

GCSD budget shows modest increase for 2023-2024

By **JOEL STEVENS**
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Glenwood Community School District's budget is up slightly for the 2023-2024 school year.

Just how *slight*?

Next year's proposed total expenditure budget will go up 1.8 percent from \$34.3 million this year to \$34.8 million for 2023-2024.

The budget was formally approved in an unanimous vote by the Board of Education at last Monday's regular board meeting.

Glenwood Superintendent Dr. Devin Embray said the budget held mostly steady due the district's on going commitment to fiscal responsibility.

"We're doing a pretty good job there, spending frugally," Embray said. "We're trying to stay competitive at the same time. We've had some vacancies and the budget is based on being fully staffed and so when we have openings, it creates some savings."

As part of the staffing component, Embray went on to say, "We have continued to negotiate equitably with the union on the teachers side to impact their competitiveness with other districts the last several years. We feel really good about that."

The district recently completed contract negotiations with its more than 150 teachers, agreeing to a total package (salary and insurance) increases of just over 5 percent. The district's 200 classified (non-teacher) staff, including custodians, transportation and food services workers, and department heads and administrators will also receive raises.

Next year's instruction line item, which covers staff salaries, shows a total 2.5 percent increase overall from the current budget.

The district's non-instructional programs, which include infrastructure improvements, saw the largest increase from the 2022-2023 budget. At just over 23 percent, the bulk of that jump represents more than \$400,000 for roof work at the middle school and earmarked money for the construction of the green house at the high school and the trail head bridge over Keg Creek. All of those projects are expected to be completed this summer.

In February, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds approved a 3 percent increase in supplemental aid as part of the state's more than \$4 billion education budget. That supplemental aid figure is up

from 2.5 in the current cycle. The increase means a bump of more than \$200 per student, raising the per pupil state aid for fiscal year 2024 to \$7,635.

Districts had asked for a 4% increase and legislative Democrats advocated for a 5% increase before the 3% bill was signed.

"We wanted 4 or more but we're one big piece of the pie at the state level. They have other factors and agencies to consider so we're very thankful we got the 3," Embray said.

With the budget up slightly in Glenwood, the district's tax rate will also see an incremental increase, from 16.07 per \$1,000 of taxable property valuation to 16.25 this year.

Embray attributed much of that difference in tax asking – roughly 1 percent – to the district expending some of its at-risk carry over funding to the next fiscal year and a 3% increase in special education spending. The district also had to make a student enrollment adjustment due to an error that required a reimbursement to the state last year.

During the board's discussion of the budget, Glenwood Chief Financial Officer Tim Reinert said the district's budget hike compares "favorably" with the City of Glenwood's 2024 proposed increase of just over 2 percent and Mills County's 4 percent increase.

No budget is easy and Glenwood, like most districts, is cash strapped but Embray sees no danger of budget or program cuts.

"I think we're doing very well under the circumstances of the economies of scales, so to speak," he said. "Where we are with our funding, our district has planned for tough times so we do have the dollars to dip into our UAB (unspent balance). We've been a stable district. We're not trending upward (in enrollment) but we project we will be."

Currently the district has an enrollment of 1,918 students, down 16 from the previous year.

Embray is well away there's potential for the district to further lose enrollment in the short term due to the shuttering of the Glenwood Resource Center next summer, but he's confident the district can weather that and bounce back.

"We're doing everything we can to try and work with the state and help that process along, to help with the re-training pieces and try and get people to learn a new job and hopefully keep their kids here," he said. "That's our hope."

County tax-asking going up

By **JOEL STEVENS**
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Taxes for Mills County residents will go up in the 2023-2024 budget approved by the Mills County Board of Supervisors.

The county's \$27.3 million budget shows a 1% increase from its current fiscal budget. That figure will mean a slight raise to the county's tax levy from 10.41014 to 11.25226 (or about 84 cents) per \$1,000 of taxable valuation on property.

Mills County Auditor Carol Robertson said every budget process is a difficult balancing act. But this year was particularly difficult.

"This was the worst budget I've worked on in my life," she said. "It was very challenging for me and the

supervisors."

Robertson said pending legislation from the Iowa statehouse contributed the challenge. She cited bills addressing tax credits that would make county's fully responsible for making up the difference in those funds, hardening levy limits and property taxes as just a few examples of potential legislation.

"You have no idea what they're going to pass but you're trying to allow for that as well," Robertson said. "So they're looking at a lot of things where they're coming down on cities and counties to hold us on our levies. It's a statewide issue with (property) valuations being so incredibly high and the increase."

"I think they (the legislature) should start there. Our levies go

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An 'ambitious' plan



A group of Glenwood area residents look on during a presentation about future development at the Glenwood Resource Center campus when it closes next year. COURTESY PHOTO

Workshop, citizen input chart potential course for Glenwood Resource Center's future

By **JOEL STEVENS**
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After four days of design workshops that brought state representatives, consultants, state and local economic development officials and Mills County residents together, the picture of the future of the Glenwood Resource Center is a bit clearer.

Even if the ambitious plan to develop the site into a mixed-used residential neighborhood asks as many questions as it answers.

For four nights last week, consultants from HDR, the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IED), and the GRC Task Force, which is made up of community members, met nightly in the gymnasium at the Meyer Building on the GRC campus. The meetings, which were attended by more than 50 community members each night, were designed to enlist feedback on the plan to redevelop the 100-year old campus when the state shutter the facility in mid-2024.

HDR, Inc., the Omaha-based architectural and engineering firm, provided market assessments and master plan options for the more than 380-acre campus, while also taking public feedback. At each subsequent meeting, they returned with drawings and large maps of the campus, which were tacked to the wall. Each broadly detailed the mixed residential communities HDR identified as the most viable for the campus long term.

At Thursday's final meeting, the committee unveiled its "preferred" master plan. A plan that envisions a walkable, open space neighborhood with apartments and homes for 2,000 residents in addition to 10,000 square feet of retail space, new road access off Highway 34 and an interconnected network of trails that activates the natural prairie land. All of it leveraging the existing topography and incorporating several of the existing historic buildings into the design.

"A lot of thought and effort went into it," said Mark Lincoln, President of the Mills County Economic Development Foundation Board of Directors, who also served on the GRC Task Force.

"We're all disappointed with losing GRC but moving forward, we can't just leave an empty campus here. And the state has declared they're leaving. That is a fact. So I think this is an exciting project and it's a lot of change. It's ambitious."

The GRC development plan appears closely tied to that of the Mills Crossing mega site located east of Glenwood along Highway



A proposed design plan for the GRC shows sticky hand written ideas and sticky notes based on workshop input. JOEL STEVENS/THE OPINION-TRIBUNE



Some workshop attendees get a closer look at design ideas. JOEL STEVENS/THE OPINION-TRIBUNE

34. That 1,650 acre site has been marked as a development-ready and certified Quest Site Solutions by the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Certified Sites program. The site is intended to lure a large manufacturer to the area.

Large-scale manufacturing means employees. Employees means a need for housing. But that large-scale manufacturer has yet to commit to the Mills Crossing site.

Larry Winum, CEO of Glenwood State Bank, and a member of the task force, sees real potential in the mega site driving the GRC development. A synergy that can mutually benefit both developments.

"The state believes it's going to happen," Winum said of the mega site. "They don't know when but they really believe it's going to happen. It's the only one in Iowa or Nebraska. The one in Cedar Rapids doesn't check all the boxes this site does. There are a shortage of mega sites right now. There are more

industries interested than there are sites. There's interest. There's people out there paying attention and the more site selectors come out and visit and see it, the better our chances."

HDR indicated early in it workshop presentations, the GRC campus was not a "jobs site," meaning large retail and manufacturing were likely off the table. The campus, has just 120 acres considered development ready due to the large state preserve to the south, its hilly topography, outdated utilities and limited road access.

Both the City of Glenwood and Mills County are unwilling to take on the likely massively expensive task of updating the GRC's sewer and water infrastructure. New entrances off of Highway 34 would require Iowa Department of Transportation approval.

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DEATH NOTICES

Georgette Bilodeau, 88
James Lloyd Harold, 91
Bill Jennings, 62

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OBITUARIES

Georgette Bilodeau, 88

Aug. 24, 1934 – April 27, 2023

Georgette Bilodeau, 88, of Glenwood, passed away April 27, 2023 at the Heritage at Fox Run in Council Bluffs. A mass of Christian burial was held May 2, 2023 at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church with burial in the Glenwood Cemetery.

Bilodeau is survived by her daughter Josee (Garry) Beier of Glenwood and sister Clemence Vermette of Sherbrooke, Quebec.

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

James Lloyd Harold, 91

April 19, 1931 – Feb. 19, 2023

James Lloyd Harold, 91, of Glenwood, passed away Feb. 19, 2023 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. A visitation is set for May 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Peterson Mortuary in Glenwood, Iowa. A Celebration of Life will be held May 6 at 11 a.m. at Peterson Mortuary. Interment will be at Glenwood Cemetery.

Preceding Harold in passing were his parents, Marvin Goldie and Velma Maude (Osborne) Harold. Survivors include his wife, Clara Harold of Glenwood, Iowa; children Steven (Cindy) Harold of Dallas; and Jennifer (Coley) Clark of Dallas.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Bloom Senior Center or the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Association.

Bill Jennings, 62

Aug. 27, 1960 – April 30, 2023

Bill Jennings, 62, of Glenwood, formerly of Germany, passed away April 30, 2023 at his home. A visitation will be held May 6, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at Peterson Mortuary with graveside and military honors to follow at Glenwood Cemetery.

Jennings is survived by his wife Inge Jennings of Glenwood. Memorials may be directed to Glenwood Volunteer Fire Association, Center or the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Association.

POLICE REPORT

Accidents

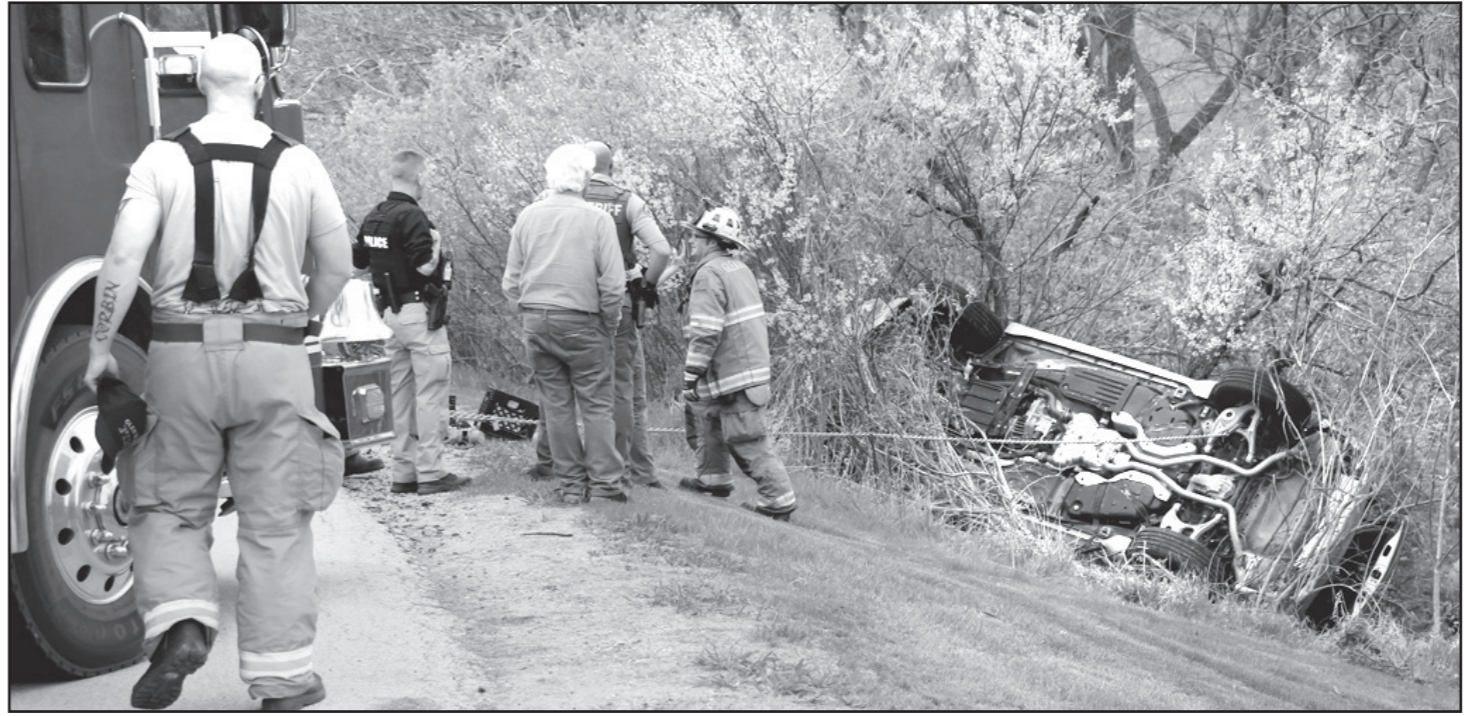
April 28 – A vehicle driven by Amy Leonard of Glenwood was stopped at stoplight when a second vehicle driven by Deborah Wilcoxson rear-ended Leonard's vehicle. No injuries were reported.

DISTRICT COURT

Judge Richard H. Davidson

Jessie Amanda Harman, Glenwood - child endangerment, pleaded guilty, sentence suspended to seven days in county jail, nine months probation, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

ROLLOVER ACCIDENT



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A rollover accident in a ravine near Hawley Road and Hillman Road west of Glenwood April 25 sent Zachary Smith, 31, of Glenwood to the University of Nebraska Medial Center in Omaha with non-life threatening injuries. Glenwood Fire and Rescue personnel responded along with officers from Mills County Sheriff's Office and Glenwood Police Department.

SHERIFF REPORT

Incidents

April 22 – Loves Truck Stop reported a burglary.

April 28 - East Mills Childcare Solutions of Malvern reported a burglary.

by Tarrion Byrd of Chicago.

The vehicle that caused the collision then left the scene. The investigation remains ongoing.

April 25 – A vehicle driven by Zachary Smith of Glenwood was southbound on Hillman Road and attempted to turn westbound on to Hawley Road, missed the turn and went down into the ditch and

overturned. Smith suffered non life threatening injuries and was transported to the University of Nebraska Medical Center. His medical status was not known as of publication.

April 29 – A vehicle driven by Jacqueline Cser of Malvern and second vehicle driven by John Pontow of Carroll collided near Highway 34 and 315th Street. No injuries were

reported.

April 30 – A vehicle driven by Logan Armstrong of Moorhead and a second vehicle driven by Alyx Olney of LaVista, Neb. collided near 188th Street. No injuries were reported.

May 1 - Jemmy Funez Funez Omaha was in a one vehicle accident near 195th and Bunge Avenue. No injuries were reported.

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Jake Harrill, Wyatt Borchert, Shelby Spencer and Nicole Vanatta are part of the cast in the Mills Masquers' upcoming production of "If the Good Lord's Willing and the Creek Don't Rise."

Mills Masquers' newest production set to open at Barton-Rowe Theater

The Mills Masquers will present the hysterical comedy "If the Good Lord's Willing and the Creek Don't Rise" May 5-14 at the Barton-Rowe Theater north of Glenwood.

This zany comedy written by Pat Cook, and in the spirit of Kaufman and Hart, centers on Doc, an eccentric old man whose house caters to all sorts of characters. Now a retired judge, he spends his days "enjoying life."

When he's not flying around the countryside in his balloon or fishing in a nearby dry riverbed, he works on his books of nonsense. This prompts his daughter, Charlotte, to decide he's lost his marbles. So, conspiring with a sly lawyer, she plans to not only become his guardian but also sell his house and property. Throw in a psychologist on her first case, love sick teenagers, an irate school bus driver and an occasional artist or two and it's a madhouse!

Will Doc be committed or not? Of course he offers his own defense. When he shows up at his sanity hearing dressed as a magician, his daughter and her lawyer think they have it all sewed up. However, Doc has a few surprise rabbits to pull out of the hat. This tour de force is appropriate for schools, churches, dinner theaters and all audiences.

Can Doc pull it off? And Doc shows one and all what a little nonsense can do "If the Good Lord's Willing and the Creek Don't Rise."

Jim Kalhorn leads this talented cast as Doc. Shelby Spencer plays the role of Mandy, with Ken Whitacre as Max, Nicole Vanatta as Doreen, Wyatt Borchert as Leo, Jake Harrill as Steve, Kathy Steele as Charlotte, Ron Hines as Gerald, and Brittany Borchert as Elizabeth.

The show is directed by Jeff DeYoung, and Scott Hite is the assistant director/producer. This is the fifth show from this playwright to grace the Masquers stage (and all directed by DeYoung), following popular comedies "Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner", "The Rubber Room", "Mobile Home Sweet Home", and "Every Little Crook and Nanny."

Show dates and times are Friday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 14, at 2 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.millsmasquers.com, or by calling 712-527-3600 and leaving a message.

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Winum thinks how the mega site develops and if it can attract the sort of large manufacturing or industrial operation the state hopes, could go far in jump starting those infrastructure improvements and attracting a developer.

"What will be key is if the state of Iowa wants to transfer this to some entity and walk away from the campus, one thing they know for sure is no city or county or LLC or master developer is going to come up here and do anything until all those roads are put in, the utilities are updated and the infrastructure is there," Winum said. "It has to be shovel ready."

Winum went on to say the state understands that prospect and they are committed to staying on until the site is "in a position where that can happen."

"That number could be very large," Winum said of the cost for those improvements. "We're talking millions of dollars to put in entrances off (Highway) 34, update the antiquated infrastructure and tear down some buildings. Most of that has to happen before someone is going to come in 'OK, we're ready to come in and do this project.'"

The GRC's proximity to the mega site could prove important in the utilities question, maybe even as a catalyst for the state to step up their role in making the infrastructure improvements at the GRC.

"When you think about having to take sewer and water to the mega site, it runs right by here (the GRC),"

Winum said. "So they know that. We're thinking they'll want to kill two birds with one stone."

Winum also went on to say the prospect of a new community with housing for more than 2,000 people at the GRC "checks another box" for a large manufacturers that need housing for employees.

"They've done a pretty good job of mixing in upper income and more affordable housing," he said. "That's another box checked. I think honestly that's why the state is really interested. I know people don't believe this but I think they (the state) truly feel badly about closing this. I know people were upset. I think they're doing the best they can. But when it's all said and done, you have to throw out a number."

Winum said the next step for the task force and HDR is figuring out just how much those infrastructure and utilities improvements will cost and what the state's financial commitment will be.

"That'll take HDR three or four months to put that together and they'll make a presentation laying out, 'Here's what we've come up with, here's the cost, what's your appetite to pay for it?'" Winum said.

Both Winum and Lincoln agree finding a master developer to take on the project prior to the state closing the facility next July is unlikely. Setting a price tag on what the potential mixed-use resident project will cost is an even murkier proposition.

"Even if the state can commit to it, I'm not sure a master developer will

believe them," Winum said. "They'll want to see them do it. They can make an agreement where they'll sign on but they'll want the state to do their part first."

Lincoln admits the project is a massive undertaking. In addition to finding the right developer with the right vision, the project will require millions of dollars in state, private, and perhaps federal money.

"It's an ambitious goal no doubt," he said. "And I think it will take a little while to come up with the costs but after the state determines their cost and commits to participation money-wise, then in turn any master developer is going to say 'What is this going to cost? How much money can we get to help? What programs are out there, whether they're federal or state, what grants are there to help them?' It's going to take a little bit of time. But a village of this size doesn't happen overnight."

Lincoln pointed to the Aksarben Village development in Omaha, which started over 25 years ago with the razing of a horse racing track and has grown into a business, retail and residential center that is still growing as an example of the long-term planning and patience the project requires.

"You have to look at this long-term," Lincoln said. "We'll see how it goes. We're very hopeful. The state of Iowa and our task force are determined not to just walk away from the GRC grounds and just leave it. We want to have some something nice here."

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according what the valuation is but people can't afford to stay in houses when their valuation is going up extreme amounts."

Robertson compared the pending legislation to the uncertainty that surrounded the so-called "Back the Blue" law signed by Gov. Kim Reynolds in 2021. That law, in addition to strengthening legal protections for police and creating stiffer penalties for protest-related crimes, was rumored to have at one time included language requiring counties to increase salaries for sheriff's deputies. Which would have been a big financial uncertainty for most counties, Robertson said. That salary section was ultimately not included in the final legislation.

"I just wish the state would take into account what these

types of things do to city and county budgets," Robertson said. "It's hurting us. People expect more services but it costs us more to maintain services so I don't know what the answer is. I'm not real fond of the legislature right now."

In most areas, Mill's County's fiscal 2024 budget shows consistency. The county's public safety and legal services, physical health and social services, roads and transportation, debt service, and capitol projects remain its highest line items and saw the largest increases in the current budget. At just over \$8.1 million the roads budget – up 11 percent – is the county's largest expenditure. Public safety comes in second at just over \$5.2 million, which is up 7.9 percent.

The county's environment and education budget took the

biggest cuts this cycle. That \$2 million fund covers county conservation. Robertson said that cut fund reflects the completed construction of the Pony Creek cabins project.

"It wasn't so much a cut as those project being completed," he said.

Robertson said her office continually gets calls and questions about why taxes are so high. And few of those citizens understand the county is just one piece of their tax pie.

"The school is a portion, if they live in the city, that's a portion," she said. "Those are all entities that go into that (tax) amount. We could bring the school and ours completely down and city could be sky high. We're rarely ever on the same page but the tax asking does go up and down."



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CAPITOL UPDATE

David Sieck
State Representative



Subcommittee chairs spent their week negotiating the details of the state budget with their Senate counterparts. The number the House and Senate agreed to for total spending for FY 24 is \$8.516 billion.

So far, we have reached agreements with the Senate on a number of budgets. The Administration and Regulation, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Transportation, and Health and Human Services budgets have all been agreed to and have passed out of the House Appropriations committee. Some highlights from the budgets agreed include:

- \$13 million in increased state funding towards mental health and substance abuse Medicaid rates. In total with federal funding, this is over \$35 million increase to ensure that the state can recruit and retain mental health providers to care for Iowans in need.

- \$15 million of state funding increase to Iowa's nursing homes to help them with challenges such as workforce, complex patients and closures.

- Funding for four annual family medicine obstetric fellowships every year. In order to participate, they must commit to remaining in Iowa and serving rural and underserved areas for 5 years after completing their fellowship.

- Public Assistance Modernization fund to enhance IT capabilities for Iowa's welfare programs. This will streamline applications for Iowans as well as ensure that those on the programs are truly eligible for the entitlement program.

- Provides a \$500,000 increase to more options for maternal support programs that will focus on promoting healthy pregnancies and childbirth through nonprofits that provide pregnancy support services.

- Increases in funding to ramp up the state's Foreign Animal Disease program

- \$250,000 for FAD equipment to prepare to deal with a potential outbreak to euthanize and process potentially large numbers of animals;

- \$250,000 to assist and facilitate FAD vaccine preparedness.

- Creation and funding of an IDALS-managed Dairy Innovation fund and program to assist both small dairy processors to fill evolving niche markets and to help small farmers with labor issues.

- \$50,000 increase in the Farmers with Disabilities program (from \$180,000 to \$230,000) that assists seriously injured farmers to be able to continue to farm.

Child ID Kits Available In Iowa

Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird has announced a partnership with the National Child Identification Program. The program provides families with child ID kits to help law enforcement identify and find a missing child.

According to the Attorney General, there are 150 missing children in Iowa today. Having these kits at home will give law enforcement 90% of the information they need to start looking for a missing child.

Alliant Energy and MidAmerican Energy have agreed to cover the cost of 456,000 kits for Iowa families. This will allow every student in K-12 to receive a kit to bring home in the next two months.

The National Child Identification Program provides parents with the ability to collect and store information about their children, at their home. The kit includes an inkless fingerprint card, a cheek swab for DNA, and a simple way to record physical characteristics about the child. All of this information remains at home with the parents and can easily be turned over to law enforcement if needed.

In 2022, the National Child ID Program distributed over 10 million kits to families across the country. For more information on the kits, please visit <https://childidprogram.com/>



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The bookcase in my office contains the books I plan to read someday and there are a lot of those. In fact there are more than would fit in my bookcase even if it did stretch. Maybe you're thinking I should just get another

ROSBY'S WORLD

Dorothy Rosby

Guest Columnist



bookcase. I can't. My office doesn't stretch either.

Or maybe you're thinking I should part with some of my books. I can't do that either. That's because I have a certain weakness. Actually I have more than one, but I'll save the rest for another time. Some people smoke. Some people drink. I read. And one of the genres I like to read the most is mystery. Once I find a mystery author I like, I'm compelled to read not only every book in any series they've published, I must read them in the order they wrote them. So along with a lot of nonmysteries, the bookcase in my office has dozens of mysteries I've acquired that I can't read yet because I haven't read the ones that come be-

fore them. Unfortunately I don't have room for the ones that come before them because, as we've already established, my bookcase doesn't stretch.

And that, my friends, is why God made librarians - to store mystery series until I get around to reading them all in the order in which they were written. Oh, and they have other books too. In fact, not only do they have practically any book you're interested in reading, it's easy to find it because they don't organize their books by size. The shelves still look really nice though.

This is all a long way to explain why I'll be celebrating National Library Week April 23-29 with a good book or two—just

like I do every other week. Maybe I'll have cake and ice cream to make it extra special.

April was a big month for libraries. It was National School Library Month plus National School Librarian Day was April 4 and National Librarian Day was April 16.

What are libraries without librarians? If you ask me, appreciation for librarians is long overdue. Sorry.

Seriously, if I worked in a library, I'd be tempted to hide in the corner, and read all day. A customer would come by and ask me for help and I'd say, "Can't you see I'm busy?" Librarians never do that.

By the way, I did come across one more library holiday in my research. But National Library Card Sign-Up Month isn't until September. A library card is a handy thing to have if, like me, you don't have bookcases that stretch. And I bet they wouldn't make you wait until September to get one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking food away from the most vulnerable is disgraceful

Republican lawmakers have passed SF494, making it harder for the working poor, the elderly and the disabled to receive food assistance.

SNAP - the Supplemental Nutrition Food Assistance Program, formerly called "food stamps" allows those with meager means to go to their local grocery store and purchase food. Who does this program help? According to the USDA stats on Iowa, 67 percent of these recipients are children.

Of the adults, 40% of households have a working parent, 40% have an elderly caregiver and 47% have an adult who has a disability.

Why did they pass this bill? Senator (Mark) Costello and Representative (David) Sieck said at the legislative forum that it was to "combat fraud." How much fraud does Iowa have in the SNAP program? According to the State Activity Report from the Food and Nutrition program, fraud rates are at 0.001%. In other words, lawmakers manufactured a non-existent problem and then used it as an excuse to punish the

poor.

You might think, "Well, maybe this bill will save tax payers money." But, instead of saving, the bill is going to cost several thousands of dollars more per year. The federal government fully funds the costs of foods for eligible families. Iowa only pays administrative costs, which will go up by 300%, according to a study by the non-partisan Legislative Services Agency.

It's a cruel example of "leaders" not working for Iowans.

Diane Marshall,
Glenwood

Sieck elected to serve all Iowans, not just those who agree with him

On April 15, Senator Mark Costello and Representative Dave Sieck participated in a Legislative Coffee in Malvern.

One woman who spoke noted that the Republican-controlled legislature had not raised the minimum wage, increased teacher pay, improved water quality for drinking for recreation, increased Medicaid reimbursement rates so our rural care centers can continue to operate or provided affordable child

care options to our working families.

Representative Sieck dismissed her concerns as "Democratic talking points."

What issue on that list does not apply to all constituents? What makes those issues "talking points"? What Iowan is not concerned about those things?

In another interaction, a woman shared that she had friends and family in the trans community and she disagreed with the law passed by Republicans that takes away the rights of parents to obtain medically approved gender-affirming care for their trans child. Representative Sieck accused her of "bitching." This is unprofessional and unnecessary.

The Legislative Coffees are meant to be opportunities for our state legislators to hear about real issues from their constituents. How can Representative Sieck excuse his comments to these constituents?

He is there to serve all Iowans, not just those who agree with him.

Mills County Democrats,
Candella Foley-Fincham, Chair
Jill Fender, Vice-chair

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Business Spotlight

◆ Hilltop Animal Hospital ◆

By **JOE FOREMAN**
EDITOR

For nearly nine years, Dr. Michael Joyce and the staff at Hilltop Animal Hospital have been providing preventative care and treatment to animals from their Christian-based veterinary office at 422 Main Street in Malvern.

Providing veterinary care from a Christian perspective is at the foundation of Hilltop Animal Hospital's business model," according to Dr. Joyce.

"We do believe, even through our mission statement, that we're going to use the gifts the Lord has given our people to enhance everything around them," he said. "The mission work we do is definitely our way of fulfilling why we believe we're here - to serve fellow man. We just have to use the animals as a bridge for that."

Hilltop Animal Hospital's mission statement says: "Our mission is to serve the Lord and glorify Him using the gifts He has given our employees."

"We will diagnose and treat and maintain animal health without inflating costs or procedures by operating the company in a manner consistent with biblical principles."

Our services and facilities are designed to assist in routine preventive care for young, healthy animals; early detection and treatment of disease as your companion animal ages; and complete medical and surgical care as necessary during his or her lifetime."

Dr. Joyce said dogs and cats make up about 95 percent of the animals that receive care from Hilltop Animal Hospital, but there have been other animals as well, including hogs, South American Camelids, llamas, alpacas, guanacos and horses.

"Most of the horse people have kind of moved on - they're retired or retired from the military and moved on," Dr. Joyce noted.

Dr. Joyce is a 1994 graduate of Kansas State University. After graduating, he spent the first 10 years of his veterinary career in southeast Nebraska doing mixed animal care. In 2005, he joined Dr. William Rishel at the Glenwood Veterinary Clinic.

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Hilltop Animal Hospital Staff. From left: Amanda Klein, Dr. Sue Walters, Laura Manning, Jennifer Richardson, Dr. Mike Joyce and Laurin Kinser. Diane Metz and Beth Joyce were unavailable for the photo.

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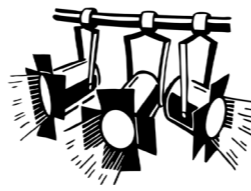
a community he and his wife have strong ties to.

Dr. Joyce said the decision to open a practice in Malvern came at the consistent urging of Malvern physician Dr. Thomas Baer.

"It was in early 2007 or so when I was in to see him for an appointment and he made a remark that I should start a veterinary clinic in Malvern," Dr. Joyce recalled. "I'm pretty sure I rolled my eyes. It just wasn't the time, but he kept on me about it. That's how we ended up here."

Dr. Joyce said opening a practice in Malvern has proven to be "the right decision."

Hilltop Animal Hospital is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wednesday from 8 a.m. - noon; and the first and third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. - noon.



The Children's Department is open again in library basement

If you haven't heard the good news, the Children's Department is back in its basement home. They've been a bit cramped borrowing our upstairs reading parlors!

While we don't have all of our books out, we do have browsing for picture books, DVDs, I Can Reads and nonfiction, as well as the puppet show and a space to play games.

We won't be fully up and running until we get our bookcases in mid-July, but come visit and see how we are making do!

Our staff have learned the full meaning of "other duties as assigned" noted in their job descriptions as they spackled, taped and painted as well as demolished ruined cupboards. They have been real troopers through this whole process, but we're all glad to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

This means our 10 a.m. Tuesday and 4 p.m. Thursday story times are back in the Children's Department. Join our Children's Librarian Samantha Richardson as she reads stories and organizes crafts for everyone. She is so glad to be back home!

We are still having special activities and snacks for Glenwood Public School's early outs this month. There will be bingo, crafts and games.

Our very popular book browsing program "Shelf Indulgence" is on Thursday, May 4, at 6 p.m. at Parea in downtown Glenwood. Our Adult Services librarian, John Butler, brings some of our best new titles for you to look through. You can sign up to get at the front of the line for our most popular books!

The Quilting Club is meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 6. The sister program Craft and Chat will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 12.

We will be hosting local author Ann Hanigan Kotz on Wednesday, May 10 at 6 p.m. Her first novel traces the journey of her

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Tara Painter

Glenwood Public Library Director



ancestors from Norway to their final destination here in the Loess Hills of Iowa. Her presentation will be downstairs, so any visitor with mobility limitations are encouraged to use the ramp entrance.

Mills County Public Health's "Memory Mates" program will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 and 30. Valerie Ramsey always has fun activities and trivia to challenge your mind. They will be having their meetings downstairs this month. They have outgrown the parlor!

Paula Hawkins' "A Slow Fire Burning" is the book being shared with our Spinecrackers readers this month. A gripping mystery exploring three women who are all suspects in the murder of a young man on a London houseboat.

The History Book Club meets this month at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 18 to talk about Marie Benedict's "The Mystery of Mrs. Christie". Benedict's novel is inspired by the disappearance of Agatha Christie in December 1926.

Both book clubs will be meeting downstairs this month.

Summer Reading registration begins this month!

Join us for fun and games and to pick up your materials

on Friday, May 26 anytime from 1:30 -4:30 p.m. All ages are welcome!

Sign up to win prizes for all the reading you do this summer.

Resource review: We have a new resource for anyone wanting to learn a new language or improve on a foreign language they already know. Mango Languages is a dynamic program that helps you not only learn to read but also learn to speak a new language with confidence. You can access the lessons for hundreds of languages either from home or the library, from a computer or even your phone. Users rave about their 5-star rated app that lets you study a language any place you can use your phone. Check it out today!

We held a party to thank our volunteers on Friday, April 21. We thank all of you for all you help us do.

We also want to thank the United Methodist Church group for clearing out our flower beds. Your hard work is greatly appreciated. The beds are quickly coming to life!

The library will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day. We apologize for any inconvenience.

We hope to see you at the library!



COURTESY PHOTO / GLENWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Children's Department is back in its home in the basement of the Glenwood Public Library.

The MCPH Family Matters Program

Our Family-Centered Services Department would like to introduce you to the Family Matters Program.

We are a free supportive program for the whole family recovering from drug addiction. Moms, Dads and our Not Alone Childrens group are three separate groups held every first and third Thursday of the month from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church, 112 North Walnut St.

Spending time with others who have been through the same thing can help you feel less alone. You are welcome

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to come alone or bring the rest of your family. The things we may talk about in the group will be different from group to group, depending on the interests and needs of those who are coming. The group structure is very flexible. Together, the group members decide what they want the

group to be about.

Family Matters is funded by a grant from Catholic Charities Initiatives (CHI) and the Iowa Department of Public Health. If you would like to find out more information about Family Matters, feel free to contact us at 712-527-9699.

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Sharing some of my personal experiences

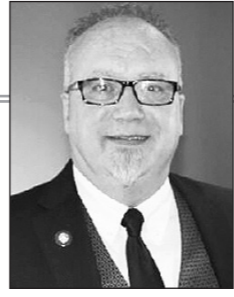
For those of you that read this column, I hope the insights and considerations are worth your time. I have political and social speculations like all of you, but I would much rather stay focused on how awesome God is. I'm just a student desiring to understand what I believe, while also trying to listen carefully and be discerning about the convictions of others. Everyone has their own opinions about everything, and when we become involved in endless criticisms and accusations, it accomplishes nothing. In fact, it makes things worse and we have enough of that already. It's important to me that I know why I believe my views and this can only be accomplished through prayer and study. If we desire to present Christ to a confused world, He pleads with us to surrender our will and learn how to live in the awareness of His presence.

Some of you have been asking me to share a few things about my personal life, so first of all, our daughter-in-law had twins last month and Mother and the babies are perfect. Thank you, Jesus! Our four-year-old grandson now has a brother and sister! They are so beautiful. We also have another adorable 10-month-old granddaughter that lives in Denver. I realize I'm preaching to the choir when I say that grandchildren are amazing. Our grandson loves to spend the night at our house on Friday nights, and it's always non-stop action of laughter and entertainment. He is so smart and never forgets anything. We pray for these young ones and are concerned about the evil world they will face, but I'm

LIVING ON PURPOSE

Dr. Billy Holland

Religion Columnist



sure people thought the same thing about us. It's true, the world is declining spiritually, but when we read 1 John 4:4, we are assured that God's light always overcomes the darkness.

I've been a Christian minister and truth seeker for 40 years, and have earned four degrees from two Seminaries. I am currently working on a Ph.D. in Biblical history from a third Seminary. I just want to know more about God. Some of you might know that I'm also a certified fire district chaplain with our county, and a volunteer chaplain for a Veterans healthcare facility where I lead Bible studies and sing the old hymns with my guitar. I enjoy being with people and have realized that just taking the time to listen to others is one of the greatest ways we can show that we care. I was having lunch the other day with a good friend that is battling cancer, and he said that life can change very quickly along with our attitudes and perspectives. When healthy, we are confident in our own strength, but when we are weak, we understand more about humility, faith, and priorities. In the end, hopefully, we will know that life was all about love. The love God gave to us, and how much love we passed on to others.

When it comes to my writing,

I began back in the early eighties writing, singing, and recording music about faith and personal intimacy with God. This led to sermons, leading worship, devotions, blogs, funerals, weddings, videos, cd's, books, and eventually expanded from a church environment to the realm of public media. I'm not sure how many newspapers or news agencies publish "Living on Purpose" each week, but at one time it was estimated that around 200 newspapers were using my work. It's an honor as a freelance/non-syndicated faith columnist to have the opportunity to reach this many readers. Thank you for all the emails and letters, they are very encouraging.

Along with a small group of volunteers, we operate a non-profit charitable organization called, "Walking Thru Ministries" a weekly food distribution program for the needy. Stores and co-ops give us food and we give it out to families, churches, and other outreach ministries. There are many people, especially children in our area that are struggling to make ends meet. I do not have room to share all the activities my wife and I are involved in, but I just wanted to say how much we appreciate your kindness, prayers, support, and friendship. It's a privilege to serve God and discuss His word with you each week.

Central College scholars receive recognition

Central College's 23rd annual Scholarship Dinner was held April 20. The following scholarship recipients from Mills and Fremont County were recognized:

Caleb Dressel, Class of 2026, Glenwood, received the Mr. & Mrs. Frederick A. Desch Scholarship.

Cooper Langfelt, Class of 2025, Tabor, received the Jim & Deb Israel Scholarship.

Colton Mayberry, Class of 2024, Glenwood, received the Joseph L. & Marjorie E. Petz Scholarship.

Matthew Neuhalfen, Class of 2024, Glenwood, received the Bob & Lois Vermeer Endowed Scholarship in Engineering.

Mason Vanatta, Class of 2023, Randolph, received the John Reynen Endowed Scholarship.

Disability Awareness Walk Saturday on Wabash Trail

Registration has begun for the May 6 Disability Awareness Walk "A Bridge to Understanding" on the Wabash Trace Nature Trail. Entry forms are available at Shenandoah Chamber & Industry Association, Nishna Productions, Inc. and the Depot Restaurant.

The free 2-mile walk starts at 1 p.m. at the Sportsman's Park Wabash Depot. The event is for all ages and all abilities. Gatorade and water will be available at the bridge. The trail can accommodate wheelchairs and a few golf carts will be available for assistance.

The first 150 participants to finish will receive a Bridge to Understanding medallion.

Volunteers for the walk and lunch should contact SCIA for information at 712-246-3455 or via email at chamber@sciaiaowa.com.

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!

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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. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Mills County Church Directory

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church Glenwood

24116 Marian St. Rev. Dan Slepker. Church office 527-5211, rectory 527-9115. Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) from 4-4:30 p.m. with other times by appointment with Father Dan. Liturgical services: Tuesdays through Friday times vary; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. Web site: holynosary.glenwood.com.

Glenwood Community Church

An Evangelical Free Church 56646 240th St. 527-4250 Pastor, Mark Smeltzer. Worship 9:30 a.m. (Nursery and Children's Church are provided); Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School / Bible Classes 10:45 a.m. (Classes for youth and adults). Wednesdays: AWANA meets at 6:30 p.m. during school year. (glenwoodcommunitychurch.com)

Vine Street Bible Church Glenwood

We are an independent Bible church located at 212 N. Vine St. in Glenwood. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Services at 10:15 a.m. Nursery provided. LightHouse Youth Group at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Jon McNeel, pastor: 712-527-0720. Dan Ginn, youth pastor. Facebook@Vine Street Bible Church.

Bible Baptist Church Glenwood

An independent Baptist Church, 605 So. Hazel. 712-527-3806. Pastor Ben Quinlan; Sunday School [all ages] 9:30 a.m.; Worship with Children's Church 10:30 a.m.; Bible Hour 6 p.m., nursery provided for all service times. Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Bible study and prayer classes for all ages. Please call for a ride to any service on our white church bus from anywhere in Glenwood.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Glenwood

Woodfield Estates subdivision west of Highway 275 and Elderberry Road. Bishop Tim Jacob. Phone 527-2968, Church phone 527-9227. Sacrament Meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11:15 a.m.; Schedule of mtgs; Priesthood, Relief Society, Primary Young Men/Women 12:10 p.m.

Tabor United Methodist

10:30 a.m., Sunday worship. Pastor Jan Phillips.

Tabor United Church of Christ

403 Elm. Pastor Susan Reed 527-9424. Worship Service 9 a.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church Glenwood

111 N. Vine St. 527-2971. Sunday morning service of Eucharist is at 10:00 a.m. On the third Sunday of each month we serve Eucharist at 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.journeyroadsc.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

Christ has touched us. We are changing. Growing. Rebuilding. Alive. Loving. New! West off of HWY 275 on South Street, on the hill above Tabor Manor. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Brian Jenkerson, 629-3045- text or call. tabornazarene.org

Frontline Church

Not your ordinary church. Sunday service, 10 a.m. at Mills County YMCA in Glenwood. Call (712) 310-6350 or e-mail to dan@frontlineglenwood.com. Website address: www.glenwoodfrontline.com.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

407 Second St., Pastor Susan Reed, phone 527-9424. Sunday schedule: 10:30 a.m., worship; 10 a.m., fellowship.

St. John Lutheran, Mineola

9 miles northeast of Glenwood. Pastor Luke Kuenzli. Church office 526-2268. Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. stjohnlutheranchurchmineola.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.malvernmc.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

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The Curtis Franzen Family wish to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who showed us sympathy on the recent passing of our beloved husband, brother, father, and papa, Curtis Franzen. Our Thanks to all our extended family and friends, who showed, helped, and supported us. We greatly appreciate the flowers, food and numerous donations to the family and Alzheimer's Association. Thank You, The Curtis Franzen Family.



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 IT Tech (District Wide) - \$18.00/hr
 Media Associate @ MS - \$11.66/hr
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 Preschool Program Associate @ NE - \$12.81/hr
 Sub Nurse - \$168 per day
 Child Care Assoc @ Kid's Place - \$10.82 per hr
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 Assistant Kitchen Manager @ MS - \$12.91 per hr
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 Sub Suburban Driver - (2 hr min) \$43 per route
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