

Rhapsody In Gold



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The Rhapsody In Gold vocal jazz choir from Glenwood Community High School earned a sixth-place trophy at last week's Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships in Spirit Lake. From left: baritone Connor Edick, alto Evan Belt, tenor Dallis Taylor, soprano Aubrey Mullanix and bass Aaron McQueen.

Glenwood Jazz Choir turns in strong showing at state championships

By JOE FOREMAN
EDITOR

The group may be small in numbers, but the Glenwood Jazz Choir made a loud statement at last week's Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships.

The five-member ensemble brought home a sixth-place trophy from the state competition in Spirit Lake.

Competing in Class 3A, *Rhapsody In Gold*, directed by Glenwood Community High School vocal music instructor Kevin Kilpatrick, performed three songs – “Sir Duke,” “Tenderly” and “Pass Me The Jazz.”

The performance at Iowa VJC was Glenwood's first since 2018 and the first-ever for Kilpatrick and this year's Rhapsody In Gold singers – soprano Aubrey Mullanix, tenor Dallis Taylor, alto Evan Belt, baritone Connor Edick and bass Aaron McQueen.

“I would say for me it was pretty nerve-racking. I was more nervous than they were,” Kilpatrick said. “I would say that one of the things that we all just knew going up is that we didn't know what to expect. We all had expectations of what we thought it might be - we all were very clear on, we've never been to this school and we've never been to this level of jazz competition.”

Rhapsody In Gold's success at

the state championships actually came as somewhat of surprise to members of the group.

“I expected us to be like dead last because I didn't even think a group of five would be eligible for anything,” Taylor said.

Mullanix hinted that the pressure she and the other Glenwood performers were feeling may have been eased after watching some of the other choirs perform before Glenwood took the stage. The other choirs were all good, but none were perfect, Mullanix pointed out.

“My personal expectation was like it would be crazy groups that were perfect,” she said. “We did see a lot of really good groups but they were not perfect.”

The Glenwood vocalists all agreed that their third and final song - “Pass Me The Jazz” - was their strongest number. It was also the most challenging.

“That's the one we worked the hardest on and put the most time into,” Mullanix said. “I would say that's our strongest.”

Others in the group shared similar views.

“At first, it was our worst piece but we kept hammering it and hammering it and after awhile it became our best, most confident piece,” Taylor said.

Kilpatrick said selecting music for a choir or band is always

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The Glenwood Jazz Choir performs at a concert last month in Glenwood.

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Paving A New Path

Smooth ride coming soon for Coolidge Street motorists

By JOE FOREMAN
EDITOR

Work appears to be on track for a timely completion of the Coolidge Street resurfacing project south of the Glenwood Fire Station.

The project consists of resurfacing Coolidge Street, from Locust Street on the west to Walnut Street on the east, and some storm sewer and resurfacing work to the south along Tyson Street.

The project was awarded to Council Bluffs-based Carley Construction for \$232,848 in January by the Glenwood City Council.

For decades, Coolidge Street was a brick surface, but had deteriorated in recent years and become a treacherous stretch of roadway for motorists. The project involves replacing the bricks with concrete. After being removed, the pavers are being saved for repairs to other brick streets in the future.



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The Coolidge Street resurfacing project began in late March.



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Construction crew members began pouring concrete on Coolidge Street Monday. View is looking east.

Council votes down pickleball storage shed

By JOE FOREMAN
EDITOR

The Glenwood City Council voted down the purchase of a storage shed for the pickleball courts on south Vine Street but approved the same purchase for an adjacent softball and baseball field.

The action came after lengthy discussion during the council's regular meeting last Tuesday, March 28.

During the meeting, mayor Ron Kohn announced that the city had an opportunity to purchase two storage sheds at a cost of \$3,495 a piece that could be placed at each of the city-owned facilities on south Vine Street. Kohn added that if the sheds were ordered before the end of the week (March 31), the city would receive a discount bringing the cost down to around \$3,100. The sheds could be used to store equipment.

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Glenwood officials said they've received complaints about the pickleball court complex being locked up for the winter. The Southwest Iowa Pickleball Club plans to remove the lock and reopen the courts this week.



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The Vine Street pickleball court complex under construction. The courts opened in June 2021.

OBITUARIES

Michael Francis Doyle, 76

Aug. 24, 1946 – March 28, 2023

Michael Francis Doyle, 76 of Hastings, passed away March 28, 2023 at his home. Funeral services were held April 3 at the Charles E. and Florence M. Lakin Community Center in Malvern with burial in the Malvern Cemetery.

Mike is survived by his children, Joni (Pat) Ryan of Knoxville, Jim (Melonie) Doyle of Hastings, and Katie (Tony) Mauer of Council Bluffs.

Memorials are suggested to the family. Loess Hills Funeral Home in Malvern was in charge of arrangements.

Bonnie Mae Williams, 95

May 31, 1927 – April 2, 2023

Bonnie Mae Williams, 95, of Red Oak, formerly of Silver City, passed away April 2, 2023, at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be April 5 at 10 a.m. at Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel in Red Oak. Burial will be in the Silver City Cemetery at Silver City. A visitation with the family will be held from April 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel.

Preceding Williams in death were her parents; and husband, Darrell Williams. Survivors include her daughter, Vicki Williams and husband Phil Allen of Griswold; and son, Bill Williams and wife Sandy of Red Oak.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

SHERIFF

Incidents

March 23 – Shannon Brennan of Malvern reported a theft.

Accidents

April 2 – A vehicle driven by Troy Rehfeldt of Council Bluffs was traveling westbound on Brothers Avenue when the vehicle entered the north ditch for unknown reasons and struck a guide wire connected to a power pole causing the power line to come loose and fall to the ground. The loose power line subsequently

caused a large field fire. Rehfeldt fled the scene and was later found in a ditch not far from the accident scene where he arrested and charged with third offense operating while intoxicated. No injuries were reported.

April 3 – A vehicle driven by Julia Daiker of Omaha was westbound and Alan Smith of Papillion eastbound on Bunge Avenue when the two vehicle side swiped each other while in a slight curve of the road.

No injuries were reported.


POLICE

Accidents

March 28 – A school bus driven by Ronald Moran of Creston was attempting to drive through the parking

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The resurfacing project includes sewer line work along Tyson Street.



RESURFACING PROJECT

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Crews from Carley Construction have been working on Tyson since late March. The focus shifted to Coolidge Street late last week with the removal of bricks and a leveling of the base

for the concrete, which started getting poured on Monday morning.

The project is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

JAZZ CHOIR

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challenging for a musical director, but it was particularly difficult this year because of the size of the group.

"It was a unique process in getting all of our music locked down but with their unique skill sets and their knowledge of what it takes to be in a small ensemble, I wasn't afraid to give each one of them their own part," he said. "They all have a lot of experience doing this small group thing. I knew they would rise to that challenge, which they did, and I think they enjoyed that."

"Pass Me The Jazz was written and performed by a professional group called Real Group, a vocal ensemble out of Sweden, I believe. They (Rhapsody In Gold) did the exact arrangement, no modifications."

Kilpatrick wasn't provided the judges' comments about the group until a few days after their performance. Most of the comments were positive, he said.

"There was a lot of praise for the level of complication it takes to be this small of a group so there was a feedback there," he said. "We got some constructive criticism that I haven't quite talked to these guys about, yet. In general, positive words. 'Great jazz sound' was something they said."

"One of the things we've been working on the last few years is, 'Do we sound like jazz?'" That is another whole skill set that's exact opposite of everything else that we ask out of choirs here so those are huge compliments (from the judges)."

Kilpatrick noted that judges singled out McQueen for his individual performance.

"Shout out to Aaron McQueen — two judges gave you a shout out because your biggest part in Pass Me The Jazz is ridiculously hard," Kilpatrick said. "All of them had solos throughout. It's kind of hard not to solo when you're all your own part so all of them have multiple features throughout. They all took the stage at some point."

The number of performers in Glenwood's jazz choir varies from year to year. Last year, there were nine singers in Rhapsody In Gold and more than a dozen that comprised a JV choir. Kilpatrick said the approach to jazz choir is different than other vocal groups and it takes an extraordinary commitment from the

student. Auditions are held in October and those who are selected rehearse together until the season ends in March.

"One of the main requirements for jazz choir, because this music is so complicated, you have to be prepared on your audition," Kilpatrick said. "It's not something you just elect to do, you have to put in the work to show that you want to be in the group. Some years, we have enough for a JV group and some years not."

"Last year, we had a total of 25 between the two groups. This year, not too many people wanted to take on the challenges. We keep the same standards so this year we just had the varsity."

Kilpatrick said going to the state vocal championships with five singers is comparable to a basketball team playing at the state tournament with five players on its roster.

"They were able to pull off the impossible which is a whole year of keeping things positive, which in a small group like this, it is really difficult. If one of these people are sick, we're done," he said. "Staying healthy in high school is not easy."

Edick credits "good chemistry" as a major reason for Rhapsody In Gold's success.

"I think the five of us just work good together as a group because all five of us already have a lot of choir experience and the five of us all just know each other pretty well," he said.

Belt believes there are some advantages to being small in numbers.

"I feel like the smaller group, it's easier to really have control over what you're doing," Belt said. "In bigger groups, there's more than one person per section so if you make a mistake in a section it's a lot harder to pinpoint what to fix."

The five members of group all share a passion for music but they each have their own reason for being in the group. Some are self-proclaimed "jazzers" who simply enjoy that genre of music and others like the challenges the music provides.

"I love jazz choir because it doesn't need to be stressful," Edick said. "If can be really relaxing and just having fun. And, I just wanted to get as much choir as I can before I graduate."

PICKLEBALL COURTS

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Earlier this year, the city considered building a permanent concession stand / restroom / storage facility at the Vine Street ballfield but the construction estimate of \$194,000 was considerably higher than budgeted. The bid included over \$40,000 for bringing in and compacting around 6 feet of dirt that would be required to build the concession stand high enough to meet floodplain requirements. Because the storage sheds are considered temporary buildings, they would not have to be elevated to meet floodplain requirements.

Council member Laurie Smithers, one of three council members who voted against the storage shed for the pickleball court, said she would rather see the money spent somewhere else, noting that the city previously provided \$10,000 of funding for construction of the courts.

"I'm struggling with pickleball. They got theirs," Smithers said. "We can take that money and put it towards something else, whose turn it is. That's where I'm struggling with doing both of them. I get it, you can say, 'It's only \$3,100', but what would \$3,100 do for some of these things that been sitting around and waiting a lot longer than pickleball having storage."

During the discussion, council member Wade Rodman pointed out that currently equipment for the pickleball courts are being stored at the residences of some Southwest Iowa Pickleball Club members.

Council members Smithers, Don Kates and Holly Jackson voted "no" on the storage shed purchase for the pickleball courts with members Dan McComb and Jeremy Rodman voting "yes."

Before the vote was taken, council members also discussed complaints that have been aired on social

media and to city staff about the courts being locked. A lock was placed on the entrance gate last fall by a member of the pickleball club, making the facility inaccessible.

Glenwood City Administrator Amber Farnan said she's spoken with a representative of the pickleball club and the lock is scheduled to be removed this week. Farnan said because the courts are public property, she believes they should remain open year-round.

Dr. Sally Prickett, president of the pickleball club, said she is aware of the discontent some residents have voiced about the winter closure but said the club received permission to lock the courts during the winter season from former city administrator Angie Winquist.

Prickett noted that pickleball volunteers spent six years raising the approximately \$165,000 needed to construct the courts. She said club members take pride in the courts and want the facility to last as long as possible.

"They are as good of quality pickleball courts as there are in the whole country," she said. "When we started the project, we said, 'We're going to do it the right way or not at all.'"

"We were very fortunate to find and hire one of the finest professional companies to put the courts in, the fencing, etc. Post-tension concrete was put on the base of the old asphalt tennis courts that were there. That provides a great bottom. Then, you put on a very sophisticated two layers of the coating. That layer needs to be replaced from time to time. If we take really good care of these courts we can probably get 10 to 12 years out of them."

Prickett said damage is caused by people walking on the surface without wearing court shoes.

Keeping the courts free

of dirt, rocks and tree debris is an ongoing issue. Prickett said because there's no access to water at the facility, volunteers have to frequently bring out blowers and brooms to remove the debris.

As a preservation measure, the nets on the courts have been "de-tensioned" for the winter months. Prickett said the preparation process for the summer season includes de-tensioning the nets (a complicated process), cleaning the courts, placing a wind shield around the exterior fence of the facility and bringing benches back that are being stored by club members.

Prickett said a meeting between club members and city officials to iron out issues is welcomed.

"I think everyone agrees that we need a more clear understanding," she said. "You know, we're in our infancy and we've got to address these things as they come up. We will get together to work out an agreeable 'memorandum of understanding' so that everyone will have a clear understanding of who does what."

As for the storage shed, Prickett said it's certainly needed. She said several items, including blowers, brooms, benches and the wind screens would be stored in the shed. She noted that the club intends to purchase a "pickleball machine" but has held off because of the lack of storage space. The machine is similar to a baseball pitching machine.

"You put balls into it, plug it in to an electrical outlet, which there is one there," she said. "You can vary the height and speed, that sort of thing, so you can practice hitting the ball."

Farnan said a meeting between city officials and pickleball club members would likely take place later this spring or over the summer.

Building Better Birders workshop set for April 15

Mills County Conservation is hosting a Building Better Birders Workshop on April 15.

The event will include a full day of bird watching and presentations. Participants can attend all or some of the activities.

Spring is an exciting time for migration and the Loess Hills provide an excellent place to see some unique birds that are passing through or that stick around all year.

Session 1: Bird Hike at Pony Creek Park 7 - 10 a.m. (56235 Deacon Road).

Session 2: Raptors of Iowa Presentation at Pony Creek Nature Center 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Session 3: Bird Hike/Raptor Watch at West Oak Forest 12:45 - 2:15 p.m. (55877

195th St).

The mission of the workshop is to create birders across Iowa that contribute knowledge about birds through participation in Citizen Science programs such as Christmas Bird Counts, Great Backyard Bird Counts, Project Feeder Watch, etc.

This workshop is conducted by Kelly McKay (BioEco Research and Monitoring Center). Funding was provided by Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) and Conservation Education Program (CEP). Contact Dessa Montgomery at conservation@millscountyiowa.gov or 712-527-9685 to sign up or to obtain additional information.

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The latest Washington controversy shall pasta

If you're more informed than I am, you probably heard about the biggest controversy to come out of Washington in years. I can't believe I almost missed it. I like a good scandal as much as anybody and this one involved two of my favorite topics: eating out and pasta.

ROSBY'S WORLD

Dorothy Rosby

Guest Columnist



Here's the lowdown: One evening in February, President and Mrs. Biden ordered the same rigatoni dish at a Washington, DC restaurant. Shocking! Immediately a hullabaloo erupted where so many important discussions of the day start—on Twitter. Some twitter users...wait. What do you call people who use twitter? Twitterers? Twits? People with nothing better to do?

I'll go with tweeters. It's kinder and quicker to type. Anyway, some tweeters wondered what the fuss was about. But many were horrified that the Bidens chose the same entrée when there were so many...uh...pastabilities on the menu.

And it wasn't just the Twitterverse. Media outlets from all sides of the political spectrum weighed in. Some even called on etiquette experts for advice so their viewers wouldn't make a similar faux pasta. I'm sorry. I just can't help myself.

Anyway everyone had moved on to something equally important—may be butter, sour cream or both on baked potatoes—by the time a friend mentioned the Biden's blunder to me. My initial reaction was, "What next? Matching outfits!"

Not really. Actually I had three thoughts. One, Twitter users have too much time on their hands and should come clean my house. Two, all the world's problems must be solved if cable news has time to cover the Great Rigatoni Scandal. And three, I can't wait to write about this.

Because as usual I do have an opinion. Also I'm usually right, so you're in luck. But because I'm open-minded, I decided to go to Twitter and try to understand the opinions of those who live there before I tell you what you should think.

The comments fell into three categories. There were those who said they were shocked and disgusted that the Bidens ordered the same thing. There were those who said it's a free country and the Bidens can order whatever they want. And there were those who said, "Who are the Bidens?"

Just kidding. But there were a lot who thought it was just plain wrong. As an etiquette expert myself, or rather as someone who eats out a lot, I can't help objecting to some of their objections.

One tweeter said, "I have honestly never heard of a couple—married or otherwise—who order the EXACT same at a restaurant." If that was you, you need to get out more. And when you eat out, do what I do: Stare at other people's food. Then you'll realize that couples do occasionally order the same thing. Plus you'll have a good visual of what's available for the next time you're there.

Some said the main reason to eat out is to try different things on the menu. Wrong. The main reason to eat out is to get out of cooking and doing dishes.

Plus it's nice to get away from home and enjoy the ambience of a restaurant. I think secret service agents standing nearby might detract from the atmosphere but most of us don't have to worry about that.

Others said, if you're going to order the same thing, why not just order one entrée and share. My husband and I often order one meal to share, but only when we know it's as big as a microwave oven.

Maybe the rigatoni dish wasn't big enough to share in which case the Biden's spared us what almost certainly would have been an even bigger uproar. If the first couple ordering the same meal could cause such controversy, imagine what would have happened if they'd been seen arguing over the last rigatoni.



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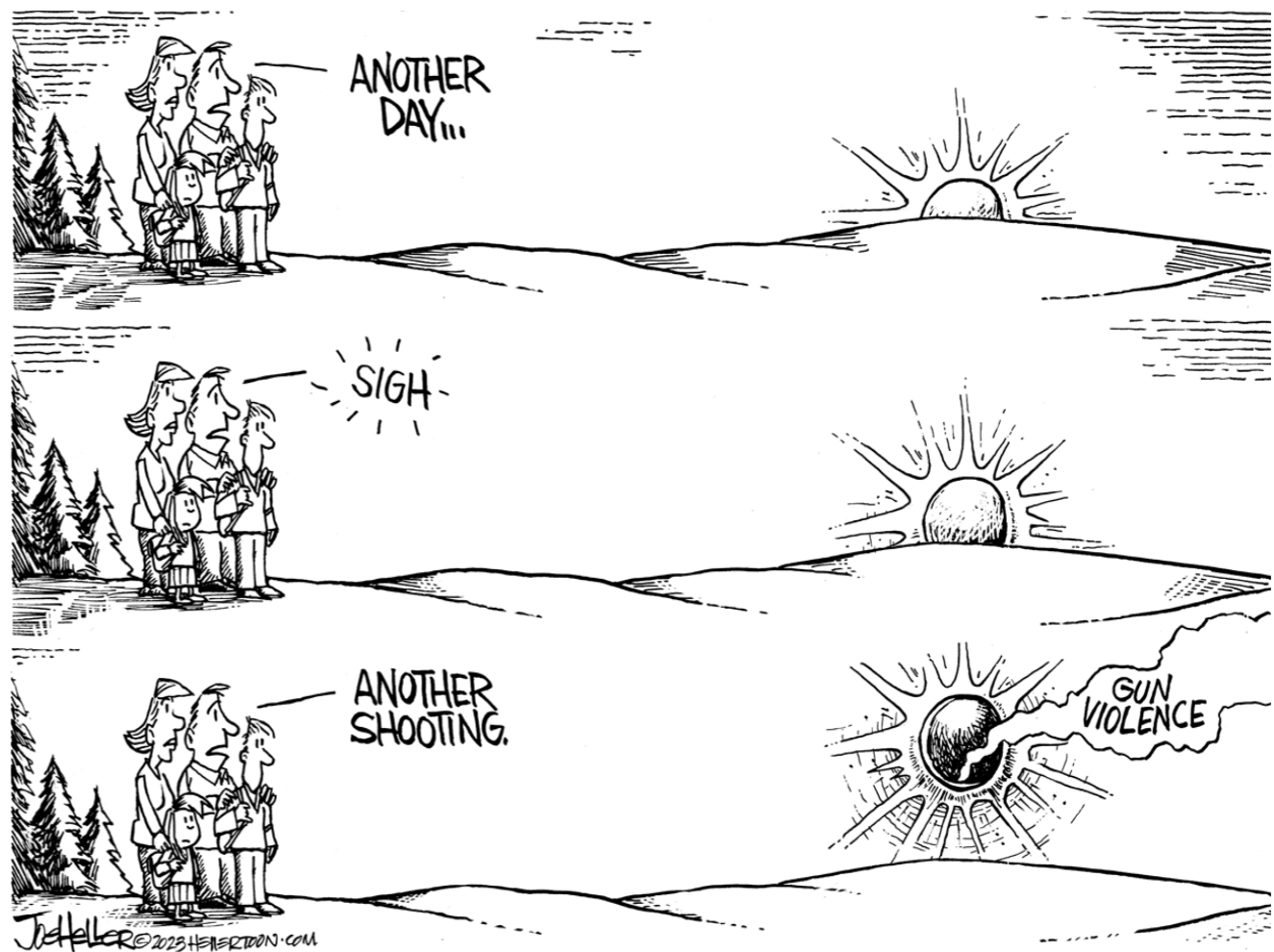
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A memorable month of madness

It was a memorable month of madness for a lot of college basketball fans in our area.

If you're a fan of Iowa, Iowa State, Creighton or Drake, you had a team to root for in at least one of the NCAA Tournaments.

On the men's side of the bracket, the Hawkeyes, Cyclones, Bluejays and Bulldogs all punched tickets to March Madness.

Despite making early exits from the tournament, Iowa and Iowa State both had successful seasons, as did Drake. The Bulldogs went on a late-season run to win the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament and gave Final Four-bound Miami all it could handle in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

CUP OF JOE

Joe Foreman

Editor



Then there's Creighton. The Bluejays went where no Creighton team before them had gone — to the Elite Eight. The Jays' season ended just a basket away from the Final Four.

The Iowa State and Creighton women's teams also went dancing this year, but it was the unstoppable Caitlin Clark that captivated the nation as she carried the Hawkeyes to the national championship game.

Many pundits are calling Clark the GOAT in

women's college basketball. It's hard to argue the point when you look at all the record breaking numbers she put up during the tournament.

Clark had multiple 40-point games, and averaged 31.8 per game for the tournament. The 191 total points she scored set a new record for a player in a single NCAA Tournament — men's or women's. Against Louisville in the Elite Eight, she posted a triple-double — 41 points, 10 rebounds and 12 as-

sists. Oh yeah, during the Hawkeyes' tournament run, she also set a record with 60 assists.

So, how big of an impact did Clark have on women's college basketball this season? Sunday's title game between Iowa and LSU attracted 9.9 million television viewers, double last year's audience. It was the most-viewed NCAA women's basketball game on record, according to ESPN. To put that number into perspective, more people watched Sunday's game than either the Sugar Bowl or Orange Bowl football games.

Despite their loss in the National Championship game, Clark and the Hawkeyes gave their fans a shining moment they'll never forget.

GUEST COLUMN

Support rural small businesses

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With U.S. House and Senate congressional committees considering funding for 2024, the Center for Rural Affairs and 30 organizations from across the country are asking for their continued support of rural small businesses.

On Tuesday, the groups, representing 22 states, sent a letter to the chairmen and ranking members of the House and Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittees requesting \$8 million in funding for the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP).

RMAP provides much-needed support for small businesses that strengthen our nation's rural communities, the letter said. Through RMAP, direct loans and grants are provided to Microentrepreneur

Development Organizations, such as the Center, who then provide technical assistance and microloans of \$50,000 or less.

"Rural entrepreneurs face the unique challenge of diminishing resources for loan capital and business training," the letter said. "The number of small town banks has steadily decreased, and many are less interested in offering small business loans."

Kalee Olson, policy associate with the Center, said RMAP has proven its ability to fill this void in many communities, and increased funding will help ensure these benefits are available to more entrepreneurs as they establish and grow their businesses.

Since RMAP's inception in 2008, approximately \$36.5 million in grant funding and \$97.1 million in loans have been distributed to MDOs in 45 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

This widespread interest demonstrates the program's value and impact nationwide, Olson said, adding that strong businesses can attract new residents to rural communities.

"Continuing a trend that began during the pandemic, more people are choosing to relocate to smaller communities," Olson said. "Providing resources to rural small businesses will help entrepreneurs reinvigorate main streets and increase their potential to attract and support individuals and families new to rural areas."

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

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Business Spotlight

◆ Croatt Heating & Air Conditioning ◆

By **JOE FOREMAN**
EDITOR

Croatt Heating and Air Conditioning is marking its 15th year in business in 2023.

Owner Matt Croatt, a native of the northwest Iowa community of Paulina, grew up on a farm and credits the encouragement he received from his mother for his chosen career.

"I grew up farming - worked in a feed mill and then in high school, my mom convinced me to work for the local plumbing, heating and air guy," said Croatt. "I started doing that my sophomore summer. From there, she got me signed up in Sioux City for WIT (Western Iowa Technical Community College). I went there for college and from there to Brookings, S.D., where my brother was going (South Dakota State University) to school. I worked there for a year for a very good company and learned a lot."

From South Dakota, Croatt relocated to Cedar Rapids and worked in Iowa City for eight years. It was there that he met his future wife Jodi Lee, the daughter of Mike and Donna Lee of Glenwood.

The couple got married in 2006 and moved to Glenwood in 2008, where Croatt started his business.

The major focus of Croatt's business is servicing existing residential and light commercial heating and air



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Matt Croatt (right) and his assistant Dalton Book.

conditioning systems. He services all brands.

"It doesn't matter the brand - we'll service it, new or old," he said. "It can be the oldest furnace, I've seen about all of them - I doesn't matter."

"I try to keep maintaining and keeping stuff running for the most part. I'm not a big fan on trying to sell people new stuff."

If a customer is in need of a new unit, Croatt also does sales.

"Rheem is the brand I mainly sell. I can sell other brands on top of that, too, if I've got to match something else somebody else is bidding," he said. "Rheem, I've had really good luck with. Really good luck if there's any warranty work. No questions, just replace the part, fill out a little paperwork and you're done."

Croatt said he's appreciative of the patronage and support he's received from the Mills County community and he sees a bright future for his business as



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Matt and Jodi Croatt with their children Jake (left), Josh and Shea.

the community continues to grow and evolve. He doesn't have plans to expand his service area.

"I see us growing with the community but not outside," Croatt said. "I just want to stay local. It seems like every time you try growing at a fast rate, all of the sudden you can't provide the service to the people that you started with."

Croatt Heating and Air Conditioning is located south of Glenwood at 23203 Kane Ave. and can be reached by telephone at 712-242-5101.



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Mills County Community Foundation Advisory Board Members pictured include (from left): Keith Johnson; Chad McColleston, Chair; Kathy Reisner, Secretary/Treasurer; Liz Baldwin, Vice Chair; Kate McGann; and Sunni Kamp, Foundation Director.

Mills County Community Foundation awards grants

The Mills County Community Foundation awarded \$140,910 to Mills County nonprofit organizations and community projects during its Spring 2023 Grant Cycle.

The following organizations are Spring 2023 Grant Recipients:

City of Emerson - Evans Park Drinking Fountain, \$5,000.

City of Henderson - All-Inclusive Playground, \$25,000.

Emerson Volunteer Fire/Rescue Association - Personal Fire Protection Equipment, \$9,517.

Glenwood Baseball Softball Club - Scoreboard, \$5,000.

Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department - Drone Project, \$4,900.

Hastings Fire and First Responders - Fire Hose and Nozzles, \$11,814.

Jennie Edmundson Foundation - Caring for our Communities Programming, \$2,904.

Liberty Memorial Building Board - Electrical Renovation, \$4,000.

Malvern Volunteer Fire Department - Handheld Radios, \$8,500.

Mills County Fair Association - Rabbit/Poultry Sliding Door Replacement, \$7,000.

Nishna Productions, Inc. - Wheelchair Scale, \$6,000.

Oak Township Fire and Rescue - Insulate Fire Apparatus Station, \$5,250.

Pacific Junction First Responders Association, Inc. - Bunker Gear, \$5,750.

Silver City Ambulance - LifePak and First Aid, \$3,775.

Silver City Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department - Communication and Life Safety Equipment, \$6,500.

Southwest Iowa Technical Career Hub (SWITCH) - SWITCH Service Technology Program, \$30,000.

All grantees met the criteria as Mills County nonprofit agencies or organizations with charitable missions supporting community needs in the areas of civic engagement, culture, health, education, and social services. Only organizations providing services in Mills County were eligible to apply.

The Mills County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Omaha Community Foundation, which meets National Standards for Community Foundations, and is one of nine county members of the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa. It receives funds annually from the State of Iowa County Endowment Fund Program for endowment building and grantmaking throughout the county. This cycle of grants was made possible through the County Endowment Fund Program and is funded by a percentage of the state's commercial gaming tax revenue, which is distributed annually to participating community foundations associated with counties without a state-issued gaming license.

The Mills County

Community Foundation works with individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to create permanent and expendable funds that address changing, vital community needs and interests. To inquire about donating to the Mills County Community Foundation, please contact the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa staff or any board member listed below. Gifts to permanently endowed funds through the Mills County Community Foundation may be eligible to receive a 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit.

Advisory board members of the Mills County Community Foundation are Chair, Chad McColleston of Silver City; Vice Chair, Liz Baldwin of Hastings; Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Reisner of Glenwood; Jennifer Gee of Imogene; Keith Johnson of Mineola; and Kate McGann of Malvern.

For additional information about donating or establishing an individual foundation/fund, please contact Sunni Kamp, Iowa Foundations Director, at 800-794-3458 or sunni@omahafoundation.org.

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Easter hunt April 8 at Glenwood Lake Park

The Mills County YMCA is coordinating the annual Easter Hunt Extravaganza at Glenwood Lake Park on Saturday, April 8.

The Easter Hunt is for children ages 0-10. Children will be divided into designated age locations in the park.

The hunt begins at 11 a.m. but children and parents are invited to come early to enjoy hot cocoa and cookies with the Easter Bunny from 9 - 10:30 a.m. in the Mills County Historical Museum building. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos and will be hopping around the park during the hunt.



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The Opinion-Tribune
Glenwood Community High School Graduation Section Student Information Form
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Student's Name: _____
Parents' Names: _____
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Submitted by _____
Phone # _____

Attach photo. Please write your name on back of photo.

Opinion-Tribune Office is located at 116 S. Walnut St. Glenwood hours: Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 8:30-11:30 am Phone: 712-527-3191 You may also email your information and photo to: news@opinion-tribune.com.

'Jesus is not here, he is risen'

This is the time of year when Christians focus on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Spring is a season of new life as His followers remember how He suffered and shed His blood on the cross and after three days He arose victoriously from the grave. To be honest, holy week is not so much a jolly time of celebration but rather calls for serious meditation, humility, and being grateful for the precious gift of salvation. It is bittersweet because it's never pleasant to imagine an innocent person being brutally tortured, but knowing that Jesus miraculously came back to life, is a demonstration of His infinite power and authority and why we are so filled with humility and joy. Jesus Christ demonstrated His passion by surrendering His life so that we could live.

I admit I am an emotional person. I remember going to see the Passion movie when it was released, and I was deeply touched, to say the least. It's not uncommon for me to shed a tear when I witness something that moves my soul and this was no exception. Recently, I was watching a story about the "Make-a-wish foundation" and how they provide a way for very sick children to experience a happy but most likely last request and I cried through the entire program. As the scenes of what Christ went through were presented, I wondered how anyone could watch this and not be convicted. I'm not ashamed to wear my feelings on my sleeve. I have no desire to hide behind a mask to pretend I'm not spiritually discerning.

I think about the life of Jesus and the reason why He came

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Dr. Billy Holland

Religion Columnist



to earth which is explained so clearly in the sixteenth verse of the third chapter of John. I think about how He was betrayed by those He trusted and was denied by His closest friends. The religious community rejected His message as did the political system along with the demands from the general population, who eventually agreed to publicly execute Him for admitting He was the Son of God. Sadly, things have not changed that much. We know that Jesus existed, that He was an amazing teacher and had the power to demonstrate miracles, but it's when He rose from the dead that proves He is truly the Messiah and sets Him apart from every other religion in the world.

We notice that He was constantly approached by those in desperate need and it was His character to be concerned and compassionate. The world has always been filled with human suffering and He is always ready to respond with love and mercy. Being knowledgeable about the Bible is good but that does not necessarily mean that someone is following Christ. It is what they do with what they have learned that transforms emotions into spiritual obedience. When we see someone who needs help or even an encouraging word, what good does it do to just look at them with pity? Christ was

always ministering to those who would reach out to Him by faith and two thousand years later He is still pouring out His grace and forgiveness to anyone that will call upon His name.

As His followers, we have been called to focus our attention on becoming more like Him despite a troubled world that justifies walking over the wounded and being self-centered. His command to take up our cross includes letting go of our natural way of selfish thinking and willingly allowing Christ to be the hope of glory within us. The more we learn about His life, the more we realize that His love was more than words. As we meditate on His mission this week, His grace gives us a deeper understanding of who He is, and how He desires to live through us. The reverence and awareness of who Jesus is and why He came is heaven's promise of eternal life, and it's our responsibility to remain steadfast in our obedience to Him. Beyond the new clothes, the feasts, and the Easter festivities, may we give honor and worship to Christ that rescued us from being permanently separated from God. Dear friend, without being forgiven of our sins, we are carrying the weights and chains of misery and hopelessness. Come to Jesus today and He will set you free, save you, and be with you forever.



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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Level: Intermediate

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9	7	3	8	6	2	4	5	1	8

ANSWER:

Mills County Church Directory

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church Glenwood

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

Glenwood Community Church

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

Vine Street Bible Church Glenwood

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

Bible Baptist Church Glenwood

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Glenwood

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

Tabor United Methodist

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

Tabor United Church of Christ

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

St. John's Episcopal Church Glenwood

111 N. Vine St. 527-2971. Sunday morning service of Eucharist is at 10:00 a.m. On the third Sunday of each month we serve Eucharist at Linnwood estates at 10 a.m. We welcome all who seek to know and love God.

Grace United Methodist Church Glenwood

112 N. Walnut. Rev. Kimberly Bowles. Sunday Worship Service: 8:45 a.m., (contemporary), 9 a.m., Christian Education; 10 a.m. fellowship/refreshments; 10:30 a.m., worship, (traditional). Phone 527-4607. www.glenwood-umc.org. Sign language services offered upon request.

Calvary Baptist Church Glenwood

56456 221st St. (north on Locust St.). Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Bible Study on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Genesis For information call 527-3951, Pastor Dan Pearson. CBCGlenwood.org.

Journey Road Glenwood

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

Citylight SWIA Church Emerson

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

Silver City Methodist

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

Tabor Church of the Nazarene

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Frontline Church

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

First Congregational United Church of Christ

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

St. John Lutheran, Mineola

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

Hastings Community Church Non-denominational

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

Strahan United Methodist

Five miles south of Hastings on M16. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Fellowship 2nd Wed./Mo. 6:30 p.m. 712-624-8320. Everyone welcome. Pastor Joni Hickey.

Emerson United Methodist

801 Bradford Ave., 824-7368. Pastor Denise Stevens. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 10:30 a.m. e-mail emersonunit_edmethodistchurch@yahoo.com.

Henderson Christian Church

400 Maple St., Henderson. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday Family Night ages four through adult 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 712-825-3496. hendersoncc@netins.net

Malvern United Methodist

201 E. 5th St., 712-624-8320. www.malvernumc.org. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Oct.-May. Jr./Sr. High Youth Fellowship 2nd Wed./mo. 6:30 p.m. Pastor Joni Hickey

Hastings St. John's Lutheran

56020 340th St. or 340th & Gaston Ave., Hastings, IA 51540. Pastor Christopher Maronde. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church- LCMS Glenwood

2nd and Locust St., 527-4667. Website: www.tlcglenwood.org. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.

First Baptist Church Malvern

Rev. Shirley Albert. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m. Pat Boydston, Sunday School Superintendent.

Hillsdale Methodist

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

Full Faith Church Pacific Junction

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

Wesley Chapel United Methodist

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

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