


Coffee With The Girls

Linda Bell

News from Clearfield



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in Clearfield; we had no damage except maybe we lost some shingles.

On Saturday the Methodist church garage sale had a good crowd and the dinner went good too. Saturday, May 4 will be the end from 8-10:30 a.m. Then we pack it up.

Closing with Proverbs 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction haughtiness before a fall.” Linda Bell

Hickory Grove

Vickie Jeanes



Rose James attended the dance recital at the Mount Ayr school auditorium to watch great granddaughter Joslyn Catanzaretti perform.

Walt and Bev McGinnis went to funeral services for Jeremiah Murphy at the BPC church on Saturday morning.

Monday, Rod, Stacey, Aleha and Jo Kaye Shields attended the Fine Arts program at the high school. Tuesday, Jo Kaye took in the track meet in Mt Ayr to watch great grandchildren. Rod, Stacey and Jo Kaye had lunch and entertainment by the Mt Ayr jazz band at the American Legion on Wednesday. Harper Whittington is a member of the jazz band. Wednesday evening, Joshua, Ella and Emerie Waske had supper with Jo Kaye and Cricket. Jake Dailey, Diane Wood, Brenda and Jeff Woody, Cricket and Josh Waske and Jo Kaye had supper together at Rumors on Thursday night. Jo Kaye spent Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday afternoon at the high school watching Emerie and Maggie Jo Waske in the dance recital.

Charlie Jeanes went to the high school Monday evening to watch grandchildren in the band as part of the Fine Arts program. Saturday morning, he attended funeral services for Jeremiah Murphy.


**Talking newspapers**

“Newspapers cannot be defined by the second word—paper. They’ve got to be defined by the first word—news.”

--Arthur Sulzberg, Jr.

Redding

Bobbi Bainum



Kent Blunck from Des Moines and Doug Poore visited with Gladys Jones on Wednesday. On Saturday Gladys called on Mary and Cindy Daniels and Carla Jo Davis at Clearview Home in Mount Ayr.

Jerry and Peggy Overholser, Jeannette and Rodger Todd went to Toot-Toot’s in Bethany for supper on Friday night.

Dan and Kathy Quick visited Berta Quick at the Estates on Sunday afternoon.


Ginny Quick visited Mary and Russell Smith in Kellerton on Tuesday. She also went to watch Calvin and Louden Main in a golf meet on Tuesday. On Wednesday she and Berta Quick went to watch Calvin Main play in the jazz band at the Legion building in Mount Ayr. She went to Calvin’s band concert at the school on Monday. Ginny went to Adel on Friday and attended Kaden Smith’s band concert. She was an overnight guest at Rebecca and Cliff Smith’s. Calvin and Louden Main were Saturday overnight guests at Ginny’s. Ginny visited with Berta Quick at the Estates on Monday and on Friday.

Congratulations to Nancy and John Dowd of Des Moines on the arrival of their first child, a baby boy named Carver Lee, on Wednesday. Rich Elmer and Diane Case are his local grandparents.

Cindy Snethen visited Linda Pickering at her home during the week and took Lil Rinehart to therapy at the hospital on Tuesday.

Preston Hayse and Bobbi Bainum went to the Tampico restaurant in Bedford for supper on Thursday. Bobbi took Lil Rinehart to her therapy session on Friday, and they had lunch at the Dari Sweet.

Mount Ayr Health Care Center



We hope our family and friends made it through the weekend storms without too much damage. We have some that have been reporting and we are so thankful there were no injuries.

We kicked off the week with Earth Day and some trivia questions. There were several facts we

learned. Phyllis Sickels joined us for Bingo after lunch. Winners for Monday and Thursday include Darlene Jay, Loren Winemiller, Shirley Davis, Irene Freeman, Carl Lilly, Jerry Trenkle, Margaret Hulse, and Margaret Swank. The blackout winners were Carl Lilly and Margaret Hulse.


We got moving with kickball Tuesday morning. Reminiscence filled our afternoon. Church for this week was led by Lorinda Hoover. Camille Jackson accompanied our singing on the piano. The Record News updated us on current and past events.

Hair and nail care left us feeling pampered. Thursday afternoon we read more in our Iowa Stories before Bingo.

The craft on Friday had us choosing the flowers we wanted to make our own baskets to hang on the doors. It’s the season for May flowers! Resident Council led to discussions about our garden space again. We are ready to be planting. Like everyone else, we were taking shelter on Friday evening. Not fun times, but necessary. We always feel fortunate when we have had to take cover, then just go back to normal activities.

With the week forecast, we hope our family and friends stay healthy, happy, and safe.

Senior Citizen Activity Center



I’m happy to see a sunny day after the terrible storms over the weekend. Many people received damage and loss, but we are so fortunate, there were no serious injuries or deaths in our area. We are so sorry the Tingley community has lost their building, as it was a cornerstone for gathering and community activities.

I want to thank Abby Elliott and the students that came to the Senior Center to help us on Service Day. Jalyn Akers and Cenadie Young painted our rails, washed all the windows inside and out, and cleaned out the storage closet. Izzy Gilbertson and Jaylee Shaffer painted the trim around our doors and windows.

We appreciated all their hard work!

I want to thank Lutrick Construction for the excavation and river rock to complete the end of our building. Jack and Sandy Main donated pavers and put them in place for our garbage can. Hopefully, if the city will use it, it will be much safer for us to not have to navigate an uneven and icy alleyway, in the winter, for garbage.

Last night was Snack & Game Night with a nice group attending. I heard lots of laughter and they had delicious snacks to share. Please join us on the 4th Sunday evening of the month, 5-9 p.m. for pitch. Next month it will be May 26, 2024.

Our bus trips to Mackinac Island are coming up in June. We are preparing to send out the itineraries and other information in the next couple of weeks. We still have a few spaces available for June 2-8, 2024, if you are interested. Call 641-344-9985. Our two buses to Cape Cod in October are currently full with a small waiting list. Invariably, cancellations happen, so if you’re interested give me a call.

We want to extend our sympathy to Eleisa Murphy on the recent death of her husband, Jere. Eleisa is our Board President, serves on the Steering Committee, and is a monthly hostess and Bingo caller.

Remember to stop in if you are looking for some nice people to socialize with, and enjoy Bingo, Pitch or Bridge. We will have our monthly Potluck on Tuesday, May 14.

**Housing help in Iowa available**

If someone is experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness in Iowa, [www.houseiowa.org](http://www.houseiowa.org) is a one-stop site for housing resources across the state of Iowa.

The website contains housing resources intended for low-income families and individuals who are seeking to maintain or acquire safe and affordable housing.

The Coordinated Entry system is also an option for assistance. The number is (833) 739-0065.

**Talking newspapers**

“A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself.”

--Arthur Miller

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BY BRENDA GROSE

Ringgold County Hospital’s Board of Trustees held a public hearing, Monday, April 22, for discussion on the budget for fiscal year July 2024 to June 2025.

With no public present for questions or comments the public hearing on the proposed budget was closed and the regular monthly meeting was opened.

Dr. Kate Wilcox started off the meeting with staff updates.

Denise Coleman has passed her emergency nurse certification and she is now certified for emergency medicine. Leah Nelson is scheduled to leave May 13 and her replacement Kassey Higdon, ARNP, will begin providing services May 7. Marcy Gregg has set her leaving date to the end of July (from previously announced September) and a replacement has been hired to start when Gregg leaves. This replacement will be named at a later date.

New to the staff on a temporary basis is Debbie Miner, filling the role of CFO and Megan Brown has been hired as an administrative assistant.

Rounding out the list of changes, Wilson added Courtney Hall, one of the PA’s providing ER medicine, will be resigning at the end of July.

Amy Mobley, CCO, shared the minutes from last month’s quality meeting and noted the annual Daisy Award ceremony will be held on May 8th. Nominations are still being accepted to honor one nurse, with the winner to be selected on Monday, May 6. The board of trustees is invited to attend the ceremony.

Sandra Christensen, Mercy Network liaison, began the financial report discussion with looking at the fiscal year 2024 budget.

She emphasized the importance of the “not to exceed number” set and outlined a summary of RCH debt obligation which includes all bonds and the requirement to maintain a 60 day base and a 1.25 debt service coverage percent.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
City of DIAGONAL				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				
The City of DIAGONAL will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/13/2024 07:45 PM		Contact: Julie Malcom		Phone: (641) 734-5491
Meeting Location: Diagonal Community Building				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <a href="https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals">https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals</a> .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	85,119	0	85,119
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	85,119	0	85,119
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	42,893	0	42,893
Licenses & Permits	7	600	0	600
Use of Money & Property	8	300	0	300
Intergovernmental	9	108,748	0	108,748
Charges for Service	10	201,000	0	201,000
Special Assessments	11	900	0	900
Miscellaneous	12	5,571	0	5,571
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	66,517	0	66,517
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	511,648	0	511,648
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	25,000	0	25,000
Public Works	17	167,236	90,000	257,236
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	7,500	0	7,500
Community and Economic Development	20	0	0	0
General Government	21	131,471	0	131,471
Debt Service	22	21,842	0	21,842
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	353,049	90,000	443,049
Business Type/Enterprise	25	173,600	20,000	193,600
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	526,649	110,000	636,649
Transfers Out	27	66,517	0	66,517
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	593,166	110,000	703,166
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-81,518	-110,000	-191,518
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	30	955,305	0	955,305
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024	31	873,787	-110,000	763,787
Explanation of Changes: Additional road maintenance by Manatts in the City, and also at Fogle Lake campground				