

Do you have a special place you like to read? I can read anywhere. I do like a blanket, and usually one of the dogs is on my lap. I have seen kids read with their feet in the air and their head hanging over the couch. Most of my kids have read in the car on trips. I always read on the school bus. Kathleen likes to read outside in



The Iowa Senate held debate throughout the week, passing over forty bills as we focus on moving business before the 110-day deadline of the session. Most attention is on priority bills dealing with Appropriations (budget) and bills in Ways and Means.

This week, the Senate passed Senate File 619. This

the sunshine. Kylie likes to be curled up in her recliner with Lydia. Mariah likes the quiet of her room.

It is a trend now to have a reading chair. I personally don't have room for these big comfy looking chairs, but it may be on my bucket list. In the room with the chair, bookshelves will cover the walls. That is my dream reading room. Do you have one?

The Forest City Public Library will be hosting a safety fair on Saturday, May 3

is Governor Reynolds' Disaster and Recovery Bill that ensures the state is ready and able to respond quickly in the event of a disaster. This bill is especially important to those affected by floodwaters and storms in our immediate area and throughout NW Iowa last summer.

The bill includes a funding stream from the Iowa Economic Emergency Fund for disaster assistance in the event of a catastrophe. The bill also authorizes the executive branch to use up to

beginning at 10 a.m. There will be a bicycle inspection and a riding course. There will also be a drawing for two bicycles and helmets. Parents can also bring car seats in to be inspected. This event is funded by a grant from the Community Partnership for Protecting Children.

The Thompson Library is hosting their annual book sale. They have fiction, non fiction, young adult, kids and DVDs for sale, as well as much more. This is one

10% of the Iowa Economic Emergency Fund balance if a proclamation of disaster emergency is declared. This appropriation occurs at the direction of the governor and the approval of the Executive Council.

The bill makes two appropriations for FY 2025 from the Economic Emergency Fund: \$2 million to the Nuisance Property Remediation Assistance Fund (under Iowa Economic Development Authority) and \$11.6 million to the Disaster Recovery

of my favorite events. (Like I need any more books.)

The Buffalo Center Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Discussion will be on "The Boys in a Boat" and led by Lorie Bierle. Our next book is "The Summons" by John Grisham. Come join and see what the club is about.

As I was trying to figure out what to write this week, I came across a book that grabbed my attention.

Housing Assistance Fund (under Iowa Finance Authority). The bill also establishes the Natural Hazard Mitigation Financing Program for funding and provides limited tax relief for awards given to home builders during last year's floods. Additionally, this bill addresses requirements for insurance adjusters, appraisers, and public adjusters with regards to contracts, payment, notifications, and protections for consumers.

We learned some lessons from last year's flood-

"The Cabin at the End of the Train" by Michael V. Ivanov sounds very interesting. Has anyone read it? The reviews are outstanding, and I'm hoping it will bring me out of my slump. I'll let you know.

Enjoy the weather, be safe out there with the tractors and planters moving from field to field. Grab that book, find your favorite place, and get lost in your favorite story.

ing, and this is part of the solution. The Senate passed SF 619, and it passed through the House. It can now be signed into law by Governor Reynolds.

If you are planning to visit the Capitol, please let me know. The best way to reach me is by email at dave.rowley@legis.iowa.gov or by cell 712-330-5596. Have a great week!

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south side of town. Kettwick advised that people contact the sheriff's office to report the behavior. That also applies to underage drivers operating vehicles like go karts on city streets.

Next, the Council turned its attention to mowers for city properties this summer. The Council sought bids from contractors this year to see how the cost would compare to hiring seasonal City employees to handle the mowing. The City received two ranging from about \$2,000 to \$4,000 to mow properties including the parks and cemetery per

time. A third bid for \$3,000 did not include the cemetery.

Landheer put together some numbers for what it cost the City to mow its properties last year. Wages totaled about \$19,000, while the cost of the City's mowing equipment is a little more than \$11,000. After reviewing the costs, the Council decided not to hire a contractor this year and to instead hire season employees as usual. The Council voted to hire Kade Hobbs, William Jensvold, and Brock Jensen as summer help.

The Council held off on making a decision about trading in a lawn mower this year for a new one. The City

has two lawn mowers and typically trades one in each year, but Councilman Holland suggested the operating hours on the mowers are low enough that the City could wait another year before trading. Holland also said he thinks the City should get a second bid on the cost of a new mower. BC Repair is the only bidder so far.

The parks committee has made decisions on new equipment for young kids ages 2-5 at South Park, which will be paid for through an anonymous donation. The selected pieces include a playhouse and two bouncers, for a combined cost of just under

\$6,000. The Council voted to proceed with the purchase.

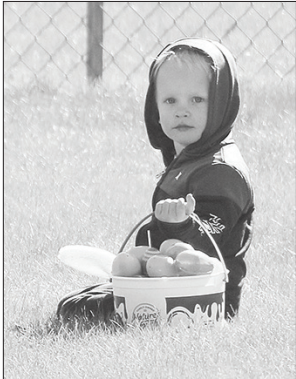
Kettwick says the parks committee is also looking to add something new for the Post Office Park, but that hasn't been finalized. On a related note, the Council voted to hire Yards Apart Landscaping to remove two tree stumps at the Post Office Park for \$700.

The Council hired lifeguards for the Buffalo Center Swimming Pool at the April meeting, including assistant manager Brenna Paulson, Ashlyn Bechler, Sophia Hagen, Isla Potter, and Jackson Potter.

Pool manager Sarah Paulson says she's still waiting

to hear back on grant money for resurfacing work on the pool floor. The Council previously discussed having Pool Tech do some patch work on the floor and steps to get the pool ready for this summer, and they voted last week to hire Pool Tech for the job for \$7,000.

Some maintenance is also needed at the library, including tuck pointing on the front of the building, and a small leak on the south wall needs to be repaired. The Council hopes City employees will be able to handle the repairs, as Clayton Henn has some experience with tuck pointing.



Damien Wolsing's bucket is overflowing with eggs during Saturday morning's Easter Egg Hunt at Lions Park.



Tuesday, April 29
B: Sausage and pancake wrap

WINNEBAGO COUNTY RECORDS

LAND TRANSFERS

Jeffrey M. and Megan M. Ostermann to Scott A. Ernster, Lot 18 and a portion of Lot 17 Block 37, Buffalo Center.

Wayne W. Woelfel to Shirley A. Woelfel, Lot 12 Helgesons 2nd Addition, Lake Mills.

Joshua M. and Dallas E. Murra to Douglas L. and Barbara A. Murra, Lot 27 of Block 12, Buffalo Center.

PNI Real Estate Holding Company LLC to Forest City

PEOPLE WHO READ NEWSPAPERS ARE:

BETTER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

It all starts with Newspapers

L: Crispy chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy
Wednesday, April 30
B: Egg and cheese breakfast burrito
L: Flame grilled hamburger, hamburger bun, French fries

Auto Center Real Estate LLC, Lot 24, Forest City.

Joel L. Albertson Trust and Tandra G. Trust to David C. Albertson, 7 parcels in Logan Township.

David M. and Ruth Ann Milbrandt to David M. Milbrandt Trust and Ruth Ann Milbrandt Trust, 19 parcels in Grant Township.

Adam and Tracy Lackore to NSB Bank, parcel in Forest Township.

Cynthia Eisenman to Troy Dennis Julius, 4 parcels in Grant Township.

Congregate Meals
Senior Meal Program

Monday, April 28:
Swedish meatballs, potatoes with gravy, vegetable, fruit

Wednesday, April 30:
BBQ pulled pork on whole wheat bun, coleslaw, cinnamon apples with crunchy topping

Friday, May 2:
Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, fruit, vegetable

Meals are available to all senior citizens ages 60 and up. Dine in or take out at the Bison Senior Center, or request delivery. Please RSVP for a meal by 6:00 p.m. the night before by calling 562-2495, and leave a message on the answering machine.



Share the road during planting season

Dear Editor,

It's planting season! And that means you will be seeing slow moving tractors hauling planting implements on the roads.

Winnebago County Farm Bureau wants to remind you to slow down when approaching farm equipment. The top speed for most tractors is 25 to 30 miles per hour, and a car driving at 55 mph

on a highway would need about 300 feet to stop.

Be very careful passing. Large farm equipment can crowd the center line, limiting visibility of oncoming traffic.

Watch for turn signals. It may appear a tractor is slowing down and pulling over to the side of the road giving cars a chance to pass, but they may actually be preparing to take a wide left-hand turn.

At the end of the day, whether you live in rural Iowa or in the city, we all want to get home safely to our family, so share the road this spring.

Sincerely,
Mike Kettwick
Winnebago County Farm Bureau President



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