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EVENTS CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, JUNE 21

**Oelwein Farmers Market**, 8 - 11 a.m., First St. and First Ave. SW parking lot by Log Cabin Park.

**Friday Night Park'n**, 6-10 p.m., downtown Oelwein. North Frederick Avenue. No trophies at Friday Park'n — simply music and prizes. Questions, contact Odd Rods President Paul Ganske, 319-238-0707. (July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20)

**Hootenanny**, 6 to 9 p.m., Oelwein Coliseum. Live music, fellowship and dancing. Guest musicians are always welcome. Free will donation.

**Sacred Heart Garage Sale**, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sacred Heart Gym, 602 First Ave. SW. (June 17-21)

**Oelwein Senior Center menu - goulash**, veggie, fruit salad, WW bread

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

**Quilt of Valor presentation**, 10 a.m., Oelwein American Legion Post 9. Honorees are Mark and Maggie March, both US Navy veterans, also Bob Newton, Doug Fauser and Terry Hull.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

**Oelwein Heritage Museum open**, 900 Second Ave. SE, 1-4 p.m. Otherwise by appointment by calling 319-283-2135. Train and loom demos on some Sundays. Free-will donation.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

**Oelwein Farmers Market**, 8 - 11 a.m. First St. and First Ave. SW parking lot by Log Cabin Park.

**Oelwein Senior Center menu - sloppy joe**, WW bun, veggie pasta salad, fruit

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

**West Central Senior Citizens 500 Cards**, 1 p.m. Maynard Community Hall. Open to all area seniors.

**Prevent Relapse 12 Step Program**, 6:30 p.m. Evangelical Free Church, 225 20th St. SE, Oelwein, 319-240-9135)

**Animal Encounters - Skunk**, 9:30 a.m. Fontana Park - Buchanan County Conservation Board, 1883 125th St. Hazleton. Learn about the animals of the Fontana Park Wildlife Display from a naturalist. No registration required. Program lasts from 15-30 minutes.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

**Oelwein Senior Center menu - shredded pork hotdish**, fruit, veggie, WW bread

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

**Oelwein Grief Support Group meets at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Oelwein Pizza Ranch.**

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

**Oelwein Farmers Market**, 8 - 11 a.m. First St. and First Ave. SW parking lot by Log Cabin Park.

**Hootenanny**, 6 to 9 p.m. Oelwein Coliseum. Live music, fellowship and dancing. Guest musicians are always welcome. Free will donation.

**Oelwein Senior Center menu - tuna hotdish**, fruit, veggie, WW dinner roll

**Maynard Days**,

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

**Oelwein Odd Rods 22nd Annual Car Show**, Registration 9 a.m. to noon, fee applies. Participant votes due by 1 p.m.

Trophies, 3:15 p.m. Oelwein City Park, on South Frederick Avenue north of Hwy 281. Dash plaques for first 100 Cars, 26 classes, 78 class trophies, six special trophies, food and drink available. Questions, contact Odd Rods President Paul Ganske, 319-238-0707.

By JAKE BLITSCH  
Columnist



There was an article in the CR Gazette a couple weeks ago about a former Iowa Hawkeye and professional football player who was selected as head football coach for Liberty High school in North Liberty. Of course, the article reported a litany of accomplishments in the past of this new coach and

why, with all the national notoriety, he chose to stay in Iowa. In almost a sub-text to the story it mentioned “his wife was from Oelwein” but not her name.

Congratulations to former NFL tight end Scott Chandler for being named head coach and kudos for all his achievements. They say behind every successful man is a successful woman. But others say, “A man’s success has a lot to do with the kind of woman he chooses to have in his life.” We’d like to think Mr. Chandler chose wisely. As a protective father of three daughters, I sometimes worried about my girls being marginalized.

Enter into this picture Alissa Bulman, OHS class of 2001, daughter of Doug and Lee Ann Bulman. Alissa, Mrs. Scott Chandler, was by his side for a couple years at the University of Iowa and all of his years in pro football and is mother of their four children. Alissa also earned a degree at Iowa and was an excellent student while in the Oelwein School system as was her twin sister April. Both received several scholarships upon graduation.

I’m sure the Chandler family had a hectic lifestyle for the nine years Scott was in the NFL and I can only imagine the daily stress Alissa went through on the home front. And although she’s not a head coach it’s possible that job could be easier. Congratulations Alissa, for your stellar teamwork and support that the Gazette failed to include in their recent Chandler story.

Fairbank, our wonderful neighbor to the west, will be celebrating their Island Days

Around Town



The Chandlers, from left, Vayda, Alissa, Scott, Ivy, (center) Lyla, and Townes.

this weekend. Music Saturday from noon to midnight, food vendors and by the time this column is printed your Queen will be crowned and on her first step to the Miss America competition. Lots of games, carnival rides, and pedal pulls for the kids. A car and tractor display for everyone’s enjoyment. Don’t miss the vendor fair at Brainard Hollow next to the library. And what would a town celebration be without fireworks at dark?

A big thank you to the Fayette County Quilts of Valor group for presenting several of their handmade quilts to local veterans this month. These blankets of comfort are a real labor of love by the presenters and much appreciated by those who receive them and their families.

Evangelical Free Church of Oelwein is hosting a special meeting with Lisa Friesen, the director of Charles City’s Hope Family Resource Center (HFRC), to see if there is interest in this area to open an extension of office locally. The meeting will start a 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25, at the church location at 225 20th St SE, next to Veterans Sports Complex. Friesen wants to share information about free resources

that they may have to help build healthy families.

This is from the HFRC website. “We are committed to providing evidence-based information, cost-free services, and practical support to women and families experiencing an unexpected or unsupported pregnancy. No matter what circumstances bring women through our doors, we are here to empower, support, and equip them to live their best lives.”

There is construction activity again at the newly proposed Zio Johnno’s on East Charles. In a conversation with the contractor, he told me they are getting ready to put on siding, signage, a drive-up window and placement of interior furniture and kitchen equipment. No opening date has been announced but it’s good to see movement at that location.

In 1984, Zio Johnno’s opened its first restaurant in

Cedar Rapids, launching a new concept of providing homemade fresh Italian dishes at affordable prices. This concept only works by using the highest quality ingredients to capture the authentic Italian taste.

Cedar Valley Honor flights of Waterloo is looking for veterans who have not been on an honor flight to apply for the next flight. This would include WWII, Korean, Cold War and Vietnam veterans. You can Google Waterloo Honor Flight and navigate clumsily through their website like I did, or you can contact me, and I will get you an application for the flight. It appears they will not have a flight until this fall. Email me; jakpeg@msn.com

You know when you buy a bag of salad, and it gets all brown and soggy? Cookies don’t do that.

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Just a thought...  
Pastor Josh

From the Pastor’s Desk

Good news during hard times

By JOSH SCHUNK  
Zion Lutheran Church

Friends in the Community,

Greetings to each and every one of you from God our loving Heavenly Father and our living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that this article finds all of you well now that we have experienced our first taste of Iowa summer heat and humidity!

In the last few weeks, many people in our communities have been called home to take their places among the saints in light. I know that I have been doing many funerals, and I have seen many obituaries in the newspaper. Just a few days ago, I was in a

conversation with someone. We began talking about funerals, and she pointed out the fact that we have had many of them in the last month. She felt like she had been spending more time at funeral homes than taking part in many other activities.

When this many deaths take place in a community in a short period of time, we can become overwhelmed by the amount of grief we are facing. This grief is experienced alone, and it is also experienced as a community. Grief can be a painful experience. It is difficult to lose people that we know and love. It does get a little harder for us to go to one more funeral visitation or one more funeral service.

Life after a death is also hard. It is not easy to go to the post office or to church and not see the people who were just there with us a few short days ago. We miss seeing their faces and hearing their stories. We

miss how they knew how to do or say just the right things at just the right times.

Even though these deaths are hard to endure, we need to continue living our lives after we have lost the people we know and love. How do we do it? First of all, we persevere through these losses by surrounding ourselves with other people who can give us a shoulder to cry on or a kind word of sympathy or empathy. When we are around other people, we can draw strength from their presence in our lives.

Another way that we persevere through this amount of loss is by remembering the promise we have been given by God that death is not the end for God’s children. We know there is something bigger and better than we could ever imagine waiting for us when our lives come to an end in this world. This promise has

been given to us by Jesus himself in John chapter 14 where he tells us about the house that is being prepared for all of God’s children. Our route to this very special place has been assured to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. When Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, he opened the way to eternal life.

When we trust in this promise, we can persevere through these losses because we know we will see the people we love once again. This will happen when we close our eyes to this world and join them in the presence of Jesus.

My prayer for all of us is that we would be there for one another during these difficult times and that all of us would trust in the promise of eternal life with Jesus.