



Museum prepares to open

Many community-minded, young people made quick work of projects that needed to be done. This H.E.L.P. group picked up sticks, mulched flower beds, scraped old paint, and vacuumed floors on April 24. The South Housing Unit as well as the Diagonal Museum is noticeably spruced up now that their work is done.

We are especially appreciative of Amanda Malone, Joey Novak, Shae O’Kelley, Rebecca Hoffman, Wyatt Schlapia, Rylee Grace and Braycie Pierson with direction from Shelly Bentley. Watch for the flower pots on Broadway to be filled with summer colors soon.

Memorial Day weekend is coming right up. Here’s a reminder that Saturday, May 25 and Sunday the 26th, the museum will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. We invite you to stop by for ten minutes or two hours.



Congratulations to Jacob Novak from Diagonal for winning the 2024 Iowa Skills USA Post-Secondary Collision Repair Contest. Jacob will now represent SWCC and Iowa at the 2024 National Skills USA Collision Repair Conference/Competition in Atlanta, GA this June. Jacob will graduate this May with a diploma in Automotive Collision Repair.

Public Notice

MOWING NOTICE

The City of Diagonal has an ordinance addressing mowing and property maintenance. Under Chapter 147 of the City Code, any property vacated or non-vacated is required to be mowed any time the vegetation reaches a height of more than 12 inches by the 15th day of the month in May, June, July, August, September, and October of each year. Any property not mowed by the above dates may be mowed by the City or their agents, and a charge of \$75.00 per hour plus a surcharge of \$100.00 will be charged to the property owner. Any property owner who fail to mow their properties, thus allowing them to be mowed by the City, who do not provide payment for the mowing as required, will be assessed by the City for such costs, which will be collected in the same manner as general property taxes.

And on Earth
Rich Memories

For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that who ever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

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My View by Mr.T

It’s been a few weeks since I’ve written anything so back to it. Just heard our senior class was stranded in St. Louis for an extra night.

That reminds me of a senior trip we went on many years ago and got stranded. We sat on the plane for a long time due to storms and finally had to disembark as it was getting late. I guess in Washington D.C. Regan airport does not have planes land or takeoff past a certain time so as not to bother the President. Hmm, but true.

Anyway, we spent the night in the airport as the hassle and cost to transport all of us and book rooms for the night wasn’t hardly worth it.

In a situation like this you can do one of two things. We could all sit around all night and complain how unfair this was to us, or we could make the most out of it. We decided to make the most of it.

Imagine, having almost the run of the lower level of the airport. There were people cleaning and a security guard around, but that didn’t stop us. We decided to go bowling.

I don’t remember where we found a ball, but we used deodorant cans, shampoo bottles, and the like for our pins. That was a lot of fun, but eventually we got bored with it. Someone suggested human bowling. We had to try that also. That was a sight watching people get a running start and sliding down the walkway.

Laughs galore rang out. Remember, this was before cellphones were popular, so we had to do something.

Sleeping was not easy as none of the chairs could be used to lay on. They all had armrests that didn’t move so you had to sleep sitting up.

Some of us brave souls went so far as to sleep behind food places as many of them had soft(ish) rugs left on the floor. Rolled up clothes made good pillows. Sleep was limited, but you do what you can.

Luckily, we were all able to get on one plane to come home the next morning. Off we went to St. Louis also to change planes.

Guess what? Our plane had a mechanical issue so we were delayed leaving. I know the thought going through everyone’s mind was we can’t do this a second night. Luckily, they did repair whatever was wrong (duct tape fixes everything). We did make it home, finally!

The only problem coming home was me having to drive the bus. I got quite tired and finally told people you have to wake up and keep me awake. Pat and Shelly helped with that job, probably reluctantly. You know what, we made a lot of memories.

I’m betting those that were there reading this have a smile on their faces. A bad situation, but good memories. Moral of the story: Life is what you make it. We chose to make it fun.

The Church Lady

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- Hebrews 4:16

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Sunday, May 5 - Senior Sunday
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Leader: Sarah Gunsolley
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Usher: Zach and Jackson Gunsolley
CL: Lincoln and Elizabeth Gunsolley
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday, May 8
10 a.m. Prayer group at UCD
6:30 p.m. Bible Study on Wednesday evenings
Six-week bible study - Overcoming Anxiety with Peace April 24-May 29. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please sign up at the church or contact Cheryl Whittington at 641-414-3355 or Pastor Rodney Glazebrook at 641-414-7176 so we can order books. There is no cost for the study.

Community Calendar

NOTICE - If you would like your organization’s meeting dates to appear in the calendar, please contact us at 641-464-2440 or staff@mtayrnews.com.

Thursdays Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Mount Ayr Depot Museum. Thursday, May 2 Free Paddle Night, Liberty Lake Boat Ramp 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 3 Diagonal Prom 5 - 11:59 p.m. Saturday, May 4 K-5 Spring Fling from 5:30-7:00p.m.	Monday, May 6 Community Blood Drive from 1 - 6 p.m. at the Community Building 308 Broadway. Tuesday, May 7 Conservation Conversations, Dragoon Trace Nature Center 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 Diagonal Community Development Corporation 5-0-8-4-5 street party. Friday, May 10 Diagonal HS graduation from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
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May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those listed. This is a free column, and anyone can have family or friends listed.
- 1 Brayden Cook, Kyle Bredesky
 - 2 Monica Casteel
 - 3 Garrett Stephens, Vivienne Harris
 - 4 Jeremy Novak, Adam & Brandi Cole, Jerry & Barb Stephens, Rick Stull
 - 5 Aspen Egly, SuAnn Cook, Myrt Snyder, Cassidy Becker, Bob & Jacque Sobotka
 - 6 Doug & Melanie Ruby
 - 7 Becky Stamps
 - 8 Mike Goodale, Chad Schlapia, Alee Haisiak
 - 9 Travie Troutwine
 - 10 Trudy Holden, Adam Stephens, Lester Elliott
 - 11 Marlene Tull, Rachel Inloes, John Elliott, Jasmine Hansen
 - 12 Waylon Austin
 - 13 Brandi Goodale Cole, Paislee Dalton, Tara Richey
 - 14 Gabby Haley
 - 18 Megan Sobotka
 - 19 Heath Evans, Curt Johnston, Alice O’Kelley, Lillie Spurrier, Ron & Toni Schlapia
 - 20 Heidi Lumbard, Adam Allee, BayLee Stull
 - 21 Todd Tassell, Frank & Joan Gunsolley
 - 22 Payton Stephens
 - 23 Kira Egly
 - 24 Kendra Ruby Stover, Carter Mullock
 - 25 Bill Armstrong
 - 26 Terry Moffitt
 - 27 Dylan Pauli, Michell Ricker
 - 28 Katelyn Sobotka, Rachel Sobotka, Tatum Sobotka, Jerry & Vicki Carson
 - 29 EJ Allee, Julia Inloes
 - 31 Doug Newton, Mindy Schaefer, Benjamin Goodale

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