

New mental health group for elementary parents

A monthly meetup group for parents of Davis County Elementary students was started this month by Elementary Mental Health Counselor Emily Archer.

The group is called “The Herd.” Meetings are divided by age groups of children. Each month a different topic will be covered, with a slightly different twist each week based on the developmental level of the targeted age group.

Meetings will be in the elementary library on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. High school students will be volunteering to help with childcare.

Archer explained that the “elephant in the room” cliché has been used since the 1800s to describe a topic that is hard to ignore, but can be uncomfortable to talk about. Hence the idea of the elephant in the classroom, talking about mental health in the classroom setting and beyond.

Archer created the program to offer more support to the parents in the community. She said, “I am passionate about providing parents with up-to-date and accurate parenting information in order to help our students be as successful as possible.”

She also hopes it will help parents connect and build community with others who have students that are the same age.”

When asked about the need for the program, she said, “Mental health is still a taboo subject with many families.”

Archer noted that she enjoys connecting with the parents and making herself known as a resource to reach out to when things come up.

Archer has received community donations for snacks and door prizes. She is continuously accepting donations from

local businesses and community members.

Monthly topics include: healthy routines, positive parenting, digital citizenship, friendship/ bullying, anxieties and worries, building resilience, and sweet summertime.

Anyone not able to attend their child’s age group is welcome to join whichever week works best for them.

Archer can be reached with questions at 641-664-220 ext. 1262 or emily.archer@dcmustangs.com

- Preschool and kindergarten dates are: Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7, and May 6.
- 1st and 2nd grade dates are: Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, and May 12.
- 3rd and 4th grade dates are: Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, and May 19.



Artists turn out for Plein Air Paintout
The top three winners in the Plein Air paintout Saturday were Carlos Maldonado of Iowa City, first place; Becky Vorkapich of Burlington, second place; and Sue Baer of Chariton, third place. Fourteen artists participated in the annual event.



Gin Lammert of Pulaski was named the People's Choice winter in the Plein Air event.
The Spectrum Center of the Arts purchased a painting by Sue Baer in memory of the late Elaine Perry, a strong supporter of the arts in Davis County. The painting of veterans participating in Bloomfield's Veterans Recognition Event will be hung in the Kay Burchette Cultural Center.



Jeff Allen of Solon and Mike Canas of Washington won honorable mention in the Spectrum Center for the Arts' Plein Air competition Saturday. Fourteen painters participated in the event.

MINISTERS: Lord’s Cupboard needs funds

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basement of the Bloomfield Christian Church, works closely with the Ministerial Association in meeting the nutritional needs of Davis Countians.

This is the third year that Sandy Warning and Rhonda Northup have operated the Lord’s Cupboard, and Warning said Monday the Cupboard is suffering financial difficulties.

“We ended the first year up \$700,” she said. “In 2024, we were down \$1,500, and this year so far, we were down by \$8,000.

“We did just get a \$3,600 donation from Elaine Perry’s memorial so that left us down only \$4,400. We were really in trouble before that!”

Warning said there are two reasons why the Lord’s Cupboard is currently in trouble: (1) Expenses have gone way up, and (2) our numbers have risen from 102 people in January to 162 in July to 159 in September.

“It’s getting tough,” she said.

Warning said Brothers Market is trying to help by scheduling a roundup for the Cupboard the last two weeks in November.

She encourages other people to help by contributing expensive items such as toilet paper and paper towels. “Meat is expensive, and we also need that,” she said.

“We can always use cash,” she added. “We are operating on people’s generosity, and it is much appreciated by us and the participants.”

Warning said some of their customers are also suffering because of a reduction in SNAP benefits.

“We’ve had some people come in whose circumstances haven’t changed, but now they are not getting the SNAP benefits they used to get. They are being told they no longer qualify.

“Some of our customers are frustrated and confused as to why they don’t qualify and concerned about where to turn next.”

Warning said the Cupboard has people who periodically donate items and some donate money on a monthly basis.

“Elaine Perry brought in \$50 per month, and we have another donor who gives \$30 per month.”

Warning assured the public the she and Northup shop carefully to get the best prices for the food they are giving away.

“We’ve been responsible in our spending, but the prices have gone up that

much,” she said.

“We get two deliveries a month from the Food Bank, and their prices are low. I put in orders twice a month based on what they have available.”

Anyone or any congregation wanting to help the community is invited to make a donation to the Davis County Ministerial Association or directly to the Lord’s Cupboard.

Any pastor or church representative wishing to help by becoming involved in the Ministerial Association should contact any of the pastors listed above.

Correction

The opening section of last week’s article profiling school board candidates should have stated Brett Barnhart, Angela Hunter, Rebecca Shively, and Brent Wuthrich are running for the District 3 position on the Davis County Community School Board.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
Board of Supervisors of DAVIS COUNTY Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026				
The Board of Supervisors of DAVIS COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026				
Meeting Date/Time: 11/3/2025 10:00 AM		Contact: Kristi Goodson, Davis County Auditor		Phone: (641) 664-2101
Meeting Location: Davis County Courthouse Board of Supervisors Boardroom 100 Courthouse Square Bloomfield, IA 52537				
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 https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	5,080,948	0	5,080,948
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	225,061	0	225,061
Net Current Property Tax	4	4,855,887	0	4,855,887
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	0	0	0
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	42,274	0	42,274
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	1,280,252	0	1,280,252
Intergovernmental	8	5,842,162	0	5,842,162
Licenses & Permits	9	5,200	0	5,200
Charges for Service	10	310,306	0	310,306
Use of Money & Property	11	156,051	0	156,051
Miscellaneous	12	1,439,146	16,198	1,455,344
Subtotal Revenue	13	13,931,278	16,198	13,947,476
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	1,301,006	0	1,301,006
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	15,232,284	16,198	15,248,482
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,284,651	0	2,284,651
Physical Health and Social Services	19	514,995	2,500	517,495
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	568,110	11,500	579,610
Roads & Transportation	22	6,727,568	0	6,727,568
Government Services to Residents	23	585,047	7,850	592,897
Administration	24	1,301,939	40,400	1,342,339
Nonprogram Current	25	20,000	0	20,000
Debt Service	26	491,606	0	491,606
Capital Projects	27	1,720,000	0	1,720,000
Subtotal Expenditures	28	14,213,916	62,250	14,276,166
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	1,301,006	0	1,301,006
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	15,514,922	62,250	15,577,172
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-282,638	-46,052	-328,690
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2025	33	5,318,916	0	5,318,916
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	3,704,920	-31,100	3,673,820
Fund Balance - Committed	37	47,148	0	47,148
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	223,484	-14,952	208,532
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	1,060,726	0	1,060,726
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2026	40	5,036,278	-46,052	4,990,226
Explanation of Changes: Increase Revenues: Miscellaneous - water damage insurance claim payout Increase Expenditures in: Election Administration – SEAT training/education; Courthouse building repairs and maintenance - asphalt perimeter of Courthouse and replace mini splits; Co Environment – solid waste disposal fee increases; Legal professional service for corrected survey; Government services to residents - training/health insurance premium				