



Cutting the ribbon

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Above: A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Thursday, Aug. 14 for the Grand Opening of the Fitting Room at 318 Stevens St. in Iowa Falls. Pictured from left are Jane Knutson, Chamber/Main Street Director Diana Thies, owner Jessica Crabtree, Alex Radebaugh (behind Jessica), Shirley Awe (also an owner), Bella Saechao, Norah Crabtree, Tanner Awe, Tim Awe and Levi Awe.

Framed Dollar

At right: Jessica Crabtree, Owner of the Fitting Room, received the official First Dollar from Chamber/Main Street Director Diana Thies during the businesses' Grand Opening on Thursday, Aug. 14.



Community Briefs

IFCT still in search of two women actors

The Iowa Falls Community Theatre is still in search of two women for parts in its production of "The Best We Could (a family tragedy)". Interested persons may contact Telyn Rainey through Facebook Messenger or leave a voicemail by calling The Iowa Falls Community Theatre at 641-648-8990.

CWU accepting requests

Church Women United of Iowa Falls is now accepting requests for Sept. 2025. Applications, in writing, should include

details about the organization and the purpose for which the money is requested. CWU prioritizes requests in the areas of education, food security, health and recreation.

Applications should be sent to Church Women United, 825 Brooks Road, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126, attention Finance Committee, and should be received no later than Sept. 5.

Mom Talk at library

"Mom Talk" will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27 at the Barlow Memorial Library and is hosted by Angela E. Swieter, BSN, RN, IBCLC and owner of Applaud Breastfeeding Services. The topic this month is baby calming. It's a relaxed and supportive gathering

for new and expecting moms. Connect with other parents, share ideas, ask questions and get helpful baby tips. Babies are welcome.

Ice cream social in N.P.

The New Providence Pride & Progress will be sponsoring an Ice Cream Social 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24 at the New Providence Soda Fountain. Free will donation.

Omelet breakfast on Labor Day

An omelet and pancake breakfast will be served at the New Providence Roundhouse from 7 to 10 a.m. Labor Day Monday, Sept. 1. An omelet will be made with your choice of ingredients. The free-will donation breakfast supports the historic New Providence Roundhouse. The Roundhouse is located at 104 N. Main, New Providence.

Labor Day Car Show Sept. 1

The 28th Annual Scenic City Labor Day Car Show will be held on Monday, Sept. 1. Registration is from 7:30 to 11 a.m. with awards at 2:30 p.m. Food trucks will be on Stevens Street and downtown restaurants and merchants will be open. The event is sponsored by the Iowa Falls Lions Club & Scenic City Cruisers.

IowaWORKS at Barlow Library

The IowaWORKS office in Marshalltown has teamed up with the Barlow Memorial Library to bring career and workforce development services to the community. They will be available at the library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28. For more information or to make an appointment, call IowaWORKS 641-754-1400. Walk-ins are welcome. ■

Summer Organ Recital Series to present Travis Whaley

The Iowa Falls Summer Organ Recital Series will present its

third and final program of the 2025 series on Sunday, Aug. 24th featuring organist, Travis Whaley. All performances are held on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. at St. Matthew's By-the-Bridge Episcopal Church on the corner of Oak and Railroad Streets in downtown Iowa Falls.

Whaley is Minister of Music and Organist at Calvary Episcopal Church in Rochester, Minnesota. He is a PhD candidate in musicology at Indiana University completing a dissertation on organ tablature and seventeenth century music. He holds master's degrees in organ performance and musicology from Indiana also.

He has previously served congregations in Minnesota, Indiana, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Whaley will play music from seventeenth century Germany, 20th century England, and present two improvisations on hymn tunes.

All of these programs are free and the public is encouraged to attend. There will be a free-will donation opportunity. They are sponsored in part by grants from The Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation, The Iowa Falls Church Women United, and by the cultural outreach arm of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

A reception featuring make your own ice cream sundaes, and to greet the artist will be held in the church undercroft, and in the river overlook garden following each concert.

For more information call James Hamman at 515-943-3541.

IVCCD board OKs tech upgrades and training partnerships

The Iowa Valley Community College District (IVCCD) Board of Directors convened for its monthly meeting, taking action to advance technology, support workforce development, and enhance campus infrastructure across the district.

The board approved a Kaltura Video Storage and Management Solution Agreement for a total of \$42,500 over three years. This new cloud-based video platform will replace the district's outdated system, providing a better user interface and improved compliance with accessibility standards, including automated, high-accuracy AI captioning.

The solution will allow students to easily search transcripts for specific content and will reduce the need for on-premises hardware and maintenance. The agreement includes a three-year subscription for up

to 2,000 users and 60 TB of annual bandwidth and storage.

In a continued effort to support student well-being, the board approved a contract with Achieve Mental Health Inc. to provide mental health services for students at Ellsworth Community College (ECC). This marks the sixth year of the partnership, which provides a staff person on campus for a minimum of four hours a week, along with telehealth options.

The open hours for students will be from 1 to 4 p.m. The board advanced several capital projects, including:

- MCC Dorm Roof Repair: The board approved a \$10,750 proposal with Clapsaddle-Garber Associates, Inc. (CGA) for civil design services to address water damage in the east dorm caused by a recent storm. This project is expected to be completed in 2026.

- New MCC Trades Building: A \$34,000 proposal with CGA was approved to provide civil design services for a new Trades Building at Marshalltown Community College. This building, which will be similar to a Morton building, will accommodate storage for the utility tech program and will be located near the softball fields.

- Student Housing at MCC: The board approved a \$63,500 proposal with Shive-Hattery for schematic design services for Phase 1, Building 1 of a new student housing at MCC. The project is in response to the dorms being at maximum capacity.

- ECC Math and Science Roof Replacement: The board approved a bid of \$354,841 for a roof replacement project at Ellsworth Community College. The bid from Black Hawk Roof Company was one of four bids.

In workforce development, the board approved a 260F Iowa Jobs Training Agreement with Lennox Industries for \$30,590. This marks the eighth project with the Marshalltown-based company. The agreement provides a customized 9-week leadership program to help promote employees from the factory floor to leadership positions. ■

OPEN HOUSE

Fri., Sept. 5, 8am - 5pm
& Sat., Sept. 6, 8am - 2pm

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St. Matthew's By The Bridge Episcopal Church Iowa Falls Summer Organ Recital Series 2025

All programs are Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m.

August 24: Travis Whaley

The program is free and the public is encouraged to attend. There will be a free-will donation opportunity. A reception to greet the artists is held in the church undercroft, and in the river overlook garden following each concert.

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Ortho Outreach Schedule

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