, Terrell Ramsey, Sue McPeck, & Brett Christensen present. Mayor Sharon McNutt absent; City Clerk Cassandra Wilson present.

Board of Supervisors

Table with columns for Vendor, Amount, and various service categories like Propane Tank, Electrical Repair, and more.

Board of Supervisors

The Office of Mills County Auditor Carol Robertson Mills County Courthouse Glenwood, IA. The Board of Supervisors met this 27th day of December 2022, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood. Supervisors Carol Vinton, Richard Crouch and Lonnie Mayberry were present.

Probate Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR MILLS COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY K. BRUCE, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR011631. NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION. To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mary K. Bruce, Deceased, who died on or about September 23, 2022:

Table with columns for Current Year Certified Property Tax 2022 - 2023, Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2023 - 2024, Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2023 - 2024, and Annual % CHG.

Legal Notices must be submitted by 4 p.m. Thursday for publication in the following week's issue. Email composition@opinion-tribune.com.

Explanation of significant increases in the budget: No significant increase in budget. If applicable, the above notice also available online at: -

Mills County Extension hosting pesticide application class Feb. 2

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Mills County office will be offering the Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (P-CIC), led by Extension Field Agronomist, Aaron Saugling.

The session is scheduled for Feb. 2, at 9:30 a.m., at the Lakin Center, 61321 315th St., in

Malvern.

Preregistration is requested. Walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows. Please preregister by contacting Tammie Epperson at 712-624-8616 or tammie@iastate.edu.

The course will run for approximately 2 and

one-half hours, including check-in and breaks. The registration fee is \$30 and can be paid with cash or check.

The course will fulfill 2022-2023 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators. Topics to be covered include:

- Personal protective equipment.
- Safe handling.
- Storage of pesticides.
- Pests, pest management and pesticides.

For additional information, call 712-624-8616

Feb. 1 deadline set for Mills Co. Foundation grant applications

The Mills County Community Foundation has announced that applications are now being accepted from organizations providing charitable services in Mills County. As part of this spring grant cycle, approximately \$130,000 is available to support Mills County nonprofit organizations and community projects. The deadline to apply for funds through the online application process is Feb. 1, 2023.

Application details, a fact sheet, and a link to the application form can be found online by selecting Mills County under County Listing at www.swiowafoundations.org.

Applications will only be accepted through the online system.

Made possible through the State of Iowa County Endowment Fund Program, this cycle of grants is funded by a percentage of the state's commercial gaming tax revenue, which is distributed annually to participating community foundations associated with counties without a state-issued gaming license. Only organizations providing services in Mills County are eligible to apply. They must be able to demonstrate broad community/county support and be an IRS-approved 501(c)(3) public charity,

a local municipality, or a fiscally sponsored project.

The Mills County Community Foundation aims to improve the quality of life in Mills County by supporting community needs in the areas of civic engagement, culture, health, education, and social services. The objective of the grant program is to fund projects that will have a lasting impact in Mills County. The Mills County Community Foundation will entertain requests for capital and program support. Requests for general operating support will not be considered.

Contact Sydney Calcagno (sydney@omahafoundation.org) at 800-794-3458 with application-related questions. All completed grant applications will be considered at the March board meeting, with applicants being notified of funding decisions by the end of March.

The Mills County Community Foundation Advisory Board Members are Chair, Chad McColester of Silver City; Vice Chair, Liz Baldwin of Hastings; Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Reisner of Glenwood; Jennifer Gee of Imogene; Keith Johnson of Mineola; and Kate McGann of Malvern.

Legal Notices

Probate Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IOWA
IN AND FOR MILLS COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT GEORGE THALLER, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR011630
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF

ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Robert George Thaller, Deceased, who died on or about September 2, 2022:
You are hereby notified that on December 29, 2022, the undersigned

was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the

above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is

thereafter forever barred.
Dated on January 5, 2023.
Roberta Vainiunas,
Administrator of the Estate
12932 Eagle Run Dr
Omaha, NE 68164
Keith Richard Tucker,
ICIS#: AT0012808

Attorney for the Administrator
Woods Tucker, PLLC
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PO Box 189
Glenwood, IA 51534
(Published in The Opinion-Tribune
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Wednesday, January 18, 2023.)

Trust Notice

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARY K. BRUCE REVOCABLE TRUST
dated August 1, 1991, as amended and restated July 12, 1994.

NOTICE OF DEATH, OF ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To all persons regarding Mary K. Bruce, deceased, who died on or about September 23, 2022.

You are hereby notified that the trustee listed below is the successor trustee of the Mary K. Bruce Revocable Trust dated on August 1, 1991, as amended and restated on July 12, 1994. Any action to contest the

validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Mills County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail,

return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Notice is further given that the will of the decedent has been admitted to probate without present administration in the District Court of Mills County, Iowa, that such will designates the trust as the residual beneficiary of the estate, that all persons indebted to the estate of the decedent are requested to make immediate pay-

ment to the undersigned trustee, and that any person or entity possessing a claim against the estate must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required, or the

claim shall be forever barred, unless paid or otherwise satisfied.
Dated on January 5, 2023.
David E. Bruce, Trustee
Mary K. Bruce Revocable Trust
37761 US Highway 34
Hastings, IA 51540

Sandra R. Mass
PETERS LAW FIRM, P.C.
233 Pearl Street

Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503
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ATTORNEYS FOR TRUSTEE
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Building & Zoning Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MILLS COUNTY ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING**

A public hearing will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the Mills County Annex Meeting Room located at 403 Railroad Ave., Glenwood, Iowa during the regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting to discuss and take formal action on:

• Discussion/Formal Action of Conditional Use Permit #23-153 for the proposed Commercial use of a Campground, to operate as glamping operation, at the address located at

25978 Pathfield Road, Glenwood, in the Rawles Township in the Agricultural-Residential (AR) Zoning District, legally described as E PT NW ¼ NE ¼ EX TR NW COR, Parcel Number 124220010100000 Sec/Twp/Rng 29-71-42.

• Discussion/Formal Action of Conditional Use Permit #23-154 for the proposed Residential use of a Single-Family Residence, in an existing commercial business operating as a Dog Kennel, at the address located at 18050 Bung Ave. Council Bluffs, in the St. Mary's Township in the Industrial (I) Zoning District, legally described

as PCL G NW ¼ SW 1/4, Parcel Number 035850030500000 Sec/Twp/Rng 6-73-43.

All parties of interest are advised to be present and provide comments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Written comments may be submitted by noon on January 17, 2023 to the Mills County Building & Zoning Department at 403 Railroad Avenue, Glenwood, IA 51534 and/or emailed to buildingsafety@millscountyia.gov. (Published in The Opinion-Tribune Wednesday, January 11, 2023.)

City of Glenwood

INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL CONSTRUCTION OF CONCESSION STAND BUILDINGS

The City of Glenwood invites proposals for the construction of two separate concession stand buildings located within the City at approximately Tyson Street and South Vine Street (City Park) and E. Sharp Street and Oak Ridge Lane (Baseball).

The proposal will include all costs associated with the construction of the concession stand buildings, site grading, site utilities and connections, as well as any other miscellaneous work needed to complete the project.

Work includes:
- Construction of two (2) individual concession stand buildings as shown on attached drawings, as prepared by Straightline Designs and labeled as "Baseball Concession" and "City Park Concession" including, but not limited to footings and foundations, interior and exterior framework coverings, and finishes as described, electrical and mechanical wiring, connections, and fixtures, plumbing piping, connections, and fixtures, and all other coverings, finishes, or components needed for a complete and functional concession stand.

- All exterior grading, shaping, paving and other site improvements as well as final fine grading and seeding of the disturbed areas.

- All utility connections (water and sewer) as required by Glenwood Municipal Utilities (GMU) standard specifications. All connections will be coordinated through GMU staff.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Administrator, City Hall, 5 N. Vine Street, Glenwood, Iowa 51534, until 7:00PM PM on January 24, 2023 from qualified firms. The sealed bids will be opened in public at such time and place.

The City requests that the concession stand buildings be completed and fully operational by June 1, 2023.

The City of Glenwood reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or parts thereof, to and waive any technicality, informality, or irregularity in the proposals received, and to disregard all nonconforming or conditional terms or counter-proposals and to hold the proposals for sixty

(60) days from the opening date set forth above. The City further reserves the right to its sole discretion to award and accept the most responsible bidder whose proposal best responds in quality, fitness, and capacity to the requirements of the desired equipment and/or usage and therefore is in the best interest of the City.

The proposal and subsequent Contractor acknowledgment that the submittal includes an amount considered by Bidder to be adequate to cover Contractor's overhead, profit, all materials, labor, and miscellaneous expenses to provide a complete and usable product and project.

Each submittal shall include a breakdown of costs, subcontractors, and schedule of completion. Specifications and other pertinent information is available at City Hall. Additional questions can be directed to Amber Farnan, City Administrator. (Published in The Opinion-Tribune Wednesday, December 28, 2022, and Wednesday, January 4, 2023, and Wednesday, January 11, 2023.)

Stormwater Discharge Notice

NPDES Storm Water General Permit Public Notice
PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

(Henry Clark) plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under an NPDES General Permit No. 2 - Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities

The storm water discharge will be from (Subdivision over 75 acres. 6 drive way entrances. 1/2 mile drive-ways. 3 ponds) : located in (S/W 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 15, Township 73, Range 42, Mills County)

Storm water will be discharged from (9) point source(s) and will be discharged to the following streams: (Farm ditch feeding into Silver Creek)
Comments may be submitted to

the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Services Division, 502 E 9th St, Des Moines IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department. (Published in The Opinion-Tribune Wednesday, January 11, 2023.)

Board of Supervisors

The Office of Mills County Auditor
**Carol Robertson
Mills County Courthouse
Glenwood, IA**

The Board of Supervisors met this 29th day of December 2022, at the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood. Supervisors Carol Vinton, Richard Crouch and Lonnie Mayberry were present.
Motion by Mayberry, seconded

by Crouch to approve the Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried on vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Keith Marvin, Marvin Planning Consultants, was present to discuss his company's bid for review for doing a Comprehensive Plan. Motion by Mayberry to sign Contract failed for lack of a 2nd. Supervisors Crouch and Vinton would like to also have a presentation with Confluence to have

a proper comparison between the companies done.

There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to meet on January 3, 2023. Carol Vinton, Chair

ATTEST:
Carol Robertson, Auditor
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