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Judge upholds decision to remove fair queen of title

Facebook photo leads to fair board removing Maggie Begbie as county queen, representative at the Iowa State Fair

By JOE FOREMAN EDITOR

Mills County had no representation in the Iowa State Fair Queen competition this year following a decision by the Mills County Fair Association Board of Directors to take away Maggie Begbie's title as county fair queen.

In court documents filed in Mills County District Court, Begbie said she was told that she had been removed as the Mills County Fair Queen because of a photograph that had been posted to her Facebook page on July 3 - five days prior to her crowning on opening night of the county fair in Malvern. The photo appeared to show Begbie holding a mini alcohol bottle along other members of a wedding party.

The unanimous decision to dethrone Begbie was made during an emergency meeting of the Mills County Fair Association on July 11 after the board was alerted to the photo by Mills County Fair Queen Contest Coordinator Mary Bolton. Begbie said she wasn't informed of the board's action until July 13, two days after the meeting and one day after the county fair had concluded.

The Mills County Fair Association made no announcement of Begbie's removal as fair queen and the matter did not become widely known until she petitioned the district court for a temporary and permanent injunction against measure that is granted with the board's decision. Following a telephonic hearing, Begbie's injunction request was denied in an order handed down last week by District Court Judge Jennifer Benson Bahr. Begbie, 19, had requested the injunction so that she could represent Mills County in the state fair queen competition. In her petition to the court, Begbie stated she was not drinking in the photo and should not have been removed as queen. Begbie also contended that the fair board acted outside of its authority and did so without due process. In her written order, Judge Benson Bahr stated that although rules in Mills County regarding the fair queen "generally govern only eligibility for fair queen



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Maggie Begbie after being crowned Mills County Fair Queen on opening night of the fair, July 8. Three days later, the Mills County Fair Association board voted to remove her title.

and not removal of the queen," rules governing the "Iowa State Fair Queen require the queen to "conduct herself in a manner that reflects positively on herself, her family and on the Iowa State Fair" and that she may forfeit her title should she "become involved in any activity, including a drug, alcohol or tobacco related offense that reflects negatively on herself, her family or the Iowa State Fair."

Judge Benson Bahr said "injunctive relief" is an extraordinary

Mills Crossing awarded 'mega site' certification

State officials tout economic development potential

By JOE FOREMAN EDITOR

County and state economic development leaders are hopeful the certification of a proposed "mega site" in Mills County could create economic development in southwest Iowa and have a positive impact on the future of the county and the region.

Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) Director Debi Durham joined officials from MidAmerican Energy and the Mills County Economic Development Foundation earlier this month to commemorate the certification of the Mills Crossing mega site through IEDA's Certified Sites Program. This is the state's second mega site to be certified and the first located in western Iowa.

"Having certified sites gives us a tremendous advantage in attracting new development opportunities," said Debi Durham, executive director of IEDA and the Iowa Finance Authority. "The mega site is uniquely suited to companies requiring substantial infrastructure, such as automotive manufacturers and other large-scale industries, making Iowa an attractive location for these larger projects."

The Mills Crossing site, located east of the Glenwood city limits and primarily north of U.S. Highway 34,



IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Mills Crossing mega site will be located east of the Glenwood city limits and primarily north of U.S. Highway 34.

was developed by MidAmerican Energy. The site is located on a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway dual track main line and is about 10 minutes from Interstate 29. The site has approximately 1,641 acres, including 1,338 contiguous, developable acres.

The IEDA notes that as a certified mega site, "Mills Crossing offers prospective users a strategic advantage for rapid development, access to a population center of one million-plus people and a centralized location in the U.S. connected to markets and ports throughout the country.'

Marco Floreani, Executive Director of the Mills County Economic



Development Foundation, said the foundation has been working to establish a more competitive site for development since its reorganization several years ago.

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caution in the legal system and only when required to avoid irreparable damage. According to the judge, a petitioning party must establish an invasion or threatened invasion of a right, substantial injury or damages will result unless an injunction is granted and no adequate legal remedy is available. The judge ruled Begbie's petition did not

meet that criteria. "While the court understands

Begbie's disappointment in the fair board's decision to remove her as fair queen, she has not shown the necessary right or injury necessary for issuance of an injunction, nor has she shown that the fair board did not have the authority to do so," Judge Benson Bahr stated.



JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE Maggie Begbie (front row - center) was crowned queen at the 2022 Mills County Fair.



Larry W. Kruse, 82 Donald L. LeMaster, 82

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Opening day at the Glenwood Aquatic Center in July 2016.

City officials conduct 'walk through' with engineers to evaluate aquatic center repairs

By JOE FOREMAN EDITOR

Officials from the City of Glenwood conducted a walkthrough inspection at the Glenwood Aquatic Center last Wednesday with representatives of JEO Consulting and Eagle Engineering as a first step in determining what repairs are needed and what recourse the city has to resolve ongoing water loss issues at the 6-year-old swimming facility.

The aquatic center didn't open this year due to ongoing water leakage issues. A crack in a "Tee" on the water supply line was discovered shortly before the facility's planned opening in late May. The repair to that crack, which required the removal of concrete, took several weeks to complete. Then, just days before the planned delayed opening of the facility in late June, a new issue surfaced. The pool was filled with water on June 25 but by June 27, the water level had dropped several feet. The city council decided at that time to not open the facility this summer so that the leakage issues could be fully assessed.

engineering firm the city selected the ongoing problems at the aquatic



JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE Repair work to a crack in the water supply line to the pool took several days to complete in late May and June of this year.

in 2014 to oversee construction of the aquatic center, which opened in July 2016. Eagle Engineering was recently contracted by the city to handle its engineering-related matters.

Glenwood Mayor Ron Kohn and current members of the city council JEO Consulting was the have voiced their frustration with

center. Some council members have openly criticized JEO for their work during the construction process while Mayor Ron Kohn believes past members of the council who were in office during the aquatic center's construction also shoulder some of the blame.

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Public Record

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OBITUARIES

Donald LeRoy LeMaster, 82 Oct. 3, 1939 - Aug. 13, 2022

Donald LeRoy LeMaster, 82, of Glenwood, Iowa, died August 13, 2022. Visitation was Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at Peterson Mortuary, 212 S. Locust Street, Glenwood, Iowa. Services are Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 1 p.m., at Peterson Mortuary.

Donald was born October 3, 1939, in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Floyd LeRoy and Caroline Cora (Caulkins) LeMaster. He passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on August 12, 2022. Don was

raised in Council Bluffs graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1957. He was united in marriage to Sharilyn Sue Karr on June 3, 1972 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They lived there until moving to Glenwood in 1988.

Don owned NOD transport trucking company and later started the Real Estate Appraisal business with his wife. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Don enjoyed playing bridge, poker, pinochle, fishing, golfing and hunting. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

Preceding Don in passing were his parents, siblings Diane (Larry) Beard, infant brother Floyd "Corky" LeMaster, Sharon LeMaster, Judy Vargas, Daniel (Jeanette) LeMaster, nephews Richard Gibbs and Michael Beard.

Survivors include his wife Shari LeMaster of Glenwood, Iowa; children Deborah (Bernie) Grosse-Rhode of Pacific Junction, Iowa; Jacqueline Hyde of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Kent Hyde of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Drew (Kelly) LeMaster of Sidney, Iowa; 10 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; siblings Carolyn (Gary) Gibbs; Kathy (David) Miller all of Council Bluffs, Iowa; David LeMaster of Omaha, Nebraska; several nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

Interment: Glenwood Cemetery, Glenwood, Iowa Memorial donations may be directed to Glenwood Volunteer Fire Association or Glenwood Public Library.

Obituaries may be submitted online to sports@opinion-tribune.com

Larry W. Kruse, 82 Nov. 8, 1939 – Aug. 7, 2022

Larry Warren Kruse, 82, of Glenwood, entered into eternal rest at his home on Aug. 7, 2022. A visitation was held Aug. 11 at Peterson Mortuary in Glenwood. Services were Aug. 12 at Trinity Lutheran in Glenwood. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery.

Larry was born on Nov. 8, 1939 in Glenwood, Iowa, the second of four children born to LeRoy John and Lorraine Elizabeth (Stone) Kruse. He lived in the Glenwood area most of his life and graduated from Glenwood High School

in 1957. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a life long active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Glenwood.

Larry attended Commercial Extension Business School in Omaha; Tarkio College, Tarkio Mo. and graduated from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo. in 1965. While attending high school in Glenwood and later while attending college, he worked for Slix Drug Store, Ben Franklin Dime Store, Nelson's Dairy, Buffington Motors, Davis Market and Gaylord Market. Larry joined the Iowa National Guard, Co. I, 168th Infantry, 34thDivision in Glenwood when he was 16 years old and ultimately spent over thirty years with that unit.

Larry met his future bride, Peggy Jo Close, when they were both attending Northwest Missouri State college. They married at St. Oswald's Episcopal Church in rural Skidmore, Mo. on October 30, 1965. They lived in Kansas City, Mo. for two years where he was employed by Mobil Oil Corporation. They relocated to Glenwood in 1967 where Larry was employed by Glenwood Resource Center for 35 years as Business Manager and then promoted to Assistant Superintendent.

Larry's civic duties include serving on the Glenwood Board of Mills County Savings & Loan, Glenwood City Board of Adjustment, Glenwood City Council, Glenwood City Tree Board, Board of Directors for On With Life in Glenwood and a Trustee for Lyons Township.

Larry and Peggy were blessed with two sons, David Warren Kruse, born April 1, 1970 and Brian Keith Kruse born July 31, 1971 as well as grandchildren Alex Kruse, Riley Kruse and Hannah Kruse all of Omaha, Nebraska.

Larry is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren, brothers Richard (Jean) Kruse of New Berlin, Wisc.; Jon (Donna) Kruse of Nebraska City; sister Sharon Kruse of Mesa, Az.; extended relatives and many friends.

Memorial donations may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church.



NEW CITY CLERK GIVEN OATH OF OFFICE



JOE FOREMAN/THE OPINION-TRIBUNE The Glenwood City Council recently approved the hiring of Jessica Alley as the new city clerk. She was administered her oath of office by Glenwood Mayor Ron Kohn at the Aug. 9 meeting of the city council. Alley replaces Lynda Radford who resigned from the position earlier this year.

Utilities Board must release names of landowners impacted by pipeline

the list of landowners likely to be impacted by the Summit Carbon Solutions carbon dioxide pipeline available to the public.

The Utilities Board was refusing to release the landowner's names at Summit's request. As a result, the Iowa Chapter of the Sierra names under the Iowa Open Records Law. Summit took the case to the Polk County court in an attempt to keep the names from being made public.

Jess Mazour, Conservation Program Coordinator for the Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club states, "The open records request for the landowner

On Friday, Polk County list was made by the Sierra District Court Judge David Club's Iowa Chapter so that Nelmark ruled that the Iowa landowners would be able Utilities Board must make to know who their fellow landowners were and to organize opposition to the pipeline project. Summit vigorously fought to keep the landowner list confidential so the landowners could not form a unified opposition."

The issue in the court case was Summit claimed the list was protected from disclosure Club made a request for the as an exception to the Iowa Open Records Law. But Judge Nelmark rejected that argument.

Wally Taylor, attorney for the Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club states, "The purpose of the Open Records Law is to enable the public to know what government agencies are doing. Judge Nelmark's ruling furthers that public interest."

DISTRICT COURT

Judge Greg Steensland Thomas Oscar Anderson, Red Oak - disorderly con-

and fees. Desean Maurice McVay, duct, disrupt / disturb a lawful Glenwood – assault, pleaded guilty, sentenced to time previously served, ordered to pay \$105 fine, court costs and fees. Jordan William Salmons, Glenwood - assault causing bodily injury or mental illness, pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve 120 days in county jail, ordered to pay court costs and fees. Frida M. Guerrero, Glenwood – O.W.I., pleaded guilty, sentence suspended to two days in county jail with credit for time served (Urban Dreams Second Chances), one year probation, ordered

waived with proof of driver's court costs and fees. license), court costs and fees.

ordered to pay court costs to pay \$1,250 fine (one-half concurrently, ordered to pay

Jairo David Hernandez Joseph, Mo. - pleaded guilty, pleaded guilty, sentenced to waived with proof of driver's pleaded guilty, deferred judg- in county jail with credit ordered to pay \$1,250 fine, trolled substance, pleaded for time previously served, ordered to pay \$1,250 fine (one-half waived with proof of driver's license); possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve 48 hours in county jail, sentences to run concurrently, ordered to pay court costs and fees. Judge Justin Wyatt Darrell Wayne Clevenger, Tyler, Texas - trespassing, pleaded guilty, ordered to pay \$105 fine, court costs and fees.

Judge Richard H.Davidson guilty, deferred judgment, Kylar Stephan Brink Hurb- one year probation, ordered Mark Alan Schmahl, St. ert, Council Bluffs - O.W.I., to pay \$1,250 fine (one-half sentenced to serve two days serve two days in county jail, license); possession of a conguilty, deferred judgment, one year probation, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

assembly / meeting, pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve 30 days in county jail, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

Ťimothy Joseph Deveney, Omaha - violation of no-contact protective order, pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve seven days in county jail with credit for time previously served, ordered to pay court costs and fees.

Seth Ryan Peters, Glenwood – assault causing bodily injury or mental illness, pleaded guilty, deferred judgment, six months probation, Trochez, Omaha – O.W.I., ment, 11 months probation, ordered to pay \$1,250 fine (one half waived with proof of driver's license), court costs and fees. Luis Fernando Perez,

Glenwood – O.W.I., pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve two days in county jail, ordered to pay \$1,250 fine (one-half waived with proof of driver's license); possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, sentenced to serve 48 days in county jail, sentences to run court costs and fees. Maria Fernanda Forbes, Omaha – O.W.I., pleaded





Slideshow

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Cultivate Community



The annual Cultivate Community celebration attracted hundreds of people to Glenwood's Town Square last Wednesday evening. Held in conjunction with the National Night Out observance, the event had several activities for children and informational exhibits. Cultivate Community was a cooperative event coordinated the Glenwood Police Department, Glenwood Fire and Rescue and the Glenwood Area Chamber of Commerce. More photos are published on The Opinion-Trbune website - www.opinion-tribune.com.





JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE Glenwood native Jon Saddler, who now resides in Atlanta, takes in the festivities with his wife Sophia and daughter Evelyn.



Line dancers of all ages enjoyed doing the Cha Cha Slide on the courthouse lawn.

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JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE Youngsters shoot baskets at the Jim Hughes Real Estate exhibit.



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JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE Trooper Rose lves greets visitors at the Iowa State Patrol table.



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Child identification fingerprinting was offered by the Glenwood Police Department. GPD secre-tary Renate Frieze and Capt. Pat Martin help Walter Heitkamp get fingerprinted in this photo.

Youngsters could get their nails and faces painted at Cultivate Community.

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COURTESY PHOTO

A free-will offering concert benefiting the Tanner Foss Project is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Davies Amphitheater.

Davies Amphitheater Aug. 20 show to benefit Tanner Foss Project

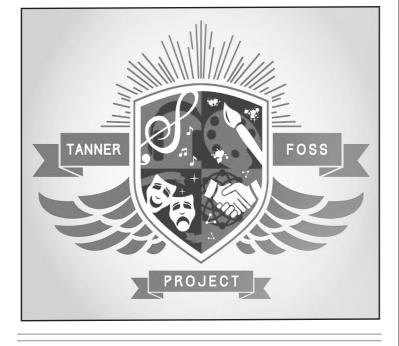
A benefit concert for the Tanner Foss Project will take place Saturday evening, Aug. 20, at the Davies Amphitheater.

The Tanner Foss Project is a non-profit organization helping kids, schools, and communities realize their full potential by providing opportunities through the arts in efforts to cultivate the creative minds of our next generation. The nonprofit agency was established as a lasting tribute to Tan-

ner Foss, an East Mills High School graduate who passed away in 2016. This incredible show comes from the heart, specifically related to a passion of Tanner's passion - music.

The Tanner Foss Project financially supported 15 students this year for the Broadway Advantage show. They could not have done that without donations.

Saturday's show begins at 7 p.m.



Rotary Club bringing circus back to Glenwood for two shows under the 'Big Top' Sept. 3

The Glenwood Rotary Club is bringing back the Culpepper Merriweather Circus to Glenwood Lake Park on Saturday, Sept. 3, with performances at 2 and 4:30 p.m.

C&M Circus has been providing quality, local family entertainment for 37 years, and this year's visit will be the fourth time the Glenwood Rotary Club has sponsored their visit to Glenwood since 2015.

This authentic ine-ring, big top circus has been featured on the A&E Special: Under the Big Top, Nick News: On the Road With Circus Kids, and most recently OETA's Big Top Town. This year, their performances will feature "Big Cats" presented by Trey Key, Aerial Extraordinaire Simone on the Trapeze, 10th generation Loyal Bareback Horse Riders, the Perez Daredevil Duo on the Tight Rope and Wheel of Destiny, and everyone's favorite Clown Leo Acton.

At 9:30 a.m. on Circus Day, members of the community are invited to come to the community to watch the Big Top rise. You'll also get a chance to tour the grounds, learn all about life on the road and see these beautiful animals and learn about their care and get a behind the scenes view of circus life.

At 1 p.m., the midway opens with pony rides, Moon Bounce, a giant slide, face painting, concession ctand and box office and extra fun and contests.

Pre-sale tickets at a reduced rate are available at Glenwood State Bank, Jim Hughes Real Estate, Malvern Bank and both the Glenwood and Council Bluffs Sugar Makery stores. Tickets are also available at the Mills County Museum and from



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Pre-sale tickets are now available for the Culpepper Merriweather Circus coming to Glenwood Lake Pake on Saturday, Sept. 3..



all Glenwood Rotary Club over. Children under 2 are vance ticket sales goes back members. Pre-sale tickets free. Prices increase to \$15 to the Glenwood Rotary Club, Sibley or other Glenwood are \$12 for Adults (ages 13- and \$8 respectfully at the which will keep those dollars Rotary Cub members if you

Feel free to contact Stan

Area Agency On Aging still offering vouchers for Farmers Markets

Connections Area Agency on Aging still has Farmers Market vouchers available to distribute to seniors that meet income requirements. The vouchers can be used at participating area Farmers Markets to buy \$30 worth of fresh, locally grown produce.

To request an application call 800-432-9209 x8888 and leave a message with the person's name and phone number. All calls will be returned within five business days in the order they are received. Applications will then be mailed out every Thursday with an addressed

return envelope. Once a completed application is received, vouchers will be mailed out to applicant. Applications not completed correctly will not receive vouchers until all information is provided.

Program Criteria:

• Must be at least 60 years of age or older

• Annual income must be less than \$25,142 for a single person or \$33,874 for a married couple. When a staff member returns your call, please indicate whether you are applying as an individual or a married couple.



JOEL STEVENS / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE The vouchers from Connections Area Agency On Aging may be used by seniors to purchase fresh produce, like tomatoes and potatoes, at local Farmers Markets.

64) and \$7 for children ages 2-12 and seniors ages 65 and

Box Office on circus day. A higher percentage of ad- in our communities.

working for charitable causes wish to have more information.



No circus would be complete without some clowning around with audience members.





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GUEST COLUMN

Local communities must change, transform from within

By JOSHUA V. BARR

ATTORNEY, HUMAN RIGHTS SPECIALIST

As the world becomes more polarized, the end of this division won't happen at a national level.

It starts at home with community members dialoguing and rallying around the issues that hinder us from thriving as a society. Politicians are not going to save us. We must do the work in our own backyards to save ourselves. There are so many things that communities are oblivious about engaging on the issues that matter to us, let's learn together on how we can transform our communities.

Change doesn't start with the federal government, or even with business leaders, it starts with the individuals and the communities in which they live.

Here are 10 steps to increase engagement and transform communities from within that we can make today:

1. Understand Your Type of Government: Know who your local representatives are.

There are primary types of local municipal governments: Council-Manager Government: City council oversees the general administration, makes policy, sets budget and appoints a professional city manager to carry out day-to-day administrative operations. Mayor-Council Government: the mayor operates as the full-time chief executive and the city council acts as the legislative body that makes the laws.

2. Attend City Council, School **Board and County Supervisor** Meetings: Check your government entity website to know when meetings take place. You don't have to attend every meeting, but you should go to understand what matters are being heard and how decisions are made.

3. Attend Board and Commission Meetings: Most cities (communities) have boards of people appointed by the mayor and city council to be the first line of dehave the ear of their elected representatives as they influence how a city council person may vote. It is imperative that you understand the boards and commissions that review issues within your community and become engaged with any board or Commission that speaks to the issues that can concern you. 4. Dialogue and Engage with your Community to Better Understand What the Most Pertinent Issues Are: Most people believe that the issues that directly affect us are the most important issues in the world. Try to determine the most significant issues impacting the well-being of your specific community. This will require you to get out of your comfort zone: attending meetings and dialoguing with neighbors who you may not typically engage with. Being a better advocate and ally requires you to meet others where they are if we are truly going to address issues. 5. Meet with Your City Council **Representatives:** Unlike federal and state, city council and school board members are your neighbors who work in entities that are open year-round. These are accessible people that you should get to know and build relationships with. When it comes to politics, access to what is happening is based on relationships and conversations. Build relationships with your elected officials.

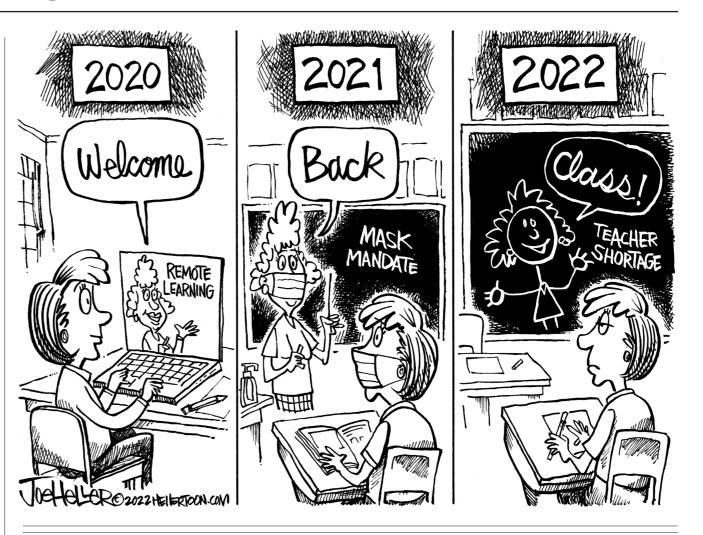
6. Join or Create A Neighborhood Association: Neighborhood associations are an organized collection of neighbors in a certain part of communities that have a direct line to city councilpersons. When trying to effect change in your community, understand that systems recognize power, and when you don't have individual financial, legal, or political power, all you have left is people power and organizing a neighborhood association or working with your existing one gives you a foundational base of people that local politicians have historically recognized if they're organized and show up.

7. Join and Donate to Agencies: Doing the work community transformation cannot be done by any one person alone. You must be organized. Learn more about local organizations that are already addressing the issues. If they are effective, join them, but before you donate a ton of money, reach out to the leadership team and understand their agenda, strategy, and successes they have had in executing their agenda.

8. Join Local Boards or Commissions: As you become more active in the community and understand the issues, it is important to influence those decisions, starting with joining local boards or commissions. Reach out to your local city council person to let them know of your interest and being appointed to any particular board or commission.

9. Have A Strategy: Plan on how to address community issues. Partner with other organizations and continue to apply pressure. As the saying goes, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail"

We must have a plan and a strategy for where we're trying to go. And as we address some issues, cision-making and advisees to the new ones will arise. That's human city council. These persons also nature and the path toward real change. 10. Vote: Historically, midterm elections and local elections have not had strong turnouts, despite those elections having the most significant impact. We must have as much - if not more - engagement, in local elections than in presidential ones because it's the local representatives who determine how funds will be distributed within a community. Therefore, it is important that we vote for people who will vote in our best interest and advocate for our interest in our efforts to improve our communities. America is presently in a battle for its soul and the core of its soul is community: the neighborhoods and towns that we live. The fight is not national, its local. We must each do the work necessary in our corners of the nation if we are going to change the nation. And we must do it, not alone, but with our neighbors.



Some hacks to make our lives easier

Did you know that ketchup can clean copper and that mustard can be used as an exfoliating face mask? Also, they're both really good on hot dogs.

And did you know that you can keep carryout pizza warm on the way home by setting it on the passenger seat and turning on the seat warmer? If you have a passenger and they resent having to sit in the backseat just tell them the pizza called shotgun.

These are all valuable tips I learned in an online article called "200 Hacks to Make Life Easier." If you waste as much time That could be a real probonline as I do, you've nolem for rock climbers. But ticed that what we once even for those of us with called "tips" or "hints from less pressing issues it can Heloise" are now called be troublesome. Is it white hacks. And there are a vinegar you use to clean lot of them. There are life minerals off your shower hacks, travel hacks, cooking hacks and personal finance hacks. There are car maintenance hacks, ball-Or jelly? room dancing hacks and rock climbing hacks. And there are hacks to burgle proof your home, hacks to prevent your computer from being hacked and writing hacks to keep you



climbing hacks. I'd be tos make excellent tinder hacking my way through and not just the "flamin' life were it not for one hot nacho" flavor either? problem. There are no And if we do bring Dorihacks for remembering tos to our next campout, will there be any left by hacks. I can never remember the clever trick I the time I remember? read to solve the particu-I did come up with a lar problem I'm having at hack for remembering one the moment I'm having it.

of the tricks in the "200 Hacks to Make Life Easier "article. Here's the hack: A strand of spaghetti can be used to light a hardto-reach candle wick-as long as you don't cook the

spaghetti first. I have a few long matchdoor? Or balsamic? Is it peanut butter you use to es that I occasionally get gum out of your hair? use to light a candle or a burner on my gas stove The next time I need when the igniter doesn't work. I was pondering how I'd remember this useful hack when I run out of them. Then inspiration struck! If I store a piece of spaghetti in the box with the long matches, I'll see it every time I use one. By the time I run out of

the matches, the spaghetti hack will be as ingrained in me as all the hacks I learned back before hacks were called hacks-like how you should sweep the top step first and that you should always put the carrier back before you drive away from a drive-through bank.

a piece of spaghetti and reached for the box of long matches on the top shelf of the cupboard. But as I did it, I bumped a votive candle holder and it fell off the shelf. Fortunately it didn't break. Unfortunately the plate it landed on did, spewing shards of glass and wet cat food all over the kitchen and onto the carpet in the hallway.

I went ahead and put the spaghetti in the box and then surveyed the damage. I wonder if there's a hack for getting wet pet food mixed with glass out of

I went to the kitchen, got

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from being a hack. I'm a sucker for all of them - except the rock

to wash our blender, will I remember to fill it with soapy water and run it? And will I remember to put the lid on before I do it?

When we run out of kindling at our next campfire, will I remember that Doricarpet.

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God has a wonderful plan for you

God loves you. This deserves repeating...God loves you! Sometimes people feel that no one cares but this is not true. Jesus proved how much He loved you when He gave His life for you. How much more can He do than to die and come back from the dead so that you can enjoy a relationship with Him and have eternal life? This is not only good news, it's the best news the world has ever known.

I recently spoke to a small group of amazing people that are seeking God for direction. Sometimes life does not turn out as we had intended and within the disappointments, many find themselves standing at a crossroad where they will either choose to examine their conscience and allow God to help them make a new start, or they will continue trying to live according to their own ideas. I

t's true we all have a free will to make decisions, but in every circumstance and situation, God's way is the best way. Since He can see the future, He knows how everything is going to turn out. He also knows what you are going through today, and we know that He has a wonderful plan for your life. How do we know this? God promises in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

I consider it an honor when the Lord arranges divine appointments for me to minister as His messenger. I enjoy talking with people about God and the Christian life and sometimes He will open a door for me to listen LIVING ON PURPOSE

Dr. Billy Holland **Religion Columnist**



enough or strong enough to

handle something that could

to someone's problems and I ask for His wisdom and guidance when I respond. I'm always reminded of the passage in Proverbs 11:14 that says, "Where there is no counsel, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety."

In my years of being a minister and chaplain, the most common challenge that people have is trusting God. I agree it is not easy to manifest faith, in fact, it might be one of the most difficult things within the Christian life. We love the idea of a quick fix, but most of the time God is just as

concerned with teaching and developing us as He is with giving us a miracle. Why? Because He is trying to reveal to us that His love for us and our love for Him is more important than anything else we are seeking.

We never need to be stressed or wonder if God is strong enough or wise enough to figure out how to help us. He has all authority and power, He is the Alpha and Omega, He knows everything, can do anything, and when we need a miracle, He is the only one who can make it happen. What we really need to be concerned about is making sure we are in position to receive from Him.

What do I mean? We do not hand a child a chainsaw and the reason is obvious. They are not old

injure them. It's not that they can never use one, but they need to wait until the time is right. Likewise, if we devote our lives to Him and wait for His timing, this will allow our spiritual maturity to advance us into His perfect will. If we are not in position to receive or we give up and throw in the towel, our doubt cancels what He was preparing to do. This is why we must hold on like a bulldog to His promises

perfect work. We can assure people that God will always do what He promised as His word cannot fail, yet they will still ask, "So how much longer must I wait for Him to help me?"

and allow patience to have her

Have you ever considered that maybe He is waiting on you? I can say this with confidence because it's happening with me. He's waiting for us to pray and build mountain-moving faith, and not just trust Him with our words but with our hearts. He's waiting for us to surrender our will to Him, to build determination and perseverance, and to stand strong on His truth as we declare that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" He desires to train His soldiers for battle, but how many want to enlist and follow His orders?

BULLETIN BOARD

Jocelyn Smith awarded degree from DMACC

Jocelyn Smith of Glenwood was recently awarded an associate's degree in general studies and crime investigation from Des Moines Area Community College.

Kayse Jansen earns master's degree from Missouri State

Kayse Jansen of Glenwood was awarded a master of science degree in defense and strategic studies during spring commencement exercises at Missouri State University in Springfield.

Candidate filing deadline for general election is Aug. 31

The candidate filing period is open until Aug. 31 for persons interested in being on the Nov. 8 general election ballot for township trustee, township clerk, the Mills County Soil and Water Conservation or the Mills County Agriculture Extension Board of Directors.

Affidavits of candidacy are available from the Mills County Auditor's Office and can also be found on the Iowa Secretary of State's website.

For additional information about the general election, contact the Mills County Auditor's Office at 712-527-3146.

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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Common Ground Glenwood

Lead Pastor: Jon McNeel (712-& Worship Adam Tibbs (712-527-

Vine Street Bible Church

Glenwood 527-0720). Assoc. Pastor of Youth We are an independent Bible church located at 212 N. Vine St. in

St. John's Episcopal Church Glenwood

111 N. Vine St. 527-2971. Sunday Pastor Ken Demlow, 525-1179; morning service of Eucharist is at Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Silver City Methodist

United Methodist

Pastor Joni Hickey.

vahoo.com.

vices 10 a.m. with Pastor Denise

Trinity Lutheran Church- LCMS Glenwood

400 Platte Ave. Sunday Worship ser- 2nd and Locust St., 527-4667 Pastor Seth Kaiser, W

8867). Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. at the Glenwood High School Auditorium - including nursery and children's church. "Vital" youth groups for junior high and senior high students - together with Campus Life at the Glenwood Middle School on Wednesdays 6:20-8:30 p.m. Life groups meet in various homes throughout the week. www.cgmglenwood.org.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church Glenwood

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

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 Bantist Church Glenwoor

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., nurserv 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.

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

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

A safe spiritual community for all people in partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets twice monthly on Saturday mornings, 10:30 a.m. Call 402-315-7732 for additional information or visit our website at www.journey roadsc.org.

First Baptist Church Emerson

Sunday Worship at 10 a.m., Sunday School at 9 a.m. baptistchurch@netins.net.

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.

Cavalry Christian Church Glenwood

109 S. Walnut St., Pastor Ricky Billingsley. Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Kids Programming is offered during both services and a malvernumc.org. Sunday Worship junior high class during the 9:15 service. 402-215-7652 cavalry.ch.

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. stjohnluthchurchmineola. org.

Stevens, CLM and Sunday School tlcglenwood.org. Sunday worship at 11 a.m. Wednesdays: After-school service at 10 a.m. Sunday School Group (K-6th) at 4-5:30 p.m. and at 8:45 a.m. Saturday night worship at 5:30 p.m.

Strahan United Methodist First Baptist Church Five miles south of Hastings on M16.

Malvern Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.: Sunday Rev. Shirley Albert. Sunday School School 9 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 2nd Wed./Mo. 6:30 p.m. Pat Boydston, Sunday School 712-624-8320. Everyone welcome. Superintendent.

Hillsdale Methodist

27066 Kimberling Ave. 525-1057. Pretty Country Church, Pastor Ken Demlow. Worship at 9 a.m., fellowship following. (Handicap accessible).

Full Faith Church Pacific Junction

302 Front St., Where Jesus is Lord! Pastor H.J. Green. 622-8369. Sunday Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m. Wednesday night worship 7 p.m.

Wesley Chapel United Methodist

M16 north off HWY. 34 then west on Epperson. Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Fellowship 2nd Wed./mo. 6:30 p.m. 712-624-8320. Pastor Joni Hickey.

RECONNECT: A Christian Community

109 S. Walnut St., Services in-person and online every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Live ASL provided during 9:00 a.m. service. Sunday School for nursery-high school during 10:30 a.m. service. Pastor Darwin Brown, https://reconnectchristian.org.

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Confirmation Class 7-8 p.m.

Emerson United Methodist

801 Bradford Ave., 824-7368. Pastor

Denise Stevens. Sunday School:

9:30 a.m.; Worship: 10:30 a.m. e-mail

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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-

Malvern United Methodist

201 E. 5th St., 712-624-8320. www.

11:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday School

10 a.m. Oct.-May. Jr./Sr. High Youth

Fellowship 2nd Wed./mo. 6:30 p.m.

Hastings

St. John's Lutheran

56020 340th St. or 340th & Gaston

Ave., Hastings, IA 51540. Pastor Bill

Caughey, 624-8891. Sunday Worship

Pastor Joni Hickey

8:30 a.m.

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MILLS CROSSING

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"The certified Mills Crossing site represents efforts over two years," he said.

Floreani said it's too early to speculate on specific businesses that might be attracted to the location, but added, "High paying jobs will be a critical factor with this site and a commitment to the community.'

Mills County residents probably won't see any noticeable activity taking place at the site in the immediate future.

"I can only say the site is available for an opportunity. The site was assembled to be ready for opportunity," Floreani said. "Don't expect any changes to the site. It was just launched last week so we're extremely early in the certification and promotion of the property."

MidAmerican Energy officials touted the importance of the company's commitment to renewable energy as a major component for certification.

"MidAmerican is a leader in renewable energy development and that's a differentiator for global companies that have their own aggressive sustainability targets to reach," Kathryn Kunert, MidAmerican's vice president of economic integration and connections, said. "Having 88.5% of their electricity coming from renewable sources at no net cost instantly puts any business locating at Mills Crossing ahead of the game."

Iowa launched the state's Certified Sites Program in 2012 to address the lack of project-ready industrial sites in the state. It is an independent, third-party program with certification through the nationally recognized site selection firm Quest Site Solutions. IEDA officials say Iowa's rigorous

certification process is designed to consider national site location standards, as well as Iowa's natural assets and the needs of the state's targeted industry sectors of advanced manufacturing, biosciences and finance and insurance.

In a video-taped message, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds lauded the Mills Crossing site

"While the location, size and amenities this site offers alone make it so unique, when coupled with the low cost of doing business, Iowa's competitive tax climate and incentives, as well as our leadership in renewable energy, the Mills Crossing site will be a difference maker for your business," Reynolds said.

Site certification remains one of the fastest growing trends in the site selection business, and by introducing certified sites to the market, Reynolds and IEDA officials believe Iowa is better able to compete for projects. To date, Iowa has attracted more than \$1.3 billion in capital investment due to the availability of these development-ready sites. Certification is a time and cost-savings benefit for end users. It also assures business prospects that site due diligences have been completed and mitigation and infrastructure plans are in place – meaning sites are relatively "risk-free".

The mega site category is only one of seven within the Iowa's Certified Sites program. Sites must be comprised of at least 1,000 acres to qualify for "mega site" status. Mills Crossing: Your Green Advantage in American's Heartland, will join 28 other certified sites located across Iowa, in addition to several sites that are currently working through the various phases of the program.



GLENWOOD KIWANIS CLUB DISTRIBUTES SCHOOL SUPPLIES



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Sixty school children in grades Pre-K to 5th in the Glenwood and East Mills Community School Districts received school supplies and a new backpack through to the annual Supplies 4 Success program, co-sponsored by the Glenwood Kiwanis Club and First National Bank. The Glenwood Fraternal Order of Eagles also contributed by holding a fundraiser earlier this summer to support the program. The school supplies and backpacks were distributed Thursday at the Glenwood American Legion Hall. Shown here (from left): Glenwood Kiwanis Club members Chad Lang, Denise Crawford, Carol Robertson, Michelle Wright, Barb Mass and First National Bank - Glenwood Branch Manager Lora Fisher.

Fremont County's annual Battle With The Bulls set for Aug. 26-27 at Farragut football, baseball fields

BY TESS NELSON

RED OAK EXPRESS

One of the more action-packed, family-friendly events in Fremont County is Battle with the Bulls. For the second year, the event is taking place in Farragut.

Jamie Avey, Battle with the Bulls secretary, said the event is a two performance bull riding and bullfighting competition organized by Gold Buckle Production, Inc., a Fremont County non-profit.

"This group saw a void in Fremont County for events and wanted to find a way to bring some¬thing else to the area," said Avey. "This event was not to replace or compete with the Sidney Iowa Rodeo, but to add another similar event to the area."

Gold Buckle Productions,



COURTESY PHOTOS / BATTLE WITH THE BULLS

For the second year, Battle with the Bulls will take place in Farragut.

JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE There was no swimming this summer at the Glenwood Aquatic Center because of ongoing maintenance issues.

AQUATIC CENTER

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"Previous council did (Aug. 10) of the repairs that not do due diligence during construction with (regard to) inspections," Kohn stated at the Aug. 9 city council meeting. "This is what happens because of what didn't happen (during the construction process).'

Glenwood City Administrator Amber Farnan said the situation is still being evaluated.

"We did meet with JEO, the engineers, along with our engineers (Eagle Engineering) and we just did a walk-through of the pool on Wednesday

we made and the repairs that we still need to make," she said. "They (JEO) are going to prepare a report for us so nothing really transpired from that. It was just a meeting to kind of go over all the issues that we've been having."

Farnan noted earlier this summer that the warranty on the aquatic center has expired and the city will likely be liable for repair costs. City council members have expressed their desire to explore possible legal recourse to recover repair costs, if warranted.

started in 2019, with the first event taking place during the beginnings of COVID in 2020.

"The first event was a huge success because it took place when things were finally beginning to open up after the numerous COVID-related shut downs," said Avey. '

Shad Smith of Double S Bulls in Sidney is the stock contractor, or provides the bulls, for Battle with the Bulls, Avey said.

"He brings some of the best bulls in the United States to our event. Several of the bulls have bucked at places like the National Finals Rodeo, Rodeo Houston, Denver Stock Show, and San Anto-nio Stock Show," Avey said. "Double S Bulls is the 22 time Stock Contractor of the Year for the BOA (Bull Riders of America), which our event is a part of."

She added the bull riders who compete in the events range from the junior division, which is those just getting into the sport, to those quickly climbing the professional ranks of the sport.

"These events are judged, and crowd



participation is greatly encouraged," Avey said.

Jacob Wallace from Green Forest, Ark., serves as the announcer and Allan Dessel from Cherokee, Iowa, is the pro rodeo clown/entertainment.

The Battle with the Bulls event is scheduled from Aug.26-27 at the Farragut football and baseball fields. Ticket can be purchased at battlewiththebulls.com. They can also be purchased at the gate.

Children nine and under are free

with one paid adult. Box seats and VIP seating are also available. Concessions and a beer garden are available.

A new addition this year is mutton busting, said Avey.

"Mutton busting is always a fun event not only for the kids but adults, too," Avey said.

Following the performances on both Friday and Saturday nights, there will be live musical entertainment. Saturday night is also a "Pink Out" event in conjunction with the West



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A weeklong band camp kicked off the 2022 marching season for the Glenwood Community High School Marching Rams last week. The band's first halftime show is Friday night.



Drummers keep the beat at the Marching Rams' band camp.

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Woodwind and percussion instrument players take part in last week's band camp for the Glenwood Community High School Marching Band.



JOE FOREMAN / THE OPINION-TRIBUNE The GCHS flag corps works on a routine during Thursday afternoon's band camp session.



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The trombone and tuba sections play and march during a rehearsal at last week's band camp.





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