

City of Diagonal  
Special Session Minutes

April 15, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

**COMMUNITY BUILDING**  
Mayor Elliott called the special session to order at 7 p.m.  
Roll Call was taken with the following members present: O’Kelley, Parrott, Norris, and Ruby. Bentley was absent.  
**APPROVAL OF AGEN-DA-Ruby** motions to approve the agenda, second by O’Kelley. Vote 4-0, in favor. Motion carries.  
Bentley arrives at 7:02 p.m.  
**PUBIC HEARING CORREC-TION**-Ruby made a motion to correct the FY25 budget public hearing date that was set at the April 8th council meeting from

May 15th to a new date of April 29th at 7:30 in the Diagonal Community Building, in order to meet the state deadline of April 30th. Second was made by Parrott. Vote 5-0, in favor. Motion carries.  
**ADOURNMENT**-There being no further business, O’Kelley motions to adjourn the special session at 7:06 p.m., second is made by Ruby. Vote 5-0, in favor. Motion carries.  
LESTER ELLIOTT Mayor  
JULIE MALCOM City Clerk

Ringgold County Board  
of Supervisors Minutes

April 15, 2024

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, April 22, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. with the following members present: Colby Holmes, Steve Knapp. Absent: Randy Taylor.  
A motion was made by Holmes, second by Knapp to approve the agenda.  
AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None.  
Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to discuss secondary roads updates. The sign truck was out working to repair downed, damaged, and/or deteriorated signs.  
Spot rock was hauled to the southeast, south central and southwest maintainer districts.  
The total patcher was out working to repair roadway pot-holes.  
A Buckingham truck was loaded with scrap steel from the yard for disposal.  
**Work order update:** W.O. 1208: Roadway patching on J23 between Clearfield and Diagonal. The crew worked on preparing materials and equipment for the project. Started to saw cut the pavement on Friday in advance for removals to begin on Monday. (In Progress).  
W.O. 1201: Clear brush and re-shape roadside for approximately 0.5 miles. Located along 280th Ave between 310th and 320th Streets. (Complete).  
W.O. 1202: Clear brush and re-shape roadside for approximately 0.5 miles. Located along 310th Street and P64, north and west from the 310th Street and P64 intersection. (In Progress).  
The Redding Weir project has been sent to finance for issuance of final payment. This project is now considered closed out.  
The department is working on pre-audit/closeout documentation for the J55 paving project. The department has requested some missing material certification information from the contractor.  
The department is working to obtain consultant proposals

for a Phase I Archaeological Survey for the P27 South project.  
Johnson presented the Board with one bid received for mowing over the next two years. The bid received was from Ron Ruby in the amount of \$420 per time. The Board moved forward with approval.  
Auditor Waske presented the Board with a proposed FY24 budget amendment. Auditor Waske explained the various line items to be amended: HF718 mailing, court appointed attorney fees, Public Health Endowment expenses, medical examiner fees, IT Director expenses, mental health region reimbursement and ARPA projects. Roughly 75% of the proposed increase in expenditures are offset by outside funding sources. The Board moved forward with setting the public hearing for Monday, May 6 at 10 a.m.  
**RESOLUTION RC24-71**  
WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to set the public hearing on the first FY24 budget amendment for May 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and move forward with publishing.  
THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Steve Knapp stating such.  
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.  
ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 22, 2024.  
A motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Knapp to approve the minutes. Motion carried.  
There was no further business. A motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m.  
STEVE KNAPP Board of Supervisors  
ATTEST: AMANDA WASKE Ringgold County Auditor

Public Notice of  
Storm Water Discharge

Ringgold County plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under an NPDES General Permit  
General Permit No. 2 - Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities.  
The storm water discharge will be from Sidewalk/Trail construction located in NE1/4, Section 6, T69N, R31W, Ringgold County, Iowa .  
Storm water will be discharged from 1 point source(s) and will be discharged to the

following streams: small unnamed stream & West Fork Grand River.  
Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 E 9th St, Des Moines IA , 50319.  
The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p. m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.  
JARED JOHNSON County Engineer

Two May blood drives

As May approaches, the American Red Cross reminds eligible donors to keep the blood supply stable by racing to give blood or platelets in the weeks to come.  
Donors of all blood types – especially type O and those giving platelets – are crucial to keeping shelves fully stocked.  
Blood drives will be held on Monday, May 13 from 1:15 - 6 p.m.

and on Tuesday, May 14 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., at First Christian Church in Mount Ayr.  
Book a time to give lifesaving blood or platelets by calling 1-800-RED CROSS, visiting Red-CrossBlood.org, or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Diagonal Community School District  
Open Sites

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Diagonal Comm.School  
403 W. 2nd St.  
Monday – Friday  
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Starting May 28 and Ending August 2nd.

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Lunch 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

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Drug take back day  
set for Saturday

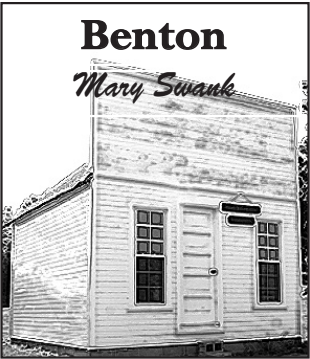
National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 27, and the Iowa Department of Public Safety’s Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) encourages Iowans to clean out their medicine cabinets and safely dispose of unused and unneeded medications.  
Local law enforcement agencies and pharmacies are teaming up to collect leftover prescription and over-the-counter drugs for this special one-day event held each spring and fall.  
Unused drugs may be turned in on Saturday at the Ringgold County Sheriff’s Office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
National Prescription

Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs while educating the public about the potential for dangerous misuse of opioid pain relievers and other drugs.  
For Iowa Take Back details, including education information and collection sites, visit: <https://odcp.iowa.gov/programs/prescription-drug-take-backs>.  
Iowans needing help for drug using behaviors or mental health concerns can go to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Service’s YourLifeIowa.org.

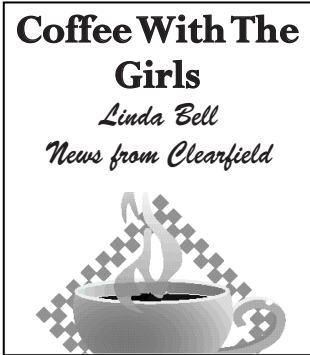
Choose Iowa grant

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beverages, and ag products to enjoy and these Choose Iowa Value-Added Grants will help Iowa farmers, small businesses, and non-profits build that supply,” said Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig. “We are so pleased to provide these Choose Iowa cost-share investments because they will enhance the availability of Iowa products while creating positive economic activity in communities, big and small, across our state.”  
Individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations that are currently living or operating in Iowa were eligible to apply and preference was given to small to medium-sized entities.  
The grant program remains highly competitive, given that requests far exceed the available funding of \$463,000.  
This year, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship received 63 eligible grant requests totaling \$1,130,139.00. Learn more at [iowaagriculture.gov](http://iowaagriculture.gov).

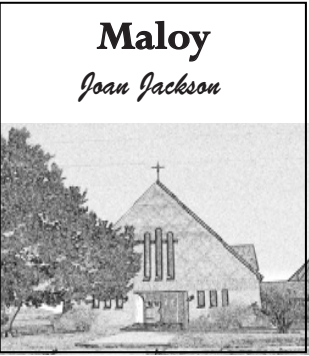


Well, the tulips are about gone. Hopefully. The bluebells are in bloom.  
A visitor Friday of Ann Baker was Cathy Kilgore.  
Saturday night, Mike Gepner, Mary Kathryn Gepner and Michael, Johnnie and Letty Camacho went to the show Godzilla X Kong at the Princess Theatre in Mt. Ayr.  
Visitors during the week of Mary and Junior Swank were Mike Swank and Richard Swank.  
Sunday, Mary Kathryn Gepner went to church at the Mt. Ayr First United Methodist Church.



We had a crowd in church this morning, it was Al Rusk’s first Sunday back with us. After the service, there was a potluck dinner with pulled pork sandwiches. Very good.  
The weather was good too, a breeze, not a strong wind like we have been having. And the sun was out, so it was nice. It’s been windy for several days this week, so I’ve got a bunch of limbs to pick up before I can mow. This will be the fourth time I have picked up twigs and branches from the back yard.  
The back room at church is filling up with garage sale stuff. It will be this

Saturday starting at 8 a.m. There will also be a bake sale and a lunch at 11:30 a.m. We will have it run all week and finish up the next Saturday at 11 a.m. Through the week you can call 641-344-9819 and I will open it up for you.  
Also, this week, Thursday the Lions are meeting. There is a lot of requests for our Shuttle Busses service. It takes a lot of planning and people to do everything.  
We had a new batch of girls at our coffee table Thursday morning. There was a Clearfield housing meeting, and they came up after their meeting. Carol Lee, Mary Baker, Priscilla England, and it was fun to visit with them.



Tyanna Jackson spent Saturday visiting with Wendell and Joan Jackson.  
Joan Jackson enjoyed lunch and shopping in Lamoni with friends on Thursday.  
On Thursday and Friday, Kathi Braby and her sisters took their mother, Joyce Haynes, to see the only living cousin from her dad’s relatives in Fulton, Missouri. They had not seen each other for 67 years. It was a great visit learning about some missing family history.  
Sunday, Craig and Kathi Braby took Lafe, Laura and Holden Dukes to lunch. Later Kathi and Holden did some shopping.  
Gwen Stewart spent Friday with Joyce Weehler.  
Anna Kate Maass celebrated her 1st birthday on Saturday with a party at her home this weekend. Several of her family and friends attended.

ICE CREAM FLAVORS

Monday----- Strawberry  
Tuesday----- Maple  
Wednesday - - Chocolate  
Thursday----- Lemon

Friday----- Raspberry  
Saturday----- Chocolate  
Sunday----- Chocolate

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