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Nearly 200 locals question pipeline

VFW hall filled with landowners, local leaders with questions about how CO2 pipeline will affect them

By AMY H. PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

About 190 local residents and landowners filled the VFW Steven Blass Hall Thursday evening, Dec. 2 with questions, comments, and challenges to the items presented by Navigator CO2 on the Heartland Greenway carbon dioxide pipeline project proposed to run through the center of Emmet County and up into the Welcome, Minnesota area. Speakers from Navigator CO2 summarized the project and answered questions about the safety and viability of the project, compensation to landowners who will have their cropland and tile disrupted, and how eminent domain could apply for a privately owned project, rather than a public good.

Numerous members of the public had questions on setbacks, crop loss, safety, security, how the profit is made, what happens when an owner seeks to sell their farm, tiling changes to soil, lifespan, and more.

Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, vice-president of Government and Public Affairs for Navigator CO2, said she was a farm kid, raised in eastern Iowa. The 1,300-mile pipe-



Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, Vice-President of Government and Public Affairs for Navigator CO2, laid out the scope of the Heartland Greenway pipeline project

Photo by Amy H. Peterson

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Pool project progressing promptly

The Estherville municipal pool's waterslide and concessions building are shown from the west side of the property. The city council Monday night approved a pay estimate for the new municipal pool as construction continues. Sande Construction & Supply of Humboldt has completed nearly three million dollars (\$2,966,127.93) of work on the project, out of a contract sum of \$4,054,155.80. Monday night's payment was for \$304,392.36 and includes work on concrete and decking, equipment, paint, the waterslide, electric, mechanical and HVAC work.

Photo by Amy H. Peterson

Larson ramrods building project

By MICHAEL TIDEMANN
STAFF WRITER

When you have a major building project, it helps to have a project manager with decades of experience.

What's even better is when that project manager doesn't charge you a dime.

That's exactly what the Emmet County Nature Center Foundation and Emmet

County Conservation Board found with Board member Curt Larson.

Larson, who has 30 years in the construction business, has been coordinating work on the new Emmet County Nature Center education building just across the road from the Nature Center on High Lake

east of Wallingford.

The project started a year ago when Larson offered preliminary sketches to help get the 50-by-80-foot building project off the ground. Thanks to Larson's expertise, a lot of problems were avoided that would otherwise have stymied

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City council discusses fees and charges

By AMY H. PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

Monday evening's Estherville city council meeting was the first for mayor pro-tem Julie Clark, who led the proceedings in the absence of former may-

or Joseph May, who has relocated. A special election to choose Estherville's next mayor will be held Jan. 25, 2022. Papers are available at city hall and the county auditor's office for those interested in running for mayor. Papers are due Jan. 3, 2022.

City code officer Greg VanLangen requested the city council consider a language

change in the city code on lawn mowing.

While December is usually a time for thoughts of snow removal, not lawn mowing, VanLangen said a change is needed for the city to mow lawns that have not been mowed after the property owner receives a letter from the city once the lawn reaches eight inches instead of the cur-

rent 10 inches.

"This change will put us more in line with surrounding communities' requirements," VanLangen said. Waiting for grass to reach 10 inches puts VanLangen's ability to hire contractors to mow the lawns at risk. VanLangen said some contractors are hesitant to bid on the city contract because a 10-inch lawn is more likely to

damage their equipment. With the city's policy of accepting the low bid for these sorts of contracts, many lawn services decline to bid due to the financial risk.

City administrator Penny Clayton said the topic is up for discussion over the next few months.

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ELC fifth graders share Iowa's 175th birthday card

Windsor resident shares N.D. story

By DAVID SWARTZ
MANAGING EDITOR

Happy 175th birthday Iowa! That's right; our state turns 175 on December 28 this month.

In celebration, Estherville Lincoln Central fifth grade teacher Brenda Reeves and her students are sharing a "birthday card cube" featuring some interesting facts about Iowa.

Reeves said that the birthday card was on display during parent-teacher conference.

Last Friday, she and the students shared the birthday card with residents of Windsor Manor. The card was provided to the school district by the Iowa State Historical Society, and those officials want it

shared through the community. Reeves said they will leave the card at Windsor Manor for a few days and then take it to the Good Samaritan Center and Aspire also.

Reeves said Iowa history is taught to students during the second semester of fifth grade so the students making the presentation didn't have a lot of history to tell.

The Windsor Manor residents were asked to share stories of their lives.

Joyce Hiney talked about growing up near Dunsieith, North Dakota, just a few miles from the Canadian border.

Hiney said she lived near a tribe of Indians, who built the log cabin her family lived in and did repairs around the family home.

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Estherville Lincoln Central fifth grade teacher Mrs. Brenda Reeves and students, from left, Keaton Jeseritz, Hudson Welch, Ryan Fehlman, Colin Clabaugh, Carly Danner, and Ella Soper visited Windsor Manor last week to share the Iowa Historical Society's "Birthday Card" celebrating the state's 175th birthday. The birthday card, featuring facts about Iowa, is behind the students.

Photo by David Swartz

Sheridan will be new fire chief

Emergency Management Director has plan for dual roles

By AMY H. PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

Travis Sheridan will be named new fire chief, to begin in 2022. Sheridan is Emmet County Emergency Management Director and is currently lieutenant on the Estherville Fire Department. Sheridan joined the department in 2005 and is certified in CPR, Hazmat Ops, Instructor I, Ice Rescue, Pump Operations, Swift Water, ICS, Radiology as well as Firefighter I & II and Emergency Management Director.

Sheridan succeeds retiring fire chief Dick Beaver.



Travis Sheridan

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News



Music students from Iowa Lakes Community College put on an evening of "festivities, pageantry, wondrous music, and delectable cuisine."

Photos by Amy H. Peterson



Will Block, a welding technology major at Iowa Lakes Community College, hailing from Spirit Lake, welded the flaming Christmas pudding. Block also contributed ancient energy in the form of beat boxing to some of the vocal music performances.



Ruth Marth, ELC '20, was Lady Ruth, the minstrel, who scolded and traded barbs with the jester and narrated much of the action.

Madrigral Feaste had madness, toasts and a skit

By Amy H. Peterson
Staff Writer

From wassail (in the form of hot apple cider) to a first course of salad, soup and bread, to an entire chicken on a bed of wild rice and vegetables, to flaming pudding, Iowa Lakes Community College Madrigal was a feast.

College musicians offered pre-performance solos with 20th century music. Sarah Floyd, Camden McKenney (ELC '19), Melody Kuhn, Gavin Erickson, Isabel

Nichols, Haley Hallengren, and Noah Bronk were soloists. After a fanfare, Lorde Scott Stokes and Ladye Sarah Stokes were introduced as the Lorde and Ladye of the House Presiding. Lorde Scott was acknowledged for his part in bringing the new "Hall," the mezzanine of the new Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center, to fruition. A castle set assembled by the Iowa Lakes Music Department Students greeted guests for the evening. Music was a mix of traditional

carols, 16th century hits, and for dessert, "Be our Guest." The audience was invited to sing along on "Silent Night," and a skit known as "Kingnapped" had a king turned into a chicken at one point. Singers included: Faith Buss, Ema Burch, Terrell Campbell, Will Block, Sarah Floyd, Haley Hallengren, Katrina Fast, Cole Danner (ELC '21), Noah Bronk, Jamie Lauck, Shelby Hoff, Marcus Dykstra, Kaleb Burbridge,

Ruth Marth, Mahala Kruse, Gavin Erickson, Yahir Diaz (ELC '21), Miyah Paulson (ELC '21), Melody Kuhn, Darrian Kueker, Camden McKenney (ELC '19), Kaitlyn Pollock (ELC '21), Elizabeth Lausen (ELC '21), Joshua Lauck, Owen McKim, Kaitlin Roundy, Isabel Nichols, Sam Miller, Dylon Peterson, Mackenzie Peter, Zane Poss, Vanessa Reardon, John Tiller, Ava Reitsma, also accompanist, Scott Whitacre (ELC '21), Kellie Schmaus (ELC

'20), Jaden Templin, (ELC '21).
Costume crew: Lynn Peterson, Trudy Hopton, and assistants Bobbie Sue Marth and Ruth Marth
Catering: Steve Olerich, Margaret Gebel, and Iowa Lakes dining services staff
Script: Cornell Runestad, Paul Brandvik, Cora Alley, Jim & Jane Jeffries, Jim Ware.
Reservations: Leticia Paulsen

GERMAN COMPANY CHOSE ESTHERVILLE FOR ITS NORTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS

By Amy H. Peterson
Staff Writer

Wednesday, December 15, windtest north-america of Estherville celebrates the 25th anniversary of its parent company, windtest grevenbroich gmbh. The company was founded Oct. 8, 1996 in Grevenbroich, which is in the German federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia. windtest north-america opened at the SERT (Sustainable Energy Resource Technology) building on the Estherville campus of Iowa Lakes Community College in 2014.

"We founded windtest with a commitment to high quality and exceptional service, and those values became the foundation of windtest north-america as well," Monika Kramer, managing director, said. Vice-President and chief operating officer Jasmin

Holzinger said, "We are proud of how this subsidiary has contributed to windtest's ability to offer our precision services to an expanded customer base. On the occasion of this anniversary, we're also taking time to reflect on how grateful we are for the generous welcome windtest received when we located our North American subsidiary in Estherville, and for the ongoing support of the community and surrounding areas. Kramer and Holzinger joined Mike Gengler and Chad Tischer of Iowa Lakes Community College at the American Clean Power conference in Salt Lake City this week. Speaking from their conference booth, Holzinger said, "It's so good to see people want to meet in person again." Kramer has been exhibiting at the conference since 2006.

"This [sustainable energy] is a small industry. People really know each other. Because of connections made here, we want to develop wind, solar and newer renewable energy like battery storage to create jobs. The industry has become more important to the U.S." Kramer said. It was the first few hours of the conference when Kramer and Holzinger spoke with the Estherville News. The talk of the conference was of the lack of qualified people to fill the many jobs available in wind energy from service technicians to engineers. Kramer said, "We're so happy to be integrated together with the college. The college is well known for its great wind tech program. The challenge is to find young people to come to Estherville." Kramer said it was important



Iowa Lakes Community College's SERT programs and windtest teamed up to exhibit at the American Cleanpower conference in Salt Lake City, Utah this week. From left, Chad Tisher and Mike Gengler of Iowa Lakes Community College, Monika Kramer and Jasmin Holzinger of windtest.

Photo submitted

that windtest work as one team - the U.S. and the European workforce are one. Sandy Shonkwiler began earlier this year as administrator for the Estherville office. Shonkwiler began bringing her dog, Greta to the office. Now Greta is the windtest dog,

known throughout the company. The Estherville News will have more on windtest in the Dec. 23 issue, and coverage of workplace pets and support animals in future issues. Wednesday's open house runs from 1-2 p.m. with hot cocoa and tours of the office.

Supervisors discuss letter to IPUB and pipeline resolution

Board reviews possible impacts of pipeline

By Michael Tidemann

The Emmet County Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday, Dec. 7 meeting discussed a letter it intends to send to the Iowa Public Utility Board regarding two proposed pipelines in Emmet County and a related county resolution regulating pipelines constructed in the county.

Area landowners have voiced objection to the Summit and Navigator pipelines, citing safety concerns as well as possible damage to field tiles. The resolution the supervisors are considering, based upon a sample resolution provided by the Iowa Drainage District Association, would address only tiles in county drainage districts. Individual landowners would have to negotiate with pipelines on their own. The supervisors at Tuesday's meeting reported on the various landowner meetings they had attended.

Supervisor Lisa Hansen noted "very few people" attending a meeting in Lakota where she said she and one other person were the only ones to raise questions. However, Hansen

noted over 200 attended a meeting in Estherville.

Supervisor Tim Schumacher, reporting on a meeting in Dickinson County, said, "They're pretty much against it."

Board Chair Jeff Quastad again raised a question he's had from the start of the pipeline discussions - how many acres eat up the carbon from ethanol plants. He proposed that any negative impact from carbon dioxide from ethanol plants was already offset by carbon dioxide demands for crop growth in the county.

"This pipeline to me isn't about saving the world. It's about making money," said Quastad. Quastad also said a "major ordeal" could be how drainage district improvements would deal with a carbon pipeline in their path.

The board reviewed the possible impacts the pipelines could have on the county, including drainage, utilities, county roads and reduction in land values.

On the related issue of the proposed county resolution, Quastad said he will take the ordinance to Rich Meyer, the county's drainage attorney, for review.

In other business: Assistant Auditor Lisa

Rosburg said the county had received a \$9,500 grant to purchase several Dell laptops and Web cams.

Supervisor John Pluth said he had another plumber look at proposed work at the County Annex on Monday and another was to look at the scope of work Tuesday, the day of the board meeting.

Treasurer Brenda Moore reported on the issue of rural water bills against property in Dolliver. She said the county would have to take deed to the property and then property taxes would cease. Moore also said drainage bills had gone out.

The board approved a quote of \$370,770 for a Caterpillar motor grader with \$42,000 trade-in.

Kim Swanson asked the board about possible cleanout of a beaver dam in a drainage ditch.

The board approved a budget amendment date of 9:30 a.m., Dec. 28 for the District Court fiscal 2022 budget.

County Attorney Melanie Summers-Bauler presented and received board approval of a memorandum of understanding to enter into settlement agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers for the Iowa opioid settlement.

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Estherville Library News

Auto Repair Source

By Beth Reineke

With the holidays among us and the nice fall weather for traveling, myself, like others have found more time on the road to visit with family and friends. Keeping vehicles in working order is important and can help with avoiding costly unexpected repairs. The library provides free access to Auto Repair Source as part of the EBSCOhost databases.

Featuring original equipment manufacturers content from MOTOR, this database includes service and repair procedures, wiring diagrams, technical service bulletins and recalls, maintenance schedules, specifications, diagnostic trouble codes, labor estimates, parts pricing, and component locations, everything you need to keep your vehicle running smoothly.

The Auto Repair Source database allows you to investigate solutions on how to fix a problem with your vehicle. It can help you find the most accurate, authoritative and up-to-date service and repair information for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles from 1974 through the current year.

Let's walk through a sample repair using Auto Repair Source. For example, you have decided to replace and repair the brakes pads on your 2006 Nissan Maxima SE. Start by visiting Estherville Public Library's website, www.estherville.lib.ia.us and then click on the light green square Auto Repair Source icon found on the lower center of the screen.

Enter the username and password provided free by the library if you are using this source off site, otherwise no verification is needed if used at the library. The first step is to select the correct information in the drop-down box to identify your vehicle located across the top: Year, Make, Model, and Engine. In our example, you would choose 2006, Nissan, Maxima SE and 3.5L.

Once you have identified your vehicle, a long alphabetical list of potential repair categories displays on the left starting with AIR BAGS and ending with WIRING DIAGRAMS. (Other categories include air conditioning & heater, brakes, electrical, exhaust, fluids, parts & labor, tires and many more.)

Since you are interested in replacing and repairing the brakes on your vehicle, you will need to scroll down and click on the category BRAKES. At this point, you must now choose the exact brake category from more than 10 offered. Scroll down and click on Brake Pad Service. Auto Repair Source now displays seven steps that will walk you through the replace and repair of the brake pads. At this point, you can choose to print the text of the instructions OR print the text of the instructions with images. (In this example, there are two images illustrating the repair.) If you click on the image itself to get a closer look, you have the option to increase or decrease the size of the image.

In addition to information on replace and repair, Auto Repair Source also provides information on parts and labor. For parts, simply go to the category in the alphabetical list then click PARTS & LABOR -> Parts -> Brakes -> Brake Components -> Front Pads to get the part number you will need and approximate cost. For labor, simply click on PARTS & LABOR -> Labor -> Brakes -> Brake Components to see approximate Factory Time and Motor Time needed for the repair and the estimated labor cost.

If you have any questions about how to use this database or others offered by EBSCOhost, feel free to contact library staff. Happy travels to you during the holiday season!

"In the Silence"

Under the direction of Tim Schumacher, the Many Voices Choir held its Estherville Christmas concert "In the Silence" last Saturday afternoon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The choir consists of around 40 volunteer musicians of all ages from around the area. The choir was accompanied by DJ Gommels with Randy Nelson, Zach Witherspoon and Meganne Messina providing cello, flute and percussion for the concert.

Photos by David Swartz



Inspirational Insight: Advent prepares the way

FATHER PAUL KELLY

Once thanksgiving is over, the pace of life seems to pick up as preparations are being made for Christmas. We are occupied with shopping lists, Christmas cards, office parties, home decorating, making travel plans, among a multitude of other tasks.

Many Christian churches celebrate a season called Advent in the weeks before Christmas. The name Advent comes from a word that means "coming"

and refers to the coming of the Christ child at Christmas. Advent begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas and has as a theme the idea of waiting for something special to happen. One will note that many of the Scriptural readings done in church during this time are from the Old Testament prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, or Micah. These readings capture a sense of longing that the people had in those days as they waited for

the coming of the messiah, and this messiah would usher in a time of justice and peace. One special tradition of the Advent season is the Advent Wreath. According to one source, this tradition was started in 19th century Germany by a Lutheran pastor who got tired of the children always asking "Is it Christmas yet?" much like modern day children ask their parents when traveling "Are we there yet?" He made a ring of wood and

put about 20 small red candles on it as well as four large white ones. The red candles counted the days, and the white ones counted the Sundays. With each passing day, another candle would be lit, and thus the children could easily see just how many days remained until Christmas. A typical modern day Advent wreath has four candles, three purple ones and a pink one. The pink one represents the 3rd Sunday of Advent which has a more joy-

ous theme to it than the other Sundays. In today's world many Christians lament just how commercialized Christmas has become and it can be easy to forget the spiritual significance of Christmas. The use of an Advent wreath in the home can help children focus on the true meaning of Christmas, especially if it is accompanied by a weekly lighting ceremony and a brief prayer.



St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Church Directory

- Churches are encouraged to submit updated information which is listed as space allows. Estherville ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC, 903 Central Ave., 712-362-5851; Rev. Paul Kelly; FRIDAY: 7:30 a.m. Mass. 3-7 p.m. Cookies for Cooke Walk Drop Off. SATURDAY: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Cookie Walk at DuHigg Center. 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation. 4:30 p.m. Mass. 5:30 p.m. Christmas Open House. SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. Mass. Noon Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Spanish. MONDAY: 1 p.m. Mission Quilt Project. TUESDAY: Noon Mass. WEDNESDAY: 7:30 a.m. Mass. 8 a.m. Adoration. 11:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation. 6 p.m. Religious Education for K-2. UNITED METHODIST, 102 S. Eighth St., 712-362-4886; Pastor Kevin Moore. FRIDAY: 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch Meeting at VFW. 1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women. SATURDAY: 2 p.m. Special Olympics Christmas Party. SUNDAY: 8 a.m. Susanna Wesley Breakfast meeting. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program practice. Coffee and Fellowship. 10:45 a.m. Trustees. 11 a.m. Central De Vida Worship. TUESDAY: 5 p.m. Outreach Committee. WEDNESDAY: 4:15 p.m. Confirmation. 5:30 p.m. Youth Group at All Star Lanes. 7 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service. THURSDAY: 9 a.m. Coffee with Kevin Devotions via Facebook. IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LCMS, 409 N. Sixth St., 712-362-3237; Rev. Thomas Marth; TODAY: 9 a.m. Quilters. 6:30 p.m. Council. SUNDAY: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. Bible Study. Parish Fellowship meeting. 11:30 a.m. Service Broadcast, Channel 3. MONDAY: 6:30 p.m. 4-H Lincoln Handy Helpers. WEDNESDAY: 4:45 p.m. Catechism. 6 p.m. Midweek. Advent Supper. 7:10 p.m. Advent Service. THURSDAY: 9 a.m. Quilters. ESTHERVILLE LUTHERAN, 208 N. Eighth St., 712-362-4607; Pastor Tim Johnson. TODAY: AA-AI-ANON Meeting. SATURDAY: 5 p.m. Worship. SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Worship. MONDAY: 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting. WEDNESDAY: 5:30 p.m. JAM. Confirmation. THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. AA-AI-ANON Meeting. REDEEMER LUTHERAN, 1215 N. 15th St., 712-362-2821; LCMC. Pastor Lori Westfall; SUNDAY: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship. Church school kid's Christmas Program. WEDNESDAY: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Nite Church School. Confirmation Class. TRINITY LUTHERAN, 721 18th Ave. N., 712-362-3335; Pastor Cole R. McCormick. SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship. Council. WEDNESDAY: 10:30 a.m. Zoom Fellowship/Bible Study. 6 p.m. Confirmation Supper. 6:20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 7 p.m. Circle. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Worship. CALVARY BAPTIST, 16 N. 16th St., 712-362-2440; Pastor Steve Britton; SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, 6 p.m. Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Worship. GRANDVIEW BAPTIST, 3705 170th St., 712-362-4502; Senior Pastor Neil Schindler; Associate Pastor Joel Sadler; TODAY: 8 p.m. Laker Life. SUNDAY: 8:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting. 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11 a.m. Fellowship Time. WEDNESDAY: 6 p.m. AWANA. Jr. High Ministry. 7:45 p.m. Sr. High Ministry. THURSDAY: 8 p.m. Laker Life. FIRST CHRISTIAN, 205 N. Seventh St., 712-362-4412; Pastor Douglas Burton; SUNDAY: 9 a.m. Adult Church School. 9:15 a.m. Children's Church School. 10 a.m. Worship. 11 a.m. Fellowship. TUESDAY: 9 a.m. Bulletin Deadline. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, 723 First Ave. S., 712-362-4772; Pastor Dave Ullom; SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship. CALVARY GOSPEL ASSEMBLY, 21 N. Eighth St.; 712-362-3297; Lead Pastor David Hovinga, Worship Director Jenny Hansen. SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship. GOOD NEWS CHURCH (formerly UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 712-864-3480; Rev. Lyndon Roesler; Service times: Sunday 9 a.m. DOLLIVER UNITED METHODIST, SUNDAY: 9 a.m. Worship. Ringsted UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH, 712-866-0881; SUNDAY: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, Pastor Suzanne Wobig; Service time: 9 a.m. Worship. Terril TERRIL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 712-853-6549; 302 S. State St., Pastor Darrell Boe; SUNDAY: 8:45 a.m. Worship. IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, 206 Terril Ave. 712-853-6192; Pastor Thomas Marth; SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Bible study to follow. Langdon LANGDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 2975 252nd Ave., 712-853-6549; Pastor Beth Odor; SUNDAY: 9 a.m. Worship. Graettinger UNITED METHODIST, 102 S. Cameron; 712-859-3763; Pastor Darrell Boe; Service time: Sunday 10:30 a.m. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, Father Clem Curran; 8:30 a.m. Mass. BETHEL LUTHERAN, 401 W. Patterson St.; 712-859-3366; Pastor John Wolf; SUNDAY: 8:45 a.m. Service.

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PUZZLES/ADVICE



Twisted Colon Is a Surgical Emergency

By KEITH ROACH, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: This past weekend, during my son's wedding festivities, I experienced a sigmoid volvulus. Doctors recommended emergency surgery, but I opted for a colonoscopy, which was performed successfully. Thank goodness. I was immediately a new woman, and no one would have dreamed I went through this emergency. The surgeons recommended I have my sigmoid colon removed in order to decrease the risk of recurrence. Ideally, this would happen as soon as possible.

What could have prompted the sigmoid volvulus? Is it an absolute that I must have my sigmoid colon removed? What are the odds of it recurring? If I do need the surgery, how can I best prepare for it, and what are the side effects? -- M.B.

ANSWER: A volvulus is the twisting of a hollow structure in the body around its long axis (imagine holding one end of a sock in each hand and flipping the middle so it twists on itself). The sigmoid colon is the most common location. It is a surgical emergency, as tissue death and gangrene may follow.

The biggest risk factor for volvulus is chronic constipation, but some people just have anatomy that predisposes them to get a volvulus.

Surgery is the definitive treatment, but colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy may be used to untwist the colon; medical professionals use the term "reduce." However, your surgeon was right that you are at risk for this happening again. In those people with a history of volvulus, 50% to 60% will get another, and if you have two, the recurrence rate is even higher.

For a person in generally good health, I would recom-

mend definitive surgery to prevent recurrence of volvulus. There are no specific instructions to prepare for surgery, beyond taking good care of yourself and following your surgeon's instructions about your medications (if any).

Any abdominal surgery has the risk of bleeding, infection and adhesions (connections between loops of bowel that can lead to painful obstruction later); however, these risks are quite small.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 71-year-old male who just underwent surgery for tongue cancer. It was diagnosed as an invasive squamous cell carcinoma with strong P16 staining consistent with human HPV. We've never been vaccinated for HPV. Is it advisable for my wife (66 years old) and me to be vaccinated with Gardasil 9? She was tested by her gynecologist and does not have HPV at this time. -- R.L.

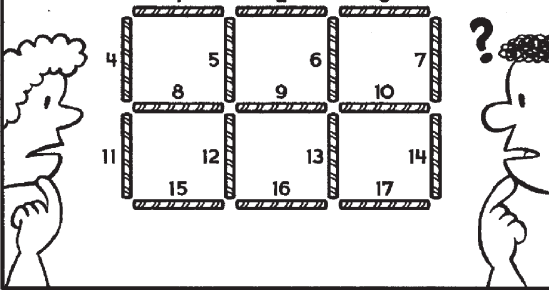
ANSWER: Human papillomavirus is an increasing cause of cancer in the head and neck, and it is believed that vaccination is likely to prevent most cases of this type of cancer, which mostly occur in men. Although there are clinical trials ongoing now to see whether vaccination may help treat existing HPV-related cancers, it is not routinely recommended for people with HPV-related cancers.

Your wife was wise to get tested for HPV. Given her age, she would not normally be considered a candidate for the vaccine. Odds are she has already been exposed to the virus during your marriage and has successfully resisted the infection. Some people in her situation might consider the vaccine, given its low risk of side effects, despite lack of proven effectiveness in this situation. However, it would be three doses of the vaccine, which would not normally be covered by insurance in the U.S.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Dec. 31, Harry is speaking on Jan. 1.

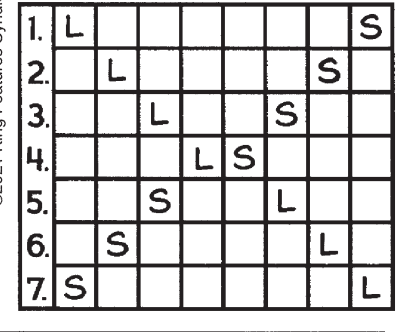
FIND-A-WORD! On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

- Mound of earth.
- Sports official.
- Good friend.
- Droning sound.

1. Hump, 2. Ump, 3. Chum, 4. Hum, Mystery word: Chump.

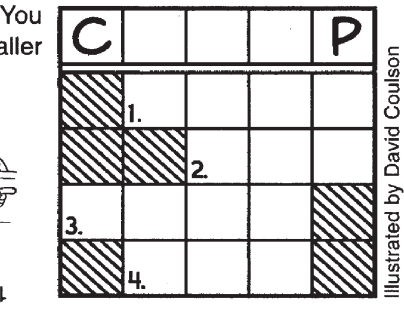
Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



FIND THE BIG WORDS! Using the definitions and anagrams below, you must find the seven eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. The letters in the two anagram words for each definition must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

- Definitions & Anagrams:**
- Reddish beetles glad + busy
 - Puritanical person soul + been
 - Thick sugar syrup mass + lose
 - Sudden collapse snit + pail
 - Opened an envelope duel + sane
 - Bring parts together slab + seem
 - Beach find less + heal



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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Answer can be found in the B Section of this edition

Horoscope

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Dig deep into matters of the heart this week, Aries. Explore ways to nurture a relationship or push it to the next level. Don't hold back on love.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
You may rediscover your love for a good book this week, Taurus. Ask others what they're into and peruse the best-sellers lists for even more inspiration.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you often trust your instincts regarding money, but this week you'll be even more in tune with your finances. Your income could increase soon.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, some shake-ups at work could be on the horizon. Right now there's no telling what will happen, but preparation can ensure you're ready for whatever comes your way.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if you have been thinking about changing jobs or taking up a new profession, now is the time to lay that groundwork. A new opportunity could surprise you.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, radical changes to your life are just around the corner. A big move or career change will shake things up for you and anyone in your household.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Someone connected to your job may be doing things you don't agree with, Libra. It's a sticky situation that requires patience, finesse and caution.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, channel much of your energy this into making solid partnerships this week.

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DECEMBER 6
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DECEMBER 7
Larry Bird, Athlete (65)
DECEMBER 8
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DECEMBER 9
Donny Osmond, Actor (64)
DECEMBER 10
Melissa Roxburgh, Actress (29)
DECEMBER 11
Hailee Steinfeld, Actress (25)

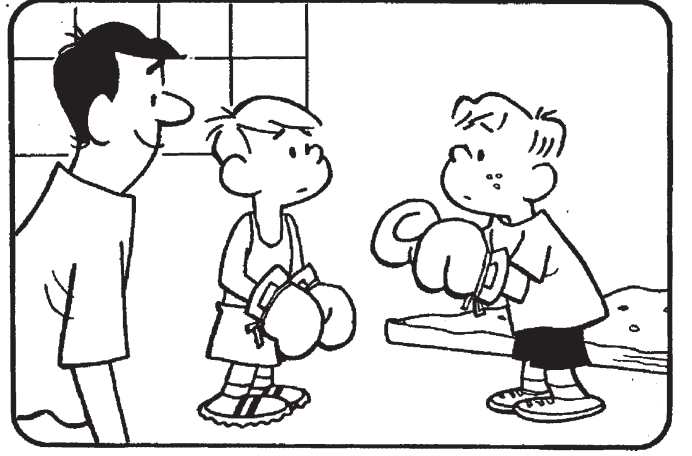
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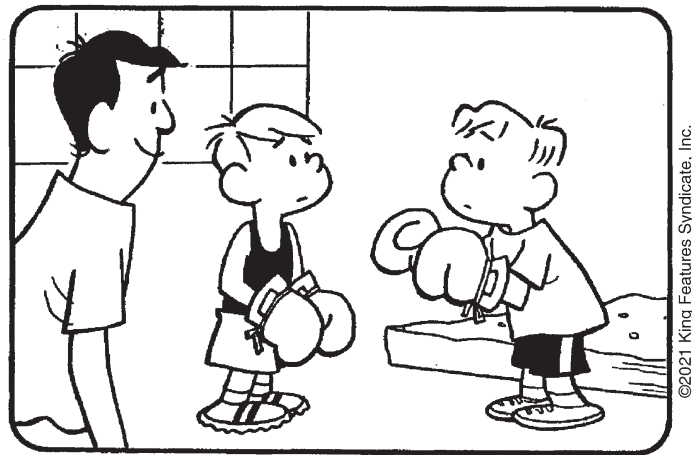
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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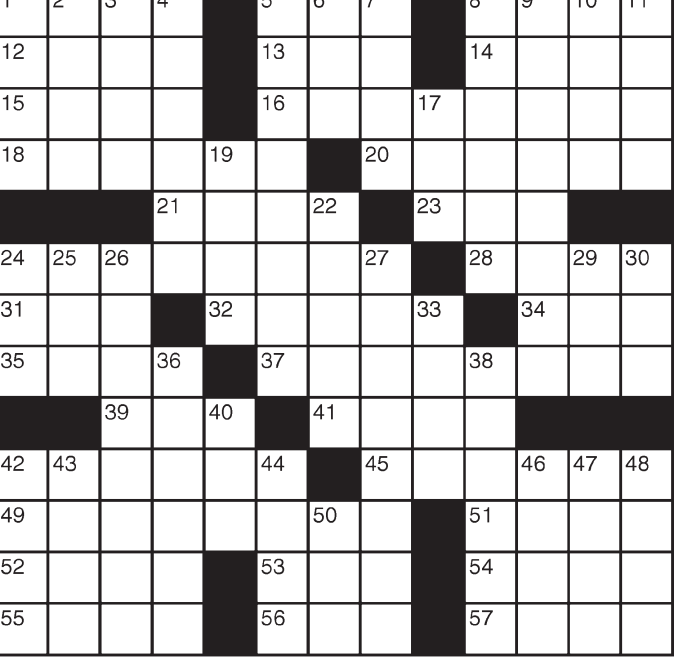
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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Creche trio
 - The whole enchilada
 - Outlet letters
 - Teensy bit
 - Irish actor Stephen
 - Vivacity, in music
 - At the summit of
 - Her bed was too soft
 - Jungle trek
 - Make happy
 - Swindles
 - Workout site
 - Spaghetti top-per
 - Whirled
 - Hosp. area
 - Small stream
 - "As I see it," to a texter
 - Lavish affection (on)
 - Lunar light
 - Family card game
- DOWN**
- "Serpico" author Peter
 - "— girl!"
 - Blunder
 - Influence
 - How lovers may stroll
 - Meadow
 - Genie's home
 - Monasteries
 - Slapstick missile
 - "Buenos —!"
 - Apple center
 - H.S. math
 - Eldest Stark child on "Game of Thrones"
 - Sailing vessel
 - Central
 - Green prefix
 - Fall-related
 - Relax
 - Actress Thurman
 - de plume
 - Make a scarf
 - Puzzle
 - It's equivalent to C, in some scores
 - Sphere
 - Iowa city
 - Ranch visitor
 - Slithery
 - Currier's partner
 - Corn castoffs
 - Smack a baseball
 - "— was saying ..."



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City goals include dog ordinance, zoning

By **AMY H. PETERSON**
STAFF WRITER

The Estherville city council shared a goal setting report from its session last month. Council members and department heads shared goals, accomplishments and challenges which led to action items for

one to two years and three to five years from 2021. For the next one to two years, the council will determine the feasibility and desirability of the public safety and equipment storage facilities, examine zoning classification for the south end of Estherville,

citing accessory buildings on lots with no residential unit, schedule an annual tour of city facilities, and examine the vicious dog ordinance. In three to five years, the city's goal is to make the mandated improvements to the wastewater treatment plant,

construct a new well, and determine the possible need for additional electric generation. Among the accomplishments city leaders cited were the dog park, the new municipal pool, new buildings, code enforcement. Issues and concerns includ-

ed the need to move forward with updating the 30-year-old dog ordinance, looking at single-family workforce housing, labor shortages, rising inflation, traffic lighting and workforce availability. Opportunities were seen in new broadband, the former

Estherville Drug building, and helping individuals start a business. The Estherville News will continue coverage of these goals as details become available.

Iowa Lakes receives \$1 million grant for career academy incentive fund

Iowa Lakes Community College was awarded a \$1 million grant to develop a Regional Career Academy through the new Career Academy Incentive Fund. Only four institutions in Iowa received the grant; Iowa Lakes Community College, Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC), Iowa Western Community College and North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC). The grant will increase access to career academy programs in high-demand fields through a new regional center. Students in partnering school districts will benefit from industry partnerships, earn high school and college credit, and gain technical and traditional academic skills offered through career and technical education (CTE) programs. "We are extremely honored and fortunate to have been selected as a recipient of the Career Academy Incentive Fund Grant. Iowa Lakes will use the funding to establish a new regional center on the Spirit Lake Campus to expand career academy programming to students starting with four surrounding districts, including Okoboji, Harris-Lake Park, Spirit Lake, and Estherville Lincoln Central. We are so appreciative of the partnerships that we have built with the participating school districts and look forward to the opportunity to serve their students," said Valerie Newhouse, Iowa Lakes Community College President.

some of Iowa's most valuable workers beginning at a young age and, at the same time, expands opportunities to meet the needs of students, families, schools, and employers in their local communities. The Career Academy Incentive Fund was established by a 2019 law that extends a statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure, called Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE), through January 2021. At least \$1 million will be awarded annually to support career academy partnerships among community colleges, school districts, business and industry, Regional Planning Partnerships, Area Education Agencies, and others to increase student access to college programs, state-of-the-art equipment, and career paths in Iowa's in-demand fields. "These innovative partnerships are vital to introducing more students to high-demand fields in programs where they can earn industry-recognized credentials and college credit," said Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo. "The new regional centers will help more students leave high school prepared for the workforce or ready for further post-secondary education, and I am thankful to these community college and school district leaders for their dedication to expanding career academy opportunities."

Green Plains Inc. launches Monarch Fueling Station projects at two Iowa plants

JOHNSTON — Recently, Green Plains Inc. announced plans to establish Monarch Fueling Stations on-site at their plants in Shenandoah and Superior.

At Superior they plan to establish the habitat on a field currently being used to grow hay. The plant will start by converting one or two acres but there is potential to expand the habitat by several acres. "I think it's important to promote habitat for endangered pollinators like the monarch," said Tod Smith, plant manager, Green Plains Superior LLC. "I'm looking forward to having a fueling station for them in the Superior area."

The site in Shenandoah is 1.75 acres and seeding is expected to take place in the spring of 2022. "We're happy to contribute to this statewide project," said Cory Scamman, general manager, Green Plains Shenandoah LLC. "This initiative is doing great work to preserve an important species and we look forward to establishing a habitat on our property."

The location and size of both habitats was decided in consultation with Habitat Establishment Coordinator Kevin Reynolds. "Green Plains and the rest of the Monarch Fueling Station Project partners are to be commended for their commitment to Iowa's environment," Reynolds said. "The Monarch Fueling Station Project has already led to nearly 50 acres of new monarch butterfly habitat and as we see today, that is only the beginning. It is exciting to see these projects take off and flourish."



Habitat Establishment Coordinator Kevin Reynolds meets with Grain Plains Superior employee Bret Fechter to discuss plans for a Monarch fueling Station.

The Monarch Fueling Station Project was established by Emmet County Attorney Melanie Summers-Bauler at the Emmet County Board of Tuesday, Dec. 7 meeting declined to file a cease-and-desist order against the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to prevent work on West Swan Lake. Summers-Bauler's response was to a Nov. 29 letter from Mike and Susie Jensen who had requested that she draw up a cease-and-desist order to Gov. Kim Reynolds. The Jensens made the request to obtain information "on the exact plans of the DNR with full disclosure of the things listed below before the proposal can even be considered."

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■ All discovery.
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Ashley Cooklin, left, accepts a check to Upper Des Moines Opportunity from Pam Mittrucker, right, of Wa Tan Ye. The women of Wa Tan Ye donated a check to make four family Christmas baskets possible. Cooklin said the baskets are handed out at the regular food pantry day for UDMO clients, and includes their choice of ham or turkey with all the fixings for a holiday meal.

STAY WARM THIS WINTER

Those who need coats can get them free or low cost

By **AMY H. PETERSON**
STAFF WRITER

December is coming in with warm temperatures, but winter weather is on its way. Living in Emmet County means wearing winter gear, and for those with a smaller budget, the community offers several options for picking up warm outerwear free or almost free.

At Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Ashley Cooklin said coats are offered on the basis of low-income households, and those in need of a winter coat may fill out an application. However, Cooklin also said, "If someone finds themselves in need of a winter coat, I'm not going to turn anyone away."

Upper Des Moines benefited from a recent community coat drive. Cooklin said the office, located at 1527 Central Ave., has numerous coats, hats, gloves, and a few pairs of snowpants and snowboots.

At Thrifty's, the second hand store operated by Hope Haven located at 1520 6th Ave. North, manager Jenny Metcalf said there are several winter coats in stock in women's sizes and a few in men's sizes. Adult coats start at \$8 with some that are newer listed at \$10 or \$12. Children's coats are somewhat cleared out after the Kiwanis Club purchased most of them to donate to the recent coat drive. Winter boots are \$4 for children's sizes and \$5-8 for adult sizes. "We have all kinds of hats, scarves, gloves, and more," Metcalf said.

At New2U Consignment in downtown Estherville, Brenda Moore, who was filling in for owner Jessica Mortel, said the store had child and adult coats as well as boots, scarves and gloves. "Coats, vests, snowpants - you name it," Moore said.

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Participants in the Regional Wellness Center youth dance program entertained the crowd at halftime of the Estherville Lincoln Central versus Western Christian girls game on Tuesday.



Congratulations ELC Dance Team & Color Guard

FOR YOUR SUCCESS AT THE ISDTA STATE COMPETITION

DES MOINES — The Estherville Lincoln Central Dance Team and Color Guard competed in the ISDTA State Competition this last week on December 2 in Des Moines.

Competing in the novelty division, the ELC Dance Team earned a Division 1 rating and a third-place rank in their class. There were also three members of the dance team (Abby Sander, Lillian Nitchals, and Saige Hengeveld) competing in the solo competition and all earned Division 1 ratings on their solo routines.

Competing in Color Guard Class 2 division, the ELC Color Guard Team earned a Division 1 rating and a fifth place rank in their class.

Coaches Martha Greenwald, Betty Lou Jones, and Laura Giebler would like to congratulate everyone on their fantastic performances at ISDTA! Everyone has worked very hard this year and we are proud of your accomplishments and how you have represented Estherville Lincoln Central.



Members of the 2021-22 Estherville Lincoln Central Dance Team include, front from left, Tessa Sokolofsky, Abby Sander, Liz Peta, Delanie Rezac, Izzy Stevens, Anna Theesfeld, Coach Martha Greenwald; back row: Ameria White, Saige Hengeveld, Ella Helmich, Grace Lutat, Lillian Nitchals, Hanna Nitchals and Alivia Danner. Not pictured is Gracen Love.



Individual performers at state were, from left, Abby Sander, Lillian Nitchals and Saige Hengeveld.



The ELC Color Guard includes, front from left, Hannah Nitchals, Alyssa Hansen, Anna Theesfeld; back row: Lillian Nitchals, Kimby Ross, Abby Sander, and coaches Betty Lou Jones and Laura Giebler. Not pictured is Gracen Love.

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Winter Nights, Holiday Lights and TUBACHRISTMAS



Tuba players from all around gathered at the Estherville Library for TUBACHRISTMAS last Thursday, Dec. 2.

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Tyler Pedersen directs the tubas of TUBACHRISTMAS at the Estherville Library

ABOUT TUBACHRISTMAS

Area residents had two chances to enjoy the sounds of TUBACHRISTMAS last Thursday with the low notes pulsing first at the Estherville United Methodist Church and then at the Estherville Public Library. According to Coordinator Alan Bergendahl of Sioux Falls, S.D., TUBACHRISTMAS was conceived in 1974 by Harvey Phillips as a tribute to his teacher and mentor William J. Bell, born on Christmas Day, 1902.



Keera and Kynlee Tifft, both of Estherville, visited Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and Jingle the Elf at Santa's Estherville home in Library Square during the town's Winter Nights, Holiday Lights celebration last Thursday.

Photo by David Swartz



Roman Haugle made a stop at Santa's House in Estherville's Library Square last Thursday. Above, Roman takes a picture with Jingle the Elf and Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Photo by David Swartz



Steve Danielson (green hat) of Estherville was one of the local players taking part in TUBACHRISTMAS.

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Tom Hansen gave wagon rides to those visiting downtown Estherville during "Winter Nights, Holiday Lights" last Thursday.

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