

GRADUATION DAY

End of The Journey For Class of '23



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The Glenwood, East Mills and Fremont-Mills Classes of 2023 received their diplomas during commencement exercises Sunday afternoon. At left: Glenwood Community High School graduate Jessica Herron hugs a friend after Sunday's graduation program. Additional graduation photos are published on Page 5A.



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At left: East Mills graduates Megan Wells and Braden West march in the processional at Sunday's commencement. Above: Some members of the Fremont-Mills Class of 2023 pan the audience.



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The opening of the summer swimming season at the Glenwood Aquatic Center has been delayed after another leak was detected at the facility last week.

Glenwood Aquatic Center opening delayed by leak underneath decking

By JOE FOREMAN
EDITOR

The Glenwood Aquatic Center will not open on Memorial Day as originally planned.

After the swimming facility was filled with water last week, Public Works Director Jamey Clark detected some water loss and identified the source of the leak inside a manifold box underneath the decking near the yellow canopy outside the lockerrooms.

"Jayme noticed Tuesday afternoon there was a little bit of water loss and found the leak inside that manifold box," Glenwood City Administrator Amber Farnan said. "We had that repaired last spring. We didn't get a chance to test the repair because when we turned the pumps on after that repair, that's when we had the big tee crack."

The water-loss issues kept the facility closed for the entire 2022 swimming season. Following an inspection last fall, repair work was completed in April. The work included repairing and sealing joints, replacement and installation of filter tees on a water supply line and the replacement of decking near the diving board area.

The majority of the repairs were completed by Ericksen Construction, the original contractor for the aquatic center, with guidance from JEO Consulting, the engineering consulting firm for the construction of the seven-year-old facility. Although the warranty for the aquatic center has expired, JEO agreed to assist the city in making the necessary repairs and covering the costs.

Farnan said city officials believe the repair work conducted underneath the deck in June 22 (where the leak was detected last week) is still under warranty.

"We believe this to be warranty work because since the repair was made less than a year ago and it was not successful," she said. "JEO has recommended how they



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Workers from Pat Thomas Construction conduct repair work to a cracked Tee in a water supply line at the Glenwood Aquatic Center in June 2022.

would like to see that fixed."

Farnan said Public Works employees would remove concrete from around the manifold box so the contractor can get in to see what needs to be repaired.

The pool still has water in it and two sump pumps are running to keep the water circulating. The hope is that the repair can be made without draining and refilling the pool.

Farnan said the city is committed to opening the facility in 2023.

"We're as frustrated about this as everyone else is," she said.

Updated information on repair work is being provided on the city's website and Facebook page.

Glenwood hosting state tree climbing competition

By JOE FOREMAN
EDITOR

Glenwood Lake Park will be the site of the 2023 Iowa Arborist Association's Iowa Tree Climbing Competition on Saturday.

Dozens of arborists from across the state are expected to take part in the 16th annual competition, being held in southwest Iowa for the first time.

The participants will compete in several areas to showcase their tree-climbing skills, including speed and aerial rescue, which requires a climber to rescue a dummy that's hanging in the tree.

The competitors are expected to start arriving in Glenwood on Friday.

Competitors are required to sign a waiver and have their gear inspected.

The competition will be going on throughout the day on Saturday.

According to a spokesperson for the Iowa Arborist Association, weather conditions will be monitored by the event's judges.

If activity is postponed due to inclement weather on Saturday, the competition will be rescheduled for Sunday.



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Glenwood Lake Park will be the site of Saturday's tree climbing event.



I-29 assault, pursuit suspect arrested in Omaha on Friday

By JOE FOREMAN
EDITOR

A suspect in a pursuit that took place in Mills County was arrested on Friday in Omaha.

According to a report from the Mills County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded on the evening of May 14 to a domestic violence incident in a vehicle on Interstate 29. Callers told authorities that a female was being assaulted and had tried jumping out of the moving vehicle.

Law enforcement officers attempted

a traffic stop, but the suspect fled, leading law enforcement on a pursuit. The suspect eventually drove through a field. The female victim was pushed out of the vehicle and the suspect was able to flee from officers.

Drones and K-9 units but were unable to locate the suspect.

The suspect — identified as 33-year-old Darontae Orduna of Omaha — was taken into custody Friday in Omaha. Orduna faces multiple charges, including kidnapping and felony domestic assault.

The victim was hospitalized and treated for multiple injuries.

Citywide Clean-up



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The city-wide cleanup in Glenwood took place Friday and Saturday. City residents were allowed to dispose of unwanted household items, tree limbs and other debris at a dump site near the Vine Street Ballfield. The site was managed by city public works employees.



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Applicants sought for Mills County Fair Queen, Lil', Jr. Queen, King

The Mills County Fair is seeking candidates for the 2023 Mills County Fair Queen. To be eligible for Lil' each contestant must be at least 6 years of age and no more than 10 years of age, the first day of the 2023 Mills County Fair. To be eligible for Jr. each contestant must be at least 11 years of age and no more than 15 years of age, the first day of the 2023 Mills County Fair. First day of 2023 Mills County Fair is July 7.

The application deadline is June 19. Judging will take place on Sunday, June 25, 2023 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Applications may also be picked up at East Mills High School, Glenwood High School or the Mills County Extension Office.

Lil' and Jr. Mills County Fair Queen and King applications are also being ac-

cepted. Information and applications are available from MillsCountyFair Facebook or by contacting Mary at 712-370-4500, or e-mailing mbolton@myomitel.com.

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The application deadline is June 19 with interview process scheduled for the afternoon of June 25.

Scam letter from 'County Deed Records' circulates in Iowa

On May 1, the Webster County Recorder's Office assisted a resident with questions about a confusing letter they received, which was quickly identified as a scam and reported to local law enforcement. The letter claimed to be from "County Deed Records" with false information about the recipient's home warranty expiration date. The letter also contained a "renewal fee voucher" for \$199, which resembles a check and requests immediate action to call or be left vulnerable to repair costs.

The Iowa County Recorders Association, in partnership with Iowa Land Records, confirmed that this information in the letter was not legitimate. Similar illegitimate letters have been found across the country.

Fortunately, in the Webster County incident, the resident came into the Webster County Recorder's office with questions before taking any action.

The Mills County Recorder's Office issued the following statement in regard to the letter scam.

"If you or someone you know has received a letter claiming to be from the County Deed Records, please do not respond to the letter in any way. Do not

pay; do not call; do not go to the website and do not return any mail requests.

Webster County Recorder Lindsay Laufersweiler, had this to say about the scam letter, "Scams are everywhere! Thankfully this individual came into the office to research. This mailing was not sent by county recorders. (Please remember to) do your research and ask questions. You'll be glad you did!"

For more information or questions about this press release, contact Mills County Recorder, Lu Anne Christiansen at 712-527-9315 or millscountyiowa.gov.

EMCCS partners with Glen Haven Village on equipment

MALVERN, - East Mills Child Care Solutions (EMCCS) has partnered with Glen Haven Village nursing facility in Glenwood to repurpose usable nursing home equipment.

In November 2022, EMCCS purchased the former Manor of Malvern nursing facility at 905 North 2nd Avenue. The facility had closed in 2014. EMCCS discovered that the building still contained all of the equipment, some of which was still in usable condition. Julianne Marriott, Glen Haven's Administrator, obtained her board's approval to sort and select usable equipment, including beds, mattresses, wheelchairs, dining tables and chairs, and a patient lift; to provide staff to assist with clean up of items from the former nursing home; to provide a dumpster to EMCCS; and to negotiate a payment for the useable equipment that was below market value as a mutually beneficial installment. Glen Haven staff was able to remove multiple truckloads of equipment.

Meagan Schnoor, President of EMCCS, says, "We are pleased that the nursing home equipment that was left

behind still has use and does not have to be thrown or scrapped. This was truly a win-win for both EMCCS and Glen Haven. We got assistance cleaning out the building and they got items that can be used by their residents."

Kate McGann, Vice President of EMCCS added, "Being able to work cooperatively with another nonprofit in Mills County to provide benefit to both parties is an example of the true community partnerships that we hope to continue in the future as East Mills Child Care Solutions."

Glen Haven Village Administrator Julianne Marriott said she is pleased with the partnership.

"We are grateful that the EMCCS board members thought to reach out. Medical equipment is expensive yet durable; we found that some equipment was still in excellent shape," Marriott said. "This is one of many great examples of how community partnerships in Mills County make it a better place to live and do business."

Glen Haven Village also plans to outfit and sponsor a mock resident room for

POLICE REPORT

Accidents
May 17 - A vehicle driven by Blake Sneed of Glenwood was eastbound on Sivers Road when a Glenwood Community School District bus driven by Daniel McComb of Glenwood pulled out of the middle school parking lot and struck Sneed's vehicle. No injuries were reported.

DISTRICT COURT

Judge Michael Donn Hooper
Jordan Allan Andreessen, Council Bluffs - assault with intent to commit sexual abuse, pleaded guilty, sentence suspended to two days in county jail, nine months probation, ordered to pay \$430 fine, court costs and fees.

Melissa Renee Pedersen, Carroll - driving while license is barred, pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve seven days in county jail, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

Judge Richard Horton Davidson
Daniel Charles Thomas, Glenwood, driving while license is barred, sentenced to serve 10 days in county jail with credit for time previously served, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

5.16.2023 - Bench Update
The following benches are set for removal. Please call Ron Mattox, if you wish to pick up your loved ones bench (712) 520-7275.

Christopher Raymond
Ila Bolton
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Glenwood man wins \$100,000 on Iowa Lottery scratch game ticket

A Mills County man who won a \$100,000 lottery prize said his big win brought on a case of jitters.

"I got the shakes," Franklin "Bob" Huff told officials on Wednesday as he claimed his prize at Iowa Lottery Headquarters in Clive. "I couldn't sign my name or anything else."

Huff, 75, of Glenwood, won the second top prize in the Iowa Lottery's "Living Lucky With Luke Combs" scratch game. He bought his lucky ticket at Lincoln Farm & Home BP, 515 Sharp St., in Glenwood. He picked out a Crossword ticket to purchase, then asked a store employee for a ticket in the \$10 scratch game as well.

"I told her, 'Oh, give me that Luke Combs (ticket) - something to do,'" he said. "Yeah, it was something to do, all right!"

Huff scratched the ticket when he got home but didn't believe his luck.



Iowa Lottery Ticket winner Bob Huff of Glenwood.

"You're dumbfounded," he said. "You're thinking in the back of your head, 'This can't be real!'"

Huff, a retired state employee, said he plans to use part of his winnings on

home improvements and save the rest.

Living Lucky With Luke Combs is a \$10 scratch game that features six top prizes of \$100,000 and overall odds of 1 in 2.86.

Memorial Day programs planned

Several Memorial Day observances are planned in southwest Iowa.

The Opinion-Tribune has received information on the following programs:

Glenwood - Harvey T. Rimel American Legion Post 141 and Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 7064 are conducting the annual Memorial Day program Monday, May 29, at the Glenwood Cemetery, beginning at 10 a.m.

The 30-minute program will include a color guard and flag ceremony, inspirational messages, patriotic music from the Glenwood Community High School Band, a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps."

Grant - The Grant United Methodist Church will hold its Memorial Day Dinner from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, May 29, with a free-will offering.

The menu includes sloppy joe or ham sandwich, baked beans, salads, pies and desserts, and coffee, tea or lemonade. All money raised by the dinner supports the Grant United Women in Faith and their work for mission projects and the Grant church.

The dinner follows an 11 a.m. memorial service at the Grant church. Grant community members will hold the service to honor lost



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- veterans with readings, song and an honor roll.
- Tabor** - VFW Post 7064 of Tabor will be conducting Memorial Day programs at the following cemeteries on Monday, May 29:
 - 8 a.m. - Waubonsie Cemetery.
 - 8:45 a.m. - Hastings Cemetery.
 - 10 a.m. - Glenwood Cemetery (VFW Representation with the Glenwood American Legion).
 - 11:15 a.m. - Tabor Cemetery.
 - Noon - Randolph Cemetery.
 - 12:30 p.m. - Mount Zion Cemetery.
 - 1 p.m. - Thurman Cemetery.

Davies Amphitheater season to kick off with Billy McGuigan

Billy McGuigan's high-energy show has been a staple at the Davies Amphitheater for nearly two decades. The Bellevue native cut his performing teeth at the Omaha Community Playhouse and turned that into nation-wide tours featuring music from the Beatles to Buddy Holly and good old rock and roll music. He'll be back to kick off the 2023 Davies Amphitheater season on Saturday.

But this year's show will be special and a bit different for three reasons. First, McGuigan and his talented brothers and band will be kicking off the Davies season. The music lineup for Saturday's show hasn't been announced, but when asked once to give an idea of what fans can expect he said, "We play music that doesn't suck." And McGuigan plays music that doesn't suck better than anyone around.

Secondly, Davies Amphitheater Gold Card holders will get a discount at the gate this year. Admission for the show is \$15, cash or check at the gate. But flash your Gold Card at the gate and get \$5 off admission per person, \$10 off for a couple.

And thirdly, this will be McGuigan's only Omaha area appearance this year. After he and his crew load out after the Davies show, they will be taking a rare summer off.

Show time is 7 p.m. and gates will open at 6 p.m. The usual Davies protocol will be in order. There will be the usual concessions with soft drinks, candy, ice cream and hamburgers.

Patrons may bring in coolers with beer and wine.



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Billy McGuigan returns to the amphitheater Saturday night.



Lawn chairs are welcome, but there is limited lawn chair space at the top of the seating area. There will be no saving of spots.

Saturday will also mark the first show after an extensive Davies Amphitheater renovation project. Work began last year to replace concrete to help with drainage issues. And Williams Restoration just completed work on replacing

over 1,000 bricks on the 42-year old structure.

In addition to discounts for Saturday's show, your Davies Amphitheater Gold Card will get you free admission to all of the shows for the rest of the season. If you would like to get a Gold Card before Saturday's show call or text 712-310-1907. Gold Cards are \$50 for a family and \$25 for an individual.

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My Fitbit insists that I keep walking - all day

I two-step while I cook and pirouette while I unload the dishwasher. Then I waltz with the broom—while I sweep up the dishes I broke two stepping and pirouetting.

I just love working in the kitchen!

Not really. And I don't know even how to pirouette. I've just become aware of how much I move since I heard the startling claim that "sitting is the new smoking." I don't believe it any more than I believe orange is the new black and 50 is the new 30. But health experts agree sitting too much does pose health risks, though it is cheaper than buying cigarettes.

I've never been a smoker, but I am a sitter. It just seems so dangerous to use my laptop while I ride my bicycle.

Lucky for me, I have a new fitness tracker, a sporty little doohickey I wear on my wrist and it has truly changed my behavior. If nothing else, I look at my wrist more than I used to.

My Fitbit insists I walk at least 10,000 steps a day which honestly isn't hard for me. Heck, I racked up 2000 steps looking for my cellphone today. I never found it which means another easy 2000 tomorrow.

But just getting 10,000 steps isn't enough for my new fancy Fitbit. Oh no. It tells me to move throughout the day so I can stay fit and get even less work done at my computer than I did before.

If I haven't taken at least 250 steps in an hour, it buzzes me at 10 minutes 'til I startle easily, so that's always good for a few steps. Then the words "Feed me" float across the screen. So I jump up and march straight to the kitchen. Kidding! It actually says, "Feed me steps," which I think is a poor choice of words for a fitness device.

It wisely says nothing when I don't get 250 steps. If it criticized me, I might fling it against the wall, and that could affect both its accuracy and its warranty.

And I do fail sometimes. I blame the Fitbit. Unlike my old tracker which I wore on my ankle, this one goes on my wrist and it doesn't seem to count my steps unless I swing my arms while I walk. Other people have told me their trackers credit them with steps for everything from waving goodbye to blow drying their hair. Mine is more persnickety. Whenever I'm carrying anything, I have to do it on my right side so that my left arm can swing. I'm probably going to be lopsided someday.

The last time I was at the grocery store, I steered my cart with my right hand so that I could swing my arm as I walked. It seemed like a good idea until I knocked over a stack of cereal. And I didn't even get step credit for picking it all up.

When I was a teenager, I worked as a server in a restaurant. One of the most valuable lessons I learned was to save steps. I never went to the kitchen without taking some dirty dishes back with me. It would have to be done eventually and my customers weren't likely to do it.

No more saving steps these days. Now I make two trips every time I go to the basement so I can get more steps. Also because I forgot why I went down there in the first place.

If I hit 250 by the end of the hour, my Fitbit congratulates me. "Strong stepping," it says. Or "You crushed it." That seems dramatic. I walked 250 steps in an hour. Some people run marathons. Still if sitting is the new smoking, for another hour at least, I can claim to be a nonsmoker.

Dorothy Rosby is the author of several humor books, including *I Used to Think I Was Not That Bad* and *Then I Got to Know Me Better*. Contact drosby@rushmore.com.

ROSBY'S WORLD

Dorothy Rosby

Guest Columnist



MEMORIAL DAY

Appreciation for Citywide Clean-up

Last week, I said goodbye to our gritty gas grill and an old bowling ball that's been collecting dust under the workbench in the garage for several years.

The grill and bowling ball were among the items I hauled to the Citywide Clean-up dump site behind the Vine Street ballfield.

I made the haul during the lunch hour on Friday, the first day of the Citywide Clean-up. It was still fairly early in the two-day event but I noticed several interesting items that had already been dropped off, including some sort of motorized bike, a lawn mower, file cabinet and plastic storage cubes.

Last year, I went toward the end of the clean-up on Saturday afternoon and remember being surprised by the number of kitchen appliances that were being discarded.

One year, I was told, somebody dropped off a fishing boat.

Although there are some items that are unacceptable, like paint, oil, vehicles, tires, TVs and computer equipment, I think the city is pretty lenient in what it allows to be brought to the site.

Some of the accepted items are the major appliances I referenced earlier (limit of 3), lawn

CUP OF JOE

Joe Foreman

Editor



and household furniture, mowers, grills, mattresses, cement bicycles, toys and miscellaneous household trash.

Tree limbs and shrubs are also accepted, which inspired me to do some trimming on a tree in the backyard last week. Thanks to the trimming, I shouldn't have to duck my head now when I'm mowing under that tree this summer.

Personally, I'm appreciative that the city occasionally provides the

dump site, whether it's in the spring or fall. I've utilized it several times.

Most of us have items around our homes that we want to get rid of but some are too large or unacceptable to place by the curb when it's time for the weekly trash collection. It's nice to have a place to take those things.

Of course, the clean-up doesn't come without a financial cost to the city - for securing the dumpsters, having public works employees manning the facility and having the items hauled away and disposed of.

Despite those expenses, I think it's taxpayer money well spent. The Citywide Clean-up makes our community a cleaner, more attractive and safer place to live.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iowa lawmakers listening to donors, not the public

I attended the legislative coffee on April 15, in Malvern, and while I was there, I expressed my dismay and disappointment that after so many mass shootings have occurred this year, our legislators supported a bill that allows guns on school campuses.

In its original format, the bill would have also restricted private businesses, from being able to enforce a "no guns allowed" policy, but Representative Sieck and Senator Costello and their Republican colleagues listened to the business community, who clearly indicated they wanted to maintain their ability to be free from guns at their businesses.

Incidentally private schools wanted to maintain gun free campuses to protect their staff and students, and the legislature agreed. Public schools, however, will have no such freedom, as the new law specifically states that guns, explosives, and even assault rifles may be brought to schools (elementary through university) and events such as ball games, dances, and other school-

sponsored activities.

Were parents, superintendents, teachers, or school boards asked for their input? What about the students themselves? Our lawmakers are not listening to the public interests. They are listening to their donors.

In a letter to the editor published in the May 17 edition of *The Opinion-Tribune*, Mr. Joe Pittman mischaracterized me in implying that I was not taking ownership of my own words. While I don't appreciate the implications of Mr Pittman's comments, I'll forgive that it's pretty easy to get us confused when there are so many citizens annoyed and disgusted with so many of the legislators' actions this season.

Candela Foley-Finchem,
Glenwood

NOTE - According to multiple people that have spoken with *The Opinion-Tribune*, statements made by some audience members at the legislative coffee in Malvern in April and referenced in a Letter to the Editor published in the May 17 edition were inaccurately attributed in the letter. *The Opinion-Tribune* did not have a reporter at the coffee.

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JOEL STEVENS/THE OPINION-TRIBUNE
Madison Epperson accepts her diploma from Glenwood School Board President Matt Portrey during Glenwood's commencement Sunday.



JOEL STEVENS/THE OPINION-TRIBUNE
Glenwood graduate Emerson Griffin delivered the first of four senior speeches at Glenwood's commencement.



PHOTO COURTESY STEPHANIE LEMONDS
Graduates Owen Thornton (left) and Teagan Ewalt give a thumbs up following commencement at Fremont-Mills.



JOEL STEVENS/THE OPINION-TRIBUNE
Glenwood graduate Dillon Anderson hugs his grandmother after commencement.



JOEL STEVENS/THE OPINION-TRIBUNE
Glenwood graduate Landon McGinnis is congratulated by Glenwood Superintendent Dr. Devin Embray.



PHOTO COURTESY KAROL SIECKMAN
Natalie Goodman gave the Valedictorian speech at East Mills' graduation commencement.



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Brianna Rehn sends hearts to her family in the crowd at Glenwood's commencement ceremony.



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A divided heart lives in deception

I'm reminded again of the quote from Scott Fitzgerald, "You do not write because you want to say something; you write because you have something to say."

LIVING ON PURPOSE

Dr. Billy Holland

Religion Columnist



many churches to reconsider their stand against sin as a solution to maintain popularity while avoiding hostile spiritual warfare.

Along with most assemblies reinventing themselves, we notice a decline in the promotion of prayer. Why is this? Because the masses would rather be cozy and comfortable, to be entertained, and listen to short "feel good" devotions that are non-threatening.

How often are we desperate for God? Do we anticipate Him whispering for us to go somewhere private and seek Him? I realize I talk about the human will all the time, but I do not apologize as it is the key to the meaning of life.

that has everything to do with our spiritual connection with our Creator. Until the word of God convicts the will and the mind is transformed to be completely dedicated to Him, there can only be a hypocritical facade.

If we allow God to purify us with His refining fire, there is no way we can continue absorbing the corruption of wickedness. We have two choices: continue pledging allegiance to the darkness or become a living sacrifice for Christ.

Students from Mills County earn degrees from UNO

The following students were awarded degrees from the University of Nebraska-Omaha during recent spring commencement exercises:

- Glenwood - Shane Raymond Schutte (M.S.), Chandlyr Marie Sullivan (M.A.), Robin Trujillo (Magna Cum Laude - B.A. in Music), Malvern - Brian Joseph Krewson (B.S.), Tabor - Biridiana Miramontes (Educational Specialist), McKenna M'Linn Lewis (Magna Cum Laude - B.S. in Education).

Jeffrey Koutnik named to SNHU President's List

Jeffrey Koutnik of Malvern has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2023 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

Buena Vista students named to Spring 2023 dean's list

The following students from southwest Iowa have been named to the spring semester dean's list at Buena Vista University:

- Glenwood - Jaylin Woodward, Hastings - Amanda Childs, Macedonia - Abby Parris, Malvern - Kaylee Vandenberg, Madison Williams, Silver City - Nicole Reed, Tabor - Reagan Whitehill.

Full-time students that achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher earned recognition on the dean's list.

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled: Row 1: [][2][][][][][][][6]; Row 2: [5][][1][][][7][][][4]; Row 3: [][6][][5][][][9][2][]; Row 4: [1][][][][9][][][][]; Row 5: [][][][][][][][8][]; Row 6: [9][][5][][][][1][][]; Row 7: [][][][][8][3][][7][]; Row 8: [][7][6][][][2][][][]; Row 9: [4][][][1][][][][][]

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.

Completed 9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in each row, column, and 3x3 box.

ANSWER:

Mills County Church Directory

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church Glenwood

24116 Marian St. Rev. Dan Sieper. Church office 527-5211, rectory 527-9115. Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) from 4 - 4:30 p.m.

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.

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. Adam Tibbs, pastor: 712-527-0720.

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.

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 Linnwood 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. Sign language services offered upon request.

Calvary 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.

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.journey roadsc.org.

Citylight SWIA Church Emerson

Sunday worship time is 10 a.m. Pastors are Matt Keller and Tyler Mass. Church phone number is 712-824-7278

Silver City Methodist

Pastor Ken Demlow, 525-1179; Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Tabor Church of the Nazarene

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Frontline Church

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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. stjohluthchurchmineola.org.

Hastings Community Church Non-denominational

400 Platte Ave. Brother Virgil Paulsen. Church time at 10 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.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.

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

Malvern United Methodist

201 E. 5th St., 712-624-8320. 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. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday School at 8:45 a.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

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PARADE OF BANDS



Instrumental music students from the Glenwood Community School District presented their spring "Parade Of Bands" concert last Tuesday in the high school gymnasium. The concert featured performances by the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Bands from the middle school and the Black and Gold Bands from the high school. The Sixth (left) and Seventh grade bands are shown here. JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE



The final song of the night, "Push It," was performed by the school district's "Mass Band" of instrumental music students in grades 6-12. JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE



The Eighth Grade Band (left) plays "The Lion King" and the high school Black Band (above) plays "Of Time and Change" at the annual Parade of Bands concert last week. JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE



Dave Clark conducts the Eighth Grade band through the song "Darkheart" at last week's concert. JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE



The Gold Band performs at the Parade of Bands. JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE

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"Dedicatory Overture" was one of three songs performed by the Glenwood Community High School Gold Band during the school district's annual Parade of Bands.



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The high school Black Band plays "Ruckus" at last week's concert.



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The Seventh Grade Band played three songs at the concert.



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Musicians from Glenwood's Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, 9-11 Black and 10-12 Gold Bands perform the final song of the night together at the May 16 Parade Of Bands concert.



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Dave Clark directs the high school Gold Band.



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Dan Schoening directs the Glenwood Middle School Sixth Grade Band.



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The Eighth Grade Band performs music from "The Lion King."



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