

In The News AA

GLENWOOD: Meeting in special session Monday morning, the Mills County Supervisors met with each elected official to discuss salary increases for fiscal year 2026, which begins July 1. While most elected officials, including the county attorney, treasurer, recorder, and auditor, asked for a 2.5-to-3 percent increase, much of the discussion surrounded the county sheriff salary increase and the "Back the Blue Bill" signed by Governor Kim Reynolds in

Donald L. Nielson

Dena Jacobsen

Josh Chipman

Marcie Cave

ATLANTIC: Firefighters were called to a fire on 1308 Chestnut in Atlantic on Tuesday just before noon, according to Atlantic Fire Chief Tom Cappel. Cappel said when firefighters got to the scene, they saw a small fire at the back of the house. "There was some fire in the back corner of the house where it meets the deck," Cappel said. He said they got the fire out pretty quickly, and double checked around the inside and the outside of the house to make sure they didn't miss any more hot spots. They were at the scene for about 30 minutes.

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ATLANTIC: Members Trustees voted unanimously to reduce the hospital's tax levy by \$0.75, setting a new rate of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of taxable property valuation, down from the previous rate of \$2.15. "Lowering our tax rate is only possible because of the unwavering support we receive from our community," said Kolton Hewlett, Chief Financial Officer at Cass Health

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Water Conservation Is Top Priority

(Continued From Page 1 tion of the Riffle Dam in the river adjacent to the well fields that was completed last year and construction of a connection to the Council Bluffs to get water from the Missouri River that would be treated, coming all the way to the Regional Water plant.

"One hundred percent of the pipe is in the ground for the Minden Pipeline Project, said Kallman. 'The contractor is in the process of pressurizing, testing, and cleaning/ chlorinating the pipe so we can safely pump water."

"That should be completed within six weeks," he said.

"The 'holdup' as you say is the pump/booster station that is being built near 330th and Juniper," he said. "There are a lot of rumors flying around so let me clarify the situation."

a. The booster station has to follow AIS (American Iron and Steel) standards. It is not

Death Notice

MICHAEL CARROLL

Michael Carroll, 62, of Avoca, Ia. died Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, Ia.

Family will greet friends of the Cass Health Board of Friday, April 25, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, which is assisting the family with arrangements.

subject to the "Build America, Buy America" rules (BABA) put in place by the Biden administration.

b. The impact of the BABA rules is that all those companies who were getting their pumps, parts, etc. overseas had to buy here in the U.S., causing a bunch of companies to order their stuff from the same companies that we use, and creating a backlog of orders. The parts we need for the booster station are due to arrive in late September/early October and we should have everything installed and operational by the end of October.

Water Issue To Be Solved By October

The completion of the water hook up with Council Bluffs should solve the warning alerts and all consumers to return usage back to normal by October according to Kallman's update.

"I understand that people want to plant flowers and wash their cars, houses, sidewalks, etc. I have said that the process of getting water up here would take awhile since we announced this project two years ago, Kallman said. "I believe that I predicted the "worst case scenario is that we would have to wait until the fall of 2025" before we had the help we need for increasing our water source capacity. "

The good news is that the prediction still holds true. We just need to work together to get through this summer, Kallman concluded.



Cael And Bandit The Fancy Hamster

Cael Berndt, son of Scott and Christina Berndt of Avoca, with his fancy hamster, Bandit.

Local pet owners wanting to share a photo of them and their pet are encouraged to send their pictures to The Journal-Herald for inclusion in the newspaper.



Youngsters take part in a carrot toss game as part of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Easter party to mark the end of the Sunday school

St. Mary's And St. Patrick's Kids **Enjoy End-Of-Year Easter Party**

teams for "Easter Olympics."

The teams played five Easter themed games, including ring toss, pin the tail on the bunny, carrot toss, spoon and egg relay race and egg

The group named "THE Saints" won the contest and were awarded homemade carrot trophies.

That team included Quinten Martin, Kord Gross, Easton Archibald, Minka Drahota, Brooks Gruis and Molly Cal-

Shannon Wageman has two students enrolled in the pro-

"I think the Easter party was really fun for the kids

and it gets them around other dents. kids who are growing up in the faith," Wageman said.

"They build relationships at school, so it's nice they get to build relationships

at church. Then they have fun memories growing up in the church. and when they grow up, they

want to have their kids participate in that too."

Following Easter Olympics, Father Seth Owusu gifted each child an egg with a rosary inside and prayed with the stu-

Then everyone processed upstairs for an Easter Egg hunt on church grounds.

The youth RE program is coordi-

nated by Stephanie Geraghty and assisted by Becky Rosmann.

Taking part in the carrot toss game Teach-

ing staff includes Allison Van Nordstrand, Charlotte Pattee and Ryah Schmitz (K/1st), Stephanie Geraghty and Cole Geraghty (2nd), Maya Todd

and Jaiden Poore (3rd),

Britney Archibald and Julie Gross (4th), Steve Fergen (5th) and Megan Brix and Aubrey Stuart (6th/7th).

The event concluded the 2024-25 religious education year for the Parish.

Class will reconvene mid-

September.

"It was so refreshing to be part of such a day with the kids," Father Seth said. "They exhibited and demonstrated great individual talents, teamwork and support. I was highly impressed by how winning teams consoled the losing team. Congratulations to all especially teachers, organizers and parents who also gave moral sup-



Father Seth Owusu with the St. Mary's and St. Patrick's students who attended their year-end Easter party.

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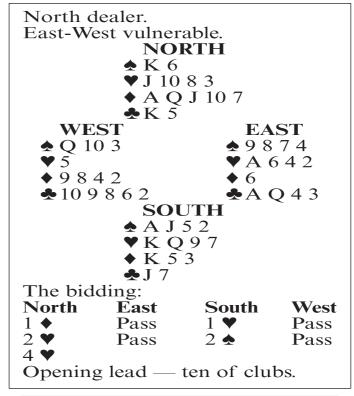
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Contract Bridge

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A Sophisticated Defense Assume you're East, defending against four hearts, and your partner leads a club.

You cash the Q-A, South playing the jack on the second round. What would you do

It's not easy to find the right play even if you see all four However, there is no doubt

about the correct move at this point if you consider the matter carefully.

You should play another club at trick three!

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This might seem to be a dreadful play, since it has been drummed into every player that a defender should never present declarer with a ruff-anddiscard, and every thoughtful player sooner or later learns that in bridge, words like "never" and "always" don't

ary says they mean. In the present case, it should be fairly obvious - from looking at dummy and taking South's bidding into account -

that there is no real chance of defeating the contract unless declarer has only four trumps. You should therefore shape

your defense to fit that circum-

If you "play safe" by returning a spade, a heart or a diamond, declarer will force you to win the first, second or third trump lead and will eas-

ily score the rest of the tricks. But if you return a club at trick three, intentionally giving declarer a ruff-and-discard, he cannot make the contract whatever he does.

He can ruff in either hand and lead two rounds of trump - both of which you'd refuse to win - but he would then have no effective continua-

If he led a third trump, you would win and force him to ruff a club, establishing your last trump as the setting

And if he stopped playing trumps, you'd eventually ruff a diamond to beat the con-

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