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Red Cross staffer Jolene Haavey checks on Ron Reisner of Glenwood during his whole blood donation Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church.

As COVID-19 concerns diminish, blood donor numbers are on the rise

By **JOE FOREMAN**
EDITOR

The COVID-19 pandemic had a negative impact on blood drives and donations in Mills County but numbers are gradually returning to normal.

The American Red Cross typically hosts blood drives throughout the year at various locations in Mills and Fremont counties, including Trinity Lutheran Church, Glenwood Community High School, East Mills Middle and High School in Malvern and Fremont-Mills School in Tabor.

On Monday, Red Cross staff collected nearly 45 pints of whole blood at Trinity Lutheran Church.

"I think people are more comfortable donating

again," blood drive coordinator Tim Goddard said Monday in Glenwood.

Goddard, who coordinates blood drives throughout southwest Iowa for the Red Cross, said donations decreased during the pandemic for understandable reasons.

"The need went up and donations went down," he said.

Many of the blood donors at Monday's drive, held in the Trinity Lutheran Church social hall, are longtime blood donors, including Mark Buckingham, who was giving "double reds" of his O-Negative type blood. It's a blood type that's in high demand.

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Mark Buckingham donates his O-Negative blood at Monday's drive in Glenwood.

New concession stands, restrooms coming to city recreation complexes

By **JOE FOREMAN**
EDITOR

They probably won't get built in time for the 2022 summer baseball and softball seasons, but new concession stand and restroom buildings are in the works for the City Of Glenwood's recreation complex on the city's eastern edge and the ballfield and pickleball complex on South Vine Street.

Mayor Ron Kohn shared tentative plans for a 20-foot by 30-foot building at the rec complex and a 20-foot by 25-foot at the Vine

Street ballfield.

The projects will be paid for with general obligation bond funds approved by the city council two years ago.

"One of the projects identified when the G.O. bond was approved was the development of restrooms and a concession stand / storage building at the city rec complex on Sharp Street and one at the Vine Street ballfield," Kohn stated at the April 26 meeting of the Glenwood City Council.

Kohn said the building at the rec complex on Sharp Street will be built near Field 4. The Vine

Street facility will be built near the ballfield but be accessible to players from the pickleball courts.

The buildings will include storage areas for pitching machines, bases, hoses and other equipment utilized by baseball, softball and pickleball players.

Kohn said discussions concerning the buildings have been going on for months and included input from the city, baseball and softball organizations and pickleball players.

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East Mills names new elementary principal

By **JOE FOREMAN**
EDITOR

East Mills has selected its new elementary school principal.

The East Mills Community School District School Board announced last week that Melissa Nielsen has accepted the offer to serve as the district's next elementary principal.

A school district news release stated that as a TLC lead teacher and instructional coach at East Mills Elementary School, Nielsen has created professional development plans for staff, guided the implementation of the Iowa Instructional Framework and helped to create a master schedule. She also has experience reviewing and analyzing district data, interviewing candidates for teaching positions, and monitoring students' behavior and safety.

Nielsen holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Doane University in Nebraska.

The East Mills school board and stakeholder interview teams conducted final interviews with three finalists for the position on Tuesday, April 26.

"After reviewing the feedback, it was clear that Melissa was the best fit for the job," East Mills Superintendent



Melissa Nielsen

Tim Hood said, "Melissa clearly conveyed her passion and readiness for the job during the interviews.

The feedback was clear that she is the best candidate for the staff and students at East Mills Elementary. Her knowledge about the district will ensure a smooth transition and continue the positive course the building is on."

Nielsen will begin transitioning into the role with Kelly Sutherland between now and officially starting her contract on July 1.



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Mills County Public Health Nursing Director Lorri Greiner.

R.N. Lorri Greiner found her calling in public health

By **JOE FOREMAN**
EDITOR

Registered Nurse Lorri Greiner found her calling many years ago – working in public health.

The Mills County Public Health Office's Nursing Director has spent 33 of her 38 years in the nursing profession working in public health.

"I just enjoy helping people," Greiner, a 1980 Glenwood Community High School graduate said during a recent interview. "That's just been my goal all along – helping people and making a difference in someone's life."

Before working in public health,

Greiner was a floor nurse at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak. That was her first nursing job after graduating from Methodist College Of Nursing.

She came to Mills County Public Health in the late 1980s, when the staff worked out of a trailer in Malvern.

"When I first started in public health, I did mostly home visits. I visited the elderly and did the med assessments and all that," Greiner recalled. "Then, I got into maternal child health. That is kind of my love."

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Adam R. Courtier, 35
Christina Mae Robbins, 42
Michael Scott Techau, 55

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OBITUARIES

Christina Mae Robbins, 42

May 18, 1979 - April 15, 2022

Christina (Tina) Mae Robbins passed away April 15, 2022.

Tina is survived by her five children and four brothers and one sister. She is the fourth child of Terry and Annette Amburn of Glenwood. She will be missed by all.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



Michael Scott Techau, 55

Nov. 22, 1966 - April 30, 2022

Michael Scott Techau, 55 of Silver City, passed away April 30, 2022, at the Oakland Manor.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Loess Hills Funeral Home in Glenwood. Burial will be in the Mineola Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service beginning at 10 a.m.

Michael is survived by his parents, Fred and Dorothy Techau of Silver City.

Adam R. Courtier, 35

Sept. 11, 1986 - April 19, 2022

Adam Robert Courtier, 35, passed away April 19, 2022. A celebration of life was held April 23, 2022, at the Nishna Valley Christian Church in Shenandoah. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Shenandoah.

Courtier is survived by his parents, Jeffrey and Susan Courtier of Glenwood and Dena and Bill Sons of Shenandoah.

Memorials are directed to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Funeral and Cremation Service in Shenandoah handled the arrangements.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Incidents

April 23 - Garret Horgdal of Henderson, IA reported a theft.

Accidents

April 21 - A vehicle driven by Caitlin Walter of Malvern was westbound on Highway 34 when the driver slowed due to a farm implement on the roadway when a second vehicle, driven by Shyanne Byers of Malvern did not see Walter's vehicle slowing and collided with the rear of her vehicle. Heavy fog

was a contributing factor. No injuries were reported.

A vehicle driven by Tylar Brammer of Malvern was eastbound on Highway 34 when a second vehicle, driven by Rhonda Boen of Phoenix, Ariz. came off the Interstate 29 off ramp attempting to cross on eastbound Highway 34 into the path of Brammer's vehicle, causing a collision. Brammer was transported to Jenny Edmundson Hospital by Pacific Junction Rescue. His medical status was not known as of publication.

STOP SIGNS COMING TO 2ND AND LINN



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The Glenwood City Council has approved placement of stop signs on Linn Street at the 2nd Street intersection for both north and southbound traffic. Residents in the neighborhood requested the stop signs be put up as a means of controlling traffic along Linn Street. The signs are expected to be put in place by June 1. View is looking north on Linn Street.

Polk County man arrested following brief chase

An attempted traffic stop resulted in a brief chase and the arrest of a Polk county man for multiple outstanding warrants and drug charges.

On April 30, a little after 1 a.m., Mills County Sheriff's Deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop of a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am for speeding on Interstate 29. The vehicle failed to stop and deputies pursued the vehicle northbound on Interstate 29 a short distance before coming to an end nearly mile-marker 40.

The driver of the vehicle,

Andrew Lee Edwards, 39, of Des Moines, was taken into custody at the scene.

During the pursuit, Edward's was seen tossing a bag out of his window. The bag was recovered and it was determined to contain methamphetamine. Following his arrest, Edwards also admitted to swallowing a large amount of methamphetamine during the pursuit and he was transported to Mercy Hospital by Pacific Junction Rescue.

Following his release a short time later, Edwards



Edwards

was transported to the Mills County Jail. He

faces charges consisting of eluding, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while barred and obstructing prosecution.

Edwards also faces an outstanding arrest warrant for first degree harassment in an Adel, Iowa, incident and probation violation in Benton County, Minn.

The Mills County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Iowa State Patrol, the Glenwood Police Department and Pacific Junction Rescue.

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Monday's American Red Cross blood drive attracted about 45 donors to the Trinity Lutheran Church social hall in Glenwood, including Kathy Reisner (right).



BLOOD DONATIONS

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"They can give my blood to anyone, no matter their blood type" Buckingham said. "It's valuable in emergency rooms when they need blood

because it can go to anyone." Buckingham said giving blood is an easy and gratifying way to help others in need.

The next blood donation drive at Trinity Lutheran Church will be held in August but local donors who would like to give blood before then

at other drives in the region or in the Omaha area can make an appointment on the American Red Cross website or by calling 1-800-733-2767.



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The 2022 Mills County Relay For Life is scheduled for June 4.

Relay For Life schedule announced

The 26th Annual Mills County Relay for Life is rapidly approaching. It will be Saturday, June 4 from 5 - 9 p.m. and will be held once again at the Glenwood Lake Park and Davies Amphitheater. The event will honor cancer survivors and caregivers, feature testimonials from from cancer survivors, as well as entertainment and the annual visit from Elvis.

The Mills County event is trying to recover from three consecutive years of misfortune starting with the flood of 2019 and Pandemic of 2020 and 2021. Event organizers are hoping that waning of the Coronavirus will have folks ready to get out and celebrate again.

The concept of Relay for Life was started in 1985 by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Tacoma, Washington in an effort to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. The 24-hour event was meant to symbolize the round-the-clock battle for those battling cancer.

Mills County's first Relay occurred in 1997 and in its 25 years of existence has been per capita one of the top events in the country raising over \$1 million for the American Cancer Society. In its biggest years, the Mills County Relay took in nearly \$100,000. As the event recovers, the 2022 Mills County Goal is \$40,000, of which \$15,000 has already been raised.

The two-year Pandemic has had a huge financial affect on the American Cancer Society, forcing cutbacks in

staff. As a result all registration for the event is done online, but it is very easy to do.

Persons can go to their computer and search Mills County Relay For Life and click on the event. To sign up requires an email and password. If you have signed up before and are using the same device to log in, a couple of clicks should get you registered.

Cancer survivors and be honored and recognized and honored and receive a free meal. So if you are a survivor please register and let your team captain know. You can also contact Jessica Lincoln at 402-658-6669 or Jeff Mitts at 712-310-1907.

There are currently 12 teams registered. You can

chose one of those teams, or start your own. Once online, you can also make a donation or purchase a luminary. Luminaries may also be purchased through your local team captain.

Tentative Schedule:

- 5:00 - Opening, welcome, recognition of teams and sponsors.
- 5:15 - Meal (free to registered cancer survivors) and entertainment.
- 6:00 - Celebration Ceremony for survivors and caregivers.
- 6:15 - Entertainment - Amy Demlow group, Kelly Evans and Tim Langholz, Craig Florian (aka Elvis).
- 8:30 - Remember Ceremony/Luminaries
- 9:00 - Fight Back Ceremony/Closing Ceremony.

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Glenwood resident Ken King, a representative of the Southwest Iowa Pickleball Association, said pickleball players were hopeful the building would get built closer to the pickleball courts.

"There's a lot of people that come down to play," he said. "When we had our open house last May, a lot of people didn't even know what pickleball was. Now, a lot of those people are regular pickleball players."

"It would really be great to have bathrooms down there because we have so many people that would like to have good access to bathrooms. We also need water - for drinking water and to wash the courts down."

Kohn said the site closer to the ballfield was chosen because existing infrastructure (sewer and water lines) are already in place.

King said hundreds of people are utilizing the courts, including about 800 that signed up through the Playtime Scheduler in 2021. Hundreds of other players enjoyed the facility, he said, without signing up through the app.

"It's a city court that's open to anybody," he said. "Families come down, young people come down."

Glenwood City Administrator Amber Farnam stressed that the courts are city owned and open to the public to use at any time free of charge.



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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

From Page 1A

For about eight years in the late 1990s, Greiner worked for Montgomery County Health, with her position funded by a maternal health grant. Greiner returned to MCPH around 2000.

"I've been the maternal child health nurse for Mills County for almost the whole time I've been here," she said. "I've seen lots and lots of babies come home from the hospital and I've done lots of visits with pregnant moms and newborn babies. I just love that."

Greiner's duties at MCPH have included being in charge of several child-related grants, including immunizations and lead poisoning prevention. She's also give some given educational presentations in local schools.

MCPH is in a unique situation compared to other public health offices across Iowa because Mills County doesn't have a hospital.

"It's just different," Greiner said. "Because we don't have a hospital, we have to have relationships that are not in our county so that we make sure our people are served and get the care they need."

"We work with our (medical) providers here but we also work with a lot providers that are not in our county because



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Mills County Public Health nurses Lorri Greiner and Amber Wear.

so many people go out of the state to get their care."

Greiner became the nursing coordinator right before the COVID-19 pandemic started in 2020. Fortunately, Greiner had spent considerable time working in disaster preparedness before taking on the nursing coordinator role, which served her well as the pandemic played out.

"It just fit right in. As things started ramping up, it was my job to make sure we were doing what we needed to be doing and getting the other nurses onboard and help me,"

she said. "There were a lot of long days and long evenings. You did what you had to do and we just kept plugging along."

Greiner said the role public health played during the pandemic was to provide the most update and accurate information available to the public regarding the virus and eventually vaccines.

"You just give the information you have and let people make up their own minds," she said. "Things changed. You get some instructions and two hours

later you're being told never mind, do it this way."

Greiner said the pandemic was stressful the MCPH staff but she's proud of the service the office provided to Mills County residents. She praised the efforts of administrator Julie Lynes, who was new to her job when the pandemic started, and fellow nurses Valerie Ramsey and Amber Wear.

"There's only three of us nurses here and it's a lot of responsibility and took a lot of hard work from everybody to get through it," she said.



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Valerie Ramsey is the third member of the Mills County Public Health Office nursing team.

"We needed each other to get one of us could have done it through it. There's no way alone."

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Recalling the honeymoon from hell (and back)

Between my USAF flight training and my next assignment in North Dakota, Wilma and I decided to adjust our wedding date forward some months to May 31, 1969, (from July).

This had tongues wagging, but our first child arrived in late 1971, even longer it would appear than an elephant's gestation period. I had a two-week break (I thought) in late May/early June to execute the wedding and squeeze in a nice long week of honeymooning across the western USA.

A few days before the wedding, with all the last-minute details still being executed, mostly by Willi down in Lincoln, while I finished up a tech school in Illinois. The USAF called me to said, "we've moved up your next school in California to June 1 from June 10". I told them that would be impossible as we were getting married the day before, so they suggested I just move the wedding up a day or so.

By now, any of you who have had running arguments with any government agency realize you are not talking with anyone who cares a wit about you. I said, "well, I'll do the best I can, but we're still getting married on the 31st and we'll get to California when we can."

Of course, this was more than upsetting to both of us, but we plowed ahead with our plans. The day of the wedding, it was 90 in Lincoln, but someone forgot to turn on the AC in the church, so it was sweltering throughout the wedding Mass.

One of the groomsmen had a last-minute family emergency in Chicago, so we had to shuffle the lineup and promote an usher to the alter. Then my tux trousers were a few inches too short, and someone had painted "HELP ME" on the bottom of my shoes, which were clearly visible to the congregation throughout much of the ceremony.

Shockingly, my EX finance showed up at the wedding! I could go on. After a very quick visit to the reception, we threw everything we thought we would need into my beautiful 69 Malibu Super-sport Coupe and drove westward at high speed and probably only one stop to Cheyenne.

A shock was arriving at the motel in sub-freezing temps and with a key that didn't fit the lock. Finally, into our room, we had little time for the leisurely honeymoon suite antics we had planned, as we had to leave very early for the next long day of driving westward. Crossing all of Wyoming and Utah, we arrived in Saint George, Utah, to find our bottle of champagne had exploded going over the Wyoming mountains!

What a mess, but it explained that popping sound somewhere east of Laramie. On June 2, after an early start again, we sped through Las Vegas, Los Angeles and up the coast to Vandenburg AFB. Arriving there about 4 p.m., we found a furnished apartment, bought some groceries, went out to a late dinner and I then arrived at the squadron two days late, on June 3, but quickly caught up with the rest of the class

YOU HAD TO BE THERE



Dennis Kelly
Guest Columnist

who not surprisingly had started academics without me.

After six weeks there, where our clothes were washed into the ocean during an unusually high tide while we were walking along a deserted beach, it was time to head out for North Dakota.

Did I tell you about the earthquake?

NOW, we had time for our REAL honeymoon (we thought), so we went first to San Francisco for a planned two-day stay. Of course, our first day there, while having lunch on Fisherman's Pier, our car, stuffed to the gills with wedding presents and what other things we had brought along for this journey, was stolen.

We got the car back rather quickly, but NEVER got anything else back – the only thing the thieves left behind for us was a few groceries. Lovely, just lovely. Willi cried most of the way back to Omaha, an unplanned detour, since we had to borrow some things from home since we now had nothing to wear, etc. Then on to North Dakota.

I found out my car insurance covered none of our lost goods as we didn't yet have a rental policy to cover the goods and car insurance only covered what was attached to the car (at least I got the stereo unit replaced). Finally at our new post in North Dakota, Willi quickly found a high paying job, but it was 300 miles away where she filled in for a medical technician for a few months and then she found a good job in the cancer research lab nearby at the University of North Dakota.

So, having borrowed to buy our wardrobes for the marriage, and then having to buy everything again, we were in debt most of the first year of our marriage.

Our first home was furnished with items from Good Will and the USAF gave us a nice, modern 3 bedroom, 2 bath home completely devoid of any furniture. Amazingly, we still have a few articles from that first (of nine) homes we had in our USAF days. Every move we made was a good move after that first debacle, except for the very last move we made to Glenwood back in 2017, which was totally on our dime. We retraced that horrific "Honeymoon from Hell" experience years later and finally enjoyed all the things we missed the first time around. They say what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, and I guess 53 years of marriage now certainly proves that statement to be true.



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A new group for young executives

My favorite part of my job is when members come to us with ideas and passions that they want to see come to fruition.

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit down with Rachel Schott, of Bella Terre Vineyard and Reception Hall, and we chatted about how she is passionate about creating opportunities for young professionals to step into community leadership positions. We talked about how we could go about doing this, and in that conver-

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Rachel Reis
Executive Director
Glenwood Area Chamber of Commerce



set. SWIPE was born. SWIPE stands for Southwest Iowa Professional Executives.

The name can seem a little daunting, as many young professionals are probably thinking, "I am not an executive". But we use that term as a mind-

of what they want to see happen.

This group is a space for this age group to start to create meaningful change.

This group will be a huge asset to our region as we work across county lines and with other chambers of commerce. Bring your friends and colleagues and join as we celebrate the launch of SWIPE on none other than on Cinco De Mayo!

So join us on May 5 from 5-7 p.m. at Bella Terre Vineyard and Reception Hall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It will take generations of change to save our Earth

We don't need, indeed can't tolerate, any more Earth Days during which we salve our consciences and then go back to a world that is grossly and unsustainably over-populated, fantastically littered with thousand-year plastic, poisoned with tens of thousands of chemicals unknown to the evolution of life on the planet, polluted with climate disaster carbon and disfigured by warfare and threatened with nuclear holocaust.

So how can we even have hope? How can we not despair? What's the use? We don't just need an Earth Week, or an Earth Year or for the UN to declare a "decade of the Earth." It won't even be sufficient for us to think in terms of a generation.

If we are to be the ones who begin the process of saving ourselves by saving the Earth, we must face the hard fact that it will take many generations. After all, it took 300 years to change from a sustainable civilization to this disaster we now mistakenly call by that name.

Let's face it, we are losing and will lose many battles in this struggle.

What do we do? Where do we start? We take to heart the instruction: "Don't just do something, stand there."

Why? Because before we act, we need to rethink ourselves. This great trashing of the Earth is the result of our holding the wrong ideas. We need a conceptual revolution.

More is not better, nor is faster. We are not Lords of the planet, not the most important species. (Actually, the insects are.) The good life is not defined by acquiring more goods or bigger houses.

We are not fit in the least to be the directors of the further evolution of the planet, as the Apostles of the Anthropocene think. We are foolish if we think the great corporations know best.

We need to realize the utter folly of thinking we can have unlimited economic growth on a finite planet. Any third grader can see that, but not our economists and politicians.

We cannot make it on our own. We humans are not even possible without the bee and the dung beetle, the lowly earthworm, and the oxygen-generating, life-making plants.

So, we need to turn these old and dysfunctional ideas on their heads and find new ways of living, each of us starting with ourselves and each of us, banded together, fighting the ideas and the social organizations that are driving us along the road toward ruin. The fight will be long and costly, but the victory will be worth it.

Dr. Kent Shifferd,
Environmentalist, Author

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FIVE GENERATIONS



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Carolyn Vanderhoof (front right), of Red Oak, welcomed her third great great grandchild. Mason Allen Warren was born on Dec. 15, 2021, to parents Seth and Ashley Warren of Glenwood. Mason is held by his father, Seth Warren, of Glenwood. Back row includes Mason's grandma, Jenny Warren, of Glenwood and great grandma, Cathy Jones, of Carbon.

There are many factors to consider if you're wanting to retire early

BY MARK S. GARDNER
FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

Who doesn't want to retire early?

OK, sure, some people love working and prefer to keep doing so well past their 60s, even if they're wealthy. But for many, a big part of living the American dream is to be able to retire before age 65, giving them more time to enjoy life on their terms.

According to a survey, the COVID-19 pandemic has made more Americans consider early retirement. And notably, those with frugal spending habits were more than twice as likely to consider retiring early than those not as thrifty. That trend leads to this question: how many are quitting work too soon or are considering doing so when insufficiently prepared? Early retirement might sound like a way to win extra time in one's personal life, but the financial realities can be challenging and costly.

Managing the early retirement process without causing undue damage takes know-how and careful planning. People need strategies to absorb some of the long-term costs of a non-salaried lifestyle by considering housing, taxes, and the budget for food, entertainment, travel, and the like. Early retirement is terrific when you're ready, and here are some key points to consider when evaluating whether it's a viable option for you:

* Consider options with your home. Housing can consume more than one-fourth of the average household's budget. Downsizing to a smaller dwelling, renting part of your current residence, refinancing for a shorter-term mortgage to save on interest, or creating a savings instrument through the sale of your house are ways that you can significantly change your early retirement equation.

* Determine your location in light of taxes. Part of the care that goes into a successful early retirement is the concept of location. Would moving make early retirement more feasible? Where you choose to live is deeply intertwined with how you can live after your

work years are over. States that do not levy income tax can create savings for early retirees facing an extra decade of making their nest egg last. Property tax and state and local sales tax are other vital factors when considering which state to reside in during retirement.

* Identify and minimize all expenses. This means everything – all your monthly payments and the big-ticket items like travel and cars. Finding ways to reduce them may make early retirement viable. Controlling expenses for early retirees means re-approaching even basic concepts, such as transportation. For example, owning and maintaining a car can run into the five-digit realm during the vehicle's life – particularly when said life spans more years for the early retiree. Public transportation options and rentals can create significant savings.

If you travel abroad, which many retirees have the oft-cited desire to do, pick places where your dollar is worth more because of exchange rates.

* Do the math on your savings. Do you have enough in your retirement accounts, such as a 401(K), to last you 25 to 30 years or more? That's a big part of the bottom line when weighing whether to retire in your late 50s or early 60s. With

far fewer people receiving pensions, having sufficient Social Security is important. Check with your financial advisor for ways you can accurately estimate the amount of money you'll need annually to support the lifestyle you desire.

* Eliminate debt. Retire lingering debts before you decide to retire. They eat into your savings and standard of living. Credit cards, personal loans and auto loans tend to have higher interest rates and lack tax benefits. You want to give yourself more money to work with in retirement, so think what eliminating that \$400 monthly car payment and \$300-\$500 in combined credit card payments will do for you. You don't want the stress of paying off debt when you no longer have your work income.

* Delay taking Social Security as long as possible. Can you live without Social Security until the benefits peak for you at age 70? Remember, Social Security is not intended to completely cover one's finances in retirement; benefits from Social Security, on average, replace only about 40 percent of pre-retirement income. And early retirement isn't the ideal time to start taking Social Security. The sooner you receive Social Security benefits, the lower they will be.



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The annual Mills County Master Gardener Plant Sale is Saturday, May 7, in the parking lot behind Glenwood State Bank.

Annual Mills County Master Gardener Plant Sale set for Saturday, May 7

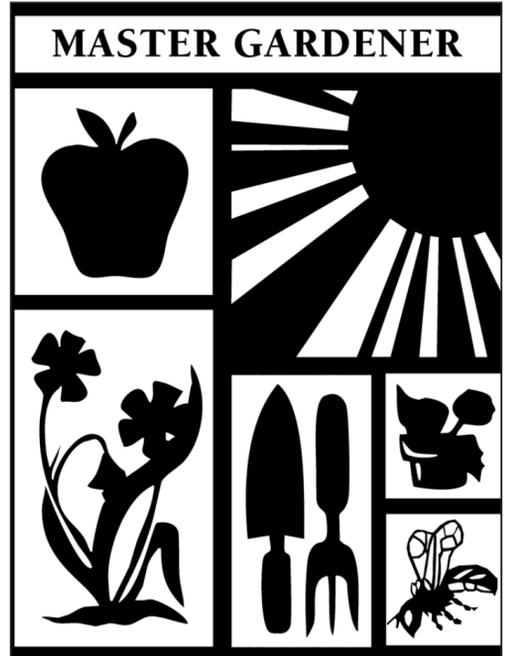
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The sale will be held in Glenwood in the parking lot west of the Glenwood State Bank, located at the intersection of First and Locust Street.

This is a sale with lots of bargains and hard to find plants that Master Gardeners dig from their own gardens. All of the plants at the sale are donated by Master Gardeners and others from the community. The plants are high quality, low cost annuals, perennials and vegetable plants started from seed, along with one of kind garden art that is made just for the sale by the Master Gardener community.

The Master Gardeners will also be holding a raffle of unique garden themed items. All of the funds raised during the plant sale are used for Master Gardener programming, including scholarships and community grants for Mills County.

The Mills County Master Gardeners volunteer countless



hours on community projects all over Mills County. The funds from this plant sale helps make many of these projects possible.

For more information or to donate plants, contact the Mills County Extension and Outreach office at 712-624-8616.

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Thank you for the calls, cards, prayers, and party for my 90th birthday. It was a special time. Love you all. Norma Meggison.

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403 Railroad Ave. | Glenwood, IA 51534
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MILLS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IS LOOKING FOR AN ADMINISTRATOR TO LEAD THE DEPARTMENT.
Reporting directly to the Mills County Board of Health, the Public Health Agency Administrator is responsible for organizing and directing the services, operations, fiscal and administrative functions of the Mills County Public Health (MCPH) Department.
The MCPH Administrator will have oversight of the Nursing, Regional Emergency Preparedness, Family Centered Services, Parents As Teachers, County Wellness, General Relief, and Environmental Health programs. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated success in leading professional teams and will bring strong management skills with a forward-thinking approach.
We invite you to join our dedicated healthcare team and make a difference in Mills County.
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Just Listed!

211 N Chestnut, Glenwood
 3 Bed | 2 Bath | \$229,000
 Charming craftsman style bungalow with hardwood floors & woodwork. Tandem 2 car garage.
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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

THANK YOU TEACHERS!!!

7 Acres + Mother in Law HOME

25279 Ivory Rd, Glenwood
 3 Bed | 3 Bath | Mother in law Home | \$675,000
 Country living at it's best! Ranch style home with Malibu sun room. 36' x 40' horse barn with stalls.
David Hughes 402-670-8807

Just Listed!

407 E Clarinda, Shenandoah
 4 Bed | 3.5 Bath | \$475,000
 Restored Victorian home w/ gorgeous turn-of-the-century detailing & modern updates. Large lot.
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55386 Forrester Valley Ln, Glenwood
 4+ Bed | 3.5 Bath | \$599,000
 2 story home on a timbered acreage parcel. Great chef's kitchen. 30'x30' shop building.
David Hughes 402-670-8807


55205 Forrester Valley Ln, Glenwood
 3+ Bed | 3 Bath | \$395,000
 Live in popular Park Place Acres. Acreage home on 2.14 acres. Finished basement too!
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103 Lincoln Avenue, Malvern
 3 Bed | 3 Bath | \$215,000
 Enjoy country views on the edge of Malvern. One owner home built in 1980, great ranch layout.
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1504 Timber Lane, Glenwood
 4 Bed | 2.5 Bath | \$415,000
 NEW LISTING! Spacious home with an open main floor living area and an updated kitchen.
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PRICE REDUCED!

207 N Myrtle St, Glenwood
 3 Bed | 1 Bath | \$209,500
 Home Sweet Home! Historic saltbox home that has been completely remodeled.
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50640 221st St, Glenwood
 3+ Bed | 3.5 Bath | \$799,000
 4,000 sq. ft. home on 1.95 acres. This park-like setting is just what you have been looking for.
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PENDING!

56218 Grande Oaks Lane, Glenwood
 3 Bed | 3 Bath | \$425,000
 Beautifully built craftsman style home. Modern updates in the kitchen. Open concept.
Anne Steele 402-216-6811


56142 240th St, Glenwood
 3 Bed | 2 Bath | \$510,000
 Customize this ranch home to your liking! Just minutes from Glenwood on 2 acres.
Anne Steele 402-216-6811


601 Bradford Avenue, Emerson
 3 Bed | 1 Bath | \$165,000
 Very nice well kept home with an extreme 30x40 man mansion! Open living/dining/kitchen.
Nancy Vanatta 402-917-3811

Thinking about moving? Have some land you want to sell? We are looking for listings and would love to talk!
712-527-3114


2705 Avenue D, Council Bluffs
 2 Bed | 1 Bath | \$179,999
 Charming home with an updated kitchen. Enjoy the patio in the fenced in backyard. 2 car garage.
Amy Soergel 502-523-3904


201 Webster, Farragut
 3 Bed | 1.5 Bath | \$187,000
 1700 sq. ft. home that has been completely refurbished with new paint, flooring, electrical & more.
Julie O'Hara 712-215-1506

PENDING!

109 Shamrock Cir, Glenwood
 4 Bed | 1.5 Bath | \$221,500
 You will love this family friendly location. New carpet on the main floor & new flooring in kitchen/entry.
Anne Steele 402-216-6811


58493 390th St, Emerson
 5 Bed | 3 Bath | \$430,000
 Large ranch style home with a large barn on 2.09 acres. Fenced in back yard with a large deck.
Kathryn Aistrope 402-690-3752


206 E 5th St, Malvern
 2 Bed | 2 Bath | \$112,500
 Stately 2 story! Lots of updates but ready for your cosmetic touches. Main floor laundry.
Bob Hughes 402-690-1100

Relay for Life PORCH PLANT SALE
Saturday, May 7th @ 9am
 Jim Hughes Real Estate 410 S. Locust, Glenwood, IA

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MARK HUGHES CONSTRUCTION
 All Hughes Construction Service

JUST LISTED!!!
301 5th St, Pacific Junction
 8,650 sq. ft. Schoolhouse | \$125,000
 Ready to own a piece of Mills County history? This old schoolhouse is just that! Call Jim Hughes to set up a showing TODAY! 3 story brick building on a large lot. 4 bath areas. Tons of potential and ready for you to make it new again.
Jim Hughes 712-520-7300


Fairview Hills Estates, Malvern
 LOT 23 | LOT 25 | \$30,000
 Building lots available. Golf course views! Bring your builder and home plans.
Anne Steele 402-216-6811 & Megan Kendrick 712-310-1235


61787 315th St, Malvern
 1.09 Acres | \$239,500
 Stunning piece of land adjoining Fairview Hills Golf Course in Malvern.
Bob Hughes 402-690-1100


104 S. Walnut St, Glenwood
 Bare Lot | \$35,000
 24' x 160' bare lot on the SW corner of Glenwood's vibrant town square.
David Hughes 402-670-8807


Woodfield Lot 2, Glenwood
 0.29 Acres | \$60,000
 The perfect building lot with city water, city sewer and natural gas.
Bob Hughes 402-690-1100


58771 Kidd Rd, Glenwood
 2.8 Acres | \$130,000
 Journey's End! Last lot available. Bring your builder and house plans.
Bob Hughes 402-690-1100


41.85 Acres, Malvern
 41.85 Acres | \$544,050
 Just Listed! This farm is 100% tillable and excellent soil types with a CSRII rating of 89.4.
Allan Hughes 402-672-3621

PRICE REDUCED!

28046 US Hwy 34, Malvern
 7 Acres M/L | \$282,500
 Ready to build your dream home? Then this is the building site for you!
Megan Kendrick 712-310-1235


Lot 37 The Wilds RV Park, Bartlett, IA
 Missouri River Lot | \$43,000
 The Wilds RV Park is located 16 minutes South of Glenwood. Large firepit & power.
Bob Hughes 402-690-1100


100 Railroad St., Imogene
 Restaurant & Bar | \$210,000
 Have you ever dreamt of owning your own bar? This one is all ready for you! Large patio.
Faith Dailey 712-310-8004

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