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Navy Capt. Melissa Hiller Lauby (left) was part of the State Department team that escorted American Brittney Griner (right) back to the United States after the professional basketball star was released from a Russian prison on Dec. 8. They're shown here prior to their arrival in Texas.

## Glenwood native escorted Brittney Griner back to U.S. after prisoner exchange

■ Captain Melissa Hiller Lauby is U.S. Navy Director Of Mental Health

By JOE FOREMAN  
EDITOR

A Glenwood native had a major role in the Dec. 8 prisoner exchange between the United States and Russia involving American professional basketball star Brittney Griner and Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout.

Following her release from Russian detention, Griner was escorted back to the United States by a delegation from the U.S. State Department that included Capt. Melissa Hiller Lauby, Director of Mental Health for the U.S. Navy. Capt. Lauby, daughter Barry and Patricia Hiller of Glenwood, is a 1994 graduate of Glenwood Community High School. She's currently stationed in Washington, D.C.

Two days prior to the highly-publicized prisoner exchange, Capt. Lauby called her parents and told them she would be leaving the country for a few days and would be unavailable should they need to reach her. Capt. Lauby wasn't able to share information about her assignment but her father said it isn't unusual for her to travel to areas across the U.S. and around the world because her duties include leading a team of U.S. Navy psychologists to sites of aircraft crashes, crew member suicides and other military emergencies and disasters.

On Dec. 8, after the prisoner exchange was announced to the news media, Capt. Lauby's husband Todd, also a captain in the U.S. Navy, telephoned the Hillers in Glenwood to let them know their daughter was safe and part of the team returning to the U.S. with Griner. Capt. Lauby was expected to spend 7-10 days at Fort Sam Houston Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, while state department officials debriefed Griner and she underwent medical evaluation.

Barry Hiller, a retired U.S. Air Force master sergeant, referred to

his daughter's involvement in the prisoner exchange as "just another Melissa adventure."

"Like jump jumping out of a perfectly good airplane with the Army's Golden Knights parachute team, jumping off the deck of the US Aircraft Carrier the USS Nimitz 13 stories down into the Persian Gulf off the shore of Iran or driving the USS Nimitz out of Hong Kong Harbor," he said. "I remember reading her the book, 'Oh The Places You'll Go' by Dr Seuss and knew she would do great things, but never thought she would be involved in an international prisoner exchange in the United Arab Emirates."

Capt. Lauby has had a distinguished military career since entering the Navy in 2003. She is a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology and is licensed to practice in Hawaii. She was selected as Navy Senior Psychologist of the Year for 2016 and the Military Health System Allied Health Leadership Excellence Award recipient for 2018. Her personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5) and the Navy Achievement Medal.

After graduating from GCHS, Capt. Lauby attended the University of South Dakota where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1997 and Master's degree in 1999. She completed her Internship in clinical psychology and public policy at the University of South Florida's Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute and was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy Degree with dual specializations in Clinical and Clinical Disaster Psychology in 2002. Capt. Lauby completed her fellowship at the Veteran's Administration National Center for PTSD in Honolulu, Hawaii. She graduated from the Air Command and Staff College non-resident program in 2011.

## Blue Ribbon Day At West

By JOE FOREMAN  
EDITOR

A blueberry pancake breakfast, classroom Christmas parties and an all-school assembly highlighted a day of celebration Friday at Glenwood's West Elementary School.

Students and staff spent their last day before winter recess celebrating the school's national recognition as a Blue Ribbon School. Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) announced that West Elementary was one of only five schools in Iowa and 297 nationally to earn the prestigious Blue Ribbon School designation.



According to the DOE, Blue Ribbon schools are recognized in one of the following two performance categories (based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates): Exemplary High-Performing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

Exemplary Achievement Gap-Closing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's student groups and all students.

West Elementary was recognized as an Exemplary High-Performing School.

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Students watch a performance from Omaha Street Percussion during Friday's Blue Ribbon School celebration at Glenwood's West Elementary School.



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Students were greeted by this sign proclaiming Friday as a "Blue Ribbon Day" at West Elementary School.

## Citizens provide input at city budget forum

By JOE FOREMAN  
EDITOR

About a dozen Glenwood residents and city officials spent an hour sharing and discussing the city's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats during an hour-long forum at City Hall last Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The forum, a part of the city's SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis, gave citizens an opportunity to provide input as city officials begin preparing their budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Most of the items compiled during the forum were ideas and issues that have been mentioned or discussed previously by civic and community leaders. Lists compiled at the meeting included the following items:

**Strengths** - Location, community feel, Town Square, new businesses, small-town friendliness, people, public library, schools, municipal employees, willingness of individuals to contribute their talent, sports, active volunteer groups, public safety, active and engaged business owners, attractiveness to young families, strong traditions, amphitheater, emergency response.

**Weaknesses** - Lack of identity, streets, sidewalks, nuisance ordinance enforcement, smoking on the square, library in need of repairs, junk properties, small tax base, handicapped-accessible playground needed, larger library needed, infrastructure, wi-fi, follow-through on long-term planning, daycare options, local transportation options, lack of equal representation (old members vs. new members),

social services, proximity to Omaha metro area, high taxes, school district debt, lack of accessible housing for aging population.

**Opportunities** - Glenwood Resource Center area, proximity to the Omaha metro area, annexation, business development center, park activities, continued growth of small businesses, downtown revitalization, rebuild the fire department, tourism, downtown evening hours, available commercial space, cultural education, more housing means more property taxes collected, GRC area, annexation opportunities, a business development center, enhancements to Glenwood Lake Park, a Rockefeller Center type of skating rink on Town Square, Glenwood needs to capitalize on its small town feel.

**Threats** - Property taxes continue going up, apathy, non-involvement by citizens, drugs, lack of affordable housing, employment options, speed limit on Locust Street, closure of the Glenwood Resource Center, rapid growth without enough local services, elderly housing, flood plane, aging population and infrastructure.

Some areas of concern that generated discussion at the forum are the flooding issues at the Glenwood Public Library, the need for better sidewalks throughout the city and water loss issues at the Glenwood Aquatic Center.

Resident Barbara Taenzler said it doesn't make sense for the library to refurbish its children's library in the basement of the building until repairs are made that prevent water from coming in from the south side of the building.

"They had some good fundraisers,"

she said. "They have money to buy new shelving, new carpet, but why put it in until we can address the problem that caused the damage in the first place?"

Glenwood City Administrator Amber Farnan said some work has been done at the library to mitigate flooding issues but specific repairs along the handicapped-accessible ramp area on the south side of the building have not been completed.

Farnan noted that the city does have a sidewalk reimbursement program in place for citizens who make improvements to their sidewalks.

As for the aquatic center, Farnan reassured those attending the forum that the facility remains a high priority.

"It is an absolute priority for us and that's something we do want to see - it opened," she said. "It was very difficult last year to make the decision not to open."

Forum participants were asked to rank the various topics and issues discussed at the forum. The data collected will be typed up and provided to council members as they begin the budget process in early January.

"We'll type it up so each council member can figure out what their priorities are," Farnan said.

She also thanked the forum participants for their input.

"I want to thank you for coming and giving us your thoughts. I know it's hard for us to see our own weaknesses. We know them but sometimes I think it's hard for us to hear them and think about how we're going to address all those," Farnan said. "But, I do appreciate you all coming and taking the effort and time to help make us a little better as we move forward."

## DeShawne Bird-Sell appointed county attorney

DeShawne Bird-Sell has been appointed to the position of Mills County Attorney.

Bird-Sell, who operates her own legal practice in Glenwood, was administered her oath of office at the Mills County Courthouse Tuesday, Dec. 13, by Magistrate Judge Keith Tucker. She fills a vacancy created by the resignation of former Mills County Attorney Naeda Elliott, who has moved on to another position.

Elliott's name was on the November general election ballot as the Republican candidate and she received

the most votes for the county attorney position. However, she had submitted her resignation prior to the election - but not in time to have her name taken off the ballot. Elliott formally declined to take the position after being elected.

Bird-Sell ran as a write-in candidate in the general election and submitted her application for the job to the county board of supervisors after the Nov. 8 vote.

Because Bird-Sell was appointed to fill a vacancy, the county attorney position will be on the ballot again in the 2024 general election.



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County Attorney DeShawne Bird-Sell takes her oath of office.

### DEATH NOTICES

William "Bill" Pavkov, 95  
Ruth Schmahel, 88

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## OBITUARIES

### Ruth Schmahl, 88

Nov. 5, 1934 - Dec. 13, 2022

Ruth Lorraine Schmahl, 88, passed away Dec. 13, 2022, in Omaha. A visitation was held Dec. 16 at Cutler-O'Neill - Meyer - Woodring Funeral Home. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery in Glenwood.

Ruth was born Nov. 5, 1934, to the late Lyle and Geneva (Rist) Alley, and spent over 40 years as a beautician at the former Brandeis and JCPenney Salons.

Ruth was united in marriage to Roger G. Schmahl on October 20, 1978, and together raised their family until his passing in 2014.

She is also preceded in death by daughter Susan Schmielau; son Howard Vaughn; grandchildren Ronald and Michael; brothers Lyle Pierce, George Alley and Bill Pierce; sister Aleta (Jerry) Stady.

Survivors include son James Vaughn Jr., (Shelley), of Emerson; daughter Jackie Hillebran (David), of Omaha, son-in-law Craig Schmielau, of Underwood; daughter-in-law Shawn Vaughn, of Council Bluffs; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters Barbara Pakos, of Pacific Junction, and Joyce Wright (Leonard), of Council Bluffs; brother Johnny John Pierce (Jean), of Council Bluffs.



### William "Bill" Pavkov, 95

Sept. 30, 1927 - Dec. 13, 2022

William "Bill" Pavkov, 95, of Hastings, passed away Dec. 13, 2022 in Tabor. Graveside services were held Dec. 19 at Hastings Cemetery. Peterson Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Preceding Pavkov in passing were his parents, Sandor and Kathern; and daughter Susan Perkins. Survivors include his wife Gerrie; and children Ruth (Jim) Messinger of Glenwood and William "Bill" (Ann) Pavkov of Hastings.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Hastings Fire Department.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Incidents

Dec. 10 - Justin Kaufman of Glenwood reported a theft.

### Accidents

Dec. 10 - A vehicle driven by Mariah Glynn of Plattsmouth, Neb. was westbound on Highway 34 near 295th Street when the vehicle struck a mobile traffic light leaving both the vehicle and the traffic light inoperable. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 13 - A vehicle driven by Brian Doyle of Imogene was westbound on Noyes Avenue when the driver lost control due to icy road conditions causing the vehicle to roll into a culvert. The driver was cited for traveling too fast for the weather conditions. The driver was transported to Montgomery County Hospital.

Dec. 13 - A vehicle driven by Dale Miklas of Omaha was northbound on 221st Street when the driver lost control due to icy road conditions causing the vehicle to strike the guardrail before crossing lanes and striking an embankment on the eastside of the road. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 15 - Vehicles driven by Allen Darnold and James Ebmeier, both of Glenwood, were westbound on Sharp Street approaching the intersection of Sharp and Sivers. Traffic was slowed and backed up due to weather and road conditions. Darold vehicle collided with the rear of Ebmeier vehicle. Both vehicles were able to drive away from the scene and no injuries were reported.

## DISTRICT COURT

### Judge Kathleen Kilnoski

Sara Elaine Johnson, Glenwood - driving while license is barred, pleaded guilty, ordered to pay \$855 fine, court costs and fees.

Aaron Opdyke, Malvern - controlled substance violation, pleaded guilty, sentence suspended to two years probation, ordered to pay court costs and fees; pos-

session of a controlled substance (third or subsequent offense), pleaded guilty, sentence suspended to two years probation, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

Christopher Douglas Grow, Glenwood - contempt of court for violation of terms of probation on original charges of O.W.I. and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's consent,

pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve 20 days in county jail with credit for time previously served, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

Arriana Abbygale Kelly, Red Oak - violation of terms of probation on original charge of possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), pleaded guilty, deferred judgment revoked.

## POLICE REPORT

### Incidents

Dec. 10 - Jessie Nipe of Glenwood reported a criminal mischief.

### Accidents

Dec. 8 - A vehicle driven by Wayne Porter of Glenwood failed to yield at a stop sign on Fourth and Walnut Streets and struck a second vehicle driven by Morgan Harrill of Council Bluffs. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 15 - A vehicle driven by Morgan Harrill of Council Bluffs was northbound on Grove Street when the vehicle began to slide on the snow covered road into the southbound lanes. The driver attempted to correct by backing down the road and collided with a second southbound vehicle driven by Jennifer Bozek of Glenwood. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 15 - A vehicle driven by Jessica Spiker of Glenwood was southbound on Locust Street attempting to turn left

when the driver lost control due to icy road conditions and struck a curb and utility pole. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 15 - A vehicle driven by Jessica Spiker of Glenwood was positioned sideways on Locust Street south of Fourth Street in northbound lane following a single vehicle accident when a second southbound vehicle, driven by Carter Roenfeld began sliding on the icy road, striking Spiker's vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 15 - A vehicle driven by L-Donna Birkey of Glenwood was eastbound down the hill on Fairview Drive when the vehicle slid through the stop sign due to road conditions and was broadsided by a second vehicle, driven by Jennifer Hughes of Glenwood.

Hughes' vehicle spun around and slid off the road, rolling upside down. Birkey's vehicle also slid off the road but stayed on its wheels. Both vehicles

sustained major damage but no injuries were reported.

Dec. 15 - A vehicle driven by Tania Noble of York, Neb. was southbound on Linn Street and was unable to stop because of slick road conditions. The vehicle entered the intersection where a collision occurred with a second vehicle driven by James Lipes of Glenwood. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 15 - A vehicle driven by Laura Jacobsen of Glenwood was eastbound on Hazel Street when the driver lost control of the vehicle due to icy road conditions and struck a power pole. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 15 - A vehicle driven by Jordan Strange of Glenwood was eastbound on First Street when the driver lost control of the vehicle due to icy road conditions and struck a stop sign at Hazel Street. No injuries were reported.

## Foster care, adoptive parents sought in SW Iowa

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is partnering with Children's Square this holiday season to help children in Council Bluffs and southwest Iowa find a home for the holiday.

"Partnering with an agency as well known as Children's Square in the Council Bluff area has been a huge help to find children homes," said Dawn Luetje, Director of Resource Family Licensing and Support at LSI.

Luetje said hundreds of children across the state of Iowa are waiting in foster homes.

LSI offers individuals the necessary resources to become foster care and adoptive parents in the state of Iowa. LSI's state contract covers 30 of Iowa's western counties and partners with many different agencies across their territory.

"Over 20 kids are waiting for placement in the Council Bluff (southwest Iowa) area. The goal is to find these kids homes," said Jonathan Holland, chief program officer.

LSI is one of Iowa's largest human services agencies and impacts thousands of Iowans annually through child abuse prevention, services for families and youth in crisis, services for people with disabilities, and immigrant and refugee services. LSI is nationally accredited and serves people of all ages.

Children's Square U.S.A., headquartered in Council Bluffs with an office in Omaha, serves over 1,000 children and families every year. Programs include childcare and pre-

school, mental health counseling services, emergency shelter services for children, grades 1-12 special education program, residential treatment for children and adolescents experiencing serious emotional and mental health challenges.

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## A MUSICAL MERRY CHRISTMAS

■ Glenwood Community High School hosted its annual holiday concert last week with the band and choir both performing a selection of Christmas melodies



Last week's concert featured the ninth and 10th grade concert band, the 11th and 12th grade mixed concert band and the combined choirs. The selection of holiday music included many of the traditional mainstays as well as a few new additions such as "Santa Baby" and "Deck the Halls with Chips and Salsa."



The combined choir was under the direction of Kevin Kilpatrick.



Pictured on the left, the 11th and 12th grade mixed concert band percussion section stays on beat during "Winterlude." The choir sings "The Christmas Bells Medley."

### GCCHS students selected for District Honor Band

Nineteen instrumental music students from Glenwood Community High School have been selected for the 2023 District Honor Band:

- Flute – Lauren Stille, Haylie Bonilla, Emily Walters.
- Clarinet – Sara Kolle, Addison Fichter, Chelsea Vang, Maggie Smith.
- Alto Saxophone – Julia Nightser.
- Trumpet – Sawyer Patzer, Evan Belt, Aubrey Mullanix.
- Trombone – Avery Lorson, Logan Mowery, Ashton Wiese, Dillon Anderson.
- Tuba – Isaak Ellis, Mayer Buchanan.
- Percussion – Nolan Clark.
- Bass Clarinet – Elijah Morrison.

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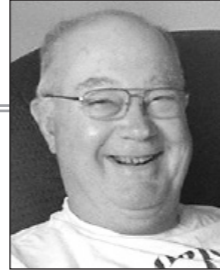
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## So you say your home is chilly this winter?

As we slowly but surely slide into our winter season (literally at times), due to the much higher costs of heating our home, we agreed to turn down the thermostat to possibly save a bit.

**YOU HAD TO BE THERE**

**Dennis Kelly**  
Guest Columnist



So far, the results are encouraging – by moving the dial from around 70 down to 66, we have saved 20% so far in natural gas usage, but, due to the higher prices, have the same heating bill as last year. As a result, as I slip beneath the blankets at night, the sheets seem ice cold, so it takes a bit longer than normal to finally warm up a bit. Also, I sit in my easy chair with a blanket over my legs and lower body and wear a cap in the house to cover up my mostly bald head, which as the scientists will tell you, is the cause of 90% of a human body's winter heat loss.

Thinking back however on our three years in England back in the 1970s, I should not complain one bit about today's circumstances. Our large Victorian rental home there was amazingly beautiful and bright throughout the long summer season – so much so, people were amazed at its roominess, with sunlight streaming through massive single-paned windows facing the village green with its National Heritage Trust windmill – the newest edition only 80 years old, but in a series of mills going back to the 1200s. Quaint indeed. We moved in during the summer of 1976, the warmest in the 500 years of record keeping in England. It would get up to 80F and the locals went almost mad in this heat, but we thought it was perfect. As the days shorten (and they do rapidly when you are at 52 degrees latitude (about like the Hudson Bay in Canada by comparison), you find yourself with only six hours of daylight in December and the weather is typically cloudy, with fog and drizzle almost daily, and temperatures hovering just above freezing.

While snow is quite rare, the dark and damp cold just seeps through you. Of course, you expect that outside, but in our large and drafty home, you hoped for a bit more comfort. We had four coal-burning fireplaces – in our living room, family room, master bedroom and guest bedroom. Those large windows leaked air and we used rolled up towels to block the worst leaks along the sills. The old doors also leaked air and the area rugs tried to cover the cracks in the floorboards, with unheated cold and dank space beneath them. At least in the winter, the spider population went way down! The one-foot-thick brick and plaster walls always felt ice cold, with the Brits called "rising damp." Lovely. I didn't have the time or energy to maintain four fireplaces, but we kept one going in the living room where we normally watched the telly (Monte Python, et al).

The kitchen had a massive old iron stove that relied on bottled gas and when the oven was hot, made the kitchen comfortable. There were four hot water radiators for a house with 11 rooms – yes, we were at least seven radiators short! The small boiler in an upstairs hall closet was better than nothing, but hardly adequate to a house of that size. Coming home to the house in the winter meant a trip to the coal shed, getting the fire going in one fireplace and wearing a lot of clothes indoors. We all slept in sweat clothes and wool caps yet a trip to the bathroom meant getting out of a warm bed and running down some very cold hallways to the bathroom on the second floor. There was a radiator in that room, so at least you didn't fear sticking to the toilet seat (unlike the unheated loo on the lower level). After a bath (no shower of course), we would place the wet towel over the radiator, so at least it would be dry and toasty after your bath.

I usually took a shower down at the fighter squadron ready room, as it was hot water there and you stepped out into a heated changing room. Wilma didn't have that luxury and the kids didn't seem to care about creature comforts as long as they were well fed. When the boys (aged 5 and 3 when we moved there) were in their playroom, they wore their little parkas so they wouldn't catch pneumonia. We had a roll-around bottled gas heater that really could put out some heat, but to use it meant we had to be right there to keep an eye on the kids as getting too near it could result in a nasty burn or melted toy.

Of course, we never encouraged American visitors to see us in England outside of the summer months as the charm of Olde England would naturally be harder to find and enjoy. So, at least here today, we do have central, reliable and relatively inexpensive heat – no hauling coal hods about or shoveling out the ashes and toting them outside. No wearing layers of clothes to bed and no wearing parkas in the house. Yes, it gets much colder here in Iowa than they've ever witnessed in England, but at least on the worst winter days, we still have over 9 hours of daylight, and they keep our streets clean of snow! In our modern world, we get so very spoiled but should always recall our ancestors would have been very happy to have that drafty old English home to live in, back in the "good olde days"!

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## Medicare threatened for future generations

**Q:** How is waste, fraud and abuse weakening Medicare for current and future generations?

**A:** Seniors and people with disabilities depend on Medicare for their health care coverage, including more than 650,000 Iowans.

Every dollar lost to waste, fraud and abuse rips off the taxpayer and skims resources intended for Medicare patients. That's why I keep my nose to the grindstone in Washington to conduct aggressive oversight, root out bad actors and help secure fiscal integrity and compliance with federal health care programs.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is the federal agency responsible for managing these public health insurance programs. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the fiscal year 2022 net spending for Medicare was \$768 billion and \$589 billion for Medicaid. That's why even a fraction of improper payments adds up to big money. For

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**Charles Grassley**  
U.S. Senator



example, CMS reported an improper payment error rate of 5.42 percent for the most recent available data in calendar year 2020 for Medicare Advantage Plans, or Medicare Part C. That's approximately \$13.94 billion in gross payment error for a 12-month period.

As then-chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, I helped shepherd Medicare Part C into law two decades ago. The program is increasingly popular among Medicare recipients as it provides additional coverage beyond traditional Medicare, such as benefits for vision, dental, prescription drug and home health visits. Medicare Advantage is on track to enroll more than half of Medicare recipients next year. That's another rea-

son why it's increasingly important to strengthen anti-fraud tools and empower whistleblowers to report wrongdoing. My Judiciary Committee-passed False Claims Amendments Act and Administrative False Claims Act would further beef up the government's most potent tool to fight fraud and save taxpayer money.

The lion's share of Part C's improper payments are from medical record discrepancies, whereby payments weren't supported by medical records. Examples of fraudulent schemes may include upcoding, which is falsely claiming the illness or disease of a patient and billing for services at a higher level of complexity than documented; billing for unnecessary services or

for services not provided; unbundling, which is submitting bills in a fragmented fashion to maximize reimbursement for tests or procedures that ought to be billed together at a reduced cost; and kickbacks, which are payments for patient referrals or for generating business.

My oversight has shown risk score gaming and other waste, fraud and abuse. I've repeatedly called on CMS and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to more aggressively go after Medicare fraud and ensure concrete steps are taken to recover taxpayer money. Improper payments across Medicare and Medicaid paint a giant bulls-eye for Congress to set its sights on in the New Year. As incoming Ranking Member of the Budget Committee and a senior member of the Finance and Judiciary Committees, I'll continue my work to beef up whistleblower protections to curb wasteful payments and hold those who game the system accountable.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Why not introduce competition to our public school system?

In response to Candella Foley-Finchem's article on public schools, some mis-information needs to be corrected. The Iowa Civil Rights Act precludes any public or private educational institution from discriminating on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, or disability. Bona fide religious institutions have an exception to impose qualifications based on religion, sexual orientation or gender identity - but not for race, creed, color, or disability. Should any religious institution receive even a single federal dollar (many accept school lunch dollars), those exclusions are completely eliminated.

The proposed Iowa law allows up to 10,000 student vouchers per year - 2% of Iowa's 485,000+ students. Each voucher would be worth \$5,500 - a fraction of

what public schools spend per student. Per Iowans for Tax Relief, Glenwood spent \$16,000+ and East Mills \$19,300+ per student in 2020.

Since 2000, Iowa student population increased 7.6%, teachers 8.4%, and administrators a whopping 88.2%. It appears that many administrators and school boards are more intent on building bureaucracies and monuments to themselves (new buildings, sports facilities, etc.) than investing in teaching and educational outputs. In to many cases teachers are forced to teach critical race theory, sexually explicit material to grade schoolers, and enforce woke views that are not supported by the people of the school district.

Private school students do much better on scholastic testing and on graduation rates. Why not give more parents the option on how their children are educated? Why not introduce some competition to our public school system?

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## What does Christmas mean to you?

I've read articles over the years about how Christmas is a combination of Christian and pagan symbolism along with some folklore traditions and for the most part, this is true. I also realize that most people do not want to hear about such things. Beyond the bah-humbug, I will admit that even though Christmas is not as much fun now as it was when I was a kid or when our children were young, I still enjoy the season.

I remember laying under the tree and how I was mesmerized looking up at all the twinkling lights. To me, Christmas has always been a special time and heaven forbid I use the term, "magical" but as a child, my overactive imagination had no problem believing the fables especially after I learned about Saint Nicholas that knows everything and can give every child in the world exactly what they want. Now that we are adults, it seems we still hold onto the memories of Christmas past and even have a little excitement left for Christmas future no matter how old we are.

I was thinking about some of the things I do not enjoy about Christmas like for example, the traffic when trying to shop is a headache and how it seems people are not always in a "Currier and Ives" festive mood. The high level of stress and anxiety to make sure everything is perfect can turn our joyous celebrations into something that resembles a torture chamber. The pressure of making sure the house is decorated just right, the food is delicious, and finding the perfect gifts, takes an exhausting toll on all of us. And let's not forget about the

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*Dr. Billy Holland*

Religion Columnist



intense commercialism that bombards us with advertising and turns everything into a money-driven frenzy. But, for the sake of all those involved, we will continue our merry traditions until we cannot do it anymore because spending time with our loved ones for the holiday makes us all happy. What is there not to like? The lighted tree, feasting at banquet tables with the richest delicacies of the year, and everyone enjoying themselves are the ingredients for a wonderful occasion. Let us not forget seeing the excited faces of the little ones as they unwrap their presents. We remember the carol that reminds us, "It's the most wonderful time of the year."

Still, in the back of my mind, I keep thinking about the spiritual parts and pieces of a supposedly Christian holiday. After all, I was also taught this was when Jesus was born. The concept of syncretism is the perfect opportunity to blend all types of ancient traditions and rituals with our sacred faith. We have a nativity with Jesus as the Savior for those who believe and Santa Clause with his magical powers for those who are not Christians, this is no big deal because a party is a party, but the Bible says that the more we learn the more we are accountable for. Besides, everyone is going

to do whatever they want. We all strain at a gnat and swallow a camel every now and then, right? Then if we pull the plug on Christmas, we can become so legalistic and narrow-minded that we offend everyone and end up living alone. I cannot see how this helps anything. Is trying to find a reasonable balance just another word for compromise?

I wonder how many would celebrate Christmas if it was only about Jesus coming to save us. What if there were no Christmas trees or the magical man dressed in red with a white beard? What if Mr. Kringle was without supernatural powers like being omnipresent and the ability to shape-shift and visit every home in the world in one night? Without the sparkling lights, Frosty the snowman, candy canes, the ham and pecan pie, the music carols, Rudolph, and a large pile of wrapped gifts, Christmas day would probably pass by quietly like Groundhog Day. Advent is a time of reflection and gratitude about Christ coming to save us from our sins. He seems helpless as a baby in a manger, but one day every person will acknowledge Him as Lord and give an account of how they lived. Somewhere between the wise men, the winter solstice traditions, and flying reindeer, may we find our reason for the season.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Opinion-Tribune office will be closed Dec. 26, Jan. 2

The Opinion-Tribune newspaper business office at 116 S. Walnut St. in Glenwood will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2, for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

The newspaper will have early news, legal notice and advertising deadlines for the Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 issues of both The Opinion-Tribune newspaper and Town and Country shopper.

### Friends Of The Library announces drawing winners

The Friends of the Library in Glenwood has announced the names of the winners in its fundraiser drawing held earlier this month.

The following individuals were winners in the drawing:

- Picture: Margaret Crawley.
- Quilted Throw: Jan Hall.
- Quilted throw: Genelle Campbell.
- Vase: Joyce Howrey.

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## SUDOKU

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ANSWER:

# Mills County Church Directory

- Common Ground Glenwood**  
Lead Pastor: Jon McNeel (712-527-0720). Assoc. Pastor of Youth & Worship: Adam Tibbs (712-527-8867). Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. at the Glenwood High School Auditorium - including nursery and children's church. "Vital" youth groups for junior high and senior high students - together with Campus Life at the Glenwood Middle School on Wednesdays 6:20-8:30 p.m. Life groups meet in various homes throughout the week. [www.cmgglenwood.org](http://www.cmgglenwood.org).
- Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church Glenwood**  
24116 Marian St. Rev. Dan Siepker. Church office 527-5211, rectory 527-9115. Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) from 4 -4:30 p.m. with other times by appointment with Father Dan. Liturgical services: Tuesday through Friday times vary; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. Web site: [holyroary.glenwood.com](http://holyroary.glenwood.com).
- Glenwood Community Church**  
An Evangelical Free Church 56646 240th St. 527-4250 Pastor, Mark Smeltzer. Worship 9:30 a.m. (Nursery and Children's Church are provided); Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School / Bible Classes 10:45 a.m. (Classes for youth and adults). Wednesdays: AWANA meets at 6:30 p.m. during school year. ([glenwoodcommunitychurch.com](http://glenwoodcommunitychurch.com))

- Vine Street Bible Church Glenwood**  
We are an independent Bible church located at 212 N. Vine St. in Glenwood. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Services at 10:15 a.m. Nursery provided. LightHouse Youth Group at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Jon McNeel, pastor: 712-527-0720. Dan Ginn, youth pastor. Facebook@Vine Street Bible Church.
- Bible Baptist Church Glenwood**  
An independent Baptist Church, 605 So. Hazel. 712-527-3806. Pastor Ben Quinlan; Sunday School [all ages] 9:30 a.m.; Worship with Children's Church 10:30 a.m.; Bible Hour 6 p.m., nursery provided for all service times. Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Bible study and prayer classes for all ages. Please call for a ride to any service on our white church bus from anywhere in Glenwood.
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Glenwood**  
Woodfield Estates subdivision west of Highway 275 and Elderberry Road. Bishop Tim Jacob. Phone 527-2968, Church phone 527-9227. Sacrament Meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11:15 a.m.; Schedule of mtgs; Priesthood, Relief Society, Primary Young Men/Women 12:10 p.m.
- Tabor United Methodist**  
10:30 a.m., Sunday worship. Pastor Jan Phillips.
- Tabor United Church of Christ**  
403 Elm. Pastor Susan Reed 527-9424. Worship Service 9 a.m.

- St. John's Episcopal Church Glenwood**  
111 N. Vine St. 527-2971. Sunday morning service of Eucharist is at 10:00 a.m. On the third Sunday of each month we serve Eucharist at Linwood estates at 10 a.m. We welcome all who seek to know and love God.
- Grace United Methodist Church Glenwood**  
112 N. Walnut. Rev. Kimberly Bowles. Sunday Worship Service: 8:45 a.m., (contemporary), 9 a.m., Christian Education; 10 a.m. fellowship/refreshments; 10:30 a.m., worship, (traditional). Phone 527-4607. [www.glenwood-umc.org](http://www.glenwood-umc.org). Sign language services offered upon request.
- Cahvary Baptist Church Glenwood**  
56456 221st St. (north on Locust St.). Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Bible Study on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Genesis For information call 527-3951, Pastor Dan Pearson. [CBCGlenwood.org](http://CBCGlenwood.org).
- Journey Road Glenwood**  
A safe spiritual community for all people in partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets twice monthly on Saturday mornings, 10:30 a.m. Call 402-315-7732 for additional information or visit our website at [www.journeyroads.org](http://www.journeyroads.org).
- First Baptist Church Emerson**  
Sunday Worship at 10 a.m., Sunday School at 9 a.m. [baptistchurch@netins.net](http://baptistchurch@netins.net).

- Silver City Methodist**  
Pastor Ken Demlow, 525-1179; Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m.
- Tabor Church of the Nazarene**  
Christ has touched us. We are changing. Growing. Rebuilding. Alive. Loving. New! West off of HWY 275 on South Street, on the hill above Tabor Manor. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Brian Jenkerson, 629-3045- text or call. [tabornazarene.org](http://tabornazarene.org)
- Frontline Church**  
Not your ordinary church. Sunday service, 10 a.m. at Mills County YMCA in Glenwood. Call (712) 310-6350 or e-mail to [dan@frontlineglenwood.com](mailto:dan@frontlineglenwood.com). Website address: [www.glenwoodfrontline.com](http://www.glenwoodfrontline.com).
- First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
407 Second St., Pastor Susan Reed, phone 527-9424. Sunday schedule: 10:30 a.m., worship; 10 a.m., fellowship.
- St. John Lutheran, Mineola**  
9 miles northeast of Glenwood. Pastor Luke Kuenzli. Church office 526-2268. Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. [stjohnlutherchurchmineola.org](http://stjohnlutherchurchmineola.org).
- Hastings United Methodist**  
400 Platte Ave. Sunday Worship services 10 a.m. with Pastor Denise Stevens. CLM and Sunday School at 11 a.m. Wednesdays: After-school Group (K-6th) at 4-5:30 p.m. and Confirmation Class 7-8 p.m.

- Strahan United Methodist**  
Five miles south of Hastings on M16. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Fellowship 2nd Wed./Mo. 6:30 p.m. 712-624-8320. Everyone welcome. Pastor Joni Hickey.
- Emerson United Methodist**  
801 Bradford Ave., 824-7368. Pastor Denise Stevens. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 10:30 a.m. e-mail [emersonunit\\_edmethodistchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:emersonunit_edmethodistchurch@yahoo.com).
- Henderson Christian Church**  
400 Maple St., Henderson. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday Family Night ages four through adult 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 712-825-3496. [hendersoncc@netins.net](http://hendersoncc@netins.net)
- Malvern United Methodist**  
201 E. 5th St., 712-624-8320. [www.malvernumc.org](http://www.malvernumc.org). Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Oct.-May, Jr./Sr. High Youth Fellowship 2nd Wed./mo. 6:30 p.m. Pastor Joni Hickey
- Hastings St. John's Lutheran**  
56020 340th St. or 340th & Gaston Ave., Hastings, IA 51540. Pastor Christopher Maronde. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.
- Trinity Lutheran Church- LCMS Glenwood**  
2nd and Locust St., 527-4667. Website: [www.tlcglenwood.org](http://www.tlcglenwood.org). Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. Saturday night worship at 5:30 p.m.

- First Baptist Church Malvern**  
Rev. Shirley Albert. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m. Pat Boydston, Sunday School Superintendent.
- Hillsdale Methodist**  
27066 Kimberling Ave. 525-1057. Pretty Country Church, Pastor Ken Demlow. Worship at 9 a.m., fellowship following. (Handicap accessible).
- Full Faith Church Pacific Junction**  
302 Front St., Where Jesus is Lord! Pastor H.J. Green. 622-8369. Sunday Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m. Wednesday night worship 7 p.m.
- Wesley Chapel United Methodist**  
M16 north off HWY. 34 then west on Epperson. Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Fellowship 2nd Wed./mo. 6:30 p.m. 712-624-8320. Pastor Joni Hickey.
- RECONNECT: A Christian Community**  
Reconnect: A Christian Community located at 109 S. Walnut St., Worship services available in person and online. Service every Sunday at 10 a.m. Weekly Sunday school for nursery - high school during service. Various life groups meet in homes throughout the week. Lead Pastor: Darwin Brown. Family Ministry Pastor: Nici Pelley. [reconnectchristian.org](http://reconnectchristian.org)

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## The RELIGION PAGE & MILLS COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY Receives Support From These Local Businesses

### Jim Hughes Real Estate

Homes • Acreages • Farms  
410 S. Locust, Glenwood  
Off: 527-3114  
[www.jimhughesrealestate.com](http://www.jimhughesrealestate.com)

### Glenwood State Bank

Member of FDIC and Federal Reserve System  
32 N. Walnut St. 527-3157  
First State Bank  
711 Main St., Tabor  
712-629-2435

### John Pitzer Sales

59364 Hilman Rd.  
Glenwood  
527-3194

WWII veteran Calvin Deitchler recognized for 75 years in Legion

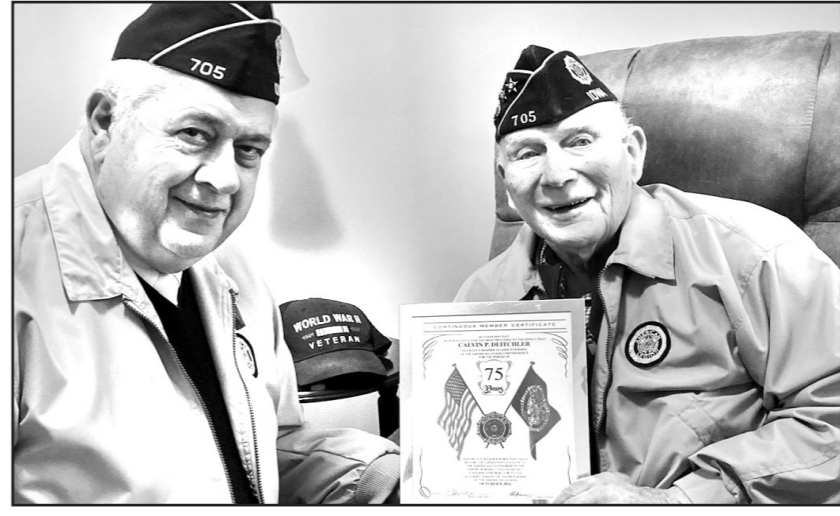
World War II veteran Calvin Deitchler of Mineola was recently presented with an award recognizing his 75 years of continuous service in the American Legion.

Deitchler is the sole surviving charter member of Mineola American Legion Post 705, founded 10 months after his return from the European Theater. At 98, he now resides at Linnwood Estates assist-

ed living in Glenwood. The award was presented by Keith Johnson.

At right: World War II veteran Calvin Deitchler (right) accepts an award honoring his 75 years of membership in the American Legion from Keith Johnson.

COURTESY PHOTO



Glenwood Schools

Glenwood Community School District Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors High School Media Center - 504 East Sharp Street, Glenwood, IA 51534

Monday December 12, 2022

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call - Vice President Jon Zak called the Regular Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. Upon roll call the following Board of Education (BOE) members responded as being present: Curt Becker, Tim Becker, Elizabeth Richardson, Matt Portrey, and John Zak.
2. Approval of Agenda - M Portrey made a motion to approve the agenda with two modifications. E Richardson seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion Carried
3. Spotlight on Education - None
4. Friends of Education - None
5. Consideration of Action on Consent Items - E Richardson made a motion to approve the consent agenda including items 5A through 5L. C Becker seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion Carried
5A. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting & November 28, 2022 Special Meeting & Work Session.

5B. Approval of Board Policies - Second Reading Approvals:

Table with columns: POLICY #, DESCRIPTION. Lists various school policies such as 'STATEMENT OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM', 'SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL DAY', 'PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION', etc.

Table with columns: NAME, POSITION, SALARY. Lists staff members and their roles, including Brad Asche (Assistant Wrestling / Head Girls), Heather Bachman (IT Technician), Adam Buthe (Assistant Wrestling / Head Girls), etc.

Table with columns: NAME, FROM / TO, WAGE. Lists additional staff members and their compensation, including Jaimie Fisher (From Preschool Special Education) and Ashlee Hess (From Special Education Associate).

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5F. Separation from District - Coaching positions are contingent upon finding a suitable replacement

Table with columns: NAME, POSITION, DATE. Lists separations for Jaime Apperson (Teacher) and Kendra Biermann (Teacher).

Table with columns: NAME, POSITION, DATE. Lists a termination for Skylar DeWall (Kid's Place Lead Teacher) on July 22, 2022.

Table with columns: NAME, DISTRICT, REASON, DIST OF RESIDENCE, APPROVE OR DENY, FUNDED. Lists resignations and terminations for staff members like Kathi Krzycki, Elizabeth Maryott, Logan Miller, etc.

5G. Open Enrollments NAME DISTRICT REASON DIST OF RESIDENCE APPROVE OR DENY FUNDED

Table with columns: GROUP, FUNDRAISER, PURPOSE, AMOUNT, DATES. Lists fundraising activities like Teammates Pizza Ranch and Mentoring.

Table with columns: REQUESTED ACTIVITY, DESTINATION, DEPARTURE DATE, RETURN DATE. Lists out-of-state travel for Chad Lang to Laguna Beach, CA.

Table with columns: NAME OF GRANT, PURPOSE, AMOUNT. Lists grant requests like None.

Table with columns: NAME OF GRANT, POSITION, SALARY. Lists curriculum content for various school years.

6A. Comments from Public - Candella Foley Finchem addressed the Board of Education concerning her opposition to the Governor's Student First Act proposal.

6B. Comments from Board of Education - None
6C. Legislative Update - None
6D. Presentations - Middle School Administrator Heidi Stanley and Middle School staff members Mark Stamer, Ben Haynes, Rebecca Ruth, Josh Miller, and Kelsey Miller gave a presentation on the Association for Middle Level Education Conference they recently attended.

6E. GRC Campus Closing Update - Superintendent Embrey provided an update on planning discussions relating to the GRC closing, master site plan and updated facilities options for the Glenwood CSD.

7. Reports - Building Administrators, Special Education, School Improvement, Activities Director, Kids Place, Technology, Food Service, Transportation/Building and Grounds & Print Shop reported on their respective buildings or areas of accountability.

8. Old Business - None
9. New Business - A. to O.
9A. Approval of School Officer Liaison Program Agreement - C Becker made a motion for approval of the School Officer Liaison Program Agreement with the City of Glenwood for the 2023-2024 school year.

9B. Approval of Proposal for Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement - T Becker made a motion for approval of the Proposal for Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement with Karl Chevrolet. M Portrey seconded the motion.

9C. Approval of Drawings and Specifications for Partial Roof Modifications School Buildings - M Portrey made a motion for approval of the drawings and specifications for the partial roof modifications to the Northeast Elementary and Middle School.

9D. Approval of LEP Allowable Costs

C Becker made a motion for approval of the LEP Allowable Costs in the amount of \$1,226.03. T Becker seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion carried.
9E. Approval of Educator Advancement Program Proposal with Bloom-Board - T Becker made a motion for approval of the Educator Advancement Program Proposal which will enable current educators to earn a master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction. M Portrey seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

9F. Approval of Sharing Agreement with Treynor Community School District - M Portrey made a motion for approval of the Sharing Agreement with Treynor Community School District for sharing of ELL program services. E Richardson seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

9G. Approval of Agreement with Capturing Kids Hearts - E Richardson made a motion for approval of the agreement with Capturing Kids Hearts. C Becker seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

9H. Approval of Agreements with Recover Health of Iowa d/b/a Aveanna Healthcare - C Becker made a motion for approval of the Agreements with Recover Health of Iowa d/b/a Aveanna Healthcare for private duty nursing services for two students. T Becker seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

9I. Approval of MidAmerica AUL Investment Contract - C Becker made a motion for approval of the new AUL Fixed Interest Account contract with MidAmerica for an existing annuity investment option. M Portrey seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

9J. Approval to Terminate Technical Support Services Agreement with WIN - T Becker made a motion for approval to terminate the Technical Support Services Agreement with Western Iowa Network. M Portrey seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

9K. Approval of Managed Services Agreement with Green Hills AEA - C Becker made a motion for approval of the Managed Technology Services Agreement with Green Hills AEA as a draft pending review and final approval from the district attorney. T Becker seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

9L. Approval of Approval of AIA Architect Contract - C Becker made a motion for approval of the AIA Architect Contract as draft pending final approval from the district attorney. T Becker seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

9M. Approval of Approval of AIA Construction Manager Contract - T Becker made a motion for approval of the AIA Construction Manager Contract as draft pending final approval from the district attorney. M Portrey seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

9N. Approval of Administration Stipends for Assigned District Wide Programs - M Portrey made a motion for approval of mid-year stipends for Administrators for successful management of assigned district wide programs. E Richardson seconded the motion. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

9O. Approval of Accepting Resignation of Board of Education Director Tim Becker - E Richardson made a motion for approval of accepting the resignation of Board of Education Director Tim Becker effective December 17, 2022. C Becker seconded the motion. Curt Becker, Elizabeth Richardson, Matt Portrey and Jon Zak voted "aye". Tim Becker "abstained". Motion carried with a vote 4-0 "aye".

10. Adjournment - As there was no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion was made by C Becker and seconded by T Becker to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Matt Portrey, Board President
Tim Reinert, Board Secretary / Treasurer
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Probate Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR MILLS COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL STINARD HACKER, Deceased. Case No. ESR011627

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Paul Stinard Hacker, deceased, who died on or about July 23, 2021: You are hereby notified that on December 14, 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 allow-

ance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated this 14th day of December, 2022.

Rosemary Underwood 37 Jester Court Schenectady, NY 12304 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE Kale B. Rogers of PETERS LAW FIRM, P.C. 233 Pearl Street Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503 Telephone (712) 328-3157 Fax (712) 328-9092 ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR (Published in The Opinion-Tribune Wednesday, December 21, 2022, and Wednesday, December 28, 2022.)

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# Blueberry Pancakes For A Blue Ribbon School



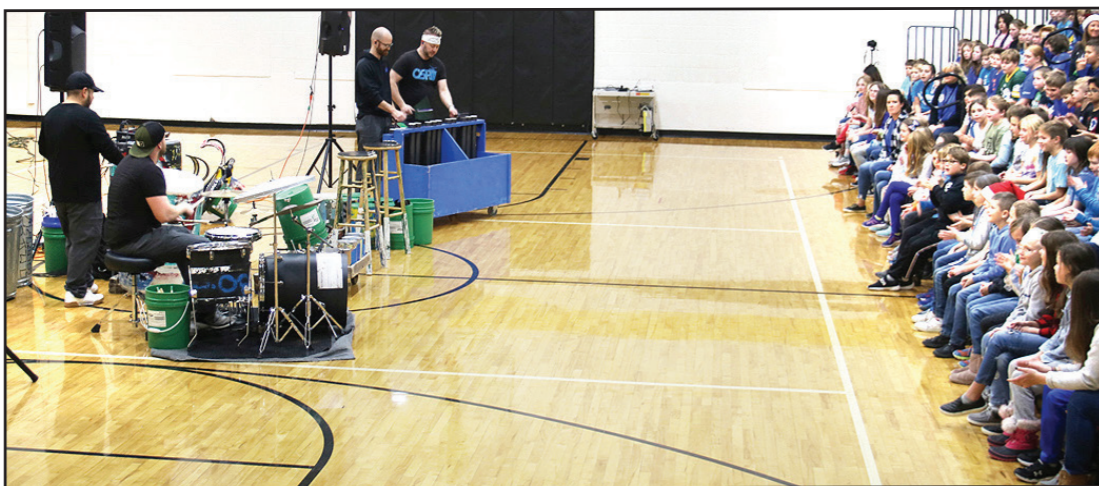
West Elementary School staff and students spent Friday celebrating the school's recognition as a national Blue Ribbon School. The day's festivities included a blueberry pancake breakfast, classroom holiday parties, special activities and an all-school assembly that was highlighted by a performance from Omaha Street Percussion (shown below).

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Above; Brandi Roberts serves up the blueberries at Friday's pancake breakfast for students at Glenwood's West Elementary School. Below: West students enjoy their breakfast.



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Glenwood Community School District Director Of Food Services Terry Marlow and Superintendent Dr. Devin Embray man the pancake grill at Friday's West Elementary "Super Pancakes" breakfast.

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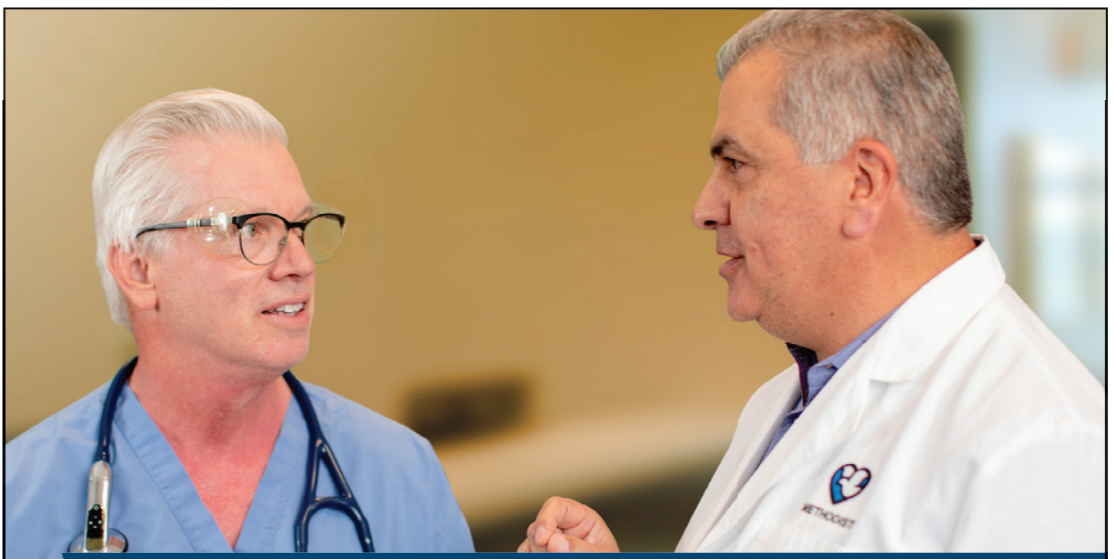
During an interview earlier this year, West Elementary School Principal Genie O'Grady said the recognition can be attributed to the dedication and hard work of West staff, students and parents over the past several years.

"Two things were key," O'Grady said. "Teacher Leadership—putting teachers in charge of what teachers do best and figuring out things that were keeping kids from

learning. We also studied what's called MTSS – Multi Tiered System of Support, which really helped us fine tune how we were intervening for all students.

"It has to do with our response to a student that either has needs that are either higher than a grade level or lower than a grade level. So, it's our response to students not making adequate progress or students that already know what we're teaching them."

Friday's all-school assembly in the West gymnasium featured a video presentation of O'Grady, West Instructional Coach Laurie Weekly and Glenwood Community School District Superintendent Dr. Devin Embray accepting the Blue Ribbon School Award at a November ceremony in Washington, D.C. The assembly concluded with a live performance by Omaha Street Percussion.



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