

OBITUARY

Lonnie L. Robbins

October 22, 1944 - June 22, 2025

Lonnie L. Robbins, 74, of Oelwein, Iowa, died Sunday, June 22, 2025, at his home. Private family services will be held. Inurnment: Illyria Church Cemetery, rural Elgin, Iowa. Jamison-Schmitz Funeral Home in Oelwein is assisting the family. Online obituary at www.jamisoneschmitzfuneralhome.com Lonnie Lee Robbins was born April 5, 1951, in Oelwein, the son of Howard Melvin and Vivian Priscilla (Kamoss) Robbins. He graduated from Star-mont High School in 1969. In November of 1982, Lon-nie was united in marriage to

Tracy Lynne Yearous and they were married for over 20 years. They later divorced but re-mained lifelong friends. Lonnie was employed for over 30 years with Fayette County Conserva-tion. He enjoyed trout fishing, motorcycles, gun shows and going out to eat. Lonnie is survived by sister-in-law: Teresa (Delbert) ODell of Fayette; brother-in-law: Kurt Yearous of Arlington; neph-ews and nieces: Darren, Trent, Nikole (Mark), Josh and Hay-lie; and great nephews: Way-lon, Brodie, Westin and Elliot. He was preceded in death by his parents; and former spouse: Tracy Robbins.

HELP WANTED

RSVP Volunteer Coordinator

The City of Decorah, IA (pop. 7,615) is hiring two full-time (40 hrs/week) RSVP Volunteer Coordinators for the Northeast Iowa Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. • One position is based in Decorah, serving Allamakee, How-ard, and Winneshiek Counties. • One is based in Elkader, serving Clayton and northern Fay-ette Counties. Ideal candidates are collaborative, community-minded, and passionate about volunteer service. Positions are grant-funded through March 2026, with continued employment dependent on federal funding. **Minimum requirements:** High school diploma or equivalent. Preferred experience: Working with nonprofits, volunteers, and older adults. **Required skills:** Social media, MailChimp, Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, and data entry. *Position subject to post-offer physical examination including drug testing, background check and motor vehicle records check.* For more information and a complete job description see www.decorahia.org or call 563-382-3717. Send application, resume, cover letter and a minimum of three professional references to: Kristin Torresdal, Director, Decorah Public Library, 202 Win-nebago St., Decorah IA 52101 or ktorresdal@decorahlibrary.org. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. First review begins June 30, 2025. \$18/hr and competitive ben-efit package. M/F Disabled and Veteran EEO/AA Employer.

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Starmont CSD

2025-2026 Vacancies

- Maintenance Director
- Athletic Director
- Wrestling Cheer Sponsor
- Boys Varsity Basketball Coach
- HS Assistant Football Coach
- HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- MS Girls Wrestling
- National Honor Society Sponsor
- Bus Driver(s) (will train)
- Sports/Activity Bus Drivers
- Bus Route Driver
- Substitute Special Ed Drivers
- Subs for all positions

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SCAN HERE to download an application!

Starmont Community School District

3202 40th Street, Arlington, Iowa 50606

Strawberry Point Public Library

By: Patty Lincoln, Library Director

Color Our World summer reading program has kicked into high gear with multiple weakly program, prizes, and fun for all ages! Adults are encouraged to stop in and put their name in for the weekly raffle! It's not too late to sign yourself or child up for this summer's program. June 30th there will be no summer reading program. Join us the following Wed. June 2nd for a Red, White, and Blue craft just in time for July 4th. Prize pickup for this week with be Thursday the 3rd of the following Monday. Don't forget to pickup your summer reading prizes! The library will be closed July 4th in celebration of the 4th of July. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday week-end from all of the staff here at the Strawberry Point Library. **New in Large Print:** *My Friends* by Fredrik Back-man: Four teenagers form a tight bond during one unforget-table summer on a seaside pier, bonding of secrets, laughter, and shared pain from difficult home lives. Their friendship in-spires a stunning painting that captures the essence of that mo-ment. Twenty-five years later, a young artist named Louisa, grieving and raised in foster care, inherits that very paint-ing. Determined to uncover its origins, she embarks on a cross- country journey that re-unites her with one of the origi-nal friends, leading her deep into the story behind the por-trait. The novel balances humor and heartbreak, pulling read-ings through cathartic tears and quiet joys. **Building Her Amish Dream** by Jo Ann Brown: A heart-warming inspirational romance about second chances and find-ing home where you least ex-pect it. Widow Ruth Helmuth returns to her Amish roots with her young daughter, hoping to rebuild her life. She crosses her paths with a friend from the past. As the work together to restore an old house, they must ach confront their past and open their hearts to the possibility of love, healing, and a future to-gether. **Never Flinch** by Stephen King: Never Flinch is a tense thriller starring Holly Bigney, who investigates a killer tar-geting “13 innocent and one guilty” in Buckeye City. As the murders mount, she is also pro-protecting a feminist speaker be-ing stalked by a violent fanatic. Two chilling cases collide in a suspenseful story about justice, trauma, and resilience. **New In Regular Print:** *The Let Them Theory: a life changing tool that millions of people can't stop talking about:* by Mel Robbins: A simple yet powerful mindset shift: if peo-ple want to go, let them. Instead of trying to control others or win their approval, Robbins encour-ages you to let people be who they are, do what they want and focus on your own peace and self-worth. It's about releasing the stress of overthinking and people-pleasing. This is the theory of choosing freedom and confidence instead. **Three Days In June** by Anne Tyler: Gail Baines, a so-cially awkward 61- year-old private school administrator in Baltimore, finds her life unrav-eling just before her daughter Debbie's wedding. She loses her job after being passed over for a promotion, is left out of a spa event hosted her MIL, and her whole living is seemingly spiraling. At that moment her ex-husband Max appears un-expectedly at her door, with a cat and no suit for the wed-ding. The couple, divorced over twenty years, must now navi-gate awkward reunions during the wedding rehearsals and ceremony. Tensions rise when Debbie learns a disturbing se-cret about her fiancé, dredging up Gail and Max's own past re-grets. We are currently looking for donations of old t-shirts or but-tons ups to be used to protect children's clothing while paint-ing. Also, in need of old sheet or comforter for outside to sit on. Thank you for all you help. *“My encouragement to you is to go tomorrow to the li-brary.”* - Maya Angelou

CCC Museum Open at Backbone State Park Civilian Conservation Corps Museum Friday, Saturday, Sunday 12 PM - 4 PM Located inside the West Gate entrance (Lamont) Lots to see and learn about the Park and Fish Hatchery

Thank You Family and friends, thank you for your presence at our anniversary celebration, also for your gifts and cards. Blessings to you. - Ev & Jean Blobaum

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025, PRESS-JOURNAL, STRAWBERRY POINT, IA

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Strawberry Point

Strawberry Point City Council

Regular Meeting June 18, 2025

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers within Strawberry Point City Hall. Mayor Evans presided Council members answering roll call were Yokiel, Becker, Mi-nard, Hansel, Gilson. Hansel moved to approve the agenda as presented. Minard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yokiel, Becker, Minard, Gilson. Nays: None. Motion passes PRESENTATIONS/GUESTS CONSENT AGENDA Minutes from June 4, 2025, City Council Meeting Pool Committee Minutes from June11,2025 Library Minutes from May 19,2025 Claims Resolution # 25-31 Approving a Class B retail alcohol license for Embers, LLC Resolution #25-36 Approving a Retail Tobacco license for Casey's Marketing Company Resolution #25-37 Approving a Retail Tobacco license for Dolgencorp, LLC Gilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Yokiel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Becker, Minard, Gilson, Yokiel. Nays: None. Abstain: Hansel. Motion passes UPDATES City Administrator Andrews gave the council an update on the repairs being done at the pickleball court next Friday, the Bard annexation conference that was held with the county being a no-show, a letter he has received from Christine Kaufman opposing the annexation, the seed sponsorship wall that was put up, continuation of the seed sponsorship. Also, he shared with the council the great work the pool committee/vol-unteers/Garrett Keppler had been doing to get the pool open. the power outage that will occur June 24th from 1 to 4 pm for businesses/residents north of mission St, he is get-ting quotes to making city hall ADA compliant, the municipal ticket policy that will be on the next council meeting, the city code updates that will be on the next meeting and the successful Strawberry Days celebration that was held over the weekend, Thanking the Strawberry Point Chamber of Commerce and chamber sponsors. NEW BUSINESS Hansel made the motion to approve Resolution #25-32 Approving Certification In-voice of \$3060 for 12 lifeguards. Becker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Minard, Hansel, Gilson, Yokiel, Becker. Nays: None. Motion passes Gilson made the motion to approve Resolution #25-33 Approving the amendment to the pool committee bylaws allowing remote participation. Hansel seconded the mo-tion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Gilson, Yokiel, Becker, Minard. Nays: None. Motion passes Minard made the motion to approve Resolution #25-34 Establishing the 2025 Pool Rates. Becker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gilson, Yokiel, Becker, Minard, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes Hansel made the motion to approve Resolution #25-35 Approving the appointment of Andrew Kosakowski to the Library board. Becker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yokiel, Becker, Minard, Hansel, Gilson. Nays: None. Motion passes With there being no other business, Hansel moved to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Gilson seconded the motion. All ayes. Jessi Jared, Deputy City clerk Hannah Evans, Mayor

Claims

IPERS, IPERS-PROTECT8,657.80

EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX14,839.34

AIRGAS USA, OXYGEN/ACETYLENE79.18

ALLAMAKEE-CLAYTON ELECTRC, POWER FOR RESALE33,392.72

BI-COUNTY DISPOSAL INC, MONTHLY GARBAGE BILL7,087.86

CITY OF STRAWBERRY POINT, USAGE 04/16/25 - 05/16/254,134.09

DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERA, POWER FOR RESALE10,103.22

ELECTRIC PUMP, REPAIRS ON EAST PUMP3,969.04

HAUSERS WATER SYSTEMS, BOTTLED WATER.....27

HERCULES INDUSTRIES INC.....117.6

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC, FF25 WARRENT SYSTEM 1/25-3/25600

J & R SUPPLY INC, SEY-WHT/FYFFZ MARKERS.....246

MEYER TRUE VALUE, WEED/FEED459.24

NADINGS SERVICE, AMMO2,187.62

NAPA, VARIOUS DEPARTMENT CHARGES205.36

RECKERS REPAIR, FAN BLADE/PULLY SKID STEER.....663.2

RODAS, TIRE PATCH.....47

STRAWBERRY BLDG SUPPLY, BIG STRAWBERRY REPAIRS10.69

TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, STATE TAX1,437.85

US CELLULAR, MONTHLY CELL PHONE.....339.02

WESSELS ELECTRICAL SERVICE, ELECTRICAL WORK AT POOL1,880.79

WINDSTREAM, PHONE SERVICE216.04

JARED JESSICA, REIMBURSEMENTS408.73

PRESS JOURNAL, ADVERTISING124.48

STATE HYGIENIC LAB, WATER TESTING.....58

HIGHLAND RON, REFUND ON UTILITY BILL.....74.94

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, SHARP COPIER2,593.21

BACKBONE INS GROUP INC., insurance renewal153,451.42

SAUERBRY ERIK, VINNY'S GYM MEMBERSHIP330

LIBERTY NATIONAL, LIBERTY NAT PT67.48

GORDON FLESCH COMPANY, LEXMARK PRINTER.....8.35

STARNET TECHNOLOGIES, NCC MONITORING.....4200

CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES, SUMMER WATER MANAGEMENT3,015.40

STRAWBERRY POINT FIRE, CPR TRAINING900

JOHN FLETCHER, REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL252.99

JC CROSS CO, BLOWER5,154.00

JL SALES & SERVICE, TRUCK REPAIR1,413.96

PAYROLL CHECKS, TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS52,040.43

CLAIMS TOTAL311,014.05

GENERAL FUND170,890.85

ROAD USE TAX FUND20,914.02

WATER FUND15,555.60

SEWER FUND24,623.96

ELECTRIC FUND79,029.62

Published in the Press Journal the week of June 25, 2025.

Northeast Iowa Food Bank Offers Free Summer Meals for Kids at Sites Across the Region

WATERLOO, IA — Summer should be a time for fun and growth, not hunger. That's why the Northeast Iowa Food Bank (NEIFB) is once again participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) - known as NEIFB's Summer Feeding Program - to provide free, nutritious meals to children throughout northeast Iowa. From public libraries to churches and community centers, sites across the region will offer meals to ensure that no child goes without during the summer months. In 2024, the program served an average of 390 children per day. Barbara Prather, Executive Director of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, emphasized the importance of the program: “We are proud of our Summer Feeding Program and the role it plays in serving our communities. In fact, four of our eight programs are completely focused on helping children. Summer can be especial-ly hard for those who rely on school meals during the academic year. When school is out, many families feel the strain of addi-tional food costs, and children may miss the nourishment they need to grow, learn, and play. These summer meal sites help fill that gap, offering consistent access to nutritious food and helping families stay strong through the summer months. It's one of the most direct and impactful ways we can support the health and well-being of our community.” Meals are provided at no cost to all children, and participation is the same for everyone, regard-less of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Learn more about the Summer Feeding Program: neifb.org/programs/ summer-feeding. The following open and closed enrolled sites will serve meals the summer of 2025:

Open Meal Sites – First Come, First Served Note:

Note: In observation of the holiday, meals will not be served on July 4th.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

420 Harwood Ave., Waterloo, IA Lunch ONLY – must stay to eat Distributed 11:30AM–12:30PM Tuesday and Thursday ONLY 6/10/25–8/14/25

SUMNER PUBLIC LIBRARY

206 N Railroad Street, Sumner, IA Lunch and Snack Distributed 11:30AM–12:30PM Monday–Friday 6/30/25–8/22/2025

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1400 W Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA Breakfast and Lunch Distributed 11:00AM–12:00PM Tuesday and Thursday ONLY Bulk Distribution 6/10/25–8/7/25

WADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

136 S Mill St., Wadena, IA Lunch and Snack Distributed 11:30AM–12:30PM Monday–Friday 6/9/25–8/15/25

ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

744 Main St., Arlington, IA Lunch and Snack Distributed 11:00AM–1:00PM Monday–Friday 6/9/25–8/15/25

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

208 N. Vine St., West Union, IA Breakfast and Lunch Distributed 11:30AM–12:10PM Monday–Friday 6/2/25–8/22/25

ELBERON PUBLIC LIBRARY

106 Main Street, Elberon, IA Lunch and Snack Distributed 11:00AM–1:00PM Tuesday and Thursday ONLY 6/3/25–8/22/25

GREENE PUBLIC LIBRARY

231 Traer St., Greene, IA Lunch and Snack Distributed 11:00AM–1:00PM Tuesday and Thursday ONLY 6/3/25–8/21/25

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clayton County Board of Supervisors

Clayton County Board of Supervisors Notice of Public Hearing

The Board of Supervisors is considering an amendment to the Clayton County Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map for approval of a 9 lot major subdivision and rezoning of property along Mississippi Road, Lot 3 in Gov't Lot 2, Section 20, Township 93N Range 2W; Lot 1 in Gov't Lot 1, Section 20, Township 93, Range 2W, Fifth Principle Meridian, Clayton County, from Agricultural (A-1) to Riverside Recreational (R-4) and will hold a public hearing and first reading on Tuesday June 30, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., in the Board of Supervisors' Office in the Clayton County Office Building, 600 Gunder Road, Elkader, IA at which time you may submit your views on these matters in person, in writing or by representative. For information regarding this amendment, please contact Patti Ruff, Clayton County Zoning Administrator, at 563-245-2451 or email pruff@claytoncountyia.gov Published in the Press Journal the week of June 25, 2025.

Older, Wiser, Livelier, Souls Silos and Smoke-stacks Grand Tour: The Amana Colonies Thursday, July 17th Reservations Required

Join Older, Wiser, Livelier, Souls for the 2025 grand tour of the Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area. July's destination will be a visit to the Amana Colonies. Please meet at Osborne Park at 9:15 to car-pool to our destination. This O.W.L.S. adventure will take you to tour several of the colony's attractions to learn about these fascinating vil-lages steeped in German heri-tage. Join us the 3rd Thursday of each month, March through November, for O.W.L.S., Older Wiser Livelier Souls. Each month will feature a new Silos and Smokestacks Site, so join us as we explore more of the Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area. Reservations are required. Reserve your spot today by calling (563) 245-1516 or visit the Osborne Nature Center. Osborne Nature Center is lo-cated on HWY 13 five miles south of Elkader. The center is open from 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday-Saturday, and Sunday noon-4pm. For more informa-tion on events visit www.clay-toncountyconservation.org.

Iowa Concern is a program of the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The program began in 1985 as a toll-free number serving the agricultural community. Today, Iowa Concern serves both urban and rural Iowans. Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week at no charge. Iowa Concern has access to an attorney for legal education, stress counselors, and information and referral services for a wide variety of topics. Access Iowa Concern Resources - Hotline - toll-free at 1-800-447-1985; language interpretation services available - Live chat service that immediately connects you with a stress counselor where you can "talk" (type) one-on-one in a secure environment - Email an expert with your legal, finance, stress, or crisis/ disaster questions.