

## GRC 'off the table' as site for new elementary school

By JOEL STEVENS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Glenwood Community School District is nixing its plan to put a new elementary school on the former Glenwood Resource Center Campus.

Back in November, the district announced it was eyeing the former Meyer Building as a new, remodeled home for West Elementary as part of a proposed \$50 million facilities upgrade. The project was also to include extensive remodeling to Northeast Elementary, repurposing of West and the installation of new geo-thermal heating and air conditioning systems at the middle school.

While the district remains on

schedule to put a bond issue to voters for the facilities improvements in early 2024, the plan has "pivoted" away from the GRC campus housing a new elementary to substantial remodels of both West and Northeast elementaries. The HVAC updates at the middle school would also remain on track.

Glenwood Superintendent Dr. Devin Embray said the community response to the idea of moving third through fifth graders to a 100-year-old building, even a remodeled one, wasn't popular.

"The GRC is out as to having a three through five school up there," Embray said. "It's off the table but we are lobbying for the master plan

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Linda Goos, a cardiac care patient at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, and her sister Marcia Keith, the Service Leader For the Cardiovascular Service Line at the hospital, are helping get the word out about services available to Mills County and southwest Iowa residents in need of cardiac care.

## Sisters spreading the word about services available to local cardiac care patients

By JOEL FOREMAN  
EDITOR

February is National Heart Month and for two sisters from the Glenwood area, it's the perfect time to promote cardiac care and services available to Mills County residents in need of treatment for heart-related conditions.

Marcia Keith, the Service Leader for the Cardiovascular Service Line at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, and her sister Linda Goos, a cardiac patient at the hospital, said it's important for Mills County residents to know that if they are in need of cardiac care, Jennie Edmundson can provide the services they need.

"I was having some issues with my heart racing so I went in. I was diagnosed with AFib (Atrial Fibrillation)" Goos said. "Due to the condition that I was in, they decided to do an ablation so I am under

Doctor (Joseph) Ayoub's care to see what I need to do next. I will see him again in the middle of February.

"It was very important to know that I had the services available to me that I need."

Mills County has no hospital of its own, so as Keith points out, Jennie Edmundson Hospital is the "center point" of care for local residents in need of cardiac services.

"We do a lot of outreach," she said. "We go to a lot of communities and bring people here for cardiac care. We do outreach in Glenwood, Harlan, Atlantic, Red Oak and Shenandoah.

"We partner with these different communities and we try to help make sure they know the services that we provide and what we can do for their cardiac care. Glenwood is definitely one of our main points because they're close and we want to make sure they know we can provide what they need."

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## Special Election

# County, economic development officials push passage of hotel tax

Developer considers building hotel near I-29/Highway 34 interchange

By JOE FOREMAN  
EDITOR

A special election on March 7 in unincorporated areas of Mills County will decide the fate of a proposed hotel/motel tax and could go a long way in fueling economic development near the Interstate 29 - Highway 34 interchange.

Mills County Auditor Carol Robertson said the vote is taking place at the request of a developer who's interested in building a Holiday Inn Express hotel west of the I-29/Highway 34 interchange.

"That's what sparked it," Robertson said. "He wants some incentives and one of them is a portion of the hotel / motel tax for so many years. He wants to make sure we pass the hotel / motel tax before he commits 100 percent."

If the measure is passed, hotel, motel



and airtbn stays in unincorporated areas of the county would be subject to a 7 percent tax. The tax would be implemented July 1.

Mills County Economic Development Executive Director Andrew Rainbolt said the use of lodging tax revenue to help hotel developers offset start-up costs is a common practice to generate tourism. He noted that any development deal between the county and the hotel

developer wouldn't be finalized until after the March 7 vote.

"Our next hurdle is getting the tax in place," Rainbolt said. "Then we'll be on to finalizing a development deal. We don't have a deal finalized, yet. That will become public when it goes to the board of supervisors."

"Essentially, the state law says you have to use up to 50 percent of your hotel tax revenue to build, maintain and promote tourist activities in your jurisdiction. The revenue that is generated off the hotel for a few years, we'll kick back a portion of that to the hotel to help get them going. That will kind of ratchet down over time."

Rainbolt said landing a hotel near the I-29/Highway 34 corridor would be an important step in the county's ongoing economic development efforts.

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## Council approves Coolidge St. paving project

By JOE FOREMAN  
EDITOR

There's some good news for motorists who travel on that treacherous stretch of Coolidge Street south of the Glenwood Fire Station.

The Glenwood City Council approved a resurfacing project for the street at the council's regular meeting Jan. 24.

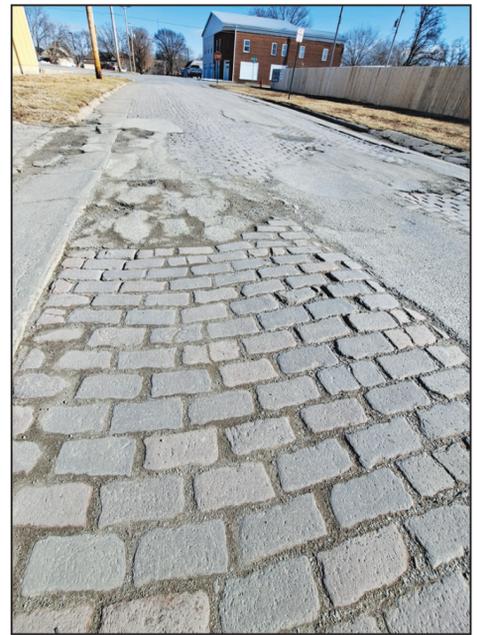
Jake Zimmerer, a representative of Eagle Engineering, the city's contracted engineering firm, said the project will consist of resurfacing Coolidge Street, from Locust Street on the west to Walnut Street on the east, and some storm sewer work heading south toward Tyson Street.

Following a public hearing on the project, in which no written or oral comments were voiced, Zimmerer opened three sealed bids from contractors interested in doing the project. The project was awarded to the lowest bidder, Council Bluffs-based Carley Construction, for \$232,848.

The street is currently a brick surface. The project will involve replacing the bricks with concrete. The bricks will be removed and saved for repairs to other brick streets in the future.

The Glenwood City Council has approved funds for the resurfacing of this stretch of Coolidge Street between Locust and Walnut .

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Road To Recovery volunteers - front row (from left): Linda Stouder, Kathy Dix, Kathy Roenfeld and Kathy Reisner. Back row: Amy Stickrod and Jeff Mitts.

## Road To Recovery volunteers assisting Mills County residents battling cancer

By JEFF MITTS  
SPECIAL TO THE OPINION-TRIBUNE

Mills County's Relay for Life has generated over a million dollars for American Cancer Society in the past quarter century. That money has helped with medical breakthroughs that have saved lives and extended cancer survival rates in this country and around the world.

But an American Cancer Society program that costs nothing but volunteer time is making an impact on local

citizens who are battling cancer. Road To Recovery has been around nation-wide for about a decade. It pairs cancer patients with a network of volunteers to ensure they receive transportation to the cancer related treatment that they need.

Suzie Mages, ACS Senior Community Manager for Southwest Iowa, said that the program is an important, but often overlooked cog in patient care. "The largest barrier for cancer patients is transportation," she said. "It

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### DEATH NOTICES

Delbert L. "Red" Ellner, 89

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## OBITUARIES

### Delbert L. "Red" Ellner, 89

June 11, 1933 – Jan. 31, 2023

Delbert L. "Red" Ellner, 89, of Holdrege, Nebraska, died on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, in Holdrege. Services for Delbert L. "Red" Ellner will be held at a later date.

He met his future bride on a blind date on New Year's Eve 1959. On October 21, 1961, Red was united in marriage to Marilyn Schoening at the St. John Lutheran Church in Mineola, Iowa.

Red is survived by his wife Marilyn Ellner of Holdrege; daughter, Julie Ellner of San Diego, California; sister-in-law, Jennie Ellner of Hays, Kansas; and several nieces.

Memorials are strongly suggested to Holdrege Memorial Homes, the Nebraska Prairie Museum or to donor's choice.

The full obituary and expressions of caring and kindness can be sent to the family at [www.nelsonbauerfh.com](http://www.nelsonbauerfh.com).

The Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home in Holdrege is in charge of the arrangements.



## Henderson man gets 7-year sentence for possessing firearms

Garret Allen Horgdal, age 39, of Henderson, was sentenced on Tuesday, Jan. 31, to serve 84 months in prison following his plea of guilty to being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm. After he is released from prison, Horgdal will serve three years of supervised release.

On March 8, 2022, a Montgomery County Sheriff's deputy stopped Horgdal and found him in possession of three loaded firearms. Horgdal was prohibited from possessing any firearms because of his prior felony convictions and his drug use.

United States Attorney Richard D. Westphal of the Southern District of Iowa made the sentencing announcement last week. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Mills County Sheriff's Office and

Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement investigated the case.

The case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence, and to make neighborhoods safer for everyone, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

In May 2021, the Department of Justice launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities and measuring the results.

## Burn ban in place in Mills County

A county-wide burning ban was put in place for Mills County on Monday, Feb. 6.

The ban prohibits open burning in Mills County, including all the cities within the county.

First responders were put at risk this past week with more than 15 grass fires throughout the area. All local fire departments were in agreement and the ban was approved today by the Iowa

State Fire Marshal in Des Moines.

All open burning will be banned within Mills County until further notice under Chapter 100.40 of the Iowa Code. An application to your local fire district chief can be obtained to allow a permit for an open burn if your local fire official believes it is safe to do so. After approval of permit, several County entities are informed to lessen the danger of false alarms.

Citizens are reminded to:

- Avoid using fireworks and other items that produce flame or sparks.
- Not throw out cigarettes from moving vehicles.
- Discontinue the burning of yard waste, piled tree debris or other items during the ban.

Small recreational camp fires are permitted only if they are conducted in a fire place of brick, metal or heavy one-inch wire mesh.

Any camp fire not in an outdoor fire place is prohibited.

Violation of a burn ban can subject a person to citation or arrest for reckless use of fire or disobeying a burn ban.

For more information on burn bans and the law contact the Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office at 515-725-6145 or go to [www.dps.state.ia.us](http://www.dps.state.ia.us) or Mills County Emergency Management at 712-527-3643.

## DISTRICT COURT

### Judge

**Jennifer Benson Bahr**  
Brent William Michael, Malvern – three counts of driving while license is barred, pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve 30 days in county jail on each count with credit for time previously served, ordered to meet DNA requirement; possession of a controlled substance (second offense), pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve seven days in county jail, sentences to run

concurrently, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

Robert Patrick McAtee, Glenwood – third-degree criminal mischief, pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve 30 days in county jail with credit for time previously served, ordered to meet DNA requirement, pay court costs and fees.

Keith Patrick Schreck, Council Bluffs – second degree burglary, pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve five days

in county jail with credit for time previously served, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

Brian James Johnson, Plattsmouth, Neb. – possession of a controlled substance (third or subsequent offense), pleaded guilty, sentenced suspended to two years probation, ordered to undergo drug / alcohol evaluation, pay court costs and fees.

Derek LaClair Cotter, Shenandoah – possession of

a controlled substance (marijuana), pleaded guilty, ordered to pay \$430 fine, court costs and fees.

### Judge

**Amy Lynne Zacharias**  
Floyd Raymond Henry II, Red Oak – violation of terms of probation on original charges of substance abuse violation and carrying weapons, original sentences invoked, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

## SHERIFF REPORT

### Accidents

Jan. 30 – A vehicle driven by James Withrow of Papillion, Neb., failed to yield at the intersection of Bunge Avenue and 189th Street causing a collision with a second westbound vehicle driven by Mason George of Council Bluffs. No injuries were reported.

Jan. 30 – A vehicle driven by Mark Ratzlaff of Glenwood was eastbound on Eastman Road when the driver lost control of the ve-

hicle and it rolled into the ditch. The driver reported the incident to deputies later. No injuries were reported.

Feb. 1 – A vehicle driven by Matthew Schneider of Buffalo, Minn., failed to yield at the intersection of Second Avenue and West Seventh Street in Malvern, causing a collision with a second vehicle driven by Kristina Boone of Glenwood. No injuries were reported.

## POLICE REPORT

### Incidents

Feb. 1 – Ray Childers of Glenwood reported a burglary.

Feb. 3 – Diana Oleen of Glenwood reported a case of fraud.

### Accidents

Jan. 31 – A vehicle driven by Breanna Griffin of Glenwood was stopped on northbound Locust Street attempting to turn on Woodlawn Avenue when a second northbound vehicle driven

by William Getter of Glenwood struck the rear end of Griffin's vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Feb. 4 – A vehicle driven by Amy Coleman of Elkhorn was westbound on Sharp Street in the center lane attempting to turn right into a business drive when she struck a second westbound vehicle in the outside lane driven by Rhett Bentley of Macedonia. No injuries were reported

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## Vietnam vet Jim Thrane honored at Creighton basketball game

By JOE FOREMAN  
EDITOR

A Vietnam War veteran and Purple Heart recipient from Glenwood received a standing ovation for his military service from more than 18,000 Creighton basketball fans Saturday night during the Bluejays' game against Villanova at CHI Health Center Omaha.

Jim Thrane was escorted onto the court and introduced to the crowd during a first-half timeout. The Creighton basketball team and Berry Law firm are partnering this season to pay tribute to one military veteran at each Bluejay home game. Early last week, Thrane received a phone call from a representative of the law firm who informed him he had been nominated for the recognition. He accepted the invitation for him and his wife, Ann, to attend the game. He later learned he had been nominated for the honor by Glenwood native Montana Crow, a Creighton Law School graduate and Berry Law attorney.

Thrane said he was appreciative of the experience.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "It was loud on the court – you can't hear anything when you go out there on the court."

"Later, they took us up to the Lexus Club and a woman came up to me and thanked me for my service. She said it was the loudest it's been for a game this year. It was really neat."

Thrane, a Council Bluffs native, joined the U.S. Army in 1968 after graduating from the University of South Dakota. He was a member of the U.S. Army First Cavalry Division in Vietnam and initially served as a point man for his platoon. Because of his marksmanship



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Vietnam War veteran and Purple Heart recipient Jim Thrane of Glenwood was honored for his service during Saturday's Creighton Bluejays basketball game in Omaha.

abilities, Thrane was later trained to be a sniper.

In September 1969, Thrane suffered life-threatening injuries when mortar fire erupted in his unit's overnight encampment in a jungle along the Cambodian border. Five soldiers, including Thrane, were injured. One soldier was killed.

The explosion severed the brachial artery in Thrane's right arm, his carotid artery was damaged and the upper part of his body, including his head, was pelted with shrapnel.

Thrane spent months recovering in hospitals in Vietnam, Japan and the United States. He was awarded a Purple Heart, the prestigious medal given to U.S. military personnel who are wounded or killed in the line of duty.

## East Mills Community School District chosen for state STEM BEST program

The Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council announced last week that the East Mills Community School District as one of the 37 school districts joining the STEM BEST (Businesses Engaging Students and Teachers) + HD (High Demand) Program. The STEM BEST Program brings schools and businesses together to provide students with real workplace experiences, introduce businesses and career opportunities in Iowa and gain career-ready skills.

The STEM BEST + HD Program encourages teachers and industry professionals to work side-by-side to develop a work-based learning model that incorporates STEM subjects like mathematics and science with experiential learning opportunities to emphasize high-demand skills for the workplace. The council's investment of professional and financial support can be used for curriculum development and coordination, educator training and development in workplace-classroom integration and preparing work-based learning environments.

The program incorporates regional planning for renovations to the Southwest Iowa Technical Career Hub (SWITCH) facility owned by East Mills Community School District, site visits and professional development that goes toward a regional Farm to Table program in collaboration with East Mills, Fremont-Mills and Glenwood Community schools, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Mills County, Maple Edge Farm, Inc., Avenue Scholar, Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) and SWITCH.

"The idea of coordinated efforts through the STEM BEST+ HD Farm to Table program for rural southwest Iowa and Mills County will provide self-sustaining practices which will lead to understanding resilient farming practices for growing food that can be transformed into a product that will be sold for financial sustainability," SWITCH

Director/Coach Kattie Lewis said. "More importantly, the student, teacher, and business connection through the STEM BEST + HD grant bridges the gap between the classroom and the real world of work which many businesses and employers struggle with when searching for qualified employees."

The STEM Council Executive Committee reviewed and approved of 37 new or expanded partnerships supported by guidance, collaboration and financial investment of up to \$40,000 each.

### 2023 STEM BEST + HD Program Awardees

The 2023 STEM BEST + HD Program awardees are:

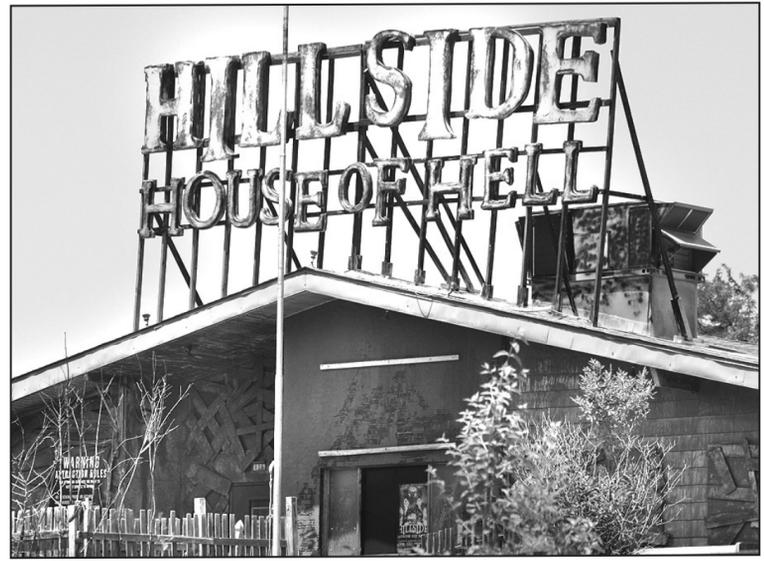
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School District, Sioux Center Christian School, Sioux Central Community School District, Van Buren Community School District, Waterloo Community School District, Woodbine Community School District

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To be considered for a STEM BEST + HD Program award, applicants were required to submit a comprehensive proposal that incorporates rigorous and relevant STEM curriculum, includes valuable partnerships with community businesses or organizations, aligns with STEM goals, addresses sustainability of the model program and evaluates the program's effectiveness.

The Governor's STEM Advisory Council, established in 2011, is a public-private partnership of educators, companies and Iowa students and families addressing policies and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain our state's historic leadership position in education and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 62-member STEM Council is co-chaired by Gov. Kim Reynolds and Foundation Analytical Laboratory Owner and Director of Technical Services Diane Young.



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A fire last week at the Hillside House Of Hell haunted house building in Glenwood was electrical and started in the facility's laundry room. It was discovered by a person living in the building.

## Electrical fire causes damage inside 'Hillside House Of Hell'

By JOE FOREMAN  
EDITOR

The Hillside House Of Hell haunted house building in Glenwood sustained substantial damage in a Jan. 31 fire.

Glenwood Fire Chief Matt Gray said the fire was detected around 6 a.m. in the laundry room of the facility at 114 Green St. The building had previously served as a skilled nursing care facility.

"It was an electrical fire that started in the laundry room," Gray said. "They had some people that were living in there. We had the fire marshal come in and do a walk-through on the place. I haven't gotten his report yet but he went through and it looks like some things are going to have to be addressed as far as electrical and things like that up in the facility."

Gray said the fire ignited toward the middle of the building on the north side.

"The sprinkler system activated and it kind of contained it to that area but it was still a hot moving fire," he said. "It was going up into the rafters above the sprinkler system when we

got there. We were able to contain it. We had to do some overhaul on the room to expose the rafters and get into there.

"It presented a challenge because it isn't like the nursing home facility it was before. We had to go between walls because of the design of the haunted house to get to the location. We had some obstacles to overcome there. It kind of concerned me that there was no audible alarms going off, just the actual sprinkler system had activated in that one room."

Gray said when he and other Glenwood firefighters arrived on the scene, the laundry room was filled with smoke and there was fire on the wall.

"It really didn't take that long to get it under control, it was more trying to get to it to make sure everything was extinguished," he said. "We had to remove a bunch of drywall and a bunch of other things that were in the road to be able to get to the actual rafters and actual walls."

Glenwood received assistance at the scene from the Oak Township and Silver City Fire Departments as well as two firefighters from Pacific Junction, Gray said.

## ISU grad to pursue acting, modeling career after maintaining perfect G.P.A.

By JOE FOREMAN  
EDITOR

A Glenwood Community High School graduate recently graduated Summa Cum Laude and in the top 2 percent of her class from Iowa State University while maintaining the perfect 4.0 grade point average she's carried since high school.

Cheyenne Fisher of rural Pacific Junction graduated from Iowa State in December with a bachelor of science degree in psychology. Fisher graduated from GCHS in 2019 with a 4.0 G.P.A. and immediately began attending classes at Iowa Western Community College where she graduated on the dean's list in May 2020 (with the perfect G.P.A. still intact). She began classes at ISU in August 2020.

While a student at ISU, Fisher worked part-time in a psychology department program that had her traveling to high schools in Iowa, including Glenwood, to council students.

During her high school years, Fisher performed in dramatic productions in and out of school and did some modeling, which led to photographs of her being published in national magazines. She signed with a talent agency in Des Moines and was selected for a HyVee advertisement in July 2022. She's also appeared in corporate training videos and a television ad for Adventureland amusement park.

Fisher's father, Duane Fisher, said



Cheyenne Fisher

Cheyenne wants to pursue an acting and modeling career as well as working in her chosen field of study. He added that she's taking a few months off to decide if she also wants to pursue a master's degree.

"Cheyenne is evidence that good things come from Glenwood High School," Duane Fisher said.

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## A lot of money, but not much common sense

Did you hear about that fan who spent more than \$190,000 on a pair of old shoes worn by Michael Jordan in the 1984 Summer Olympics? I think it was a cry for help. "Someone help me! I have too much money and I don't know what to do with it."

### ROSBY'S WORLD

Dorothy Rosby

Guest Columnist



Do you know what you can buy with \$190,000? New shoes, for one thing. And a whole house to put them in. Or a really fancy car. Or a whole fleet of not-very-fancy cars exactly like mine, only brand new, without the scrape on the fender and the sticky stuff in the cup holders.

All this big spender has to show for his \$190,000 is a pair of 33-year-old sneakers he can't even wear unless he has really big feet.

Then there's the Japanese billionaire, Yusaku Maezawa, who bought a painting by artist Jean-Michel Basquiat for \$110 million. I don't mean to take anything away from Mr. Basquiat. He was probably a fine artist, but he died in 1988, so he'll never know his painting set a new auction record. Come on, Mr. Maezawa. Now you're just showing off.

I read about a Russian billionaire named Vladimir Potanin, who in 2013, spent \$95,000 on a single, four-pound white truffle. In other words, he dropped almost 100 grand for a mushroom. Granted, this truffle was no trifle. It was an extremely rare culinary delicacy that can only be found with the aid of trained dogs or pigs. Those pigs really bring home the bacon. Sorry.

Did you know you could replace your computer mouse with one that's covered in crystals for just \$34,000? Or your iPhone with one that's been recreated using 24-carat gold, 26-carat black diamond and 600 precious stones for a mere \$16 million. Actually make that 16,764,000. Once you get to \$16 million, what's another \$764,000 or so?

In a related story—sort of—I read that one in five people drop their smart phone into the toilet at some point. If you're going to drop your \$16 million iPhone into the toilet, you might want to drop it into the 18-karat gold, fully-functional toilet at the Guggenheim Museum in Manhattan. Yes, they have one. And anyone is welcome to use it and, presumably, drop their phone into it.

If rich folks have anything in common with the rest of us, the wife of the Michael Jordan fan will probably toss those sweaty sneakers into the giveaway box when he's not looking because they don't fit him anyway. And the Russian billionaire's mother-in-law will find the white truffle in the fridge, think it's a rotten potato and toss it onto her compost pile. And the children of the person who paid \$115,000 for a lock of Elvis Presley's hair will find it after he dies, and not knowing who Elvis Presley was, toss it directly into his \$10,000 gold-leaf trash can.

Yes, there really is such a thing. It's what you buy when you have a whole lot of money and not much sense.

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## GUEST COLUMN

## Uncertainty for watershed authorities

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Results of surveys conducted by the Center for Rural Affairs show Iowa's Watershed Management Authorities (WMA) are making an impact as community leaders look to advance goals related to flood resiliency and water quality. Yet, the groups face an uncertain future.

WMAs are collaborative entities of local leaders representing more than 300 Iowa cities, counties, and soil and water conservation districts. Results of the survey indicate that, to date, the 27 WMAs across the state have implemented more than 2,600 conservation practices, such as wetlands, edge-of-field practices, and flood control projects.

"Through this survey, we are able

to better understand what the WMAs have accomplished and capture a snapshot of their current circumstances going into 2023," said Kate Hansen, senior policy associate for the Center For Rural Affairs and author of the newly-released report "From the Source: A Look at Iowa's Watershed Management Authorities."

Findings are based on two surveys conducted by the Center and collaborators in 2022 and early 2023 and are supplemented by historical data and other information.

According to the survey:  
\* More than \$50 million in federal funding has been invested in Iowa by the WMAs.

\* More than \$21 million has been invested by local communities toward WMA efforts.

\* WMAs report a demonstrated need from

farmers and landowners to install additional conservation practices.

\* Last year, seven WMAs lost significant staff capacity. Two more are at risk to follow suit in 2023.

\* The number of WMAs with full-time watershed coordinators has shrunk from 13 to 7.

\* The most successful WMAs are those with a staff person, specifically a watershed coordinator, who manages projects and builds local relationships with farmers and landowners. Due to a number of factors, including sunset grant funding, many WMAs have lost or are at risk of losing this important staff.

\* WMA leaders are clear about what would most significantly support their continued success. More than 70% of respondents indicated stable coordinator funding

was the one change that could best support their efforts.

"The surveys revealed the significant impact WMAs are having across the state, in stark contrast with the uncertain position they find themselves in," Hansen said. "This presents a timely opportunity for state lawmakers and decision makers to support these important entities."

To read and download "From A Source: A Look At Iowa's Watershed Management Authorities," visit [craa.org/publications](http://craa.org/publications).

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

## Federal fraudsters were double dipping

Millions of Americans lost their paycheck during the COVID-19 pandemic, as they found themselves jobless and unsure how they would provide for their family.

While Iowa business owners and working families faced economic uncertainty, federal employees were fortunate to have the reliability of a government paycheck. Despite this reassurance, tens of thousands of federal employees applied for and received financial aid that was intended for small businesses.

Thousands of active federal employees may have also falsely claimed that they lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic, in order to be paid twice

### CAPITOL REPORT

Joni Ernst

U.S. Senator (R-Iowa)



jobs during the pandemic.

That is why I am giving my January 2023 Squeal Award to the fraudsters within the federal workforce who double dipped by being on both the government's dole and the unemployment roll.

I am also asking the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, which coordinates the efforts to detect abuse of COVID-19 programs, to identify every federal employee who wrongfully received unemployment payments, recover the money that was ripped off, and grant each of those who took advantage of taxpayers by collecting jobless benefits their wish to be unemployed.

by taxpayers:

Once for being employed and then again for pretending to be unemployed.

Staff from numerous government agencies, including the IRS, TSA, FEMA, the U.S. Postal Service, Amtrak, and the Secret Service, have been detected receiving jobless benefits while also being on the federal government's payroll!

Some were even paid

overtime at the same time claiming to have lost wages due to the pandemic. Others were so blatant, they actually applied for jobless benefits from their work computers.

In addition to fleecing taxpayers, these unscrupulous bureaucrats have also tarnished the reputation of the other dedicated civil servants, many of whom worked long hours in essential

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Editor Joe Foreman reflects on notable story lines and memorable people he's met over the past 35 years at *The Opinion-Tribune*

35 Cups Of Joe



### February 1990 - 'Strawberry shortcake, gooseberry pie'

## Glenwood loses coaching legend A.C. Nuckolls

Excerpt From *The Opinion-Tribune*  
February 28, 1990

Longtime Glenwood High School teacher, coach and athletic director A.C. Nuckolls, 87, died Sunday at Jennie Edmondson Hospital in Council Bluffs following a short illness.

Nuckolls came to Glenwood in 1946 and taught and coached in the district until his retirement in 1972.

"It's a legend lost," said Glenwood Mayor Gene Schatz, who also serves as the Glenwood High School athletic director and assistant principal.

Nuckolls coached just about every sport offered at Glenwood during his tenure. He is best known for his 20-year stint as head girls basketball coach. When "Nuck" came to Glenwood from Tarkio (Mo.) College, Glenwood offered only three sports - football, boys basketball and boys track. When he retired, the school offered 13 sports, including many for girls. He was instrumental in Glenwood becoming a member of the Hawkeye 8 Conference.

"He did such a tremendous job of building our athletic program," Schatz said. "Everyone knew him throughout the region and he was highly respected by his colleagues."



JOE FOREMAN/THE OPINION-TRIBUNE  
A.C. Nuckolls stands outside the baseball field that bears his name.

### In Retrospect

■ If you've been to a Glenwood homecoming pep rally, you've probably heard a cheer that goes like this: "Strawberry shortcake, gooseberry pie, all for Glenwood holler I." Coach A.C. Nuckolls was the man credited with starting that cheer in Glenwood. Just months before his death, I had the privilege of meeting and interviewing "Nuck" for a feature story when a sign bearing his name was erected at the Ram baseball field. The field was named after him in 1972 at the time of his retirement. Nuckolls coached several sports in Glenwood and was instrumental in launching girls athletic teams at GHS, known as the "Ranettes" until the 1990s.

■ "When I came here, Glenwood had only four football games on its schedule - Red Oak, Missouri Valley, Plattsmouth and Shenandoah," Nuckolls told me during our interview. "We only had 17 or 18 kids at the first football practice, I told the kids that if we didn't get more kids on the team that we'd be playing six-man football. The next week, 40 kids showed up at practice."

### November 1990 - Earthquake hysteria in Mills County

## Earthquake insurance sells 'like crazy'

Seems almost unbelievable - even humorous - but local insurance agents in Glenwood were kept busy during the fall of 1990 selling earthquake insurance.

The earthquake hysteria stemmed from a prediction by a prominent New Mexico climatologist who told us a major earthquake would occur the first week of December along the New Madrid Fault that runs across the central section of the United States, from Illinois to Arizona.

Couple in the fact the famous "World Series Earthquake" had occurred just a year earlier in San Francisco and a controversial movie, "The Big One - The Great Los Angeles Earthquake" had been broadcast on national television in early November of 1990, folks

around here were getting a little scared.

At the time I interviewed him for an article published Nov. 21, 1990, Glenwood insurance agent Paul "Butch" Cheney had already sold over 50 earthquake policies. "They're buying earthquake insurance like crazy," Cheney said. "Before this New Madrid Fault thing came up, we had probably sold earthquake insurance to only two or three people over the past five years."

"We've written 20 policies this week for earthquake insurance since that movie was on."

Cheney told me even he wasn't taking any chances and bought some "quake" insurance for himself.

"Here in Iowa, earthquake insurance is terribly inexpen-

sive," Cheney said. "It's about 17 cents per \$1,000 (coverage). For a \$50,000 house, that comes to about \$8.50 a year. Personally, for that price, I think it's a good deal. I'd hate to lose my house some day because I didn't spend \$8.50."

I never got a final count on how many earthquake policies were actually sold that year in Mills County, but I'm going to guess whatever the number was, it exceeds the total number that's been sold in the 33 years since.

As for that big bad earthquake, predicted for December 1990, it never happened. However, as some of us remember, we did experience a minor morning quake in September 2016. Expect to read about that event in a future "35 Cups Of Joe."

### October 1988 - Ram football team makes history

## Rams earn first state playoff berth

Excerpt From *The Opinion-Tribune*  
October 26, 1988

Playing most of the game without the services of their leading rusher, Jeff Anderson, the Glenwood Rams used an effective ball-control offense to post a 19-10 Hawkeye 8 Conference win over visiting Creston Friday night.

The victory, Glenwood's fourth straight, improved the Rams' record to 6-2 on the season but more importantly it earned the school its first-ever state playoff berth.

The Rams open playoff action tonight on the road against perennial southwest Iowa powerhouse Harlan. The Rams lost to Harlan, 27-12, during the regular season.

Against Creston, the Rams fell behind 10-7 in the first half but then rallied for 12 unanswered points to put the game away.

"The key tonight was our ability to run out the clock in the second half," Glenwood Coach Brian Albert said after the game. "We had 30 running plays in the second half."

### In Retrospect

■ Although Glenwood lost its first-round playoff game at Harlan, 37-7, the game didn't diminish the accomplishments of the 1988 Glenwood team. That team set the bar for some very successful Ram football teams that followed in the early and mid 1990s.

■ Fun Fact: One of the Harlan touchdowns in the playoff game was scored by a guy named Curt Schulte - yes, the same Curt Schulte who would later become the boys basketball coach in Glenwood.

## Keeping a journal, chronicling the affairs of our community

I've never forgotten something the publisher of the *Custer County Chief* newspaper in Broken Bow, Neb., said to me back in 1986 as I was interviewing for my first full-time job in journalism.

"We're keeping a journal of this time in history for Custer County," he said, as he pointed to a stack of bound books that contained several years of back issues of the then twice-weekly newspaper.

Thirty-seven years later, those words still resonate with me as I think back over the nearly 35 years I've spent at *The Opinion-Tribune* - the first three as assistant editor

### Part 1 Of A Series

and the rest as editor. Since August 1988, it's been my privilege and responsibility to help write that journal and tell Mills County's story.

During my watch at the O-T, we've had the opportunity to share important news and profile some incredible people who have made lasting contributions and impacted our community.

Over the next several months, several of the articles I've written and people I've covered and interviewed over the past 35 years will

be the focus of this series we've dubbed "35 Cups of Joe."

The series will be presented in chronological order, starting with my early years at the paper when my primary job was covering sports. I'll also share a personal thought or two about a particular story or person I've encountered.

Pour yourself a hot cup of Joe and join me in a trip down memory lane as I begin taking a look back at some of the stories and people that have shaped our community over the past 35 years.

Joe

### February 1989 / May 1989 / May 1990 - A trio of state championships

## Rams, Jens pin down state titles

Excerpt From *The Opinion-Tribune*  
March 1, 1989

DES MOINES - The Glenwood wrestling program enjoyed its finest hour Saturday night.

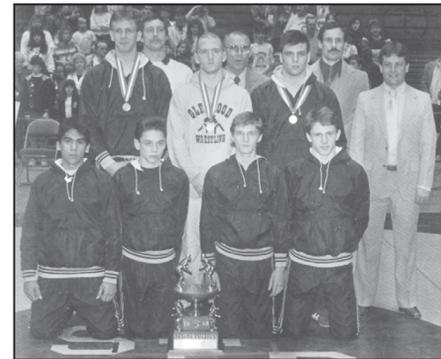
Paced by the first-place finish of Jeff Jens in the 152-pound weight class, Glenwood walked away with its first-ever Class 2A state championship before a packed house at steamy Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

Glenwood, which took seven wrestlers to the three-day tournament, tallied 70.5 points. Eagle Grove finished a distant second with 52 points. Storm Lake scored 51 points for third.

Jens, one of three Glenwood wrestlers to reach the finals, rallied from an early deficit to post a 7-2 overtime victory over Ryan Kittelson of Decorah. The victory capped off a perfect 35-0 season for the Ram junior and it made him Glenwood's first state champion since Mike Moreno accomplished the feat in 1987.

Chad Stouder (160) and Scott Stogdill (171) both took home second place medals from the tournament.

"Without a doubt, this is the biggest thing that has happened to our program," Glenwood coach Bob Dyer said. "Winning the championship tonight and having three kids win in the semifinals last night - it's tough enough getting one kid through to the finals, but there is something else. And then having them all wrestling at the same time last night. It's just amazing."



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Ram wrestlers and coaches pose with the state championship trophy at historic Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Front row (from left) Rick Moreno, Dan Fisher, Tom Becker and Rob Radford. Back row, Chad Stouder, assistant coach Tom Bussey, Jeff Jens, assistant coach Bill McKee, Scott Stogdill, head coach Bob Dyer and assistant coach Bob Glenn.

### In Retrospect

■ It was my first Iowa State Wrestling Tournament and first experience in the old Vets Auditorium. I was blown away by the atmosphere of the place. Along with Jens, Stouder and Stogdill, Fremont-Mills also had a wrestler reach the finals - Alex Malcom.

■ The 1989 wrestling team was the first of three Glenwood state championship teams I covered in my first 22 months on the job. The 1989-1990 boys track teams won back-to-back state titles.

## Rams win 3A state track title

Excerpt From *The Opinion-Tribune*  
May 31, 1989

DES MOINES - Just call it a successful rebuilding year for the Glenwood boys track team.

Prior to the start of the 1989 track season, Glenwood coach Jim Whitcomb said his team would be going through a year of rebuilding after losing a handful of former state qualifiers and state champion discus and shot thrower Scott Davis.

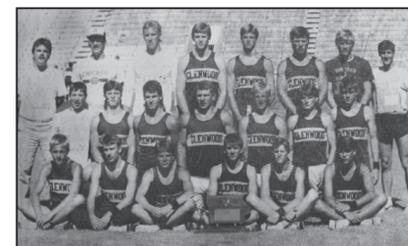
Saturday, Glenwood's rebuilding year ended as the Rams walked away from Drake University with the Iowa Class 3A state championship trophy.

Glenwood edged Storm Lake, 37-33, to claim the school's first outdoor state title.

Glenwood won its first state track championship in dramatic fashion by scoring a third-place finish in the final event of the meet - the 1,600-meter relay. The foursome of Nick Carr, Chris Roenfeld, Craig Prindle and Jason Chambers scored the winning points with a clocking of 3:25.45.

Glenwood claimed its second straight state track title in 1990 when Brant Johnson, Doug Jones, Scott Coffin and Chris Roenfeld teamed up to win the final event of the state meet, the 1,600-meter relay, to give the Rams just enough points to edge Alta Aurella for the 1990 Class 3A state title, 31-30. The foursome won the relay in a school record time of 3:24.21. In addition to the first-place finish in the 1,600 relay, the Rams got second place finishes from senior Scott Gillespie in the high jump and Roenfeld in the 200-meter high hurdles. Roenfeld took fourth place in the 400-meter low hurdles. The Rams' 400-meter relay team of Chad Polzin, Jeff Anderson, Chris Kates and Lance Mayberry and the 800-meter team of Mark Hughes, Polzin, Anderson and Kates also scored vital points for Glenwood at the meet.

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Glenwood's 1989 state track champions. Front row, from left, Chris Kates, Nick Carr, Roger McDaniel, Brant Johnson, Terry Colpitts and Scott Gillespie. Middle row, Mark Hughes, Chris Roenfeld, Tracy Davis, Sam Carr, Lance Mayberry, Jason Chambers and Chris Mayberry. Back row, assistant coach Leonard Griffith, assistant coach Dan Jones, Shawn Baier, Craig Prindle, Lance Landreth, Jeff Anderson, Chris Stone and head coach Jim Whitcomb.



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## SPECIAL ELECTION

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"I think right now we're probably missing out on a lot of opportunities to have people stay in Mills County," he said. "We've got hotels to the south of us and hotels to the north of us but we've got a nice community and access to the west and to the east that's a crossroads. I think once we get the hotel out there, it will certainly mean more people buying gas and stuff out at the current truck stops we have out there but our hope

is that it starts to attract more commercial type development either north or south of 34 there. We'd start seeing more amenities that visitors can use but also that people from Mills County can use as well."

Lonnie Mayberry, chair of the Mills County Board of Supervisors shared similar thoughts on the potential impact a new hotel could have for the community.

"There's a need for it," Mayberry said. "I think it

would be a big boost for it (economic development). There's things that follow with those and we've had a lot of people looking at developing at different places out there."

Mayberry stressed that the tax would not be paid by Mills County residents.

"It does not affect the taxpayers here," he said. "It would be people traveling."

Rainbolt said in the weeks leading up to the March 7 election, the Mills County

Economic Development Foundation will be partnering with the Mills County Chamber of Commerce in promoting passage of the tax and holding informational meetings.

**Special Election Notes**

The special election will only involve residents living in unincorporated areas of the county. Voting on March 7 will take place at three locations for the following townships:

**Lakin Community Center (Mills County Fairgrounds,**

**Malvern) – Indian Creek Township, Deer Creek / White Cloud Townships, Anderson Township, Silver Creek / Center / Rawles Townships.**

**Mills County Annex (402 Railroad Ave., Glenwood) –** Glenwood Township, Plattville / Lyons Townships.

**St. John Lutheran Church, Mineola – Oak / St. Mary's Townships, Ingraham Township.**

**Early / Absentee Voting** Voters can request an

absentee ballot to be mailed to them now. Forms can be requested at the Mills County Auditor's Office, from the office's website, over the phone at 712-527-3146 or on the Iowa Secretary of State's website.

Requested ballots will be mailed out starting Wednesday Feb. 15. In-person absentee voting will also begin on Feb. 15 at the county auditor's office on the main floor of the Mills County Courthouse in Glenwood.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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to provide space up on the campus so that in 20 years we could put West Elementary up there."

The state is currently undertaking a feasibility study of the GRC campus, which will close at the end of the year. Embray serves on the state appointed GRC re-development task force that, along with Omaha-based architectural and engineering firm HDR, Inc., is evaluating the property's future use. The state has said it was in favor of the district maintaining a presence on the campus.

Embray declined to say how many district residents he spoke to about the

West to Meyer building proposal, but did say he wasn't surprised by the negative sentiment.

"We put feelers out to people about it, it wasn't a huge survey and the feedback we received was it didn't make sense to spend tax dollars to go from one 100-year-old building that has been remodeled and put in another 100-year-old building that would be remodeled," he said.

"It didn't seem like we were gaining anything but moving the building. That was going to be a heavy lift anyway. It's a \$15 to \$20 million project. It didn't make sense to them. Trying to

be pragmatic about, we agreed, and we went in a different direction."

The Meyer building may be out as the future home of West, but the district hasn't ruled out the idea of the building being a district asset just yet. Embray said the site could be a possible home for its "ancillary services" all under one roof, including the district's central office, Kids Place and print shop and its technology, food, THRIVE and special education students' services departments.

The GRC campus currently houses the district's central office, Head Start program and its Kids Place pre-kindergarten and daycare in the same

building at 103 Central. Prior to that the campus housed the Glenwood Middle School in the Meyer Building for 18 years until the opening of the new high school.

Back in November, the Glenwood Board of Education contracted with Clark and Enersen of Lincoln, Neb. for the pre-bond and post bond programming as well as the conceptual designing and construction specification of the district's facilities plan.

The district remains on schedule to put a bond to voters in the Spring of 2024. Just how much that bond will be remains up in the air. With the changes to the plan, Embray said he is hopeful the

final price tag will come in well below \$50 million.

Back in November, Embray estimated the district could bond for up to \$50 million while adding less than .75 cents to the current \$16.10 tax levy rate. He added, "When I got here 13 years ago it was over \$18.90."

That construction cost was calculated based on the long-range facilities plan conducted by Omaha architecture and engineering company Prochaska and Associates. Those costs estimates are based on the "20-year average" of construction costs but are subject to market factors.

## CARDIAC CARE

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Goos is grateful for the care she's getting from the cardiac team at Jennie Edmundson and she wants to help spread the word.

"I'm getting involved because I feel that the Glenwood and Mills County community needs to know what is available out there," she said. "I don't think we're doing enough to get that information out."

Keith and Goos are both involved with a Heart Month fundraiser coming up Feb. 17 to generate dollars for uninsured and underinsured

cardiac patients at the hospital. "Dance To The Beat" will be held at the Mid-America Center and will feature live music from the cover band Taxi Driver, as well as raffles, prizes, a silent auction, appetizers and drinks.

Rachel Reis, Director of Volunteer Services and Foundation at Jennie Edmundson, said proceeds from the event support cardiac patients in need of treatment, rehabilitation, medication, transportation and everyday living expenses.

"Basically, we work directly with that patient and help them navigate what would be the best help. We support them in either making sure they have access to food, or we might help them with transportation to and from cardiac rehab," she said. "Are we helping them with their mortgage or are there items that need to be installed in the house to help them gain some more independence? What does that all look like?"

"We try to make that as easy as possible and try not to make it a one

size fits all for their situation."

Keith said the event was started several years ago by some of the hospital's cardiologists that wanted to do something to support their patients who have financial needs.

"We use the money for everything from helping with cardio rehab sessions, if they're not able to afford it, to providing gas cards," she said. "Two years ago, we purchased a couple treadmills with the money for the cardiac rehab. It's for all

the cardiovascular service line for anybody that's in need."

Keith is helping line up corporate sponsors for the event and Goos is gathering promotional items from Glenwood businesses that can be used for the silent auction. They'll also both be in attendance at the fundraiser, which begins at 7 p.m.

Dance To The Beat tickets can be purchased in advance of the event by calling 712-396-6040 or by visiting the [jehfoundation.org](http://jehfoundation.org) website online.

## ROAD TO RECOVERY

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is especially important in areas like Mills County without a hospital and the closest treatment is in Council Bluffs or Omaha."

Another factor in the need for the program is that many cancer patients are in the phase of life where they don't have a family care giver to get them to their appointments. "You can have all the latest equipment a treatment options, but if they can't get there, it doesn't do them any good," said Mages.

While the National Road to Recovery program has been around for about 10 years, the Mills County version has become active in the post-Covid years. A fleet of seven volunteers - Kathy Reisner, Kathy Dix, Kathy Roenfeld, Amy Stickrod, Linda Stouder, Mary Simms and Jeff Mitts - work with Mages to ensure that patients get the transportation to treatments. All have been active over the years working with Mages in the Mills County for Life.

All in the group have their reasons

for being a part of the program. Most of have experience with family members dealing with cancer. Reisner said that her reason stems from when she was taking her mother to daily radiation treatments.

"We had people step up and say 'you don't need to be missing all of that work, we'll take over the radiation appointments.' You don't know how much that meant to me. And I think my Mom enjoyed having someone else to talk to."

It also beneficial that of the seven volunteers, three - Stickrod, Dix and Roenfeld - are cancer survivors themselves.

One patient asked Stickrod if she would accompany her to meet with the doctor. "I looked at the nurse and said 'I'm not family,'" said Stickrod. The nurse thought it best for her to just wait in the lobby when the patient insisted. Finally the nurse turned to Amy and said, "Well I guess you can come in."

"I felt a little wierd," said Stickrod. "But honestly, she needed somebody in there because she didn't even know what questions to ask. If you are receiving a cancer diagnosis and treatment, it's not something you can do on your own."

Roefeld has experience with Road to Recovery as well as helping friends with hospice. "You've been there, you've done it," she said. "You can relate so much. I don't know if callous is the right word. But all of that helps keep an even keel in what can be an emotional situation."

The system works through the healthcare provider, mostly Jennie Edmundson Hospital and the Nebraska Medical Center. They notify Mages when a patient needs a ride. Mages then sends out a group text to the volunteers who respond when they are available to help. Mages then puts the volunteer in touch with the patient and they set up pickup times.

"The ideal way to do it would be through the app," said Mages. A patient would log in and request a ride and the volunteers would respond. Unfortunately, a lot of patients are not the tech savvy. "It's a work in progress," she said. "We will make it work."

And while transportation is the main duty of the volunteers, they also serve as shopping helpers, lunch dates and a voice and ear when the patients meet with doctors. More than one volunteer on the way home has heard the phrase, "Can I ask a favor...?" And all are happy to oblige.

"They just don't get out much," said Dix. "And when they do go to appointments it's a good chance for them to pick up some things they need." Trips and Target, Walmart, Dollar General and Subway aren't in the job description, but when asked all are happy to oblige.

The group can always use more

volunteers. You can contact anyone in the group or Google Road to Recovery American Cancer Society and there is a tab to volunteer. Volunteers must be between the age of 18 and 84, have a valid driver's license, proof of COVID-19 vaccination and have access to a safe, reliable car.

There are no set dates for treatments. And some in the group aren't fond of driving in Omaha, so they let others take care of that. So far the group has been able to take care of all of the patients transportation needs.

Mill County Relay For Life is gearing up for its 27th annual event, which will be held Saturday, June 10 at Glenwood Lake Park and the Davies Amphitheater. Planning meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall and new volunteers are always welcome. You can also go to the Mills County Relay For Life web page to sign up for a team or donate.

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