

1. Reynolds Announces Plan To Close GRC



Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds announced in April that the Glenwood Resource Center - a state-managed facility for persons with profound intellectual and physical disabilities - will be closed in 2024. The pending closure is forcing families to find new homes for their loved ones residing at the GRC and longtime workers to find new employment. The future of the sprawling GRC campus is in limbo as local and state officials determine future uses for the property and buildings being vacated.

MILLS COUNTY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES OF 2022



June Storm Causes Widespread Damage

2. An early-morning storm on June 15 caused widespread property damage across Mills and Pottawattamie counties. The severe storm produced wind gusts up to 80 mph, bringing down trees and power lines across Glenwood and scattered areas of Mills County. Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds issued disaster proclamations for five counties after the storm - Mills, Pottawattamie, Cerro Gordo, Hardin and Greene.



No Swimming At Glenwood Aquatic Center

3. On-going underground water-loss issues resulted in city officials first delaying and eventually cancelling the opening of the Glenwood Aquatic Center in 2022. An on-site inspection involving city officials and representatives of JEO Consulting, the engineering firm that designed and developed the 6-year-old facility was conducted in August. The inspection included a review of previous repairs and identification of future work, including repair to the diving deck panel, filter tee and pool joint waterproofing. JEO stated in a letter to the city that the company is willing to coordinate work with the original contractor to provide labor and materials to complete the repairs. City officials are hopeful the aquatic center will open for the 2023 swimming season.



Tom Mulholland Announces Plan To Rebuild Grocery Store Destroyed By Fire

4. In January, a month after a fire destroyed his grocery store on Main Street in Malvern, Tom Mulholland announced his plan to "rebuild" and "reopen" his grocery store. Mulholland's has been a staple of the Malvern business community for generations with a history that dates back to the 1870s when it was a dry goods store. Construction of the new store is expected to begin in the spring of 2023 with completion anticipated in early 2024.



8.

MidAmerican Energy Wind Farm Proposal Gets Cool Reception

A proposal by MidAmerican Energy for a 400-megawatt wind farm to be constructed in south central Pottawattamie and north central Mills County received a cool reception from citizens and county officials at a meeting of the Mills County Planning and Zoning Commission in February. The proposed Silver Creek Wind Farm would include up to 142 turbines as tall as 600 feet. Several people spoke out against the project during the meeting. It was noted that the height of the turbines being proposed doesn't meet regulations in the current county zoning ordinance. The current ordinance restricts the height of a wind tower at 80 feet. There's been little public discussion of the proposal since the February meeting.

City Takes Over EMS

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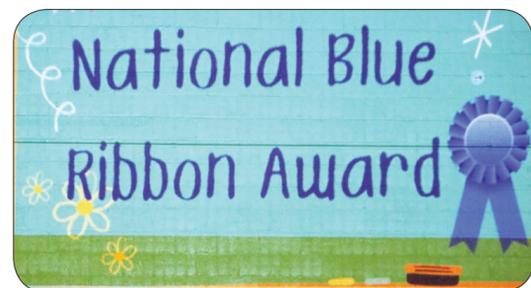
The Glenwood City Council passed an ordinance that puts the management of Glenwood Fire and Rescue's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) into city hands, instead of the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Association. The move brings five full-time and three part-time employees onto the city payroll at a cost of about \$500,000.

6.

Name, Director Change For Chamber of Commerce

MILLS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Glenwood Area Chamber of Commerce formally changed its name to Mills County Chamber of Commerce in an effort to demonstrate the organization's commitment to the entire county. The name change was already in the works when Jennie Davis-Rubek was hired to replace Rachel Reis as executive director. Reis left the post after accepting a new position.



West Elementary Earns Blue Ribbon School Award

5.

Glenwood's West Elementary School was one of only five schools in Iowa and 297 nationally to earn the prestigious Blue Ribbon School designation from the U.S. Department of Education.

9.

Claims Of Buried Bodies Brings National Attention To Thurman

A three-day excavation in a remote area near Thurman in early December uncovered no human remains or evidence of burials. The excavation took place at a site where a 53-year-old woman, Lucy Studey McKiddy, alleged her late father, Donald Dean Studey, had buried dozens of women, primarily from the Omaha area. She claimed her father killed the women and as a child she was forced to assist with the burials at an abandoned well site in an area near Thurman known as Green Hollow. Lucy Studey's claims and the subsequent investigation that included Fremont County, state and federal law enforcement officers, brought national attention to Thurman.



Mills Crossing Awarded Mega Site Certification

10.

The Iowa Economic Development Authority certified Mills Crossing, a 1,641-acre site east of Glenwood, as the state's second economic "Mega Site." The site being developed by MidAmerican Energy was chosen because of its central location and access to railway lines and interstate highway traffic.

DEATH NOTICES

Merl Core, 99
Rodney Charles Grap Jr., 39

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OBITUARIES

Merl Core, 99

July 1, 1923 - Dec. 28, 2022

Merl Core, 99, died at Israel Family Hospice House in Ames on Dec. 28, 2022.

Merl Roscoe Core was born July 1, 1923, in the Wheeler Grove area near Carson, Iowa, to Milbern R. and Norma Osler Core. He graduated from Henderson High School in 1940 and served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps from 1942 through 1945. He was married to Betty Millen in Red Oak, Aug. 5, 1944. He was an air traffic controller at the Omaha airport before he bought into a farm implement business in Henderson. He graduated from Iowa State College in 1957 and taught in the Aero E department for one year before joining the Atomic Energy Commission where he worked until he retired in 1986. He was a member of the Arcadia Lodge 249 A.F. & A.M. and the American Legion Post 37, Ames, Iowa and a charter member of Ames Golden K Kiwanis.

Merl is preceded in death by his parents, infant twin daughters, his son, Merl Robert and his wife, Betty. He is survived by his children: Ellen (Alan) Franken of Carmel, Ind., William (Lynda) of Elgin, Ok., John (David Houy) of Ames, and a daughter-in-law, Nancy Core of Omaha; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Arcadia Lodge 249 Scholarship Fund: PO Box 249, Ames Iowa 50010 Online condolences can be made to: www.grandonfuneralandcremationcare.com

Grandon Funeral and Cremation Care in Ames was in charge of arrangements.



Rodney Charles "Mister" Grap, Jr., 39

Nov. 17, 1983 - Dec. 27, 2022

Rodney Charles "Mister" Grap, Jr., 39, passed away Dec. 27, 2022. Memorial services were held Jan. 2 at the Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Bayliss Park Chapel. Interment was at Garner Township Cemetery.

Rodney was born Nov. 17, 1983, to Rodney and Jennifer Grap in Council Bluffs. Rodney graduated from Glenwood High School in 2002. After graduation he attended Iowa Central Community College to further his education and continue wrestling. After college he started his career in ammonia refrigeration. The loves of his life were his children Evan (18) Breanne (12) and Jaxen (10). Rodney never smiled as brightly as when he was with his children.

Rodney was an avid sports fan and never missed a chance to brag about his beloved Iowa Hawkeyes. Rodney was also proud of his gun collection and enjoyed shooting them any chance he got. He loved spending time with his parents, siblings, cousins and many friends.

Rodney is preceded in death by grandparents, Donovan and Carmella Grap, Gene and Thelma Ulmer, Darlene and Bill Pond, Bill Lamkins. He is survived by his wife, Nicole Cook; children, Evan, Breanne and Jaxen Grap; parents, Rodney and Jennifer Grap; sisters, Lisa (Winton) Sherry, Joey (Chad) Wicks, Samantha Grap; nieces and nephews, Savannah, Anthony, Alexa, Raegen, Addison, Kadence, Khloe and Jacobi; many other loving family and friends.



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Illness, failed physical test cost police officer applicant a job with Glenwood PD

By **JOE FOREMAN**
EDITOR

An untimely illness has apparently cost a police officer recruit a job with the city of Glenwood.

Despite a personal appeal to the Glenwood City Council last week, Nathan Weeks will not be hired as an officer with the Glenwood Police Department.

On Dec. 13, the city council, passed a motion to extend a "conditional offer of employment" to Weeks for a Police Officer I position with a Dec. 29 start date and an hourly wage of \$23.47. The conditional offer, made at the recommendation of Glenwood Police Chief Eric Johansen, required Weeks to pass medical, physical and mental health testing required for a training class spot at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

During his address to the council at its regular meeting last Tuesday Dec.

27, Weeks said he was experiencing flu-like symptoms on the very day he was required to do the physical test for the academy. Because of the illness, Weeks said, he failed the test. He was allowed to retest at a later date but was still ill on that day and did not pass the test. Because of the failure, Weeks was denied a spot in the academy training class that began Jan. 3.

GPD requires all new uncertified police officers to complete the Iowa Law Enforcement Training Academy class. Johansen called the situation unfortunate, noting that Weeks had passed the same physical testing requirement early in the interview process with GPD. Johansen said he feels bad for Weeks but the requirements for admittance to the academy were not met, which made it impossible for the city to go through with his hiring.

"His statement (to the city council) was completely accurate that it was the worst possible time for him to become ill," Johansen said. "I do feel horrible

that he was not able to pass.

"I firmly believe he'll be a great police officer one day."

Johansen said it's his understanding that on his first test, Weeks came up just one sit-up short of the number required to be completed in a minute's time for a person of his age, but noted that there's no leeway when it comes to the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy's standards.

"You either make it or you don't," he said.

Despite Week's personal address at last week's meeting, the city council declined to make an exception to hire him.

"I wouldn't adjust our standards," council member Dan McComb said.

Following the discussion of Week's situation, the council voted to approve the same conditional offer of employment it had originally offered to Weeks to applicant Zachary Chase. His scheduled start date with the department is Jan. 12.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Incidents

Dec. 19 - A vehicle driven by Jeremiah Day of Malvern was eastbound on Highway 34 when the driver lost control due to the icy road conditions and entered the east ditch, striking multiple trees. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 21 - Floyd Cozad of Glenwood was pulling out a driveway on Gillens Court in Malvern when the vehicle collided with a second vehicle driven by Jeremy Blum of Glenwood. Cozad admitted to being at fault and was cited by deputies.

Dec. 23 - A vehicle driven Raymond Weber of

Glenwood was northbound on 221st Street when the driver lost control due to icy road conditions, struck a cable barrier and slid into the ditch. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 25 - A vehicle driven by Carol Brehmer of Clarinda struck a deer on southbound on Highway 59. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 26 - A vehicle driven by Corrie Lusch of Glenwood struck a deer on northbound on 221st Street. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 27 - A vehicle driven by Colleen Blankenship struck a deer on eastbound Ellington Avenue. No injuries were reported.

DISTRICT COURT

Judge Kathleen Kilnoski

Sara Alaine Johnson, Glenwood - driving while license is barred, pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve two days in county jail with credit for time previously served, ordered to pay \$855 fine, court costs and fees.

Judge Margaret James Popp-Reyes

Michael John Lyons, Newton - violation of terms of probation on original charge of second-degree theft, probation revoked, original sentence with jail time reinstated.

Kyle Alexander Walline, Kansas City, Mo. - contempt of court for violation of terms of probation on original charge of possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), pleaded guilty, sentenced to time previously served, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

Clayton Shane Geick, Glenwood - violation of terms of probation on original charge of domestic abuse assault impeding air and blood flow and causing bodily injury, pleaded guilty, original sentence reinstated.

Stephen Paul Hollinger, Malvern - child endangerment - bodily injury, deferred judgment, one year probation, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

John Robert Wasburn, Hastings - second-degree theft, pleaded guilty, sentence suspended to two years probation, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

POLICE REPORT

Incidents

Dec. 23 - A legally parked vehicle on Louise

Avenue was struck by a hit-and-run driver. No injuries were reported.



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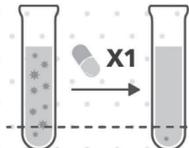
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Dr. Klute takes ownership of Young Vision Care

■ Dr. Jacque Young will continue to practice on part-time basis

After returning from World War II, Elwood "Jack" Young, choose to become an optometrist over pursuing professional golf. He graduated at the Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago after 18 months in 1948. He practiced in his hometown of Council Bluffs initially. In 1950, he purchased the Glenwood office of Dr. Ken Myers at 103 N. Walnut. The office was remodeled in 1968.

After their two daughters started school, Dr. Jack worked with his wife Bonnie. With no daycare at that time, the daughters would be at the office after school. A patient has shared that Jacque, when she was five, would help train patients trying the newly developed contact lenses. "Wide eye, pull, blink- that's all there is to it"- she would coach copying her father's directions.

In 1979, after three years of pre-med courses at Iowa, Jacque was accepted the Illinois College of Optometry. She graduated with honors in 1983, and served as the first female president of the student body.

The office space was doubled when she first joined the practice and was later again expanded to 1200 sq ft. The name Young Vision Care was selected in the late 1980s.

Dr. Jack retired in 1990, having practiced in Glenwood for 40 years. He enjoyed several years of coaching high school students how to golf.

In 1992, the Christiansen Hardware building became available. This 4,000 square foot space was purchased and remodeled. Dr. Jacque designed the layout after carefully studying other office

designs. Four employees, including her mother, Bonnie, moved into the new office, with two exam rooms and room for expansion. Bonnie commented "This is heaven!"

This was also when new technology was being developed to provide better vision care. Automated visual field instrumentation, to detect early changes in the outer vision, and automated refractors to help determine eyewear prescriptions were the first units acquired at Young Vision Care. Photos of the inside of the eye were also added.

In 2007, Young Vision Care was one of the first offices in the Midwest to add the newest OCT (Optical Coherent Tomographer). It acquired 24,000 scans in one second of the anatomy of the retinal tissue and optic nerve structure. The recent third OCT instrument acquires 71,000 scans in a second, besides evaluating the blood flow to these vital eye structures.

Over the years, Young Vision Care has emphasized quality vision for their patients in eyewear lenses and contact lenses selections. New technologies are embraced to enhance and maintain the vision of our patients. Dr. Jacque has in the past provided free vision screenings to over 3,000 young children with the help of the local Kiwanis Club.

Dr. Jacque was the first woman to join a service organization in Glenwood in the late 1980's. She was also a charter member the Glenwood Area Dollars for Scholars in 1999 and continues to be involved with both organizations. More



Above: Dr. Kyle Klute has assumed ownership of Young Vision Care in Glenwood from Dr. Jacque Young.

At right: Dr. Elwood "Jack" Young with his daughter, Dr. Jacque Young. The photo was taken in the late 1980s.

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recently, she was involved with the committee that spearheaded the building of the six pickleball courts in Glenwood.

Dr. Jacque has pursued finding an optometrist who would embrace and continue the tradition of early detection of devastating eye diseases, such as glaucoma and macular degenerative for nearly 15 years. Dr. Kyle Klute worked with Young Vision Care for over a year in 2017. His clinical skills showed Dr. Jacque's compassion. He continued to provide care in Glenwood as needed. Dr. Klute has a growing practice

in Omaha and has realized the potential of the Glenwood location.

As of the beginning of 2023, Dr. Klute will take ownership of the of the 73-year-old practice. Dr. Jacque will continue to practice two days a week for several years. Dr. Klute plans to provide more optometric doctors to allow the practice to expand the office's care to include more area patients.

Originally from the small town, Hampton, in south-central Nebraska, Dr. Klute strives to bring that small-town, personable experience to health care. He believes

patients should not have to go to a small town to find kind and hospitable healthcare nor should they have to go to a big city to find a professional expert. Dr. Klute works hard to bring what he sees is most needed to healthcare: the combination of both personable and professional care.

Dr. Klute received his optometry degree from Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago and then completed additional training at a Veteran's Medical Center in Battle Creek, Mich. He then worked at an ocular disease referral center exclusively

managing sight-threatening conditions of the eye. In addition to his time in the clinic seeing patients and managing the practices, he lectures to other optometrists across the country on various topics in eyecare, writes for eyecare industry periodicals, and is an editor for the Journal of Medical Optometry.

In his spare time, he spends time with his wife, Lauran, and three children. They are all thrilled to get to know the families of Glenwood, serve the community, and continue the legacy of care that Dr. Jacque and her father started at Young Vision Care.

BUSINESS NEWS

Gina Klindt retiring from FNBO Jan. 12

By JOE FOREMAN
EDITOR

The First National Bank Omaha (FNBO) branch in Glenwood is hosting a chamber of commerce coffee and open house on Thursday, Jan. 12, in honor of Gina Klindt, who is retiring after 22 years of service at the bank.

The chamber coffee is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. with the open house going on throughout the day.

Klindt started working at the bank as a part-time teller Jan. 8, 2001.

"I interviewed with Vickie Bangs," Klindt recalled. "I worked part-time a month and then became full-time."

Klindt said she was uncertain at the time of her hiring how long she would work at the bank. Initially, it was convenient because her children were in elementary school, but her co-workers and customers soon made the position more than just a job. She's worked at the bank through the transition from Mills County State Bank to Mills County Bank, N.A. in 2001 and the acquisition and conversion to FNBO in 2008. She's also worked through many changes that have come about in the banking business over the past two decades.

"9-11 changed everything about banking and then COVID," she said. "People are doing more online and with the mobile app. It (banking) has changed a lot with technology."



First National Bank teller Gina Klindt is retiring later this month. She's worked at the bank since January 2001.

In retirement, Klindt said she's looking forward to going camping and traveling with her husband Rod and spending more time with their two sons and three grandchildren.

She's looking forward to retirement but will miss the everyday interaction with co-workers and customers.

"I've always enjoyed it," she said. "This is like my family here."

Young Farmer Conference Jan. 27-28

Farmers and agribusiness professionals, ages 18-35, are invited to attend Iowa Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer Conference on Jan. 27-28, at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. "This year's conference theme is 'Our Roots Run Deep,'" said Megan Hansen, Young Farmer Advisory Committee chair and Pottawattamie County farmer. "As young farmers, we're grateful for those who have paved the way before us - planting that seed. As the next generation, we are intent on solidifying those roots by learning from experts and each other at this popular event that typically attracts between 500 to 600 young farmers."

The conference commences with ag industry tours followed by evening entertainment from comedian Tim the Dairy Farmer of Florida.

On Jan. 28, educational sessions will cover niche ag, soil health, farm taxes, navigating interest rate hikes, managing burnout, farm succession, food preservation, cattle feed efficiency and carbon credit programs.

The conference will conclude with keynote speaker Braxten Nielson who overcame the odds after a rodeo accident left him with a broken back and little chance of walking again. Register by Jan. 13 for this members-only event by contacting your local county Farm Bureau.

Mills County Foundation accepting applications for spring grant cycle

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.

For additional information about the grant program, contact Stacey Goodman (stacey@omahafoundation.org) or 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 McCollester of Silver City; Vice Chair, Liz Baldwin of Hastings; Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Reiser of Glenwood; Jennifer Gee of Imogene; Keith Johnson of Mineola; and Kate McGann of Malvern.

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Getting the new year off to a good start

My year is off to a good start and I hope the same for you. My New Year's tradition is to bid the old year a gentle goodnight around ten o'clock, then wake up before my family does on New Year's Day and sit

ROSBY'S WORLD

Dorothy Rosby

Guest Columnist



alone with my cat, my caffeine and my journal. Honestly, if I see the New Year in at all, it's because I got up around midnight to use the bathroom.

A new year is definitely worth celebrating though. So is the fact that we won't have to hear "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" again for another whole year. But I'm a morning person. That means New Year's Day is more meaningful to me than New Year's Eve, if only because I'm awake for it. If I sleep past 6:30 on New Year's Day, I feel like the year is off to a bad start.

I suspect I'm in the minority though. A quick internet search reveals hundreds of New Year's Eve traditions here and around the globe. Those who celebrated many of them may still be recovering. There are some common ingredients: alcohol, food, fireworks, alcohol, kissing, bells and alcohol. As the designated driver at every party I go to, I can only guess that the alcohol allows the revelers to forget the worst of the past year and start the new one off just as badly.

Other traditions are tamer. One Latin American tradition is to make a list of all the unhappy events of the past year and throw it into the fire before midnight. I love that idea. I have a less dramatic tradition for saying goodbye to the old year. For many years, I've written a column in January that rehashes all the painful life lessons I learned during the past year. Unfortunately, I didn't learn enough in 2018 to fill a column.

When it comes to starting a new year, I know many people whose tradition is to make then break resolutions. I make the same one every year: To get the Christmas decorations put away by Valentine's Day.

My family doesn't have any particular New Year's food traditions, though we do always eat. But food traditions around the world run the gamut from seafood to sauerkraut. In some countries, they hide a coin or other object in the food, and it's said that the person who finds one will have good luck in the year ahead—unless they choke or break a tooth, which is probably a bad omen.

One of the most prominent celebrations in our country is the ball drop held in New York City's Times Square. I've dropped the ball many times, but I've never considered it anything to celebrate.

In parts of South Africa they don't drop the ball, they throw the furniture. Throwing old furniture out the window symbolizes casting out the old and starting fresh. They don't do this as much as they once did though, maybe because it wasn't the best way to start a new year if you were walking in the street below.

In some parts of the world, the Balkans, the Middle East, parts of Afghanistan and elsewhere, the ring in a new year with celebratory gunfire. I read it on the internet, so it must be true. One hopes those shooting haven't had too much champagne.

There are many other unusual traditions around the world—wearing yellow underwear in Venezuela, breaking plates in Denmark, and walking around with an empty suitcase in Ecuador. In the Philippines, children jump at midnight in the hopes of increasing their height. I doubt it works, but before you judge anyone else's New Year's traditions, consider the American tradition of starting the New Year with a hangover.

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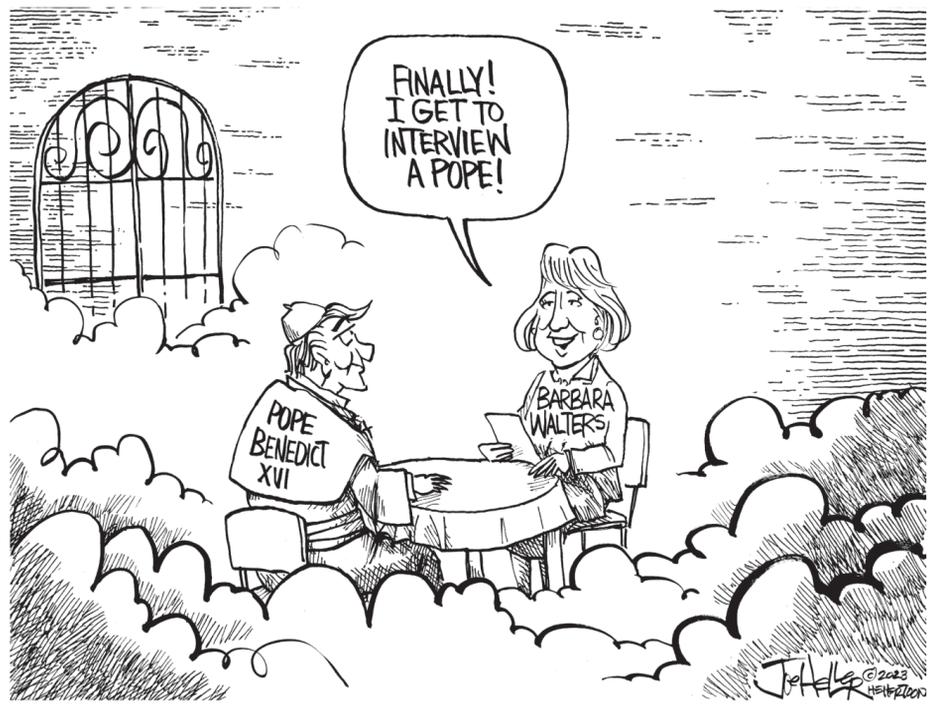
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GUEST COLUMN

Confronting life's difficult challenges

By DR. GLENN MOLLETTE
GUEST COLUMNIST

Throughout the years, many of us watched Barbara Walters from NBC to ABC.

I always tried to watch her special interviews. Often, the people she interviewed on primetime television specials were "the" high profile people at that given time. She became the highest paid journalist of her day being the first to sign a million-dollar contract with ABC.

Regardless of what we do in life we are still confronted by difficulties that often debilitate us. Walters had survived her own personal struggles, like we all do, including four divorces. Unfortunately, her reported battle with dementia took its toll on her health.

We can all accomplish much in life. Maybe not as much as Walters or

maybe even more. Regardless, there is much about life we can't do anything about other than try to deal with it and do the best we can.

At least 37 people died from the recent winter storm in Buffalo, New York. Families are grieving. Hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, freezing temperatures, and snow have wreaked devastation on our country in the last twelve months. Loss of life can come from disease, weather, accidents or unconsciously by design.

We all have been horrified by the death of four college students in Moscow, Idaho. It's been beyond us how four beautiful people could be stabbed to death in their beds reportedly between 3:00 and 4:00 in the morning. A young man who is a student at nearby Washington State University on the Pullman campus has

been arrested at his parents' house in Albrightsville, Pennsylvania. Moscow police believe they now have the murderer in custody.

How anyone could commit such a heinous crime is beyond our comprehension. I'm sure it was beyond the scope of thought for these innocent young adults. We never know who is taking note of our lives, whereabouts and activities. Regardless of how calm and safe your community seems you can't take anything for granted. Try your best to create an environment that protects you as much as possible. With so many people sleeping in the rental house in Moscow, I'm sure these young college students felt safe. What appeared to be safe for them became an opportunity for an evil mind.

Typically, the attacker has the element of surprise on his side. It's al-

ways best to try to think ahead. Sadly, four Idaho University students were killed by someone who planned, plotted, and was patient enough to find the right moment to carry out the murders.

Accepting and dealing with what we cannot change is one thing. Preparing for life but rolling with the punches, the turns and twists is another. Being watchful, careful, and never taking anything for granted could make the difference between life and death.

Pray for these families and all the many friends and loved ones as they grieve and suffer from such devastating loss.

NOTE - The author is a graduate of numerous schools, including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is a syndicated columnist and author of 13 books.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mills County in need of emergency medical facility

After reading the article dated Dec. 20, 2022 (Citizens Provide Input At Glenwood Budget Forum), I was surprised that one obvious (at least to some) need was not listed. Mills County is in desperate need of an emergency or urgent care medical facility that can handle a large variety of medical issues to include injury and mental health crises.

Without a hospital in the county, EMS crews generally spend a large portion of time during a response on transport or return from Council Bluffs or Omaha. A typical call to 911 for a medical emergency requiring transport to a hospital occupies a crew for at least one to one and a half hours. This time is extended even further if transport to a Level 1 trauma center in Omaha is needed. During that time, if subsequent EMS needs in Mills County arise, an intricate shuffle of assets among the remaining paid and volunteer departments in the county is put into motion to cover for the gap. This greatly increases response times as well.

If there were an emergency care facility in the county, the transport times for patients to get to definitive care would be substantially decreased allowing the EMS crews to return to service much quicker and be ready for the next call. Additionally, an urgent care clinic in the local area would allow many people to handle their own emergency and not even necessitate a 911 call.

This is a complex issue and I don't claim to have all the answers. But it seems to me that there is a very big "Opportunity" (to coin a SWOT term) in the form of the many underutilized buildings on the GRC campus that could be leveraged against the "Weakness" that exists due to the overextension of the EMS system.

Using GRC is just one idea. Having real estate is just part of the problem. There are many challenges that EMS faces now and more to come in the future. But as the population of Mills County grows and gets older, it's unimaginable that we wouldn't have a medical facility in the area. The strain on the EMS system will continue to grow. Unless this strain is understood and addressed soon, it will lead to a break.

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Through hours of research, we believe one of Elsie's many apprentices designed some rooms of this estate. You can see her influences in the pastel colors, striped wallpaper, and floral motifs throughout the home. Part of the personal items Jen sorted through were letters between Jack and Elsie, photo albums from their travels together, and signed photographs.

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