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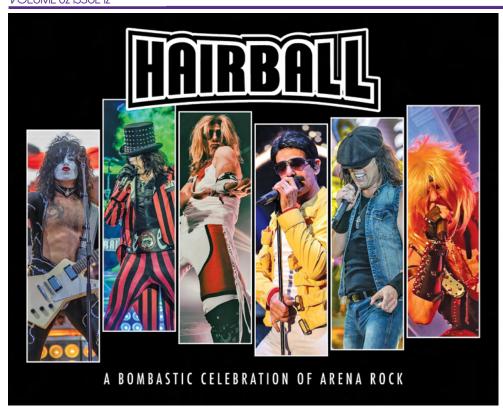
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### RAGBRAI committee announces Hairball as evening entertainment

Hairball will rock the downtown district on June 24th for RAGBRAI's overnight stop in Knoxville. About little about Hairball from their website: A band puts on a concert - Hairball puts on an event! Hairball is a Rock & Roll experience you won't soon forget. The lights, sound, smoke, fire,

Arena rock tribute band

bombs, and screaming hoards of avid fans...to merely call it a concert would be like calling Mount Rushmore a roadside attraction!

Vocalists Kris Vox, Dave Moody, and Drew Hart lead the band through a 2+ hour, mind-blowing, and dropdead accurate homage to some of the biggest arena acts in the world. Van Halen, KISS, Motley Crue, Queen, Journey, and Aerosmith are but a few of the acts fans will see brought to life. The Hairball stage becomes an entirely new rock concert before your very eyes countless times throughout the night.

Stay tuned for more information to come!

### Construction season is here

As spring rolls around, so does the start of construction season. The City of Knoxville's big construction project this year will be the street improvements project along Main Street. This project

has three sections, first area being the intersection of Main and First Street through the intersection of Main and Second. This area is scheduled to close the first week of May. The second section is Main Street

between 3rd and 5th Street. This area is scheduled to close towards the end of June. The third section will then be on Robinson Street from 4th to 7th Street which will be April 2025.

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### **Knoxville Raceway season opens April 20**

By Heather Spriggs

The 2024 Pella Motors / Kraig Ford Season Opener is Saturday, April 20. Get ready for the 71st Knoxville Championship Series to get underway. All three classes will be in competition on opening night, the 410's, 360's and pro series.

Hot laps are 6:45 pm. Competition begins with time trials at 7:15 pm. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 13-19, kids 12 and under are free.

Friday night, April 19 will be reserved for practice night with free admission. Concessions will not be open

The following weekend is the annual spring World of Outlaws clash with the Knoxville regulars. Friday night, April 26 will feature

Premier Chevy Dealers World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink sprint cars plus Knoxville championship pro series sprint cars. Saturday, April 27 will feature the Knoxville Championship 360 sprint cars in place of the pro series sprint cars. General admission per night is \$35 for adults, \$25 for ages 13-19, \$15 for 12 & under.



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### Knoxville Ragbrai Unveils Logo and Theme for July 24th Overnight Stay: "Racing Thru Knoxville"



The Knoxville Ragbrai Executive Committee is thrilled to announce the official logo and theme for the Ragbrai overnight stay in Knoxville on July 24th. Under the theme "Racing Thru Knoxville," participants and spectators alike can anticipate a thrilling experience as they pedal through Knoxville's rich history and vibrant culture.

The newly unveiled logo captures the essence of Knoxville's dynamic spirit. Featuring a bold depiction of a bike rider with the front tire, symbolizing the exhilarating journey of the ride leading to Knoxville. Additionally, the logo showcases the Ragbrai route intertwined with sprint cars at the top of the Iowa map, paying homage to Knoxville's esteemed status as the Sprint Car Capital of the World.

"We are excited to showcase Knoxville's unique identity to Ragbrai participants and visitors globe," from across the said Brian Hatch, Mayor of Knoxville and member

of the Ragbrai Executive Committee. "With our theme 'Racing Thru Knoxville,' we invite everyone to join us for an unforgettable experience as we celebrate the fusion of cycling and sprint car racing in our vibrant community."

As one of Ragbrai's overnight stops, Knoxville is poised to offer an array of activities, entertainment, and hospitality to cyclists and supporters on July 24th. From exploring local landmarks to indulging in delicious cuisine, Ragbrai participants can look forward to immersing themselves in Knoxville's warm hospitality and lively atmosphere.

For more information and updates on the Knoxville Ragbrai overnight stay, please visit .knoxvilleiachamber. com and follow us on social media under Knoxville Ragbrai.



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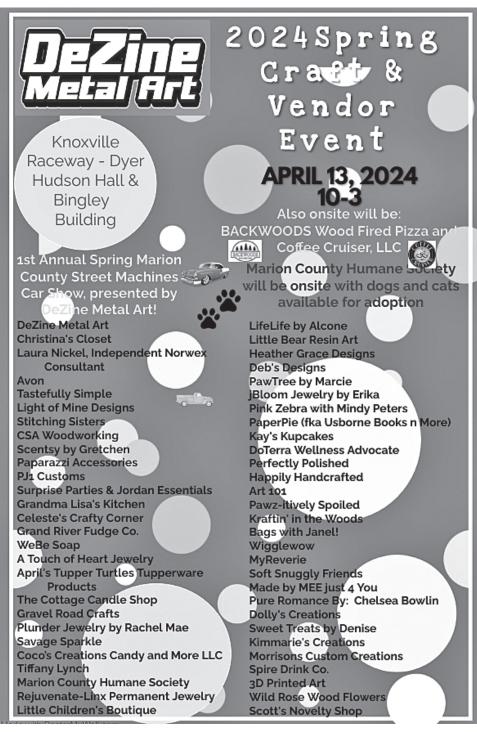
### Golf Cart and UTV reminders from the KPD

Spring is almost here; we can feel it in the air. Warmer weather comes with golf carts and UTVs. We would like to remind our community and visitors that UTV registration is obtained through the Recorder's Office in the county where you reside and golf cart permits can be obtained from the Knoxville Police Department for \$30.00. Golf carts are slow moving vehicles needing a reflective slow moving vehicle sign and a bicycle flag to be operated legally in town. Golf carts registered for the first time are required to be inspected by a police department employee. No appointment is necessary. First time golf cart permit users must complete a form and show proof of a valid insurance for the golf cart they wish to register. Per state law golf carts are to be driven from dawn to dusk and by drivers at least 18

years old. Per Knoxville City Ordinance no person under 42-inches tall can ride, no riding on laps, and each passenger must have a seat and be seated. Car seats are prohibited on golf carts. Golf carts are prohibited from operating/parking on sidewalks, Hwy 14/Lincoln Street, no parking zones, and the trail system. When necessary to prevent traffic congestion golf carts shall

pull to the right side of the road so other motor vehicles can pass. Remember, the same laws apply for golf carts as motor vehicles including operating while intoxicated (OWI) and open containers. ATVs are not allowed on any city street. If you have questions, please call the Knoxville Police Department at 641-828-0541.







### **Heritage Acting Troupe presents Sherlock Holmes**

Heritage Acting Troupe [HAT] will present Sherlock Holmes on Friday, April 26 at 7 pm, Saturday, April 27 at 2 pm and 6 pm.

The performances will be held at New Journey Church, 209 North Third Street in Knoxville.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for students (K-12). Children 4 and under are free as long as they sit on your lap. Tickets can be purchased from a cast member or purchased online at www. HeritageHomeEducaters. com. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but will be in limited quantity.

This play is under the direction of Jody Brown, and assistant Director Sandy Luke with Angie Gentry and Lois McWilliams.

Special Technical director, Hannah Book, is also an actor in her senior year with the group. HAT will bring Sherlock Holmes to life. This engaging play by Brian Guehring will leave audience members on the edge of their seats. Sherlock Holmes and the First Baker Street Irregular is an actionpacked, fun and interactive play. Everyone who watches will be trying to anticipate what will happen next with the mysteries of The Red Headed League and The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle.

This a classic Sherlock Holmes story, with the help of a gang of Street Urchins and their leader, Wiggins. Everyone who watches will be amazed at what happens next.

Heritage Acting Troupe is the drama club of Heritage Home Educators [HHE], a local Christian school support home and cooperative group serving Knoxville and surrounding communities. Formally established in the early 1990s, HHE and its members encourage and home-educator support while working parents cooperatively to provide formative, excellent, educational opportunities for children. This group meets regularly for classes, field trips, and just plain fun. For more information visit HHE's website: www. HeritageHomeEducaters.



## **April Nature Notes: April Serendipity**

Try not to blink during the month of April. There will be so much happening in our natural world that it may be exhausting to watch. Take a deep breath and listen with your eyes as you get going on a treasure hunt!

The April Full Moon, the Pink Moon will be April 23, 2024.

Earth Day is celebrated every April 22 around the world. The first Earth Day was in 1970 to advocate for environmental conservation. Marion County Conservation Dept. and Earth Sweep will be hosting an Earth Day celebration, Sunday, April 21, 2024 at the Marion County ISU Extension and Outreach building (210 N. Iowa St., Knoxville) from 1:00-4:00 p.m. We hope that you can come celebrate Earth Day with us as the ISU INSECT ZOO will be showcasing over 100 living arthropods - from beetles to roaches, tarantulas, and scorpions! Come get up close and personal! Come and meet BELLA, an amazing Redtailed Hawk (SOAR-Saving Our Avian Resources), Blue Gate Farm, Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, Storytime, Frankie's Regional Recycling Center, Plant Swap, Norwex and more! It will be awesome!

It's time for a walk in the woods! The spring ephemerals are beginning to show themselves. Pollination has already begun with the first blooming flowers, the Snow Trillium. Each day the woodland floor will be boasting

something new to see and something new for the early insects; Eastern bumblebee queens, carpenter bees, honeybees, flower flies, bee flies, butterflies and some moths will be feeding upon the newfound nectar of the snow trillium and will be feasting soon on more and more woodland blooms. Pollination begins while the nectar food supports the pollinators. The coloration, flight, and determination of these insects are very interesting watch. Butterflies that have already been spotted in the area include red admirals, painted ladies, American ladies, commas, and a few cabbage whites. Watch for mourning cloaks, question marks, black swallowtails, and the rarer finds of Henry's elfin butterflies. Henry's elfin butterflies are about the size of a thumbnail and can be found close to or on their host tree, wild red bud. The flight time is very early and short, normally beginning in mid-April. Here are a few of the woodland flowers to look for: hepatica, bloodroot, spring beauties, Dutchman's breeches, Virginia bluebells, toothwort, trout lily, violets, rue anemone, false rue anemone, and possibly many other early wildflowers not

Waterfowl are still coming in and resting prior to moving northward. Don't forget that they are in their most grand attire for mating season. Many of the species we are seeing now are Lesser and Greater scaup, Northern shovelers, mallards, bluewinged teal, green-winged teal, common mergansers, and wood ducks. Many of the wood ducks have just arrived and will be locating their nesting trees. Always surprises during migration — could be some cool birds appear!

Large groups of adult American white pelicans are coming in to the Red Rock area to feed and rest a bit before moving on to their northern breeding grounds. Such a wonderful sight to see one of the largest North American birds right here in our neck of the woods. Here is a little tidbit about the American White Pelicans... lineage suggests they are one of the oldest birds on earth. Fossil records show at least 30 million years. WOW!

Great blue herons began returning to their rookeries the last week of March. Bird migration continues... here are a few highlights. Yellow-rumped warblers will be followed by golden and ruby-crowned kinglets; fox, field, song, Harris', swamp, whitecrowned, and chipping sparrows (just a partial list), Common grackles, cowbirds, rusty blackbirds, yellow-headed blackbirds, red-headed woodpeckers, yellow-bellied sapsuckers, brown thrashers, vireos, gnatcatchers, flycatchers, will be migrating to their summer breeding territory. Purple martins, cliff swallows, tree swallows, and barn swallows will also be returning. Some counties have already noted the return of some purple martins.

The end of April and beginning of May will be time for our most colorful "jungle birds," to return – the scarlet tanager, summer tanager, orchard and Baltimore orioles, grosbeaks, and indigo buntings just to name a few.

Common pond turtles, painted and snapping, will be out sunning on logs in our local ponds and wetlands. Turtles will be moving a lot this time of year from pond to pond and newly hatched painted turtles may be seen.

The chorus frogs will continue their musical calls, as well as, spring peepers, leopard frogs, cricket frogs, bullfrogs, and the American toad. It will be time for lots of egg laying.

Snakes and other reptiles will continue to be out warming with the sun and

looking for a meal.

Migration of the common green darner occurs in April. I, personally, can't wait for our real-life damsels and dragons. With the drought, it has been challenging to see and experience.

If you are assisting the monarch populations, April is the time to plant milkweeds.

The Serviceberry trees have just begun blooming around the edges of Lake Red Rock.

Happy earth walking... Marla Mertz



Young Great-horned owls are growing up.

### TAKE A DAY TRIP TO HUMESTON, IONA!

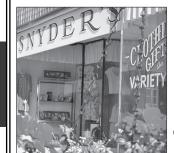
Hop in the car and enjoy a quick road trip down to Humeston, IA (45 miles southwest of Knoxville) for a little shopping and some lunch. Be sure you tell them the Marion County Messenger sent you!

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### 100+ Men Red Rock donated \$4,025 to Marion County Humane Society

The funds will be used to help pay veterinary bills.

About Marion County **Humane Society** 

Marion County Humane Society (MCHS) is a nokill shelter that serves as an animal advocate and provides caring. compassionate support to the animals and their families in Marion County and beyond. Its mission is to humanely care for homeless pets, return them to their current owners, or adopt them to new loving homes. www.marioncountvhumane.org

www.facebook.com/marioncountyhumanesociety

### About 100+ Men Red Rock

We are a group of men committed to giving back to the Lake Red Rock area by financially supporting the charitable organizations that serve the Red Rock region. We hold quarterly meetings

to support local causes using a simple model:

100+ participating men x \$100 contribution = \$10,000+ to local charities in the Red Rock region.

Since our founding in 2015, we have been proud to give \$274,000+ back to Red Rock organizations.

next quarterly Our meeting will be held at Nederlanders in Pella at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7. https://100menredrock.com/

Pictured at left, from left to right: Marion County Humane Society Managers Kylie Keith and Leslie VanderLinden accept a check from 100+ Men Red Rock Leadership Team members Chris Dana and Kevin Stittsworth.

# Let's Celebrate EARTH

Meet Bella the Red-Tailed Hawk at 2:00p.m. with SOAR

Feather Sketching to follow.

Join ISU to learn about some vital members of our ecosystem!



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### **Knoxville Community Foundation** granting season is open

We would like to thank all who have donated to the Knoxville Community Foundation and remind everyone that our 100 for 100 campaign is ongoing. If you would like to make a donation to the foundation, please go to www. knoxvilleheritage.org mail donations to Knoxville Community Foundation, PO Box 226, Knoxville, Iowa 50138. All donations go back into our community through our annual project granting campaign and scholarships for Knoxville High School seniors.

The Knoxville Community Foundation's 2024 granting season is open! The foundation will be accepting applications for project support from now until April 15. Grant applications be found online at www. knoxvilleheritage.org or at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce office at 107 E Main Street in Downtown Knoxville. Applicants should be a qualifying nonprofit organization with a goal of improving the Knoxville community. Projects we have helped fund in the past:

- Knoxville Public Library Expansion
- Grand Theater Renovation Reopening
- Knoxville Hospital & Clinics Expansion and equipment purchases
- Stepping Stones Early Learning Center
- Ken Locke Stadium Restoration

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### ring brings construction season

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Utility companies have already began their work on relocation of utility infrastructure and will

through first part of April. This project not only includes the replacement of the streets, but also the aging

infrastructure below surface. The areas within the immediate square will continue with the overall streetscape design.

### **Habitat for Humanity of Marion County** accepting applications until May 3

Habitat for Humanity of Marion County is breaking ground on three new houses this summer and is seeking potential homebuyers. Applications are open until May 3rd, 2024.

Habitat for Humanity has a vision where every person has a safe, affordable home to live in. The local nonprofit has built dozens homes in Marion County and provided lowinterest mortgages, so they are affordable to low- to moderate-income families.

Individuals and families with a household income of 50% to 80% of the median household income are encouraged to apply, between roughly \$35,000 and \$60,000, depending on family size.

"We're wrapping up three houses in May and June and moving right into breaking ground on homes in Knoxville, Melcher-Dallas and Bussey," said Amy Meyer, Habitat Executive Director. "If you're in interested at all in purchasing these affordable homes, I'd recommend reaching out to see if you qualify.

Meyer says there is also funding for critical home repair, which can help provide a new roof, furnace or other critical need to owner-occupied homes in Marion County.

for both Applications the new homes as well as critical home repair can be found online at www. hfhmci.org, picked up at the Habitat for Humanity office at 2004 Hempstead Drive in Pella, or emailed or mailed, if needed. If you have questions, please contact the Habitat for Humanity office at 641-828-8844.

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Applications can be picked up at Habitat for Humanity of Marion County's office at **2004 Hempstead in Pella** or online at **hfhmci.org**.

Questions? Give us a call at 641.828.8844 or email Amy Meyer at director@marionhfh.org.

### SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024!



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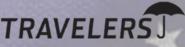


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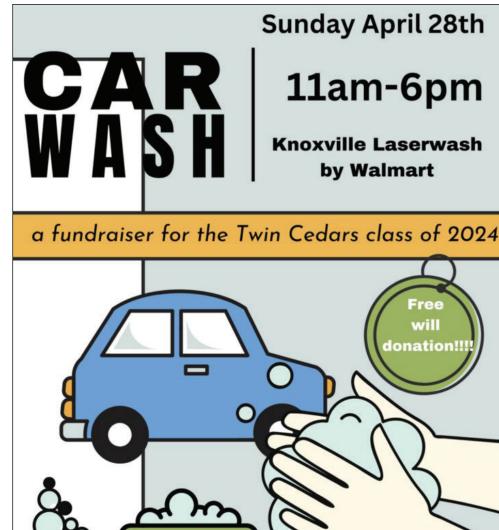


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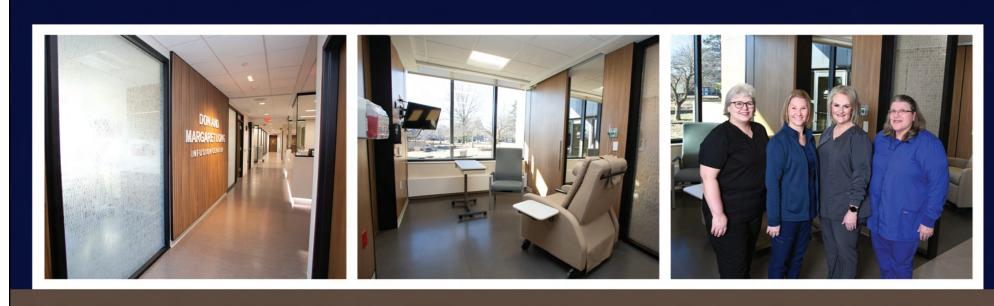
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# Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12

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1914

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No. 2

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# Construction To Begin on Knoxville Hospital & Clinics' Emergency Department Expansion & Renovation

Knoxville Hospital & Clinics (KHC) has begun the second phase of the \$21 million expansion project to its facility with the expansion and renovation to the Emergency Department (ED). The first phase was completed in February with the opening of the Don & Margaret Long Infusion Center and Weiler Foundation Specialty Clinics.

The ED expansion and renovation will include construction of a new waiting/reception area, two trauma bays, three private treatment rooms, two mental health rooms, workspace for staff, and additional storage for equipment and supplies. The work will be done in phases with the first phase beginning the week of March 18. During this phase, the main ED entrance will close. A temporary emergency entrance will be located in the ambulance garage through mid-July. Exterior signage will direct patients to the new temporary ED entrance.

According to CEO Kevin Kincaid, KHC continues to see increased demand for its services, and the expansion will create a facility that matches the caliber of the hospital's staff.

"We know that continuing to grow as a community, we need a first-class health care facility to keep our positive momentum going forward," said Kincaid. "We already have the best doctors, nurses, and staff a hospital could ever ask for. This is a great opportunity for us to elevate our physical spaces to continue our quest to be the best place to work in health care as well as the best place to receive services.'

Patients and visitors are encouraged to follow the hospital's Facebook and Instagram pages (@knoxvillehospital) for updates about the construction.

Knoxville Hospital & Clinics is a non-profit community hospital serving Marion County and the surrounding area. Named a "Top 100 Critical Access Hospital", KHC's highly skilled medical staff and specialists provide personal, compassionate, and innovative quality health care to patients. For more information regarding this release and other happenings at Knoxville Hospital & Clinics, call Public Relations at (641) 842-1418.

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# Crisis Canine Graduates A special congratulations to the Knoxville Fire Department's Deputy Chief Bacus and

A special congratulations to the Knoxville Fire Department's Deputy Chief Bacus and Crisis Response K9 Max for their graduation from the 2024 Crisis Canines Academy. They are pictured above with some of their fellow KPD counterparts that participated in a drill for the academy.



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# KNOXVILLE SENIOR CENTER CONGREGATE MEALS MENU

	Ap	ril 202	24	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		10	11	12
		Seasoned Pork Loin	Swiss Mushroom Steak	Santa Fe Chicken Salad Roll U
		Fried Potatoes with Onion	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Garden Salad
		Brussel sprouts	Peas	Mandarin Oranges
		Banana	Strawberries	Berry Crisp
		Apple Crumb Dessert	Pound Cake	
15	16	17	18	19
Baked Fish Sandwich	Omelet	Rigatoni and Meat Sauce	Meatloaf	Chef Salad w/ Ham, Turkey,
Baked Beans	Hashbrowns	Lettuce Salad	Mashed Potatoes	Cheese & Tomatoes
Coleslaw	Grilled Spinach and Tomatoes	Garlic Breadstick	Broccoli	Assorted Crackers
Fruit Cocktail	Blueberries	Spiced Pears	Strawberries	Craisins
	Cinnamon Roll			Rice Krispie Bar
22	23	24	25	26
Stuffed Green Pepper Casserole	Chicken Tetrazzini	BBQ Beef Brisket	Lemon Pepper Fish	Chicken Salad on Lettuce
Coleslaw	Parslied Cauliflower	Sweet Potato Fries	Fried Potatoes with Onion	Pea Salad
Apricots	Peaches	Lettuce Salad	Succotash	Cherry Tomatoes
Pear Crumble	Minute Fruit Salad	Pineapple	Wheat Dinner Roll	Plums
		Applesauce Bar	Mixed Fruit Cup	Cookie
29	30			
Turkey Burger	Cornflake Baked Chicken	Knoxville Senior Center	Reservations Required by	
Lettuce & Tomato Sliced	Cheddar Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes	308 E Montgomery St	10 a.m. the day prior.	
Broccoli Salad	Roasted Capri Blend Vegetables	Knoxville, IA 50138	Contact Martha Dykstra	
Orange	Tropical Fruit	641-842-6070	Site Coordinator for	Hellaui LaBen Mikeun
Pudding	·		reservations, information	Stephanie Labenz MS,RD,LD
**Milk offered with all meal	s. All meals meet 1/3 of the Re	Menu Subject to Change ecommended Dietary Allowan	or with questions. ces (RDA) for older adults.	

### Red Rock Area recognizes 2024 Top 10 under 40 recipients

The Marion County Economic Development Commission announced the Red Rock Area Top 10 Under 40 recipients for 2023.

The awards recognize young professionals in the county for their contributions and individuals were nominated by other community members. This year's recipients include:

Kyle Anderson – Owner/ President of AMC Mechanical Group

Trenton Bacus – Knoxville Fire Department Deputy Chief

Joe Boots – Elite Specialist Golden Harvest GHX Cole Janssen – Owner of Janssen Fabrication

Amy Meyer – Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Marion County Robert Poppe – Vice President of Agricultural Loan Officer for Marion County Bank

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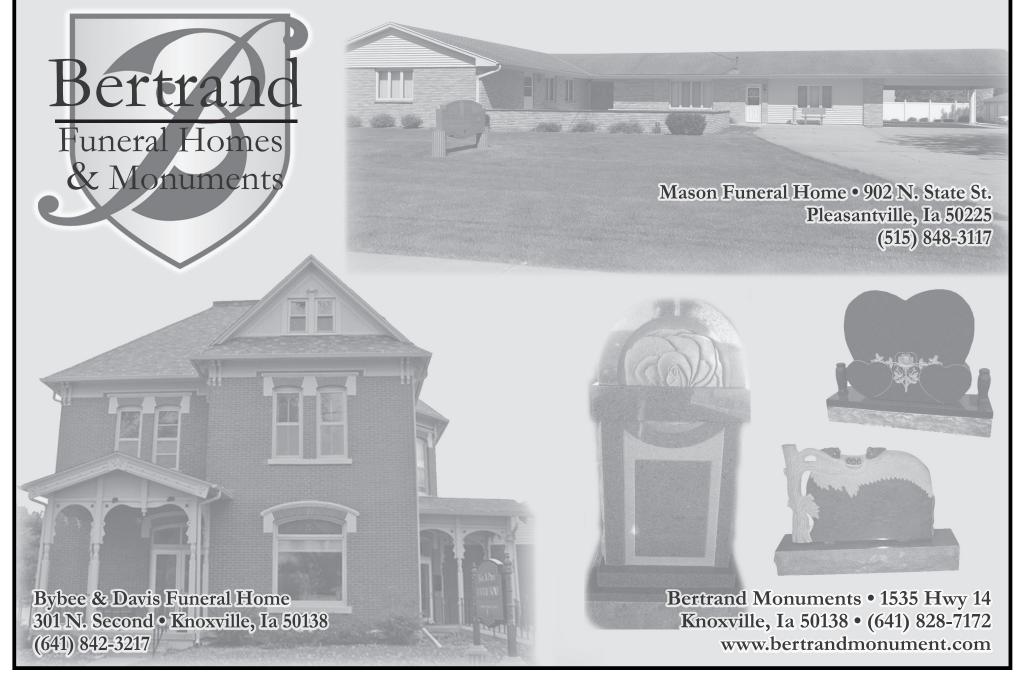
Sarah Treft – Activities Assistant at Pella Community Schools

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### **Marion County Bank Announces Dylan Morse** as Regional Vice President



Dylan Morse

Marion County Bank is excited to announce the appointment of Dylan Morse as Regional Vice President. This position will cover Knoxville and surrounding area. Morse brings a wealth of experience and dedication to this role, and with his deep ties to the community, will ensure the continuity of our commitment to serve others and build community Morse has been an integral part of Marion County Bank for the past decade, demonstrating a commitment and passion for our customers and community. A native of the Knoxville community, Morse has played a crucial role in fostering meaningful connections through his involvement as a member of the Knoxville City Council, Knoxville Community Foundation, Hospital & Knoxville Clinics Foundation Board, Knoxville Community School District's School Improvement Advisory Committee, Grand Theater Foundation, the Knoxville Development Economic Corporation, and contributing to the bank's success as a Commercial

Loan Officer. According Zantingh, Executive Vice President and COO, "Dylan has consistently showcased community leadership with a deep understanding of our community's needs during his time with Marion County Bank. His proven track record and commitment to our values make him the perfect choice for this position."

In his new role, Morse will take charge of maintaining

and enhancing Marion County Bank's image within Knoxville and the surrounding area. He will actively lead branch-related activities, community networking, and engage in business development to generate new opportunities for loans, deposits, and related While this business. new role is effective immediately, Morse will continue serving the bank's customers as a full-time commercial loan officer.

Reflecting on his new position, Morse expressed, 'I am thankful for the confidence that Marion County Bank has placed in me as I take on this new role. Marion County Bank, and before that Iowa State Savings Bank, has been my professional home for the past decade, but this community has always been my home. Together with our dedicated team, I look forward to strengthening our community ties and driving the continued success of Marion County Bank."

As Morse assumes his added responsibilities, Zantingh added, "We have full confidence in Dylan's ability to lead in this area with dedication and integrity. His local insights and extensive experience within our institution uniquely position him to drive our mission of providing exceptional financial services while building community."

Marion County Bank extends its congratulations Morse and looks forward to deepening their connection to Knoxville and area communities as they continue to deliver on their promise to "serve others and build community.

Marion County Bank is a premier full-service institution financial dedicated to providing personalized banking solutions and exceptional individuals, service to families, and businesses. With a strong commitment to community involvement and support, Marion County Bank strives to make a meaningful difference in the lives of its customers and the communities it serves.

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Libraries give us a green light to experience something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue our passions through book clubs, story times, movie nights, crafting classes, and more. The Knoxville Public Library offers a wide array of programs, classes and resources for all ages.

Libraries play a pivotal role in economic development by providing resources and support for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses. Brainfuse helps patrons prepare for interviews or assist with career searching, while Homework help is available for all grades through college.

No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, raising a family, or settling into retirement - the Knoxville Public Library offers the resources you need in an inclusive community where you feel welcome.

So, get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with others this National Library Week. The Knoxville Public Library is there for you, all the way to the finish line.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

For more information, visit the library's website at www.knoxville.lib.ia.us.

The Friends of the Library will have a book sale April 11 – 13 where customers set their own price. Items will be sold by the bag on Saturday. All proceeds benefit the FOTL organization and the library.



April 7-13, 2024



Pictured: Members of 100+ Men Red Rock Leadership Team present a check for \$10,000 to Clay Township Fire and Rescue.

# 100+ Men Red Rock donates \$10,000 to Clay Township Fire and Rescue

100+ Men Red Rock donated \$10,000 to Clay Township Fire and Rescue, one of the organization's 2024 first quarter recipients.

The funds will be used toward their fundraiser to purchase new SCBAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses) that firefighters use when entering a fire scene.

### About Clay Township Fire and Rescue

Clay Township Fire and Rescue (CTFR) is a nonprofit organization of 15 volunteer emergency responders that serves Clay Township, as well as is on call to support Marion and Mahaska Counties. CTFR responds to an average of 16 fire calls and 50 EMS calls per year.

https://www.facebook.com/p/Clay-Township-Fire-Rescue-Tracy-Io-wa-100064927410904/

### About 100+ Men Red Rock

We are a group of men committed to giving back to the Lake Red Rock area by financially supporting the charitable organizations that serve the Red Rock region. We hold quarterly meetings to support local causes using a simple model:

100+ participating men x \$100 contribution = \$10,000+ to local charities in the Red Rock region.

Since our founding in 2015, we have been proud to give \$274,000+ back to Red Rock organizations.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held at Nederlanders in Pella at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7. https://100menredrock.com/

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