

MENUS

SCHOOLS, SENIOR CITIZENS

School Menus
Oct. 20—Breakfast: Banana bread, grape juice, apple slices, milk. Lunch: Corn dog, savory carrots, broccoli florets, diced peaches, milk.
Oct. 21—Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, apple juice, mixed berries, milk. Lunch: Bosco sticks, steamed broccoli, marinara sauce, cucumber slices, fancy pears, milk.
Oct. 22—Breakfast: Assorted cereal bar, grape juice, applesauce cup, milk. Lunch: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, fruit cocktail, dinner roll, milk.
Oct. 23—Breakfast: Cinnamon pretzel,

apple juice, raspberry lemonade craisins, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger on bun, baked beans, baby carrots, apple slices, chocolate chip cookie, milk.
Oct. 24—Breakfast: Oatmeal chocolate chip BeneFIT bar, apple crisps, grape juice, milk. Lunch: Rotini and meat sauce, steamed broccoli, baby carrots, mixed berries, garlic knot, milk.
Senior Center
Oct. 20—Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered beets, applesauce, wheat roll. Activities: Exercise class at 9 a.m.
Oct. 21—Open faced

turkey sandwich, gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, roasted Brussel sprouts, apple crisp. Activities: Exercise class at 9 a.m. Bingo at noon.
Oct. 22—Tater tot casserole, green peas, ambrosia, whole wheat bread. Activities: Exercise class at 9 a.m. Davis County Hospital health program at 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 23—Hearty beef stew, tossed salad, dressing, fruit, biscuit. Activities: Exercise at 9 a.m. Free legal presentation by Payton Whittaker-Advanced Directives, Power of Attorneys, at 11:15 a.m. Bingo at noon.
Oct. 24—Center closed.

SENIOR NEWS

By Paula Dearborn, Milestones AAA Area Program Coordinator
The exercise program each morning at the Senior Center is a fantastic way to improve strength, coordination, and balance. All are welcome to participate.
Monday, Oct. 6: Christina Wolfe, Nutrition Supervisor at Milestones Area Agency on Aging traveled to the Bloomfield Meal site and picked up 69 meals for the Ottumwa Meal Site. Katie Eakins prepared potato crusted fish, buttered rice, spinach with onions, pears, and wheat roll. Allie Cloke travelled out on the home delivery route today.
Tuesday, Oct. 7: Paula served us Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, applesauce, and wheat bread. Keosauqua Senior Center picked up 34 meals today. Allie delivered meals to

our homebound. Barb Williams and Kathy McClurg called this afternoon's bingo games. There were 11 bingo players enjoying the afternoon activity; Bonnie Martin was today's the blackout winner.
Wednesday, Oct. 8: Paula was in the kitchen making us loose meat sandwiches on bun, tater tots, peas, and apricots. Allie delivered meals to our homebound.
Thursday, Oct. 9: Paula had two in her exercise class program this morning, everyone is welcome to join us. Katie presented everyone with a delicious dinner of egg salad on wheat bread, potato chips, baked beans, jello cake and a fresh plum. Keosauqua Senior Center arranged to cook their own lunch today. Allie delivered meals to our

homebound. Paula called this afternoon's bingos games. There were six players of our hour-long bingo activity. Our blackout winners were Lynn Roberts and Kathy McClurg.
Events for October include: Public Health Program "Influenza" at 11:15 a.m., Oct. 16th. DC Hospital Health Program with Tierre Chickering, Case Management Oct. 22, 11:30 a.m. Free Legal Presentation on "Advanced Directives-Power of Attorneys" on Oct. 23, 11:15 a.m. Sieda's "The Behavioral Health Statewide Service System Plan," with Lisa McCall, SIEDA Representative on Oct. 28th at 11:15 a.m. Birthday and Halloween Dinner, Oct. 30.
Please make plans to join us and have a fun time.

Fall care of newly planted trees

As autumn settles over Iowa, it's easy to think gardening season is winding down. But for trees — especially those newly planted — fall is a critical time for care and preparation. According to horticulture specialists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, this season offers an opportunity to help trees establish and prepare for the challenges of winter.
Watering
Aaron Steil, consumer horticulture specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, reminds gardeners to sufficiently water newly planted trees. "This spring started off with plenty of moisture, which provided much of the water a newly planted tree or shrub needs to stay healthy and establish well," he said. "This fall has been much drier, which means we have to do a better job of regular watering."
Gardeners should frequently check soil moisture and water when the original root ball or surrounding soil is dry to the touch 1 or 2 inches deep, noted Steil. "For trees planted in the spring, it is necessary to thoroughly water the original root ball and the surrounding soil to encourage new root growth into the surrounding area." Steil also recommends using soaker hoses and spot sprinklers to make it easier to irrigate this larger root zone and to water until the ground freezes.

Jeff Iles, professor and horticulture extension specialist at Iowa State, also emphasized the importance of good watering for winter survival. "Properly watered young trees are less likely to develop tip dieback and sunscald," he said. Evergreen trees and shrubs are particularly prone to developing brown, dead tips when they enter winter dormancy with dry root zones. "While the causes of sunscald — the development of elongated, sunken, dried or cracked areas of dead bark — is not well understood, we do know it is more common on young trees with smooth bark that go into winter drought-stressed."
Wildlife
Fall is also the time to prepare young trees for hungry wildlife. "During the winter months, when food is scarce, rabbits and other rodents will chew and strip bark from woody plants," Steil explained. To prevent this damage, he recommends wrapping young tree trunks with protective tree wrap in late fall and removing it in early spring. "Make sure protective wraps or fencing is at least 3 feet tall, as animals can get over shorter fencing if there is deep snow," he added.
Deer also pose a threat, especially to young trees. Their antler rubbing can severely damage trunks, while browsing can stunt growth. Steil advises installing fencing or cages

around vulnerable trees and shrubs. "Stakes and fencing must be sturdy and at least 4 feet tall to prevent antler rubbing," he said.
Planting
"Fall is an excellent time to plant deciduous trees," noted Iles. "The warm soil and cool air temperatures promote root growth." Iles emphasizes that while deciduous trees can be planted from mid-August through early November, evergreens like pine and spruce should be in the ground by the end of September to avoid winter injury.
Tasks to avoid
Some garden tasks are best left alone. "It may seem tempting, but do not prune woody plants in the fall," cautioned Steil. "Pruning encourages new growth, and when done this time of year, that growth won't be well hardened off for winter, increasing the risk of damage." Instead, he recommends waiting to prune until late winter or early spring when trees are dormant, typically from February through March in Iowa.
Fertilization, too, should be postponed. Most Iowa soils provide adequate nutrients during the establishment phase, and fertilizing late in the growing season can do more harm than good. "Like pruning, fertilization encourages new growth that will not be well-conditioned to overwinter without seeing damage," Steil noted.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 16
Alcoholics Anonymous: 6 p.m., Bloomfield United Methodist Church
Bloomfield City Council: 6 p.m., Bloomfield Public Library
Friday, Oct. 17
Lord's Cupboard: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Food pantry; Donations of non-perishable items can be left anytime during business hours, Bloomfield Christian Church, 107 N. Davis St., basement
Saturday, Oct. 18
DC Genealogy Society: 9:30 a.m., 200 W. Locust, old elementary. Contact: Pat Howk at 208-3161 or

Vicki Houk at 641-777-4606
Sunday, Oct. 19
Suicide Loss Support Group for Parents: 4-6 p.m., The Venue, 102 S. Washington St. Support group for parents who have lost a child to suicide
Monday, Oct. 20
Lord's Cupboard: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bloomfield Christian Church, 107 N. Davis St., basement
DC Community School Board of Directors: 7 p.m., MACC Building, 501 E. Locust St.
Tuesday, Oct. 21
Rotary Club: noon, By the Hearth Bookshop

TOPS: Weigh-in at 3 p.m. Meeting at 3:30 p.m., Weight loss program, The Venue, 102 S. Washington St.
Wednesday, Oct. 22
Lord's Cupboard: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bloomfield Christian Church, 107 N. Davis St., basement
Community Meal: Pancakes, 5-6:30 p.m., Bloomfield United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome
Suicide Loss Support Group for Parents: 6-7 p.m., The Venue, 102 S. Washington St. Support group for parents who have lost a child to suicide

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the General Fund to the Student Construction Fund (Fund 64) for the 2025–2026 student home construction project, and (2) receive a one-time Modified Supplemental Amount (MSA) of \$173,340.09 to support program start-up costs. Approval of this recommendation authorizes the district administration to complete and submit Exhibits A–F to the SBRC on behalf of the district.
Motion made by: Josh O'Dell; Motion seconded by: Doug Dixon Voting: Unanimously Approved Motion approved.
5. Approve out-of-state History Club trip to Kansas City WWI museum
Move to approve this out-of-state trip for Joe Rasmussen's History Club to Kansas City to the WWI museum.
Motion made by: Doug Dixon; Motion seconded by: Joni Helton Voting: Unanimously Approved Motion approved.
6. Approve out-of-state trip for American History trip to traveling history display in Memphis, MO
Move to approve the out-of-state trip for American History trip to traveling history display in Memphis, MO.
Motion made by: Josh O'Dell; Motion seconded by: Doug Dixon Voting: Unanimously Approved Motion approved.
7. Adjournment
Move to adjourn.
Motion made by: Joni Helton; Motion seconded by: Doug Dixon Voting: Unanimously Approved The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m. by board President Jeff Greiner.
Davis County Board of Supervisors
October 6, 2025
Bloomfield, Iowa
Courthouse Boardroom
8:30 A.M.
The Davis County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 2025 with Chairman Alan Yahnke and Members Ron Bride and David Henderson present.
Ron Bride made motion, seconded by David Henderson and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda.
During the Public Comments portion of the meeting, the Board heard from Colleen and Eric Hootman regarding concerns they have with a tube recently installed by an outside contractor for a SIDCA (Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority) project adjacent to real estate they own on Flora Avenue.
David Henderson made motion, seconded by Ron Bride and carried unanimously, to approve and sign the Minutes of Monday, September 29, 2025.
The Board met with Engineer Ryan Schock, who reported on the blading, mowing, rock hauling, ditching and cross-road pipe repair work being done by the County Crews. He further reports having three interviews last week with prospective candidates interested in the backhoe operator position open in his department. Discussion was had by the group regarding the possibility of the Secondary Roads Department returning to a four 10-hour-day work schedule from Memorial Day 2026 through Labor Day 2026. No formal action was taken as specifics are worked out.
The Board then met with Assistant County Attorney Ashley Leyda-Walkup who presented three estimates from Engineer/Surveying companies to complete a scope

of work that would identify and resolve errors in a previously recorded survey of the Jenny Carter Hill Subdivision in northeast Davis County. Proposals/estimates were received from the following companies: Garden and Associates of Oskaloosa of \$5,500 to \$12,750 for the two phases of work, with an immediate start date; French-Reneker-Associates of Fairfield of \$4,500 to \$12,000 for the two phases of work, with a start date of within sixty days of approval of the bid; and, Lance Surveying Services of Mount Pleasant of \$3,500 to \$4,500 for one phase of the scope of work to begin in approximately eight weeks. Ron Bride made motion, seconded by David Henderson and carried unanimously, to accept the above proposal given by Garden and Associates of \$5,500 to \$12,750 for the two phases of work, with an immediate start date.
Dave Henderson made motion, seconded by Ron Bride and carried unanimously, to offer Mutchler Center single memberships to full-time County employees, as they have in the past, for the 6-month period of November through April, as a part of their employee wellness program.
Information Technology (IT) Director, Megan Clyman, presented the Board with this year's renewal information from managed IT services vendor, Secure Serve (formerly known as Heartland IT and Scantron). Megan informed the group the price per month for these services has gone up \$500 for various enhancements required by State and Federal agency partners. Ron Bride made motion, seconded by David Henderson and carried unanimously, to authorize Chairman Alan Yahnke to sign the renewal with Secure Serve for 2025 at a monthly cost of \$3,557.48.
After discussion and per the guidance of Corebridge Financial Representative, Pam Corrick, who has personally communicated with each current 457B participant and who has further reported said employee participants' wishes to move forward, David Henderson made motion, seconded by Ron Bride and carried unanimously, to approve transferring the current 457B plan to the new Iowa Retirement Investors' Club (RIC) plan. Representative Pam Corrick reports to Auditor Kristi Goodson that this transition will take approximately three months to complete.
No action was taken on the agenda item regarding the current human resources representative's retirement. The Board will revisit this item after having received her recommendations for a new human resources firm.
David Henderson made motion, seconded by Ron Bride and carried unanimously, to approve the Quarterly Cash Reports, as received by the Auditor, Recorder and Sheriff.
All Board members reported on committee meetings attended.
David Henderson made motion, seconded by Ron Bride and carried unanimously, to approve the following claims to be paid:
Access Systems, Treas-Equip Lease 64.35
Airgas Usa, Sr-Cylinder Rental 74.55
Alliant Energy - C, Sr-Electricity 34.14
Altorfer Inc, Sr-Cutting Edges 11,943.76
Atomic Termite & Pest Cont, Ch-Pest Control 80.00
Bailey Office Outfitters, Llc, Treas-Office Supplies 109.23

Bloomfield Auto Parts Llc, Sr-Parts	825.34
Cantera Aggregates Llc, Sr-Rock	1,220.04
Citizens Mutual, Sher-Internet/Phone	2,329.42
City Of Bloomfield, Ga-Utilities	203.26
Davis Co Public Health, Dcpch-Oct 25 Grant	11,423.50
Davis County Treasurer, Sher-Fuel	1,977.96
Douds Stone Llc, Sr-Rock	8,378.31
Esco Electric Company, Sr-Hoist Repair	750.10
Gordon Fleisch, Sr-Copier	33.50
Great America Financials, Atty-Data Processing	362.43
Heritage Crystal Clean Llc, Sr-Used Oil Pick Up	429.10
Hyvee Pharmacy #3504, Sr-Inmate Prescrip	703.24
la Dept Of Transportation, Ch-Homebase la Signs	531.65
John Deere Financial Fsb, Sr-Rear View Mirrors	613.43
Lawson Products Inc., Sr-Parts	640.93
Mail Services Llc, Treas-Supplies/Postage	341.19
Mark Mincks, Ch-Minisplit Courtroom	9,765.00
Menards-Ottumwa, Ch-Sump Pump/Supplies	376.36
Nextran Corporation, Sr-Kit Shim	1,888.81
Pcs-Pro Computer Solutions, Disp-Computer Svc	310.00
Rathbun Regional Water, Sr-Water	59.00
Rick L Lynch, Atty-Oct 25 Office Rent	450.00
Rick Lynch, Atty-Data Processing	600.00
Rms--Road Machinery & Supp, Sr-Parts	2,957.58
Rysdam Construction, Sr-Sidca - Joella Box	30,503.33
Sadler Power Train Inc, Sr-Shims	328.70
Schaeffer Mfg Co, Sr-Grease	905.00
Sinclair Tractor, Sr-Parts	7,304.68
Snyder Paradise Market Llc, Sr-Water	26.00
Southern Iowa Electric Coop, Sr-Electricity	611.25
T-Mobile Usa Inc, Sher-Cell Phone Svc	519.53
Veenstra & Kim Inc., Sr-Bridge Rating & Insp	18,822.50
Wagler's Funeral Home Ltd, Atty-Med Exam/Autop	500.00
David Henderson moved to adjourn; Ron Bride seconded; carried unanimously.	
ATTEST: KRISTI GOODSON DAVIS COUNTY AUDITOR AND COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS	34-42-1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT
Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Davis County Community School District who reside in Van Buren County, State of Iowa, that a public testing of all voting equipment to be used in the November 4 combined City/School Election will begin at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, October 23, 2025, on the first floor of the Van Buren County 1840 Courthouse and will continue until completed. The address of the Van Buren County 1840 Courthouse is 902 4th Street, Keosauqua, IA, 52565.
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Lisa Plecker, Auditor & Commissioner of Elections
Van Buren County, Iowa
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