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and in 2006, the Davidses purchased the old pool hall building to the north of the store to use for storage.

In 2007, Betty renamed the store again to “Emporium Furniture & Gallery” to highlight all the prints she had for sale. The business suffered a blow that year, however, when something punctured the roof of the building, and water that had pooled on the roof flooded into the store. She lost half

of her inventory to water damage.

Betty eventually got the store back on its feet, with repairs to the roof, new carpeting and tiles, and a fresh coat of paint. She also decided it was a good time to fix up the old pool hall, and in November of 2007, she opened the Emporium Sleep Center on the north end of the building.

The store underwent a couple more name changes, as Betty dropped the “&” in 2014 to name the store “Emporium Furniture Gallery.” Then in 2016, she highlighted

her mattress selection with a change to the current name, “Emporium Furniture & Mattress.”

Betty traces her history as a salesperson back to 1955, when she and her cousin Mary Beth opened a “store” on top of a tree stump on the corner outside Betty’s home. The girls sold popcorn and lemonade for a nickel, as well as lemonade made by Betty’s aunt Ora Hofbauer for a dime.

Selling furniture runs in Betty’s family, as her grandfather Henry Schutter and

his brother Jerry opened Schutter Brothers furniture in Buffalo Center in 1906 at 206 N. Main St. That building now makes up the northern third of B.C. Hardware. Jerry later moved to Wesley to start his own furniture store, and Henry renamed the Buffalo Center business as H.J. Schutter Furniture & Undertaking.

In 1935, Betty’s father, Art Schutter, joined the business, and they renamed it to Schutter & Son Furniture and Funeral Service. Art took over the business in

1949, but he sold it in 1953 so he could get into farming. The new owners were none other than George and Evelyn Winter, who Betty would later purchase her store from after George got out of the furniture business.

Stop by Emporium Furniture & Mattress for the open house on Saturday, and be sure to look for the sign-up boxes throughout the store for a chance to win prizes including an electric fireplace, pendulum wall clocks, and framed prints.

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or destroyed, the insurance company will help cover the costs of repairs or rebuilding. Floods, wear and tear, and earthquakes are excluded perils.

Coverage B - Other Structures: Beyond your primary dwelling, this coverage extends to other structures on your property, such as detached garages, sheds, fences, or guest houses. It provides financial protection if these structures are damaged or destroyed due to covered perils.

Coverage C - Personal Property:

This type of coverage safeguards your belongings inside your home, including furniture, clothing, electronics, and appliances. If they are damaged, stolen, or destroyed by covered perils, personal property coverage helps reimburse you for their value, allowing you to replace or repair them. This coverage may be actual cash value (replacement cost less depreciation) or replacement cost which reimburses you to purchase a new item at current market value.

Coverage D - Loss of Use: If your home becomes

uninhabitable due to a covered loss, loss of use coverage helps cover additional living expenses. This can include costs for temporary accommodation, food, and other essentials while your home is being repaired or rebuilt.

Coverage E - Personal Liability: Liability coverage protects you financially if someone is injured on your property or if you accidentally damage someone else’s property. It covers legal expenses, medical bills, and compensation for the injured party up to the limits specified in your policy. It would

not pay for expected or intentional damage.

Coverage F - Medical Payments: This coverage is similar to personal liability coverage but focuses specifically on covering medical expenses for guests injured on your property, regardless of fault. It can help pay for immediate medical treatment without a lawsuit.

Additional Coverages, Endorsements, or Riders: Depending on your specific needs, you may add extra coverage through endorsements or riders to your homeowners policy. These can include coverage for high-value items

such as jewelry or artwork, and protect against specific risks such as water backup and sump pump overflow.

Coverages may be subject to the deductible, policy limits and exclusions. It is essential to review your policy regularly, assess any changes in your circumstances, and work with your licensed insurance agent to make adjustments as needed. By doing so, you can have peace of mind knowing that you are prepared for whatever life or Iowa weather may throw your way.



At this time of the session, it becomes very busy fitting in meetings to present bills that may be outstanding yet. Two such bills, SSB 1234 and HF 1007, were scheduled. SSB 1234 is a bill that establishes a retirement savings plan trust to provide a retirement savings plan for all Iowans. The bill provides for appropriations and implementation provisions. In subcommittee the support was positive, but it will need some work yet.

Another bill, HF 1007, regarding victim restitution, received support and was moved, but the bill will also need amendment and work to get it to where it can have the most intended impact.

Senate Republicans have announced a \$9.417 billion budget agreement with Governor Reynolds for FY 2026. This is an increase of \$470 million from FY 2025. It is a sustainable budget that continues to put Iowa taxpayers first.

This week, I joined eleven of my Republican colleagues in the Iowa Senate in releasing a letter of commitment to vote against any remaining budget bills until a floor vote occurs on House

File 639. House File 639 is a bill to ban the use of eminent domain for a private company, seeking private profits. The purpose of this action is to finally address the issue of the use of eminent domain and how it is to be applied in the state of Iowa. This is an issue of property rights and the constitutionality of using eminent domain to take a person’s private property.

While the “Taking Clause” under the 5th Amendment clearly says “taken for public use,” the small print is the term “public use” and court interpretations of what that definition is. The taking of property is constitutional if the public has a right to employ it, to use

it. If it doesn’t, and if there is no conceivable benefit to the public, how can it meet the constitutional requirements in front of us? That is the argument. This stems back to the United States Supreme Court’s “Kelo v. New London” decision made in 2005, which can be read for background.

Over the last four years, I have gathered information and read many articles from many sources. I have discussed this issue with many of you, with my Senate colleagues, with concerned farmers, and with ethanol plant owners. We all agree this is a complex and difficult situation as viewed from personal and economical per-

spectives. The questions that must be answered are what is public use and what is public benefit.

While there is much more to this complex issue, I join my colleagues in advocating for a vote in the Senate on HF 639 to address this issue. We believe addressing eminent domain is more important at this time than the budget. Our state must resolve this issue in the interest of all concerned.

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!

10 Years Ago Tribune Files of May 6, 2015

A Winnebago County native has accepted the call to serve as the new pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Pastor Nathaniel Hedins-Schmidt, originally from Forest City, was installed at Bethlehem on Sunday, May 3, where he has assumed his first position as a full-time pastor.

American Legion Post 652 in Lakota is recognizing Burdette Hoepfner of Buffalo Center for his 70 years of continuous membership with the organization.

Two students from North Iowa High School received awards at the Waldorf College and Forest City High School Art Exhibit on April 24. Chelsey Roth won Honorable Mention in the Hand Built Pottery category. Nick Price took second place in the Ink Drawing category.

20 Years Ago Tribune Files of May 5, 2005

One hundred seven years of association with the Future Farmers of America organization is represented by three men. The annual Parent-Member Banquet also marked the 75th anniversary of the Chapter in the high school at Buffalo

Center. Dean Gerzema, 37 years; Wayne Nattress, 44 years; and Dale Gruis, 27 years are all associated with the FFA Chapter in Buffalo Center.

Melissa Wubben has been selected to attend Girls State by Unit #21 of Buffalo Center.

Luke and Shawn Miller are proud to announce the birth of their son, Thomas James, born April 19. A big sister, Raina, is excited to welcome him home.

30 Years Ago Tribune Files of May 4, 1995

A total of 32 students are enrolled for Kindergarten for the 1995-96 school year, according to Kristine Witt, BCRL elementary principal. The students attended one of two sessions of Kindergarten Roundup held at the school in Buffalo Center.

Among the Juniors at the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom were Josh Thompson and Ellie Holland.

Luther College freshman Jonathan Potter was the recipient of a Glenn and Delia Bergland Scholarship for the 1994-95 academic year at Decorah.

40 Years Ago Tribune Files of May 9, 1985

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Groe announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann, to Perry Aalgaard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erling Aalgaard.

Al Meyer earned the honor of male athlete of the year, and male sportsmanship; Tony James was awarded male athlete of the year and male sportsmanship; Morey Schaefer was awarded male scholar-athlete of the year by the BCR Boosters Athletic Club.

Jo Balvance was among other relatives as dinner guests and afternoon visitors at the home of George and Bertha Roth in Woden on Sunday. They celebrated May birthdays.

50 Years Ago Tribune Files of May 8, 1975

Kim Ostrander and Bonny Harms helped Amy Wilson, Gwen Becker and Gary West at Kindergarten Round-Up.

Honorary members of the Buffalo Center Bison FFA Chapter are Robert Bronlee-we and Don West. FFA President Gary Stenzel presented the two men with plaques at the annual FFA Banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Roth are proud to announce the birth of their third daughter, Dawn Kay on April

24. She has two sisters, Peggy Jo and Jill Sue, at home.

60 Years Ago Tribune Files of May 6, 1965

Dennis Bosma has enlisted in the United States Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Weaver are proud to announce the birth of their son, Timothy LeRoy, on May 1. He has a big sister, Audrey, 2, to welcome him home.

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