

ESTHERVILLE AREA

# OUR hometown

**AMERICAN FAMILY  
INSURANCE**<sup>®</sup>  
AUTO HOME BUSINESS HEALTH LIFE



Bob Jensen  
Agent/Owner



Sandy Clayton  
Customer Service  
Representative

[rjense3@amfam.com](mailto:rjense3@amfam.com)  
814 Central Ave  
Estherville, IA  
712-362-4313



A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE

★ **ESTHERVILLE NEWS**

**OCTOBER  
2024**

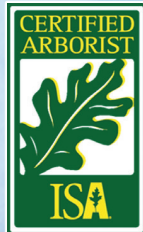
**Inspiration for Our Day-** "But as for you, be strong and do not give up,  
for your work will be rewarded." ~2 Chronicles 15:7

# THATE'S TREE SERVICE

**Proudly Serving Southern Minnesota & Northern Iowa.  
Thank You for Allowing Us to Serve You Since 1977!**

**Complete Professional  
Tree Care for:**

- Commercial • Residential &
- Agricultural Properties



Joe Thate  
MN-4410A

**We offer  
Tree Risk  
Evaluations by  
an ISA Certified  
Arborist.**

**We Specialize in Large & Difficult Tree Projects!**



**Have an "Impossible" Job?  
CALL US TODAY!**

Our ISA Certified Arborists and a complete line of equipment can service all your tree needs.

# THATE'S TREE SERVICE

**24 Hour  
Emergency  
Service!**

John Thate - Owner  
**800.225.8733**  
www.thatetree.com • Fully Insured

**FREE  
ESTIMATES!**

# IN THIS ISSUE

# OCTOBER 2024

**SCHOOL PLAY**  
PAGES 4-7

**LITTLE THEATRE**  
PAGES 8-9

**HOT PICKS**  
PAGES 10-13

**MY TOWN**

**DOCUSERIES**  
PAGES 14-18

**ESTHERVILLE PIONEER**  
PAGES 20-23

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
PAGE 24-25

## ON THE COVER

Nathan Brenner and his daughter, Leah, send apples through the apple press at the Fall Festival on the Farm at Peterson Point Historical Farmstead Sept. 7. Enjoy more fall fun in this month's Our Hometown.

Photo by Amy H. Peterson



# This year's high school thespians

# DON'T HAVE A CLUE

*Fall play brings comedy and mystery to Estherville stage*

BY AMY H. PETERSON

[\\_APETERSON@ESTHERVILLENEWS.NET](mailto:APETERSON@ESTHERVILLENEWS.NET)

The Estherville Lincoln Central High School's drama department is presenting "I Don't Have a Clue," a laugh-packed murder mystery, Nov. 8 at the Janice K. Lund Center for the performing arts. The play was written by Chicago-

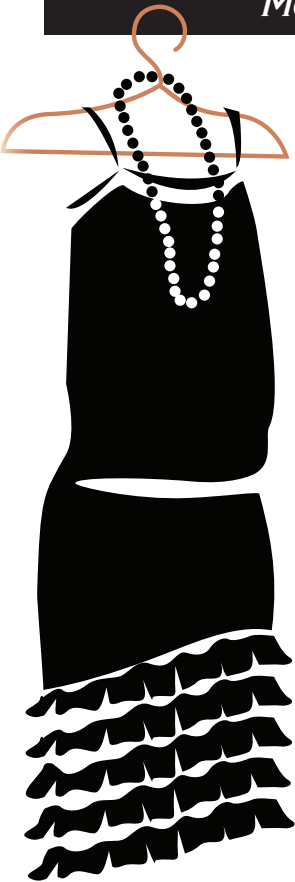
based playwright Craig Sodaro, author of over 200 plays. A playwright since childhood, Sodaro penned titles like *The Dismembered Pencil* while he was in high school. Moving on to Colorado and now to Arizona.

"I Don't Have a Clue" celebrates its 25th anni-

versary this year. It centers on Carol Robinson, a hostess bringing to life a 1929 murder-mystery dinner party. Guests arrive in costume as gangsters and flappers, and Carol has decorated in period style. Carol is the mother of teenagers who add to the angst of the evening.



*Meet this year's cast and crew for the 2024 ELC Play Productions*



*Brynn Finley*



*Gabe Forsyth*



*Zeke Funston*



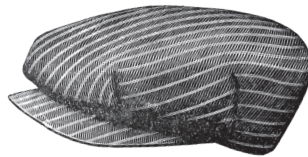
*Cassandra Harvey*



*Jennifer Hernandez*



*Caden Hoffman*



**SUBSCRIBE TO YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER!**  
**+ADVERTISE WITH US**

**SELL • FIND • ANNOUNCE**



**PHONE:** 712-362-2622

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**★ ESTHERVILLE NEWS**



*Megan Lausen*



*Austin Lavender*



*Helen Lavender*



*Hanna Paulson*



*Luna Osvaldo*



*Braylen Milstead*



*Loki Hoffman*



*Lily Strom*





*Alex Leal*



*Laken Ball*



*Alexis Castillo-Rodriguez*



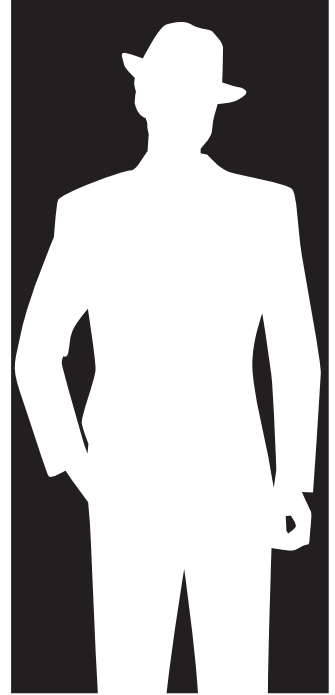
*Sophia Schumacher*



*Emily Eveleth  
(no picture available)*



*Alex Cole  
(no picture available)*



*Logan Schroeder  
(no picture available)*

**ENJOY A NIGHT OUT AND  
SUPPORT OUR KIDS AT THE PLAY!**



**SHOWS WILL  
GO ON!**





# LITTLE THEATER

## UPDATE TO BENEFIT PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS

Estherville Lincoln Central High School is updating the Little Theater at the high school. Students,

staff, and the Patrons of the Fine Arts have long hoped for an updated performing environment and a

place to display the numerous banners and trophies theater and speech competitors have earned at regional and state competitions, as well as those from other arts competitions. Finally this month, seats and flooring have been installed, with a seating capacity of 218.

ELC activities directors Shane Kalous told the school board at its most recent meeting that the next step is to get the curtain hung so that lighting can be finished up. Next on the to-do list: paint touch ups, finishing trim work, and testing equipment to ensure that it works.



PHOTOS BY DAVID SWARTZ

An advertisement for Carz Central. At the top, there is a logo with the word "Carz" in a large, stylized font with a red outline, and "CENTRAL" in a smaller font below it, all set against a background of white stars on a blue field. Below the logo, a photograph shows the exterior of a blue dealership building with several cars parked in front. The cars include a red classic car, a silver sports car, and several modern sedans and SUVs. To the right of the photo, the text reads: "WE BUY, SELL &amp; TRADE DAILY! Family Owned &amp; Operated". At the bottom of the ad, there is a red wavy banner containing the website "www.carzcentral.net", the address "827 W. Central Ave.", and the phone number "Estherville • 712-362-5300". The name "Jay Iverson &amp; Clair Iverson" is printed in the bottom left corner.

Jay Iverson & Clair Iverson

[www.carzcentral.net](http://www.carzcentral.net)

827 W. Central Ave.

Estherville • 712-362-5300

# ★ PHOTO FRIDAY

*A new Friday Tradition*

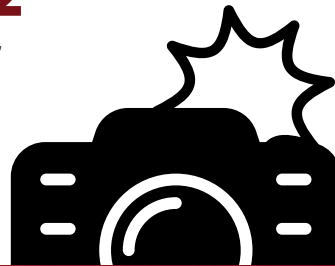


**Buy our photos through Facebook!**

Comment under the photos you would like and email [tnissen@esthervillenews.net](mailto:tnissen@esthervillenews.net) and we will send you a digital file!

**Call 712-362-2622**

to pay with a debit/credit card before photos are sent **OR** pay after the season is over



**\$3.00 FOR 1ST PHOTO**

**\$1.00 MORE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PHOTO**

*+ Option to pay at end of season*

**CALL 712-362-2622 FOR DETAILS**

**Check Facebook every Friday for weekly photos**



**★ ESTHERVILLE NEWS**



# FALL HOT PICKS



**FORGE & BUILD**

**MATERIALS YOU  
NEED TO REMODEL  
LIKE A PRO.**

HARDWARE | LUMBER | TOOLS

WEB  
FORGE&BUILD.COM

TEL  
(712) 362-5996



OCTOBER 2024 ★ OUR HOMETOWN ★★ 11



**Coming Up!**  
4 AMAZING EVENTS

**Hippy Grove Market**  
Sat., October 12th 9am-4pm  
Located between Spencer & Emmetsburg  
4536 380th Ave. Curlew

**Royal Community Action Fall Boutique**  
Sat., October 19th  
9:30am-1:30pm  
401 Church St. Royal, IA

**Holiday Vendor Fair**  
Sat., Nov. 16th 9am-1pm  
Located at the Estherville Elks Lodge  
3665 Hwy 9

**Spencer's Holiday Vendor Fair**  
Fri., Nov. 22nd 3pm-8pm  
Sat., Nov. 23rd 9am-2pm  
Clay County Fairgrounds

*A Sense of*

order & learn more on

*Sweetness*  
763-248-6346  
asenseofsweetness@yahoo.com

**LET US HANDLE YOUR CIVIL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING PROJECTS**

*Drainage & Municipal Engineering, Land Surveys, Lake Bank Improvements, Subdivisions, & More!*

**JW JACOBSON-WESTERGARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

712-362-2647 | 105 South 6th Street, Estherville IA  
www.jacobson-westergard.com



# Funeral Preplanning *for Peace of Mind*



Funeral preplanning will save your loved ones the stress and expense of making important decisions in their time of grief. Call today for more information or to arrange your preplanning consultation, and ensure your final arrangements are carried out according to your wishes.

**Henry Olson**  
Funeral Home &  
Crematory

401 N. 7th St.  
Estherville, IA  
712-362-0035  
[www.henryolsonfuneral.com](http://www.henryolsonfuneral.com)

personalized funeral services | burials & cremations | preplanning options | flexible payment options

# My Town part of Twin Cities Film Fest



Rural docuseries *My Town* includes Estherville footage

BY AMY H. PETERSON  
[APETERSON@ESTHERVILLENEWS.NET](mailto:APETERSON@ESTHERVILLENEWS.NET)

Last winter, Cory Hepola braved the early February wind and cold to bring his film crew to Estherville and Emmet County, ex-

ploring the area and adding to the story of the rural area captured in his new docuseries *My Town*. Helpola, writer and director of "My Town," told the Estherville News the plan was to release the

show in October, 2024. This month, the series will premiere at Twin Cities Film Fest. Hepola is a three-time Emmet Award-Winning

Documentarian. Hepola told the Estherville News, "Twin Cities Film Fest! It's awesome! We're very excited to be able to showcase



Filming continues in front of Estherville's trestle bridge as Cory Hepola talks to Lexie Ruter about what makes Estherville unique.

## Printing Services

- |           |             |                |           |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| Logos     | Engraving   | Awards         | Postcards |
| Brochures | Invitations | Business Cards | Banners   |
| Flyers    | Posters     | Trophies       |           |

We will print any file, even one from Etsy or created on your home computer!

**ESTHERVILLE PRINTING COMPANY** 

620 Central Ave | Estherville, IA | 362-4803  
[www.esthervilleprinting.com](http://www.esthervilleprinting.com) | [eprint@esthervilleprinting.com](mailto:eprint@esthervilleprinting.com)

**415 S 18th St. • [yourrwc.org](http://yourrwc.org) • [f regionalwellnesscenter](https://www.facebook.com/regionalwellnesscenter)**



"Our series breaks down the popular misconception about the rural lifestyle, inspiring important conversations"

Cory Hepola, Emmy Award winning broadcaster, rural developer, and filmmaker, is excited to premiere his new show at the Twin Cities Film Festival.

**HEATING**  
**GEO THERMAL HEAT PUMPS**  
**AIR CONDITIONING**  
**RADIANT EQUIPMENT**  
**PLUMBING**  
**WATER HEATERS**

**GET THE PROBLEM FIXED RIGHT THE FIRST TIME**

Keith & Dan both hold a Master license in Plumbing, HVAC, Refrigeration, and Hydronic.

We offer repair, remodeling, and new home construction.

We also offer drain and sewer cleaning.

**DUITSMAN**

PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

**"FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE"... NORTHSTAR BANK & AGENCY**

101 N. 6th St. 362-2641      2202 Central Ave. 362-3322

**NORTHSTAR BANK**  
Offers Full Service Banking Services

**MEMBER FDIC**

**NORTHSTAR AGENCY**  
Offers Full Service Insurance Products

Insurance Products are not a deposit, not FDIC Insured, not insured by any Federal Gov't Agency. Not guaranteed by the bank, may go down in value.

ESTHERVILLE

# Sip the Ville



THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 3RD 4-8PM  
DOWNTOWN ESTHERVILLE



ESTHERVILLE IOWA

# FRIGHT HIKE

Join us if you Dare  
FORT DEFIANCE STATE PARK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

LIGHTS ON:  
6PM - 7 PM

FULL SCARE:  
7PM - 9:30 PM

[www.Estherville.org](http://www.Estherville.org)



Estherville Chamber Director Lexie Ruter walks with creator Cory Hepola on the swinging bridge while the crew films footage for the My Town documentary.

the Iowa Lakes Corridor and get it out to a wider audience right away.”

Hepola added that his team is honored “My Town” was hand-picked for the prestigious Twin Cities Film Fest.

“Our series breaks down the popular misconception about the rural lifestyle, inspiring important conversations, and the Twin Cities Film Fest is the premier changemaker event in the Upper Midwest,” Hepola said.

Hepola grew in in small-town Minnesota. For this documentary he traveled to seven different rural communities across four states to learn why people choose to live where they do and discover the opportunity, innovation and connectedness that is

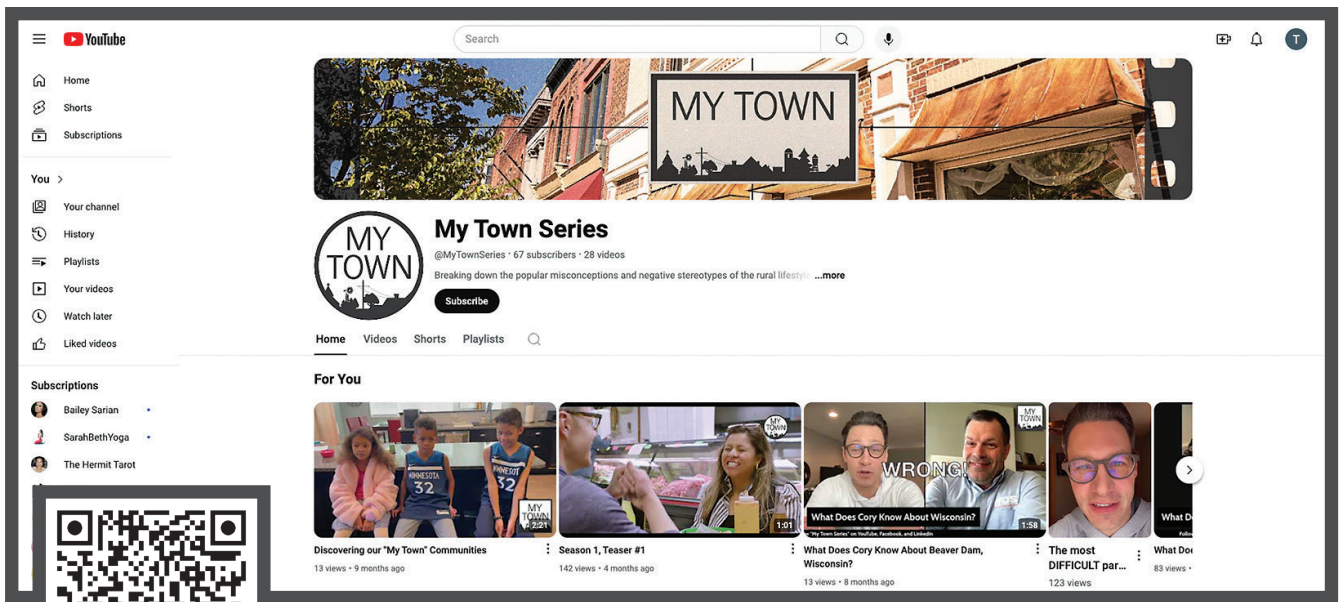


Excavating • Demolition • Dozing • Rock Gravel • Sand • Black Dirt • Crushed Concrete

*Business*  
 Offc. 712-864-3640  
 Cell. 712-260-6202  
 FAX. 712-864-3146

P.O. Box 50  
 Armstrong, IA 50514  
 Michael Sjoblom, Pres.  
 sjoblom@iowatelecom.net

The logo for M.E.'S Body Shop. It features a red car on the left, the text "M.E.'S" in a large, blue, serif font, and "BODY SHOP" in a white, sans-serif font on a blue background. Below this is the phone number "712-362-3950" and the address "2209 Murray Road, Estherville, IA".



Scan the link to watch *My Town* on Youtube!



**BLUM - LEONARD**  
INSURANCE AGENCY

**NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INSURANCE IN**  
**2024?**

*Call anytime to talk to your local agent who cares about your needs!*

 712-362-7272

 418 Central Ave.,  
Estherville, IA 51334

 8:30 am - 5 pm  
Monday - Friday

blumandleonard.com | info@blumandleonard.com

18 ★★ OCTOBER 2024 ★ OUR HOMETOWN

found in rural America.

“I’ve always loved my hometown, but as a teenager, I was in a hurry to leave. As a 40-something adult with a wife and three young children, I have a different perspective, and I’m starting to realize I missed out. ‘My Town’ shows the value of choosing rural life, something I didn’t understand as a kid,” Hepola said.

The world premiere of “My Town” consists of two separate showings at the Twin Cities Film Fest to spotlight all seven episodes from Season One. Saturday, October 19, “My Town Part 1” will feature the Iowa Lakes Corridor, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and Rugby, North Dakota. The following week – Thursday, Oct. 24 – “My Town Part 2” will showcase four towns in Minnesota: Perham, Willmar, Farmington, and Chisolm. The venue for the film festival is the Marcus Theatre West End Cinema in St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

Hepola’s compa-

ny is The Brookshire Company. Its mission is to help companies succeed and communities thrive. The commercial real estate and site selection company has now expanded into storytelling.

Gerry Norton is founder and CEO of The Brookshire Company. Norton said, “It’s time to rethink rural America. You can start a business here. You can be a changemaker. You can find the work-life balance you’re after. This is the American Dream.” Norton is executive producer of “My Town.”

“My Town” Season 1 will explore seven rural communities across four states with full 25-minute episodes airing every Sunday night – October 27-December 8, 2024 on YouTube and Facebook. Stream free at “My Town Series.”

Learn more about Twin Cities Film Fest at [twincitiesfilmfest.org](http://twincitiesfilmfest.org)

Follow the progress of “My Town” on Facebook and Youtube.

Support

# LOCAL JOURNALISM



## Showcase Your Business:

A \$35.00 sponsorship puts your business in the spotlight while supporting the coverage of our area schools. **We rely on sponsorships and advertisers** so we can keep doing what we do best; taking amazing photos and writing inspiring stories. Give us a call today to fill out our school booster contract!

\$35.00

ELC



Example of \$35.00 signature ad sponsor:

**★ ESTHERVILLE NEWS**  
 10 North 7th Street  
 Estherville, IA 51334  
 712-362-2622      [www.esthervillenews.net](http://www.esthervillenews.net)



# ★ ESTHERVILLE NEWS

10 N 7th St • Estherville, IA 51334  
712-362-2622 • [www.esthervillenews.net](http://www.esthervillenews.net)

# REMINISCENCES OF EARLY DAYS BY A



# PI<sup>★</sup>WHEEL<sup>★</sup>NEER



# SETTLER

The following story was published Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1924 in the Vindicator and Republican, an early newspaper of Estherville. It was the first in a series of articles by pioneers of Emmet County and was written by Mrs. Eliza M. Bemis.

Mrs. Bemis, who was 79 at the time the article was published, had lived in Emmet county since 1866, when she came here from New York with her husband, S. E. Bemis.

They came with Mr. Bemis' brother D. M. L. Bemis.

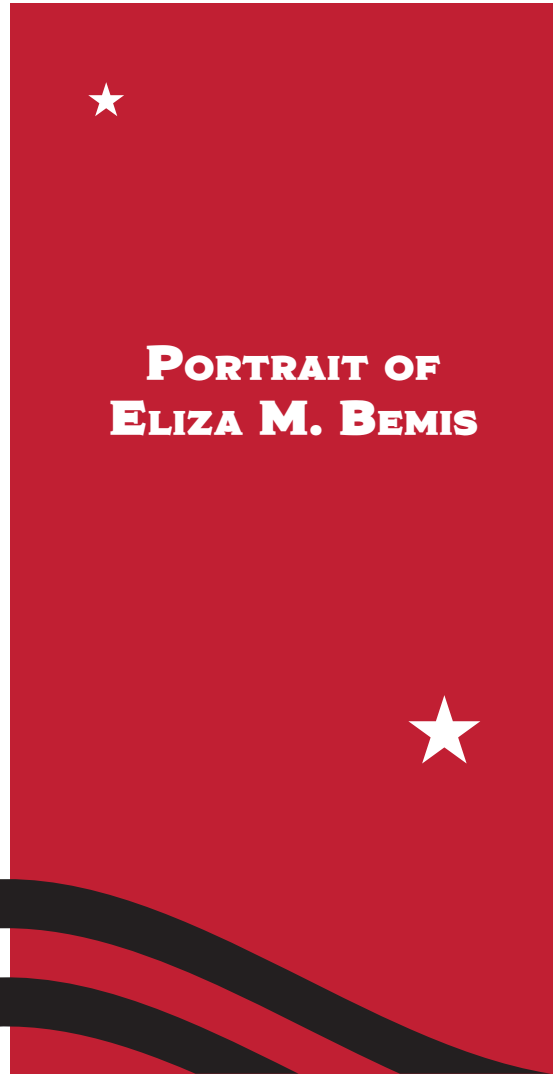
BY ELIZA M BEMIS

When we first came to Estherville, the year after the close of the Civil War, there was scarcely a dwelling house on the town site, in fact there was no town site. There was a fort, Fort Defiance, which had been built for protection against the Indians. Several families lived in the Fort.

There was a hotel, however, not far from the present Rock Island bridge. This was kept by Mr. Haskins and was known as the Haskins Hotel. Here we deposited our scant supply of dry-goods and groceries which

we had brought with us to start a store. During that first summer, while building was going on, we conduct-

ed our store at the hotel but lived in a little house



★  
**PORTRAIT OF  
 ELIZA M. BEMIS**  
 ★

which the men had put up in a few days after we arrived.

There was one other store already here when we came. It was Fisher's store, a little grocery down by the river.

Our nearest railroad was Fort Dodge. Our mail came from there, brought by stage, once a week. Goods for the store were brought from Garden City, Mankato and Blue Earth, Minnesota.

These had to be brought overland by team and wagon and it was several days' journey to any of these places. Then the goods must be purchased and the return journey made. It was no

small task in those days to make the trip.

During the first summer quite a good deal of building was done. The old store building, which used to stand where the post office is now,

**INMAN ELECTRIC**  
 & Downtown Antiques

**TREASURES & MORE**  
*Boutique*

Come see our new Treasures & More Boutique located within Inman Electric

15 S 6th St | Estherville, IA | 51334

**712-362-2203**

Drop off **UPS** and **FedEx** packages in our store to ship out free of charge.

**TREASURES & MORE HOURS: Monday- Friday 8-4:30 • Saturday 9-2**

**CLARKEN REALTORS**  
 Residential, Commercial, & Farm

*"The Spouses Selling Houses"*

Mike 2011 REALTOR OF THE YEAR Edith 2013

Remember we are a full service Real Estate Company. We can auction your personal property and we have moving trailers to help you move into your new home!

**OFFICE:**  
 303 Central Ave.  
 Estherville, Iowa  
**362-4332**

Mike Cell 380-2981 | Edith Cell 380-2982  
[www.clarkenrealtors.com](http://www.clarkenrealtors.com) | [clarkenrealty@gmail.com](mailto:clarkenrealty@gmail.com)

**MASTHEAD OF THE  
VINDICATOR & REPUBLICAN  
NEWSPAPER ACTIVE FROM  
1902 TO 1946**



**Doug Wagner**  
Financial Advisor  
712-362-7744



**Kristia F Pollock**  
Financial Advisor  
712-362-7744

**Edward Jones**

**MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING**

120 N 7TH ST | ESTHERVILLE, IA 51334  
[EDWARDJONES.COM](http://EDWARDJONES.COM)

was one of the first ones built. The lumber was brought overland from Fort Dodge and Garden City, all except that used for interior finishing. That was sawed from native timber at the old saw mill down by the river. It was all black walnut, the shelves, the counters and even the floor. Today that lumber could not be duplicated and if it could, would be worth a small fortune.

Graves and McKay opened a store in a building where the Ford garage now stands.

The same summer brought a post office. It was a small building scarcely more than a shack, not far from the

place where the Myhre & Jeglum store now is.

Near the present site of the court house, a school house was built with Mr. Pingrey for a teacher. The school house was built for all purposes. On Sunday it was a church. Gatherings of all sort were held in it. People still living in Estherville were married there. All public records were kept in it and unless memory fails me, it was from this building that the records were stolen and carried to the town of Swan Lake in an effort to make Swan Lake, and not Estherville, the county seat. Later this landmark burned down but the records were saved by Mr. Graves.

Many of the early settlers lived on farms near town. This was after the Spirit Lake massacre but we had many Indian scares, most of them unfounded. One day Mrs. Ed Ridley and Mrs. Graves walked all the way to town through the corn fields because of rumors that the Indians were near. Another time the boys went to Jackson to play ball and they must have won, for late that night they came home whooping and yelling. We all thought that our time had come. It seems funny

now as we look back on it. But it was far from funny then. Things were too serious. There was too much real danger.

It is a worthwhile experience to have lived through those days and to see the wonderful things that can be done by people determined and persevering, to see a great rich prairie changed to prosperous farms with big barns and fine homes, and to see a beautiful little city grow up where once there was almost nothing.



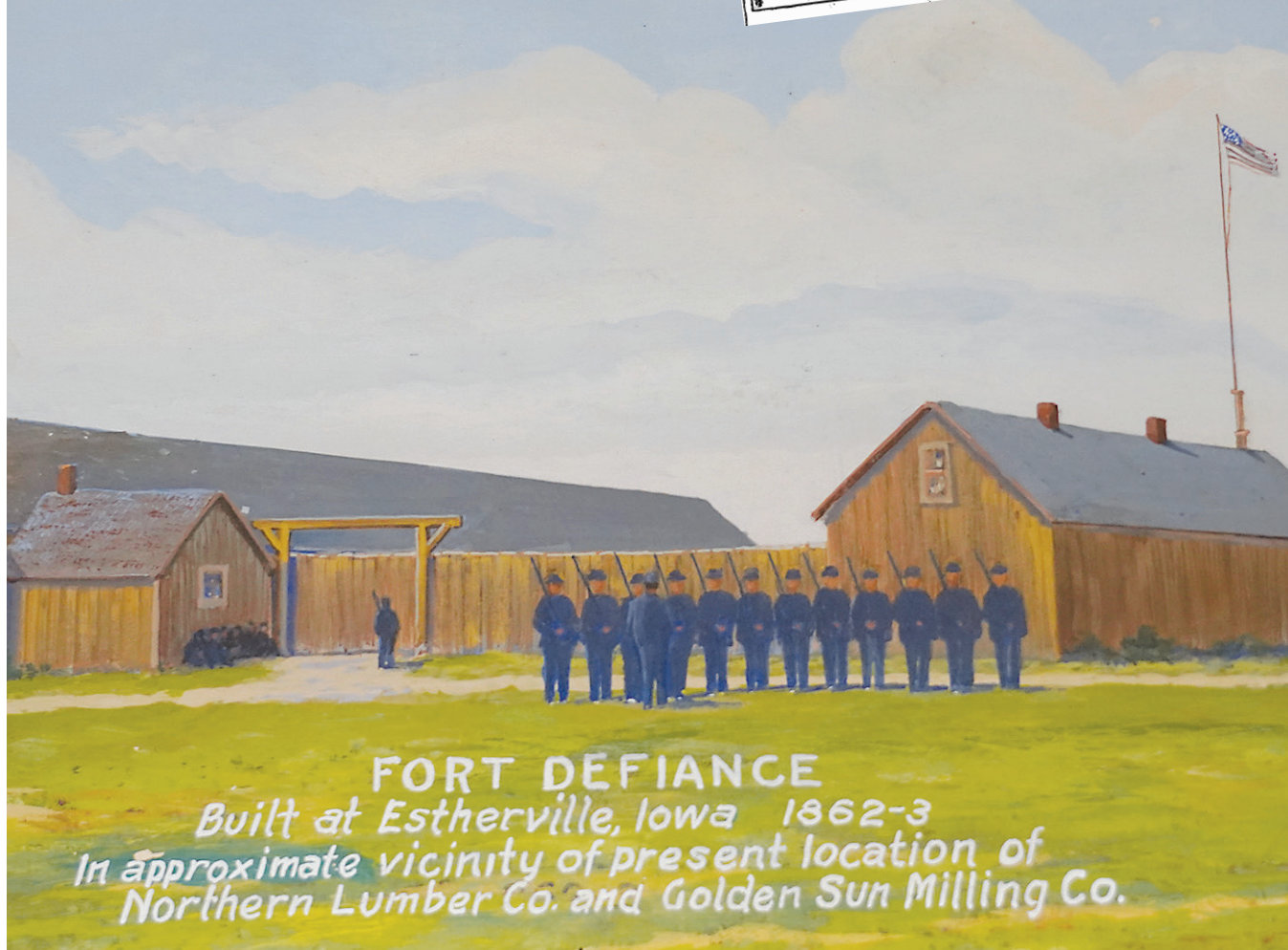
**CLIPPING OF ORIGINAL 1924 ARTICLE** ★

**REMINISCENCES OF EARLY DAYS BY A PIONEER SETTLER**  
**MRS. ELIZA BEMIS WRITES FIRST OF SERIES OF HISTORICAL ARTICLES OF EARLY DAYS IN EMMET COUNTY**

**MRS. ELIZA M. BEMIS WHO WRITES OF PIONEER TIMES IN THIS COUNTY**



By Eliza M. Bemis  
 When we first came to Estherville the year after the close of the Civil War, there was scarcely a dwelling house on the town site, in fact there was no town site. There was a fort, Fort-Defiance, which had been built for protection against the Indians. Several families lived in the Fort. There was a hotel, however, not far from the present Rock Island bridge. This was kept by Mr. Haskins and was known as the Haskins Hotel. Here we deposited our scant supply of dry-goods and groceries which we had brought with us to start a store. During that first summer, while building was going on, we conducted our store at the hotel but lived in a little house which the men had put up in a few days after store already there was one other store already here when we came. It was Fisher's store, a little grocery down by the river.  
 Our nearest railroad was Fort Dodge. Our mail came from there, brought by stage, once a week. Goods for the store were brought from Garden City, Mankato and Blue Earth, Minn. These had to be brought overland by team and wagon and it was several days' journey to any of



**FORT DEFIANCE**  
*Built at Estherville, Iowa 1862-3*  
*In approximate vicinity of present location of Northern Lumber Co. and Golden Sun Milling Co.*

# UPCOMING

## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

October 1 Night at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) – 6:30 p.m., Iowa Lakes Community College Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center. Students and community members perform music, dance and other performances.



October 3 4 p.m.

The Estherville Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Sip the Ville event. Sip, sample, and shop your way through Estherville. Try delicious wine and drink samples and enjoy

snacks and treats at over a dozen Estherville businesses. Shop great stores in town and hit all locations to win one of two grand prize giveaways. Find tickets online: [www.estherville.org](http://www.estherville.org).

October 11-21 VENOMventure Escape Room – Estherville Public Library. Sign up for a time for a group of 2-5, ages eight and up, at [bookeo.com/venomventure](http://bookeo.com/venomventure). Solve science puzzles in this adventure escape game. Estherville is one of only 11 sites nationwide to offer the experience.

October 17 7 p.m.

Heartland Honor Choir – Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center, Iowa Lakes Community College

October 19 6 p.m. Fright Hike

October 21 Wesley's kitchen 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Estherville United Methodist Church, 108 S. 8th Street.



# EVENTS

## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER CONT.



October 26 5 p.m. Emmet Co. Veterans Affairs, Estherville VFW and American Legion: Ceremonial Flag Burning event Freewill offering for chili dinner, funds benefit Brushy Creek Honor Flight. Ceremony will focus on American flag, proper handling, etiquette, and a ceremonial burning of the flags.

October 28 Community dinner

November 3 - Daylight Savings Time ends

November 5 - Election Day

November 8 The Estherville Lincoln Central Drama Department presents "I Don't Have a Clue," a murder mystery, in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center at Iowa Lakes Community College. Times are 7 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

November 11 - Veterans Day with programs at Iowa Lakes Community College and Veterans Park at 11 a.m.

November 21 Holiday in the Ville - Visit Estherville to shop for the holidays and enjoy the festive atmosphere in downtown Estherville. The Chocolate Walk will be held from 4-7 p.m. Stop by participating businesses for chocolate treats and to see their holiday gift and décor selections. Horse-drawn wagon rides and carolers can be seen from 5-6:30 p.m. The Parade of Lights will process through downtown Estherville beginning at 7 p.m.

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day



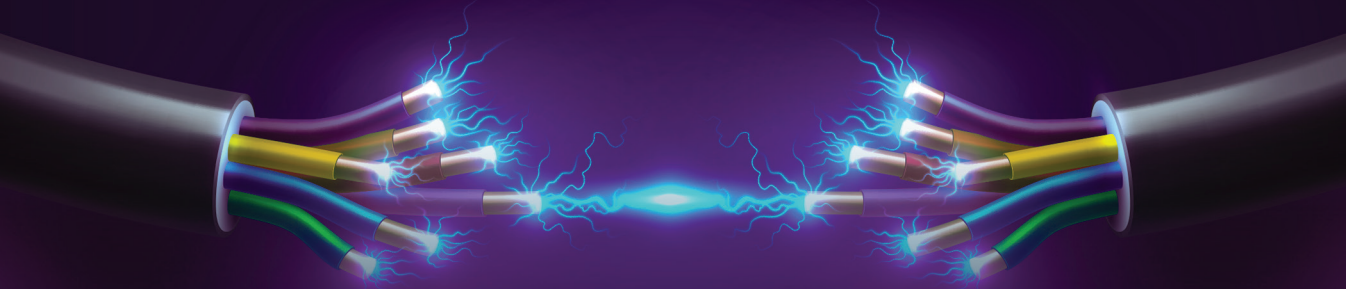
# Parting **SHOT**

*Photo taken by*

**Michael Tidemann**



# FIBER IS FASTER IN **Estherville**



## GET THE BEST CONNECTION FOR YOUR HOME ON OUR ADVANCED FIBER NETWORK

*Fiber optics are the future of communications, providing the fastest and most reliable Internet, voice, and digital TV services available. This cutting-edge technology will keep you connected with superior quality for years to come.*

*We are excited to announce that the expansion of our fiber network in Estherville is now underway. This development marks the beginning of enhanced service and connectivity for our community.*



INTERNET



VOICE



DIGITAL TV



BUSINESS



esthervillecommunications.com  
855-859-3363 | 712-765-1000

**Your Full-Service Community Bank**

**BANK PLUS**

Member  
FDIC

**Locally Owned - Community Grown**  
Contact us for all your banking needs!

Estherville      Graettinger      Ledyard      Swea City  
712-362-5000    712-859-3201    515-646-2035    515-272-4226  
BankPlusIowa.com      Facebook: @BankPlusIA

# COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR



BRAKES ▶ TIRES ▶ OIL CHANGE  
SUSPENSION ▶ ALIGNMENT  
AC SERVICE ▶ PROPANE ▶ WIPERS

**712-362-7429**

[WWW.SRAUTOANDTIRE.COM](http://WWW.SRAUTOANDTIRE.COM)

**OVER 150 YEARS  
OF EXPERIENCE!**

8 am to 5 pm • Mon. - Fri  
6 am by apt only • 102 South 1st  
Street • Estherville, IA 51334

